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The 16th Annual Ride of Silence, a silent, slow-paced ride in honor of cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways, is set for Wednesday, May 17.

Ride of Silence to honor cyclists killed or injured on public roads

RADFORD – On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, cyclists from across the New River Valley will gather for the 16th Annual Ride of Silence - a silent, slow-paced ride in honor of cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways.

Staging will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Radford City Administrative Services Building, 10 Robertson St., and end at the same location. The Ride of Silence is a solemn and powerful global event that brings attention to the dangers cyclists face on the road and the need for increased awareness and safety measures. The ride is conducted in silence to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives while cycling and to raise

awareness of the importance of sharing the road. The ride is also a reminder of the dangers that cyclists face on public roads.

In 2022, there were 825 cyclists killed in the United States. That number has been on the rise in recent years. The event is open and accessible to cyclists of all ages and abilities, and participants are encouraged to wear helmets and other safety gear.

There will be a police escort along the seven-mile route. For more information about the Ride of Silence, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3181867088724505>.

-Submitted by Jenn Million, President of the New River Valley Bicycle Association

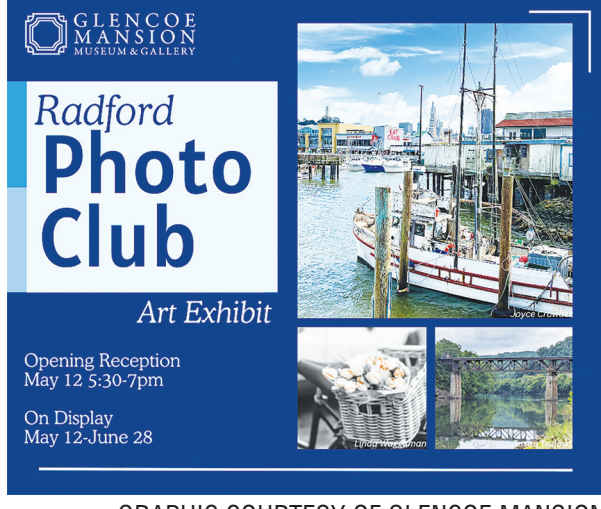
Glencoe Mansion announces new art exhibit by The Radford Photo Club

Opening reception kicks off “West End Weekend”, three-day festival centered on art, music, food, and community

RADFORD - Glencoe Mansion is announcing a new art show featuring the works of The Radford Photo Club.

The show will be on display May 12 through June 28. There will be an opening reception this Friday, May 12, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. During their monthly meetings, the club works together to explore new techniques



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and subject matter both as a group and and often creates assignments to work on

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Radford Police requests public's help locating missing person



Samantha Pack, 32, is missing.

RADFORD - The Radford City Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating 32-year-old Samantha Jo Pack, of Radford.

Her family last heard from her on May 6, 2023. She is described as a black female, 5 feet 3 inches tall weighing 165 pounds, with brown hair and brown



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CITY OF RADFORD Samantha Pack's family last heard from her on May 6.

eyes. Pack does not have a vehicle. If you have seen Samantha or have any information on her whereabouts, please contact the

Radford Police Department at (540) 731-3624 or your local police or sheriff's department.

-Submitted by the City of Radford

New chimney swift home dedicated at McHarg

Heather Bell Editor

RADFORD - For decades, a flock of chimney swifts the old chimney at McHarg Elementary School home during the spring and summer months, but renovations at the school required the chimney to be demolished, and the birds temporarily lost their warm season roost.

Now, a new chimney is on site at the school to provide a roost for the birds, and to provide STEM education for the students at McHarg.

Chimney Swifts are a vulnerable species of migrating bird. Each bird eats up to 12,000 mosquitoes, termites, flies, and other insects a day. Several birding enthusiasts in Radford, including Wilson Rankin and his wife, Dr. Liz Altieri, spearheaded the effort, gained the support of the Radford City Public Schools administration, and several donors stepped up to the plate to make the project happen. Thompson and Litton designed the tower.



(From left) Erica Sunshine and Jack Murphy of Thompson and Litton, Dr. Liz Altieri and Wilson Rankin gather for the dedication of the new chimney swift roosting tower at McHarg School.

Recently, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Chimney Swift Tower at McHarg School. Trina and Jack Murphy and Erica Sunshine, who designed the tower for Thompson and Litton were present, as were some of the major donors

- Rankin, Altieri, Laurie Buchwald and Greg Kalen, Ann Elliott and Tom Pierce, members of the New River Valley Bird Club, and Clyde and Kendall Kessler.

“We are very grateful for the support of

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New River Valley Master Gardeners Association hosting plant sale and clinic

Lori Graham Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG - Gardeners and plant enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to attend the plant sale and clinic this Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center in Christiansburg.

Perennials, annuals, house plants, vegetables, native plants, trees, and shrubs are just some of the types of plants that will be available at the plant sale. Master gardener volunteers, experts in each plant department, will be available to answer questions on a variety of gardening topics.

“We are an educationally focused organization. All of us are volunteers through the Cooperative Extension office and trained in sustainable gardening practices.” Wendy Silverman, New River Valley Master Gardener Coordinator, explained.

Almost all the plants provided for the sale are grown by volunteers, with a few donations from area garden centers. The New River Valley Master Gardeners Association is a 100% volunteer-run organization, serving programs in the counties of Pulaski, Giles, Montgomery, and Floyd. All proceeds from the plant sale event will go to the community grants programs on gardening projects. Applications are opened and received by the organization in the fall.

Beth Kirby, Plant Sales Manager and Master Gardener, explains that the organization is continuing to expand their native plant section. They have also created a database that works on a QR code system. People visiting the sale can click on a QR code associated with the selection of

plant variety and receive information about the plant. The organization has worked to condense the information into a user-friendly format but also include the source information where more in-depth facts can be found.

Kirby also explained “all our plants are grown from seed or out of our own gardens.”

“When people want to buy something in bloom, they can go to a box store, but our plants will bloom at the proper time as they are grown in a natural environment,” said Kirby. “These plants are not imported, so they will continue to thrive here.”

The plant sale will be accepting payments through Venmo and PayPal, along with cash and check. The event will be held rain or shine, with some plants sold indoors. A yard sale for plant-type materials and equipment will be



PHOTO COURTESY OF WENDY SILVERMAN Beth Kirby prepares a variety of plants for sale by the NRV Master Gardeners Association this Saturday.

available as well. Some things shoppers can expect to find at the yard sale are Duluth Trading Post work bibs, heating mats, and a variety of other products.

Parking is available at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg. View their website at <https://www.nrvmastergardeners.com/> for more information about the organization's work in the New River Valley.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH KIRBY This potting bench, constructed by a volunteer, will be for sale at the plant sale and clinic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 10:

School Board meeting
Radford City School Board will convene for its regular meeting at 6 p.m., at the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.rcps.org.

Virtual Author Talk with Jena Friedman
Hosted by the Radford Public Library; 8 -9 p.m. Celebrity comedian and Oscar-nominated screenwriter Jena Friedman's debut collection, "Not Funny", takes on the third rails of modern life in Jena's bold and subversive style. Register at <https://library.org/radfordlibrary>.

Friday, May 12:

Art for Tots
At the Blacksburg Library; 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Creative exploring has many benefits at an early age! Join us for a process-based art project for tots. Ideal for ages five and under.

Friday, May 12 - Sunday, May 14:

West End Weekend
West End Weekend, a "jam-packed, art-filled celebration" at Glencoe Mansion and Long Way Brewing. Opening reception for the Radford Photo Club at Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Friday, May 12. On Saturday, May 13, West End Weekend Festival, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Features more than 30 artisan vendors, live music from The Breakfast Club and FloydFest On-the-Rise band Appalachian Space Train, four food trucks, and an array of craft beers. The event will take place on the upper lawn at Glencoe Mansion. As always, admission is free, but donations are welcomed. "Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and well-mannered dogs, too!" On Sunday, May 14, Long Way Brewing will wrap up the weekend with Market Day at Long Way from 1 - 5 p.m. A dozen artisan vendors will be on site to browse and shop as visitors sip on Long Way Brewing's signature craft brews.

Saturday, May 13:

Mount Tabor Ruritan fish fry
Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its May Fish Fry, 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. DJ Earl Brown will be spinning some hits to get the 2023 fry season off to a swinging start! Adults-\$12, children under 12 - \$6, (under 3)- free, carry-outs- \$12. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-

449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Rockin' Main Street Concert
Downtown Christiansburg; 5 - 9 p.m. Hosted by The Town of Christiansburg's Parks and Recreation Department. Enjoy musical entertainment by the Carolina Shreds and Miller Holler, as well as beer, wine, and other food and drinks from your favorite local vendors.

Tuesday, May 16:

DIY Terrariums
At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30 -5:30 p.m. Assemble a miniature terrarium. Ideal for ages 8-plus.

