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Christiansburg Institute, Inc. continues mission of preservation and education African American Legacy Tour series is a driving tour of 19 significant locations throughout the county

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The African American Legacy Tour Series is a driving tour of 19 locations throughout the county, where significant cultural and historical sites are located and can be understood through an electronic brochure created by Christiansburg Institute, Inc.

The driving tour begins at the Christiansburg Town Square, a site where trafficked and enslaved people were previously auctioned to bidders until the 13th Amendment abolished slavery in 1865. This information, along with many other historical facts and images, can be viewed by downloading the brochure and map at www.christiansburginstitute.com.

As tourists visit each location on the map, they can scan the provided QR codes to see historical preserved photographs and learn more about each location along the route. The route guides visitors to schools, churches, cemeteries, and of course the location of The Christiansburg Industrial Institute and Edgar A. Long building, located at 140 Scattergood Drive in Christiansburg, just down the hill from the current Christiansburg High School.

The Christiansburg Institute opened in 1866, initially providing basic reading and writing skills to African American students. Booker T. Washington later became the superintendent at the turn of the 20th century,



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM
A series of storyboards in Christiansburg Town Square are the first location on the African American Legacy Tour series map.

transforming the school from teaching only rudimentary literary lessons to a more robust industrial campus, explains Jennifer Nehrt, Curator for the Christiansburg Institute, Inc.

"When they graduated, they could go and create careers and improve their lives," said Nehrt in a recent interview.

The Edgar A. Long building, visible from Franklin Street in Christiansburg, is not currently open to the public, but the non-profit organization is working towards the goal of restoring this site as a place people can one day tour.

"That is the goal and objective for the non-profit, to get the school and the building, the Edgar A. Long building reestablished...one of the primary buildings built during the height of the industrial institute," said Devante Mosely, Project Coordinator with the CI, Inc.

The campus once blanketed almost 200 acres of the surrounding area, difficult to imagine in the now 21st century town sprawl of commercial and residential communities.

"We're talking about substantial brick Georgian buildings, dormitories that had plenty of beds and could have 300 students in them. Substantial things when we are talking about southwest Virginia and an agrarian area," said Nehrt.

The non-profit organization continues their work to preserve the building, recently with a new roof in 2020, as well as applying for grant money that would help further their dreams to one day open the building to the public.

"I always say if it was left up to me, it will be open the next week, but it will be impossible to do that," said Debbie Sherman-Lee, Chair of the Board of Directors for

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Radford High actors chosen for Governor's School

Three Radford High School students - Katherine Woinski, Olivia Spaulding and William Johnson - have been invited to participate in the Summer Residential Governor's School. They will spend June 18- July 8 at UVA Wise "engrossed in theatre and will live on campus," said Casey Worley, Director of Theatre Arts for RHS. "They will produce a Shakespeare production and will travel across the state to experience professional theatre."

high school juniors and seniors with "intensive educational experiences" in visual and performing arts; humanities; mathematics, science, and technology; or through mentorships in marine science, or engineering, according to the Virginia Department of Education.

Each Summer Residential Governor's School focuses on one special area of interest. Students live on a college or university campus for up to four weeks each summer. During this time, students are

involved in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, research, individual and group projects and performances, and seminars with noted scholars, visiting artists, and other professionals. In the three mentorships, students are selected to work side-by-side with research scientists, physicians, and a variety of other professionals. A director and a student-life staff provide supervision of students 24 hours a day, throughout the program.

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Katherine Woinski in *The Addams Family* (2022)



Olivia Spaulding in *Matilda* (2022)



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CASEY WORLEY
William Johnson in *The History of Tom Jones* (2022)

Sapphire Ballroom is cutting a rug at Nesselrod on the New



COURTESY PHOTO
Debbie Richey provides instruction to students at the Blacksburg Community Center.

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Sapphire Ballroom has offered dance lessons at their Christiansburg location since their opening in 2004 by owner and Richmond native, Linda Stancill.

Recently, the studio

has made another venue option available - Nesselrod on the New in Radford.

Every other month, group lessons and a subsequent dance party are taught and hosted by Sapphire Ballroom instructors at Nesselrod on the New, the beautiful bed and breakfast and wedding

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Radford named Voter Friendly Campus

Radford University has been designated as a voter-friendly campus for 2023-2024 by NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project.

This designation recognizes Radford among 258 colleges and universities across 38 states and Washington, D.C., that have committed to voter registration, education and turnout as part of their institutional mission.

The Voter Friendly Campus program is designed to help institutions address the many challenges preventing college students from participating in the political process and foster a culture of democratic engagement on their campuses, including in years without a national

election.

Institutions were evaluated on their ability to complete a multi-step process, which included engaging students, faculty, staff, community organizations and local election officials to develop a written plan for how the campus community would engage student voters in 2022, as well as facilitate voter education and engagement efforts on campus.

Groups at each institution submitted a written final analysis of their efforts, reflecting on what initiatives worked and those that require change going forward. The designation is valid through December 2024.

The institutions designated 2023 Voter Friendly Campuses include a wide range of two-year, four-year,

public, private, rural and urban campuses that collectively serve more than 3.5 million students.

"At Radford University, we pride ourselves on Highlanders being leaders in their community," said Chapman Rackaway, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Political Science. "There are few better ways to show that community leadership than through the simple act of voting. If young people start voting when they first become eligible, they develop it into a practice they follow for life."

For that reason, Rackaway said, Radford places great value on registering students to vote and provides them with resources to make educated decisions that eventually lead them to

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 27:

Young Writer's Club
At the Radford Public Library; 4- 5 p.m. Join us for a gently guided Writer's Club for Kids! Together, we will work on responding to writing prompts, have some quiet writing time, and the opportunity to share work! Geared toward 8-12 year olds. Contact Morgan for more information at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov. Please bring your favorite writing materials! Due to popularity, we'll be meeting twice this month. Feel free to join us for both!

