

Tartan Tails program looking for new canine therapists

RADFORD - Tartan Tails' pawprint is growing bigger, on both Radford University's campus and the internet.

The Highlanders' animal therapy team, supported by First Lady Kay Danilowicz, recently unveiled its new web page, with information about the program, an email address and an image gallery of the seven current Tartan Tails pets.

The group is also looking to expand its ranks and will review applications for its fall cohort through Aug. 30. A link to the application form can be found at the bottom of the Tartan Tails web page.

"Bret and I are so excited to have more members of our faculty and staff share their beloved pets with our campus," Danilowicz said. "We hope to see a variety of tails wagging with our animal therapy program this year!"

Any dog owners affiliated with Radford University are eligible to apply to the program, but first preference will be given to faculty and staff. Employees should speak with their supervisors or department heads to secure support before applying.

After a review of applications, invitations will be extended to potential candidates and their pets



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Tartan Tails is the Highlanders' new animal therapy team, supported by the First Lady of Radford, Kay Danilowicz (left), with her three-year-old boxer mix Baine (forward), and by former faculty member Katrina Hundley (right) and her dog, Apollo (rear), a Catahoula leopard dog.

for in-person interviews and assessments, which will include conversation, observation and group activities with others. Those are scheduled to take place Friday, Sept. 1 and Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Teams selected to participate in Tartan Tails will then begin a training program on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

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Radford Chamber celebrates BT's Restaurant face lift

Representatives from the Radford Chamber of Commerce, along with business owner Kelsi Jones, staff and city officials recently gathered for a ribbon-cutting at BT's Restaurant, held in conjunction with a Radford Chamber of Commerce After Hours Professional Networking event. "We had a ribbon cutting for them on the newly renovated patio space," said Radford Chamber

Executive Director Dan McKinney. "It's been completely redone with colorful tarps overhead, new tables and benches, new lighting and a railing that allows you to see the scenery. They have also renovated the exterior of the building, replacing the siding with new."

- Radford Chamber of Commerce

NRCC's Angie Covey honored with statewide leadership award

Angie Covey, executive director of the New River Community College Educational Foundation and Pulaski County resident, was recently honored for her extraordinary leadership in helping students gain access to higher education.

The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) presented Covey with the Kathleen H. Smith Distinguished Service Award at the Virginia Community College (VCCS) 2023 Chancellor's Retreat in early August at the Hotel Roanoke.

"Angie is passionate about serving students and her community," remarked Dr. Jennifer Gentry, VCCS vice chancellor of institutional advancement. "Her work ethic is second to none. Angie is strategic, enthusiastic, genuine, and as a first-generation student, she understands the challenges that face many of our students entering the doors of the community college."

The award is named for Kathleen Smith, a legendary leader in institutional advancement at Patrick & Henry Community College and the VCCS.

"I am honored and humbled to receive

this award," said Covey. "I feel truly blessed to follow in Kathleen Smith's footsteps and give back to the community that raised me."

Covey continues to represent Smith's legacy, advocating for a better future for every New River Community College (NRCC) student.

"One word sums up Angie's commitment to NRCC—passion," said Dr. Pat Huber, NRCC president. "Angie's passion for assisting students and serving the community college is rooted in her own experiences as a first-generation college student from a rural community. Whether it is with the loan of a laptop, a referral to the college's food pantry, or the purchase of a pair of steel-toed shoes so that a student can attend welding classes (all these funded through the Foundation), Angie is a driver for much good that occurs on this campus."

One of Covey's most notable career accomplishments thus far is the inception and subsequent creation of the Access to Community College Education (ACCE)

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ZACK SMITH

The Lost Bayou Ramblers will perform a free outdoor concert as part of the Moss Arts Center community celebration.

Moss Arts Center marks 10th anniversary with free celebration today

BLACKSBURG - The Moss Arts Center marks its 10th anniversary with a free community celebration on Saturday, Aug. 26. Featuring hands-on arts activities for all ages, community performances, music making, learning opportunities, giveaways, food trucks, and more, the rain-or-shine event culminates with a free outdoor concert by the Grammy-winning Lost Bayou Ramblers.

"Experience Art: 10th Anniversary Open House" features events throughout the Moss Arts Center, located at 190 Alumni Mall.

Activities and community performances, 3-5 p.m.

Activities, art, and music fill the afternoon.

A dynamic lineup of local musicians and area student groups offers sounds for every taste — from blues and Dixieland to folk and classical.

A range of participatory activities and learning opportunities for all ages includes an interactive installation blending music and technology in the Cube, a music jam and drum circle led by local musicians, a community art project and special hands-on art area for kids, how-to sketching and dance workshops, story time events, and an instrument petting zoo.