Wednesday, May 17:

VR Wednesday
At the Radford Public Library; 2- 3 p.m. Come take a hike, paint a masterpiece, or explore the international space station at the library! Try all these things and more using our new Meta Quest 2 VR headset. If that's not a good time for you, email duncan.hall@radfordva.gov to schedule a time for a 30 minute demo!

American Business Women's Association meeting
American Business Women's Association NRV Express Network May Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg, 99 Bradley Dr., Christiansburg. Cost \$16. Join us to learn about different generations' mindsets, paradigms, and spending habits and how we can more effectively reach our target audiences from one of our own members, Linna Martz, realtor at Long & Foster Real Estate. RSVP by May 15 to Terri Welch at paintnfunceramics@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 18:

Community Quilting Bee
At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

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.

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.

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 23:

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 the 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.

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 Ingles (Colonial times). Can include depictions of local landmarks (Ingles Farm, the Cultural and Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and other connected sites in the region), and Colonial style art. Painting, plein air, illustration, digital media, textiles, mixed media and photography will be considered - up to three works per artist. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 13. Open to artists in and around the NRV area. Entry forms at www.glencoe mansion.org or by contacting arts@glencoe mansion.org.

Blacksburg Farmers Market
Hours now through October: Wednesdays 2 - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Located at Market Square Park, on the corner of Roanoke Street and Draper Road in downtown Blacksburg. Features growers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods, prepared foods, cheese, handmade crafts, and more.

Christiansburg Farmers Market
Thursdays; 3 - 7 p.m. Located in the Recreation Center parking lot. Features local farmers and vendors. Seasonal produce, plants, fresh baked goods, crafts, fresh flowers, handmade jewelry and more. Items for purchase vary week-to-week. Check our Facebook page for details about weekly themes, prizes, vendors, and live music.

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. Features produce, plants, baked goods, artisans, fresh squeezed lemonade, eggs, meats, cheeses and more.

Radford Field of Honor
Field of Honor on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery- displayed until the Fourth of July. The Radford Noon Rotary Club is seeking people to sponsor flags to honor a veteran, first responder, family member, teacher, associate, etc. Individual flags - \$50. Blue sponsorship - \$500, includes five flags plus signage. White sponsorship - \$1,000, includes 10 flags plus signage. Red sponsorship - \$2,500, includes 10 flags plus premium signage. Money raised benefits scholarships to RHS students attending Radford University, polio eradication, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery, Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread, Elf Shelf, the Women's Resource Center, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Vittles for Vets, Beans and Rice, the Wheelchair Foundation, Wonder Universe Children's Museum, Shelterbox and Sunset Garden. Contact Tom Alston with Radford Noon Rotary at rotary.club.of.radford.noon@gmail.com or register at <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm>.

Monday, May 22:

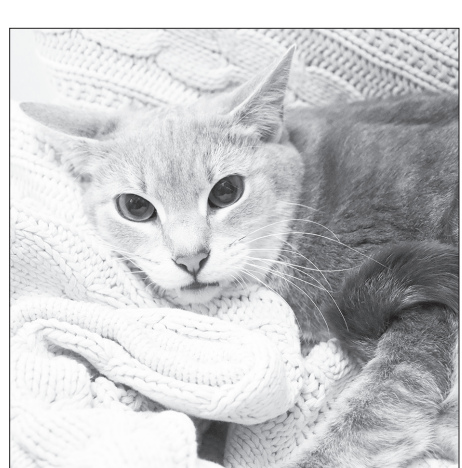
Radford City Council meeting
The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

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.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Jan



Princess

Meet Jan! She's a friendly gal who is ready to sniff out her forever home. Jan gets along with other dogs but cats are not her cup of tea. She would likely enjoy activities where she can stretch her legs and release some energy. She will gladly sit for a delicious treat!

Princess is a sweet gal. She can be a little shy but warms up when she feels comfortable. She doesn't need a prince to fill her days, just

a nice human or two to provide some attention and affection. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet her. You could be her purrfect match!

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.

SAY IT LOUD!

CARILIONPROUD

Carilion Proud Week is May 7-13

Every day, every shift our employees make us proud—and we want everyone to know it! That's why this week is about celebrating the unique ways you each inspire us.

From brightening a patient's day to seeking out medicine's next big ideas, you show us what it means to care for others. And for that, we're saying "thank you!" loud and proud.

If you're part of the #CarilionProud family or if you love someone who is, share the hashtag on your socials this week!

Learn more about our mission and joining our team at CarilionClinic.org/careers.



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Virginia Tech spring commencement ceremonies set for this week

BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech will hold in-person commencement ceremonies at Lane Stadium starting Wednesday and running through Sunday. The university will celebrate both graduating seniors and graduate students, along with their families.

The commencement ceremonies begin with the Graduate School's ceremony in Blacksburg at 3:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday. The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine will honor its public health graduates a little later at 7 p.m.

The remainder of the week will include in-person ceremonies for those receiving degrees. All commencement ceremonies will be held at Lane Stadium unless otherwise noted. Find the complete commencement schedule online.

On Friday, the University Commencement ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. ET at Lane Stadium. Jean Case, a digital pioneer and chairwoman of the National Geographic Society, accepted the university's invitation and will deliver the commencement address.

Three students will serve as the speakers at the graduate school ceremony: Kayla Alward, who is earning a Ph.D. from the school of animal sciences (dairy); Megan Van-Spanje who is earning a master's degree in forest resources and environmental conservation; and Mohannod Elhamod, who is earning a Ph.D. in computer science.

Virginia Tech will honor 6,804 bachelor's degree candidates from all colleges throughout the week. This year, 3,813 graduating Hokies completed their baccalaureate degree programs with honors, having achieved cumulative GPAs of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Here's a look at the number of bachelor's degrees being awarded from each college:

- College of Engineering: 2,109
- Pamplin College of Business: 1,319
- College of Science: 1,108
- College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences: 1,075
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: 575
- College of Architecture, Arts and Design: 309
- College of Natural Resources and Environments: 208
- Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine: 101 *

*Note: The Bachelor of Science in Public Health is offered by the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.



PHOTO BY LUKE HAYES FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech will spend much of the upcoming week honoring its graduates. The university's main commencement ceremony begins Friday at 8:30 a.m. at Lane Stadium.

In all, 1,177 students will be participating in the graduate school ceremonies, including 1,028 in Blacksburg and 149 in the greater Washington, D.C., metro area. A total of 213 Ph.D. recipients are expected for hooding at the Blacksburg commencement with an additional 21 in the D.C. area.

Here's a look at the number of graduate degrees being awarded: Master's degrees: 1,205; Advanced graduate certificates: 182; Ph.D.'s: 284; Ed.D's: 26; and Education specialists: 7.

The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine plans to hand out Doctor of Veterinary Medicines to 120 recipients on Friday. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine honored 40 graduates at its ceremony May 6.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets is recognizing 255 graduates from its program. Of those, 169 will be entering service in the military as commissioned officers: 91 in the U.S. Army, 40 in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, and 38 in the U.S. Air Force. In addition, 51 are Citizen-Leader Track graduates.

In addition, Virginia Tech will be hosting multiple cultural achievement ceremonies throughout the week. Those include Aliyah (a celebration of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students); American Indian and Indigenous (for Native students); APIDA (for Asian Pacific Islander Desi American students); Donning of the Kente (for those of African American heritage); First Together (for first-generation undergraduate, graduate, and Ph.D. candidates); Gesta Latina (for student of Hispanic or Latino descent); Disabilities Community; Lavender (for LGBTQ+ graduates), Veterans (for student graduates who are veterans of military service), and Recovery Community (for student graduates who have overcome addictions).

For those with questions about commencement, please visit the university's commencement FAQ web page. For other information related to commencement, please visit the university's commencement site.

-Margaret Ashburn for Virginia Tech

IRS training program offers a daylong "adrenaline shot" for business students, plus career prospects



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY
A daylong IRS workshop, held April 14 at the Davis College of Business and Economics in Kyle Hall, included about 50 students from Radford and Bridgewater College.

What's it like to work for the Internal Revenue Service?

Not to profile a 161-year-old federal institution, but one might imagine 40-hour work weeks filled with forms, files, figures and fluorescents.

Or maybe not. A daylong IRS workshop, held April 14 at the Davis College of Business and Economics in Kyle Hall, set out to dispel those stereotypes for about 50 students from Radford and Bridgewater College and possibly lead some to their future careers.

While the exercise involved no shortage of paperwork, there were also mysteries for the students to unravel. By the end of the day, the clues they uncovered ultimately led them to don law-enforcement vests, riot shields and replica sidearms as they executed a mock raid on an

office.

It was the IRS Citizens Academy Training Program, hosted by about two dozen representatives from the IRS Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI) and organized by Assistant Professor of Accounting Rob Warren, who, prior to entering academia, was himself an IRS-CI agent for more than 22 years.