Virtual Author Talk with William Kent Krueger
Virtual event, 8 – 9 p.m. You are in for a riveting hour online with New York Times bestselling author William Kent Krueger! Join us as he discusses his newest book in the Cork O'Connor series Fox Creek and his numerous other works! Register now at <https://library.org/radfordlibrary/25588>. Fox Creek follows Cork O'Connor in a race against time to save his wife, a mysterious stranger, and an Ojibwe healer from bloodthirsty mercenaries. The ancient Ojibwe healer Henry Meloux has had a vision of his death. As he walks the Northwoods in solitude, he tries to prepare himself peacefully for the end of his long life. But peace is destined to elude him as hunters fill the woods seeking a woman named Dolores Morriseau, a stranger who had come to the healer for shelter and the gift of his wisdom. Meloux guides this stranger and his great niece, Cork O'Connor's wife, to safety deep into the Boundary Waters, his home for more than a century. Meanwhile, in Aurora, Cork works feverishly to identify the hunters and the reason for their relentless pursuit, but he has little to go on. He knows only too well that with each passing hour time is running out.

Social Security and Medicare Class
At the Blacksburg Library; 6- 7:30 p.m. An interactive, educational class on Social Security and Medicare. Get your questions answered and learn more about two of the biggest retirement decisions you'll make. Presented by Martin Wealth Solutions. Reservations Required. To register: email Theresa@planwellretirehappy.com or call 540-639-4810.

Community Quilting Bee
At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. – noon. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Friday, April 28:

Game On
Christiansburg Library; 3- 5 p.m. Gamers of all ages are welcome to play a variety of Nintendo games. Connect with other gamers. Participants are encouraged to bring their portable device, but it is not required. Snacks will be provided.

Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29:

Montgomery Museum's Arts NRV Market
2023 Arts NRV Market - second year - at the museum's new location in downtown Christiansburg; April 28 noon- 6:30 p.m. and April 29 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., featuring local crafters, painters, demonstrations, food trucks, and a wine garden. The Arts NRV Market is a celebration of creativity and community art, showcasing some of the most talented artists and crafters from the New River Valley and Roanoke Valley region. In addition to live demonstrations from en plein air painters, stone carvers, stained glass with Niki Pynn, and Fire and Sky Pottery Studio and Art Center pottery demonstrations, the Arts NRV Market will feature a wide range of handmade crafts, jewelry,

pottery, and more. Food trucks include Aloha Eddie (Fri. and Sat.), and Sam's Hot Dog Stand Blacksburg, and Cabo Fish Taco (Sat.). Sip on wine from Vintage Cellar, take in the sights and sounds of the market, and enjoy the company of fellow art enthusiasts. Sponsored by Fully-Engaged, Shelter Alternatives, Inc., Ruth Lefko Art, David Ferrell Art & Photography, Blacksburg Regional Art Association (BRAA), and Vintage Cellar. Admission free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information on the Arts NRV Market, visit www.artsnrv.org.

Saturday, April 29:

New Mount Olive fish fry
The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive are sponsoring a fish fry, 11 a.m. – 4 pm 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.

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.

Family Movie Matinee: Encanto
At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. A Colombian teenage girl has to face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers in "Encanto". Rated PG; 1 hour 42 minutes.

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.

Thursday, May 4:

American Legion meeting
The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post #30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6:

Book Sale
There will be a book sale at the Radford Public Library, 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Along with the usual subjects, there will be many, many children's books, cookbooks and jigsaw puzzles. Come to the sale and help support the Radford Public Library.

Monday, May 8:

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, May 9:

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.

Thursday, May 18:

Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864

On-going:

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.

Radford Farmers Market
2023 season of the Radford Farmers Market kicked off Saturday, April 22 on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Galley, located just off West Main Street, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each Saturday until October 14.

Virginia gas prices steadily decreasing

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 5.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.48/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 18.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 47.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 3.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.12 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.93/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.36/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.93/g while the highest was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.36/g. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.64/g today. The national average is up 22.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 46.4 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 24, 2022: \$3.95/g (U.S. Average: \$4.11/g)
April 24, 2021: \$2.72/g (U.S. Average: \$2.88/g)
April 24, 2020: \$1.70/g (U.S. Average: \$1.74/g)
April 24, 2019: \$2.63/g (U.S. Average: \$2.88/g)
April 24, 2018: \$2.59/g (U.S. Average: \$2.78/g)
April 24, 2017: \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: \$2.41/g)
April 24, 2016: \$1.96/g (U.S. Average: \$2.14/g)
April 24, 2015: \$2.30/g (U.S. Average: \$2.51/g)
April 24, 2014: \$3.50/g (U.S. Average: \$3.69/g)
April 24, 2013: \$3.39/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g)
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Roanoke- \$3.39/g, down 5.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.44/g.
Richmond- \$3.46/g, down 6.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.52/g.

