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Radford High School announces National Honor Society inductees



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RADFORD – The Radford High School National Honor Society Inductees for 2022 have been announced. They are (front row) Anna Vinson, Addie Saunders, Lauren Price, Kathryn Price, Madison Naff, and Dawson Martin. (second row) Max Kanipe, Lillie Hurst, Lauren Holdaway, Jackson Hodock, Thomas Grant, Eli Goff, Gana Ghoneim, and Claire Fender. (third row) Kore Epperly, Ella Cox, Hollybrook Cline, Gabby Castillo, Isabella Calfee, Evan Woinski, Audrey

Mosby, and Harper Moore. (fourth row) Andrew Moore, Aiden Minnick, Sarah Martin, Tanner Lester, Matthew Lester, Kimani Ferguson, Stephen Cromer, and Reagan Brown.

The induction ceremony was held Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the high school auditorium.

- Radford High School

Radford University celebrates Veterans Day with on-campus ceremony

Radford University saluted U.S. military veterans on Nov. 11, 2022, with a special on-campus ceremony that included guest speakers, songs, and stories about the importance and impact of service to the country.

Throughout the hour-long ceremony inside the Bonnie Hurlburt Student Center auditorium, speakers shared anecdotes of their own military service experiences as well as the service commitments of friends and family who have served as an inspiration.

Among those speakers was Sarah Schafer, a U.S. Air Force veteran and current Radford criminal justice major, who, before the event began, sang a beautiful rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

“Some of you may have met Sarah, the Radford University criminal justice senior, or Sarah, the occasional national anthem singer,” she said. “But I’d like to introduce to you Sarah, the veteran who only a year and a half ago went by the name Staff Sgt. Sarah

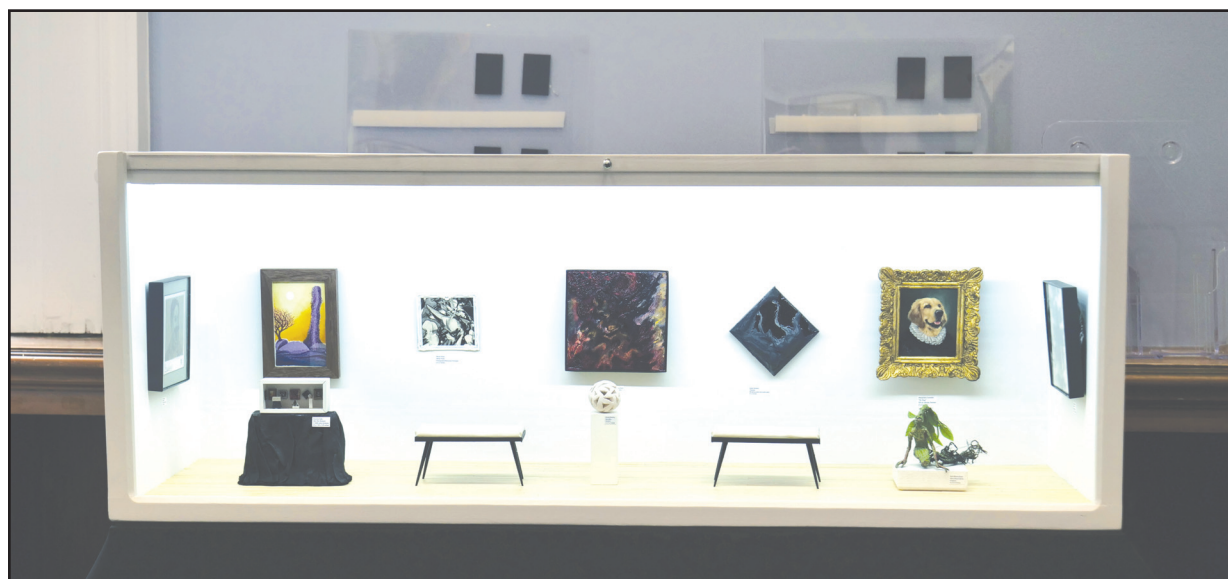
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U.S. Air Force veteran and Radford University criminal justice major Sarah Schafer speaks during Radford University’s Veterans Day ceremony on campus Nov. 11, 2022.

‘No Small Feat’ exhibit shows great things come in small packages



The inaugural exhibition inside the new Miniature Museum in the McConnell Library lobby features miniature paintings, photography, sculpture, and even a 1:44 scale model of the mini-museum itself.

RADFORD - Radford University’s Graduate Art Student Association (GASA) has created a unique mark, producing a great thing in a small package.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the GASA officially launched its miniature museum, a permanent display located in the lobby of the McConnell Library featuring tiny works of art created by Radford students.

The idea came from Amanda Kelly, MFA candidate and current Vice-President of the GASA. Kelly has worked in miniature for years, and her creations have been featured in places ranging from Architectural Digest to Super Bowl ads. Kelly says she was inspired by “free little art galleries” she has seen online.

“While those galleries are usually outdoors

and for the public to donate art,” Kelly said, “we thought it would be better to have it in a common student area like the library and specifically curated with art by Radford students.”

Alexandra Leonetti, President of the GASA and MFA candidate, also thought the mini-museum was a potent idea.

To accomplish the task, Leonetti’s father, Frank

Leonetti, a woodworker was called in. He created the miniature art gallery using pine, dollhouse flooring, LEDs and a UV protective acrylic shielding. The structure stands three feet wide, a foot deep, and 10 inches tall.

