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Redbud Festival celebrates 'local roots and planting new seeds'

Heather Bell
Editor

The inaugural Redbud Festival will be held this Saturday, April 22 at Nesselrod on the New, celebrating Earth Day with a big line-up of live music, favorite food trucks, art, plants and, of course, the Redbud tree.

Nursery Natives is holding the event, and co-organizers Jesse Kelly and Katie Mae McFall say the festival will offer a great chance to have fun – and maybe learn a little about native plants in the process.

"The Redbud Festival celebrates local roots and plants new seeds around the blossoming community," said Kelly.

"The impetus behind the festival really boils down to creating an opportunity to showcase what makes our communities especially unique; the people, plants and other life around us," said McFall. "The Redbud is a touchstone that opens the door to that conversation and soon, celebration, where we can come together and

indulge in everything local. We're talking art, music, food, and at the heart of it, plants. Coincidentally, the Redbud has a heart-shaped leaf and if the day after the festival, just one more person can now ID a tree that they previously overlooked, I'll call it a success."

Kelly agrees the Redbud tree is a great fit to be celebrated by Radford.

"In the heart of the New River Valley, the heart-shaped leaves of the (native) Eastern Redbud tree are an exceptionally fitting tree for Radford," he said. "Serving as ambassadors of Spring, the magenta-pink blossoms create majestic corridors along 81 and throughout the city, inviting new life to grow every spring, generation after generation."

"On Earth Day this year, we hope that people will get to know and love the Redbud tree, each other and Radford a little more," he added. "As more people are able to recognize and name this beautiful tree (and others) around the New River Valley, a more sacred connection can grow,

unifying the community landscape while more collectively supporting our natural ecosystems."

The festival includes 10 live musical performances on two stages, food trucks, beer and wine, plant vendors, and artisan, craft and food vendors. Gates open at 2:30 p.m.

"Through our relationships with plants, food and music and one another, we believe the Redbud Festival will continue to kindle authentic connections, strengthen community ties and support city missions while cultivating new, fruitful opportunities for everyone to become closer to nature - offering us all a reason to celebrate," said Kelly.

"The festival is about joy and fun, but it's also about looking towards everything that happens until next year's celebration and how we engage with our community (human, plant, and wildlife alike) through an ethos of genuine care," said McFall.

Ballpark Signs is a gold sponsor of the event. The



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event will also include a Redbud fundraising drive. Plant SWVA Natives has donated 100 bare root Eastern Redbuds to the festival organizer, Nursery Natives, which will be available to guests with a recommended donation of \$5 - \$10. All funds that are raised through the Redbud Drive will be invested

back into the festival, or another community project occurring at Sunset Park in Radford. Donors will be given the option which cause they would like to support.

Tickets to the event are \$10 and are available through Event Brite and BetterWorld.org

The musical lineup includes: Ball & Chain (Amphitheatre Stage) The Skieebo Wymys Trio Timothy The Breakfast Club Band Appalachian Space Train Parker's PillBox (Gazebo Stage) Colby & the Elephant

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U.S. Senator Tim Kaine visits Radford University Carilion for healthcare workforce roundtable

As part of a series of events held throughout Southwest Virginia over the course of a week, U.S. Senator Tim Kaine visited Radford University Carilion (RUC) on Wednesday, April 12.

At RUC, located at Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital in downtown Roanoke, Sen. Kaine led a roundtable discussion about how to best support the development of the healthcare workforce and address issues such as staffing shortages.

Discussion topics included a need for increased clinical placement opportunities for students training for healthcare positions, the loss of healthcare instructors to jobs outside of teaching due to salary discrepancies, and resources to help veterans to transition from the military to higher education and into healthcare jobs.

President Bret Danilowicz and leadership from Radford University academic programs and colleges were joined at the session by leaders at Carilion Clinic, the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Virginia Western Community College, the Salem VA Healthcare System and LewisGale Physicians/HCA Virginia Health System.

In addition, several RUC students participated, including Stephanie DiLaura, a second semester accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing student; Olivia Lovell, a second-year occupational therapy



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Senator Tim Kaine with Radford University President Bret Danilowicz, Ph.D.

student; Troy Stallard, a biomedical sciences and emergency services student; and Reilly Marrs, a first-year physician assistant student.

"I feel like hearing our leaders expressing concerns about the same issues that those of us on the ground are seeing every day is satisfying," Stallard said. "To know that those things are being talked about and are actively being addressed gives me hope."

DiLaura agreed adding, "I appreciated the opportunity to be in this space. As students, we often don't think our voice or opinion matters, but today's conversation gives us the ability to express our thoughts to the people who can help us make a difference."

Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Committee, has advocated for healthcare professionals, introducing legislation to increase representation of rural students, underserved students and students of color in the healthcare workforce; legislation to address staffing shortages in the direct care workforce and support family caregivers; and successfully got his legislation to expand mental health support for healthcare workers across the finish line and signed into law.

"I'm appreciative of Senator Kaine for making this visit to RUC a priority during his recess, and engaging in such a critical discussion with faculty, students and regional employers on the topic of healthcare workforce education," Danilowicz said.

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Radford to host three days of international music

RADFORD - Radford University's Music Department will host three days of international music at the end of the semester between April 27 and 29.

All events are free and open to the public, presenting a unique opportunity to enjoy everything from classical piano to flamenco music.

