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## Two Radford businesses earn “Best of Virginia” nods



Patrick Moore, PC Attorney at Law, and his team won Virginia Living Magazine's Best of Virginia 2022 Law Firm in Southwest Virginia.



Sal's Radford has the distinction of winning 1st Place Italian Restaurant in Southwest Virginia in Virginia Living Magazine's Best of Virginia 2022

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Each year, Virginia Living Magazine compiles reader votes in a variety of categories for its Best of Virginia designation.

This year, two Radford businesses made the cut, garnering first place in their respective categories. Radford Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dan McKinney recently announced the wins.

“Congratulations to Patrick Moore, PC Attorney at Law and his team for winning the coveted Virginia Living Magazine Best of Virginia 2022 Law Firm in Southwest Virginia,” said McKinney. “Make sure you tell them congratulations

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## Radford University ranked in new category by U.S. News and World Report

RADFORD - Radford University has been recognized in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges report for years but can now add a new category to its rankings.

“For the first time, Radford University was recognized among the top National Universities, a category [that] ranks schools that offer a range of doctoral programs in addition to undergraduate majors and master's programs,” the university stated. “These colleges provide the knowledge and skills required for professional practice and are committed to producing groundbreaking research.”

Previously, Radford University was ranked with Regional Universities - South

Region.

Earlier in 2022 the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education promoted Radford University from its previous classification as M1 (Master's Larger Programs) up to Doctoral/Professional.

“The change in the Carnegie Classification was due to the increased number of doctoral degrees awarded,” according to RU. “Radford's classification change led to placement in the National Universities in the U.S. News Best Colleges rankings.”

The Carnegie Commission has been classifying institutions into various groups that reflect their mission, programs, governance, and other key characteristics

for approximately 50 years.

“Our new ranking reflects the commitment and results that elevate our university from the Regional level to the National stage,” said Bret Danilowicz, Ph.D., president of Radford University. “The growth of our Allied Health Programs at our Roanoke Campus is a significant component of this National recognition. Our students and alumni are more than deserving of this elevated status; our graduates are highly successful in their careers, and our graduates continue to boost the economic development of our region, the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond. I am particular-

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## Radford University art premiere part of historic exhibition

Sean Kotz  
Radford University

“untouchables.” The Dalits the bottom of traditional Hindu caste society. Eco-

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RADFORD - Radford University's Tyler Gallery will premiere an exhibition of original illustrations by Martine le Coz, a member of France's Legion of Honour, best known for her works of fiction, beginning this evening, Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Four of Coz's recent books focus on the myths, artists and art of North India's Mithila region. This is the first public display of her original illustrations for those publications.

Le Coz is one of the first European writers to study the art of Mithila's Dalit community, a group once known as the



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Museum director Steve Arbury (left) and curator John Bowles (right) hang a painting from Martine le Coz.

## RSVP supports emergency personnel for Patriot Day of Service project

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The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Montgomery County and Radford recently brought baskets of cheer to 23 emergency service agencies to recognize Sept. 11, 2001, and thank the agencies for their service.

The RSVP Advisory Council recently voted to send baskets filled with baked goods and prepackaged snacks to 23 emergency service agencies in Montgomery County and the City of Radford, and 21 volunteers and community members donated the items. To ensure the baskets were delivered before Patriot Day, seven community members and RSVP volunteers completed delivery of baskets and trays of baked goods on Sept. 9, 2022.

“The RSVP program staff and volunteers would like to thank Montgomery County

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Submitted photo  
Volunteers from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Montgomery County and Radford deliver a basket of goodies to the Radford City Sheriff's office for the RSVP's 9/11 National Day of Service project.



As part of the New River Community College 2022-23 concert series, country band Crawford & Power will perform on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 at the college in Dublin.

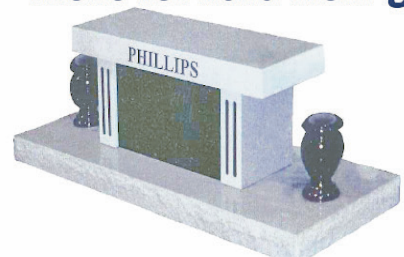
## Crawford & Power coming to NRCC later this month

Country band Crawford & Power will perform Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College in Dublin. The event is part of the NRCC

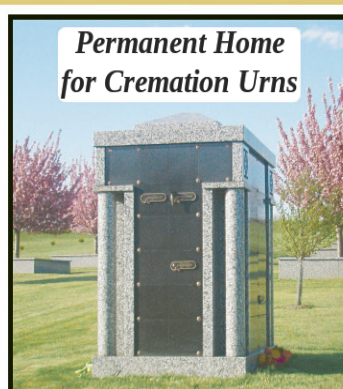
2022-2023 Concert Series. Tickets for the show are on sale now. Reserved seating tickets are \$20 in advance and are available for purchase online only at

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, Sept. 14:

### Hahn Horticulture Garden education session

At the Hahn Horticulture Garden on the campus of Virginia Tech at noon. Artist David Ferrell will talk about his photography and paintings.

### Family READS: volunteer orientation

At the Blacksburg Library; 5:30 p.m. This is an English Learning program for families with low English skills. Parents will learn and practice English and learn to read with their children. Children ages 3 through 8 will do fun educational activities. Siblings are welcome, and homework help will be available. Pre-registration is required. For more information call (540) 382-7262 or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnrv.org.

### Brown Bag Book Club

Participants may bring a lunch or enjoy Aaron's latest culinary concoction. To be discussed this month is "The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis. Next month on Oct. 12, "The Shining" by Stephen King will be discussed.

## Thursday, Sept. 15:

### Va. Tech Women's Club reception at The Grove

The Virginia Tech Women's Club (VTWC) will host a reception at The Grove at VT from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Honorary President Dr. Laura Sands and VTWC President Sue Bentley will host the reception, which is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. All women are invited to attend to learn about the mission of VTWC to provide scholarships to VT women, to enjoy luncheons and programs, to join a variety of interest groups, to attend Friday Forums on differing topics, and to provide service to the community. Parking space will be provided, and shuttle service will be available. Questions? Contact VTWC65@gmail.com.

### Radford Reads with Lesley Wheeler

At the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. Meet author and poet Lesley Wheeler, the author of the novel "Unbecoming." Her poetry and essays have appeared in American Poetry Review, Massachusetts Review, and elsewhere. Wheeler teaches courses in nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first century poetry as well as creative writing in speculative fiction. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the library's Lamplighters.

## Friday, Sept. 16:

### Kickoff on College Avenue

The Blacksburg Partnership and Virginia Tech's New Student and Family Programs, in collaboration with the Town of Blacksburg and Downtown Blacksburg, Inc., will present "Kick-Off on College Ave." This community-focused and child-friendly event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. at the intersection of College Avenue and Draper Road. The event will be featured on the VT Fall Family Weekend 2022 schedule to highlight downtown to Virginia Tech students and their families while also serving as a gathering place for football fans and local residents to "kick off" the game

weekend.

### Homeschool Science: Biology with Dr. Tara Pelletier

At the Radford Public Library at 11 a.m. Dr. Tara Pelletier, Professor of Biology at Radford University, will speak about biology as a career. This event is aimed at homeschooling families, but all are welcome to attend.

### Teen paint fight: Registration required

At the Radford Public Library from 5 to 6 p.m. It's just like a water fight, but with paint. Sign-up is required, and the event is limited to 15 teens. Permission forms are due today, Wednesday, Sept. 14.

## Saturday, Sept. 17:

### Free movie matinee: The Bad Guys

At the Radford Public Library at 11 a.m. Can these 'bad' guys make the world believe that they've gone good? Based on the scholastic book series by Aaron Blabey. Rated PG; 100 minutes.