Leonetti noted that the museum allows current and future Radford artists to expand their

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Montgomery Museum to blend art and positive psychology in exhibit series titled ‘The Art of Happiness’

The Montgomery Museum of Art and History is trying something brand new, offering mental health self-help tactics and strategies by using art exhibits, materials, and spaces as helpful tools. This four-part interactive series titled, “The Art of Happiness,” will focus on aspects of positive psychology and the role that art can play in general happiness and well-being.

This program series will be held at the Montgomery Museum on the third Thursday of each month, December through March, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The museum will remain open late on these dates to allow participants the opportunity to see all the museum exhibits and spaces. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

“The goal of this new program series is to highlight and raise awareness about mental health issues and accessibility while simultaneously offering unique methods and strategies to cope with things like stress, anxiety, and depression,” said Casey Jenkins, the museum’s executive director.

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Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at LewisGale Regional Health System earns accreditation

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer has granted three-year accreditation to the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at LewisGale Medical Center and to LewisGale Hospital Pulaski.

To earn Commission on Cancer accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 quality care standards, be evaluated every three years, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care. LewisGale Hospital Pulaski has held ASC CoC accreditation since 2004, and LewisGale Medical Center has held accreditation since 1974.

As a part of Sarah Cannon, LewisGale’s integrated cancer network takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases requiring consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care.

“It is a great accomplishment for the LewisGale Regional Health System to be granted this accreditation,” said Andrew Fintel,

MD. “It speaks to the hospitals’ focus on quality of care through a multidisciplinary approach. Caring for patients diagnosed with cancer is a team effort and one that takes patience and compassion. Being accredited by the Commission on Cancer is just one way that we can consistently better ourselves in our fight against cancer.”

The CoC accreditation program provides the framework for LewisGale Medical Center and LewisGale Pulaski to improve the quality of patient care through programs that focus on prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, lifelong follow-up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care.

When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient-centered services including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors’ quality of life.

- HCA Virginia





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Food safety expert provides tips for preserving Thanksgiving foods

Thanksgiving should be a meal that is safely enjoyed with family and friends and Virginia Tech experts have some tips to ensure holiday classics are safely enjoyed in the days and weeks that follow.

"It's important to keep food out of the danger zone, which is the temperature between 41 and 135 degrees," says Alexis Hamilton, a postdoctoral associate and incoming assistant professor of food processing microbiology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Food Science and Technology. "It's important that foods pass through this range as quickly as possible. Basically, keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold."

Hamilton recommends the following tips to ensure food safety:

"If you are working with foods fresh from the oven or stove, once removed and placed on the table or tray, there are about four hours to consume, store, or reheat. For foods that were kept in the refrigerator, the time increases to six hours. At that point, a decision must be made to eat, store, or throw out the remaining foods.

"For storing hot foods, it's important to let them cool a bit before placing them in either the fridge or freezer," Hamilton said.

"A general rule of thumb, regardless of the type of food, is to toss those leftovers within three to four days of being placed in the fridge. That is, if your leftovers last that long."

While this isn't a lot of time, Hamilton has some methods to maximize leftovers.

"One trick I like to use is to put meals onto plates and place the amount for a few days in the fridge and put the rest in the freezer, where the foods will safely keep for a few months," she said.

"The longer that foods are in the freezer, the more moisture evaporation will occur. While the food is safe to eat

anywhere from one to three months, the taste will not be the same when stored for that length of time.

"If you like Thanksgiving foods the best after a few weeks, I would suggest that you freeze the meal on Thanksgiving Day and defrost it when you want to eat it," Hamilton said.

Here are Hamilton's suggestions for Safe storage times of popular Thanksgiving foods when stored and sealed properly with airtight heavy-duty foil, plastic wrap, or freezer paper; or when placed the package inside a plastic storage bag:

Cooked poultry: Three to four days in the fridge, four months in the freezer

Cooked meat: Three to four days in the fridge, two to three months in the freezer

Cooked fish: Three to four days in the fridge, four to six months in the freezer

Cooked ham: Three to four days if sliced, a week if whole in the fridge. Cooked ham lasts one to two months in the freezer.

Cooked bacon: Lasts up to a week in the fridge and two to three months in the freezer.

Macaroni and cheese: Three to four days in the fridge and up to two months in the freezer.

Casserole-style foods: Three to four days in the fridge and up to four months in the freezer.

According to Hamilton, "If food has been stored for longer than the FDA-recommended times, there are some warning signs that the food has gone bad:

"Has a weird taste; has a funny texture; smells abnormal; has something growing on it.

"When in doubt, throw it out," Hamilton said.

- Max Esterhuizen, Virginia Tech

Alexander Black House to present student collaboration at Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation

The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation will present Fashion History Moving Forward: Animating the Present, Considering the Past, an exhibit that references bodices, blouses, and more from the late 1890s to the early 1900s, as inspiration for modern-day designs. The exhibit will be on display from Friday, Dec. 2, through Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Alexander Black House, 204 Draper Rd., in Blacksburg.

Virginia Tech fashion merchandising and design students were asked to research garments from the Blacksburg Museum & Cultural Foundation and those from Virginia Tech's Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection, to create new designs for their first 2D fashion animation project. This exhibit is the result of their efforts.

