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## Mary Draper Ingles Festival set for next weekend

*The Radford Photo Club will be providing old timey photos at the festival*

RADFORD — Last year's Mary Draper Ingles Festival brought visitors to the city from dozens of states and a few foreign countries, and with this year's festival coming to Radford this weekend, the city will have a lot of visitors again.

The festival includes colonial interpreters, dancers, musicians and a wide range of performers and history experts, July 28-30 in Radford and Pulaski County.

On Saturday, the Radford Photo Club will be hosting "Old Timey Photos" on the grounds of Glencoe. Customers can choose from a variety of period clothing and pose with period props. The photos are suitable for all ages, and are sponsored by the Radford Photo Club, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Donations are welcome, and will benefit Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery.

The festival shares the story of the capture, escape and return journey of Mary Draper Ingles, who is one of Virginia's most famous colonial heroines, and allows visitors to tour her family's farm, tavern and ferry her family operated

for over a century.

More than 75 activities are planned during the weekend, including old-time crafts and skills, art exhibits and many children's activities, including a petting zoo and inflatables provided by Radford University Athletics. The historic Ingles Farm, which showcases a replica of Mary's cabin, will be open for tours and talks by interpreters. Long Way Brewing will feature live music, food trucks, a children's play zone and a living history performance by West Virginia actress Karen Vuranch. Visitors also can make reservations to float the New River with the region's newest outfitter—Radford On The River.

Headlining Saturday's literary activities will be award-winning Southern writer Sharyn McCrumb, best known for her Appalachian "Ballad" novels, including the New York Times best seller, "She Walks These Hills," and Eve Watters, storyteller and musician who will discuss Irish culture as well as tell stories of the Shawnee nation, one of the indigenous tribes that

## OLD TIMEY PHOTOS

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JULY 28-30

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periodically inhabited southwest Virginia. Born in 1732 to Irish immigrants in Philadelphia, Ingles became part of the great westward migration of Europeans who pressed on through Virginia in search of a better future, eventually settling in the New River Valley. In July 1755 a group of Shawnees staged an attack on the

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## Montgomery Museum hosts local artists in railroad theme art show

*Exhibit companion to "Let's Go to the Depot" History Exhibit and recent NRV Passenger Rail Panel*

CHRISTIANSBURG - "Let's Go to the Depot! How the Railroad Changed Montgomery County and Cambria" history exhibit opened on July 13 at the Montgomery Museum of Art and History.

The railroad, completed through Montgomery County in 1854, created a social center where sweethearts ran off to get married and fresh-faced draftees set off to serve their country. It was also a point of commerce, where goods and harvests from the county were shipped and products from around the world entered into Montgomery County.

In conjunction with the "Let's Go to the Depot" history exhibit, members of the museum and other local artists have participated in a railroad-themed art show. Photographs, watercolors, oils, acrylics, pen and ink drawings, and even wood scrollwork are represented. The 41 pieces by 20 artists of trains and related items will be on display now through September 8. The public may view the pictures online and vote for their favorite at <https://montgomerymuseum.org/exhibits/>



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**"611 Christiansburg" by Aileen Fletcher**

railroad-theme-show. Online voting started on July 18, but even better, come in and see for yourself.

The closing reception is on September 7, 5-7 p.m. at the museum. People's Choice voting will allow only one vote per person, and voting will close at 6 p.m. the day of the reception, with awards presented at 6:30 p.m.

Last week, the museum hosted a very successful panel discussion on NRV passenger rail, providing a forum of updates and discussion led by experts from the New River Valley Regional Commission, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, and the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board. In a packed lobby, community members learned more about the history of

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## Expert offers tips for photographing birds

Birds are probably the most photographed of all wildlife.

They bedazzle us with their colors, songs and curious behaviors. We see and hear them everywhere throughout the year. No wonder they are a favorite subject for photography.

Photographing birds can be as easy or hard as you want to make it. Most folks gravitate to super telephoto lenses but you can, with a little extra work, capture photographs with shorter lenses using remotely triggered cameras.

The easiest way to start is in your own backyard. By planting bird-friendly plants that produce berries, nectar, and draw insects, and putting up feeders, you will attract resident and seasonal birds to you! If you have to wait until spring to plant, don't despair. Bird feeders will work now.

When you pick a feeder location, consider several things. First, figure out which direction you will be shooting

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An image of a male cardinal on a snowy branch.

PHOTO BY LYNDA RICHARDSON

## Agape Center NRV is working to raise funds for their new home

**Lori Graham**  
*Contributing writer*

CHRISTIANSBURG - The Agape Center NRV is a non-profit, 100% volunteer-based organization that provides essential food, clothing, and other necessities to individuals and families in the local area.

Now, they are also raising funds for renovations of their new location.

The center moved into their warehouse in October of last year, but they will not be in their new location at the former site of the Weller Baker School in Christiansburg until they are finished with renovations, which are just now getting underway.

A large silent auction will be held at Sinkland Farms on July 23 noon to 7 p.m. to raise funds for The Agape Center. Gearheads for a Cause will be sponsoring a

car show, and there will be live music, food trucks and vendors. The mayor, along with Sinkland Farms' owner Susan Sink, will be among the judges for the car show.

The money will provide for the mentoring suites for the center where there will be seven new suites.

This event will be the last day of the Sunflower Festival at Sinkland Farms. Sink has donated a night in the honeymoon suite at Sinkland

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PHOTO COURTESY OF KIM BOWMAN

Kim Bowman serves as Director of The Agape Center Food Pantry of the New River Valley.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, July 22:

### Radford Summer Concert series

Performance by the Tee Tones- Doowop/ Motown/ Soul on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion. Hosted by the Radford Visitor's and Welcome Center. Food trucks on-site and alcoholic beverages will be provided by the Radford Chamber of Commerce for purchase. The gate opens at 6 p.m., and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children under 12 are free. Glencoe Mansion is located at 600 Unruh Dr., Radford.

### Soap Bubble Circus

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. – noon. Get bubbly at the library! Guinness World Record-winning bubbles (and the Bubble Artist behind them) will be here to put on an incredible, STEM-based soap bubble circus event. These bubbles have even been featured in Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Come for the bubbles, stay for the hilarious circus show!

### Henna: The Science and Culture of a Natural Art Form

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Leah Ican, licensed and insured local Henna artist will be discussing the science, history, and culture of henna. Join us to learn more about this beautiful artwork.

## Monday, July 24:

### Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford. See the agenda at [www.radfordva.gov](http://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, July 25:

### Blacksburg Town Council meeting

Town Council will not meet today. The council normally 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.

## Thursday, July 27:

### Thursday night indoor concert

Concert will be held at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church at 701 Church St. at 7 p.m. Joseph Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass." Performance is a community-sing event.

## Friday, July 28:

### Friday night outdoor concert

Live music will take place Friday evening on Henderson Lawn at the corner of Main Street and College Avenue, from 6-7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled. Performer is Music Road Co. (funk/rock/reggae/afrobeat/Latin fusion).