Dean Joy Bhadury prefaced the event by telling students it would be like "an adrenaline shot" and, indeed, over the course of the day, attendees tackled an accelerated roleplaying version of a case much like those the IRS-CI handles.

Although the IRS-CI might spend two years on a case, the students got the condensed, 7-hour version.

"We're basically going to walk you through a simulated investigation ... so you get a feel for what it's like to do this job," Robert Glantz, a special agent and the master of ceremonies, told the crowd.

First, they interviewed a fictional informant, "Nash" (played by an IRS-CI agent in a hoodie and Yankees ballcap), who told them about his boss, a shady entrepreneur with a string of businesses and a penchant for suspicious activities, including possible financial crimes and terror-funding.

"Something's not right," Nash told them before fielding students' questions about his job, the many red flags he saw, the company finances and why he was coming forward.

"Because I'm a good person," he replied. Part of their challenge was to determine whether that was true.

Students participating in the IRS Citizens Academy Training roleplayed as agents who had to approach a judge and make a case to be granted a search warrant. Assistant Professor of Accounting Rob Warren (seated) who organized the event and is a former IRS-CI agent, portrayed one of the judges.

Armed with Nash's tips, students got stacks of files – Lexis records on the owner and other workers, tax filings by the businesses, plus IRS Suspicious Activity Reports. Breadcrumbs were sprinkled throughout, and students had to spot such irregularities as linked addresses and large cash contributions from unlikely donors.

They conducted interviews with employees and suspects (again, played by agents) before approaching judges to request warrants for searches and arrests.

Warren portrayed one of those justices and, when students were slow to answer his legal questions, would impatiently chide them, in character: "Come on, let's

go, I've got a golf game to get to!"

Finally, they participated in a raid on the suspected businesses, weeding through workspaces to seize evidence and avoid such potential pitfalls as a frantic accountant who was carrying a baby (played by a doll) but who also was secretly armed with a weapon.

"First, you ask them. Then you tell them. Then you make them," Special Agent Patrick Smith had advised the trainees, pre-raid, but fortunately, the siege never reached that volatile third stage.

Chandler Scott, a Radford senior from Giles County, Virginia, who's studying business management, hopes to work with the U.S. Marshals Service and said he attended because "I wanted to get exposure on the federal system and how the IRS operates. Federal agents do work together on different cases, and I just really enjoyed how everything all came together in the end."

Bridgewater College's Faith Helm is a senior business administration major from Woodbridge, Virginia, and she said she wants to work for the government.

The training program culminated in a mock-raid on a business suspected of criminal activity, with students conducting arrests.

"This showed me there's more to the IRS than just doing accounting," Helm said.

"Any major financial case that you read about or hear about, I can almost guarantee you there's an IRS special agent behind the scenes that worked on that case," said Donald Fort, who is now retired from the IRS after serving 10 different positions within the organization.

Special agents need 15 credits in accounting, and Warren said he knows some who hold degrees in other disciplines – sociology, archaeology – but who returned to school to gain the necessary qualifications.

Prospective IRS employees can apply up until age 37 but must stand down once they turn 57, and he said that over the next six years, an estimated 55,000 personnel are expected to retire, with current funding available to replace those workers.

Warren said that, due to its scale and time commitments required, few IRS citizen training academies are conducted.

"We are very fortunate that the IRS invested the personnel and resources necessary to make this event the success that it was," Warren said afterward.

"I am already lobbying for the IRS to come out again next year."

-Neil Harvey for Radford University

Virginia gas prices lower than last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 6.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.33/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 10.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 89.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 6.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.01 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.73/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.26/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 7.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.50/g today. The national average is down 7.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 80.7 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:

- May 8, 2022: \$4.22/g (U.S. Average: \$4.31/g)
 - May 8, 2021: \$2.77/g (U.S. Average: \$2.96/g)
 - May 8, 2020: \$1.68/g (U.S. Average: \$1.83/g)
 - May 8, 2019: \$2.64/g (U.S. Average: \$2.88/g)
 - May 8, 2018: \$2.63/g (U.S. Average: \$2.82/g)
 - May 8, 2017: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.33/g)
 - May 8, 2016: \$2.08/g (U.S. Average: \$2.21/g)
 - May 8, 2015: \$2.43/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g)
 - May 8, 2014: \$3.49/g (U.S. Average: \$3.67/g)
 - May 8, 2013: \$3.36/g (U.S. Average: \$3.54/g)
- Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
 Roanoke- \$3.28/g, down 6.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.34/g.
 Richmond- \$3.29/g, down 8.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.37/g.
 West Virginia- \$3.43/g, down 4.6 cents per gallon

from last week's \$3.48/g.

"For the third straight week, consumers have been greeted by falling gasoline prices across a majority of the country, thanks to oil prices holding near recent lows and the transition to summer gasoline being essentially complete. While there have been a few pockets of rising prices, those have been the needle in the haystack, with nearly every single state seeing gas prices fall," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "In addition to gasoline prices declining, the average price of a gallon of diesel will join gasoline in the days ahead, falling below \$4 per gallon in the next 48 hours or so, a sign of how far we've come. Americans are spending hundreds of millions less on fuel every week compared to a year ago, and that's a number that could rise further as prices are poised to continue trending lower this week."

-Submitted by Gas Buddy

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PHOTO BY LAURIE BUCHWALD

The new chimney swift roost is up and running at McHarg, just in time for the spring return of the migratory birds.

Radford City Schools, and Michelle Green, Principal of McHarg, and Jane Swing, School Board member, who were in attendance representing RCPS,” said Altieri. “A special shout out to Stacey Howard, RCPS Director of Technology and Bob Sheehy, retired RU Biology professor, who got the cameras installed and the technology working. We would also like to recognize Von Nester of Sign Systems for the fine work on our plaques. Finally thank you to the almost 100 people who contributed to making the tower a reality.”

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independently. The club also hosts guest speakers, presentations, and educational workshops relating to photography.

The new exhibit at Glencoe Mansion will feature 10 local photographers from The Radford Photo Club with 20 pieces of work on display. The opening reception will coincide with the local event “West End Weekend”, a three-day Radford festival centered on art, music, food, and community. The festival kicks off on Friday, May 12 for the opening reception of the art show. The festival continues Saturday May 13 for a craft vendor, music, and food event on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, and it concludes on Sunday May 14 at Long Way Brewing.

The Radford Photo Club meets monthly at

Radford Public Library. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Find the club on Facebook at Radford Photo Club. To learn more about The Radford Photo Club, contact Lucy Gilmore at lucy.gilmore@gmail.com or Michele Borgarelli at mborgarelli@gmail.com.

For more information about the show, please visit Glencoe Mansion on Facebook or at www.glencoe mansion.org. For Festival information, please visit “West End Weekend” on Facebook or at www.mountaintroutart.com. Glencoe Mansion is free to visit and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1- 4 p.m.

-Submitted by Glencoe Mansion

Downtown Blacksburg, Inc. presents the 42nd annual Steppin’ Out t-shirt design

BLACKSBURG – A Blacksburg High school sophomore has created the winning design for this year’s Steppin’ Out t-shirt.

“The Steppin’ Out t-shirt has become an annual collector’s item and the design contest is part of the great Steppin’ Out tradition,” said organizers of the festival. “The festival committee received several submissions for 2023 and ultimately chose a creative, yet timeless interpretation of Blacksburg’s favorite summer festival. We are excited to reveal the 2023 design and to introduce you to the artist, Natalie Green, a sophomore at Blacksburg High School.”

Green is active in indoor track and softball and hopes to study graphic design in college. The Steppin’ Out

t-shirt will be available for purchase in early-June from Fringe Benefit, New River Art & Fiber, Atlantic Union Bank North Main Location, and Blacksburg Hardware, and at the festival information booth in August.

Steppin’ Out will be held Friday and Saturday, August 4-5 in Downtown Blacksburg. Steppin’ Out features over 250 artists and crafts people from throughout the US selling unique handcrafted items; sidewalk sales and festival foods provided by downtown merchants; and three stages of live entertainment. For more information or to be a sponsor or volunteer, visit the Downtown Blacksburg, Inc. website at: www.blacksburgsteppinout.com.