Admission is free. Exhibit hours are 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

An opening reception will be held on Dec. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The concept of this fashion installation evolved out of a conversation between Virginia Tech's Fashion Merchandising and Design Professor, Sarah Wilmot and the Blacksburg Museum's curator Janean Williams. Upon learning that current fashion designers were now expected to animate their clothing lines, Williams saw the potential for an exhibit incorporating animation and fashion design.

Professor Wilmot envisioned designs based on historic costumes within BMCF's collection, as well as those contained in the Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection at Virginia Tech.

For a fall semester Apparel Product Development course, Wilmot assigned

students a digital problem-based learning activity, using fashion history to develop a new collection that would be presented using 2D fashion animation. The students were inspired by the delicate laces, ornate patterns, and ruffle details, and by the sustainable silks and cotton fabrics, which have lasted more than 100 years, from the Victorian and Edwardian periods in each institution's Collections.

The installation will showcase 12 original garments, alongside the designs and animations of the 18 students, their teaching assistant, as well as Professor Wilmot. Each animation is a story built upon research, technique, inspiration, and the connectedness of the past to the future in motion.

- Janean Williams, Curator of the Blacksburg Museum & Cultural Foundation

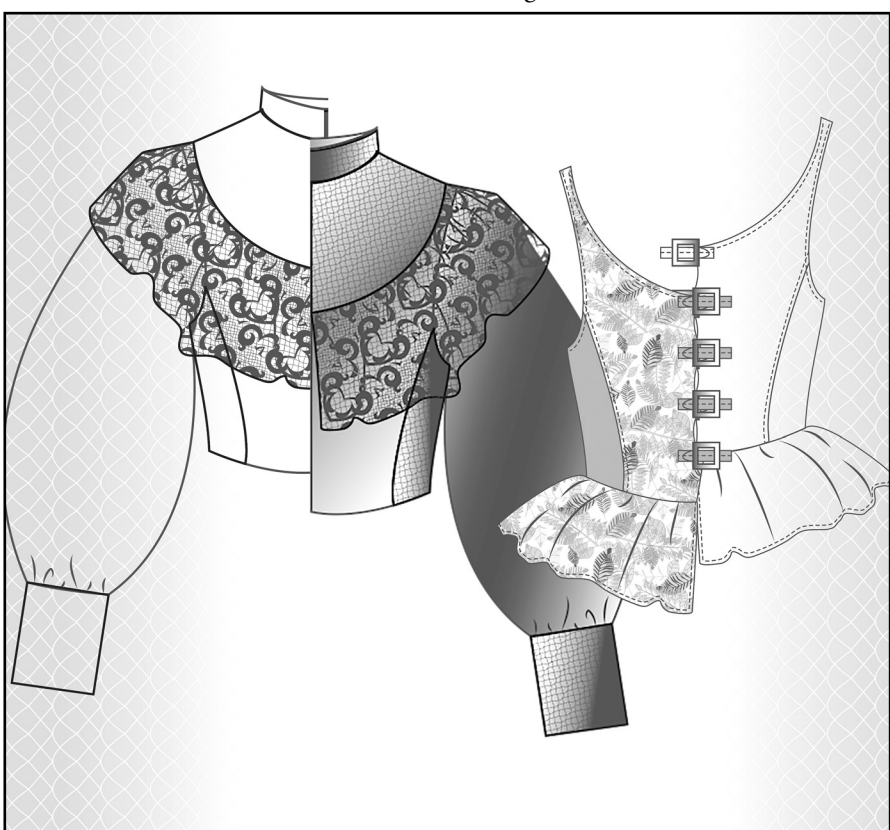


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Cambria Station Antiques celebrates its grand re-opening with a ribbon-cutting

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA: - Cambria Station Antiques celebrated its grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting on Friday, Nov. 11.

The historic building at 596 Depot Street, NE became an antique store in 1988 as Cambria Emporium then as Charlotte's Web II Antique Mall in 2018 before becoming Cambria Station Antiques on July 1 2022 when it was purchased by Scott Bandy (of Old New and Primitive Too, handmade custom furniture) and Ken and Heather Vaughan (of Old New River Books).

With years of experience, the partners continue their longstanding tradition as operators of an antique store business. Their vision is to become the best eclectic shopping destination in the New River Valley as well as Christiansburg's biggest used bookstore.

Many changes have already taken place in

the four short months since the trio purchased it. Most obvious is the first-floor renovation that has completely opened it back up to add a 2000-square-foot used bookstore, a dedicated vintage LP section, and an expanded media area while keeping the previous six dealer spaces and glass showcase area. A reconfiguration of the second floor has created space for six new dealers and a year-round Christmas (holiday) room. The attic or third floor has been brightened up with natural light and additional supplemental lighting to showcase the views and early 1900's craftsmanship all while making more organized space for furniture, smalls and art. When visiting the third floor make sure to check out the elevator system which is original to the store (possibly the first elevator in Montgomery County).

Cambria Station

Antiques also utilizes a business model that incorporates many different dealers in one store. "We are grateful for all 18 of the previous store's dealers who stayed with us as we transitioned to Cambria Station Antiques in July," said owner Heather Vaughn. "Having veteran dealers with years of experience is a huge asset for our store." Since then, seven new additional dealers with fresh ideas and products have added to the existing selection.

"A lot of consideration is put into selecting the right dealers," Vaughn said. "We search out unique dealers who have exceptional taste and creative display ideas while having a professional vision that aligns with ours."

- Cambria Station Antiques owner Heather Vaughn

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“Making space for art therapy in a museum or cultural center can have very profound effects as it relates to experiential self-help.”