## Thursday, August 3:

### Wildwood Park Nature Lecture Series

The Wildwood Park Nature Lecture Series takes place in the heart of Wildwood Park at the Outdoor Classroom (pavilion). To get to the site, attendees can park at the Sundell Drive parking lot for Wildwood Park and take the walkway into the center of the park. The talks start at 7:30 p.m. and are held rain or shine unless there are thunderstorms. August 3: Geology (Liz McClellan, Radford University).

## On-going:

### Hydrant Flushing Work

The Town of Blacksburg will continue to flush fire hydrants in the northwest section of Town during the

month of July. Hydrant flushing can cause temporary pressure fluctuations and discolored water. These conditions will subside after the flushing is completed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town of Blacksburg Engineering Department at (540) 443-1300.

### Market Square Jam

Held Wednesdays, June through September, in Blacksburg on the corner of Draper Road and Roanoke Street; 7 – 9 p.m. Catering to traditional Old-Time music, Blacksburg's Market Square Jam brings musicians together to pick a tune, enjoy fun times with friends and family, and take in all that downtown Blacksburg has to offer. Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment.

### 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

Held 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.

### Registration open for Potter in the Park race

Calling all wizards of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin! Have you signed up for the TriWizard TriMile Potter in the Park Race yet? It's time to venture out from the cupboard under the stairs, get your wizard robes ready, and join us for this annual family-fun event on Saturday, August 26 at 8:30 a.m. Register at [www.lvnrv.org](http://www.lvnrv.org). Also, if you know a local business or individual who would like to be a sponsor, please send them our way! From door prizes to sponsorships, we rely on our supporters to make this a truly impactful and entertaining event.

# PETS OF THE WEEK



This sweet girl is just waiting for her Shrek! Fiona is a happy, active girl with the cutest curly ears you've ever seen. If you are an Ogre, or even a loving human, come by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet

Fiona (left). Duo is definitely one of a kind! He doesn't let the fact he has three legs doesn't slow him down one bit. He loves attention and being held - definitely a people guy! Duo is ready



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for his forever home. Come meet him at the Animal Care and Adoption Center.

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.

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## Camping still available at several Virginia State Parks

*Book your stay and enjoy nature under the stars*

RICHMOND – It's not too late to book a week-long camping trip this summer.

Virginia State Parks offer cabins, bunkhouses, lodges, campsites and yurts where guests can stay overnight and get a chance to experience the park after dark. Travelers should check the reservation system for availability.

"We offer a variety of overnight accommodations while guests stay at the park and enjoy the Eastern Shore," said Kiptopeke State Park Manager Sean Dixon. "I think our location provides the best summer getaway at a reasonable price. Whether you enjoy fishing, hiking, biking or water activities, our park has something for the whole family to enjoy."

Parks provide excellent views of the nighttime sky, allow you to hear local wildlife and offer a variety of programs to entertain those night-owls. There are stargazing programs, ranger guided sunset paddles, night hikes, moonlight canoe tours, campfire gatherings and even self-guided programs for those who prefer a solo adventure.

"Nothing beats the view of the James River like a sunset canoe paddle," said James River State Park Manager John Fury. "We have guided programs all summer long and will host an astronomy viewing on August 19 with special guests from the Richmond Astronomical Society and Rappahannock Astronomical Society. Be sure to book your stay and



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

### Scenic view from a cabin at James River State Park.

take advantage of the water during the day and stargazing at night."

For more information about Virginia State Parks' activities and amenities or to make reservations in one of the more than 1,800 campsites or 300 climate-controlled

cabins, visit [www.virginiastateparks.gov](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov) for more information.

*Submitted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation*



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Nannie and William Wharton

# Glencoe Mansion continues "This Day in Wharton History" education

RADFORD - Wharton Letter Tuesdays has a new look.

"Join us each Tuesday as we continue to highlight the Wharton letters, but instead learn what Gabe and Nannie were doing and thinking on this day in the 1860s," Glencoe Mansion announced on its social media pages.

Where was Gen. Wharton on July 18, 1864? He was in Berryville, Va. missing his

family. He ends his letter from July 17 by asking Nannie to kiss William "a thousand times for me." And in his July 19 letter he begins with "How happy I should be if instead of being here - surrounded by lazy sleeping soldiers, I could be in your sweet room kissing you and playing with the little fellow."

These sentiments show how much his family was at the

forefront of his mind late in the War.

To read more of Gabe's sentiments for his family, visit the Glencoe Gift Shop to get your own copy of "The Whartons' War." The museum is open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

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Farms as a prize.

The mentoring programs are also an important component of the services provided by The Agape Center, and the new school will allow more space to conduct and build strong relationships with clients.

"Some clients maybe just need some help. They might have not ever had the support they needed," Director of the New River Valley Agape Center, Kim Bowman said.

One training program the center offers is called Getting Ahead and will select clients that would most benefit from the mentoring and resources it provides and the tools they can use to move forward in a positive way with their lives.

"Agape is the Greek word for unconditional love," Bowman said. "Some clients are just in situations that they cannot overcome. They may be disabled or a senior citizen on a fixed income and raising grandchildren. They cannot change their income status, so the monthly assistance they are provided helps them."

The Agape Center also has a 12-step program called Celebrate Recovery, which is an outreach program.

"We also see so much brokenness with teenagers, and suicide rates and depression have increased," Bowman said, adding they are seeking volunteers to help with this program. "We need people who love youth and would like to feed into the youth in our area for that program as well."

The Agape Center has had a drive-through pantry since the pandemic, but

prior to that, they had a choice pantry.

"It has not made sense to do that since Covid so the things are pre-packed," Bowman said.

The center is still largely unknown to the general public, but, according to Bowman, has grown 78% in clientele and are still going up every week.

"We are still not up to pre-covid numbers, but it is still climbing," Bowman said. "Every month we are having about 30 new families, and that is not counting all the other pantries."

Volunteers are always welcome as the organization is run strictly by the generosity of community members' time and passion to help others.

Debra Macon serves the center as the Volunteer Coordinator, and right now the center is wanting to meet specific volunteer needs. One position is for clerical help, which involves checking people in and out and taking phone calls. Skilled labor construction help would also be highly valued right now. The first two phases of building are in right now and are estimated at about \$350,000, and they are hoping to decrease that amount as much as possible with volunteerism.

The Center has an average of 55 volunteers every day but also provides a nice sense of community for the volunteers.

Currently, the Center offers food, diapers, clothing, and other necessities, but eventually will have a furniture store. The Agape Center also offers a gift center for Christmas and for birthdays. Currently, 15 churches and some local businesses will adopt the children to buy



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIM BOWMAN

The Agape Center's new school location will provide a 'Building for a Better Future' for the region's citizens.

specifically what the family has requested for gifts.

"We try to create a nice holiday environment for them," Bowman said.

The Center is also hoping to have a living nativity scene that they can drive through when they receive their gifts.

The Agape Center is located at 1175 Cambria St. in Christiansburg and is open the first through the fourth Fridays of the month from 12- 4 p.m. and second and fourth Wednesdays, 12- 4 p.m. by appointment. They are closed on the fifth Fridays of the month. Individuals can walk in on their first visit but will need an appointment after that. Proof of income is not required on the first visit but interested parties should bring valid

identification.