The celebration continues with a Cajun dance party on the Moss Arts Center lawn at 5 p.m. featuring the Grammy Award-

winning Lost Bayou Ramblers. Standing at the crosscurrents of Louisiana culture between Cajun and Creole, the group has evolved into a progressive band that excites, challenges, and redefines both genre expectations and cultural preconceptions.

The community celebration and Lost Bayou Ramblers concert will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Moss Arts Center's Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, located in the Street and Davis Performance Hall.

The Moss Arts Center is celebrating its 10th anniversary throughout the 2023-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NRCC

(Left to right) VFCCE Chair Ben Davenport, NRCC Educational Foundation Executive Director Angie Covey, VFCCE Executive Director Jennifer Gentry, and VCCS Chancellor David Doré.

U.S. drug overdose deaths hit a new record in 2022

Drug deaths nationwide hit a new record in 2022. Nearly 110,000 people died as a result of drug overdoses, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**109,680 dead in one year.
That's 300 lives lost each day.
This has to stop.**



**Annual New River Valley
Candlelight Vigil for
International Overdose Awareness Day**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

401 Peer Center parking lot
401 W. Main Street, Radford
Brief remarks begin at 7:30 PM

Open to the public



Stop the stigma. Carry naloxone.

Learn more at nrvcs.org/endoverdosenrv

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, Saturday, August 26:

Carilion hosts Blacksburg electronics recycling event

At 901 Plantation Road, Blacksburg, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Do you have old computers, printers, tablets, phones, power cables or other unused electronics you need to get rid of? Drop them off at a drive-through recycling event where they can be properly disposed! Carilion is partnering with River Acceptance, a local electronics recycler, to recycle electronics safely and securely. All funds generated through the revenue of recycled materials will go towards the Carilion Clinic Foundation's campaign to transform cancer care in our region with a new cancer center.

Music on the Lawn

LP Kelly. Join the Christiansburg Library for the final show in the Music on the Lawn concert series at 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. This free concert is rain or shine. The sound of LP Kelly comes broadly from the early days of American roots music. From his base of operations in Blacksburg, VA, Kelly has worked tirelessly to encourage a renaissance in music that has a history and a place. It's original music that still sounds familiar. A couple of guitars, a banjo or two, a suitcase of harmonicas, and a whole lot of guts.

TriWizard Potter in the Park race

Calling all wizards of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin! At Bisset Park, 8:30 a.m. Benefits Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley.

Monday, August 28:

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.

Starlight Storytime

At the Radford Public Library; 6:30- 7 p.m. Stop by the library for an evening children's storytime. Wind down for the day with stories and friends at the library. Pajamas and stuffies encouraged!

Tuesday, August 29:

Ice Cream Social and Bingo

Beat the heat and join Blacksburg Parks and Recreation for a fun afternoon of ice cream followed by a game of Bingo, 1- 2:30 p.m., at the Blacksburg Community Center. Ice Cream and drinks provided; you bring a topping to share. If you want to play

bingo, bring \$1 in quarters for bingo prizes. Event is co-sponsored with Warm Hearth Village. The event cost \$3 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. To register, click the link listed above or call 540-443-1100.

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.

Wednesday, August 30:

Virtual Author Talk with Jeffrey Selingo

Virtual event at 2 p.m. Spend an hour with bestselling author Jeff Selingo, who immersed himself in the world of admissions for a year to answer the question on the minds of teenagers and their parents: how do colleges select their freshman class? The result is his most recent book, *Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions*, named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2020 by the New York Times. For the book, Jeff was embedded in three admissions offices — the University of Washington, Emory University, and Davidson College — and follows a group of high-school seniors through the process and players behind the scenes, including the marketers, the financial-aid consultants, and the rankers. In this conversation, Jeff will dispel the entrenched notions of how to compete and win at the admissions game, reveal why families have much to gain by broadening their notion of what qualifies as a "good" college, and explain how the pandemic impacts admissions. Register now! <https://libraryc.org/radfordlibrary>.

Thursday, September 7:

American Legion meeting

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

Saturday, September 9:

Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its September Fish Fry, 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, (under 3)-free,

carry-outs-\$12. This month we will be entertained by Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge. The fish fry is a fundraiser for the Ruritan Club's community service projects and scholarships. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. This is the last fish fry in 2023. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Saturday, September 16:

Ladies Night Out Workshop

At First Missionary Baptist Church, 7318 Manns Dr., Fairlawn, Va., 5 p.m. Speaker will be Ruth Wolford New Mount Olive UMC—Radford. Sponsored by Deaconess Ministry—FMBC. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, September 21:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

On-going:

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.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

www.radfordnewsjournal.com

Bank of Marion - New River Valley celebrates their grand opening

Staff from the Bank of Marion - New River Valley, along with city officials, representatives of the Radford Chamber of Commerce and well-wishers gather for a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Aug. 18 at their office at 220 West Main St. in Radford. The Bank of Marion - New River Valley will specialize in mortgage lending.

