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(From left) Council Member Bobby Davis, Vice Mayor Seth Gillespie, former Mayor Dr. Bruce Brown, Peggy Huber, Mayor David Horton, Council Member Jessie Foster and Council Member Kellie Artrip honor Huber with the Robert Allen Hall Humanitarian Service-Above Self Citizenship Award at a recent city council meeting.

## Peggy Huber honored with Service Above Self award

#### Heather Bell Editor

RADFORD – Longtime Radford volunteer Peggy Huber has been honored with the Robert Allen Hall Humanitarian Service-Above Self Citizenship Award.

Huber was recently presented the award by Radford City Council.

"The City of Radford wishes to recognize and honor Peggy Huber for her dedication and service to beautifying Radford," states the resolution in her honor. "Peggy has been volunteer gardening throughout the city for over 35 years, as well as serving on the Beautification Commission. Peggy has also served Radford as an educator in the classroom, but also in the community. Her smiling face can be seen in various flowerbeds throughout the city and she is

always willing to lend a planting tip or two."

"Peggy feels as though she was born with dirt in her blood and gardening and that is how she can contribute to Radford, and Peggy's plantings and designs grow year after year, brightening up the community," council added. The Robert Allen Hall Humanitarian

The Robert Allen Hall Humanitarian Service-Above Self Citizenship Award is named for the late Allen "Big Al" Hall, who dedicated much of his time volunteering for different endeavors in the City of Radford and was known as the number one Bobcat fan.

The award "recognizes unsung heroes that contribute to make the City of Radford a better place. A humanitarian is recognized as one who extends benevolence and kindness, by putting others before one's self," according to the resolution.

## Appalachian drinking water quality and health data lacking, Virginia Tech-led study finds



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Faced with a drought of data concerning Appalachian drinking water quality and resulting health outcomes, researchers dug deeply to find what trickles they could.

Alasdair Cohen, assistant professor of environmental epidemiology in public health, has studied drinking water and health challenges in rural areas internationally and in California. Since arriving at Virginia Tech in 2019, he has been studying similar issues in rural Appalachia.

"My first few years at Virginia Tech, I reached out to academics, nonprofits, and state and local government agencies to try and better understand what was known about water quality in the region," said Cohen, who researches and teaches in the Department of Population Health Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. "I was waiting for someone to say, 'Oh, we have the data, here it is,' as far as these are the contaminants of concern for a particular region. But increasingly it became apparent that data on water quality and related health outcomes in rural areas are limited."

Amanda Darling, a doctoral student in the College of Engineering's Charles E. Via, Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering who is mentored by Cohen, is the lead author on a recently published systematic review and meta-analysis peer-reviewed study in the journal Science of the Total Environment. The study examined 3,452 scientific publications from the past 20 years to find data that met pre-established criteria for gauging microbial and chemical drinking water contamination

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## Sinkland Farms Sunflower Festival provides family-friendly fun through July 30



PHOTOS BY LORI GRAHAM

With over 200,000 sunflowers in bloom, childrens' play area, craft and artisan vendors, food trucks, music, and a beer garden, there is something for everyone at the Sunflower Festival.

Sinkland Farm-built wooden sunflowers provide the perfect backdrop for family and friend photos.

#### Lori Graham

#### Contributing writer

July days are hot and sultry in the New River Valley but attending the Sunflower Festival at Sinkland Farms, will certainly refresh anyone's spirit.

Sinkland Farms, owned by Susan Sink, has received numerous awards including their recent recognition of being voted "Most Unique Festival" by Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine.

This year's venue offers many new features like the 150-foot MEGA slide and wine slushies, but also local favorite craft and food vendors, live music, and scenery that many expect when they visit the location.

The children's play area will keep little ones busy with an inflatable jumping house, playground equipment, slides, play farm animals and vehicles to climb on, and even a mini barn children can run through.

Adults visiting the Sunflower Festival will find their own respite with food, beverages, local artisans, music, and beautiful scenery to take in. The strawberry and peach wine slushies are a new highlight this year at the Sunflower Festival that visitors will not want to miss. These delicious treats are sure to provide refreshment after touring the sunflower fields and picking a sunflower or a bouquet to bring home. According to Sinkland Farm's website, there are over 200,000 blooms of 20 different varieties on their eight-acre sunflower farm.

Other adult-beverage options are also available, according to Sink.

"We have a whole fleet of craft beer and a couple of domestics. We have a whole bevy of different kinds of wines that won't be in the slushies," Amanda Sink, Sinkland Farms family member said.

Another big hit at the event this year is the 150foot outdoor MEGA slide, which is the only one like it in Virginia. After zooming down the slide that overlooks the beautiful sunflower fields, take a walk on the farm trails where visitors can find many opportunities for pictures. Large sunflowers made from wood, an outdoor LOVE sign, and of course, the thousands of sunflowers can all be great backgrounds for family and friends to memorialize

New Mount Olive famous fish fry returns

RADFORD - The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive are back with their famous fried fish, always highly anticipated in Radford.