### Wilderness Trail Festival

Downtown Christiansburg on West Main Street beginning at 9 a.m. Stop by and check out the new mobile library and register for a library card, check out materials, and pick up a craft for the kiddos. <http://www.wildernesstrailfestival.com/>.

### Caturday

At the Christiansburg Library from noon to 1 p.m. Sign up online or 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. Email spahl@mfrl.org for more information.

### Introduction to leatherwork

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 1 p.m. Henry Bryant of Fort Vause Outfitters will demonstrate how to get started with leatherwork and what basic tools are needed. Participants will have the opportunity to try some leatherwork out for themselves. This program is for all ages.

## Sunday, Sept. 18:

### Resin printer basics

At Hacksburg, 1872 Pratt Dr., Suite 1620, Blacksburg from 1 to 4 p.m. Normal filament-based 3D printers are capable of making an incredible array of parts, but for high-detail miniatures the new resin printer is capable of over 10x the resolution. Learn how to use the Hacksburg resin printer, what parts work best, and how these machines differ from filament-based printers. Free for members and \$5 for non-members. Ages 14+. RSVP at <https://hb.gy/nrlsl>.

## Monday, Sept. 19:

### Monday movie matinee

At the Christiansburg Library at 1 p.m. When an eccentric billionaire kidnaps introverted novelist Loretta Sage to locate the ancient city featured in her latest book, Loretta's charming yet vapid cover model, Alan, vows to prove his real-life heroism matches his fictional alter-ego and embarks on a harebrained mission to rescue Loretta. Rated PG-13.

### Pokémon Club

At the Christiansburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Pokémon fans can bring their DS or Pokémon cards and battle, trade, and make new friends. All ages.

### Piano performance

Dr. Derek Parsons will perform on the piano at 7:30 p.m. in Davis Hall of the Covington Center for the Arts on the Radford University campus. The concert is free.

## Wednesday, Sept. 21:

### Hahn Horticulture Garden Education Session

At the Hahn Horticulture Garden on the campus of Virginia Tech at noon. After spending the month of June in France and England, Robert McDuffie will share his thoughts and images of some of the wonderful private gardens he saw. He was fortunate to find so many kind and generous garden owners who loved nothing more than to open their gates, serve tea, and explain how and why they garden.

### CAC Advisory Board meeting

The September meeting of the Christiansburg Aquatic Center Advisory Board has been moved to Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

### Art Club: Nick Cave and Soundsuits

At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants can explore the art of Nick Cave and create their own soundsuits in his style of art. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

### Family READS

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## Thursday, Sept. 22:

### Piano performance

The Highland Faculty Piano Trio will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Davis Hall of the Covington Center for the Arts on the Radford University campus. The concert is free.

### Crafternoon: Wax resist painting

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 2 p.m. Participants of all ages can use crayons and watercolors to create a work of art.

### Water bottle filters

At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Come learn how to make a water filter out of an old plastic water bottle. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

## Friday, Sept. 23:

### Game On!

At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. Gamers of all ages are welcome to play a variety of Nintendo games. Participants are encouraged to bring their portable device, but it's not required. Snacks will be provided.

## Fri., Sept. 23 and Sat., Sept. 24:

### RHS Class of 1972 Reunion

Radford High School's 1972 Class of Champions will hold its 50th-year reunion on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24. Festivities include a tailgate at the King Center on Friday, Sept. 23, and attendance at the football game. A social is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, at Preston's at the River Course. The committee is looking for "Lost" classmates. Class members who haven't received the reunion information, can contact reunion committee members jennydoud at jennydoud@gmail.com and Marti Hale at martihale@yahoo.com.

### Radford High School Class of 1976 Reunion

Radford High School's 1976 Bicentennial Class and largest class ever will hold its 45th (+1) year reunion. Activities include attending the Friday, Sept. 23, football game together, an author luncheon with Ron Peterson, Jr., at the Radford Rec Center on Saturday, Sept. 24, and a Saturday evening event at the River Course. Classmates who have not received an invitation should contact reunion co-chairs Susan Rockwell at susanmrockwell1@gmail.com, and Rick Weyer at rmw4@yahoo.com.

## Saturday, Sept. 24:

### Sons of Norway meeting

For all people of Scandinavian/Nordic heritage or those interested in the Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland) and interesting programs and activities on heritage and culture, attend monthly meetings of the local lodge of the international Sons of Norway organization on the fourth Saturday of each month (except for special events), from 1 to 3 p.m. at College Lutheran Church, 210 South College Ave., Salem. All ages are welcome, men

and women, boys and girls. For more information, call Joann Barfield, 540-380-2926.

### Friends of Claytor Lake Poker Run

This fundraiser for Claytor Lake will start with registration at Rock House Marina at noon and leave out for the five card stops at 1 p.m. Five locations on the water will be marked, and a map will be provided. Participants will then regroup at Rock House for prizes for best hands, food, and music. Email info@focl.org or text 540-395-3625 to register. Send contact information and a boat registration number to get \$5 off or register the day of the event for \$30 per boat for two people. Any extra hands in the boat who want to participate will be \$10/each.

### Fashion Show

Radford University's Fall Fashion Show for Family Weekend at 2 p.m. at Hurlburt Auditorium on the RU campus.

## Sunday, Sept. 25:

### Sand Casting 101

At Hacksburg, 1872 Pratt Drive Suite 1620, Blacksburg; 1 to 4 p.m. Participants can make their own sand cast aluminum object at a casting class. Sand casting is a process that is accessible to the hobbyist. Ages 16 and up. Wear all-natural fibers and long pants. The fee is \$5 for non-members, but the event is free for members. RSVP at <https://hb.gy/Sww84>.

## Thursday, Sept. 29:

### Montgomery Chamber of Commerce training session

Hiring practices, campus recruiting and internships: What does post-pandemic recruiting look like? Hint, not 2019! The Montgomery Chamber will host a training session on hiring practices, campus recruiting, and internships. Guest speaker is Jim Henderson, the Associate Director of Employer Relations with Virginia Tech Career and Professional Development. He leads a team whose primary function is to provide guidance and assistance to employers and recruiters throughout the nation, helping them recruit and hire students into internships, cooperative education and post-graduation jobs. The session is from 10 to 11 a.m. at 210 Laurel Street in Christiansburg. It is free to Chamber members and \$10.00 for non-members.

<https://www.montgomerycc.org/events/details/hiring-practices-campus-recruiting-internships-9021>.

## Ongoing:

### Montgomery Chamber annual awards nominations

The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting award nominations are now open.

Sept. 30 is the deadline to nominate a deserving business or leader in the community in any of the following categories: Business of the Year; Minority Business of the Year; Small Business of the Year; Distinguished Business Leader; Distinguished Government Leader; Distinguished Non-Profit Leader; Non-Profit of the Year (small and large); Community Service – Organization; Community Service – Individual; Technology Company of the Year; Green Business of the Year. <https://bit.ly/mccc2022annual>.

### Coat drive in memory of Cindy Collins


Underway at the Meadowbrook Public Library in memory of Cindy Collins, who died on Aug. 3. Donations of new and gently used coats sizes 4t-XXL may be dropped off at Meadowbrook Public Library. Coats will be for students in Eastern Montgomery. Contact Cindy Minnick with any questions. (540) 268-1964.