- Radford Chamber of Commerce



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<p>Legals - Montgomery County</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>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 AUGUST 28, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in</p>	<p>order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:</p> <p>A request by PRIMO-CON INC., dba WACO INC. for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Contractor's Service Establishment in existing structures. The site is located at 6604 and 6620 Roanoke Road, Shawsville (St. Rt. 11), and is located approximately .5 miles west of Alleghany Spring Road (St. Rt. 637). The property is further identified as Tax Maps 083-C1-A71, 083-C1-A73, 083-C1-A72, 083-C1-A70 (Parcel IDs:</p>	<p>013297, 071261, 070708, 070709), 1.547 acres, zoned General Business (GB) in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and is further designated as Civic in the Shawsville Village Plan.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>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</p>	<p>notice of a public hearing to be held on August 28, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:</p> <p>A request by John and Stacy Lloyd for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Contractor's Storage Yard, as defined in the Zoning Ordinance, on vacant land. The property is located at the intersection of Batts Road (Private) and Coal Bank Hollow Road (St. Rt.</p>	<p>649), approximately 0.01 miles from the intersection of South Jefferson Forest Lane (St. Rt. 818) and Coal Bank Hollow Road. The property is further identified as Tax Maps 028-A 15 and 028-A 16 (Parcel IDs: 009224 and 009225), 6.8 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Comprehensive in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and</p>	<p>GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>MAKE AN "A" IN ADVERTISING!</p> <p>To place your ad, call 389-9355</p> </div>
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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Keely Spens named to the St. Olaf College Dean's List
 NORTHFIELD, Minn. - Keely Spens, Environmental Studies, the child of Allen and Erin Spens, of Blacksburg, has been named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester. The dean's list recognizes students with a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale. St. Olaf challenges students to excel in the liberal arts, examine faith and values, and explore meaningful vocation in an inclusive, globally engaged community nourished by Lutheran tradition.

Sarah North named to Dean's List at Anderson University
 ANDERSON, S.C. - Sarah North of Blacksburg was named to the Dean's List at Anderson University for the spring semester, 2023. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester. The University congratulates its students for their exemplary academic achievement. Anderson University is a comprehensive Christian university offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees on campus and online. Anderson University is among U.S. News and World Report's "Best Regional Universities South."

Kathryn West graduates from Midway University Magna Cum Laude
 MIDWAY, Ky. - Kathryn West,

of Riner, graduated Magna Cum Laude as part of the Class of 2023 at Midway University. At the May 13 Commencement Ceremony, Midway University conferred degrees on 356 students who completed their coursework over the last academic year; 223 of those individuals participated in the commencement ceremony held in the Graves Amphitheater on campus. This graduating class included individuals from 28 states, Puerto Rico, and 7 countries.

Champlain College announces Dean's List
 BURLINGTON, Vt. - Abigail Caldwell, of Radford, has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Caldwell is currently pursuing the Game Art and Animation major. Making the Dean's List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with serious jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor. Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland.

Robert Koontz named to Dean's List

at St. Mary's College
 ST. MARY'S CITY, Md. - Robert Koontz, of Christiansburg, was awarded Dean's List honors for academic achievement during the spring 2023 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College. Dean's List honors are awarded to full-time students at St. Mary's College who earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits. St. Mary's College, the National Public Honors College, is ranked as the top public liberal arts college in the U.S. by Money magazine. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland.

Allen Briggs of Blacksburg graduates from RIT
 ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Allen Briggs, of Blacksburg, graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in game design and development (BS). Some 4,800 degrees were conferred in the 2022-2023 academic year at all of RIT's campuses. RIT's academic convocation celebration was held in May and featured remarks by Thomas Zurbuchen, astrophysicist and the longest continually serving associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate in NASA's history.

Juan Celi named to Dean's List at University of Maryland

ADELPHI, Md. - Juan Celi of Christiansburg was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Smith named to Dean's List at Lawrence University
 APPLETON, Wis. - Congratulations to David Smith of Radford for making the 2022-23 Dean's List at Lawrence University. The Dean's List is an annual honor roll of students demonstrating exemplary academic performance. Lawrence University is a liberal arts college located along the banks of the Fox River in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Mallory Yancey earns a spot on the Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University
 CONWAY, S.C. - More than 2,400 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester, including Mallory Yancey, from Christiansburg. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher (3.25 for freshmen) for the semester. Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public

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24 season. An innovative facility where performance arts, visual arts, and technology intersect, the center became Virginia Tech's first professional presenting arts program when it opened in the fall

of 2013. Over the past 10 years, the Moss has presented seasons filled with unforgettable performances by professional touring artists, inspiring exhibitions by acclaimed visual artists, and rich engagement

experiences, all with an emphasis on diverse cultures and voices.