On April 27, the 2022 IBLA Grand Prize winners will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center on Radford University's main campus. Annually, the IBLA Foundation in New York City organizes a competition for singers, musicians and composers in Ragusa Ibla, in Sicily that draws talent from across the globe. Top Prize winner, Serbian composer and pianist Julija Bal, headlines the event. Bal made her American debut at Carnegie Hall and is praised for her originality and technique. Performing on the same stage will be musicians from Argentina, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain and Ukraine.

On April 28 and 29, the 22nd annual International Guitar Festival will offer two days of concerts and workshops. Musicians with roots in Peru, Turkey, Romania and Spain will bring a variety of guitar styles and techniques to Davis Hall. Among the performers is Jorge Caballero, a renowned guitarist who has garnered several international awards from the age of 19. In addition to performing classical guitar compositions and his own work, Caballero is famous for adapting orchestra and piano



Serbian composer and pianist Julija Bal headlines the IBLA Grand Prize Winners Concert on April 27, 2023 at Radford University.



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Jorge Caballero performs Saturday, April 29.

compositions for guitar.

This will be the 22nd annual International Guitar Festival at Radford University. Dr. Robert Trent organizes this event each year and will also be among the performers and workshop leaders. The festival will begin at 3 p.m. on April 28 with a masterclass taught by Mary Akerman and Robert Teixeira, followed by a masterclass led by Jorge Caballero. In the evening, Turkish guitarist Mesut Ozgen will perform at 7 p.m. followed by the Maharajah

Flamenco Trio.

On Saturday, April 29, events begin at 1 pm with the Maharajah Flamenco Trio improv workshop. Mesut Ozgen and Robert Trent will offer masterclasses as well, followed by a concert duet from Akerman and Teixeira at 4 p.m. At 7 p.m., Suzuki guitar students will perform with the Radford Guitar Ensemble and the event will wrap up with a concert by Caballero.

-Sean Kotz for Radford University

VT Run in Remembrance honors lives lost

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech held a Day of Remembrance in honor of the students and faculty members who lost their lives on April 16, 2007 on the campus of Virginia Tech.

On Saturday, April 15, the 3.2-Mile Run in Remembrance, an annual event that has attracted thousands of walkers, joggers, and competitive runners to campus since 2009, was held on Alumni Mall near the Torgersen Hall bridge. The event

started with a moment of silence, and runners traveled across campus and into Lane Stadium, ending at the April 16 Memorial.

On Sunday, April 16, the lighting of a ceremonial candle was held at the April 16 Memorial, located in front of Burruss Hall on Drillfield Drive, and the names of the 32 Hokies lost on April 16, 2007, were read. A wreath-laying ceremony and moment of silence also was held. Student members of the

Virginia Tech Rescue Squad carried wreaths to the memorial, which were placed by Virginia Tech President Tim Sands and Laura Sands and Executive Vice President and Provost Cyril Clarke.

The ceremonial candle was then extinguished, and the light was carried back into Burruss Hall, representing the university's commitment to never forget.

-News Journal staff report



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
The 3.2 for 32 Run in Remembrance, held Saturday, at Virginia Tech, included approximately 8,000 Hokies and supporters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 19:

Business Women's meeting
 American Business Women's Association NRV Express Network April luncheon meeting; 11:30 a.m.-1p.m., Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg, 99 Bradley Drive, Christiansburg. Join us for networking fun at our April meeting. We will engage in interactive ice breakers to get to know each other better. We have lots of new members in recent months and would love to become better acquainted with each and everyone. Paige Godwin is the Speaker Sponsor for this meeting. RSVP by April 17. Cost is \$16. Contact: Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com or Paige Godwin at godwinpaige@gmail.com.

Radford Army Ammunition Plant community meeting
 The Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) will hold the next Commander's Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman St., Christiansburg. It also will be broadcast on Facebook Live (facebook.com/RadfordArmyAmmunitionPlant/). Meetings are open to the public.

Hahn Horticulture Garden Talk
 At the Virginia Tech Squires Student Center Brush Mountain Room B (not at the Garden!); 10 -11:30 a.m. Campus Arborist Jamie King will discuss key elements and components of the draft of VT's Urban Forest Master Plan.

Thursday, April 20:

Photo matting and framing
 The next meeting of the Radford Photo Club will be Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Becky Lattuca, director of the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley, will provide instruction on matting and framing photos. Attendees are invited to bring photos they would like to discuss how to frame for maximum impact or those that are not a standard size. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the Radford Photo Club, email Lucy Gilmore at lucy.gilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com.

Meadowbrook Quilters
 At the Meadowbrook Library; 6:30 – 8 p.m. All age groups and skill levels are encouraged to participate in this informal gathering of individuals who love quilting or just want to learn the craft. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, in the Studio Room of the Meadowbrook Center.

Thursday, April 20 – Saturday, April 22:

Hahn Horticulture Garden Plant Sale:
 At the Hahn Horticulture Garden, 200 Garden Lane, on the campus of Virginia Tech; Thurs., April 20 and Fri., April 21: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sat., April 22 8 a.m. –

noon (or when they sell out.) This event benefits both the Garden and the Horticulture Club, so please come out and support and purchase some interesting plants for your yard. There will be a preview on Wed. April 19 at noon where we will highlight some of the plants that will be for sale. Please note that no plants will be sold or put on hold on Wednesday.

Friday, April 20:

Friends of the Library Book
 At the Blacksburg Library; noon – 4 p.m. The Friends of the Library are having their used book sale! Fill a standard grocery bag for only \$5.