### Blacksburg PD community survey

The Blacksburg Police Department (BPD) is asking the community to complete a short (approximately 3-minute) survey ranking individual satisfaction with the department. All responses are recorded anonymously, and honest feedback is appreciated. These responses will help the BPD continue its efforts to serve the Blacksburg Community. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VFYG9J8>

### Applications underway for NRV Master Gardener grants

The NRV Master Gardener Association, a volunteer organization of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, is now accepting grant applications for 2023 gardening projects. Grants will be awarded based on merit to any educational, caregiving, or community-based organization seeking to educate, involve, and/or improve the quality of life for participants through a gardening-related project. Organizations in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Pulaski, and Montgomery (and towns within) are encouraged to apply. In the past, grants have been awarded to public and private schools, 4-H groups, public libraries, other educational groups, as well as community gardens and nursing homes. Applications must be electronically received (if emailed) or postmarked (if mailed through the USPS) by Oct. 15, 2022. For more information and to submit a project application, contact Carol Trutt: 540-239-9591 caroltrutt53@hotmail.com. Email is preferred, but mail to Carol at the following address will be accepted: 95 N Surry Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.



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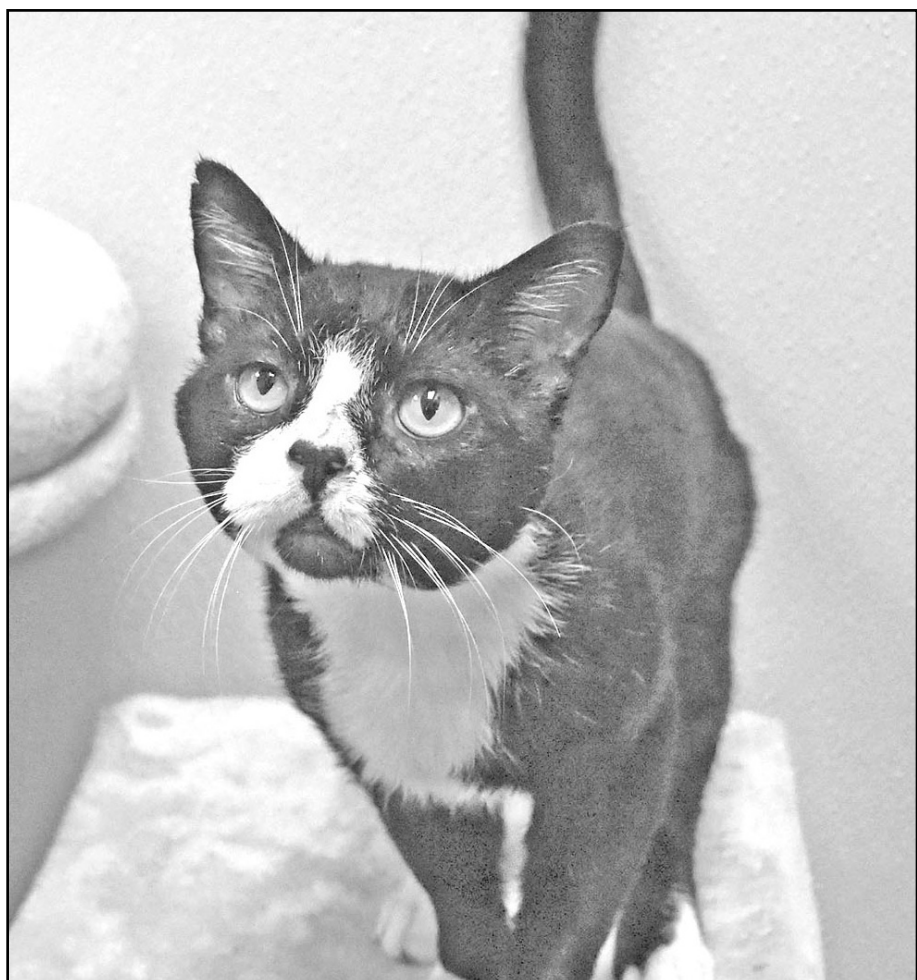
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# PETS OF THE WEEK



**Amaika is a fun-loving gal in search of her furever home. She's friendly and energetic. Amaika also loves to play with stuffed toys and tennis balls. As a younger pup, she will need some humans who can help her master doggie manners.**



**Holstein loves people. He enjoys getting pets, nuzzling, and receiving affection. He's a sweet boy who will likely be a shadow to his favorite human. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to see if Holstein is your purrfect match.**

## Warm Hearth Foundation's cheeseburger event kicks off fund drive that raises record funds for seniors

BLACKSBURG – Warm Hearth Foundation recently held its ninth annual Cheeseburger in Parrot-dise fundraising event that kicked off its annual fund drive.

This year's event raised more than \$43,000 with the support of sponsors, local businesses, volunteers and attendees. Those funds will be used to support the Neighbors In Need fund for seniors on the campus of Warm Hearth Village (WHV). The Foundation works to help Village seniors who need support with basic necessities such as housing, food, personal care, household cleaning items, pet supplies, and health care services.

The record funds raised will help provide continued assistance to approximately 178 residents on campus through a variety of programs.

The event included a silent auction made possible by donors and local businesses and live entertainment by the Randy Clay Band from North Carolina. Nearly 250 guests enjoyed cheeseburgers and side dishes provided by The Corner at Clay Street, Hethwood Market, Holiday Inn New River Valley Mall, The Fireside Grill, and The Village Gourmet.

Jack and Betty Onufrak, new residents at Warm Hearth Village, came for the first time. "This was a great introduction to the spirit of this community," Jack Onufrak said. "It was so fun, friendly and colorful, with some of the best burgers. The pirate costumes were amazing. Betty and I will definitely come again."

"One of our attendees shared with me that they have been to many fundraising events over the years and the Cheeseburger in Parrot-dise event is by far the best from planning and execution to most importantly knowing that you are helping a great cause," said Karen Nelson, Associate Director of Development. "Next year is the tenth anniversary of the event, and plans have already begun to make it the best ever."

Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on its campus and in the home. Warm Hearth Village is composed of a group of affiliated corporations that work in partnership by exchanging medical and financial information to meet the changing needs of the village's residents and clients.



**The Randy Clay Band was featured at Warm Hearth Foundation's Cheeseburger in Parrot-dise fundraising event.**

## NAACP to hold general body meeting Sunday, Sept. 25

The local branch of the NAACP will hold its regularly scheduled general body meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The guest speaker for CRE-

DO (Civil Rights Educational Development Opportunity) will be Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke, Vice President for Strategic Affairs, Vice Provost for Inclusion and Diversity, and professor of education at

Virginia Tech.

This year is branch elections for all officers and four members-at-large for the 2023-24 term. To be eligible to run for office, persons must have been a member of the lo-

cal branch on May 1.

Also at the Sept. 25 meeting, the branch will elect a nominating committee with a minimum of five members. To be eligible to serve on the committee, persons must have

been a member of the local branch as of Aug. 25. The nominating committee will interview and assemble a slate of candidates from eligible members for the various positions.

## Local college students graduate, earn awards

Abiokpoyanam Batubo of Blacksburg has graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Master of Arts in economics.

Northern Illinois University is a student-centered, nationally recognized public research

university, with expertise that benefits its region and spans the globe in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health and law.

In addition, the fol-

lowing local residents have earned awards of excellence at Western Governors University. The awards are given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

From Christiansburg:

Anna Penland, WGU College of Health Professions

Michelle Keister, WGU College of Health Professions

From Dublin: Qnyjah Britton, WGU College of Health

Professions From Fairlawn: Eric Pannell, WGU College of Information Technology

From Radford: Olivia Lawson, WGU College of Business Established in 1997 by

19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves more than 131,000 students nationwide and has more than 288,000 graduates in all 50 states.

## Virginia Tech receives several top-30 rankings in latest report

By Jimmy Robertson

Virginia Tech received top-30 rankings in the areas of engineering, learning communities, and computer science in the U.S. News & World Report 2022-23 Best Colleges rankings released Monday, Sept. 12.