Susan Bland for Virginia Tech

Covey

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program at NRCC. ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years. ACCE supports the youth of participating counties by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year college or university without college debt. ACCE students provide volunteer service hours in their local communities in exchange

for tuition funding. The ACCE program started with one county, Giles, and 33 students and has now expanded to include the college's entire service region (Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski counties and Radford City). ACCE has served 1,691 students so far, with 366 in the 2022-2023 academic year. These students have provided 192,620 hours of volunteer service to organizations in the New River Valley, with 30,280 in the 2022-2023 academic year. Covey is a graduate of NRCC and holds undergraduate and

graduate degrees from Virginia Tech. Her tenure with NRCC spans nearly 30 years. She initially began working at NRCC in 1993 as an adjunct faculty member before joining the college's workforce development team full-time in 1999. In 2009, she transitioned from associate vice president of workforce development to associate vice president of advancement and then executive director of the college's foundation in 2010. When Covey began this role, the Foundation's net assets were approximately \$6 million. Presently, the

Foundation's total assets stand at more than \$25 million. "Angie has lived, learned, worked and raised her family in the NRV; she knows the specific needs and challenges of the college's service region, and she has dedicated her career to serving those needs and responding to the challenges by providing access to education to all who live here," said Huber. For more information about the NRCC Educational Foundation, visit www.nr.edu/foundation/.

Submitted by NRCC

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participation in the program can be found on the introductory page of the application. Founded last year, Tartan Tails seeks to provide Radford's students with an enhanced sense of inclusion and anxiety reduction through

contact with therapy dogs. It is designed to promote well-being across the Radford University community through positive interactions with trained and certified animals. Administrative oversight for the

program is provided by the Division of Student Affairs.

Neil Harvey for Radford University

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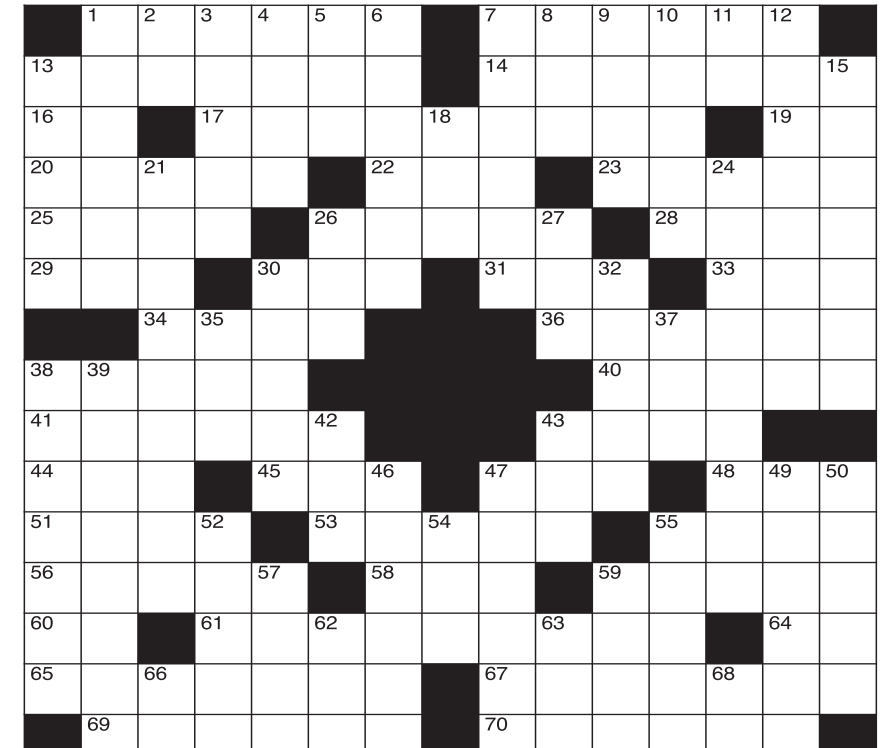
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OBITUARIES

Brown, Mary Margaret Saul Wood

Thelma Juanita Robinson Caldwell, 94, passed away in her sleep on Aug. 10, 2023 after a long battle with cancer.

Thelma was born in Blacksburg on Nov. 13, 1928 to Samuel (Sam) and Bessie (Granny) Robinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harlan, and their special friend, Muffin; brothers and sisters Douglas (Doug), Lutitia (Tish), Georgia (Georgy), David, Joyce Ann, Kathleen, and Korine; and two great grandchildren Spenser, and Austin.