-News Messenger staff report



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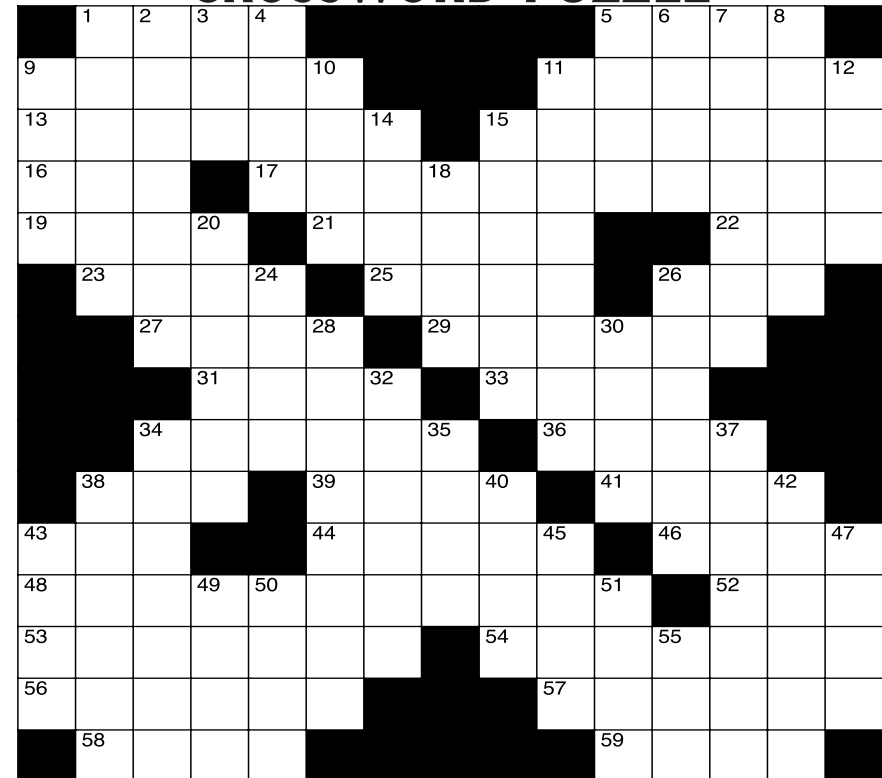
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OBITUARIES

Akers, Lindsey Nelson

Lindsey Nelson Akers, 54, of Christiansburg, went to be with the Lord, on May 4, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Thurman Akers. Left to cherish his memory are, his wife of 33 years, Vicki Wheeling Akers; son, Shane Akers; daughter and son-in-law, Allison and Adam White; mother, Edith Smith Akers; brother and sister-in-law, Toby and Carmen

Akers; sisters and brother-in-law, Linda Kinzer,



Brenda Fisher, Gail and

Darrell Custer; numerous uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many special friends. He was employed by Tenneco (Federal-Mogul) for 35 years.

The family received friends Sunday, May 7, 2023, at McCoy Funeral Home, with a funeral service following in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Shepherd, Rev. Lee Sarver, and Rev. Darrell Linkous officiating.

Barta, Joseph Arthur

Joseph Arthur Barta passed away on the morning of May 4, 2023. He was born in Richlands, Va. on October 24, 1938, the only child of the late Joseph Andrew Barta and Mae Spriggs Barta.

When he was a young child, his family moved to the coalfields of McDowell County, W.Va. He was a 1956 Gary High School graduate, where he was a standout on the basketball and football teams. He was also elected Homecoming King, won the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe Award, and was one of the first recipients in the country of the SAT National Merit Scholar Award. Although he lived most of his adult life in Southwest Virginia, he always considered himself a West Virginian.

He attended Virginia Tech as a member of the Corps of Cadets and graduated in 1960. He married Sue Ann Blair, a fellow Gary High School graduate, and they moved to Morgantown, where he attended West Virginia University medical school. He excelled in medical school and afterward moved his young family to Germany to honorably serve his country in the

US Army for three years, attaining the rank of Major. He attended Duke University's prestigious residency program in ophthalmology. After completing his residency, he and Sue moved to Radford with their four children to begin his successful ophthalmic



practice. He took care of thousands of patients over 30 years, with three busy offices at the height of his career.

He was known for his quick wit, keen intellect, and his medical knowledge and skill — both in the office and surgical suite. He was a fierce competitor on the racquetball court and played daily for many years. He also loved playing pick-up basketball and was able to play full court basketball

with his children and grandchildren well into his 70's. He was a proud member of MENSA and an avid jeopardy fan. He enjoyed playing poker with his friends. He loved and was so proud of his family and above all was devoted to his wife, Sue, who was his constant companion and caretaker over the past few years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved son, Michael Joseph Barta, and is survived by his wife, Sue; son, Mark Blair Barta (Amy); daughter Amy Barta Wall (Jimmy); and daughter Laura Jo Barta. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Radford with the Reverend Cassidy Stinson presiding. Interment followed at West View cemetery in Radford. The family would like to thank Dr. Chuck Judy and the staff of Intrepid USA hospice as well as Father Cassidy for their care and support.

The Barta family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

Meincke, David Lee

Our beloved David Lee Meincke, 76, of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., formerly of Blacksburg, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on April 29, 2023. David was born on December 14, 1946 and was the proud son of the late Henri G. Meincke III and Josephine Nichols Meincke. Born and raised in Roanoke, he was a graduate of Patrick Henry High School, class of 1965. David displayed honorable leadership proficiency in his teens as an Eagle Scout and Drum Major of the Patrick Henry Marching Band. It was during band camp at Concord College that he met the love of his life, his wife and partner of 59 years, Elizabeth Holdren Meincke (Libby) when they were both 16. Their love story is the stuff that fairy tales are made of and created a legacy for all who were blessed to witness the unconditional love and mutual respect that characterized their long marriage.

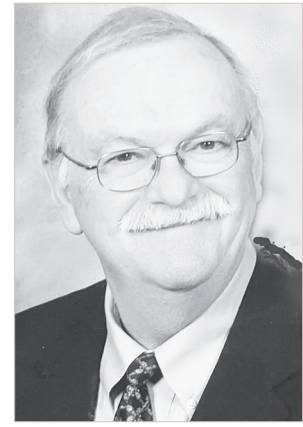
David attended Roanoke College, majoring in chemistry, preparing for a long career in medicine. Following his graduation from Roanoke College, he married Libby in a beautiful ceremony on June 21, 1969 that continues to be regaled more than five decades later. The impressive couple made a lasting connection to Colonial Williamsburg on their honeymoon and often revisited during the holiday season to experience the Grand Illumination on cobblestoned streets while enjoying cider and cookies from Raleigh Tavern.

David and Libby moved to Richmond where David began his formal medical education and residency at the Medical College of Virginia with a focus in Obstetrics and Gynecology while Libby financially supported them as a dedicated and caring elementary school teacher. Following David's residency, he and Libby moved to Blacksburg where he began an almost 40-year career as a OBGYN, launching a new medical practice, Montgomery Obstetrics and Gynecology, alongside his dear friends and colleagues Dr. Charles Y. Davis and the late Dr. Bill Isenhour. David and Libby put down roots at Northside Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg and sang in the church choir for many years.

Shortly after moving to Blacksburg David and Libby had their two beloved daughters, Allison Meincke Shaw and Kristin Elizabeth Kasselmann, 11 months apart - Irish twins! The family of four created beautiful memories sailing on David's boat on Smith Mountain Lake, camping in the pop-up camper, and visiting Florida and Sunset Beach, N.C. in the summers. The most

treasured trip was sailing the Virgin Islands together as a family, a tradition that was established with dear lifelong friends Danny and Ann Hardy.

David's chivalrous character and love of travel were firmly developed during his teenage years when he drove his widowed neighbor and her disabled child across the country, and after earning a trip to Italy when he won the Young Columbus VIII contest for his stellar newspaper sales. In addition to travel, David enjoyed woodworking and built an elaborate backyard deck and designed and resurrected a stilted tree house for his family at their home in Blacksburg. David also enjoyed dove hunting trips to Mexico and the Eastern Shore in Maryland. In the fall you could always find him hiking in the woods in pursuit of a deer, a passion that he passed down to his brave daughter Kristin who took a record breaking 444-pound black bear with a bow in Saskatchewan, Canada.



David was humble to his core and had so many talents, including an impressive gift for cooking, creating art in his kitchen for family and friends. He loved being on the golf course, occasionally he played clever golf ball pranks on his older brother Don. His sly moments were few but entertaining, sometimes accompanied by funny nicknames during five-card Gin Rummy.

David and Libby's annual Christmas Eve parties in Blacksburg were legendary and cultivated a lasting tradition for their close circle of friends and extended families. David's hands were never idle, his passion and purpose to help others in all facets of his life demonstrated focus and discipline. His gentle yet influential footprint in our community is nothing short of inspiration. David delivered more than 4000 children in his stunning career and expertly cared for countless other adults in various concentrations of medicine.

David analyzed and heroically managed his oldest daughter Allison's cancer battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in 1997 and it was because of his careful research that she was able to conceive children after chemotherapy treatment. David was on the front lines, at Lewis Gale Montgomery Hospital, on April 16, 2007 attending to the victims in the Virginia Tech shooting. The Hippocratic Oath was tattooed on his heart and

he continued the practice of providing exemplary medical service even as a stage-four cancer patient himself. In February 2023 David was flying back from Las Vegas, a trip planned to celebrate what he believed was his cancer's remission. An emergency medical call rang out over the cabin speakers. Without hesitation, David answered the call and cared for a very sick lady who was unconscious while toting his portable oxygen unit the entire length of the plane. There was never a pause, his selfless love and genuine care for others always came before preservation for himself.