The sessions will be led by Shelby Wynn, a registered art therapist and licensed professional counselor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Carilion Clinic. The first session on Dec. 15 will explore the ability to cope with words as an understanding

of thoughts and emotions.

The second session on Jan. 19 will feature visual music through abstract drawing. The third session on Feb. 16 will facilitate mindfulness and meditation through sculpting.

The final session on March 16 will focus on Zentangles and the ability to practice mindfulness when other coping skills are inaccessible.

“I am very excited to be partnering

with the Montgomery Museum for the next few months,” Wynn said. “Art is such an integral part of mental health – be it fine art, movement, or music – and it is inspiring to have an organization such as the museum find it important to bridge the gap in mental health awareness. I am honored to be a part of something so innovative.”

All materials will be provided by the museum, and no art experience

is required. The series is designed to be a free community-building self-help experience rather than an outgoing group therapy session.

For more information on this program series and to register, visit <https://montgomerymuseum.org/arttherapy/>.

- Montgomery Museum of History and Art

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audience and impact given the library’s foot traffic while creating a new university tradition. It also offers the chance to hone new skills.

“This is a great opportunity for the student artists who don’t typically work in miniature to step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves,” Leonetti said.

“For me, working in miniature meant painting with very small brushes and trying to maintain the quality of technique in a smaller space.”

Kelly says the artistry and craftsmanship also intrigue viewers, who frequently ask how she can create things so small.

But despite the scale — and perhaps because of it — the art can have depth and require thoughtfulness for both audience and artist.

Working in miniature requires experience and skill as an artist in multiple disciplines. For Kelly, her art “explores themes of loneliness, emptiness, and realism framed in micro, curated snapshot.”

In all, 10 artists display work at the museum.

Alexandra Leonetti and Zachary Logan will offer oil paintings while Sydne Moseley contributes a 3D acrylic painting. Zach Blevins-Goad and Brandy Bembry created sculptures. Chris Bradbury and Nathan Popp’s miniature watercolors will be on display along with photographs from Mina Hatami and Mariah Nolen.

And there is a 1:144 scale miniature of the mini museum within the museum itself, created by Amanda Kelly.

The museum is on display at Radford University’s McConnell Library and is open for public viewing during library hours.

- Sean Kotz, Radford University

Veterans Day

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Schafer. I served six years active duty in the Air Force Security Forces.”

She is the daughter of two Air Force veterans, Schafer said, “who instilled in me diligence and patriotism, and I will forever be thankful I followed in their footsteps. My story is just one among the many, many exceptional veterans that we have among us today.”

Speaking with gratitude for Radford University and its Military Resource Center, Schafer referred to both “as a space for us to have a community.”

The Radford University Military Resource Center serves student veterans, active military, and reserve members, spouses, and military dependents. The center has students, faculty, and staff who are veterans and who are willing to assist other student veterans with obtaining benefits and finding academic and student life resources.

Students had a large presence in the ceremony, from speaking to introducing guests to the posting of the colors by the U.S. Army ROTC

cadets. Student Isabella Stinson sang an emotional rendition of “An American Soldier” to honor her father, who served 21 years in the Air Force. “I wouldn’t be where I am without him,” she said.

Virginia House Del. Jason Ballard thanked those in the gathering for “coming together to pay tribute to the many men and women for their service” to their county. “You truly are our country’s greatest collective trait,” said Ballard, a U.S. Army veteran and Bronze Star recipient.

Ballard said he held a “deep appreciation and admiration” for everyone who has served in the military.

“And, to those who have supported our men and women in uniform,” he said, “I am personally grateful to you.”

Radford University Professor of Criminal Justice and Marine Corps veteran Roberto Santos, said the lessons he learned in the military are still at the core of “who I am.”

Those who have served understand this, he said.

“It’s faith, family, perseverance,

dedication, discipline and really being something bigger than yourself,” Santos said, while also encouraging the audience to “always try to be part of something that is bigger than yourself.”

Jim Newman, chair of Radford’s Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism and a U.S. Air Force veteran, encouraged those in the audience to support student veterans “so they can continue their missions of serving and giving back to their communities in their new chosen careers.”

One way of offering financial support is through the Lewis Sparks and Ken Coan Veterans Award, which Newman established in honor of his grandfather, Lewis, who served as a combat engineer in Germany during World War II, and his uncle, Ken, who served in Vietnam.

Both, Newman said, “continued a life of service after their military service when they no longer wore the uniform.”

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OBITUARIES

Meredith, E. Gay

E. Gay Meredith, 74, passed away Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at her home in Snowville.

She retired from Virginia Tech's Computer Science Department.

Gay was preceded in death by her parents, Byron and Florence Meredith; her partner, Bob Steffen; a sister, Mary Byrd Poore; and a brother Barney Meredith.

Gay was born in October 1948 and was raised on her parents' dairy farm in Snowville where her love for plants, animals, and nature began. While she spent much time learning and devoting herself to nature and animals, she also found time for things like reading, quilting, and writing.

Graduating and retiring from



Virginia Tech meant that she was a huge Virginia Tech sports fan, and she often sported her Virginia Tech clothing.

Gay is survived by her sister, Janet (Conley) Dishon of Snowville; her brother, Ernest (Nydia) Meredith of Snowville; a sister-in-law, Charlotte Meredith of Riner; and many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

A visitation and time to share memories will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Snowville Ruritan Building, 4866 Lead Mine Road, Snowville, VA.