Thelma is survived by her brother, Billy (Jacksonville, Fla.); sons Donnie, Larry and his longtime partner Julie, and Jerry; daughters Harlene Ottolini and husband Larry, Peggy Maes and longtime partner Bennett, and Connie. She is also survived by her grandchildren John, Tina, Christine, Amy, Mark, Daniel, Angela, Melissa, and Lauren; great grandchildren Avery, Nick, Luke, Justin, Kiele, Bryce, Kayla, Andrew, and Peyton; and great great

grandchildren Jaelynn, Maddox, Silas, and Jackson; and many extended family and wonderful friends.

Thelma enjoyed working, cooking, canning, visiting with family and friends, as well as making new friends. She made friends everywhere she would go, whether in the community, local markets, or places she worked; to her there were no strangers just opportunities to meet new friends. Everyone she met fell in love with her and she will truly be missed by many.

The family would like to acknowledge Blue Ridge Cancer Center, especially Dr. Sheela and Venessa Coates, where our mom was afforded kind and compassionate healthcare. Mom was a face and not a number. Special thanks also to Carilion Clinic Home Care and Good Samaritan Hospice who attended to mom and the family in her last month.

A memorial service to celebrate Thelma's life and legacy will be held in the near future.

Harris, Geneva Baker

Geneva Baker Harris, 89, of Radford, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023. She retired from the Hercules Powder Plant accounting department.

Geneva was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Louise Baker; her husband, Kenneth Allen Harris; and sister, Juanita Baker Sutphin.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Judy H. and Jay Shorter, and Trish Harris and Scott Kelsoe, all of Radford; grandchildren, Kenneth Robert Keister and Lori, Matthew Irvin Keister, Chris Scott Shorter and Alysha, and Devin Jay Shorter; great grandchildren, Kenneth Grant Keister, Jacqueline Taylor Keister, Knox Davis Shorter, and Nash Graham Shorter;



brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Robert L. and Patsy Baker; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 12 p.m. with Rev. Don Shelor officiating. Interment will follow in West View Cemetery in Radford.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Central Church of Radford, PO Box 611, Radford, VA 24143 or to Good Samaritan Hospice. The Harris family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, 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 for mid-week 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 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.trinitycburg.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 (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: 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.

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.) de-

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Cities of Refuge

Read Joshua 18:1 through 20:9

Once the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land, it had to be divided amongst the tribes. Joshua asked for a survey to be done, and with that information he carefully assigned each tribe their portion.

Chapter 20 addresses an interesting issue that reflects God's passion for justice. The "eye for an eye" principle was in vogue in those days, and God wanted justice for those who killed someone accidentally.

"Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection

from the avenger of blood." (Joshua 20:2-3).

What a great picture of Jesus and His compassion for us. Our sins can be accidental or unintentional, but sadly we sometimes disobey on purpose. Yet in either case, Jesus invites us to come to Him, confessing our sin. He promises to forgive us and cleanse us (1 John 1:9). He provides us the ultimate refuge from our mistakes.

Prayer for Today: Lord, when my thoughts, words, or actions are not pleasing to You, I will run to You because I know You are my "city of refuge."

Quicklook: Joshua 20:1-9

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@ourvalley.org

tailed in weekly email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

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 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@stmlc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@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 Worship at 10 am. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 540-639-2585. Watch the worship services on Facebook, which can be accessed through the church website at 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.

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.

Application period for 2023 Virginia Beehive Distribution Program begins August 28

Must be a Virginia resident, aged 18 and older to be eligible to receive beehive units

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) will accept applications for the 2023 Beehive Distribution Program from Aug. 28 through Sept. 12, 2023.

The program provides free equipment for assembling new beehives to Virginia residents. Qualified applicants are selected at random from

qualifying applications received during the application period.

"In Virginia, honeybees are essential pollinators for the fruits and vegetables consumed by people and wildlife," said Keith Tignor, State Apiarist. "The Beehive Distribution Program helps counteract dramatic honeybee losses in the state over

the past several decades by assisting individuals in establishing new hives."

Individuals who are Virginia residents, and 18 years of age or older at the time an application is submitted, are eligible to receive beehive units. Entities such as businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies are

not eligible to receive beehive units. Multiple individuals with the same mailing and/or physical address (household) may apply to the program; however, distribution of beehive units will be limited to no more than three beehive units per household in the same fiscal year, July 1 to June 30.

Recipients of beehive

units must assemble the equipment and occupy it with a colony of honeybees within one year of receiving the equipment. VDACS does not provide honeybees or equipment for managing the hives, such as personal safety equipment or honey processing equipment.

To learn more about the Beehive Distribution

Program or to submit an application beginning Aug. 28, 2023, please visit the Beehive Distribution Program website.

For more information, contact the VDACS Office of Plant Industry Services at 804.786.3515 or vabees@vdacs.virginia.gov.