POLICE REPORT

Radford City Police Department Report April 3- 16, 2023
Monday, April 3:
1:40 a.m. Possession of firearm with domestic violence conviction, West Main St.
2:08 a.m. Possession of controlled substance, 1200 block of Lawrence St.
12:44 p.m. Assault and battery - family member, 200 block of Heather Glen Dr.
3:30 p.m. Petit Larceny: less than \$200 not from a person: enter house to commit larceny/ assault and battery/etc., 1200 block of Grove Ave.
6:36 p.m. Paraphernalia: unauthorized distribution of, no location given
8:40 p.m. Profane swearing or intoxication in public, 1000 block of Stockton St.
Tuesday, April 4:
5:08 a.m. Vehicle/Aircraft/Boat/etc.: Destroy/Injure 1200 block of Tyler Ave.
8 a.m. Burglary: enter house to commit larceny/ assault and battery/etc., credit card larceny: take/obtain number, petit larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, credit card fraud: use card, value less than \$200, 600 block of New River Dr.
11:04 a.m. Possession of controlled substance, vehicle inspection sticker: unauthorized possession, West Main St.
12:40 p.m. Profane swearing or intoxication in public, 400 block of West Main St.
Wednesday, April 5:
12:47 p.m. Petit larceny: less than \$5 from a person (pick pocket), 100 block of Madison St.
Thursday, April 6:
6:55 a.m. Grand Larceny, 1200 block of TYLER AVE. 4:25 p.m. Threats by force, 200 Allen Ave.
3:25 p.m. Parent/grandparent/etc., child <age 15, 1700 block of Wadsworth St.
6:07 p.m. Reckless driving: on parking lot/closed hwy + rev. and death, Berkley Williams Dr.
Friday, April 7:
3:03 a.m. Burglary: enter house to commit larceny/A&B/etc., 100 block of Madison St.
8 a.m. Civil; purchase/possession of nicotine under age of 21, Dalton Dr.
9:45 a.m. Petit larceny, 400 block of Davis St.
11:47 a.m. Wear masks in certain places, ID theft: obtain IDs to defraud less than or equal to \$200, false identify self to law enforcement, possession of controlled substance, 600 block of Sixteenth St.
7:03 p.m. Rape, forcible - type not clear from record, 1100 block Clement St.
10:31 p.m. Assault: (misdemeanor), 200 block of Tyler Ave.
11 p.m. Grand larceny, 400 block of Sanford St.
Saturday, April 8:
11:16 a.m. Cruelty to animals: generally, 400 New River Dr.
11 p.m. DWI: Person under age of 21y driving w/ BAC .02% To .07%, 100 Third Ave.
Sunday, April 9:
3:13 a.m. Tree blocking road, 1700 Grove Ave.
10:38 p.m. Well-being check, 200 Allen Ave.
10:46 p.m. Mental subject, 600 Seventeenth St.
Monday, April 10:
1:13 p.m. Shoplift: alter price tags/etc. less than \$200 (third offense), 800 West Main St.
4:25 p.m. Threats by force, 200 Allen Ave.
4:30 p.m. Petit larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, 100 Monroe St.
Tuesday, April 11:
9:25 a.m. Petit larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, Robertson St.
8:02 p.m. Possession of controlled substance, 700 Ninth St.
Wednesday, April 12:
8 a.m. Credit card fraud: use card, value greater than \$200, 200 New River Dr.
10:49 a.m. Monument: unlawful damage, no intent to steal, 400 Sanford St.
2:24 p.m. Drugs: sell/ provide for resale schedule I or II, 200 block of Allen Ave.
5:09 p.m. Possession of controlled substance, 200 block of Allen Ave.
Thursday, April 13:
12:54 p.m. Mental subject, 600 block of Second St.
9:53 p.m. Law enforcement command: disregard or elude, 1200 block of West Main St.
Friday, April 14:
None
Saturday, April 15:
12:44 a.m., Vehicle accident with serious injury, High Meadows Pkwy.
9:42 p.m., Medical emergency, 1200 block of Fairfax St.
Sunday, April 16:
5 a.m., Dumpster fire, 600 block of Howe St.
7:32 p.m., Threats/intimidation, 100 Hammett Ave.
Alcohol round-up
DUI- 1
Drunk in Public- 1
Underage Possession of Alcohol- 1

Legacy Tour

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the CI, Inc. "Since the tour has been put on, there are a lot of people in the area that are now talking about it."

In addition to the driving tour, The Christiansburg Institute Museum and Archives on 125 Arrowhead Trail in Christiansburg houses a collection of digitized photographs and archives that can be viewed by the public. School field trips have provided local students with an opportunity to learn in an innovative way about the heritage and importance of black history in this Appalachian region through the staff's interactive game playing, seeing the Long building and grounds, and digitized materials and artifacts at the museum.

The museum is open to all visitors on Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by special appointment.

As part of the museum's digital media and educational platform, the non-profit organization also produces a podcast that employs storytelling and intergenerational conversations that provide another approach to education and understanding of black history in and around the New River Valley. The podcast will be made available to the public on the organization's website beginning in May.

Local residents and visitors can support the organization in a new way through a membership program. Donating to the non-profit organization supports their continued efforts to preserve and restore local artifacts and locations with all money going towards these efforts. Annual memberships can be obtained at various levels, beginning at \$25, depending on the level of monetary support.

Another event hosted by the Christiansburg Institute will be for Juneteenth, which is a time of celebration and remembrance of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Christiansburg Institute, Inc. will be holding their annual celebration on site at the Edgar A. Long Building, 140 Scattergood Drive on June 17, with food, entertainment for families and children, and music including former Christiansburg Institute student band members.

"Part of the band, if not all, will be former CI students," said Sherman-Lee.

The kickoff of the celebration will begin with a special open house on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Christiansburg Institute Museum and Archives (CIMA), 125 Arrowhead Trail in Christiansburg. No registration is required, and admission is free.



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

The Edgar A. Long building, visible from Franklin Street in Christiansburg, is not currently open to the public but the non-profit organization is working towards the goal of restoring the site as a place people can one day tour.

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group lessons every other month, as the weather permits.

Anyone can register for the event, regardless of previous dance experience and skill level. A single individual does not need to bring a partner to attend, but couples can sign up as well. Dancers can choose to spend the evening learning a dance together with their partner they brought, meet someone new to dance with, or alternate pairing with other individuals at the event. Instructors break down the steps and work individually as needed with dancers, providing time to ask questions and practice the dance moves.

Debbi Richey, Senior Instructor at Sapphire Ballroom, has been teaching dance for over 25 years. Richey had her first exposure to partner dancing in high school when she and her friends were getting ready to attend prom. Everyone in her class took ballroom dance instruction at the YMCA. While later attending James Madison University, Richey

took a variety of dance classes. She became a part of the school's International Folk Ensemble, particularly enjoying the English Country dance. She then started her own group of historic dancers at JMU.

Richey's love for English Country Dance followed her to Christiansburg where she organizes a historic dance group called the New River Valley Historic Dance Society. The Sapphire Ballroom studio will be hosting a free English Country Dance workshop on May 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Prior registration is required by noon on the day of the event by visiting www.saphiredance.com. Beginner or advanced dancers are all welcome.

"This is how I met Liz, because she learned about the group and said 'Hey, that sounds like fun,'" Richey said, speaking of her fellow instructor, Liz Gladwin.

Other talented instructors with a passion for dance also teach at the studio, providing instruction in a variety of dance styles. Richey says that having a background in teaching and dancing is great to find in the instructors, but knowing how to teach couple-

dancing is very important.

"You have to be able to say it in five different ways," Richey explains, as everyone has their own way of learning.

Individuals who are interested in trying a dance class or workshop may have questions about which classes they should choose. Richey says to pick whatever style of dance fits best with a person's favorite music.

"There are a few dances that are stand outs that almost always make a good style to learn. Single-time swing is a good one. It has a fairly small on-ramp, you get to the point where you are doing fun stuff quickly. The hustle is similar to the single-time swing in that way," said Richey.

Another question Richey often gets is if special shoes or clothes are required to dance in their studio.

"My response is that comfort is the most important thing," she said. "Any comfortable shoes that stay on your feet are fine."

The Sapphire Ballroom is located at 30 W. Main Street, Suite C in Christiansburg.

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polling locations.