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

Stigger, James Lenwood

James Lenwood Stigger, 64, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Radford on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

He was a U. S. Army veteran and was employed at Radford University.

Jimmy enjoyed helping other with "handy man" work and loved family gatherings where he would share stories with the younger family members. At a young age, he joined New Hope United Methodist Church in New River. He also attended Charles Wesley United Methodist Church in Abingdon, where he sang in the Young Adult Choir and later joined Unity Christian Church in Radford.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Lucy Harvey; his paternal grandparents, William Levi and Anna Lucille Stigger; his father, James Elwood Stigger; a brother, Richard T. Stigger; and a



special aunt, Laura Belle Delapp. He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Frances Lilly Harvey of Radford; a brother, Silas E. Stigger of New River; a sister, Angela S. Connor of Pulaski; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1 p.m. today, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

St. Thomas Anglican Church - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for mid-week masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye 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: fbradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C'Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School - 10:00A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night - 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office - 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828

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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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LUTHERAN

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

I NEED HELP
Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

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

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

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

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

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

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@ourvalley.org

email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

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 Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@stmcl.org or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry

Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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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, for Sunday School at 10 am and Worship and Children's Church at 11 am. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 639-2585. Watch the worship services on Facebook, which can be accessed through the church website at www.pcradford.org or through the Presbyterian church of Radford Facebook page. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and 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.

Virginia Tech helps farmers meet the demand for all things pumpkin this fall

During the crisp and cool fall season, pumpkins are a hot commodity. The demand for this festive squash is on the rise thanks in part to their delicious taste and decorative traits. Pumpkin spice everything and pumpkins of all colors, shapes, and sizes greet consumers as soon as they enter the supermarket.

In response, Virginia growers produced an estimated 972,000 hundredweight — more than 108 million pounds — of pumpkins in 2020, ranking the state fourth nationally in pumpkin production, according to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The number of growers is also on the rise, doubling from 200 producers in 2018 to 400 in 2021.

This trend caught the attention of researchers in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, who are now using a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help sustain this growth.

A team of faculty and Virginia Cooperative Extension agents received \$75,000 from the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to test the growth of specialty pumpkins across Virginia's diverse terrain as well as different methods to extend their shelf life by reducing postharvest diseases.

"Pumpkins are an important crop in the commonwealth with a value of \$17.6 million produced on 5,500 acres in 2020," said Steven Rideout, professor in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences and principal investigator of the pumpkin grant. "To support this growing enterprise, we have been listening to growers and stakeholders across the state, and these are the most pressing issues with pumpkins they would like addressed."

Ugly pumpkins prove popular

Sarah Sharpe, a Greene County Extension agent, has seen firsthand the explosion of specialty pumpkin sales. A co-investigator of the grant, she is the owner of Sarah's Pumpkin Patch, located in the central Piedmont region of the state.

Sharpe is quickly winding down her 13th season of growing and selling specialty pumpkins, the kind people most visually recall as the colorful, wart-dotted, odd-shaped squash found jumping off the shelves of grocery stores and pages of lifestyle magazines.

"They are one of the reasons specialty pumpkins have become so popular," she said. "People are using them to decorate all season long, well beyond Halloween and into Thanksgiving. The first two weeks that I was open, people rolled out with wagonloads. They sell out of here like crazy."

Sharpe joins Extension agents from across the state, from the mountains to the beaches, who are either growing specialty pumpkins themselves or marketing them to growers. This effort is a key objective of the grant, spearheaded by Rideout, who specializes in plant pathology.

"The first part of this project is to look for different pumpkin and gourd varieties — types that people have bred for their desired traits — that are suited to production in Virginia," he said.

Virginia is a perfect test bed for specialty pumpkins because of the state's range of elevations and diverse soil and climate types, Rideout said.

About an hour northwest of Sharpe, commercial horticulture Extension agent Jason Cooper in the Shenandoah Valley is having success getting growers interested in testing these new varieties. Southwest Virginia Extension agent Ashley Edwards also is seeing an increased interest.

"I think this grant works out great because we are hitting almost every spot of the state, and each part of the state has



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a different growing season with about four or five different zones," Cooper said. "Hitting all the different spots is beneficial as far as getting information and things that we need for our growers in our own personal coverage areas."

From Halloween treats to Thanksgiving eats

While specialty pumpkins may be the new craze, the beloved orange jack-o'-lantern remains a holiday staple. What would Halloween be without a spooky carved pumpkin or a Thanksgiving table without pumpkin pie?

Pumpkins were historically targeted for distribution within October, but commercial markets, fall festivals, and consumer demand have shifted this retail window. Earlier sale dates in September have increased the need for pumpkins to have longer shelf lives to ensure fruit quality until Halloween. In addition, many consumers desire pumpkins to retain soundness for fall displays and decorations until Thanksgiving.

"These new trends have stretched the postharvest window for pumpkins, and growers are looking at options to increase fruit longevity," Rideout said. "Unfortunately, little research has examined postharvest treatments to extend pumpkin fruit quality. Research exploring pumpkin cultivars that produce fruit possessing longer shelf lives has not been conducted either."

That is, until now.

As part of the second objective of the pumpkin grant, the research team will compare postharvest qualities of these

different cultivars over the 2023 and 2024 growing seasons. In addition to cultivar comparisons, trials comparing postharvest care of pumpkins will be conducted at Virginia Tech's Homefield Farm.