- VDACS

Veterinary Teaching Hospital blood bank seeks new donors

Amidst the beeping monitors and busy footsteps of the bustling Veterinary Teaching Hospital, an extraordinary lifeline exists — a blood bank, where like their human counterparts, dogs and cats regularly donate blood to support pets in the community.

"Animals sometimes require blood due to specific medical conditions or injuries, and without a readily available blood supply, their lives are at risk," said Raeann Foster, clinical instructor of emergency and critical care medicine and director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital blood bank.

This is where the blood donor program plays a crucial role. Just like with humans, dogs and cats also have different blood types, which is why it's important to have as many donors as possible. Pets owned by students, faculty, staff, and the community participate in the program, but more cats and dogs are needed.

Emergency Veterinary Technician Tiffany Luci sees the impact of the blood bank on a daily basis, which is why she enrolled both of her cats as donors. Her orange and white domestic short-hair, Marigold, is an ideal donor.

"She's a very well-behaved cat and doesn't get stressed out by the hospital environment," Luci said. "Being in emergency, I see the need for cat blood and that's why we donate."

The program functions much like its human counterpart, using regular blood work, preventive measures, and vaccines to ensure the health of the donors. A single donation can help save multiple lives, as the blood is separated into packed red blood cells and plasma. Frozen plasma can last for years, supporting research

and treating diseases such as parvovirus in puppies.

Dog and cat donors must meet certain age and weight requirements and pass health screenings. The temperament of the donor animals also plays a significant role in the success of the program. Foster and her team are diligent about behavior screening to ensure that the donors are comfortable and content during the process.

"The well-being and quality of life of the donors are just as vital as saving lives with their contributions," said Foster.

Sheree and Darrell Coulter, owners of a seven-year-old boxer-pitbull mix and canine blood donor named Topper, spoke passionately about the impact of the program.

"It's amazing," said Sheree Coulter. "It helps full-grown dogs who need surgery, and it helps the puppies too when they can't nurse."

"People know about human blood donors through the American Red Cross," Darrell Coulter said, "but they don't often think about what happens to the animals."

Topper has made several donations and his owners spoke about how much he enjoys getting to see the staff at the teaching hospital every few months. On average, each pet makes four to six donations per year.

Heidi Phillips, a lab technician at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, supports the blood bank in multiple ways. Her lab stores the donated blood, and her two Weimaraners, Eva and Hazel, contribute to the supply.

"I used to donate blood myself," said Phillips, "and I thought that it's so neat that the dogs can give back to their kind.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH

Emergency Veterinary Technician Tiffany Luci enrolled her cat Marigold, as well as another cat, as a blood donor.

I used to have Jack Russell terriers who were too small to donate, but as soon as my larger dogs became qualified, we signed up."

"Dogs don't have to be purebreds or show or hunting dogs like mine to donate. Almost all breeds and mixes are welcome and could make awesome donors, if they all meet the criteria."

The demand for blood can fluctuate which is why it is critical for the program to have a robust list of participants. "We had a spell where we were using a lot of blood," Phillips said, "and it hurt me to tell them we didn't have any available."

During times of critical need, the hospital calls on owners in the program to come to the hospital for emergency blood draws, which can happen at any hour of the day, but owners like Phillips repeatedly step up and provide support.

Enrolled pets receive additional benefits, including annual exams, vaccinations, and preventatives while active in the donor program.

"It's nice, because, you know, for my two girls, it's close to \$300 to have all that testing done," Phillips said. "And with

them being show dogs and out in the field, those preventatives are something that I keep them on all the time. But it's not the main reason we donate."

Like Phillips, owners opt to register their pets in the program because of their compassion and willingness to contribute toward saving the lives of others.

The blood bank is currently recruiting cats and dogs to enroll in the blood donor program. Interested owners should fill out an application at vth.vetmed.vt.edu/bloodbank to begin the screening process.

Requirements for dogs: 1-8 years old male or female, 55-plus pounds (lean body weight), quiet temperament, and no history of blood transfusion.

Requirements for cats: 1-8 years old male or females that have not had kittens, 11-plus pounds (lean body weight), quiet temperament, no history of blood transfusion, indoor only; and housemate cats must also be indoor only and fully vaccinated.

Andrew Mann for Virginia Tech

Achievements

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comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, S.C., just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

BATON ROUGE, La. (07/12/2023)-- The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines: Indunil Dharmasiri and Aidan Flinton, of Blacksburg, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897.

Owen Embree named to Spring 2023 Dean's List

IRVING, Texas - Owen Embree of Blacksburg, VA, was named to the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Dallas for earning a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Embree is a Senior Mathematics major.