Being named a Voter Friendly Campus is recognition for a commitment the university has made to its students and communities, Rackaway noted while crediting Radford University President Bret Danilowicz, interim Provost Marten denBoer and College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Dean Matthew J. Smith for their dedication and support to the effort

"I'm personally grateful to have an incredible voter team that makes this happen, including Radford students, faculty, and staff, and the City of Radford's director of elections," Rackaway said. "Most importantly, we have two outstanding students who

serve as Democracy Fellows and provide vital leadership in connecting our students with these efforts."

I'yonah Cartwright and Kally Hughes, both rising seniors, have been instrumental in reaching out to their peers, registering them to vote, and supporting them in their efforts to be voters, the professor said. "I'm excited to continue and advance our efforts into 2023 and beyond."

In November 2022, Radford University was recognized by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge as one of the most engaged college campuses for student voting in 2022.

-Chad Osborne for Radford University

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PETS OF THE WEEK



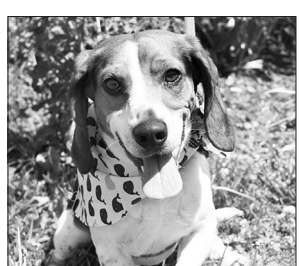
Tyra

Tyra is a favorite among volunteers at the Animal Care and Adoption Center. She is a sweet gal who prefers being pet over being carried. Stop by to meet her. She could be your purrfect match!

Cooper is ready for his forever home. He enjoys people of all ages but can be selective with other dogs.

He would do best in an environment where he can get exercise to work off his energy.

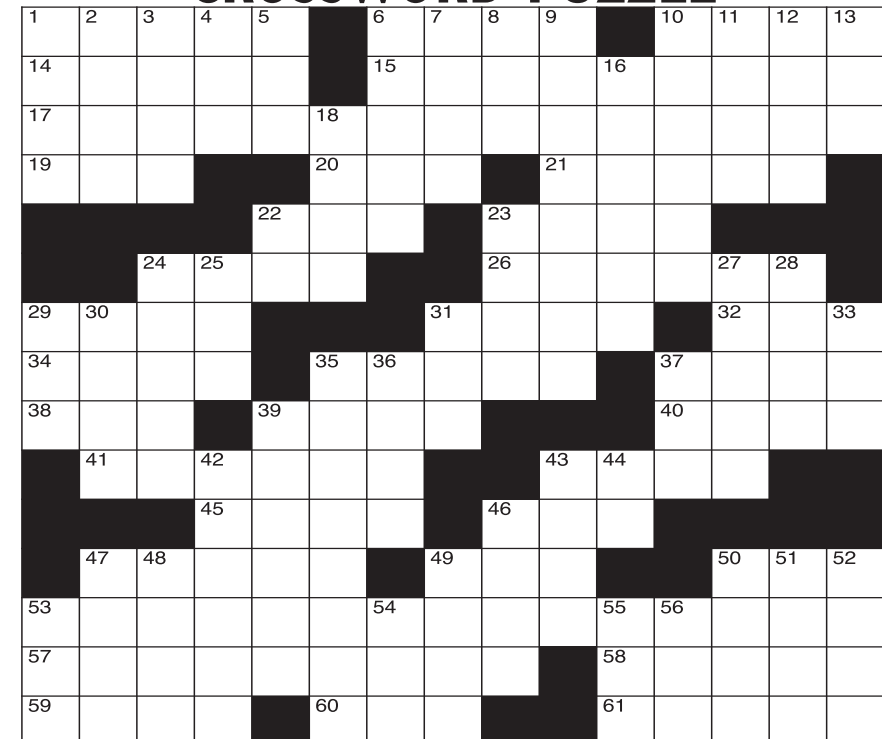
These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.



Cooper

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- CLUES ACROSS
- North American people
 - Chinese surname
 - Fit in at the last minute
 - "Very" in musical terminology
 - Underwater displays
 - Crosby's bandmates
 - Belong to he
 - Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
 - Sequences of alternating turns
 - Genus of grasses
 - Satisfy
 - Petty quarrel
 - Made level
 - Ruler of Iran
 - Historical region of Syria
 - Food suitable for babies
 - Something to lend
 - Zone of oceanic trenches
 - Philippine island
 - Domesticated animal
 - Plant of the lily family
 - Bluish green
 - ___ Tomei, actress
 - Without (French)
 - Lilly and Manning are two
 - Apply pressure to
 - Divide in half
 - Bad deed
 - Don't know when yet
 - Hollywood's greatest honor
 - Aiming to exhort
 - Faked
 - A way to pierce
 - Midway between north-east and east
 - Points
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OBITUARIES

Myers, Novie Rachel Cox

On Halloween in 1940, Novie Rachel Cox Myers was born as the first daughter of a Pentecostal Holiness preacher in a farmhouse in Indian Valley, Va. Then on a beautiful April morning, April 23, 2023, she left this world to join Sunday service in Heaven.

She loved to relay stories of gathering water from the creek and of the large mound of dirt behind the house that was covered in arrowheads. She named all the chickens and ducks and could not eat any of them if that was on the menu. Her siblings are Lowell (Alta) of Lexington, N.C., David (Betty) of Seymour, Tenn., Carnella "Connie" Proco (Garland, deceased) of Hoschton, Ga., Nola Cox of Alton, Va., Carlos (Frances) of Blacksburg, and Linda Blackburn (Joey) of Galax, Va.

At eight years old her mother taught her to sew, and at 18 years old she went to work at Christiansburg Garment Factory, became the head supervisor and was responsible for training many ladies to sew and to make sure they met production. Before her senior year of high school, the family moved to Blacksburg where she graduated from BHS in 1959.

In 1958 she met a dashing young man, James Owen Crawford (deceased) at a church revival service and together they had three children. Dennis (Donna) of Riner, Elaine (Dan Cook) Newport, Va., and Carissa (Lori Eichler) of Charlotte, N.C. In 1992 she married John H Myers (deceased) and became stepmom to Kala Drewry (Dan) of Vinton, Va., and Clark (Kat), of Waiteville, W.Va.