Saturday, April 22:

Montgomery County/ Blacksburg Kiwanis Club Brunswick Stew fundraiser
 At Prices Fork Elementary School (PFES), 4021 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg; noon – 2 p.m. Fundraiser benefits programming at PFES and local youth charities supported by Kiwanis. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling (540) 951-5834 or emailing pfesstew@gmail.com. Payment accepted by cash or check upon pickup. Kindly make checks payable to PFES. Drive-thru service will be available the day of pickup. Price is \$10/ quart or \$9 /quart for five quarts.

Family Movie Matinee: Lightyear
 At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The same studio that brought you Toy Story brings you "Lightyear". See the origin story of Buzz Lightyear alongside his robot companion Sox. Rated PG; 101 minutes.

Monday, April 24:

Radford City Council meeting
 The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting
 Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Tuesday, April 25:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting
 Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting
 Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

Lunch and Learn: Decompress from Stress
 At the Radford Public Library; noon – 1 p.m. Join us for a presentation about how to manage stress with licensed Humana agent Lauren Hand. This event is free and open to the community. To reserve

your seat and lunch, email Elizabeth.Sensabaugh@radfordva.gov.

Saturday, April 29:

Library of Virginia on-the-go
 At the Meadowbrook Library; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Library of Virginia is bringing their state-of-the-art equipment and offering their expertise. Join us to explore research resources, discuss regional and family history, enjoy children's activities and much more. Door prizes, Genealogy 101 and help with your questions, tours of the Meadowbrook Museum and the MFRL Mobile Library, special guest Daniel Thorp, and Precious Valley Farms Petting Zoo. All events are free and open to the community.

Sunday, April 30:

Christiansburg Presbyterian Church Spring Concert
 Christiansburg Presbyterian Church will offer its annual Spring Concert at 4 p.m. This year's guest artist will be classical guitarist Justin Craig. Justin is a graduate of Radford University with a Master of Music degree in classical guitar performance. He is a busy regional guitarist, jazz performer, recording artist, and teacher. He performs often as a soloist and leads a variety of groups including a modern jazz and Brazilian group. This concert is free and open to the public.

On-going:

Registration open for annual Scrabble tournament for literacy
 Registration is now open for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley 15th Annual LVNRV Scrabble Tournament, which will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Sinkland Farms in Christiansburg. All proceeds from the fun evening support free tutoring for adults to provide them with the skills they need for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. Programs include one-on-one tutoring, Skill Up NRV and Family READS programs, GED and U.S. Citizenship preparation classes, and Bridge to Digital Learning initiative. Register at www.lvnrv.org or call 540-382-7262.

Cap and Gown Drive
 The Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office is partnering with Blacksburg High School and Sustainable Blacksburg to encourage re-use of previous years' graduate gear for the 2023 senior class. Gowns (blue only - from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Main Entrance of Blacksburg High School. It is appreciated if materials are dry-cleaned, but not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes
 New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. The classes began on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Glencoe Mansion announces call for art for Mary Draper Ingles Show
 Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July-August 2023 Gallery Exhibit, "A Journey For All," a multi-artist show themed on the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles. Accepted artwork should reflect the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles, expressions of life during the colonial period, and histories of all the peoples, from settlers to indigenous cultures to enslaved people, who called the frontier home. This includes, but is not limited to, depictions of local landmarks (for example, Ingles Farm, the Cultural and Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and other connected sites in the region), and Colonial style art. All fine arts and fine craft media including painting, plein air, illustration, digital media, textiles, mixed media and photography will be considered. Artists may submit up to three (3) artworks for consideration. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 13. Participation, which is subject to acceptance, is open to artists in and around the NRV area. Entry forms for "A Journey For All" can be found at www.glencoemansion.org or by contacting arts@glencoemansion.org.

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LEGO building contest showcases creativity, skill at NRV Home Expo



Best in Show, ages 4-6: Sophie, Age 5



Best in Show, ages 7-10: Lilly, Age 7



Best in Show, ages 11-16: Luke, Age 14



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE NRV HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
People's Choice Winner: Jonathan, Age 11

The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) is excited to announce the winners of their LEGO Home Building Contest that took place at the 2023 NRV Home Expo April 1-2 at the Christiansburg Rec Center.

Kids ages 4-17 from throughout the New River Valley were invited to submit entries of their best custom home creation.

Over 40 entries were received, and Best in Show winners were chosen from among three age groups. Entries were judged at the 2023 NRV Home Expo by NRVHBA members. Each entry received scores based on Overall Design, the Best Use of LEGO Elements, and the "Cool Factor" (overall creativity and originality). An award was also given for the People's Choice. Attendees at the NRV Home Expo were invited to vote for their favorite entry. Each age group winner and the people's choice winner received a custom-made medal, a \$50 gift card, and a free copy of The House That She Built, a book that educates young readers about the people and skills that go into building a home.

Winners were announced at the NRV Home Expo on Sunday April 2 by Jason Hardy, an NRVHBA Board Member and representative from the event sponsor, Carter Bank & Trust.

"Carter Bank & Trust is once again proud to sponsor the NRVHBA LEGO Home Building competition," said Hardy. "On behalf of our associates throughout the New River Valley I'd like to offer congratulations to everyone who entered their projects. It's obvious that a lot of hard work went into creating some amazing and creative homes."

Winners of the contest were:
Best in Show, ages 4-6: Sophie, Age 5
Best in Show, ages 7-10: Lilly, Age 7
Best in Show, ages 11-16: Luke, Age 14
People's Choice Winner: Jonathan, Age 11
The NRVHBA congratulates the winners and thanks all of the participants for submitting entries.