If you are interested in contacting the center as a client or as a volunteer information can be found on their website at www.agapecenternr.org or by calling 540-251-5646. Volunteers may also reach out to Debra Macon at debracon@agapecenternr.org.

Food drives are something the Center always welcomes as well. They receive a lot of perishable items and share with Plenty and sometimes with Eagles Nest and the Salvation Army. Canned and boxed goods are things they can keep on the shelves.

The Chamber of Commerce can be used as a drop-off site if people want to donate canned goods.



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**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG**

**TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Conditional Use Permit request by DAJ Ventures LLC, Property Owner, to allow 21 townhouses on approximately 2.149 acres located at the western end of Montgomery St NE, and between the south side of Church St NE and the north side of Lucas St NE, identified as Tax Parcels 496-(3)-2 and 496-(3)-3; Parcel IDs 260024 and 260025; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. -

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5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1130 or by email at [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org), with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on July 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by Thomas Benjamin Sears for a Special Use Permit (SUP) on property to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental within an existing structure allowing the dwelling to be rented for compensation to short term transient guests. The property is located at

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1950 Oilwell Road, Blacksburg (St. Rt. 824), and is located approximately 1.7 miles West of Merrimac Road (St. Rt. 657). The property is further identified as Tax Map 066-9 2 (Parcel ID: 036193), 2.162 acres, zoned Residential (R-1) in the Prices Fork Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections

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15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Conditional Use Permit request by NRV Marketplace LLC, Property Owner, and Balzer and Associates, Applicant, to allow a revision of the Comprehensive Sign Plan, approved September 24, 2019, and associated with addresses 2505 - 2785 Market St. NE. The current CUP request is to allow building signage larger than 200 sq. ft. for a new tenant in Marketplace. The current CUP request is associated with properties located at 2505 - 2580 and 2700 - 2785 Market St. NE, identified as Tax Parcels 436 - (5) - 1, 406 - (7) - E, 406 - (7) - K, 436 - (5) - F, 436 - (5) - M, 436 - (5) - I; and Parcel IDs 027970, 250259, 250260, 250261, 250262, 250263; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-

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# Birds

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from: an open window in your home or a blind placed in the yard? From where you are shooting, what does the background look like? Will this background be “clean” or distracting in the photographs? If distracting, try a more shallow depth-of-field, move the feeder, change your angle of shooting, or put something in the background that will clean things up.

How will you light the subject? If using available light, consider the direction of the sun when placing a feeder. Normally, you want light coming from over your shoulders and shining on your subject. In other cases you might want the light from behind your subject, using a flash to fill in so the subject doesn't go too dark. Using flashes triggered remotely is a possibility as well.

Now consider the height of your bird feeder. I prefer it set at eye level from where I'm shooting. You can capture more intimate portraits when looking directly at a bird rather than from underneath.

Despite being hungry birds need to feel safe when coming to a feeder. Are there shrubs and trees nearby for them to perch in? Be aware that sneaky raptors make it a habit to hang out around feeders to dine on unsuspecting birds. Yes, this could provide a great action shot, but birds will feel safer given an escape route.



An image of two European starlings at a feeder. Getting on eye level helps get dynamic images.

PHOTO BY KEN COHEN

Give the birds some time to find your feeder. Study which species come in to feed, when, and what they do while feeding. What direction do they fly in and then leave? Do they eat on the feeder or fly off to eat, and if so, where do they go? By studying the bird's habits you learn to anticipate their actions; this will help you decide when to shoot to capture the images you want.

Most people capture tight, full body or head shots, but there is more to birds than that! Consider behavioral shots to include feeding, drinking, bathing, breeding, singing, perching, defending territory, fighting, nest-building, and feeding young. One cool trick is to make your own tree branch. I use a light stand and clamp a beautiful branch to it, with or without leaves. Placing it near the feeder allows birds to “stage” nearby and provides a natural looking perch.

It's time to start shooting! A few shots on the feeder might be okay but here is your chance to practice

photographing birds actually flying! Read up on how to capture moving subjects with your camera. I like to set my Canon EOS 7D Mark II on AI Servo to allow continuous AF tracking, high-speed continuous burst mode, AF Point Expansion (9 focus points), and Tracking and Focus Sensitivity set to Case 3, lens AF set to ON and Mode 1. Combined with high shutter speeds, these settings should be a ticket to success with birds on the move. It takes a lot of patience and practice but don't give up. Try other settings to see what works best for you. Sometimes the settings are right but your timing is off, so carefully evaluate what you are doing.

Birds are delightful subjects, offering many creative challenges to the photographer. By starting in your own backyard, you too can enjoy photographing them! Happy Shooting!

Lynda Richardson, Department of Wildlife Resources

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## Museum

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passenger rail and the exciting new developments regarding Amtrak's future service to Christiansburg and the New River Valley.

Artists and their specific media in the Railroad Theme Art Show include:  
Aileen Fletcher Digital Photography  
Betty Moore Acrylic

Matt Gentry Watercolor  
Judy Niehaus Acrylic  
Blake Gore Miniature Drawing  
David Pearce Painting/Photography/Drawing  
Sue Hossack Ink, Acrylic  
David Petersen Photography  
Carol Josefiak Oil

Mary Ratliff Watercolor  
John Josefiak Watercolor  
John Singleton Photography  
Carl Lefko Photography  
Charles Whitescarver Photography  
Susan Lockwood Photography  
Sally Mook Watercolor/ Acrylic

Rita Mayer Wood, Acrylic  
Pippi Miller Photography  
Glenn McDaniel Digital Art  
Wayne McKinney Photography

Submitted by Montgomery Museum

## Festival

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settlement abducting Mary, her two children and sister-in-law. What followed was a month-long march over hundreds of miles through the Ohio and Kentucky regions until Mary escaped.

Friday evening kicks off with art shows at Glencoe Mansion and the Radford University Museum on Tyler. Long Way Brewing will begin its celebration with the

reintroduction of a craft beer named in honor of Mary.

Saturday's activities will run most of the day at Glencoe, Long Way and the Ingles Farm.