She was born to be a caregiver - and throughout her life has claimed many that she met as her "other daughter or son." So naturally when her first grandchild was born, she retired at 47 years old to keep that little boy because she knew no one could care for him as well as she could. She started her own alteration business - Alter 4 You. The name was perfect because as she said she could either sew or pray for people and the name fit. Most often she did both. She was an amazing seamstress and was able



to alter clothing so it looked tailor made for the wearer. She altered suits, beaded gowns, wedding gowns. She had a lot of return customers not only because of her good work but because she enjoyed sewing so much, she wouldn't charge very much. She agonized when she would lose customers when she decided to raise her rates from \$1 to \$2.50 per pants hem.

Another joy of her life were nine grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren that called her Nana, Kevin Cupp (Taylor) and son James, Hunter Crawford (Casie) and daughters Scarlett and Julie, Chloe Parmer (Cary) and daughters Evelyn, Amelia and Josephine, Daniel Cook, Alisa Myers and daughter Scarlett, Hope Myers, Justin Carr (deceased), Lesley Holloway (Randy)

and daughters Aubree and Danni, and Ashley Carr (Erik) Kennedy.

She loved watching sports, especially the Hokies football, basketball and baseball. She was proud to have so many family members that graduated from Virginia Tech. She cheered for the Dodgers during baseball season, Denny Hamlin in NASCAR and her idea of a perfect NFL game was to watch the Cowboys winning against the Redskins - and if it was snowing outside, we drank hot chocolate for good luck.

Rachel was a strong, brave, spiritual woman. She loved her TriedStone Christian Fellowship church family. Since fall of 2021, her home has been at English Meadows Senior Living where she met her special friend, Tony Long. They looked after each other and we are grateful for his friendship. The family wants to thank the staff for their care and the community she experienced there. We also are very grateful to everyone at Good Samaritan Hospice for admitting her and helping us when no other company would.

Services and visitation will be held at Tried Stone Christian Center, located at 2100 North Main St., Blacksburg on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 with family receiving friends beginning at noon. A celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m. and interment immediately following at Memorial Gardens on North Main. In lieu of flowers we request donations to Good Samaritan Hospice 1160 Moose Dr., Christiansburg, VA 24073 or Tried Stone Christian Center, 2100 North Main St., Blacksburg, VA 24060.

McCoy, Joseph Lee

Joseph Lee McCoy, of Salem, formerly of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Rebecca H. McCoy and his parents Vernon and Ruby McCoy.

Joe is survived by his children Sharon (Scott) Conner and Jim (Alicia) McCoy. Poppy leaves behind his five grandchildren [Chris (Sonnet) Conner, Andrew (Amy) Conner, Ian McCoy, Rachel McCoy

(Isaac Haberman), and Jacob McCoy] and three great children, Marleigh, Micah and Ellie Conner, all of whom he loved beyond measure. Also surviving are Joe's sister Joyce M Watson and brother Jerry (Sue) McCoy.

Joe was a Korean War veteran and retiree from General Electric in Salem. He was a lifetime fan of Virginia Tech football and was a fixture in Lane Stadium on Saturdays in the fall. He also loved going to Hokie bowl games and tailgating with

family and friends (thank you Ray and Susan Byrd and Robert and Tonya Mitchem). The family wants to thank Dr. Delmas Bolin, the Richfield Living staff at Joseph C Thomas, Periwinkle Cottage and Long-Term Care, Blue Ridge Cottage as well as Legacy Hospice for their care and support.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Roanoke Rescue Mission or a charity of your choice. There will be a private family service at a later date.

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 Katelin M Mey to Tennille Morales Grega, 0.3442 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$259,000
 Branko Pantovic Trust to GKM2 Property Management LLC, The Heights Condo Unit 208 Town of Blacksburg, \$405,500

Nancy Jean Vogelaar Trust to Michael Steven Gutter, Lot 12 Stroubles Mills Section II Town of Blacksburg, \$580,900

Deborah Elizabeth Zachary to Shah Development LLC, Lots 50A and 46 A Snidow Heights Town of Christiansburg, \$30,000

Deborah Elizabeth Zachary to Shah Development LLC, Lots 48A Snidow Heights Town of Christiansburg, \$80,000

Fandb Land LP to Nicholas James Pierson, Lot 33 Kensington PH X Town of Christiansburg, \$363,000

Deborah Susan Walton to Dustin P Blankenship, Metes and Bounds See

Legal Shawsville Magisterial District, \$50,000

Paige Heterick Walters Alf to Jeffrey B Bowling, Lot 10 Vista Pointe Subdivision Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$440,000

Blue Ridge Development Group Inc. to Tyris Homes Inc., 0.398 Acre Lot 1 Walnut Creek PH V-B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$73,500

Blue Ridge Development Group Inc. to Tyris Homes Inc., 0.414 Acre Lot 6 Walnut Creek PH V-B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$73,500

Blue Ridge Development Group Inc. to Tyris Homes Inc., 0.27 Acre Lot 3 Walnut Creek PH V-B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$73,500

Blue Ridge Development Group Inc. to Tyris Homes Inc., 0.297 Acre Lot 4 Walnut Creek PH V-B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$73,500

Blue Ridge Development Group Inc. to Horatio Holdings A LLC, 0.35 Acre Lot 5 Walnut Creek PH V-B Shawsville Magisterial

District, \$73,500

Bessie L Price to Paul L Croy, 2 Parcels Metes and Bounds See Legal Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$60,000

Progress Street Builders Inc. to Suzanne R Griffin Trust, 0.578 Acre Lot 44 PH III Sterling Manor Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$879,900

Candice S Feathers to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, 0.632 Acres Tract B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$32,500

Edward C Savage to Carpendale Investments LLC, 2/3 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$75,000

Claudia V McKnight to Mohammad Usman Zafar, Condo Unit 1 Building A Park Place Condominium, \$183,000

Christian Dian Sullivan to Paul Sullivan Walko, Lot 72 Montgomery Farms Section VI Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$319,000

Iris Ann Caldwell Executor to Nicole A Obenchain, Lot 7 Newcomb Heights Town of Christiansburg, \$210,000

Donna Fay Hambrick Revocable Trust to Kathleen K Nolen, Lot 29 Lions Gate

Planned Community Town of Christiansburg, \$353,500

Millie Earline Smith to Chad Grady, 1.0397 Acres New Lot Area Riner Magisterial District, \$175,000

Ricardo Bello Marcelino to Guadarrama Ayala, 2.40 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$30,000

Bobby L Poff to Sara Beth Phillips, Lot 21 Walnut Grove Riner Magisterial District Parcel 1 and Lot 21A Walnut Grove Subdivision Town of Christiansburg Parcel 2, \$260,000