U.S. News & World Report ranks bachelor's degree-granting institutions in the United States annually to help prospective high school students find their best fits for college.

All rankings consider 17 measures of academic quality, including items such as graduation rates, retention rates, social mobility (how well schools graduated stu-

dents receiving federal Pell Grants), affordability, value of the degree after graduation, faculty resources, opinion of experts (presidents, provosts, etc.), financial resources, and test scores.

Virginia Tech also scored highly in several categories, including a No. 23 ranking in the National Universities class for Top Public Schools, a jump of seven spots from last year's ratings.

U.S. News & World Report divided its rankings of more than 1,400 schools into divisions of national universities, liberal arts colleges, regional universities, and regional colleges. Schools in the National

Universities category offer a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master's and Ph.D. programs.

The ratings reflected well on Virginia Tech's College of Engineering. The university's engineering program ranked No. 16 in the Best Undergraduate Engineering (doctorate) category.

Various programs within the College of Engineering also scored well:

industrial engineering (No. 4), environmental engineering (No. 8), civil engineering (No. 11), aerospace engineering (No. 12), electrical engineering (tie No. 15), computer engineering (No. 25), and computer science (tie No. 29).

The university came in at No. 22 in the Learning Communities division that focuses on students who typically take two or more linked courses as a group and get to know each other and their professors especially well. College presidents, chief academic officers, deans of students and deans of admissions from more than 1,500 schools each nominate up to 15 institutions with stellar examples of learning communities.

In addition, the university scored highly in the following areas: Best Colleges for Veterans (No. 34), Best Undergraduate Business (No. 39), Most Innovative

Schools: National Universities (No. 41), and Overall

National Universities (No. 62).

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# OPINION

## Buddy King: St. Paul celebration is personal

On September 25th, St. Paul United Methodist Church will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first service in its current location on West Main Street in Christiansburg. My dear friend, the Rev. Doug “the Emory & Henry Flash” Kanney (the “sort of” retired pastor at St. Paul and one of the best people I have ever known) wrote a wonderful article on this pending celebration for the newspaper a few weeks ago. I feel compelled to add my two cents worth.

This is a very special occasion for me personally. My Dad was chairman of the Building Committee for the “new” church, as well as chairman a few years later of the building committee for a new parsonage and head of the church’s board of stewards (the church’s governing body) for many years, all while running the Montgomery County Schools as superintendent.

To say my Dad didn’t shirk his responsibilities to his community would be a gross understatement. Different values than I think

He had no personal motives or ambitions. He just felt a deep responsibility to try to make his small part of the world a better place to live.

It is obvious, as I have written before, that my father’s life was centered around the Christiansburg schools and St. Paul Methodist (not “St. Paul’s,” my Dad would correct any misuse). Rarely did the doors open at CHS or St. Paul that my folks weren’t there, dragging me along, just like many other Christiansburg families of the time. Too many great families to name them all. Several of the kids with whom I graduated from high school had been my friends since kindergarten, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School.

As my friend Doug mentions in his article, the church that was replaced by the current building at 220 West Main Street was located on the ground now underneath the monstrous county courthouse. My Dad’s office at the time was in the old courthouse, next door to St. Paul, smack in the middle of town, no more

than a mile from our home off of West Main. A very small world indeed.

Of course, I was at the first service in the new church, on September 30, 1962, my crew cut and timid appearance memorialized in the photograph published with Rev. Doug’s article. I have among my most cherished mementoes the shovel used by my Dad at the groundbreaking for the new building on April 23, 1961. As I recall, my cousin Bobby, probably a freshman at CHS at the time, was the “youth representative” at the groundbreaking. Nepotism? Probably, but Bobby was a good kid.

My memories of the wonderful congregation at St. Paul in those years are more vivid and more special even than my recall of the particulars of the new church building. I remember cherub choir (ugh), Friday night “Men’s Club” meetings (with dinners served by the ladies of the church “circles”), Sunday School picnics at Lakeside Amusement Park in Salem (fried chicken and tilt-a-whirls, what could

go wrong?), “senior high” Sunday School classes taught by the inestimable J. Patrick Graybeal (no one else could have held our attention), MYF on Sunday evenings at 6 (forcing me against my will to miss the fourth quarter of many an NFL doubleheader game), the traditional ceremony when St. Paul seniors wore caps and gowns at a Sunday service before graduation from CHS.

Two great personal memories stand out of my youth at St. Paul.

The first involves my Dad’s role as building chair. For those few of us still around who remember the old church, among its distinctive features were beautiful stained glass windows. I remember many a Sunday being transfixed by those windows and the morning sun streaming through the glass, depicting beautiful red and blue scenes of Biblical history.

At age 8, when I learned that my Dad was leading the charge to build a new building and abandon the one I loved, I asked if the new church would have

similar windows, maybe even move the old ones to the new church. My father assured me that the new building would have stained glass windows (not the original ones, but stained glass nonetheless he said.)

Alas, the old windows went to Park Street Methodist (hope they’re still there) and the ones in the new church were not MY idea of stained glass. They actually resembled the pale green glass of Coke bottles of that era, not colorful pastoral scenes of disciples tending sheep. My Dad and I never made our peace over this issue.

Secondly, I have to relate maybe my favorite memory of the “new” church: the upstairs balcony. Built for overflow seating, needed on that long ago Sunday of September 30, 1962 with 537 in attendance per my friend Doug, an all-time record. In later years it was rare that this excess seating was necessary, except for my great friend John and me.

During our high school years, when John had his own car, we would tell our

folks we were “sitting in the balcony.” The balcony had a back stair and usually after 15 minutes or so of the service, John and I would slip down those stairs, take a circuitous route to the parking lot, and drive around town for about 30 minutes, talking about the girls who had most recently broken our hearts. We would always make it back to the balcony in time to come down the steps and walk out the front door of the church and shake hands with the minister.

I spoke with John last week and, sadly, his schedule keeps him from attending the 60th anniversary. We were going to sit in the balcony together one more time. And maybe slip out early for old times sake.

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## Slim Randles: Home Country Branding time at the Rafter E

When the Rafter E branded recently, a bunch of us went out to help. There’s a definite pecking order here, and it’s a badge of pride to have worked your way up the branding ladder.

As a kid, you flank the calves; you grab them, throw them and hold them down. This is conducive to abrasions, muscle strain, and involuntarily changing the color of your shirt.

As you get older, you get to handle the branding iron, then

move up to giving shots. After that comes earmarking. When you reach the pinnacle of branding, that is, when you own the calves, then you get to rope the calves and drag them up to the fire.

It is a swirling cauldron of heat and hooves, excited cowdogs and bawling cows. There is the smell of manure and singed hair and sweat and corral dust.

At the Rafter E, I wielded a syringe as the youngsters got their

teeth rattled by the heavy stuff.

Wasn’t the first time I’d given the shots, though. Once during a branding at the Triangle Cross, I was about to immunize a calf when the calf jumped and I stuck the needle into my thumb.

Hurt like the dickens, of course, but at least it was effective. I haven’t had black leg since.

*Brought to you by Packing the Backyard Horse, by Slim Randles. Now available on Amazon.com.*

## Virginia gasoline prices continue their tumble

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 7.6 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.47/g on Monday, Sept. 12, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 29.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago but are still 47.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The national average price of diesel declined

5.5 cents last week and stands at \$5.01 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.69/g Monday while the most expensive was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.60/g.