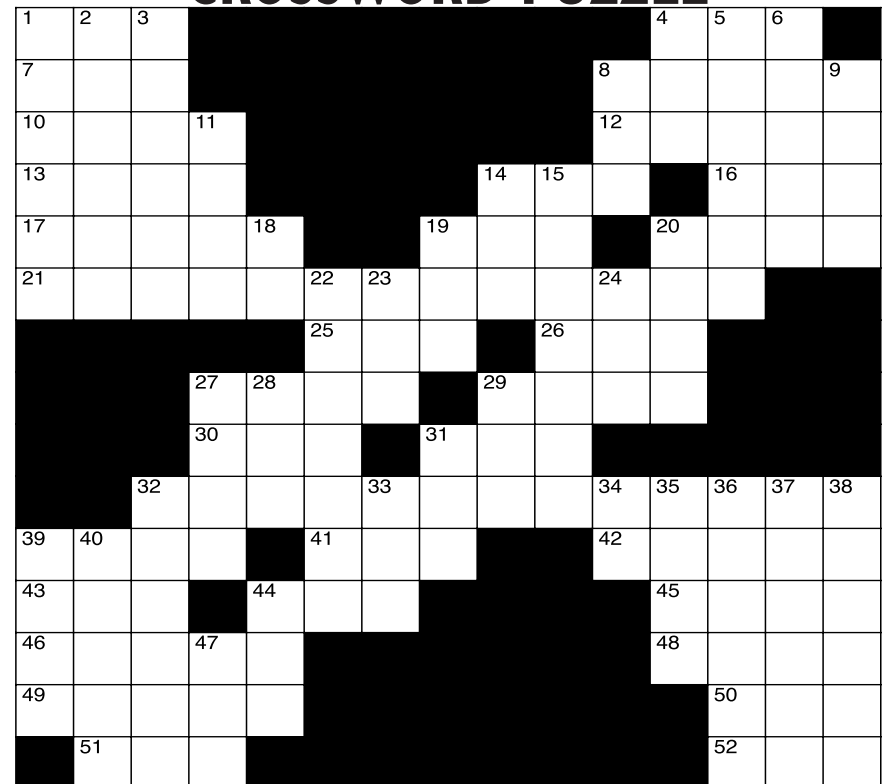
On Sunday, the festival continues at Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Dublin and features interpreters, live music and tours of the historic Ingles Tavern located on the banks of the New River in

Pulaski County.

For an event schedule, go to [www.glencoemansion.org](http://www.glencoemansion.org) or phone (540) 731-5031. The festival is funded in part by grants from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Submitted by Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| <p><b>CLUES ACROSS</b></p> <p>1. Rated horsepower (abbr.)</p> <p>4. What a cow says</p> <p>7. Snake-like fish</p> <p>8. Spiritual leader</p> <p>10. Catch</p> <p>12. Car part</p> <p>13. Extremely small amount</p> <p>14. Nucleic acid</p> <p>16. The Greatest of All Time</p> <p>17. Lustrous</p> <p>19. India's least populated district</p> <p>20. Muckraking journalist Jacob</p> <p>21. Medicine</p> <p>25. S. American plant</p> <p>26. Small amount</p> <p>27. Dry or withered</p> | <p>29. Where construction takes place</p> <p>30. Russian river</p> <p>31. Supervises flying</p> <p>32. "City of Brotherly Love" native</p> <p>39. Greeting at meeting</p> <p>41. Common gibbon</p> <p>42. Type of TV</p> <p>43. Corpuscule count (abbr.)</p> <p>44. Scottish port</p> <p>45. Computer company</p> <p>46. One from Asia</p> <p>48. Former significant others</p> <p>49. Woven fabrics or garments</p> <p>50. One's sense of self-esteem</p> <p>51. The Science Guy</p> <p>52. Monetary unit</p> | <p><b>CLUES DOWN</b></p> <p>1. "The Leftovers" actress King</p> <p>2. Epic</p> <p>3. Missouri county</p> <p>4. Chinese revolutionary</p> <p>5. Get</p> <p>6. Ancient Greek coin</p> <p>8. Returned material authorization (abbr.)</p> <p>9. Part of the human eye</p> <p>11. A fisherman's accessory</p> <p>14. Brazilian state</p> <p>15. Of a wedding</p> <p>18. Prosecutor</p> <p>19. The main constituent of chromosomes</p> <p>20. Advice</p> <p>22. Principles of right and wrong</p> <p>23. Decorate a cake with frosting</p> <p>24. Headgear</p> <p>27. New York art district</p> <p>28. ___ Lilly, drug company</p> <p>29. Car mechanics group</p> <p>31. Influential U.S. president</p> <p>32. Quell the anger</p> <p>33. Swiss river</p> <p>34. Personal computer</p> <p>35. Incline from the vertical</p> <p>36. Wild goats</p> <p>37. Assert that someone has done wrong</p> <p>38. Anti-apartheid leader ___ Mandela</p> <p>39. Crop of a bird playwright</p> <p>40. "A Doll's House" playwright</p> <p>44. Autonomic nervous system</p> <p>47. Consumed</p> |
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# OBITUARIES

## Flinchum, Nancy Elliott

Nancy Elliott Flinchum, 81, of Christiansburg, died Monday, July 17, 2023, at her home.

She was born in Montgomery County on October 12, 1941, to the late Warren Eugene and Gladys Sheppard Elliott, and stepfather Pete Hale. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Elliott, Albert Wayne Elliott, and an adopted sister, Theresa White.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry E. Flinchum; sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Angela Elliott, Bryant and Melanie Elliott, Stuart Elliott



Duncan, Christopher and Leigh Ann Flinchum; numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 21, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Mike Flinchum officiating. Entombment followed in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends Friday before the service.

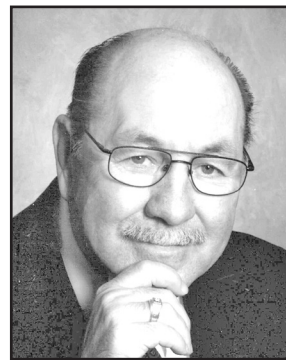
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice.

## Rakes, Kenneth Leroy

Kenneth Leroy Rakes (Ken), of Daleville, passed away at his home on July 14, 2023, after a short battle with glioblastoma.

Waiting to welcome Ken into heaven were his mom and dad, Glen and Elsie Rakes; brother Carlton; niece Whitney Rakes Vesterfelt; brother-in-law Jere Pearsall; and sister-in-law Doris Cox.

Ken was born and educated in Ferrum, Va. and moved to Christiansburg with his bride in 1963. There he founded Ideal Cabinets Design Studio in 1970 with a desire to create superior designs and workmanship in the kitchen and bathroom cabinet industry. At that time, his designs were detailed pencil sketches, which he then transferred into works of art with a limited amount of equipment. The business grew and he added locations, equipment, and design automation. He was a teacher and an influencer in a quiet, unassuming way and was proud of Ideal's employees and the



beautiful work they do. In regular life, there are many who benefited from his driving, boating, and fishing lessons, suggestions for lowering the golf score, and his anonymous gifts or help for someone in need. He enjoyed beach trips, golf, and cruises, singing and playing guitar but, most of all, he was happiest when he spent time with his favorite neighbors, his grandchildren. Whether he had a lunch date with a rising superstar designer, attending serious baseball games with the most talented player ever, attending swim meets to watch his champion do it again, or appreciating the detailed lawn mowing of his youngest apprentice, you can bet he was in his happy place when he was with his grandchildren. He was proud to have them all employed in the family

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### ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

### BAPTIST

**First Baptist Church**, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

**First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave.**, 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: [fbcradford.org](http://fbcradford.org) 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

### CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

**Radford Church of God in Christ**, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

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**Snowville Christian Church**, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: [www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com](http://www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com) (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: [office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com](mailto:office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com), Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

### EPISCOPAL

**Grace Episcopal Church**, 210 Fourth Street Radford. Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years. ALL ARE WELCOME. Grace offers an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist and a 10:30am Eucharist with organ music and a choir, with refreshments served afterwards. The 10:30am service is also available on YouTube for those unable to leave their house. Find us on Facebook and [www.graceradford.org](http://www.graceradford.org).