The fish fry is set for this Saturday, July 29, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and will be held at New Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 309 Russell Ave., in Radford. Dinners are \$12 and include two pieces of fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Fish sandwiches with slaw are \$6 and an extra piece of fish is \$3.50. For call-in orders, call the church at 540-639-6425. Delivery is available, only in Radford.

Submitted by JW Webb



PHOTO COURTESY OF JW WEBB

The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive member Gilbert Meadows (right) gets help from Brady Meadows with the famous fried fish at the June 2023 fish fry. the event with a photo.

"The big wooden sunflowers were made here on the farm as well," Sink said.

Another favorite of the farm is the animal barn where children and adults can see peacocks, chickens, sheep, goats, rabbits, and a pig called Mr. T.

There are a lot of artisans providing handmade local crafts for visitors to peruse as well. Vendors can vary throughout each weekend and are dependent on their availability. Crafts and retail product options may include handmade pet accessories, jewelry, children and adult clothing items, recycled and repurposed handbags, handmade rugs, and clay products.

"I make clay earrings, farmhouse décor signs, tumblers, signs, magnets, car fresheners, all kinds of things," Lisa Shark of Bubble Clay Company said. Shark's vendor tent was one of many that had braved the humidity of the event's first weekend. The forecast for the venue's second weekend provided much more tolerable weather for visitors.

Our Living Room Couch was among the new vendors coming to the venue this year with handmade rugs, coasters and new signs.

Serena Belle's Kettle Korn, Aloha Eddie flavored ice, Giggles plant-based food, 800 Degree wood fired pizza, and many more food trucks and tent vendors will be providing a variety of food options to festival goers.

Live music will be performing each night of the festival and visitors can enjoy lots of outdoor seating near the main barn or by the scenic pond.

The last weekend is July 28-30 and is jam-packed with all activities still available to enjoy.

The event is open to the public Fridays 4-8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Additional information can be found on their new Facebook page at Sinkland Farms, LLC or their website www.sinklandfarms.com. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time on their website or at the entrance of Sinkland Farms. Various packages are available for couples, families, photography passes, and MEGA slide ride passes.

## Upcoming events

### 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).

#### American Legion meeting

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

### Saturday, August 5:

#### **Genealogy Saturdays**

At the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation, first Saturday of each month, 1-4 p.m. Ancestry experts will be on hand to assist you as you explore your family tree. Come with questions about research and discovering your roots.

### Monday, August 14:

#### Radford City Council meeting

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

## Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

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

### Tuesday, August 15:

#### Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The 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.

### Thursday, August 17:

## Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of

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the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

### **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

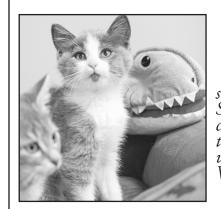
Calling all wizards of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin! Have you signed up for the TriWizard TriMile Potter in the Park Race yet? It's time to venture out from the cupboard under the stairs, get your wizard robes ready, and join us for this annual familyfun event on Saturday, August 26 at 8:30 a.m. Register at 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.

## $\mathbf{P}_{ ext{ETS}}$ of the week

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.

Hugo is a lovable SharkDog who is ready to dive into a new home. He has a serene personality and is friendly and sweet. He enjoys meeting landlubbers who will give him hugs and affection. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this very good boy.





SharkCat Cotton would love to set anchor in a home with fellow SharkKitties. She enjoys their company as well as batting around toys. Cotton's favorite activity is watching re-runs of The Undersea World of Shark Cousteau.

We present a remarkable opportunity for investors, entrepreneurs, and nature enthusiasts alike! This multi-use barn style structure sits on 10 acres of pristine land in Pulaski County.

This extraordinary property, built in 1960 and in good condition, offers endless possibilities and holds immense potential for various purposes. The barn would be perfect for conversion into an auditorium, event center, barndominium residence, or even a mini farm. The main structure has 7,824 square feet with gathering areas and an office. The exterior is brick and metal roof. Property has public water and private septic. Mini-split units for heating and cooling. The interior is wood and concrete. There is also a machine shed and a brick building with a kitchen and restroom.

The barn, with its rustic charm and sturdy construction, invites creative minds to explore the vast potential within. With ample space and a versatile layout, you can customize this structure to suit your specific needs. Transform it into an auditorium or event center, hosting memorable gatherings and celebrations. Alternatively, convert it into a cozy barndominium residence, embracing the unique blend of rural aesthetics and modern comfort. For those seeking a slice of country living, this property is ideal for establishing a mini-farm or a family retreat, surrounded by nature's beauty.

Sprawling across 10 acres of picturesque landscape, while being situated in a highly desirable area. This property offers great potential for commercial use, benefiting from a strategic and accessible location. Whether you're envisioning a commercial establishment or a tranquil family retreat, this property is suitable for a range of ventures. The property is currently under agriculture zoning. Bidders are expected to research and verify what uses are permitted by Pulaski County.

Investors will appreciate the commercial prospects that this property holds, thanks to its prime location. With high visibility and easy access, you can tap into the growing demand for commercial spaces in Pulaski County, making it an excellent opportunity for various business ventures.

**Terms** - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required on day of sale. Close on or before October 9th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps.