Truliant names scholarship winner

Sydney Farley of Fairlawn, Va., who will attend New River Community College, was given a \$1,500 scholarship by Truliant and CUABS Powered by TrueBuy, an auto buying service. All winners are first-time college students and high school seniors who will be enrolled in a credited college, community college or university this fall, and are a member of the credit union. The program is managed by the Truliant Foundation. "We were wowed by the quality of the submissions and outstanding accomplishments that this year's applicants have achieved," said Atticus Simpson, executive director of the Truliant Foundation. "Truliant is honored to play a role in supporting the next step of

their education. We wish our scholarship winners the best in their future endeavors."

James Madison University welcomes new transfer students

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is excited to welcome new transfer students to campus this month. The incoming transfers represent an accomplished, diverse group of individuals who hail from 17 states, the District of Columbia and two countries. The new transfer students include: Jessica Craig of Radford, whose selected major is General Psychology, and Kailey Reed of Radford, whose selected major is Marketing.

James Madison University welcomes class of 2027

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is excited to welcome the class of 2027 to campus this month. The incoming freshman class represents an accomplished, diverse group of individuals who hail from 35 states, the District of Columbia and 12 countries around the world. The incoming class includes:

From Radford: Joana

Barbosa, who plans to major in Business Management; Ashleigh Bethea, who plans to major in Health Sciences; Caroline Jones, who plans to major in Marketing; Erin Wilson, who plans to major in Theatre; and Evan Woinski, who plans to major in Engineering - BS.

From Blacksburg: Quinn Worley, who plans to major in Media Arts and Design; Mia Young, who plans to major in Earth

Science; Ryan Ankrum, who plans to major in Computer Science; Evan Foley, who plans to major in Elementary Education; Sarah Gilmer, who plans to major in Exploratory; Marija Grove, who plans to major in Mathematics; Emma Littlefield, who plans to major in Elementary Education; Harrison Lynch, who plans to major in Accounting; and Maeve Rensberger, who plans to major in Nursing.

From Christiansburg: Logan Boone, who plans to major in Kinesiology; Owen Jones, who plans to major in Business Management; Emma Lucero, who plans to major in Marketing; and Madelyn Moles of Christiansburg, who plans to major in Nursing.

From Riner: Kirsten Fleet, who plans to major in Kinesiology; and Madison Ketterer, who plans to major in Dietetics.

Obituaries

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Quesenberry, Alma Elizabeth

Alma Elizabeth Quesenberry, 88, of Blacksburg, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at her home.

She was born in Montgomery County on Dec. 22, 1934, to the late Thomas Carl and Aline Surface Smith. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Orie Lee Quesenberry; daughter, Dawn Davis; sisters, Odell McMahan and Etta Faye Shelor.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Marlene and Gary Kytchen, Linda and Jeff Corker, Martha Hodges,

Tracy and Art Carter, Karen Elmore, Marcie and Larry Davis, Dicy and Jonathan Howell, Emily and Ken Drewry; son and daughter-in-law, Orie Lee and Debra Quesenberry; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law; five brothers and sisters-in-law.

A private service will be held. The family received friends Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at McCoy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.



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RADFORD SPORTS

Youngster outdistancing competitors twice her age

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Olivia Hawes of Blacksburg holds world records for running and when she crossed the finish line last week for a 6.15K in Virginia Beach, she topped 200 total miles in her young career. She has run more than 20 5Ks in nine different states and has a goal to run one in all 50 states. The unbelievable fact is that Hawes is only two years old.

She has the fastest mile and most 5ks for a 1-and 2-years old along with being the youngest and second youngest competitor in the VA Commonwealth Games' 33-year history.

This career is just starting and got started at a very early day.

Her parents, Jason and Angel, said she came out of the womb running. "When she was a few months old, I would take her to pool and she would run her legs as they touched the water," Jason said.

"She did everything pretty quickly. I feel like she did a pushup at two hours old," he said with a laugh.

Olivia was crawling at five months, walking at eight months and was running at 10.

Of course, some of that competitive nature might come from her father as he was a swimmer in the U.S. Navy.

Sometimes, Olivia catches race organizers by surprise as there are no age categories for someone this young. Her parents say they have seen the number of young runners increase during their daughter's participating, calling it inspiring and encouraging.

She runs to support TheAWS1JamesBuriakFoundation and ran in last week's Virginia Beach

Loosefoot 616 memorial run. The race honors the Loosefoot 616 the Navy helicopter crash that killed five sailors including a rescue swimmer from Salem, James Buriak.

Olivia's father was a Navy Rescue swimmer from Roanoke, and the Buriak name is an important mission for the Hawes family so his name is never forgotten.

Her time this past week at the 616 Memorial Run was 36:30.

Her father said she simply loves to run. Typically, he runs with her and surprisingly, Olivia has never stopped and asked him to carry her during races. Instead, he has had himself trying to keep up with her.

"She has never stopped in the middle of race. She thrives to the cheers during many of the events and as she approaches the finish lines," Jason said.