“We continue to see the national average price of gasoline decline, now for the thirteenth straight week. But, we’re seeing drastically different price behaviors from coast to coast, with some areas seeing noticeable increases while others are seeing

decreases,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“Refinery issues in California are leading to increases in areas supplied by the state’s refineries, including areas of Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and of course, California,” said De Haan. “Gasoline supply remains tight for the East Coast with some modest moves up while prices continue to edge lower in the Plains, the South, and areas of the Great Lakes.

“For now, I believe the drop in prices will over-

power the increases, leading to potentially another decline this week, but we’re in a very fragile time and certainly could see a broader move higher in the weeks ahead.”

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

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[www.nr.edu/fiddle](http://www.nr.edu/fiddle).

General seating tickets are \$10 in advance and are available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office, 23 Godbey Hall, Dublin and Pulaski County Visitor Center (cash and checks only for in-person sales). General seating tickets will be \$15 and reserved seating tickets will be \$25 when purchased at the door.

With roots in country, Americana, and southern rock, Crawford & Power seek to put their twist toward a classic country music revival. Their unique brand of country has been lauded as a breath of fresh air to the genre.

The duo has already opened for a variety of artists including The Marshall Tucker Band, Willie Nelson, Travis Tritt, The Charlie Dan-

iels Band, Cody Johnson, Luke Combs, 38 Special, Gary Allan, and Jerry Douglas.

With the help of their debut EP, “Play a Hank Jr. Song,” the duo has quickly eclipsed more than 2.5 million on-demand streams. The duo followed up their debut release with two singles, “She Liked to Get High” and “Dancing Alone.”

Newly signed to Vere Music, Crawford & Power released “What I’ve Been Missin,” on Aug. 20, 2021, which will be the first single off their new self-titled EP.

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.nr.edu/fiddle](http://www.nr.edu/fiddle). Questions may be directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.

## RSVP

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Board of Supervisors Chair Sherri Blevins for her assistance with packing, delivering, and the ongoing support of RSVP volunteers,” said Mandy W. Hayes, RSVP Coordinator. “Also, a special thanks is in order for Sharon Brown, Carol Trutt, Taska Bailey, Brenda Arnold, Rosemary Jones, and Shirley Mullins for their assistance with delivery.”

The project was in conjunction with the 9/11 National Day of Service effort. According to 911day.org, the effort’s

website, the mission of the day of service is “to take back the day, transform the anniversary of 9/11 into a national day of doing good, and in the process rekindle the spirit of unity that arose in America in the immediate aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. We annually encourage tens of millions of Americans to volunteer, support charities, and perform other good deeds and acts of kindness that help others in the spirit of remembrance, unity, and service.”

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  - A citizen of Denmark
  - Approves food
  - Golf ball supports
  - Pearl Harbor actress Rue
  - Coarse curly-leafed greens
  - Cancer detecting smear

# OBITUARIES

## Carrico, Tara Christine Nicole

Tara Christine Nicole Carrico, beloved mother, daughter, and sister died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

She is survived by her three children; Christian McClellan (age 24), Ethan McClellan (age 21), and Alli Moore (age 13); her mother, Kathy Carrico; and a sister, Amber Carrico Wilson (Randy).

A special thank-you goes from the family to Medi Hospice, which took

such loving care of Tara, and the friends who helped care for her.

Friends wishing to honor Tara are invited to make a contribution to her children through GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/ae456685>.

Per Tara and the children's wishes, no service is planned.

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

## Kosztarab, Dr. Michael

Dr. Michael Kosztarab, 95, Professor Emeritus of Entomology, died on Sept. 6, 2022, in Blacksburg.

Dr. Kosztarab was born in 1927 in Bucharest, Romania, grew up in the Transylvanian portion of what was then Hungary, and later resided in Budapest. In 1944 at the age of 17 he helped hide 30 Jews from the Nazis, which resulted in his arrest until the Allied Forces pushed the Nazis out of Hungary.

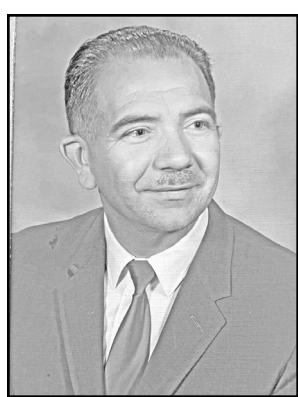
In 1956, he was an associate professor of entomology in Budapest when the Hungarian Revolution occurred. As the Soviets were brutally suppressing the uprising and began to close the Hungarian border, he escaped into Austria with his wife Matilda, a dangerous journey made mostly on foot, culminating in crossing a frigid river into Austrian territory. It was too risky to take their six-month old daughter, Eva, across the guarded border, so instead they devised a plan to retrieve her.

Each day for nine days he traveled on an Austrian train that crossed into a small portion of Hungary. On the ninth day, in a pre-arranged covert transfer, his daughter was passed to him through an open window of the train as it was leaving the Hungarian station while the armed guards were not looking.

In 1957, the now-united family immigrated to America with sponsorship by Catholic Charities. These exciting adventures, as well as his time thereafter in the US and his many travels around the world are captured in his autobiography "Transylvanian Roots."

After arriving in the U.S. and completing his PhD at Ohio State, Dr. Kosztarab became a professor of entomology at Virginia Tech from 1962 until his retirement in 1992. During his tenure at Virginia Tech, he authored or co-authored six books, 170 research publications, 34 research bulletins, and discovered several new insect species. Dr. Kosztarab loved to teach and advised many doctoral and masters candidates at Virginia Tech. His teaching skills were recognized with the W. E. Wine Award for Excellence of Teaching (1968).

He also served as the curator until 2003 of the largest and oldest insect collection in Virginia containing over 1.1 million specimens. Dr. Kosztarab was a founding director of the Virginia



Tech Museum of Natural History established in 1990, and was the founding president of the Virginia Natural History Society (1993-94). With the aid of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, he led the effort that resulted in the adoption of the Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly as the Virginia State Insect.

The Association of Systematics Collections' Annual Recognition Award was given to Dr. Kosztarab in 1994 for his successful ten-year-long effort toward the initiation of the U.S. National Biological Survey/Service. He received the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science from the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation in 1998 and the L.O. Howard Distinguished Achievement Award of the Eastern Branch, Entomological Society of America in 2001. He was honored with membership in Washington D.C.'s Cosmos Club in 1970 and a fellowship in the Royal Entomological Society of London in 1989.

Dr. Kosztarab had been a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Blacksburg since 1965. He loved to travel around the world, often to research stations where he collected insects with his wife Matilda who assisted his efforts. With an undergraduate degree in horticulture, he was an avid gardener and even grew grapes in his backyard from which he made homemade wine.

He was the only child of Mihaly Kosztarab and Berta Albert, both of whom are deceased. His wife, Matilda Kosztarab, predeceased him in 2013.

He is survived by his daughter Eva Kosztarab and his son-in-law Kenneth Kastner; grandsons Gregory and Matthew Kastner; granddaughter-in-law Katharine Hagen, and great-granddaughters Lia and Abigail Kastner.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Blacksburg at 1205 Old Mill Road at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, followed by a reception. His ashes will be interred at the Westview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Virginia Tech Foundation for the Michael Kosztarab Entomology Scholarship Endowment Fund (#883546) and sent to 902 Prices Fork Road, Suite 4500, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

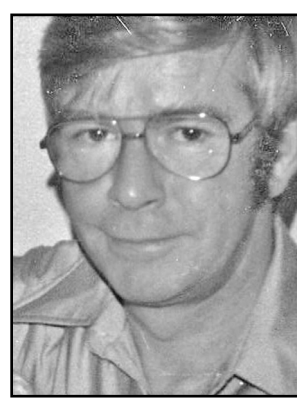
## Childress, James

James Childress of Belspring, passed away at home Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, after a long battle with emphysema. He was 83.