CONTACT – Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com. You can also contact Realtor Jason Underwood at 540-230-9516 or underwoodlandman@gmail.com

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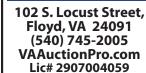
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## **U**BITUARIES

## Flinchum, Eugene H. (Pete)

Eugene Н. (Pete) Flinchum, 81, of Pilot, died Friday, July 21, 2023, at his home.

born on He was November 14, 1941, to the late Jessie Ross and Charity Kirkner Flinchum. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Gearheart Flinchum; sister, Velma Rice; brothers, Paul, Marvin, Herbert, Jessie, Jr., Henry, and Bud;

#### brothers-in-law, Larry Rice, and Sidney Hodge; sisters-in-law. Hilda, Margaret, and Donna Flinchum.

Pete was a longtime minister in the area.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Eugene H. Jr. and Susan Flinchum; grandson, Jeremiah Flinchum; sister, Shirley Hodge; sister-inlaw, Betty Flinchum; as well as numerous nieces

and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darrell Linkous and Rev. John Collins officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. The family will receive friends from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service.

William "Bill" Clyde Johnston, 67, passed away

on Saturday, July 22, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde William and Hazel White Johnston.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Valerie Oder Johnston; daughter and son-in-law, Caroline Mora (Andres Mora Guevara); son, Tyler William Henry Johnston; grandchildren, Austin, Andrew, Ariana, William



after an extended illness

Kathleen June Mullins,

76, of Blacksburg, passed



Julianna; and and numerous close family members and friends. The family will receive

friends Friday, August 4, 2023, 12 - 1 p.m. at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019. The Johnston family

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

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in Appalachia and associated health outcomes.

The study found only 85 such publications, with a scarcity of studies involving the Central Appalachian region or asking questions about health outcomes.

"As someone who has been working on issues related to water and sanitation in Appalachia for over a decade, I was not surprised by these results," said Leigh-Anne Krometis, associate professor of biological systems engineering in the College of Engineering and a co-author of the study. "Unfortunately, while Appalachia has long been recognized as a region with acute infrastructure needs, on-the-ground data sets are incredibly limited, which makes the identification and prioritization of effectiveness interventions very difficult."

The researchers cast a wide net to find any prior studies that are relevant.

We also included papers whose research questions may not have even been focused just on drinking water quality and contaminants we're interested in," Darling said. "Some were focusing just on impacts from fracking, but we took the data, still being under our big research umbrella of things we were looking at. So even though we did find 85 eligible papers, a lot of them weren't intended to answer the questions we are interested in."

Darling said many of the existing studies were conducted in response to various contamination events, such as chemical spills in rivers.

Five of the seven co-authors are associated with Virginia Tech. Besides Darling, Cohen, and Krometis, co-authors include Hannah Patton, who recently finished her Ph.D. in biological systems engineering, and Md Rasheduzzaman, a postdoctoral researcher in the population health sciences working with Cohen. Two undergraduates at the University of Virginia at Wise are also co-authors, Rachel Guevera and Joshua McCray.

"The benefit of a systematic review and

meta-analysis study is that it provides a rigorous way to review a body of literature and then systematically extract data and analyze it," Cohen said. "In a way, it's like a lab experiment. This is where this type of study differs from a narrative review. In a systematic review, you also review the literature, but you do so in a way that, like a lab experiment, could be replicated and ideally is pre-specified."

The study will help researchers from Virginia Tech and elsewhere know what gaps need to be filled, which in the case of Appalachian drinking water quality and contaminants are many and wide.

The study also provided an important opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to participate as authors on a publication in an important scientific journal, starting with the lead author, Darling, a Via Scholar in the College of Engineering. Darling completed her undergraduate work at the University of Illinois and has received master's degrees in environmental engineering and public health at Virginia Tech.

"I try to provide opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to be involved in research that can lead to co-authorship opportunities on journal papers," Cohen said. "For me, that's a really important part of mentoring to try to provide those opportunities. I think it's exciting for anybody to contribute to a scientific publication, but I've found from my experience it's especially so for undergrads."

Cohen is leading multiple research studies in rural areas in partnership with local utilities and nonprofits in Southwest Virginia and with collaborators at Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, and East Tennessee State University. Together, they are collecting water samples, survey and health data, and sharing water testing results with households, all to help fill some of the research gaps identified in this new publication.

Andrew Mann for Virginia Tech

## Mullins, Kathleen June



several regional art associations. Two notable exhibitions were "Cows, Inside and Out" and "32 Butterflies." She labored over 32 Butterflies for a year as therapy following the April 16, 2007 tragic shooting at Virginia Tech, and the ambitious piece has been utilized in many commemorations of the community heartbreak.

In addition to the art that anchored her life, her vocation was science. She earned a master's degree in Dairy Science at Virginia Tech where she served as a laboratory specialist for over 20 years, specializing in microscopic and tissue culture techniques. She contributed in similar capacities at the Veterinary School, PPL Therapeutics, and the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute. She was a Master Naturalist, а member of Sigma XI, and an early member of the Guild for Natural Science Illustrators. In her home, a love for animals offered an open invitation to dozens of rabbits, a 15-pound iguana, abundant home aquaria, and numerous cats and canines. Her favorites were Golden Retrievers and Corgis, and with her children raised one litter of each.