### LUTHERAN

**Christ Lutheran Church**, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: [clcradford.org](http://clcradford.org). 540-639-

# Radford

# WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### We Forget; God Remembers

Read Isaiah 14:1 through 18:7

Forgetting things causes problems. People who forget where they put their car keys will be late for an appointment. Those who forget a birthday or anniversary will find their relationship with the other person suffers. Those who forget God will find things will not go well in the long run.

You have forgotten God your Savior; you have not remembered the Rock, your fortress (Isaiah 17:10).

In this section, Isaiah predicted several gloom-and-doom scenarios for the nations who chose not to honor God—who forgot God. These nations had historically bullied God's people and were sometimes

unwittingly God's instrument to bring His people back to Him.

But God remembered His own, promising to show compassion to them and turn the tables on the nations that had been the oppressors: "The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land" (Isaiah 14:1).

God always remembers us and waits for us to remember Him.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I want to remember You in all things.

Quicklook: Isaiah 17:7-14

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**Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA**, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw>. Please visit our website at [www.oslc-cburg.org](http://www.oslc-cburg.org) and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oslcchristiansburg> to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

**St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road**, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation...A place where all are truly welcome... Nice, friendly, competent staff." You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith Formation Director at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, Fl. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Backpack which has great community impact, Micah's Soup for Seniors, Micah's Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also, partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email [hope@stmcl.us](mailto:hope@stmcl.us) or visit our Website [www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org](http://www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org)

### PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

**Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church**, Rev. Larry

Christopher (540) 552-7194. [lchristopher695@comcast.net](mailto:lchristopher695@comcast.net). Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Compassion Church**, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287. Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

**Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church**, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph, for Sunday School at 10 am and Worship and Children's Church at 11 am. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 639-2585. Watch the worship services on Facebook, which can be accessed through the church website at [www.pcradford.org](http://www.pcradford.org) or through the Presbyterian church of Radford Facebook page. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and beyond.

### UNITED METHODIST

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

**Central Church**, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. [www.centralmethodistchurch.com](http://www.centralmethodistchurch.com).

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - [www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc](http://www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc).

# Financial Focus: Special needs trust could ease families' stress

If you have a family member with special needs, you might face emotional and physical issues, but you also may be concerned about maximizing the financial support your loved one requires. Consequently, you may want to consider establishing a special needs trust.

This type of trust can help maintain the financial security and lifestyle of an individual with special needs. Furthermore, a special needs trust can allow the trust's beneficiary to receive financial support for supplemental needs without losing public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid.

Here's how it works: You, as the trust's grantor, establish the trust and name a trustee who is responsible for managing the trust. You can fund the trust with gifts throughout your lifetime or from other sources, such as inheritances or court settlements. But another popular funding mechanism is life insurance, which the trust can

purchase on the life of one or both parents of a special-needs child. And as long as the trust is also named the beneficiary of the policy, government benefits will be protected.

In a special needs trust, the role of trustee is important. A trustee must manage the funds within the trust and ensure those funds are used only to supplement SSI and Medicaid, the government programs that typically pay for food, housing and medicine. Instead, a special needs trust can be used for most other expenses, including transportation and travel, education, entertainment, professional services and personal items.

You could serve as trustee yourself or choose a relative or a trusted friend. Ideally, you want someone who's familiar with your wishes and the needs of your family member with disabilities and who is also competent at managing finances and staying current on SSI and Medicaid regulations.

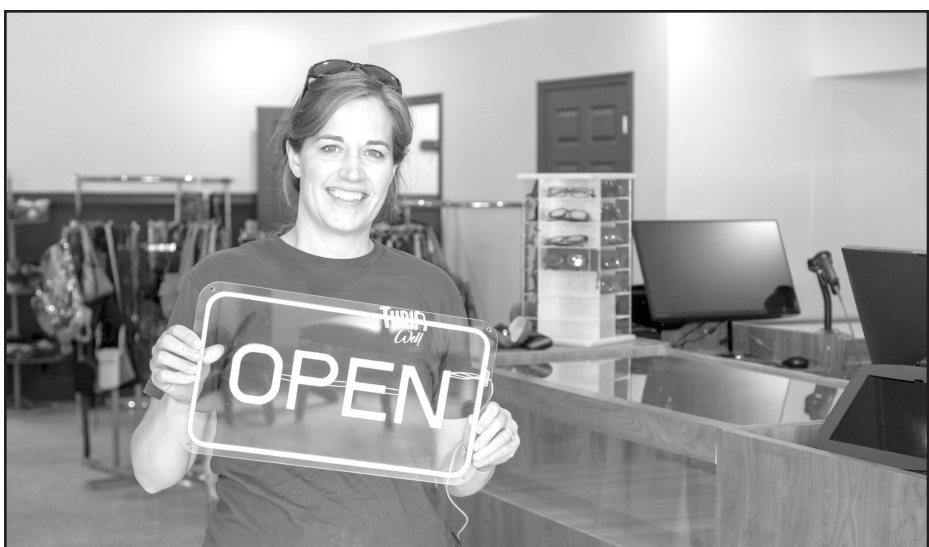
As an alternative, you could hire a professional trust company to manage your special needs trust. This type of company has expertise in asset management and government regulations and can provide you with strict recordkeeping of all the financial transactions associated with your trust. If you go this route, you'll want to compare different trust companies' costs and services. For such a personal matter as administering a trust for your special-needs family member, you'll want to be sure you're comfortable with whatever company you select.

Also, you'll want to be familiar with some of the possible areas of concern regarding special needs trusts. For one thing, because the trustee totally controls when and how funds are distributed, beneficiaries can get frustrated if their requests for money are denied. Additionally, while third-party special needs trusts are funded by someone other than the beneficiary, first-party special needs

trusts are funded by the beneficiary's own assets — and for these first-party special needs trusts, the trust must typically pay back Medicaid for money it has spent on the beneficiary's behalf after the death of the beneficiary. This repayment could deplete the trust, depriving secondary beneficiaries of any assets they might otherwise receive. Third-party special needs trusts do not require Medicaid repayment.

Consult with a legal professional before establishing a special needs trust to ensure this arrangement is appropriate for your family's situation. But if it is, and if it's managed properly, it can relieve you of some of the stress you may feel over the future of your loved one with special needs.

*This article was written by Edward, Member SIPC and submitted by local Edward Jones financial advisor Meghan Kuczarski.*



Maranda Parsons, Store Manager of ThriftWell, said the store is open and ready for business.

## ThriftWell thrift store grand opening coming July 29

**Lori Graham**  
Contributing writer

The ThriftWell thrift store is open for business with a grand opening scheduled for July 29 offering furniture, clothing, accessories, and so much more.

However, ThriftWell also is a non-profit organization providing support to women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.