New Mount Olive frying up fish this weekend

RADFORD - The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive are sponsoring a fish fry this Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. - 4 pm. The fish fry will be held at New Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 309 Russell Ave., in Radford. Dinners are \$12 and include two pieces of fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Fish sandwiches are \$6 and an Extra Piece Of Fish is \$3.50. For call-in orders, call the church at 540-639-6425. Delivery is available only in Radford.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JW WEBB
The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive members Gilbert Meadows and Odell Palmer get the famous fried fish ready for hungry customers at the September 2022 fish fry.

-Submitted by JW Webb

Radford University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa inducts 31 members after five-year hiatus

RADFORD - After a five-year hiatus, as of April 10, 2023, Radford University again has a circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK). During a ceremony in the Bonnie Auditorium at the Hurlburt Student Center on campus, 31 students were inducted into the revitalized student organization.

Dr. Jean Mistele, director of the Citizen Leader Program and professor in the mathematics and statistics department led efforts to restart the ODK circle at Radford University (RU). Her efforts were supported by team members Dr. Timothy Reed, vice president of membership and operations at ODK headquarters, Dr. Pamela Frasier, professor in the health

and human performance department, Dr. Chapman Rackaway, chair and professor in the political science department, and Jacob May, Circle assistant and undergraduate student at Radford University. Mistele, Frasier and Rackaway were also inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa per national requirements. Mistele serves as Circle coordinator, and Frasier and Rackaway serve as faculty advisors.

Local inductees include: Kristen Renee Edwards, of Christiansburg; Abigail Elaine Ridpath, of Radford; and Allison Noelle Jones, of Shawsville.

The unique mission of ODK is to recognize and encourage collaboration among collegiate leaders.

The Society seeks to identify, celebrate, and engage collegiate and community leaders from different backgrounds, perspectives, and generations. Members enjoy scholarship opportunities, leadership development programs, access to a national network, and more.

The eligibility requirements for ODK include: two semesters (one year) as a full-time student at Radford University; sophomore, junior, or senior standing; a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 (sophomores), 3.5 (juniors), or 3.6 (seniors); exemplary character as evident by the submission of a resume and character references; and achievement of special distinction in leadership.

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SUNDAY April 23
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12:22 PM - Opening Ceremonies
12:30 - 2 PM - Tate Tuck Band
2 - 5 PM - Eric Wayne Band

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Community Housing Partners receives \$543,000 grant from Neighborworks America

CHRISTIANSBURG - Community Housing Partners (CHP), a member of the national NeighborWorks network, has received \$543,000 in flexible grants from NeighborWorks America, which will support CHP's efforts to develop and preserve affordable housing and revitalize and sustain neighbors throughout the Southeast and mid-Atlantic.

"We are incredibly grateful for this grant from NeighborWorks America, which will allow us to continue our critical work in developing and preserving affordable housing," said Lance Sutherland, Chief Financial Officer at CHP. "This funding helps CHP to remain agile and responsive to the evolving needs of our communities."

The grant includes \$360,000 in capital funding to support CHP's

real estate development activities. In total, NeighborWorks America announced more than \$79 million in grants to its network of 247 nonprofit organizations located around the country. Network organizations use flexible NeighborWorks grants to develop affordable rental and for-sale housing, provide housing and financial counseling services, engage residents in comprehensive community development strategies, and make commercial and economic development loans.

"In 2022, NeighborWorks network organizations were a lifeline for people facing eviction, foreclosure, and homelessness. We provided the knowledge, access and resources to secure stable housing," said Marietta Rodriguez, President and CEO of NeighborWorks America, in the grant

announcement. "Rising housing costs have put enormous strain on household budgets, and NeighborWorks network organizations continue to work with families to improve their financial well-being. NeighborWorks network organizations also lift up entire communities in urban, suburban, and rural areas, partnering with residents to strengthen and revitalize neighborhoods."

In fiscal year 2022, NeighborWorks America and the NeighborWorks network generated \$10.8 billion in direct investment in communities across the country. NeighborWorks also provided 415,800 housing and counseling services, created 18,800 new homeowners, and owned and/or managed 204,900 quality, affordable rental homes.

-Submitted by Community Housing Partners

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"While preparing students for future careers in healthcare is critical, I wanted to stress the importance of ensuring that the costs of these degree programs do not put opportunities out of reach. Maintaining affordable education pathways to a career in healthcare will allow institutions like Radford University to be inclusive of prospective students from a variety of backgrounds, which will in turn help improve patient outcomes and keep the workforce pipeline as open as possible."

"I was impressed that Senator Kaine knew about many of the issues we wanted to discuss and wanted to know more," DiLaura said. "I was surprised by how many educators schools lose each year because they can make more practicing than teaching. I thought being a professor was a prestigious position — you get to teach, you get to do research. Who wouldn't want to do that? But, the discrepancy in pay explains why we've lost some of our professors over time."

"It was refreshing to hear those things being talked about and to hear that people are searching for solutions," Lovell said. "Sometimes, in a program, you can think it's just me or it's just us when really it's not. It's encouraging to hear that there are people trying to fix things. It may take time and we may stumble, but we're trying to take steps and that's what's important."

After the roundtable discussion, Sen. Kaine toured RUC's respiratory therapy and nursing labs where he heard about how tomorrow's healthcare professionals are being trained in advanced healthcare procedures and with innovative technologies.