James was born April 3, 1939 in the tiny community of Swords Creek, in Russell County, Va. to Nora Stacy Childress, a talented seamstress, and James Arvil Childress, a mechanic and bus driver. As a boy he worked on the family farm and helped to take care of his many younger siblings. As a young man he worked in Chicago for a time before settling in Roanoke to operate Shenandoah Office Supply.

While in Roanoke he met and married Darryll Duncan. They soon moved to Christiansburg where he ran Snapps Business Machines through the 1980's. As typewriters and office equipment were replaced by computers, he worked various jobs using his tinkering and repair skills until retiring to a hilltop home overlooking the mountains in Belspring.

After retirement James could often be found in the garage turning an old lawnmower into a functional machine and keeping a small garden. In his later years



he enjoyed watching old Westerns and teasing the multitude of grandchildren, nieces and nephews that would come to visit, giving them each a nickname and eating plenty of sweets.

James was preceded in death by two sisters, Nora Bostic and Gay Edgin; and one brother, Ramon Childress. He is survived by his wife Darryll; stepchildren Greg Smith of Pulaski, Jennifer Smith of Pinehurst, N.C., and Lisa Tzavlas of Belspring; and granddaughter Misty Sexton of Baltimore, Md. whom he raised as his own.

Also surviving are his sister Elizabeth Monk and brother-in-law Dick, sister Janice Patrick and brother-in-law Eulis, brother Clyde Childress and sister-in-law Rita, all of Tazewell, sister Wilma Hall and brother-in-law Danny of Bristol, and sister Darlene Lewis and brother-in-law David of Salem; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews also survive.

No formal services will be held.

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

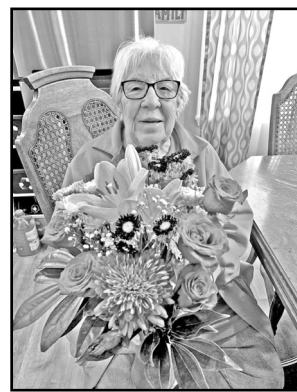
## Simpkins, Dorothy "Dot" Imogene Morris

Dorothy "Dot" Imogene Morris Simpkins, of Christiansburg went to her heavenly home on Sept. 9, 2022, at Highland Ridge Rehab Center at the age of 93.

Dot was born to Franklin and Sarah Morris in Carroll County, Va., on Sept. 24, 1928, the sixth of their 11 children. She met Osgood Simpkins when he would carry milk across the river near her childhood home.

She ran away with him to get married at the young age of 15 on Jan. 31, 1944. Dot and Osgood led a simple life on a small dairy farm in Snowville, Va. She also worked outside the home at several factories until she retired in 1994 from Poly-Scientific. They raised their three children, Osgood Joshua "Josh", Katie Sue, and James Russell "Rusty" on the farm until they moved to Radford, Va. in 1981. After Osgood passed away in 1983, Dot never remarried but enjoyed spending her time with her children and grandchildren. She could often be found in the kitchen, cooking family meals including her well-loved biscuits and delicious desserts or at the dining room table engrossed in card games. She was a long-time member of Gethsemane Baptist Church. She also enjoyed fishing, reading, word search puzzles and watching the Atlanta Braves. Dot was fiercely independent and took care of herself as long as she could. When she was no longer able to be alone, she shared her time between the homes of Josh and Katie until she moved in fully with Katie and her husband Allen in 2018. They cared for Dot until she had to be placed in a permanent care facility in July 2022. She can be fondly remembered by her smiling face, stories from the old days, and competitive nature. Dot was loved deeply by her family, and she will be greatly missed.

Dot was preceded in death by her parents,



her husband, her youngest son, Rusty, granddaughter Catherine, along with five sisters and four brothers.

She is survived by her brother, Marvin Morris and wife Peggy; her sisters-in-law, Margie, Ruby and Becky Morris; her son, Josh Simpkins and wife Judi and their children: Gerald, Walt and Nick Simpkins (and girlfriend Mary Elmore), Lew Yon (and wife Barbara) and Chris Yon (and wife April); her daughter, Katie Pelkey and husband Allen and their children: Greg Pelkey (and wife Jennifer) and Sara Rogers (and husband Shawn); great-grandchildren, Kristin (and husband Roger), Carrie, Kaylee, Dylan, Harley, Nathan, Blaine, Ava, Kayson, and Brantley; and great-great grandchildren, Little Roger, Christopher and Seilah. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

The family wants to extend a special thank you to: Intrepid Healthcare Hospice for their love, support and care for Dot over the last year; Hope Roop for providing respite and friendship to us; Highland Ridge Rehab Center nurses and staff for their attentiveness and compassion; and Mullins Funeral Home for their care and services.

There will be a Celebration of Life visitation on what would have been Dot's 94th birthday, Sept. 24, 2022, from 10-11 a.m. at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, Va. There will be a private burial at the Simpkins Family Cemetery at a later date.

John 16:22 – And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

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

## Best of Virginia

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when you see them!"

"Sal's Radford has the distinction of winning 1st Place Italian Restaurant in Southwest Virginia, in the coveted Virginia Living Magazine's Best of Virginia 2022," said McKinney. "Congratulations to Joe [Pugliese] and his whole team for this outstanding achievement!"

Vayda Parrish, Associate Editor, Special Projects, for Virginia Living Magazine,

said the winning businesses all have one thing in common.

"The businesses that took top honors for 2022 all have one thing in common: the support of loyal fans and tight-knit communities," said Parrish. "At Virginia Living, we pride ourselves on championing the small businesses, the local restaurants, and the mom-and-pop shops that give Virginia a flavor all its own."

Parrish said the vote count was higher than it has ever been.

"We were excited to see record-high voter turnout in each of our five regions this year," she said. "The votes from Southwest Virginia alone nearly doubled compared to 2021. Overall, more than 56,000 of [people] completed ballots—the most in the 11-year history of our Best of Virginia contest."

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ly proud of how well our university elevates its graduates into higher economic classes compared to our national peers."

In the "Top Public Schools - National Universities" category, Radford University tied with other schools ranked #169. Undergraduate nursing programs ranked in the top third of all undergraduate BSN degree-granting nursing programs that met eligibility requirements. The undergraduate business program in the Davis College of Business and undergraduate computer sci-

ence programs in the Artis College of Science and Technology were also nationally ranked.

Radford ranked at 118 in Top Performers on Social Mobility among public universities in the National Universities category and was included in the Campus Ethnic Diversity listing based on U.S. News' diversity index.

To learn more about the U.S. News & World Report rankings and methodology, go to [www.usnews.com/best-colleges](http://www.usnews.com/best-colleges).

## Exhibition

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nomically repressed and socially ostracized, their art and artists have received little attention in India or elsewhere.

Le Coz, however, became fascinated with their art and culture, making many trips to the region.

Her book, "The King of the Mountain: The Epic of Raja Salhesh," offers a creative retelling of Mithila's Dalit mythological hero/divinity, Raja Salhesh. Art created for that book's forthcoming illustrated edition will be on exhibit. Additionally, artwork for an elegant abecedary (i.e., an 'A-B-C book') illustrating India's Devanagiri alphabet, and some Le Coz's portraits of the artists (belonging to the Dalit community and various other castes) who inspired her will be on display.

The exhibition is part of a histor-

ic constellation of five Mithila-related art exhibitions in the New River Valley, the first of its kind in the world.

The Floyd Center for the Arts will feature Mithila Medley: Contemporary Arts from an Ancient Culture in North India in the Hayloft Gallery through Dec. 1. Many of these works, primarily by women, depict environmental, political and social issues as well as the struggles related to natural disasters and Covid 19.