She participated as an active member in many community organizations, including the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, P.E.O. Chapter AH, Torch International, Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, Montgomery County 4-H, and the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

June had a keen sense of observation and was committed to untangling and resolving problems of all sizes. An active member of her book club, pursued learning she perspectives and new she was a bright spirit and tremendously warm person. She took great joy in her family, walking her dogs, canoeing, and camping.

Family visitation will be 5 -7 p.m. Friday, July 28 at the McCoy Funeral Home. А Memorial Service will be held Saturday, at 11a.m. July 29 at Blacksburg United Methodist The Church. service will be live streamed at https://youtube.com/ live/ApNMWmx0ss?feature=share.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to PEO Chapter AH. Please include "In memory of June Mullins" (Send checks to: Cathy Stripling 132 3rd St NW, Pulaski, VA 24301), or to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Please include: "In memory of June Mullins" send checks to: Blacksburg United Methodist Church POB 931, Blacksburg, VA 24060) or online donations at https://newrivercommunityaction.org/ IFP/donate/.

#### away May 30, 2023, surrounded by family. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Martha Tooke, cherished wife of Donald Mullins, adored mother of Heather Crislip (Andrew) of Richmond and Aaron Mullins (Kara) of Fort Lauderdale, and grandmother of Grace Crislip, Renna Crislip, Fox Mullins, and Hart

Mullins. June was born in Pueblo, Colorado, on August 30, 1946, the daughter of a father who was an engineer and a mother who was a social worker. She shared her upbringing with her surviving twin sister Katherine Joan Harris of Eagle River, Alaska. Both sisters possessed a boundless artistic talent and June explored and employed that talent in all aspects of her life.

Upon graduating from Colorado State with a degree in physical sciences and chemistry she married Don after a long courtship that originated in their high school church youth group. They built a life together in Blacksburg as partners in many aspects of their lives for nearly 55 years.

artistic life Her embraced three themes: scientific and natural science illustration, numorous entomological caricature work, and in more recent years realism with a spiritual touch. She produced numerous scientific illustrations which appeared in published works and several textbooks. Her artwork was exhibited in local venues through

## Virginians may now indicate their blood type on their driver's license or ID

#### Information will be used to assist first responders in an emergency

RICHMOND - Virginians may now choose to indicate their blood type to include on their driver's license to assist first responders in the event of an emergency.

Virginians have the option to indicate their blood type when they renew or replace their driver's license or ID at dmv.virginia.gov or in-person at any Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer service center. Customers who are applying for a license or ID for the first time must visit a customer service center in person.

If you renew or replace your credential online, you will be prompted with a question whether you'd like to indicate

blood type during the transaction. Choosing to have your blood type displayed on your license or ID is optional. The blood type will be displayed in a small icon on the front of your license or ID.

It is not required to show proof of your blood type if you'd like it to appear on your credential. It is your responsibility to self-certify, and make sure you have your correct blood type.

"The law was intended to aid individuals and first responders when every second counts in an emergency," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. "DMV is proud to provide Virginians with options. On your driver's license or ID, you can indicate not only your blood type, but also your willingness to be an organ donor, your veteran status and can even list important medical indicators."

Senate Bill 345 was introduced by Sen. George L. Barker.

Submitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles





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## PINION school system in America

Securing a child's academic success begins with choosing the right schools. But how can parents decide where to enroll their kids? Because children develop and learn at different rates, the ideal answer to that question varies based on each student's needs. Those needs have become even more specialized in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused significant learning loss and decreased test scores for many students.

Unfortunately, most parents can't afford to place their children in exclusive, private or preparatory schools that give their students greater individual attention. For the majority of U.S. families, public education is the only option. The quality of public school systems varies widely from state to state, though, and is often a question of funding. Public elementary and secondary education money usually flows from three sources: the federal, state and local governments. According to the U.S. Department of Education, states contribute nearly as much as local governments, while the federal government supplies the smallest share. Some researchers have found that more resources — or taxes paid by residents

typically result in better school-system performance. Unlike other research that focuses primarily on academic outcomes or school finance, WalletHub's analysis takes a more comprehensive approach. It accounts for performance, funding, safety, class size and instructor credentials. To determine the top-performing school systems in America, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 32 key metrics. The data set ranges from pupil-teacher ratio and dropout rate to median standardized-test scores. Quality and safety of schools in Virginia (1=Best;

25=Avg.): 15th - math test scores, 28th - reading test scores, 27th – pupil-teacher ratio, 23rd – median SAT score, 6th – median ACT score, 15th – dropout rate, 5th - bullying incidence rate, 24th - percent of threatened/ injured high school students, and 1st – existence of dígital learning plan.