Thomas Lee Hilton to Sherilyn Booker, 15 Feet of Lot 50, All of Lots 51 and 52 Sullivan Heights Addition Metes and Bounds See Legal, \$85,000

Douglas R Thompson to Igloo Series III Reo LLC, 2003014646, \$93,936

Raymond S Bishop to Sanford Rentals LLC, 0.372 Acre Lot 5 Southview Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$185,000

Christopher Bemis Williamson to Nolan Stewart, Lot 551 Blacksburg Country Club Estates Section III Mount Tabor Magisterial

District, \$200,000

Steven R Costa to Samuel Kevin Phillips, 2.007 Acres Lot 1A Mount Pleasant Road Shawsville Magisterial District, \$300,000

The Halberstadt Family to Clifton Town Center Land LLC, 28.695 Acres Parcel 1 and 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$4,200,000

Loula A Broce to William Aaron Hood, 75.386 Acres Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$525,000

Jack W Finney to Cynthia Devers, Lot 31 Coal Bank Ridge Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$885,000

Eagle Construction of VA LLC to David A Gonzales, Lot 21 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg, \$569,466

Absolute Construction LLC to Gerald A Good, 1.32 Acres Lot 9B Riner Magisterial District, \$570,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Bright Mwamba, Lot 410 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$409,000

Derek M Lytton to Wallace L Andrus Jr., 16.412 Acres and

0.527 Acre Riner Magisterial District, \$168,000

Frederic Lachance to Stephanie Bishop, 1.186 Acres Lot 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$470,000

Eagle Construction of VA LLC to Gray W Griffith, Lot 40 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg, \$752,353

Gustavo Raphael Pena Palau to Caleb S Palmer, Lot 7 Walnut Creek PH V-A Shawsville Magisterial District, \$458,000

Better Land Company LLC to Robin L Bean, 1.133 Acres Parcel 1 and 14.955 Acres Less and Except Parcel 2 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$79,900

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Danjo LLC to Chops Ventures LLC, 1 Acre Metes and Bounds Parcel 1 and Metes and Bounds See Legal Parcel 2 Riner Magisterial District, \$89,100

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RADFORD SPORTS

RU golfer tops individual honors at Big South

It was a day to be forever etched in the Radford men's golf history books as Bryce Corbett became the first Highlander ever to win the Big South Individual title while the 2022-23 edition of the Highlanders became the first team in program history to finish stroke play in first place at the Big South Championships.

It came down to the wire as Corbett and Charleston Southern's Ben Carroll, a Blacksburg native, battled through the back nine and into the 18th hole. Down three strokes after back-to-back bogeys, Carroll made it extremely close with an eagle to close out his round, but Corbett stayed calm, cool and collected to seal the victory with a par.

The Gainesville, Va. native shot -4 across 54 holes, carding a 75-66-71—212 to top the entire field and pace the Radford squad, but his teammates came up huge as well.

In his very first season representing the red and white, Nathan Piatt proved to be an invaluable addition to the program by Head Coach Mike Grant and he showed it yet again with a T-7th finish. The transfer from Tampa University had his best round of the tournament,

shooting a 2-under 70 to bring his final score to +2.

Bringing tons of championship experience with him, Patrick Gareiss was arguably the most consistent Highlander over the last two days with a 72-74-74—220 to finish +4 and in a tie for 13th.

Veteran fifth-year Nicholas Taliaferro rounded out the scoring with a strong +9, bringing him into a tie for 21st helping Radford clinch the top spot on the team leaderboard.

After subbing in for Channing Blevins, Bobby Dudeck was excellent, following up his second-round 73 with a third-round 75.

Adding to an incredible week for the Radford men's golf program, Bryce Corbett was named Big South Golfer of the Year, adding another "first-ever" to the record books. Corbett was also named First Team All-Big South for the second consecutive year while Nathan Piatt was named Big South Honorable Mention and Nicholas Taliaferro made the Big South All-Academic Team, the conference office announced last week.

Corbett entered the conference championships

leading the Big South in stroke average this season and he proved that was no fluke by winning the individual title with a 75-66-71—212 (-4).

The junior earned himself an automatic bid to NCAA Regionals as an individual.

Piatt has been an invaluable addition to the squad this year and picks up a postseason award to back it up. The Pittsburgh, Pa. native finished the regular season fifth in the Big South with a 72.88 stroke average across 24 rounds and proceeded to tie for seventh in the conference championships.

He carded a 72-76-70—218 (+2) with 11 birdies and 33 pars to help the Highlanders top the team leaderboard in stroke play.

Taliaferro has been a consistent presence on the course and an incredible student off of it. The fifth-year senior has worked his way to a 3.91 cumulative grade point average as a Finance major.

It's the second All-Academic award of his collegiate career with his first nod coming during the 2019-20 season as a sophomore.

-Radford University Athletics

Host teams roll in Blacksburg Invitational



Radford senior Candice Stone placed sixth in the 200 m dash and 15th in the 400 m at the Blacksburg Invitational on Saturday.



Radford's Vance Steele placed 6th in the 400 m dash with a time of 55.52 at the Blacksburg Invitational.



Radford's Jaden Hendricks placed ninth in the 300 m hurdles with a time of 48.19.



Radford's Addie Tapp won her heat and placed 11th overall in the 800 m race with a time of 2:49.38 at the Blacksburg Invitational.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Marty Gordon

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Blacksburg High School continued its dominance in the Blacksburg Invitational with wins in both the boys' and girls' track and field competition on Saturday.

This is the sixth straight year the host team claimed the championship.

The boys' squad outdistanced Christiansburg 232 to 103 with Pulaski in third and Radford fourth. On the girls' side of the track, Blacksburg scored 222 points to second place Christiansburg who also tallied 103 points. Pulaski was third and Auburn fourth.

Christiansburg's Ayden Conley heaved the discus 154-9 feet to win the boys' event with Lance Duncan of Radford third.

Ben Hager of Blacksburg started his successful run in the Invitational held at Blacksburg High School. Hager won the long jump with a 19-5 mark. He also won the 100 and 400 meter events.

Larry Hill of Radford leapt to the win in the high jump at 5-10 with Christiansburg's Jayson Blevins

second.

Donavan Richardson kept Christiansburg close with a win in the triple jump at 40-11 with Radford's Daniel Dehart-Lewis second. Blacksburg teammates Evan Foley and Lane Daily took fourth and fifth.