All of the RUC students involved in the roundtable and the tour of labs expressed their gratitude to the Senator and his staff for not only coming to RUC and hearing concerns



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Senator Kaine speaks with students in the respiratory therapy lab at RUC.

about workforce development in healthcare, but also for being genuinely interested in finding concrete solutions.

"I want to express my gratitude to Senator Kaine and everybody at Radford for listening to us and asking our opinions — it means a lot," said Stallard, an Air Force veteran who plans to attend medical school after graduating from RUC. "As someone who has moved from a military career to starting a healthcare career, I appreciate that the Senator allowed me to give veteran students like me a voice."

DiLaura added that the discussion raised her awareness about the power she and her fellow students have.

"I was incredibly grateful to hear from everyone involved," she said. "I learned a lot about what can be done at the federal and state level and which doors we need to be knocking on."

"To give us this opportunity is an education, just like the one we're getting in class and the lab," said Lovell. "Going into healthcare, we need these advocacy skills and the ability

to have interprofessional dialogue. We need to know that we're not alone and see how we can work together to help our patients and communities thrive."

The roundtable discussion at RUC in Roanoke was one of several events Sen. Kaine took part in during the week. Other events took place in Dublin, Marion, Damascus, Big Stone Gap and Jonesville, covering topics that included infrastructure, electric vehicles, mental health, clean energy and other Virginia priorities. Kaine will also participate in a day of service with the Appalachian Service Project at the end of the week.

Those participating in the round table discussion from Radford University were President Bret Danilowicz, Kenneth M. Cox, dean of the Waldron College of Health and Human Services; Wendy Downey, interim dean of the School of Nursing; Kathy Pellant, director of clinical education in respiratory therapy; and Nicole Ramsey, a career coach. Participants from other organizations included Cynthia Lawrence, director of the office of workforce development at Carilion Clinic; Lee Learman, dean of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine; Kim Manning, a registered nurse at Carilion Clinic; Tara Wiedeman, senior director for talent acquisition and development at Carilion Clinic; Dyana Williams, nurse recruiter at the Salem VA Healthcare System; Elizabeth Wilmer, vice president of academic and student affairs at Virginia Western Community College; LewisGale Physicians/HCA Virginia Health System Cardiology Physician Assistant Matthew Bowles; Salem VA Health Care System Chief of Staff Francis Cannizzo; and Alan Fabian, Market President for LewisGale Regional Health System.

-Mark Lambert for Radford University

AARP Virginia fraud alert: Student loan relief scam

If there is one constant in the criminal world it's that scammers follow the news. Student loan forgiveness has been the focus of recent headlines, which has given scammers room for student-loan-related fraud.

Be wary of any unsolicited contacts from "debt relief experts" offering access to instant, easy-to-access loan forgiveness options or mentioning the "Biden Plan." They often ask for upfront payment or for personal information such as your Social Security number or your FSA ID (the username and password on your loan account).

It is illegal for debt relief companies to collect payment from you before they get results, so upfront fees are a surefire sign of fraud. Secondly, these offers provide nothing you can't find yourself for free by contacting your loan servicer or the U.S. Department of Education.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

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Virginia gas prices on the rise

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have risen 9.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.53/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 31.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand 40.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 0.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.15 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.84/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.45/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.84/g while the highest was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.45/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 7.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.65/g today. The national average is up 22.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 41.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

- April 17, 2022: \$3.93/g (U.S. Average: \$4.06/g)
- April 17, 2021: \$2.72/g (U.S. Average: \$2.86/g)
- April 17, 2020: \$1.74/g (U.S. Average: \$1.79/g)
- April 17, 2019: \$2.59/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g)
- April 17, 2018: \$2.55/g (U.S. Average: \$2.73/g)
- April 17, 2017: \$2.23/g (U.S. Average: \$2.41/g)
- April 17, 2016: \$1.94/g (U.S. Average: \$2.11/g)

- April 17, 2015: \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: \$2.43/g)
- April 17, 2014: \$3.48/g (U.S. Average: \$3.66/g)
- April 17, 2013: \$3.43/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g)

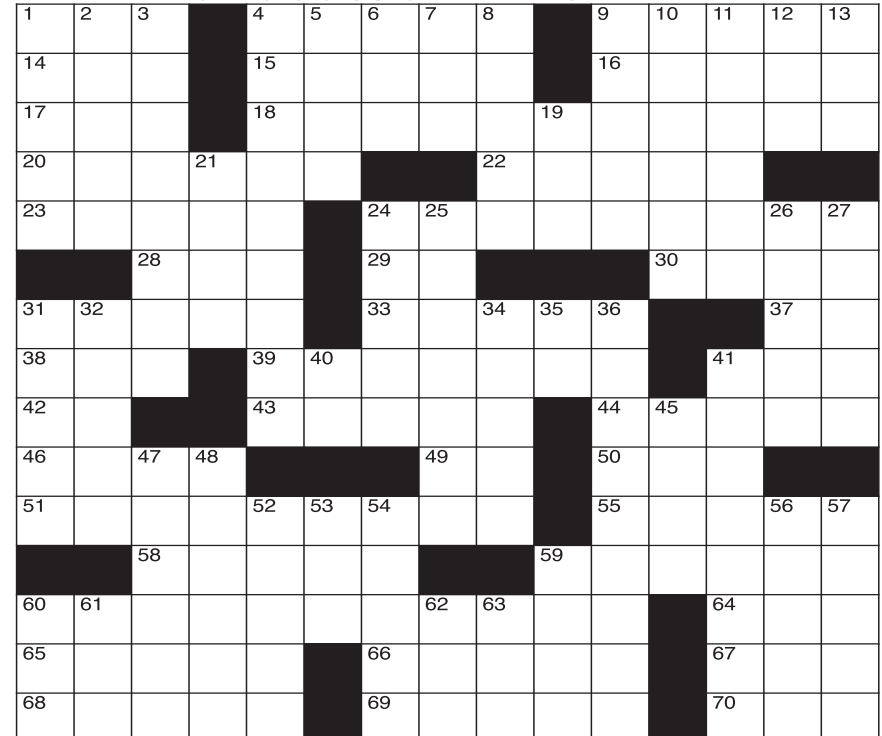
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Roanoke- \$3.44/g, up 12.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.32/g.
- Richmond- \$3.52/g, up 6.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.46/g.
- West Virginia- \$3.56/g, down 1 cent per gallon from last week's \$3.57/g.