Submitted by Wallet Hub

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## Virginia has 5th best Virginia gas prices nearly 10 cents higher than a month ago

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have risen 0.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.42/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 9.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 70.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 2.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.83 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.75/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.54/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.75/g while the highest was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.54/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.55/g today. The national average is down 0.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 78.0 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:

July 24, 2022: \$4.12/g (U.S. Average: \$4.33/g)

July 24, 2021: \$2.98/g (U.S. Average: \$3.14/g) July 24, 2020: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g)

July 24, 2019: \$2.52/g (U.S. Average: \$2.75/g) July 24, 2018: \$2.62/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.84/g)

July 24, 2017: \$2.09/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g) July 24, 2016: \$1.96/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.15/g) July 24, 2015: \$2.51/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.73/g) July 24, 2014: \$3.37/g (U.S. Average: \$3.54/g)

July 24, 2013: \$3.50/g (U.S. Average: \$3.66/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.33/g, up 2.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.30/g.

Richmond- \$3.41/g, unchanged

from last week's \$3.41/g.

West Virginia- \$3.34/g, down 0.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.34/g.

"For another week, we saw little meaningful change in the national average, which has been stuck in the same 10 cent range we're in today since April. It's been a remarkably quiet summer for gas prices, which have been far less active than normal," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "However, with tremendous heat gripping much of the country, I remain concerned about the fuel that such high temperatures will provide for tropical systems that venture into the Atlantic and Caribbean. For now, I don't expect much change in the toss up that has been gas prices for weeks on end. But, with gasoline demand now hitting its summer high, there remain some risks that could disturb gas prices in a significant way before summer's end."

Submitted by Gas Buddy

# AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Lighten your wallet (in a good way)

We spend a lot of time worrying about how to avoid telephone and online scams, but we often don't think about what we carry around with us every day and how it might make us vulnerable to fraud. It only takes seconds for a criminal to steal your wallet and what they find in there might give them instant access to your money. Here are 5 things to keep out of your wallet.

The most important thing to keep out of your wallet is your Social Security card, but if you're a senior you might also want to leave your Medicare card at home when you don't need it. While Medicare cards no longer carry a person's Social Security Number the account information listed is still very valuable. Seldom used credit cards should also stay out of your wallet because there is a greater chance that you might forget to cancel them if stolen. Lastly, carrying blank checks in your wallet can be

a big vulnerability and so can unused gift cards - both are essentially as good as cash.

It might take some more organization at home but only putting in your wallet the things that you absolutely need can not only keep you safe - it can lighten the load you carry around with you each day.

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.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you've fallen victim.

Submitted by AARP Virginia

### Seize the sweet corn season before summer's end

RICHMOND—July means sweet corn harvest has arrived, and some Virginia farmers are predicting a successful season.

Grown throughout Virginia, sweet corn typically appears in farmers markets and grocery stores in June and is available as late as mid-October.

Aaron Goode, owner of Chesterfield Berry Farm, said his sweet corn is ready for picking after a relatively smooth-sailing growing season.

a prolonged, cooler spring.

Sweet corn prefers a sunny, warm environment, thriving in temperatures between 60° and 75°, according to Virginia Cooperative Extension. In early June, daily low temperatures dropped to the 40s and 50s in Virginia Beach, according to AccuWeather.

'The cold was more of an issue than the dryness," Cullipher said. "The was slow to grow and mature but it was more of a nuisance than anything.' Despite challenges, he said, "it's looking a lot better now," and he anticipates a fruitful sweet corn season. Cullipher grows around 20 acres of bicolor varieties, producing flavorful ears with white and yellow kernels.

long after harvest.

Čullipher began picking sweet corn in late June and hopes to extend the season to Halloween. But he encourages consumers to seize the sweet corn season before summer's end.

"Even though we grow it until October, most people associate sweet corn with summertime cookouts, grilling and things like that. And when school is out, people tend to do those things more," he said. "Everyone should include sweet corn as much as they can in their meals." The prime time to pick sweet corn is just before eating it. Extension recommends plunging the ears into ice water or putting them on ice for a short time. Store in the refrigerator until ready to use.

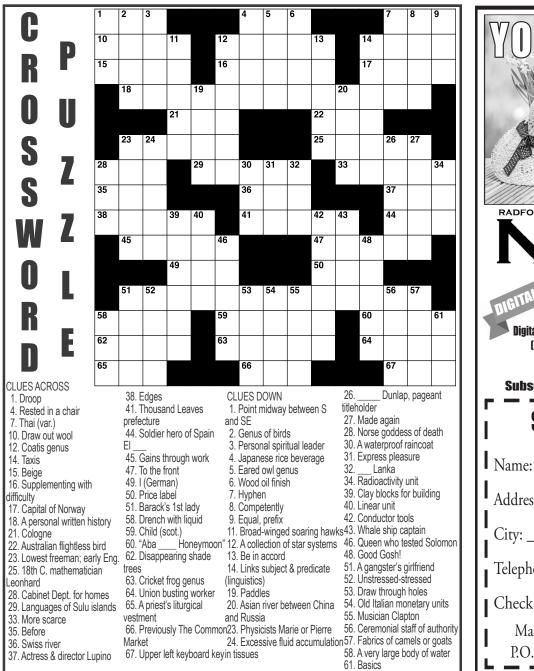
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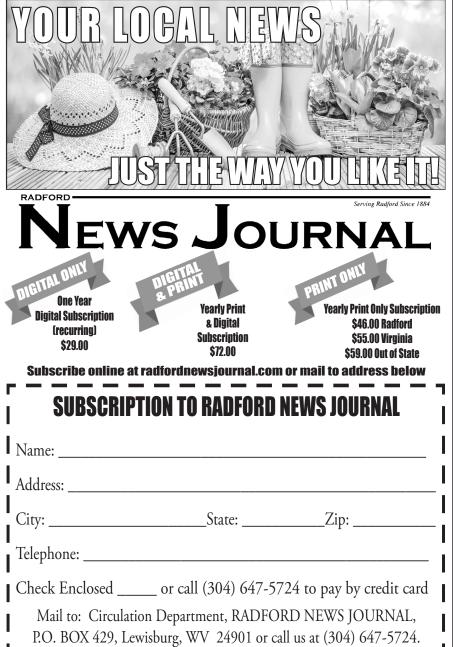
"It was pretty dry for a while, but the crop looks good," he said. Goode added that rain showers in late June helped his Supersweet variety bicolor corn withstand dry conditions earlier in the month.