Once harvested, the pumpkins will be separated and subjected to different treatments or none at all. Different methods include wiping them with water, wiping with bleach and chlorine, and spraying them with a hose.

"We understand that some of these practices may not be feasible for all growers, so their input in this project is going to be critically important," Rideout said. "If you grow 70 acres of pumpkins, you know you're not going to take each individual pumpkin and spray them off. There is some work to be done to exactly figure out this objective and what we can test, but our main goal is to explore what we can feasibly do that would extend their shelf life."

The pumpkin grant funding will stretch over two years, but Rideout said the research team will support Virginia's booming pumpkin production for years to come. The ultimate goal of any successful study is to share the results with growers and stakeholders, he said, and the team plans to do just that at field days, grower meetings, and through Extension publications.

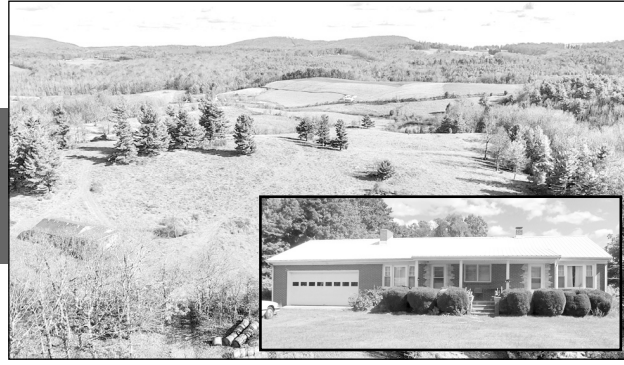
"We are vested in this," Rideout said. "We want to see pumpkin production do well and continue to grow."

- Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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OFFERING #1 - 6.592 acres. Mostly open land on Fairview Church Rd. Has a spring on the property which supplies water to water box for livestock and to a hydrant on Offering 2.

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OFFERING #3 - 2 BR, 1 BA, 1,276 sq.ft. brick ranch & 12.355 acres. Has a heat pump, newer metal roof and partial basement. Double attached garage and storage building on the property. Has spring water which is located on Offering 5. Acreage consists of mostly open pasture or hay land with some mature hardwood along back boundary.

House address is 707 Fairview Church Rd.

House Preview: Thursday, December 1st @ 4 PM

OFFERING #4 - 47.910 acres. Mostly open land with some wooded areas. Has creek frontage and 1,583 feet of frontage on Spring Dale Rd. Multiple building sites on gentle to level slope with long range views.

OFFERING #5 - 36.793 acres. Mostly open with some wooded land and long range views. Has a pond and creek frontage. Fronts on Fairview Church Rd and Spring Dale Rd. Spring rights will convey to Offering 3.

OFFERING #6 - 34.031 acres. Mostly wooded and level with some timber value. Has a small spring branch running along the northern boundary and discontinued State Route 715 along southern boundary. Fronts on Spring Dale Rd. Has an old pole shed on the property.

Directions - To Fairview Church Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 717 (Fairview Church Rd) to property on both sides of the road. To Spring Dale Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 714 (Spring Dale Rd) to property on the right.

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Jessie Peterman Memorial Library schedule of events for Nov. 29-Dec. 2

Nov. 29 – We Can All Use a Little Help at 3 p.m.

A certified peer recovery specialist from the 401 Peer Center will lead a group meeting every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to add connection and support into their lives, can take part. Certified peer recovery specialists are trained to offer support to individuals who are dealing with substance use disorder and/or mental health challenges. These meetings will provide a safe, non-judgmental space that will promote overall wellness. There is no need to sign up.

Nov. 30 – Bingo at 2 p.m. It's an afternoon of fun and prizes.

Dec. 1 – DMV Connect from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

Dec. 2 – True Crime Author Ron Peterson, Jr. at 5 p.m. He will discuss his latest book, Eyes of a Monster, and provide updates on the cases in his previous books, Under the Trestle, and Chasing the Squirrel, both of which are currently in development as a documentary or a television series. This event is free and is open to all.

Events

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to www.radfordva.gov to register. Deadline to register is Nov. 30.

Help the veterans with your donations

Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Bring donations of the following items to the library through the month of November: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps. Co-Sponsored by VFW Post 5311 and Montgomery-Floyd Regional libraries.

Free GED classes

At the Meadowbrook Public Library, 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. New River Community College is offering free GED classes every Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Two Blue Demons, one Bruin All-River Ridge

The River Ridge District has announced its 2022 volleyball honors with Christiansburg's Braelyn Williams and Addison Reasor joining Blacksburg's Rylee Sloss on the first-team. Blacksburg's Ella Poff and Avery

VanGilder were named second-team, while teammate Sophia Johnston was named third-team. Christiansburg's Sierra Carneal and Ela Shepherd were also named to the River Ridge third-team for volleyball.

Big South tabs Radford's Kenyon Giles as freshman of the week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Thanks to his breakout performance on the road this week, Radford men's basketball guard Kenyon Giles has been named Big South Freshman of the Week, the conference office announced Monday afternoon.

The Silverado High School product immediately introduced himself to the college basketball world, dropping 15 points on 7-for-11 shooting, grabbing three rebounds, dishing out an assist, and nabbing a steal at Marquette Monday night.

Giles then came back three days later and balled out again, scoring 20 points while shooting 7-for-15 from the floor and 4-for-7 from beyond the arc at Notre Dame. The Chesapeake, Va., native also added two steals, a block, and a rebound in a near upset of the Fighting Irish.