Eagles Nest Regeneration was founded by Robbie Maddox which was an idea developed from his own life's journey and God's calling. After watching a television show on the process of an eaglet, or newly hatched eagle, learning to fly and survive on its own, he knew he had a name for the program.

"Eagles don't have instincts; their behaviors are imprinted into them by their parents," Maddox said. "They have to learn how to be an eagle."

The organization provides just the place for that growth and learning for an individual recovering from an addiction. The Eagles Nest Regeneration, Inc. was previously housed in Christiansburg but has been operating out of Floyd for the last 12 years. Previously, it was only a men's drug and alcohol abuse in-residence recovering program lasting approximately 6-8 months long, in which attendees must live in the residences provided for them. Each day, participants will go to classes in the morning and then to a therapeutic worksite. Transformation Painting and Transformation Grounds provides recovering addicts a play to learn new skills.

"It teaches them a new skillset, how to paint and do landscaping. The hope

is that when they graduate, they will come out with an employable skillset," Maranda Parsons, store manager of ThriftWell said.

Parsons has a personal connection to the organization as well. Her husband Brandon Parsons, a graduate of the program, has also worked for the organization for 15 years.

"It's one thing to ask the Lord to forgive you, it's another thing to forgive yourself," Brandon Parsons said in a post on the Eagles Nest Regeneration Facebook page.

The faith-based program has a goal to help others that may struggle with alcohol and drug addiction in a way that lessens the shame and guilt many people often feel going through this process.

"One of the biggest things that addicts deal with is shame and guilt," Maranda Parsons said. "When they hear others' stories, they know they are not the only one struggling with this. It gives them hope that it is possible."

For the last several years, people had been asking for a women's addiction program. The closing of Amelia's Pizzeria and Restaurant in Cambria, provided an opportunity for Eagles Nest to make something happen.

"We needed a therapeutic worksite and we felt that it should be a thrift store," Parsons said. "The building owners that purchased the site were willing to lease to us. We welcomed the first women in May."

They decided to name the women's program The Well, after the bible story about the Samaritan woman that came to the well and met Jesus.

Much like the men's program, women in recovery attend classes in the mornings and then work in the thrift store, which recently opened on June 26, with a grand opening scheduled for July 29.

"We will have lots of furniture sets at the grand opening. We do have a catering business as well that they just recently

started, so we will have food to purchase," Parsons said, with Radford University making a large donation of furniture to the non-profit store.

They will also be introducing a color-coded discount system on the 29. Each week will have a specific color-coded discount offering 50% off.

In addition to those working in the store with the recovery program, volunteers as well as hourly staff add to the additional personnel needed to keep up with the work. Eventually the goal would be to transition program graduates to the SLI, or Service Leadership Training program. SLTs are those who have been in the recovery program for one year and can move into leadership opportunities within the organization. This might be the opportunity for men to lead paint crews on the job site, but also work at housing, pulling shifts on the weekends.

There is also on-the-job training positions for those that stay connected with the program for longer. These positions allow for the additional opportunity for recovery graduates to teach classes and become staff members.

Making it even more special for the Parson couple is that they had their first date at Amelia's. Maranda Parson felt such a strong calling to do this work that she quit her job to be the full-time manager of the store.

"God brought the staff together," Parsons said.

The ThriftWell store hours are 10 a.m.- 7 p.m., Monday-Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. They are closed on Sunday. The ThriftWell store is located at 1130 Cambria Street NE, in Christiansburg. Additional information about the store can be found on the ThriftWell Facebook page.

The Eagles Nest Regeneration, Inc. has a website at www.enrm.org for those interested in finding out more information on alcohol and drug recovery in the New River Valley.

## Time share exit scams

It's the summer holiday season and many of us are out looking for vacation homes, but not everyone is in a buying mood. Across the country thousands of people are looking to get rid of a time share property, a process that can be difficult. Enter criminal scammers who set up slick looking, but fraudulent businesses that promise to help desperate families for a fee.

Time share scams target victims by responding to for sale

ads or searching property records. They will either offer a guarantee to get someone out of their time share for a fee or claim to have a buyer available and ask for real estate sales fees. Last year the Federal Trade Commission and the State of Wisconsin filed suit against a group of companies who collected \$90 million for services they never provided.

Getting out of a time-share can be difficult but looking for short cuts

could cost you much more in the end. Never trust anyone who contacts you unsolicited and offers to make your problems go away for a fee.

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

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

AARP Virginia

## Winners from Art at the Market announced

BLACKSBURG - On Saturday, July 15, Downtown Blacksburg, Inc. presented the annual Art at the Market event.

This popular annual Art show and sidewalk exposition of unique works featured abstract acrylics, collage, flowers, wood, still life, photography, and metal work. Mimosas and breakfast plates were available from downtown business Champs Sports Bar. Children's activities were provided by The Art Factory. Live music was provided by Fats Holler and MA'AM.

Brian Holcombe and Laura Higgins from the Moss Arts served as the judges for the show this year. Brian Holcombe is curator for the Moss Arts Center. With visual arts experience spanning nearly two decades, curator, artist, and educator Brian Holcombe joined the Moss Arts Center as its curator in 2021, leading the center's year-round program of art exhibitions and related educational and engagement activities in its galleries and public spaces.

Laura Higgins is the Exhibitions Program Manager for the Moss Arts Center.

Working in Atlanta, then New York, manager Laura brings over 20 years of creativity and skill to the galleries at the Moss Arts Center. Laura joined the team in 2022 and works to bring the community together through the arts.

Art at the Market was presented by Downtown Blacksburg, Inc. with sponsoring support from New River Art and Fiber, Moss Arts Center, Matrix Gallery, New River Osteopathy, and Steve Jacobs.

Prizes were awarded in two categories: 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional works.

- 2-D category:
  - 1st: LAC Studio - Lisa Acciai
  - 2nd: Blake Gore Miniature Art
  - 3rd: Douglas Cave
  - Honorable Mention: Kelsie Brumet
- 3-D category:
  - 1st: Charity Hall Designs
  - 2nd: DSF Ceramics
  - 3rd: Anvil Fire and Time
  - Honorable Mention: Jack of All Creative

Winners received ribbons and monetary awards: 1st Place- \$100, 2nd Place- \$50, 3rd Place- \$25 and Honorable Mention- ribbon only.

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business.

He is survived by his best friend, business partner, and wife, Virginia Cox Rakes; son Pat Rakes (Jana); daughter Regina (George) Cecil; and grandchildren Sydney, Sophie, Patrick and Davis Rakes, and Taylor and Logan Cecil. Also surviving are his brothers, Reverend Elwood Rakes (Glenna) and Dexter Rakes (Jennifer); and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews who were incredibly special to him.

The family greeted friends on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Bonsack Baptist Church, Roanoke, followed by a funeral service.

The Rakes family extends special thanks to Barbara Lemmon and precious family members, friends,

and the amazing employees from Ideal Cabinets who provided support and care for Ken during his illness.