Our hearts are comforted that our patriarch, our protector allowed Libby, Allison and Kristin to hold his hands (and his heart) as he took his last breaths and made his final transition to heaven, finally free from the pain of his illness. This was the ultimate gift to his girls who had been protected for a lifetime by their fearless and deeply loving husband and father to be able to hold David close in his final moments on Earth. The setting of his passing proved poetic and absolutely perfect for the kindest man many of us will ever know, surrounded by flourishing gardens, singing birds, and a gorgeous sunrise at the SECU Brunswick County Hospice House and a compassionate team of angelic nurses.

In addition to his adoring wife, Libby, of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., David is survived by his two devoted daughters and their supportive husbands who he considered as sons, Allison Shaw (Kevin), of Blacksburg, and Kristin Kasselmann (Bryan) of Stilwell, Kan. David was also blessed to be a grandfather to seven surviving grandchildren, Lindsay Shaw Duck (Ryan) of Christiansburg, Allison L. Shaw of Peoria, Ill., Chloe and Christian Davis of Blacksburg, and Atali, Dakota and Peyton Shaw of Chapel Hill, N.C. David is also survived by his two wonderful brothers, Donald Meincke (Bonnie) of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. and Darryl Meincke (Phyllis) of Chesapeake, Va. along with six nieces and nephews, and eight grand nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of David's Life on Friday, July 7, 2023 at 3 p.m. at Ocean View Baptist (7025 Beach Drive, SW - Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.), officiated by his beloved brother and pastor, Darryl Meincke. Reception to follow the service in the banquet hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org or Colonial Williamsburg www.colonialwilliamsburg.org. Online condolences are encouraged and may be sent to the family at www.fulwoodfuneralservice.com.

Patterson, Leah Rae

Leah Rae Patterson, 26, formerly of Radford, passed away on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

The family will receive friends from 2 - 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the Community Life Church at the Norwood Room. A celebration of life will begin at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, PO Box 37920, Boone IA 50037-0920.

Leah died living. As her friend and coworker Kerith said, "Leah LIVED. She took full advantage of every morsel that life has to offer." To know Leah was to love Leah. She knew how to love well with abandon and unconditionally. She was a champion for the underdog and stood up for her beliefs in her #BigStrongGirl style. There would be few to say they were not touched by her light. The joy and unabashed fervor for

living life to the fullest and the importance of staying in the moment was her style. She believed in being fully present for each person she was with. #LeahRaeofSun was a sunbeam to everyone. The world is now a dimmer



place without her, but the legacy of loving large and hard on every person we are blessed to meet can easily be the lesson of her life.

Leah created family wherever she went. Her loss is grieved by so many friends and family. To carry on without her

are her best friend in the world, her dog, Fern; her parents, Mark and Blenna Patterson; her brother, Ryan Patterson; her partner, Andrew Hopkins; her grandmother, Nancy Curl; aunts and uncles, Chip and Marywood Sparks, Chuck and Becki Patterson, and Ruthie and David Martin; her best girlfriends and previous roommates, Paige Williams, Maggi Weiseman, Indigo Ludwig, Callie Friedberg, Lindi Smith and Carly Mannon; all of her coworkers at @TequilaandDeadliftsGym, @RiversideOutfittersRVA, @FarFlungAdventures, and @Angel_Fire_Resort; many, many other family members and friends; and every single person who was blessed to be in the presence of her "rae" of sun.

Welcome home child, you lived and loved well.

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

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'The Underwater Wonders of Toms Creek' exhibition highlights collaboration and community partnership in ecosystem education

BLACKSBURG — Swimming through the Perspective Gallery, hundreds of colorful paper cutouts of the native bluehead chub minnow accompany the calming sounds of water. Video projections of the male bluehead chub darting and building nests contrast with the serene, softly lit space.

The nest-building process is simple, methodical, and transfixed as the male minnow carries pebbles one by one in its mouth to build a mound in the stream, attract a mate, and spawn. In doing this, the bluehead chub not only guarantees the species' survival each spring, but the mounds provide a safe spawning nest for up to nine other minnow species in the Toms Creek watershed.

Researchers in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech have observed and explored the habitats at Toms Creek at Deerfield Park since 2008, as the bluehead chub minnow is a "keystone" in the survival of the other minnow species and provides stability to the ecosystem. Predators, pollution, and population growth all threaten the local waterbody, a tributary of the New River.

While public education has been a constant component of the research, this two-year collaborative project involving Student Engagement and Campus Life, the Perspective Gallery, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation, and faculty members from the College of Architecture, Arts, and Design helped make science more accessible to members of the community through visual art, theatre productions, and the immersive art exhibition. "The Underwater Wonders of Toms Creek" allows visitors to see these fish "out of the water" with the hopes of cultivating a better understanding of conservation efforts.

"Arts communicate with the viewers directly and inclusively without boundaries," said Hiromi Okumura, assistant professor in the School of Visual Arts and one of the collaborators on the project. "When art inspires humanity, magic happens."

The genesis of the project began in the Center for Communicating Science via a collaboration incubator facilitated by the center's Director Patty Raun, who is also a professor of theatre in the School of Performing Arts, and colleagues in the center. Emmanuel Frimpong, the principal investigator on the bluehead chub research, has guided the study for more than 15 years, funded by a National Science Foundation grant. Okumura, Frimpong, and Eugene G. Maurakis, a scientist, researcher, and science communicator from the University of Richmond, initially met in a Zoom break-out

room where Frimpong and Maurakis introduced Okumura to the bluehead chub minnow, called "chubbies," and the research at Toms Creek. The team included C. Meranda Flachs-Surmanek of the School of Public and International Affairs and contributors from the Center for Communicating Science.

Sponsored by a major SEAD Grant from the Virginia Tech Institute of Creativity, Arts, and Technology, and collaborative efforts of many across disciplines, Toms Creek and the community's artistic renditions of the bluehead chub found a temporary home on campus.

"The photos of the bluehead chubs Emmanuel and Eugene showed me in that meeting were so memorable and lovely, I just wanted to know more, learn more," Okumura said. "I did not know about this unique fish, and I wanted to learn more immediately."

The next spring, Okumura found herself wearing waders, side-by-side with the Toms Creek researchers as they counted the fish and measured the sizes of the nests and the speeds of the currents during the spring spawning season.

"There is an amazing world of aquatic life that I had never known before," said Okumura. "Fascinating! I totally fell in love with chubbies when I saw them for the first time, and I immediately thought we need to protect this precious and vulnerable environment. Chubbies are doing amazing work creating communities and maintaining underwater ecosystems. It is up to humans to protect them for the future."

"The Underwater Wonders of Toms Creek" is inspired by the research of three Frimpong Lab graduate students, Samantha Brooks, Thomas Bustamante, and Maddie Betts, in the Virginia Tech Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation.

The team of dedicated individuals helped the Blacksburg and New River Valley communities connect to the natural spaces around them. Contributors to the exhibition include Okumura; Robin Scully, art program director of the Perspective Gallery and School of Visual Arts faculty member; graduate researchers; Caroline Marcyes, a graduate student master's program in material culture and public humanities and gallery lead; and two gallery interns, Emma Wilson and Anderson Huband.

As part of the Perspective Gallery's Art Reach program, they helped community members learn about the Toms Creek watershed through "Watercolor Wednesdays" at the Blacksburg Farmers Market. During weekly events, visitors could create watercolor fish, turtles, and other

aquatic creatures, which are now part of the exhibit, swimming through the gallery space.

Each painted fish hanging on mobiles in the Perspective Gallery is more than paper and paint — each represents someone who learned about the bluehead chub through the outreach programs.

"My focus, as a curator, as an artist, and as the director of the gallery, evolves out of creating exhibits that help people feel empowered to make the world a better place," said Scully. "Sharing the bluehead chub research in an accessible and visual format in an exhibition gives patrons information on how they can become stewards of where they live. Creating immersive exhibitions that highlight social and environmental awareness is a wonderful way to help people connect their actions to the effects on local flora and fauna."

Other visual contributions to this exhibit included large-scale photographs of the bluehead chub by Todd Pusser and Ned Rose, oil-painted canvases of the minnow and its nest associates by Maurakis. Also included in the exhibition are a framed watercolor of a bluehead chub by Betts, labeled with its Latin moniker, *Nocomis biguttatus*; nature journal pages by Matt Gentry; and a minnow embroidered on a dark navy cotton background by Emma Hultin, another graduate student involved with bluehead chub research at Toms Creek.