"With oil prices touching their highest level of 2023 at nearly \$83 per barrel, the national average price of gasoline has continued to inch higher, with 45 of the nation's 50 states seeing prices rise over the last week. While the rising price of oil is likely the largest factor in rising gas prices, seasonal impacts continue to also exert pressure on prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With the Northeast making the final step in the transition to summer gasoline this week, states in that region should expect a sharp rise in gasoline prices over the next week or two. Every other region has already seen the final step in the transition occur, so while other areas will see prices continue to slowly rise, the Northeast is likely to see a pretty hefty jump of 15-40 cents per gallon soon. Oil prices remain a wildcard, but we're likely a few weeks away from seeing the national average peak. Whether it hits \$4 per gallon or not is still perhaps a 50/50 chance."

-Submitted by Gas Buddy

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 22. Make law
 23. Drench
 24. Soak in a liquid
 28. Male child
 29. It cools your home
 30. Small constellation
 31. To call (archaic)
 33. Explores beneath the Earth
 37. Commercial
 38. W. hemisphere organization
 39. You can find it in a can
 41. "Land of the free"
 42. 36 inches
 43. Footwear
 44. Challenges
 46. They hold things together
 49. Of I
 50. Partner to flow
 51. Not connected by kinship
 55. Worries
 58. Garlic mayonnaise
 59. A way to take by force
 60. Legendary English rockers
 64. Your consciousness of your own identity
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 66. Silly
 67. Actor DiCaprio
 68. Encircles with a belt
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1. Horse mackerels
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 5. Type of sarcoma
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 7. Sun up in New York
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 21. Employee stock ownership plan
 24. Large-scale
 25. School environment
 26. Remove
 27. Male parents
 31. Large rodent
 32. Weighed down
 34. Held tightly
 35. ___ route: going there
 36. Explains again
 40. Exclamation of surprise
 41. Courteously
 45. Lying down
 47. Judge
 48. Forcefully took
 52. Loosely compacted sediment
 53. High mountain
 54. Portable conical tents
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Regional tourism updates council on virtual tourism site

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG - The Christiansburg Town Council invited Regional Tourism Executive Director, David Rotenizer and Tourism Program Assistant, Cheyenne Kees to provide an update on the local tourism website improvements during the town's regular meeting on April 11.

A tourism travel survey titled "Visitor Profiling and Nature of Demand Study for the NRV" has recently been completed to determine areas of interest for travelers and the purpose of their visits.

Rotenizer called the report "the first post-pandemic study to be done for our region, and probably one of the first studies right now in the whole state, because it just came out."

The results of this study are part of a rebranding that the tourism office has been working on, in collaboration with New River Valley Partnership, to improve visitor's access to the region.

Kees presented the New Visitors Guide, which will have both print and virtual components to aid travelers to the area in finding local food, art, entertainment, parks, and accommodations. The QR codes on each page will bring a visitor to the main page of the virtual Visitor Center where they can find timely information on places to visit in the New River Valley. The electronic component of the virtual guide provides added statistical information for the department as well.

"I can track each individual QR code so I know exactly what people are using the visitor's guides for," said Kees.

The guide includes a

map that shows where to find parks, trails, natural water resources and other attractions for people visiting the area. The onboarding process for the Virtual Visitor Center has begun. They hope to be up and running online by next month.

Council member Timothy Wilson addressed Kees concerning the still outdated information on the town's visitor website.

"It's nice to finally have that after almost a year waiting for it," Wilson said. "It is all a tourist has to go to. So, I told you last year that everything on your website promoted Blacksburg more than Christiansburg."

Rotenizer countered that the new system is cutting edge technology and "worth the wait I think."

During public address of the meeting, one citizen also thought the visitor information was lacking in content and accessibility.

"Mr. Wilson is right. It's been almost a year and it's still...it's pretty much a joke," said Chris Waltz of Christiansburg. "If you look for things to do in Montgomery County on Google, Google does a good job of giving you things to do but the tourism website doesn't even show up until the end of the page."

In another presentation to council, Human Resources Director Alicia Dials revealed a proposal for an all-inclusive Wellness Program, which includes a new two-hour fitness leave with employee's department head approval. The results of the 12 selected employees appointed to a planning committee for the proposal provided input to work towards a more comprehensive wellness program. Then a short

survey was provided to the employees in the town.

"The survey results, we had 63% overall participation...over half of our employees participated," Dials said. "Massage by far won out, about 80%. We had a lot of employees that wanted a massage."

Other popular topics selected by employees included walking and running, hunting and fishing, and financial wellness.