A solo exhibit of works by the Dalit artist Naresh Paswan can be seen at Miller-Off-Main, a gallery in Blacksburg, through Oct. 14.

Beginning on Oct. 13, the Art Museum at the Covington Center on Radford's campus will begin a major exhibition highlighted by numerous Mithila paintings recently donated to the university by the

Berkeley-based Ethnic Arts Foundation. The exhibition, entitled Raja Salhesh's Garden: Contemporary Dalit Art & Ancient Myths of Mithila, India, runs through Dec. 3. Dozens of intricate and vibrant paintings and drawings will be on display.

A student exhibit inspired by Mithila art can be seen through Nov. 18 in McConnell Library's Andrew Ross Gallery, titled Inspired by Mithila: Shadowboxes by RU Design Students.

Further insights into Mithila art and culture will be offered in a public symposium on Oct. 13, titled Mithila Musing, to be co-hosted by the Radford University Art Museum and the Floyd Center for the Arts.

A free illustrated PDF catalog with scholarly essays will become available from the museum's website in early October.



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**The Mithila Draw Durga, Gouache on paper by Martine Le Coz. (On loan from the artist's collection, reproduced with her permission.)**

# Blacksburg's Hope to Walk to host 5K fundraiser

Blacksburg-based non-profit, Hope to Walk, is hosting its third annual virtual 5K on October 1-2, 2022. All proceeds will go toward helping Hope to Walk achieve its goal of providing amputees with a fresh restart on life with the gift of a new leg and renewed hope. Participants can run, walk, or

roll 3.1 miles anytime over the course of two days, anywhere in the world. Participants can compete as an individual or create a team. The organization will distribute event merchandise for specific fund goals. Those who raise \$50 will earn a special edition Hope to Walk Virtual 5K T-shirt. Rais-

ing \$250 will include a t-shirt, a Hope-to-Walk hat, and the chance to name a leg in honor of a loved one. The individual who raises the most money will receive an honorable Hope-to-walk "Golden Leg" trophy. To register or to learn more information about the event, go to [hopetowalk.donordrive.com](http://hopetowalk.donordrive.com).

Participants are encouraged to track their progress by taking a selfie and sharing the event online with the hashtags #htwvirtual5k and #wewalksotheycan on social media. Hope-to-Walk provides low-cost prosthetic legs to the world's poorest amputees free of charge. Currently, Hope to Walk serves

amputees in Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Vietnam, Belize, and Tanzania with dozens of other countries waiting. Not only does Hope to Walk donate low-cost, innovative prosthetic legs to amputees, but the organization also trains locals to build them and helps them organize a clinic to eventually become self-sufficient.

## Survey: Virginians have nation's third best access to 'Grade A' hospitals

Duffy & Duffy, a medical malpractice law firm, used the 'Hospital Safety Grade,' along with state population data, to determine a state ranking of where Americans have the best access to 'Grade A' level hospitals in terms of medical safety. The Safety Grade allocates a safety score (with A being the highest possible score and F the lowest) for hospitals in each state,

which provides information on how likely patients are to experience injuries, accidents, harm, or error during hospitalization. Combined with state population figures, the data analysis compiled a ranking from 1 to 50, indicating which states have the greatest access to top grade healthcare. It emerged that Virginians have among the best access to 'Grade A' hospitals

in the country. Old Dominion emerged in third position overall with a rate of 199,885 people per 'Grade A' hospital. Virginia has 73 hospitals in the state, of which a significant 59.2% (43 hospitals) scored 'Grade A' in terms of safety. An unfortunate statistic is that more than 22,000 deaths in the U.S. each year are a result of preventable deaths during patient hos-

pitalization. Medical error often involves factors such as poor management or monitoring of medical conditions, errors linked to surgery and other procedures, and diagnostic errors. While healthcare workers are dedicated to their medical duties, these errors may also be related to factors such as short-staffing, system defects, or errors in judgment. According to the sur-

vey, the top five states with the greatest accessibility to 'Grade A' level hospitals are 1. Mississippi 192,308 people per top-grade hospital 2. Maine 194,018 people per top-grade hospital 3. Virginia 199,885 people per top-grade hospital 4. North Carolina: 203,064 people per top-grade hospital 5. Pennsylvania: 206,652 people per top-grade hospital. The five states with

the lowest accessibility to 'Grade A' level hospitals, according to the Duffy & Duffy survey, are 46. Delaware: 997,621 people per top-grade hospital 47. Iowa: 3,011,789 people per top-grade hospital. 48. North Dakota: no top-grade hospitals in the state. 49. Wyoming: no top-grade hospitals in the state. 50. West Virginia: no top-grade hospitals in the state.

## V DOT ROADWATCH

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county 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.

### 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. The old bridge

is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Road is now open. Flagging operations may continue to be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 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. Starting in February and 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. Barrier walls 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:

- Nighttime lane closures may be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

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

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

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

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is currently closed until later in the month of September. Supply chain issues have delayed manufacture and delivery of metal bases for the new lighting poles that must be installed before the facility can be reopened. The Virginia Department of Transportation's contractor Branch Civil Inc. will need additional time to install the lighting so reopening the facility needs to be postponed.

Signage indicating the closure is posted in the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are 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 is underway this summer during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers can expect rough pavement.

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 complete 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.

### INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)

I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

I-77 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-77 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN CARROLL COUNTY - Weather permitting, crews will be milling, paving and performing maintenance along Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-77 MOWING, BRUSH REMOVAL & SHOULDER WORK - Weather permitting, crews will remove and clear brush and work on shoulders and slopes along I-77 northbound and southbound from mile marker 17 to 14 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

### ROANOKE CITY

13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR - A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

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.

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## Yard Sales - Salem

**Yard sale**  
Sept 17 8am-2pm Central United Methodist Church 428 S. College Ave. All kinds of house hold items, tools & toys. Come hungry, hotdogs for sale.

## Indoor Church Yard Sale

Saturday September 17th 8am-2pm Green Hill Church of the Brethren 2699 Harborwood Rd, Salem, Va. (Just up the hill from Greenhill Park)  
Books galore, Lots of fashion/costume jewelry (Sar Coventry, Avon, Monet, etc.) Vintage Tupperware, Hand pieced quilt-top, Vintage fabric, Corner chair, small appliances, Lamps, Pet ramp, large collapsible dog crate, Electronics, small chain saw, Tools, & much more.

## Lunch available

Hot coffee, Cold Drinks, Hot dogs, Chips & Desserts.

## Camp Bethel Heritage Day Benefit Sale

Homemade soups, pints or quarts & baked goods. All proceeds donated to Camp Bethel.

## For Sale - Firewood

**FIREWOOD**  
Mixed Hardwood.  
Call 540-529-2745  
Delivery in Botetourt only

## For Sale - Misc

**FOR SALE**  
Unprinted end rolls of newsprint. Great for packing & shipping, moving & storage and for art projects. Various sizes available. Stop by the Salem Times-Register 1633 West Main St. or call (540)389-9355 for details.

## Help Wanted

**Newspaper Delivery Driver**  
Looking for a Part-time delivery driver for the Salem-Times Register @ \$12 an hour. Please call (540)389-9355 for a more detailed description and to set up an interview.