Mike Cullipher of Cullipher Farm in Virginia Beach similarly reported "unseasonably dry" conditions in May and early June, which he managed with irrigation. The biggest hurdle was

According to Extension, Xtra-Sweet or Supersweet varieties convert sugar into starch more slowly than standard varieties, retaining their sweetness

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24090.

Page 865. It appearing to the Court that because all parties with a potential claim to said property are unknown and based off the Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel in this case, it is hereby Ordered that this Order of Publication shall be posted as an Order of Publication at The Botetourt Circuit Court Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, #120, Fincastle, VA 24090, and published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Botetourt. Any person with an interest in the aforementioned property should appear, answer or otherwise respond to the allegations set out in the Motion in this matter no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023. Entered this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023. Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ASK FOR THIS: John K. Prillamen, ESq. VSB #81306

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proper under Va. Code 8.01-316(A)(1). An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Respondent Michael Robbins cannot be found and that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain his location and last known mailing address is unknown. Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above-named Respondent shall appear in the Circuit Court of Radford City on or before 31st day of July. 2023, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his interest in this cause. Entered: 6/2/2023 Teste: Melissa White DEPUTY CLERK CIRCUIT COURT, RADFORD, VA. Written Answer may be filed in lieu of Court appearance. Reply should be received by 31st day of July, 2023. Kristen L. Mynes (VSB No. 94905) Counsel for Petitioner 323 Second Street SE #700 Charlottesville, VA 22902 (434) 977-2569

#### Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CA23-04, CA23-05 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM **CRYSTAL YVONNE** TERRY, petitioner IN RE: Children to be known as: Landon Jordan Pierce Birth certificate: 145-16-074993 DOB: 9/21/2016 And Lukas Wayne Pierce Birth certificate:145-16-074992 DOB: 9/21/2016 The object of this suit is to: Enter a Final Order of Adoption allowing Crystal Yvonne Terry to adopt Landon Edward Scott Pierce and Lucas Roman Wayne Pierce and change their names to Landon

Jordan Pierce and Lukas

EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Baby Girl Doe v. Unknown Father The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Unknown Father, legal parent of Baby Girl Doe, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonable likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time. failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition

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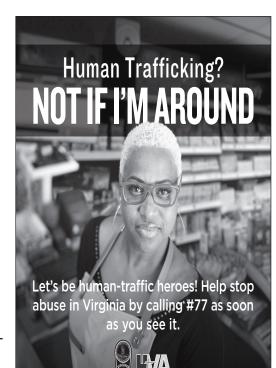
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## Sports KADFORD

## Nichol probation extended after failed breath test



FILE PHOTO **Darris Nichols** 

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Radford А City general district judge has extended Radford University's basketball coach Darris Nichols probation from a Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

The new court appearance dealt with a positive reading on an ignition interlock device, which was placed on his vehicle after a February traffic stop.

The court could have revoked all of his probation and sent Nichols to jail, but the Commonwealth Attorney and Nichols' attorneys agreed the coach should have another chance.

He faced up to 180 days of a suspended sentence. Now, Nichols will remain on for a year. He was record, which alerted the three alcohol.

Nichols made no the hearing.

his former coach West Virginia University faced similar charges. the Bob Hudgins, who coach in the spoke at a Radford University athletic poll dinner earlier this around the league. year, was arrested in stop in Pittsburgh.

According to the Bob determined Huggins' alcohol was 0.21%, more limit of 0.08% in senior season. Pennsylvania. He time later.

Nichols, Radford native, was hired two years ago after serving shooting at a .375 as an assistant at the University of range. He averaged Nichols Florida. played at West Virginia University and climbed the ranks way an as coach all the way was also a member to the University of the 2007 NIT Florida in the SEC. Championship,

including also required to use four straight 20the interlock device, win seasons and consecutive court to the use of NCAA Tournament bids.