Conley was second in the shot with Blacksburg's Jake Mele third.

Radford's Cryus Hartig and Kyle Martin sandwiched Blacksburg's Asher Roach and Ben Bailey in 1-4. Will Harrison gave Blacksburg a big win in the 110-hurdles.

Parker Prioleau of Radford would finish second to Hager in the 100 meters.

As typical, Blacksburg extended its lead with Jonas Reach taking first in the 1,600 with a time of 4:26.61. Christiansburg's Max Craig finished second with Harrison Whitfield of Blacksburg third. Christiansburg's Lawson Mecom and Noah Jones were 4-5.

The 4X100 relay team finished with Christiansburg and Blacksburg in 1-2.

Blacksburg's Hager took the 400 meters with teammates Evan Foley and Will Shi in toll.

Will Harrison led a Blacksburg trio in the 300 hurdles with William Jenkins and Daniel Shelton.

Auburn's Bryce DeHart would win the 200 meters.

Katja Kehlenbeck of Blacksburg tried to run away with points for the home team as she finished with two firsts and one second. Kehlenbeck started with a 17-6.75 leap in the long jump and added a first in the high jump and second in the triple.

Leila Haley did try to make it a two-girl event as the Christiansburg youngster managed a first in the 400 meters, second in the 110 hurdles and 100 meters, and third in the triple jump.

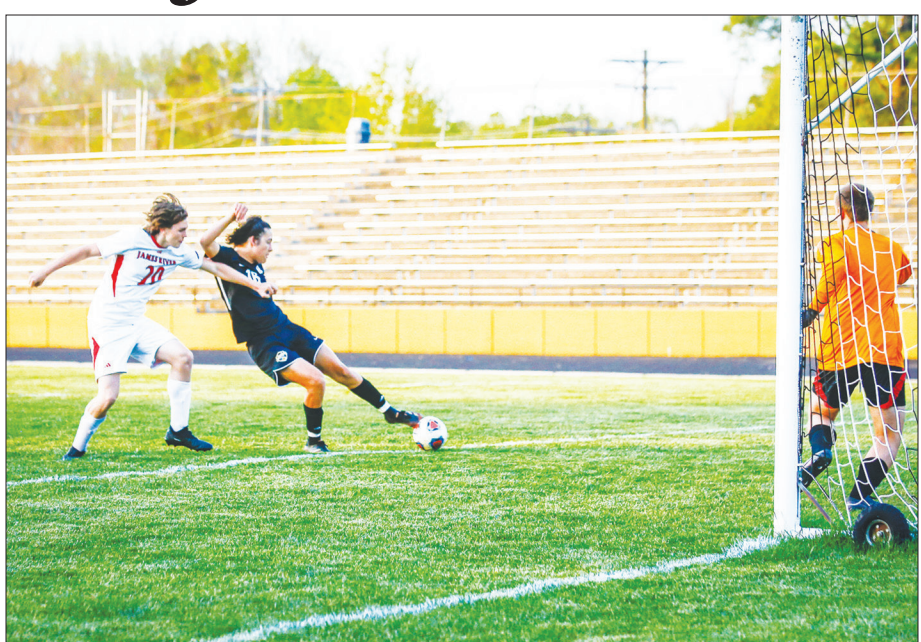
Blacksburg's Ruby Griggs won the girls' 3,200 with a 11:37.17 mark. Auburn's Kasey Rosebaum was second. Blacksburg's Sophia Krouscas won the 100 meters.

Rosebaum won the 1,600 at 5:41.91 and Christiansburg's Addison Mecom was third.

Christiansburg's Madelyn Moles won the 300 hurdles with Blacksburg's Ziona Allen second.

The 800-meters was won by Summer Hamlin of Christiansburg with Blacksburg's Cameron Lee in second.

Radford wins in soccer over James River



Aiden Minnick extends to fire the ball into the net for Radford's first score this past week.



Evan Rupe tumbles over the James River goalkeeper but hustles to get up and still score the final goal in the 6-0 win.

PHOTOS BY BRYANT ALTIZER

Christiansburg's Graves inducted into Roanoke College Hall of Fame

The Roanoke College Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023 has been announced with several ODAC Champions and All-Americans. The class included Christiansburg native Carmen Graves who were honored this past week on the RC campus during Alumni Weekend celebrations.

Graves '13 was a star on both the women's track and field and women's soccer teams during her time at Roanoke. For track, she was a five-time All-American and two-time ODAC Track Athlete of the Year (2012-13). In 2013, she was named All-American by virtue of her placing second in the 800m run (2:10.75) at the NCAA Indoor National Championships.

After graduation, Graves competed in the 3000m steeplechase at the US Track and Field Championships in 2013.

In soccer, she was a first team VaSID All-State and

All-ODAC selection her junior and senior year. She finished her soccer career with 26 goals, 14 assists, with six game-winning goals.

She was joined in the new induction by:

Michael Stark '11 led the men's soccer team to back-to-back ODAC Championship game appearances in 2008 and 2009 as part of a stellar Maroon career. Each year from 2008-2010, he was named a NSCAA All-American, NSCAA All-South Region, VaSID All-State, and an All-ODAC selection. He was the 2008 ODAC Rookie of the Year and 2011 Roanoke Male Athlete of the Year. In 2010, Stark was named the Jeffery Childs Willis Award (MVP) winner. He is one of only two Roanoke players to be named All-American at least three times, joining Scott Anderson '70.

Justin Tuma '11 excelled both in the classroom and on the field for the men's lacrosse team being named

both the ODAC men's lacrosse Player of the Year and the ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2011. He was a three-time ISILA All-American from 2009-2011 as well as an All-ODAC selection those same seasons. A two-year team captain, Tuma holds the career (472), season (200), and game (21) ground ball record. He was named the Roanoke Male Athlete of the Year.

Gina Valles '11 still ranks in the top 10 in NCAA Div. III history in goals scored after finishing as the ODAC and program's all-time leading scorer. She was named an IWLCA Div. III All-American three-times in her career including 2009 when she led the Maroons to the ODAC Championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance. She was a three-time major awards winner from the ODAC, earning Rookie of the Year honors in 2008 and ODAC Player of the Year in 2009 and 2010.