This award marks the first of Giles's career and the first Freshman of the Week honor for Radford since Fa"Mir Ali on Jan. 11, 2021.

- Radford University

Pulaski River Turtles release 2023 baseball schedule

A new season of Pulaski River Turtles baseball is slated to begin June 6 on the road against the Bluefield Ridge Runners with Opening Night at Calfee Park scheduled for Thursday, June 8 against the Danville Otterbots.

Released Thursday, Nov. 17, the schedule includes 24 home games with 11 home games in June and 13 home games in July. The regular-season finale is scheduled for Monday, July 31. In total, the 2023 schedule boasts 48 dates.

All home games will begin at 7 p.m.. A collection of promotional nights will accentuate the action-packed schedule, headlined by the return of Agriculture Night, Saddle-Up Sunday, and Circus Night.

Information on season ticket packages, box seating, and individual game tickets for the 2023 season is forthcoming.

2023 will mark Pulaski's 57th season fielding teams in the Appalachian League. The River Turtles enjoyed a successful 2021 campaign in the league's first season of collegiate wood-bat play, compiling a regular-season record of 32-22 and earning the East Division championship. The Greeneville Flyboys edged the

River Turtles 9-8, however, to earn the 2021 Appalachian League championship. The River Turtles followed up their maiden season with a solid second-place finish in the East Division in 2022.

2023 Pulaski River Turtles Home Dates

- June 8-9: Danville
- June 10-11: Burlington
- June 13-14: Bluefield
- June 20-21: Johnson City
- June 22-23: Bristol
- June 28: Princeton
- July 1-2: Kingsport
- July 3: Princeton
- July 6-7: Danville
- July 13-14: Burlington
- July 15-16: Elizabethton
- July 22-23: Greeneville
- July 30-31: Princeton

Pulaski teams have a combined all-time record of 252-207 (248-199 regular season) in the Appalachian League, and boast five league championships: 1948, 1969, 1986, 1991, and 2013.

- Pulaski River Turtles

Outdoor report: What's a Saugeye?



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First Virginia State Record Saugeye Recorded
On September 23, Michael Miller from Nathalie, Virginia, landed a 6.0-pound saugeye from the Staunton River. Miller caught the trophy-sized fish with spinning tackle using a crankbait. The fish measured 26 ¼ inches with a girth of 14 inches.

Saugeye - Sander canadensis x vitreus

Saugeye is a member of the perch family. This species is a hybrid created by crossing a female walleye with a male sauger. Saugeye were first stocked in Virginia in 2013.

Saugeye have tannish yellow to gold-colored sides with distinct dark blotches or saddles extending from the dorsal to the ventral side of the fish. Like walleye, saugeye will have a distinct dark blotch on the rear base of the front dorsal fin. Sauger will not have this blotch. Additionally, saugeye have lots of rough scales on their cheek while walleye and sauger only have a few cheek scales. Walleye cheek scales are smooth while sauger cheek scales are rough.

The best way to identify a saugeye is by looking at the dorsal fin. Saugeye will exhibit distinct streaks between dorsal fin spines and can frequently have one to two rows of spots along the base of the dorsal fin. Sauger will have more than two rows of spots while walleye will only exhibit indistinct streaks between dorsal fin spines.

Where can I find Saugeye in Virginia?

Lakes: Lake Chesdin, Lake Anna, Lake Orange, Lake Brittle, Burke Lake, Little Creek Reservoir

Rivers: Appomattox River, Staunton River

Saugeye Management in Virginia

In 2013-2015, 2019, 2021 and 2022 saugeye were stocked into several walleye fisheries in place of walleye. In some locations saugeye performed well and are now established in these waters and are desired by fisheries managers because of the hybrid vigor demonstrated. In waters where saugeye are stocked they will be managed similar to walleye, treated as walleye in the regulatory process and included in the state's walleye management plan. The following conditions will be met in order to stock and manage saugeye in Virginia waters. Saugeye will not be stocked into drainages or

waters that have naturally reproducing walleye populations and/or waters that provide walleye brood stock for hatchery production. This will reduce the risk of back crosses occurring in systems that have natural reproduction and prevent unwanted crosses of saugeye and walleye made at hatcheries if saugeyes are mistaken for walleye during brood stock collections.

The production and stocking of saugeye into various waters within Virginia would not be made possible without the help of the West Virginia DNR and the hatchery staff at Apple Grove Fish Hatchery in Gallipolis, WV. The healthy population of sauger in the Ohio River serves as the annual brood source for hatchery operations.

Nighttime electrofishing effort provides the required number of sauger to be collected and transferred back to the hatchery. Collected sauger are split into holding tanks based on their sex. The collected male sauger are milked of their milt with collected milt being extracted by a syringe. Milt is transferred to vials containing milt extender and then placed on ice overnight. Vials of milt are then delivered to Virginia and DWR's Vic Thomas Hatchery, where hatchery staff fertilize eggs from Staunton River walleye to create the hybrid saugeye.

Fishing Techniques

Similar techniques used to catch walleye will also prove to be productive on saugeye. Additionally, saugeye can sometimes be less finicky than walleye. Bright jig heads with soft plastic swimbaits work really well on rivers during the pre-spawn time frame in late winter/early spring. Crankbaits and jerkbaits will also prove productive in the right conditions. Anglers fishing with bait will have luck on nightcrawlers and live minnows.