Nichols garnered statement following a spot in ESPN. ending of com's 40 Under 40 in the summer of All of this comes 2020, rated #17 on just a month after the national list mentor and that included both at head coaches and assistant coaches. He was also rated #2 assistant

> SEC in a Stadium of coaches

A four-year letter April after a traffic winner at West Virginia under Huggins report, a breath test and John Beilein, that Nichols helped the blood Mountaineers to a content 26-11 record and a trip to the 2008 than twice the legal NCAA Sweet 16 his

At WVU, Nichols resigned a short shined as a player in the Big East. He a scored 993 career points and dished 399 assists while clip from 3-point 10.7 points per basketball game as well as 3.2 assists per game as a senior on the WVU's to assistant Sweet 16 run. He Nichols helped 2006 Sweet 16 and lead Radford High 2005 Elite Eight four teams and finished in his collegiate career Mountaineer After seven graduation, he Gators to a 108-65 Hungarian League.



### **Maddie Bruce** Bruce, Evans named players of year

#### Marty Gordon

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Tanner Evans excelled this past year on both the football and baseball fields for Christiansburg High School, and Maddie Bruce picked up honors for volleyball, basketball and soccer for Eastern Montgomery.

For their efforts, the two were named the All-County/All-City players of the year.

Evans played several positions on the grid iron including quarterback, tailback and defensive back. He rushed 193 times for 1,467 yards with 12 touchdowns this season as a multi-purpose player. He also passed 38 of 73 yards for 696 yards with another 13 scores as he led the Blue Demons all the way to the state Class 3 state semi-finals.

This spring, Evans was named to the Class 3 first-team baseball squad.

Bruce led Eastern Montgomery to a state soccer championship and was named the Class 1 state player of year.

Bruce, who was also last year's Class 1 2021 girls' player of the year, totaled 52 goals and 32 assists for the Mustangs this season. Her 32 assists and 136 points this season place her in the top 10 single-season totals in VHSL girls soccer history. The Shenandoah University signee's career totals of 113 goals and 91 assists (missing the 2020 season because of COVID) place Bruce among the alltime top players in goals and assists in VHSL history.

She was also named to the secondteam all-state basketball team.

The coach of the year was familiar to Bruce. Whitney Shaver has three state titles in just four years at a program, which was started from scratch. Earlier this month, she was named the Class 1 coach of the year. Monday, she was named the All-County/All-City coach of the year.

Shaver led Eastern Montgomery (22-0) to its third-straight Class 1 state title with a 2-1 win over Auburn, with the decisive goal coming in the third overtime period. The Mustangs have now won 54 straight games. Shaver has a four-record of 68-3 since taking over the Mustangs program in 2019, not including the 2020 COVID missed season. East Mont defeated Auburn in last year's final, 5-0, and West Point, 5-1, in 2021.



probation through April 2024.

arrest, Nichols had blood alcohol level of .025, twice the legal limit. He was fined \$2,500 and had his driver's license suspended

School to appearances During the initial the state Group A as a top five most playoffs, averaging winningest player double-figures in in every season. He history. coached seasons at Florida, played professional helping lead the overseas in the

**Tanner Evans** 

## Grantham to play baseball at RU

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The son of former Pulaski County and Virginia Tech football player Todd Grantham will play baseball this fall at Radford University.

Corbin Grantham, who has two years of eligibility left, made his announcement this past weekend. He said the Radford coaching staff made an impression

on him.

"I loved the coach (Guerra) and feel he will do everything he can to get you better," he said.

This past season, Grantham played at Shelton State Community College in Alabama where he hit .367 in conference play with a .551 slugging percentage and stole 17 bases. After graduating (2020) from F.W. Buckholtz High School in Gainesville, Florida, the 6-1, 185 outfielder attended Mississippi State University. He then transferred to Shelton State.

Corbin's father, Todd, coached at Virginia Tech in the early 90s after a playing career at the school. Since then, he has had coaching stops at Michigan State, Georgia, Louisville and Florida. Todd is now the defensive line coach for the New Orleans Saints and has also coached in the NFL at Houston, Dallas and Cleveland.

Alex Guerra recently completed his first season leading the Radford baseball program and will enter his second season at the helm during the 2023-24 school year.

In their first season under Guerra's guidance, the Highlanders experienced the ups-and-downs that the

game of baseball inevitably creates. Despite the challenges of kicking off a full rebuild of the program, Radford earned big wins over crosstown rival Virginia Tech and

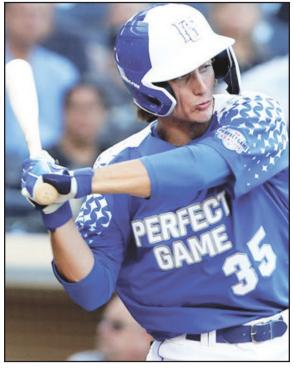
Big South-foe Longwood. Guerra emerged from an extremely competitive pool of head coaching candidates to be named the seventh head coach in Radford baseball history, separating himself as someone with an undeniably strong track record of success at all levels of the game and an unrelenting passion for Radford University and its community.

Guerra had been on the staff at James Madison for the previously seven years. Before his time at JMU, Guerra was a part of Joe Raccuia's staff at Radford, where he had served the Highlanders as an assistant coach since 2013.

Before beginning his coaching career, Guerra played two seasons at Division III Greensboro College before transferring to Radford for his final two collegiate campaigns. As a Highlander, he batted .311 and drove in 94 runs while playing second base, shortstop and third base, tacking on 11 home runs across his junior and senior seasons.