J of all Trades. Part time, steady, joyous work. Must love coffee, production, cleaning, and gardening. Drama queens need not apply. Tuesday-Fridays 10am-2pm. Near New Castle, VA. Call for interview: 540-765-9909

## Part Time Newspaper Production Help

Salem Times Register has openings for afternoon/evening shift work- inserting, labeling and bundling newspapers for delivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$11 per hour. Contact Lynn Hurst, General Manager, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355 or email lhurst@ourvalley.org

## Help Wanted

**COMBINATION TECHNICIAN PEMBROKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**  
Pembroke Telephone Cooperative is currently seeking a Combination Technician. This individual will install, maintain and service telephone lines, fiber optic systems, terminals, protection devices and customer owned equipment. Also, may diagnose and repair trouble in switching equipment, broadband equipment, and key systems. The individual must have strong communication skills, problem solving abilities, must have experience with computer applications and must be detail oriented. A two-year degree in electronics, computer science or equivalent work experience is preferred. Pembroke Telephone Cooperative offers an Excellent benefits package.

## Help Wanted

Pembroke Telephone Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications may be picked up at our office and should be accompanied by a resume: Pembroke Telephone Cooperative 504 Snidow Street P.O. Box 549 Pembroke, VA 24136  
Application Deadline: Friday, September 30, 2022 by 5:00 pm  
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

## General Information

**LOA**  
Elaine Engleman, LOA Senior Services Coordinator, and Lois Caliri, Navigator, Enroll Virginia will share information about Medicare and Insurance availability, in preparation for the Open Enrollment period (10/15-12/7/2022).  
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### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 146 HANNAH CIR AKA RR 2 BOX 1482, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$165,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% dated March 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF CRAIG as Deed Book 154, Page 537, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on November 15, 2022 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit:

5.00 ACRE AS DESCRIBED ON PLAT RECORDED IN CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 135, PAGE 266 Tax Map No. 35-2-2 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 17-265489. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Week 4 previews: Christiansburg, Blacksburg sit out, Radford faces big test against Galax

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Radford took care of Ft. Chiswell this past week while Christiansburg moved to 3-0 with a big win over William Byrd. The two schools will meet in two weeks in what could be the game of the year.

Christiansburg will join Blacksburg on the sidelines this week with an open date. Rad-

ford will welcome state power Galax to town in their toughest test of the season.

Just down the road, Auburn and Eastern Montgomery will square off for the "Golden Helmet" in the battle of two county schools.

This past week, Radford shut out Ft. Chiswell 48-0 and Christiansburg rolled in a 41-0 win over William Byrd. Blacksburg remained winless, taking it

on the chin against Amherst.

Also, Eastern Montgomery ran into a buzz saw in North Cross.

The numbers game took another toll this past week on a school in Southwest Virginia.

The Twin Valley Panthers defied the odds in the fall of 2021, earning a share of the Black Diamond District football championship and reaching the playoffs with a roster of just 16

players at season's end.

Now, a numbers crunch and other circumstances have proved too much for Twin Valley to overcome with the season prematurely coming to a close for the Panthers.

Officials from the small Buchanan County school announced Tuesday morning that the varsity program had been suspended for the remainder of the 2022 season.

Twin Valley suffered a 48-14 season-opening loss at Montcalm (West Virginia) on Friday. The Panthers began that game with 18 healthy players and the roster had dwindled to 16 by the time the final buzzer sounded.

Area Super 5: 1) Christiansburg, 2) Salem, 3) Narrows, 4) Galax, 5) Glenvar.

Predictions this week: Galax 32, Radford 30; Eastern Montgomery 27, Auburn 7.

# Radford defeats Fort Chiswell



David Woodward breaks a tackle to pick up rushing yards against Fort Chiswell. Radford rolled to a 48-0 win. On offense, Woodward rushed five times for 30 yards with a touchdown.



Quarterback Landen Clark uses a stiff arm to avoid a Pioneer defender as he led a 10-for-10 night passing with 299 yards and five touchdowns in the win over Fort Chiswell.



Max Kanipe (18) and Dawson Martin gang tackle the Fort Chiswell running back.



Parker Prioleau gets a block from Couper Doyle to pick up yards along the sideline in the Bobcats' 48-0 defeat of Fort Chiswell. Prioleau caught four passes for 109 yards with two touchdowns.

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## Pry gets first win at Virginia Tech; Hokies beat BC 27-10

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Grant Wells threw for 140 yards and a touchdown to lift Virginia Tech to a 27-10 victory over Boston College on Saturday.

The Hokies (1-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) also got a strong performance from their defense, holding the Eagles (0-2, 0-1 ACC) to 155 yards and sacking BC quarterback Phil Jurkovec six times.

The win marked the first for first-year Virginia Tech head coach Brent Pry, a former Hokie graduate assistant in the mid-1990s.

Virginia Tech cornerback Armani Chatman intercepted Jurkovec on the second play of the game to set up Jalen Holston's 1-yard run that gave the Hokies a lead they would not relinquish.

BC cut Virginia Tech's lead to 17-10 in the third quarter on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Jurkovec to Jaden Williams, but the Hokies immediately answered, scoring on a 2-yard pass from Wells to Kaleb Smith for a two-touchdown advantage. Jurkovec finished with 135 yards passing to lead BC.



# Blacksburg boys win Knights Crossing Invitational cross-country race



Finishing first in a field of almost 300 runners, Christiansburg's Mariah Reed won the girls middle school 4k at Knights Crossing Saturday (15:58.4).



Blacksburg's Conner Rutherford won the Knights Crossing Invitational Red race Saturday at Green Hill Park with a time of 15:08.7, pacing the Bruin boys to the team win in the prestigious meet. The Blacksburg girls placed second in the team competition.



Radford's Kyle Martin nears the finish line in the Knights Crossing Red race Saturday at Green Hill Park.

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# Eastern Montgomery falls to North Cross 49-0



East Mont quarterback Gage Akers hands off to Mustang running back Matthew Betz.



Mustang Xavier Brown bulls ahead for additional yardage.

# Radford University athletes lead Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll

RADFORD – The Big South Conference announced Monday that 59.92 percent of eligible student-athletes earned Presidential Honor Roll status for their work in the classroom in 2021-22, the third-highest percentage since 2004. To be named to the Presidential Honor Roll, student-athletes must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better for the recently-completed academic year, and this past season, 2,441 out of 4,074 eligible student-athletes achieved the benchmark.

Radford University led all Big South institutions for the first time since 2012-13, as RU had 77.83 percent of its 230 eligible student-athletes on the Presidential Honor Roll, one of five members to have at least 70 percent of 3.0 students.

Radford student-athletes named to the 2021-22 Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll are:

- Tyler Burton, baseball, 3.17 GPA
- Luke Vongoedert, baseball, 3.53 GPA
- Shaquan Jules, men's basketball, 3.3 GPA
- William Crane, men's tennis, 3.32 GPA

- Konstantinos Raptis, men's tennis, 3.07 GPA
- Dimosthenis Taramonlis, men's tennis, 3.54 GPA
- Manfredi Vergine, men's tennis, 3.2 GPA
- Leisa Dudley, women's golf, 3.52 GPA
- Jimenna Ramirez Gudino, women's golf, 3.33 GPA
- Malin Linnea Falk, women's tennis, 3.97 GPA
- Mackenzie Gardner, women's cross country, 3.9 GPA
- Maddie Wright, women's track, 3.58 GPA

The Big South had 207 student-athletes receive Commissioner's Award distinction in 2021-22 for having a 4.0 GPA. Gold Award scholars (3.75-3.99) totaled 559 while another 570 received Silver Award (3.50-3.74) accolades in 2021-22 for a combined total of 1,336 student-athletes with at least a 3.50 GPA last year, 54.73 percent of all Presidential Honor Roll members at or above that threshold.

# East Mont's golf team wins Pioneer District match



Mustang Hunter Howard won the Pioneer District golf match played Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Blacksburg Municipal Golf Course.



East Mont's Drew Smith came in second at the Pioneer District golf match.

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