In the gallery's exterior display cases are highlights of the project and include a poem by Carrie Kroehler, associate director of the Center for Communicative Science; images of the community activities presented by Marcyes; and a research newsletter submission by Brooks.

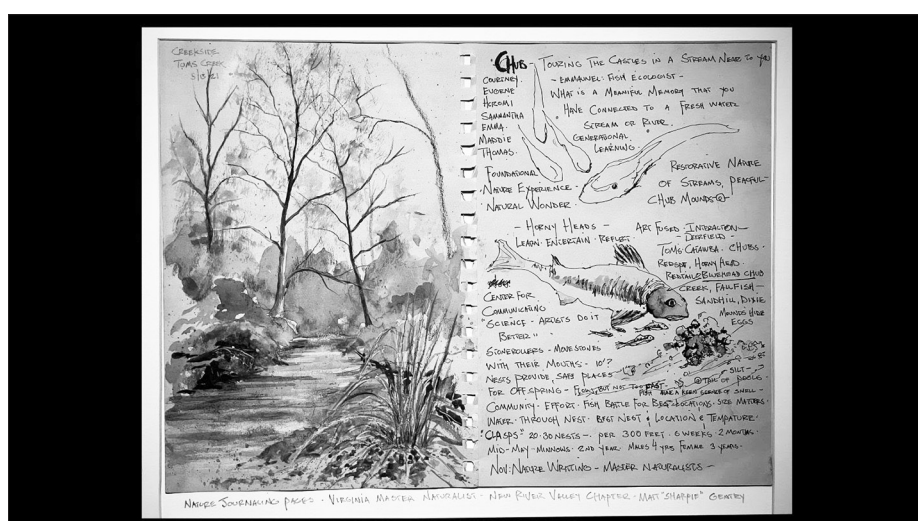
Visitors to "The Underwater Wonders of Toms Creek" exhibition can participate in a nest-building activity as part of the educational experience in the Perspective Gallery. Hundreds of brightly colored bean bags and pieces of wood may be moved around the floor to resemble the pebble nests of the bluehead chub. Bustamante conceived the demonstration for Art Reach sessions to educate visitors on the nest-building process and potential dangers to consider in selecting locations.

The exhibit, located in the Perspective Gallery on the second floor of the Squires Student Center on the Blacksburg campus, is open to the public through May 10 during these hours: Sundays, 1-5 p.m., Mondays 6-9 p.m., and Tuesdays-Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m.

-Rose Carter for Virginia Tech



"The Underwater Wonders of Toms Creek" exhibit was a result of a transdisciplinary, collaborative effort that educated members of the community in conservation through art.



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Pages from Matt Gentry's nature journal are exhibited in the Perspective Gallery alongside large-scale photographs of the bluehead chub, oil-painted canvases of the minnow and its nest associates, and team members' contributions to the visual representation of the fish and environment.

Outdoor report: Experts examine Zombie deer disease

A white-tailed deer afflicted with chronic wasting disease — also frequently referred to as "zombie deer disease" — will appear abnormally thin, move sluggishly, and salivate excessively. There is no cure: chronic wasting disease (CWD) is contagious and always fatal, and it has been detected with increasing frequency in Virginia and other states, raising concerns about effects on the deer population.

Virginia Tech professor and wildlife health expert Luis Escobar will be leading a study to determine the risk of CWD transmission in Virginia. This past week, he answered questions about the disease, what the study will do and how it is being funded.

Q: Where has chronic wasting disease been detected?
"In North America, species known to be susceptible to natural infection include elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer, moose, and the red deer, which is not native to the continent. All of these are mammals in the deer family, or cervids. In the U.S., chronic wasting has been detected in free-ranging cervids in 29 states. In Virginia, CWD has been detected in white-

tailed deer in the north and southwest areas of the commonwealth."

Q: How does CWD spread and what are the symptoms?

"CWD is caused by infectious proteins causing fatal neurodegenerative diseases. Infected deer can transmit the pathogen by direct contact — for example, through saliva — or by contaminating the environment. As examples, infected feces or urine or an infected carcass can contaminate grass. Transmission can occur before symptoms appear, as early as six months after the infection. The infection causes hyperexcitability, or increased activity, in the early stages. Advanced symptoms include severe loss of weight, excessive salivation, behavioral changes such as decreased activity, and weakness followed by death."

Q: How severe is the threat to the white-tailed deer population?

"Some studies suggest a large potential threat to wildlife conservation due to deer mortality and effects on genetic diversity in populations affected by CWD."

Efforts to prevent spread of the disease include regular culling, which could impact deer abundance in the affected regions but seems to be effective."

Q: What research will your team conduct into the spread of chronic wasting disease?

"Thanks in part to a \$30,000 gift from Virginia Hound Heritage, our team, which includes Virginia Tech professor of deer ecology and animal movement Brett Jesmer, will be able to undertake an extensive investigation into CWD transmission risk across Virginia. The goal of this project is to estimate the paths, direction, and extent of future CWD spread in white-tailed deer. The team will use molecular tools to generate information of likely spread of the disease in unprecedented detail in Virginia."

Q: Can humans or pets get CWD?

"To date, CWD only has been found in white-tailed deer and other cervids."

-Luis Escobar for Virginia Tech

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Virginia Tech researchers to develop a snacking pepper suitable for indoor agriculture

BLACKSBURG - The value of indoor agriculture is skyrocketing for both producers and consumers, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is at the center of the innovation hotspot.

In partnership with the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, researchers in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Food Science and Technology are developing snacking pepper cultivars suitable for growing in controlled agriculture environments.

The controlled environment agriculture industry is growing rapidly in Virginia because it enables year-round planting in indoor spaces and uses fewer resources.

Crops are grown vertically, rather than in traditional, horizontal rows, which means more crops can be grown in fewer acres, increasing a farm's sustainability.

Bingyu Zhao, a professor in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences, and Yun Yin, an assistant professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology, are the masterminds.

"Our work centers on making the plant compact and accelerating growth all while maintaining the color, scent, nutrition, and sweetness," said Zhao, the principal investigator of the project

and affiliated faculty member of the Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture. "The plants need to be able to grow in a crowded environment while maintaining high yield rates to ensure profitability."

In his lab, Zhao will develop the plant with guidance from Yin, whose expertise is food chemistry, and will develop protocols to measure and evaluate the pepper's flavor experience to ensure it is better than or equal to its outdoor counterpart.

"Flavor-important components will be evaluated and determined through instrumental and sensory combined techniques," Yin said. "We will also look into nutritional value of cultivars suitable for controlled environment agriculture production."

Once the cultivars are optimized, seeds will be available for purchase by producers. Down the road, the principles and methods used to develop the indoor sweet snacking pepper could be applied to spicy pepper variants.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the United States Department of Agriculture are funding the research through the specialty crop block grant program that awarded a number of grants to the college.

-Max Esterhuizen for Virginia Tech

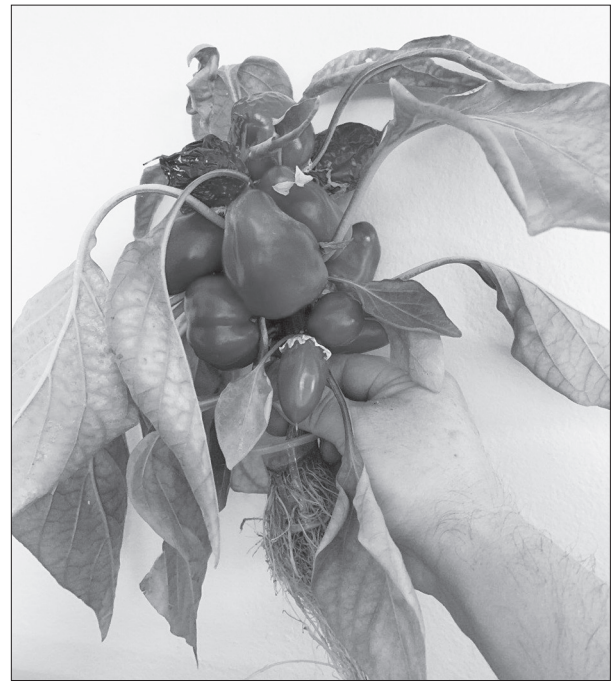


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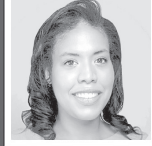


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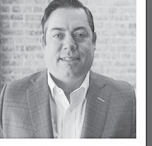
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Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104 Case No. CL23000084-00 CITY OF SALEM CIRCUIT COURT, 2 EAST CALHOUN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re GABRIEL SENTINELLAR SALAZAR V. MAY ANNE SALAZAR The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MAY ANNE SALAZAR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 31, 2023. APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L. OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem

at its regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property at 112 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District and BCD, Business Commerce District with conditions to RSF Residential Single-Family District. 2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to revise the Special Exception Permit approved February 28, 2011, to allow the construction of an educational facility, primary/secondary on the property located at 112 Corporate Boulevard, (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

ABC NOTICE

VISTARA LLC, trading as EASY DAY #1, 16 CHESTNUT STREET, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jyoti Sansoa (Member)

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ABC NOTICE

Rye Management Group, trading as Brood Restaurant and Bar, 210 E. Main Street, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. A. Crenshaw Reed IV/ Ted Poffelt/ Lindsay Poffelt

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Legals - City of Salem

NORTH CAROLINA ALAMANCE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF BRANDON JOSUE ZUNIGA JUANES, A Minor Child.

And IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF BRITNEY ZUNIGA JUANEZ, A Minor Child.

TO: WILMER FRANCISCO ZUNIGA, Respondent

TAKE NOTICE

that pleadings seeking relief against you have been filed in the above entitled Proceedings pending before the Alamance County Clerk of Superior Court. The nature of the relief being sought in these Proceedings are Petitions for the Name Change of the minor children, Brandon Josue Zuniga Juanes and Britney Zuniga Juanez to change the last names of the children to "Jimenez Juanez".

You are required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 5th day of July, 2023, said date being more than forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so the Party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought herein.

TAKE NOTICE

that you are further notified that in connection with this Action the following hearings are scheduled for hearing by the Court following the publication of this Notice:

July 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM: Hearing by the Clerk of the pending issues at the Alamance County Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham, NC 27253. This the 4th day of May, 2023.

FREDERICK J. STERNBERG Attorney for the Petitioner NC State Bar No. 4155

OF COUNSEL: FREDERICK J. STERNBERG, P.A. 38 S.W. Court Square Graham, NC 27253-2878 Telephone: (336) 228-0273 Fax: (336) 228-1932 E-Mail: efrederickjst@triad.rr.com

ABC NOTICE

DBH Salem Concessions, LLC, trading as DBH Salem Concessions, 1004 Texas St. Salem VA, 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer ON and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Chirag Mithani, VP/Secretary

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on May 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Boone Thomas LLC, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 100 block Richfield Avenue, Tax Map # 120-1-3. The petitioners are requesting a 13 foot rear-yard setback variance to allow for the construction of a house and deck. Section 106-208.3(B)(1) states that single-family dwellings shall conform with the setback requirements of Section 106-202.3(B)(1), which requires a 25 foot rear-yard setback.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 3753032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104 Case No. CL23000688-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ALVARO ALEJANDRO LIMON PEREZ v. MARIA GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that WARREN THOMAS AUSTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 19, 2023. APRIL 18, 2023 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE, TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CL23000646-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ALVARO ALEJANDRO LIMON PEREZ v. MARIA GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MARIA GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 19, 2023. APRIL 19, 2023 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR., JUDGE, TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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Return of the King to the Hokie mats



FILE PHOTO

Mekhi Lewis to don orange and maroon at Virginia Tech for final year of eligibility.

Mekhi Lewis is coming back. The greatest wrestler in Virginia Tech wrestling history – and one of the most decorated athletes to ever represent the Hokies – has announced his return for his final year of eligibility for the 2023-2024 season.

With Lewis (174-pounds) returning, Tech retains a strong core of returning All-Americans alongside Eddie Ventresca (125-pounds), Sam Latona (133-pounds), Caleb Henson (149-pounds), and Bryce Andonian (157-pounds). The five paced the Hokies for third most All-America honors in the country and another top-10 finish at the 2023 NCAA Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

“Mekhi has done a tremendous amount for Virginia Tech Wrestling and I am grateful for the opportunity to spend a seventh year with him as he chases his goals,” head coach Tony Robie expressed. “In addition to being an incredible competitor on the mat, Mekhi always represents Hokies Wrestling with class and humility. We appreciate everyone that has supported Mekhi throughout his journey

and is behind him as he puts on a Virginia Tech singlet for one more season. We are ecstatic that Keith, Charlotte, Keith Jr., and Mekhi Lewis will be back for the 2023-2024 season.”

Lewis became the first national champion in program history when he defeated Penn State’s two-time defending national champion, Vincenzo Joseph, for the 165-pound title at the 2019 NCAA Championships in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After taking an Olympic redshirt in 2020 and withdrawing from the 2021 national tournament due to injury, Lewis – moving up to 174-pounds – would once again make history to become Tech’s first two-time national finalist in 2022. The Somerset, New Jersey native would place fourth at the 2023 NCAA Championships despite battling numerous injuries to become Tech’s sixth three-time All-American and the first wrestler in program history to place top-four in three appearances. Lewis will look to become the Hokies’ first four-time NCAA All-American in program history – David McFadden was the first three-time NCAA All-American

and NCWA All-American.

The only two-time ACC Wrestler of the Year awardee in Tech wrestling history, Lewis is just the eighth Hokie to win three ACC titles with a chance to join Devin Carter to become the second-ever to win four with his return next season. The national and conference champion also made history back in 2018 by becoming the first world champion in program history with his junior world title while representing the Southeast Regional Training Center and the United States at the United World Wrestling Junior World Championships in Slovakia. Lewis was the only American to win a world title that year.

In addition to his accomplishments off the mat, Lewis has had a philanthropic impact in his community – giving more than \$8,000 of his own NIL earnings as well as helping raise and contribute over \$15,000 to multiple charities in his home state of New Jersey as well as Micah’s Backpack in Blacksburg.

-Virginia Tech Athletics

Big South softball tourney in Radford

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Radford University will host this week’s Big South softball tourney with no Highlander squad.

The host school finished the season this past weekend to finish in last place in the conference. Only the top four teams qualify for the May 11-13 tournament.

Radford finished with a 5-16 conference record and 16-34 overall.

For the first time since 2019, Longwood University is the No. 1 seed in the Big South Softball Championship.

The Lancers and Campbell tied for the regular-season championship with identical 15-5 conference records (.750 winning percentage), and Longwood earned the top seed based on its 2-1 series win over the Camels this past weekend. It is the Lancers’ sixth regular-season Big South crown, while No. 2-seed Campbell collects its third-straight title and fourth overall.

USC Upstate is the No. 3 seed following its 13-8

Big South record (.619 league winning percentage), with Charleston Southern clinching the No. 4 and final seed based on its 11-9 conference mark (.550 winning percentage).

The 2023 Softball Championship begins Thursday, May 11 with two games scheduled, continues with three games on Friday, May 12, and concludes Saturday, May 13 with two potential Championship contests starting at 1:00pm. Every game will be broadcast on ESPN+. The Big South’s Tournament champion receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Softball Regionals.

Tech fifth seed in ACC softball tourney

Florida State clinched its 14th Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title and is the No. 1 seed in the 2023 Atlantic Coast Conference Softball Championship, which begins Wednesday, May 10, at the Melissa Cook Softball Stadium in South Bend, Indiana.

The Seminoles earned their first top seed since 2018 after winning the regular-season championship with a 22-2 mark in conference action. Florida State is set to play its first tournament game in the quarterfinals on Thursday at 11 a.m., when it takes on the winner of Wednesday’s first-round matchup between No. 8

Virginia and No. 9 Syracuse.

The Orange and the Cavaliers will kick off the ACC Softball Championship with a 1 p.m. start on Wednesday, followed by No. 7 Notre Dame vs. No. 10 Georgia Tech at 3:30 p.m. Georgia Tech earned the last spot in the championship after Pitt swept NC State during the last weekend of play.

No. 4 Louisville will face No. 5 Virginia Tech on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in quarterfinal play. Duke earned its second consecutive No. 2 seed and will play the winner of Georgia Tech and Notre Dame on Thursday at

5 p.m. Clemson, the No. 3 seed, is slated to play No. 6 North Carolina in the final game of the day at 7:30 p.m.

The 2023 ACC Softball Championship will continue with Friday’s semifinals at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., and will conclude with Saturday’s championship game at 1 p.m.

ACC Network and ESPN2 will provide 18 hours of live coverage of the ACC Softball Championship. The first three rounds will be broadcast on ACC Network, and ESPN2 will carry the championship game, with studio breaks in between games.

-ACC Athletics

Bruins take boys, girls titles at Cosmos

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Blacksburg’s Mia Littlejohn claimed first place wins in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles as the Lady Bruins rolled to the team title in this weekend’s Cosmo track meet held at William Fleming High School.

Blacksburg racked up 120 points to second place

Northside and Roanoke Catholic’s 51 points.

Sarah Deutsch added to the individual wins for the Bruins in the pole vault and would serve as leg of the winning 4-by-400 meter relay win.

The Blacksburg boys’ team also took the 2023 Cosmo title with 75 points in a close meet with William Byrd second with 64. Pulaski and Franklin County finished tied for third with 52 points.

Blacksburg’s Will Harrison won the boys 110-meter hurdles (14.74 seconds) and 300 hurdles (39.71), while teammates Ben Hager and Daniel Bandera won the 400-meter dash (50.72) and 800 dash (2:01.75).