Following a brief discussion, the council voted 6 to 0 in support of the wellness program and the fitness leave.

On another point of discussion during the meeting, council voted 6 to 0 in approval of a recommendation for a tax map revision, which the street committee had also previously approved. Tax Map Nos. 528-((A))91, 528-((45))-15, and 528-((45))-16, will create seven residential plats and one commercial plat located on Gatewood Street in Christiansburg.

Council member Tanya Hockett also presented information concerning a request for Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, who has requested a conditional use permit for a carnival from April 29 through May 17, 2023 at the Uptown Mall location. A public hearing was held on March 28 allowing citizens an opportunity for comment. Council member Johana Hicks made a first motion, with Wilson seconding the motion and council voting 6 to 0 in approval of the conditional use permit.

A reappointment of Barry Helms to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors with a term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 was also approved by the council in a 6 to 0 vote.

OBITUARIES

Lytton, Nancy Kay Duncan

Nancy Kay Duncan Lytton, 75, of Christiansburg, passed away at her home on Thursday, April 13, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Troy and Margaret Duncan; and her sister, Loretta White.

Survivors include her loving husband of 31 years, Howard Junior Lytton; daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Cory Webb; sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Patricia Cox, and Michael and Missie Cox; 18 grandchildren;

14 great-grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law,

law, Catherine and Glen Hall, Shirley and Paul Hutchinson, and Linda and Mike Bishop; and many nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

The family received friends on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A graveside service followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford with Pastor Chris Sellors officiating.

The Lytton family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.



Ray and Shirley Duncan, and Ricky Duncan; sisters and brothers-in-

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These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.

New pest targets Virginia onions, garlic, and leek crops

Home gardeners and commercial farmers alike should be on the lookout for a new Virginia pest: the allium leaf miner, says Tom Kuhar, a professor of entomology at Virginia Tech.

The allium leafminer is an invasive fly that can devastate allium crops like onions, garlic, and leeks. It was first recorded in the U.S. in Pennsylvania in 2015 and was recorded in Virginia in

2021. "The pest attacks onions, garlic, and leeks where the larvae (maggots) feed on plant tissue by "mining" the plant, causing wilting and possible death," says Kuhar.

Kuhar says that adult females repeatedly puncture allium leaves with their ovipositor (a tube-like organ for depositing eggs), resulting in a line of small white dots. This may cause leaves to be wavy, curled, and distorted.

"Larvae, which look like a typical whitish maggot, are extremely destructive as they "mine" leaves and move into bulbs and leaf sheaths where they pupate (enter the next stage of their lifecycle)," says Kuhar. "Infected plants may appear wilted or stunted with distorted leaves and smaller bulbs."

Kuhar says the invasive pest was recorded in Southwest Virginia in 2021 and has been found in Montgomery, Carroll, Boretour, and Bedford counties. Virginians are encouraged to be on the lookout for this pest and help monitor its spread.

To protect plants, Kuhar says covering crops with agricultural fabric in April-May and September-October, during the adult flights will exclude egg-laying

females from reaching your plants and help prevent larval infestations. There are a number of registered insecticide options for commercial growers. For pesticide recommendations or other information, contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Office or consult the Mid-Atlantic Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations, Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 456-420 (SPES-391P).

Virginia Cooperative Extension experts help all Virginians implement the research of Virginia's two land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, and provide real solutions for a more sustainable and collaborative commonwealth.

To help connect your community with research-based horticulture education and participate in volunteer projects related to emerging pests, environmental stewardship, and community resilience, become an Extension Master Gardener by contacting your local Extension Office.

-Max Esterhuizen for Virginia Tech

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RADFORD SPORTS

CHS introduces inaugural Hall of Fame class

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Christiansburg High School's inaugural sports hall of fame class was introduced Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium with 24 former athletes, coaches and supporters.

The group spans six decades ranging from the 1950s to the early 2000s.

The coaches included as inductees include Buddy Earp, Norma Cox, Tim Cromer, Kevin Dresser, Wally Flinchum, Dean Underwood, Mutt Byrd, Steve Wright, Randy Bailey, Jeff Custer, Debbie Sherman-Lee and Shane Gynn. Athletes included Tommy Barber, Joe Board, Clifford Dillard, Gloria Dillard, Brian Eigel, Mark Franklin, Darren Graham, Randy Lawrence, Rebecca McNeil, Billy Parker, Jeff Stanley and Betty-Jo Lester Willard.

Some of the inductee highlights include:

Earp was a lifelong educator and a Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He attended Emory & Henry College where he played football and was a team captain, four-year starter, and Little All American Honorable Mention. He is a charter member of the Emory & Henry Sports Hall of Fame. Upon graduating from Emory & Henry College in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Buddy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Korean War where he was wounded and awarded a Purple Heart.

In 1954, Buddy and his wife, Jane, moved to Christiansburg where Coach Earp began his career as a physical education, health, Spanish, and English teacher at Christiansburg High School. He is most often remembered as the CHS football coach from 1954 – 1960.

Cox graduated from Radford College in 1968 and later received her master's degree from Radford University. She was hired in 1968 by Buddy Earp to be a student teacher at CHS and began a teaching and coaching career that would last 32-years from 1968-2000. Coach Cox had the privilege of teaching grades 8-12 in Health, Physical Education, and Drivers Education.

During her tenure, Cox earned several awards. In basketball, she was named as the 1975 New River District Coach of the Year. Later in 1995 Coach Cox was named as the New River District/VHSL/and Mid Atlantic Regional Coach of the Year.