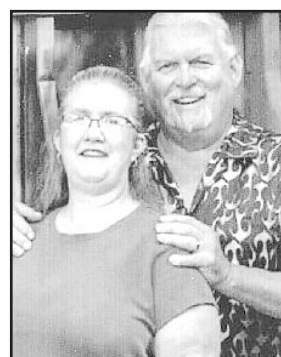
Appreciation is expressed to Carilion's Dr. Marvin and the Community Hospital Rehab for their expertise and kindness. Also, Good Samaritan Hospice provided compassionate in-home care to Ken and the family. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in memory of Ken to Good Samaritan Hospice, 2408 Electric Road, Roanoke, VA 24018, or online at http://www.goodsamhospice.org/

Online condolences may be made to Ken's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Kenneth-Rakes.

## Turner, Susan Dawn Carter

Susan Dawn Carter Turner, 57, passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at her home in Hiwassee. She was a cashier at Walmart. Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Treva Carter.

Survivors include



her husband, Sammy Turner; brother, Stephen Carter; and K9 companion, Gypsy. Services will be held at a later date.

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

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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Lynch named Big South Woman of the Year

The Big South conference announced Tuesday afternoon that Saleena Lynch has been named the 2022-23 Big South Woman of the Year, the fourth Highlander to ever win the award and second women's soccer player in program history.

The Big South's Woman of the Year Selection Committee voted Lynch and High Point's Sarah Kahn the co-honorees among the seven candidates nominated for the award. The Committee used criteria of Service and Leadership (including community services, campus activities and leadership positions), Academic Achievement, Athletics Excellence and a Personal Statement from each candidate. As the Big South's Woman of the Year, Lynch and Kahn are also nominated as the conference's candidates for the national NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

Lynch was one of three recipients of the Big South's Bob McCloskey Graduate Fellowship this past spring. She helped Radford capture the Big South Women's Soccer Championship in 2022, as she played 18 matches with 17 starts, and totaled 1,357 minutes on the backline for the Highlanders.

Lynch was a Second Team All-Conference performer this past season,

and was a Defensive Player of the Week selection. In her four years, she made 68 career appearances with 52 starts, tallied three assists from her defensive position while playing 4,533 career minutes, and was also part of Radford's Women's Soccer Championship team as a freshman in 2019. Lynch will pursue her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience from the University of North Carolina. She graduated with a 3.96 GPA as a Criminal Justice and Psychology major, was named to Radford's Academic Excellence Dean's List all four years, in addition to being a four-year member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Off the field, Lynch participated in eight academic conferences and presentations, including the Southeastern Psychological Association, Psychology & Gender Research Symposium, Student Engagement Forum, and the University of Missouri Alcohol Research Presentation. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, has been awarded Academic Excellence Dean's List honors all four years and was the recipient of the Wyatt Family Athletic Endowment.

Lynch also served

Radford as a Resident Assistant, Academic Tutor, and a College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Elevated Research Mentor. She was Vice President of the Criminal Justice Club, participated in mental health and crisis training, and volunteered with the Special Olympics, Fear 2 Freedom Care Packaging and canned food drives.

Since the Big South began the Woman of the Year initiative after the 2005-06 season, four Highlanders have earned the award including Hope Creasy (2009-10), fellow women's

soccer stand out Jessica Wollmann (2018-19) and most recently Sydney Fisher (2020-21).

Lynch and Kahn are among a record-breaking 619 overall nominees for NCAA Woman of the Year, which is now in its 33rd year. Established in 1991, the NCAA Woman of the Year program has recognized graduating female student-athletes for excellence in academics, athletics, community service, and leadership throughout their college careers. This year's nominees represent a diverse set of well-rounded

student-athletes, with 24 different sports across all three NCAA divisions. Within the nomination pool, 264 nominees competed in Division I, and the average GPA of the entire nominee pool is 3.76.

The NCAA Woman of the Year Selection Committee, made up of representatives from the NCAA membership, will select the Top 30 honorees -- 10 from each division -- from the conference-level nominees. The Top 30 honorees will be announced in October. The selection committee will then determine the top three honorees in each

division from the Top 30, and the nine finalists will be announced in November. From those nine finalists, the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will choose the 2023 NCAA Woman of the Year. The honorees will be celebrated at the Woman of the Year Award Ceremony at the NCAA Convention in Phoenix in January.

The conference's Woman of the Year award is sponsored by Big South Corporate Partner Musco Sports Lighting.

*Radford University Athletics*



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## Blue Ridge tour back at Pipestem

It's where it all began.

In 1999, Pipestem Resort State Park hosted the first Blue Ridge Junior Golf Tournament. Completing the historic 25th season, the Tour found its way back to the popular West Virginia State Park championship venue for the season ending two-day Tour Championship.

17-18 Age Group, Par 72, 6645 Yards: Blake Hogan of Forest broke the tie with first round co-leader Walker Gillespie of Pearisburg by firing an even par 72 for the second consecutive day to win the age group. Hogan's 144 total over 36 holes was helped by a closing nine score of 35 (one under par) that included two birdies. Gillespie kept things tight by making nine consecutive pars during the round, but it wasn't enough to overtake Hogan.

Hunter Howard of Shawsville was third with a 36-hole total of 162. Gillespie did capture the Player of the Year honor by accumulating the most points during the season. Hogan, Howard, Colton Ferrell of Newport and Colin McClintic of Abingdon joined Gillespie on the All-Star Team.

15-16 Age Group, Par 72, 6626 Yards: Peyton Mason of Willis won the age group with a 36-hole total of 146. After an opening round of even par 72, Mason played steady golf mixing two birdies among 12 pars and four bogeys to secure the victory.

In close pursuit was Harris Camp of Roanoke who had moved to two under par after 11 holes but couldn't sustain the momentum on the way to the finish allowing Mason to escape with the first-place flag. Rocky Frye of Bramwell, W.Va. posted the low round of the day with a two under par 70 and finished third with a score of 149.

Frye made five birdies on his way to the sub-par round. Gage Hogan of Forest was fourth with a score of 151, followed by Hunter Crist at 152, who helped his score with an even par 70 on the second day of competition.

Mason was named Player of the Year in the age group. Camp, Frye, Crist, and Ryan Highfield of Blacksburg joined

Mason on the All-Star Team.

13-14 Age Group, Par 72, 5847 Yards: Evan Singleton of Pulaski made a birdie on the difficult par 3 17th hole to win the age group by a single shot over friend and fellow competitor Tyler Stover of Beckley, W.Va. The two were paired together on both days and displayed great sportsmanship as they battled over 36 holes. Singleton posted rounds of 80 and 78. Stover had scores of 79-80. Jack Herbert of Blacksburg was third with a score of 163 followed by Mike Bateman of Salem at 165.

Stover was able to secure Player of the Year honors by accumulating the most points throughout the season in the age group. Singleton, Herbert, Bateman, and Brody Thomas of Glade Springs joined Stover on the All-Star Team.