Auburn’s Kasey Rosebaum won the girls’ 3,200 meter race with a 11:56.21 time. On the boys’ side of the track, Drew Royal brought home first place in the high jump while Talan Mower was first in the pole vault.

Motor Mile mourns flag man’s passing

Motor Mile Speedway has announced the loss of its beloved flagman BJ Bruce.

In a Facebook post, a Motor Mile statement said the 34-year-old “BJ was often a contributor to our prayer in the driver’s meetings, he was a constant source of inspiration to all who knew him. BJ’s strength and dedication to our lord

Jesus Christ will bring all of us comfort in his passing.”

The Ennice, North Carolina, resident who had been one of several longtime “flag wavers” at the paved oval, passed away on May 5. He was a pastor at Southside Church of Christ in Galax, a board member for the Virginia Christian Camp

and an Assistant Troop Leader with the Cub Scout Troop Pack #810 in Woodlawn.

In addition to his parents, BJ is survived by his wife of 11 years, Amanda Sexton Bruce of the home; two children: Forrest Langdon Bruce V and Jaxon Carter Bruce both of the home.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Ennice.

Community Foundation of the NRV supports students with scholarships

This spring, the Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) gave out \$141,066 in scholarships to 81 students living or studying in the New River Valley (NRV), including 20 who are first in their family to attend college.

The CFNRV celebrated with the scholarship recipients and their loved ones at a luncheon on May 7.

Since 2002, the CFNRV has awarded \$1,114,731 to 940 students pursuing a wide variety of majors and certifications. Many of these students are funded for multiple years throughout their higher education experiences. Funding for these scholarships comes from generous donors, including individuals, families, and businesses, all with a desire to support the continuing education of high school seniors, college students, and students attending trade or technical schools.

“My mother, June Wang, loved being a teacher at Blacksburg High School. Students were her top priority and she cared deeply about instilling in them a sense of global citizenship and community involvement,” said Xiao-Wei Wang, who, along with her family, established the June Liang Wang Scholarship Fund, which gave out two scholarships this year. “With thanks to community support and under the direction of the CFNRV, we are able to continue mom’s legacy through her memorial scholarship.”

Donors work with the CFNRV to set up a scholarship fund based on specific criteria such as where the student is attending school, their financial needs, or their career goals. When the fund is fully endowed, income generated from the investment can start awarding scholarships annually, with the goal of funding students for generations to come. Currently, the foundation has 50 scholarship funds.

The 2023 scholarship recipients include 50 high school seniors, with the greatest number of students coming from Blacksburg High School (11), Floyd County High School (10), Christiansburg High School (8), Eastern Montgomery High School (6), and Auburn High School (4.) Also receiving scholarships this year are 31 college students, with the most students coming from Virginia Tech (16) and New River Community College (6).

“We received a record number of applications this year and I am proud to say that we were able to fund over half of them,” said Laura Pynn, who manages the CFNRV scholarship program. “It is very important to us to help students find a way to realize their dreams when, for so many, college seems so out of reach.”

Next year’s scholarship application cycle will open this October, with a deadline to apply in January 2024. Anyone interested in learning more about establishing a scholarship fund to support students in our region may contact the foundation at 540-381-8999 or cfnrv@cfnrv.org.

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Blacksburg High School
Mercy Akanmu, \$1,800 from the June Liang Wang Scholarship Fund
Patrick Davis, \$1,000 from the Terry Helms Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mia Farley, \$840 from the Dana R. & Marilyn Spencer Scholarship Fund
Norah Griggs, \$1,065 from the Allan Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund
Nicholas Harvey, \$600 from the Dennis Stauffer Memorial Scholarship Fund
Suzie Kim, \$1,000 from the BHS National Honor Society Legacy Scholarship Fund
Maevie Rensberger, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund
Mila Santsaver-Jones, \$1,500 from the Chris Dudley Scholarship Fund
Gabriel Syed, \$500 from the A. Phillips Meadows Leadership Fund
Sam Woolsey, \$1,800 from the June Liang Wang Scholarship Fund
Edric Zhang, \$1,500 from the Jim Gwazdauskas Memorial Scholarship Fund
Christiansburg High School
Emily Abbott, \$1,770 from the Adrienne Marie Rhudy Memorial Scholarship Fund
Carson Ballard, \$1,500 from the Doris Huff Elliott Business Excellence Scholarship Fund
Thaxton Henley, \$1,000 from the Eric E. Sutphin Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hayden Kyle, \$1,000 from the VFW Post 5311 Legacy Scholarship Fund
Taylor Rasmussen, \$2,000 from the Josephine D. Shotts Memorial Scholarship Fund
Anna Rayne, \$1,000 from the Eric E. Sutphin Memorial Scholarship Fund
Faith Sarver, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund
McKenna Spaulding, \$1,300 from the Marcus Allen Ford Memorial Scholarship Fund
Eastern Montgomery High School:
Logan Boone, \$700 from the Casey Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund
Madison Bruce, \$1,000 from the Muffo Family Scholarship Fund
Abigail Felty, \$1,000 from the Laura J. Pynn Scholarship Fund
Jenna Gadd, \$1,780 from the Epperly Family Fund

Consort Symphonic Band Scholarship Fund
Andrew Martin, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund
Carly Thompson, \$1,600 from the Mary Ann King Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hallie Williams, \$500 Evelyn Rutrough Memorial Scholarship Fund
Victoria Wood, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund
Narrows High School:
Kaleah Handshoe, \$2,000 from the Josephine D. Shotts Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mya Robertson, \$1,000 from the Domermuth Scholarship Fund
Virginia Bowles, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund
Pulaski County High School:
Sydney Farley, \$2,000 from the Jo Ann Slate Smith Scholarship Fund
Emilie Hall, \$2,000 from the Jo Ann Slate Smith Scholarship Fund
Zachary Parker, \$2,000 from the Simón-Flora-Grohs Scholarship Fund
Plus, one student each from:
Cassidy Callister, Springhouse Community School, \$1,000 from the T. Scott Eaton Scholarship Fund
Liam Gillock, Grayson County High School, \$1,180 from the Plummer Scholarship Fund
Hollie Fletcher, Giles High School, \$500 from the Virginia Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Angie Lin, Radford High School, \$1,770 from the Adrienne Marie Rhudy Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dianna White, Galax High School, \$1,180 from the Plummer Scholarship Fund
University students:
Bridgewater College
Logan Douthat, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund
Jared Nichols, \$4,000 from the James E. & Kate H. Board Scholarship Fund
New River Community College:
Helen Beavers, \$1,250 from the Wings Fund
Jaycee Chaffin, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund
Kenzie Chaffin, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund
Gracene Clinger, \$1,250 from the Wings Fund
Eliany Garcia-Bermudez, \$3,000 from the RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund
Shuler Williams, \$500 from the Living4Bri Scholarship Fund
Virginia Tech:
Madison Blake, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Ruthie Brown, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Krista Carlton, \$2,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Victoria Fedik, \$4,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Ella Fitzgerald, \$3,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Heidi Gomez, \$2,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Jack Hammock, \$1,950 from the Lineweaver Family Scholarship Fund
Angelina Jannace, \$500 from the Lambda Horizon Scholarship Fund
Alexandra Jones, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Gage Kelly, \$1,950 from the Lineweaver Family Scholarship Fund
Suin Kim, \$2,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Seferina Olivo, \$4,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Megan Phan, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Harbalbeen Rai, \$4,000 total from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund & the Adrienne Marie Rhudy Memorial Scholarship Fund
Morgan Ralph, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Hanna Santolla, \$1,720 from the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Memorial Scholarship Fund
Plus, one each from:
Sydney Fritz, Brown University, \$1,018 from the Warren Lloyd Holtzman Freedom Scholarship Fund
Andrea Leng, Washington University in St. Louis, \$2,000 from the Benjamin Eiss Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jaden Nichols, James Madison University, \$4,000 from the James E. & Kate H. Board Scholarship Fund
Josep Ocampo, College of William and Mary, \$3,000 from the RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund
Cole Shepherd, Delta State University, \$1,065 from the Allan Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund
Selna Shi, Virginia Commonwealth University, \$3,000 from the RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund
Brittle Williams, Radford University, \$1,065 from the Marie Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund

Lucas Jones, \$1,018 from the Warren Lloyd Holtzman Freedom Scholarship Fund
Madeline Mirolli, \$1,065 from the Marie Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund
Floyd County High School:
Avery Cantrell, \$1,000 from the Citizens Scholarship Fund
Melanie Gallimore, \$1,000 from the Larry Turman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Maria Garcia Diaz, \$3,000 total from the RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund & Amber D. Lutz Memorial Scholarship Fund
James Holt, \$1,100 from the Woodrow & Elma Turman Scholarship Fund
Vanessa Hylton, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund
Jessica Long, \$1,000 from the Williamsburg

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