Trolling is a popular tactic in the summer months if you can locate fish on flats above the thermocline in large impoundments and lake systems. Trolling anglers have success with

See **Saugeye**, page 8

FROM THE SIDELINES By Marty Gordon

Hokies start basketball season 3-0, Mutts returns to lineup

The ACC championship banner was unveiled before Sunday's Virginia Tech game with William & Mary, and the team has started the season with three easy wins. While those wins have come against the lower competition of college basketball including Sunday, the Hokies have shown they are getting better every day.

Coach Mike Young has gone up and down the bench, developing a lot of depth as the team was ahead by as many as 29 at several points in those three wins over Delaware State, Lehigh, and William & Mary.

The ACC championship banner hangs beside the 1979 Metro Conference championship banner and the 1996 Atlantic 10 West Division championship

banner. The Lehigh game saw the return of Justin Mutts, who missed the first game because of a one-game suspension.

Mutts participated in a non-NCAA certified event earlier this year when going through the pre-NBA draft process, and the NCAA handed down a one-game suspension. Mutts recorded the 17th double-double of his career Thursday night, dropping in 16 points and yanking down 11 rebounds.

Mutts was the ACC's Skip Prosser Award winner last season and is embarking on his 11th semester in college. He has already earned a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees. He is currently enrolled in human development, his second undergraduate program.

He is also one of an elite group of players in the ACC who have recorded at least 100 career starts.

A lot of optimism surrounds Cassell Coliseum.

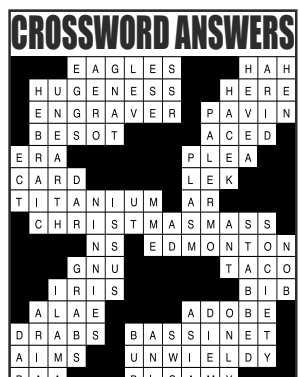
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- The Hokies are among the nation's leaders in active NCAA Tournament appearances. With the program's record fifth straight in 2022, they own the eighth-longest active streak. It's the second longest among ACC programs. This is a pretty remarkable turnaround, thanks to information provided by VT Athletics, for a program that prior to 2017 had gone to the NCAA tournament only once (2007) in 20 years.
- Wright State transfer and big-man Grant Basile has already shown he might be the

answer to replacing two-time ACC selection Keve Aluma. The 6-9 forward is a threat inside and behind the three-point arc. He dialed up 30 points on 12 of 16 shooting in his debut, the most points recorded in ACC play on opening night. His 30 points included six three-pointers.

The season has started out well for the Hokies. Now, the competition becomes a little stiffer, and the Hokies will have to step up their play if they hope to continue this streak.

This includes Old Dominion on Thursday.





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Auburn advances to state title game



Madison Ketterer sets the ball for a teammate in Tuesday's win. Auburn moved on to the state championship game played at the Salem Civic Center.



Gretchen Surface gets the block and the point as Auburn won in three games against Giles. 25-22, 26-24, and 25-14 to advance to the state championship game.



Stacy Lewis hits the ball across the net for an Auburn point. Teammate Madison Ketterer finished with 30 assists in the defeat of Giles, and Avery Zuckerwar had 12 kills and 14 digs.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY AKERS

VDOT ROAD WATCH

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE 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 through the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION - Construction is underway on road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) for a new entrance to Belview Elementary School. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging.

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 barrier walls 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:

WORK ZONE SPEED: With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier

walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

o Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141.

o Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

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.

INTERSTATE 77

CARROLL COUNTY

I-77 BRIDGE DECK AND MAINTENANCE 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 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Right and left lane closures in place on I-77 southbound, mile marker 13.5 to 12.5 over Route 702 and I-77 northbound, mile marker 11.5 to 12.7 over Route 702. Height restrictions are in place at 14' 6".

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 0 to 24 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

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night crawler harness rigs or crankbaits in these situations. Vertical jigging with swim baits and blade baits can also be a popular technique to catch both saugeye and walleye on lakes and reservoirs in Virginia. For anglers interested in catching saugeye or walleye with a fly rod, the best chance at success is during the spring by throwing streamer patterns on rivers during the pre-spawn time frame.

Feeding Habits

Like walleye, saugeye have a reflective layer of pigment in their eye that allows them to gather light in low light conditions. These fish often stay in deeper water during the day and move into shallower water at night, dawn, and dusk to feed. In tailwaters, you can find these fish in deep holes with cover and woody debris.

Saugeye feed on other fish, aquatic insects, and crustaceans like crayfish. Overcast, cloudy, and rainy days can be great for targeting both saugeye and walleye.

Habitat

In general, saugeye can tolerate

warmer water temperature regimes than walleye and can perform better than walleye in more productive and turbid systems. Saugeye can thrive in both rivers and lakes as long as they provide the right habitat. Impoundments that stratify in the summer months and provide ample cooler water habitat with oxygen will support saugeye populations.

Spawning Habits

As a hybrid, saugeye are purported to have reduced fecundity, however observations of Lake Anna fish suggest they produce viable gametes. Despite this, natural reproduction is highly unlikely due to habitat limitations in addition to biological and behavioral issues from hybridization.

In river systems, saugeye will migrate upriver during spawning season in a similar fashion to walleye and sauger. In tailwater systems, they can be found congregating below dams in late winter and early spring, going through the motions of the spawn.

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