Now at Radford, Guerra has continued to rebuild the program with a highly touted recruiting class coming to the area including Grantham.

Corbin's grandparents still live in Pulaski County. He plans to major in sports management at Radford and has a long-term goal to coach football or baseball. Corbin would not rule-out the possibility of playing baseball at the new level. But first, he joins the Highlanders, who finished 10-45 this past year and 2-25 in the Big South Conference.



FILE PHOTO

## Hokies swimming update, RU names new soccer coach

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Virginia Tech and its home at the Christiansburg Aquatics Center continues to be the destination for several other top swimmers from around the world.

Swim Swarm online sports site is reporting Jakub Poliacik from Bratislava, Slovakia has announced his commitment to Virginia Tech beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

Poliacik swims for XBS Swimming out of Samorin Slovakia. Last August, Poliacik swam at the World Junior Championships. There he finished 11th in the 200 free (1:51.30), 13th in the 800 free (8:18.67), and 18th in the 400 free (4:03.80).

In December, he competed at Short Course World Championships. There he was 19th in the 800 free (8:05.91), 24th in the 400 free (3:49.93), and 33rd in the 200 free (1:47.48).

The Blacksburg school last lost a top freshman

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## Two holes in one at Auburn Hills Golf Club





Joanna Epperly celebrates after recording a hole in one on Hole #7 this past week at Auburn Hills.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF AUBURN HILLS Ronnie Worrell revels in his eighth hole in one of his career also on #7 at Auburn Hills.



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Hoses prevail in Guns and Hoses softball tournament

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## Hoses prevail in Guns and Hoses softball tournament

Firefighters, police and EMS personnel throughout the area joined forces Saturday night for a good cause during the Seventh Annual Guns and Hoses softball tournament at Harkrader Sports Complex in Christiansburg. The game, which was won by the Hoses in extra innings, benefited Virginia Special Olympics.

## RU and Hokies from page 7

swimmer to the transfer Aquatics Championships portal. will host close to 2,400

Carl Bloebaum, who was the #5 recruit in the high school class of 2022, came out of high school as the Ohio State Champion in the 100 fly (45.68). He was also the 2021 US Olympic Trials Wave I Champion in the 20-meter fly and finished as high as eighth in the 50-meter fly at the 2022 International Team Trials.

Virginia Tech swimming and diving has 11 Hokies attending the 2023 World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka, Japan.

During this non-Olympic year, the World



Aquatics Championships will host close to 2,400 athletes from 195 countries. The events began on July 14 and include diving, water polo, swimming, synchronized swimming and open water swimming.

The swimming portion of Worlds began on July 22 with prelims and the rest of the competition follows and will conclude on July 30.

Following prelims, the top 16 in each event will advance to semifinals and the top eight will compete in finals (not including relays). All heats and final sessions will be covered on NBC Sports and Peacock.

Hokies attending:

- Sergio Lopez Miro Mexico (Assistant coach) Youssef Ramadan –
- Egypt 100 fly, 100 free

Carmen Weiler Sastre – Spain

100 free, 50 back, 100 back

Carles Coll Marti – Spain

200 breast, 200 IM Mario Molla Yanes – Spain 50 fly, 100 fly Luis Dominguez Spain

100 free, 200 free Madelyn Moore -Bermuda

50 free, 100 free

Ian Ho – Hong Kong (alumni)

50 free, 100 free, 50 fly Athena Meneses Kovacs – Mexico (Incoming freshman)

50 back, 100 fly

Emil Perez – Venezuela (Incoming freshman) 50 fly

Daniil Pancerevas – Lithuania (Incoming freshman)

50 free, 200 IM

RU coach to IUPAC

IUPUC recently added to its Athletic Department with the hiring of Kevin Nolan as Head Men's Soccer Coach.

Nolan comes to Columbus from Radford University in Virginia, a Division One school, where he served as Assistant Soccer Coach. He has 12 years of coaching experience at both the junior college and university levels.

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Check out this rare opportunity to own 2 lots and a contemporary home on the corner of Toms Creek Road and Kelsey Lane in Blacksburg VA. Home is on one lot, and the adjoining lot may be built upon or kept vacant. The home has 2,915+/- square feet of living area, 4 bedrooms, and 3 bathrooms with public water and sewer. No Homeowner's Association.

This property consists of 2 separate lots that will be sold together. One lot is the site of the existing house on .34 – Acre at 603 Kelsey Lane, and the other is a BUILDABLE corner lot of .26-Acre at 601 Kelsey Lane. If a new buyer desires to build on the corner lot after purchase, a survey would be required per Zoning Administrator at Blacksburg Planning and Building. Refer to the map section in the Bidder Pack for Lot details. The property is zoned R-4. Don't miss your opportunity to acquire this rare property!

**Terms** - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final high bid to arrive at the contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 is required by 5 pm on July 28th, 2023. Close on or before September 12th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold "as is, where is, with any and all faults." Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. If confirmed Buyer will be expected to sign a Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet, and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract, and maps at VAAuctionPro.com.

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