-Roanoke College Athletics

Cattoor opts for fifth year

Virginia Tech senior Hunter Cattoor announced Tuesday night he will be returning to the Hokies for his fifth year in 2023-24.

With Cattoor returning, Tech retains a prolific 3-point shooter and lockdown defender for next season that will include a backcourt of Sean Pedulla, Rodney Rice, MJ Collins, and incoming freshmen Brandon Rechsteiner and Jaydon Young.

"We fully supported Hunter and his family throughout this process, and man, am I glad he's coming back for another year," head coach Mike Young expressed. "He impacts winning, he's a leader and one of the smartest players I've had the privilege of coaching. Hunter is a terrific representative of our program and Virginia Tech, and I'm thrilled I get to coach that young man one more year."

If there's any indication to how vital of a member Cattoor was to the Hokies this past season, it was during the four-game stretch he missed after suffering an arm injury

at Boston College on Dec. 21. Tech entered that game 11-1 overall, 1-0 in the ACC and ranked No. 21 in the AP poll. From that point forward, the Hokies struggled to regain their form pre-Cattoor injury and finished the season 19-15.

"I want to thank my coaches, teammates and Hokie Nation for the support they've given me," Cattoor said. "Since our season ended, I've spent a lot of time in prayer and weighing all my options. In the end, my heart was leading me back to a place that's given so much to me. It's an honor to play for Virginia Tech, and I look forward to what next season has in store for us."

He enters his fifth season at Tech fifth all-time in career 3-pointers made in program history with 251. A.D. Vassallo (2005-09) holds the record of 267, playing 133 games. Cattoor has only played 119 career games.

Eclipsing the 40% mark each of his previous four seasons from beyond the arc,

Cattoor led the ACC as a senior in 3-point percentage at 42.4% (78-184). He is currently third all-time in program history for career 3-point percentage at 41.8%.

Cattoor averaged a career-best 10.8 points per game in 2022-23, scoring double figures 17 times. He became the program's 50th 1,000-point scorer vs. Miami on Feb. 21.

Adding to the excitement of his return, the Orlando, Fla., native will be able to play in his hometown over Thanksgiving when the Hokies compete in the ESPN Events Invitational at Walt Disney World.

As a junior, Cattoor averaged 10 points per game, connected on 83 3-pointers (the highest single-season mark of his career) and earned the 2022 Everett Case Award given to the ACC Tournament's most valuable player. His 32-point performance in the championship game vs. Duke propelled Tech to its first-ever ACC title in program history.

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Ashlyn Traylor first ever Highlander to earn VaSID Freshman of the Year Award



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Ashlyn Traylor, of Christiansburg, VA, has been named the VaSID Freshman of the Year, making Traylor the first-ever Highlander to earn the award in the over 50-year history of the program.

R A D F O R D - The Virginia Sports Information Directors announced Tuesday afternoon that newcomer Ashlyn Traylor, of Christiansburg, VA, has been named the VaSID Freshman of the Year, making Traylor the first-ever Highlander to earn the award in the over 50-year history of the program.

Traylor wasted no time in her debut season, immediately making an impact on Radford history by etching her name into various records. The Franklin, Ind. native capped the 2022-23 season by being named the Big South Freshman of the Year, the fourth Highlander in program history to win the

award, and first in 18 years. Her seven Big South Freshman of the Year awards were also the most in program history and second-most in conference history.

The VaSID Rookie of the Year award won't be the only hardware Traylor will be taking home, as she was also named to the highly competitive VaSID second-team all-state list. She is the first Radford women's basketball player to make any all-state list since Destinee Walker last did so after the 2018-19 season. Traylor is now the seventh Highlander to be named to the all-state squad, joining a list of Highlander-greats including Taryn

Causey, Kelli Darden, Da'Naria Erwin Spencer, Janayla White and Jayda Worthy.

During Big South action this season, Traylor marked top-ten conference totals in points (13.4 ppg), assists (62), steals (39) and free throw shooting (75%). For Radford this season, her totals in points (405), assists (100) and steals (65) all led the team while she also ranked second for rebounds (182). The freshman also made national waves with her buzzer-beating shot in the Big South Quarterfinals to take down Presbyterian 69-68.

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VaSID votes Smith onto All-State second team



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DaQuan Smith

R A D F O R D - Radford men's basketball's DaQuan Smith added another award to his shelf on Wednesday afternoon when he was named to the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) All-State Second Team.

Voted on by SID's across the state of Virginia, Smith becomes the ninth player in program history to make a

VaSID All-State team and the first since Carlik Jones earned a First Team spot after the 2019-20 season.

Smith played in all 36 games this season, starting 35 of them. Starring as a dynamic scorer and stout on-ball defender, the redshirt junior guard averaged 13.6 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game while also tallying a total of 36 steals and 11 blocks.

The Holly Springs, Miss. native shot 42.8% from the field, 40.4% from three-point range and 84.4% at the free throw line in an extremely efficient effort this year. Smith was honored twice as Big South Player of the Week, was voted Second Team All-Big South, and garnered Second Team NABC District 3 honors as well.

Taramonlis, Balsekar, Raptis and Severin all earn Big South Annual Awards

RADFORD - The Big South Conference announced their end-of-season awards Thursday afternoon with four Highlanders including Demis Taramonlis, Aditya Balsekar, Dinos Raptis and Guilherme Severin all etching their names onto the lists.

The beat went on for the senior captain Demis Taramonlis this season as he earned first-team singles and first-team doubles for his impressive record this season. Taramonlis earned 10 wins on court one for the Highlanders this spring

and an incredible 12-4 record on court one doubles. This was also the third straight season Taramonlis made both the all-conference singles and doubles list.

Aditya Balsekar caps his incredible season moving up to court two singles for the Highlanders with his first appearance on the first-team singles list for the Big South. Balsekar excelled this season, facing much higher competition than in years past, posting a 10-3 record on court two. Balsekar also went undefeated

against Big South foes, a perfect 4-0 record.

Another senior captain for the Highlanders, Dinos Raptis, also earned singles and doubles honors. Also moving up to a higher court, Raptis earned eight singles wins on court three this season for second-team honors. Teaming up with Taramonlis, the duo was unstoppable with their 12 victories for first-team honors.

Guilherme Severin wrapped up the end-of-season awards for the Highlanders as he was named to the conference's all-academic list. Excelling both on and off the court, Severin has accumulated a 3.4 GPA as a finance major at Radford.

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