10-12 Age Group, Par 36, 2517 Yards: Josiah Underwood of Floyd, made par on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to win the age group over Seth Alba of Blacksburg. Scores of the two players mirrored each other as they both tallied a 9 hole total of 39 on the first day of competition and 37 on the second day. Colson Tickle of Ripplemead was third with a score of 79. JJ Robertson of Blacksburg and Liam Smith of Elliston tied for fourth with scores of 80.

Alba was named Player of the Year in the age group. Underwood, Robertson, Tickle, Smith, and Wallace joined Alba on the All-Star Team.

9 and Underage Group, Par 36, 1954 Yards:

Michael Brown of Blacksburg won the age group with a two-day total of 89. Connor Kitts of Bluefield was second with a score of 107. Matthew French finished third with a score of 129.

Kitts was the Player of the Year in the age group. Brown, French, Silas Edmonds of Wytheville and Colton Caudill, also of Wytheville joined Kitts on the All-Star Team.

This concludes the 25th season of the Blue Ridge Junior Tour.

*Blue Ridge Junior Golf*

## USA has leg up in World Cup play

Patrick Ridge couldn't help but fall in love with the game of soccer.

He played the sport growing up, and he remained hooked by the game's excitement when he attended matches and World Cup watch parties in Latin America and Spain while studying, teaching, and researching.

"I saw the fervor," said Ridge, now an associate professor of Spanish at Virginia Tech who studies soccer for a living. His focus is the sport's literary and cultural significance in Latin America.

In fact, his latest research dives into gender stereotypes and myths that label soccer a man's sport in Latin America, especially in Argentina and Brazil. He argues that the rise of women in the sport is changing that narrative, but that it will take a lot to change perceptions in some countries.

Women's soccer revs up this week worldwide with the FIFA Women's World Cup beginning July 20. This is the first year that the women's championship will be played in two countries — Australia and New Zealand. The women's competition has been held every four years since 1991.

Ridge offers insight into the women's game and its growth around the world, particularly in the United States,

where support for soccer appears to have the edge over other countries.

What is most interesting about this year's Women's World Cup?

Ridge: There is a lot to be excited about for this year's tournament. It might feature the most competitive field in its history. Although the U.S. serves as a clear favorite to win its third straight World Cup, other participating squads have beaten the U.S. women's team within the last year, including England, Germany, and Spain. The Spanish side features FC Barcelona standout Alexia Putellas, the winner of the FIFA Player of the Year, and Ballon d'Or in 2021 and 2022. Also to note, this World Cup will likely be the last for talents like Megan Rapinoe (USA) and Marta Vieira da Silva, known as Marta (Brazil), the latter arguably regarded as the greatest women's player of all time.

What does the women's soccer landscape look like in other countries? Is the sport growing?

Ridge: Despite documented evidence of women's soccer as early as the 1900s in Latin America, soccer has been historically regarded as a man's game where the sport is most popular. I am currently working on a book project that examines

the masculinist myths of soccer in Argentina and Brazil. By myth, I refer not only to the cultural narratives that have idealized Argentine and Brazilian men's soccer, but the oft-perceived notion that the game is reserved for men.

I trace the origins of these misconceptions to the sportsmen that first played the game, the nationalist thinkers that adopted men's soccer as the means for national representation, the medical and physical education experts that deemed the sport too "manly" for women, and the discourses of homophobia and sexism that have historically resonated throughout the stadium.

One of the most egregious consequences of the adherence to these myths was the banning of women from soccer in Brazil from 1941-1979.

So though legislation like Title IX has contributed to the growth of women's soccer in the U.S. since the 1970s, a legacy of gender prejudice and inequality has most often sidelined women and girls playing in Latin America.

What has contributed to the growth of women's soccer in the United States?

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# Tournament winners, runners-up announced for Blacksburg Rec



Congratulations to the winners of the Blacksburg Recreation Department's Spring Church League softball tournament, the Ragmuffins.



The team of UMC was the runner ups in the Blacksburg Recreation Department Church League softball tournament held this past week.

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## Pry, three players to appear at ACC Football Kickoff

The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Tuesday that Virginia Tech football student-athletes DL Josh Fuga, TE Nick Gallo and WR Ali Jennings will join head coach Brent Pry at the 2023 ACC Football Kickoff in downtown Charlotte on Wednesday, July 26.

The ACC made changes this year by expanding the league's media day coverage to three days, after removing divisions within the conference.

**Fuga (6-2, 313)** – The Woodbridge, Virginia native enters his fifth season in the maroon and orange. Fuga started five games in 2022 at defensive tackle and had 10 appearances during the season. During his career, Fuga has played in 35 games amassing 43 total tackles and a blocked field goal.

**Gallo (6-4, 240)** – The Richboro, Pennsylvania native enters his fifth season at Tech, where he's started 22 games at tight end over the past two seasons. Gallo finished second on the team in receptions

(30) and third in receiving yards (256) in 2022. During his tenure in Blacksburg, he appeared in 46 contests and averaged 8.5 yards per reception.

**Jennings (6-2, 198)** – An incoming transfer from Old Dominion, Jennings is slated to be one of the top offensive weapons after being named to Pro Football Focus' top 10 returning receivers. The Richmond, Virginia native earned All-Sun Belt First Team honors in 2022 after leading ODU with 54 receptions for 959 yards and nine touchdowns. In his career, Jennings has played in 36 games totaling 142 receptions.

Virginia Tech is scheduled to open the season against Old Dominion on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. ET on ACC Network. This will be the second consecutive year that Tech football will begin the season against ODU after traveling to Norfolk, Virginia in 2022.

Virginia Tech Athletics



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Ridge: Sports historian and Title XI expert Victoria Jackson writes that "no law has been more important to the global development of women's soccer than Title IX." It is important to note that while soccer is regarded as a man's sport in much of Latin America, this designation has most often been linked with American football in the United States. The reluctance to support women's soccer in other countries has not occurred as much in the U.S. Rather, thanks to Title IX, universities have invested heavily in sports like women's soccer. This has contributed to a sporting infrastructure that has historically given the United States a leg up on foreign competition.

How does the Women's World Cup enhance representation for women's sports?

Ridge: Global sporting

events like the Women's World Cup offer greater visibility for women's athletics. Part of my work deals with how men and women are represented in the media and cultural production. For example, coverage of soccer has typically showcased men's soccer, while women and girls have been portrayed in conventional gender roles on the sidelines and often in ways that sexualize their bodies. Their participation in the World Cup suggests that women can play the game too, but perhaps more importantly, it offers young girls figures that defy what patriarchal society has traditionally confined them to: wives, girlfriends, cheerleaders, and others. The 2023 World Cup offers the highest level of talent and competition for women's athletics.

How are sports, like soccer, an important

window into a country's culture?

Ridge: Argentine sociologist Juan José Sebreli has written that the soccer stadium serves as a mirror that reflects greater society. For example, interpreted in the context of international competitions like the World Cup, national teams not only serve as symbols of the nation, but they often allow us to imagine ourselves as a part of a shared community. Viewed alternatively in terms of gender, I'm optimistic that the growing presence of girls and women in soccer stadiums in Latin America and elsewhere might serve as indicator of a more equitable future on and off the field.

Jenny Kincaid for Virginia Tech

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