Cromer, who is the current CHS athletic director, has coached athletics for 35 years in both Florida and Virginia. He coached four years as a baseball assistant coach, six years as an assistant and one year as a track and field coach, three years as a head weightlifting coach (in Florida it is a sport), and two years as a Head girls basketball coach. He spent his entire 35 years coaching football, spending 15 years as an assistant coach (four years at CMS and three years at CHS) and 20 years as a Head Football coach, the last 15 years of that time coaching the CHS Blue Demons.

In 15 years as Head Football Coach at Christiansburg High School, Coach Cromer led the Blue Demons to an overall record of 98-75. During his tenure, the Blue Demons carried a 13-10 record over 23 playoff games. From 2002-2017, the Blue Demons won 3 District and Conference Championships, three Region Runner-ups, three Region Championships and competed in the 2011 Division 4 State Football Championship game, losing 28-26 to Briar Woods High School.

Dresser was a two-time wrestling state champion at Humbolt High School in Iowa. He attended the



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Members of the first-year Christiansburg Sports Hall of Fame gather for a photo after the event in the school's cafeteria.

University of Iowa to wrestle where he was an NCAA National Champion at 142 pounds and was a two-time NCAA All-American.

After graduation, he was an assistant wrestling coach for several years at Iowa under legendary coach Dan Gable.

Later Kevin accepted a position as head wrestling coach at the Virginia powerhouse Grundy High School where he won eight state titles in eight years. In 1996, Coach Dresser moved to Christiansburg to take over the wrestling program at CHS. Coach Dresser led the wrestling program from 1996-2006, and during the 10-year span he led the Demons to three VHSL state runners-up before winning 5 consecutive State championships. This started the streak of 17 straight state championships for the CHS wrestling program. During his tenure at CHS, the wrestling program was nationally ranked at one time being as high as number 4 in the country.

Coach Dresser left Christiansburg to take over the wrestling program at Virginia Tech where he won two ACC Tournament Championships and three ACC Dual Championships and was named NWCA Coach of the Year. In 2017, Coach Dresser accepted an offer to be the new Head wrestling coach at Iowa State University.

Underwood began teaching at Christiansburg High School in 1975 and continued teaching Auto Mechanics until 1992.

He began coaching at Christiansburg and during his tenure was a coach for the football and track teams, however wrestling is where Coach Underwood would put his fingerprint on Christiansburg. He was the co-founder of the Christiansburg High School wrestling program. He also started the middle school wrestling program as well as founded the Christiansburg Recreation Youth Wrestling program.

Custer was a member of the CHS graduating class of 1983. During his time at CHS he was a member of the boys' cross-country, indoor and outdoor track teams from 1980-1983. team captain cross country, indoor and outdoor track 1982, 1983. most valuable runner-cross country, indoor and outdoor track 1982,1983.

After attending and running cross country at Radford University, he would return to coach at Christiansburg

High School. He then continued his teaching and coaching career at several other schools where he had similar success in cross-country and track including time at Woodbridge, Gar-Field, Lake Braddock, and Forrest Park High schools.

Overall, as a coach of the cross -country and track teams for all of his schools, Coach Custer led teams to a combined: 15 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 11 STATE RUNNER-UPS, 41 REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS, 73 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS from 1988-2017.

Sherman-Lee graduated from CHS in the Class of 1970!! While in school she was on the CHS volleyball team and the track team. She excelled in sports and won first place in the 220 at the state meet in 1970.

She went on to attend Radford College, which was a women's college at the time. The name changed to Radford University in 1979 where she played Field Hockey and Volleyball and played on the first volleyball team at Radford College.

Board graduated from Christiansburg High School in the Class of 1958. He played on Coach Buddy Earp's first football teams at CHS, from 1953 through 1957, lettering each year and scoring 40 touchdowns in his career. Board was reputedly the fastest player in the region, and it was said that he was never caught from behind once he got in the open field. He played halfback and quarterback during his years at CHS and was on teams that went 8-2 and 6-4 during his junior and senior years, playing with other Blue Demon stalwarts like Red Griffith, Jack Sayers, and Ford Wirt among others.

Board's speed carried over to an unparalleled track career at CHS, where he almost single-handedly won the Group 2 State Track Meet in the spring of his senior year, taking first place in the 100-yard dash, the 220, the long jump (then called the broad jump), and anchoring the first-place half-mile relay team.

This first class will also be recognized at a CHS football game in September, and from this date forward, the new HOF class will be announced at a fall halftime. Blair Allen, HOF committee member, said the plan calls for five additional athletes every year to follow.

Local residents can nominate new HOF members by going to the committee's Facebook page.

Bruins down Byrd in boys lacrosse



Blacksburg's Ethan Ratcliffe whips a sidearm shot and scores one of his three goals on the evening during the first half against William Byrd.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING
Blacksburg's Sam Purcell embraces teammate Michael Mullins after Mullins' game winning goal with less than 2:30 remaining in the contest. Blacksburg would add an insurance goal for the 8-6 win over William Byrd for their first victory of the season.

Lady Bruins slide past Byrd



Blacksburg's Hayli Williams tries to penetrate the William Byrd defense during a Thursday night home game. Blacksburg pulled ahead in the second half to collect a 14-10 win over William Byrd.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING
Blacksburg's Azalee Chase finds an opening against William Byrd and scores a second half goal. In a back-and-forth game, the Bruins used a strong second half to record a 14-10 win over the Terriers.