Her mother pointed out earlier this week Olivia loves her medals as they hang from the family's playroom. The most important goal seems to be trying to run a race in 50 states. Again, she holds medals from nine different states.

"She is a competitor at heart and the goal, I really think, is that she is bound for the Olympics," Angel said.

Olivia is also active as a young gymnast at Virginia Tech Techniques in Christiansburg and has her own small gym setup in her family's living room.

Olivia's running has inspired her cousins to run and get involved in sports. Her 9-year-old cuz has gotten good at long distances and hasn't lost in her age group in 10 races in the 5K and 10K.

To follow Olivia's journey, checkout her Facebook page at Olympic Olivia. She also has a Instagram page.



PHOTO BY MARTY GORDON

Two-year-old Oliva Hawes shows off her many medals she has won in the past year.

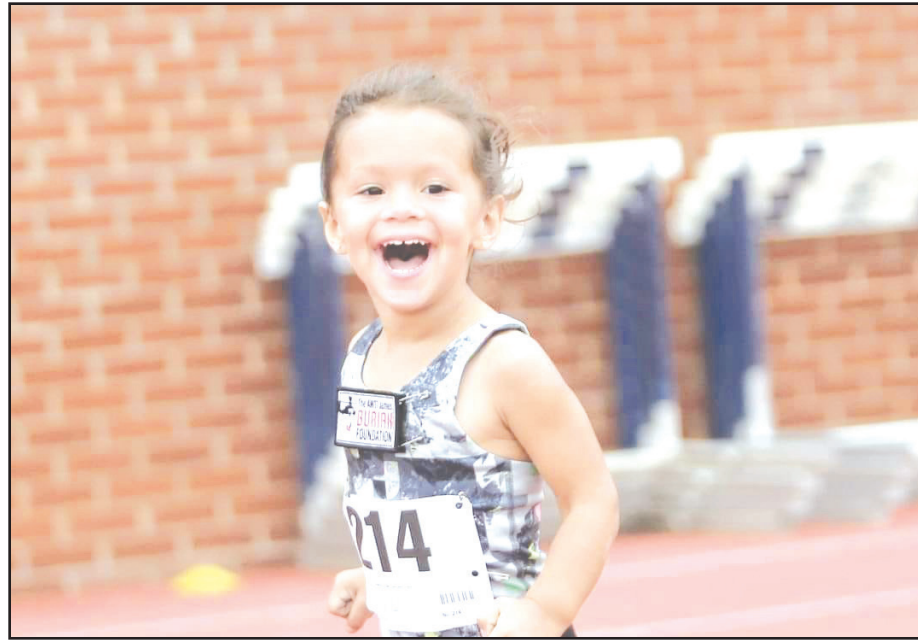


PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON HAWES

Hawes is all smiles as she completed her most recent 6.15K last week in Virginia Beach.

High Point to host Big South tourney

The Big South Conference Council of Chief Executive Officers has voted to award the 2024 Hercules Tires Big South Men's & Women's Basketball Championships to High Point University, it was announced today.

A formal press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. inside the Nido and Mariana Qubein Center.

High Point will host the combined tournament for the first time, which will be Wednesday-Sunday, March 6-10, at the 4,500-seat Nido and Mariana Qubein Center on the High Point campus. It will be the just the sixth time that all rounds of the Big South Basketball Championships will be held in the state of North Carolina. The previous times were in 1999 and 2000 in Asheville, 2016 in Buies Creek and Asheville, and 2021 and 2022 in Charlotte.

Opened in September 2021, the Qubein Center is one of the nation's finest and elegant basketball arenas in the country. Basketball attendance at the Qubein Center has ranked in the top three nationally the past two seasons for facilities up to 5,000 seat capacity and is home to the second-largest videoboard in the state of North Carolina. Other venue amenities feature a Quince Imaging court projection system, Daktronic ribbon boards, courtside suite and club level suites/loge seating, and full chairback seating throughout the arena.

"We are absolutely elated to partner with High Point University in hosting the 2024 Hercules Tires Men's and Women's Basketball Championships," said Big South Commissioner Sherika A. Montgomery. "I am confident our student-athletes, coaches, fans, administrators, and community partners will have a tremendous March Madness experience. We

look forward to working with Dr. Nido Qubein, Dan Hauser and the High Point community in the coming months to create a supreme event and memorable experience for our student-athletes."

"High Point University is proud and privileged to host the Hercules Tires Big South Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, and we will do everything possible to make it an extraordinary weekend," added High Point President Dr. Nido Qubein. "We are investing generously in both financial and human capital to ensure a successful tournament environment. Hosting the Big South Championships is an enormous win for our city and the entire Piedmont Triad Region, with thousands visiting and staying multiple days in local hotels, shopping and dining."

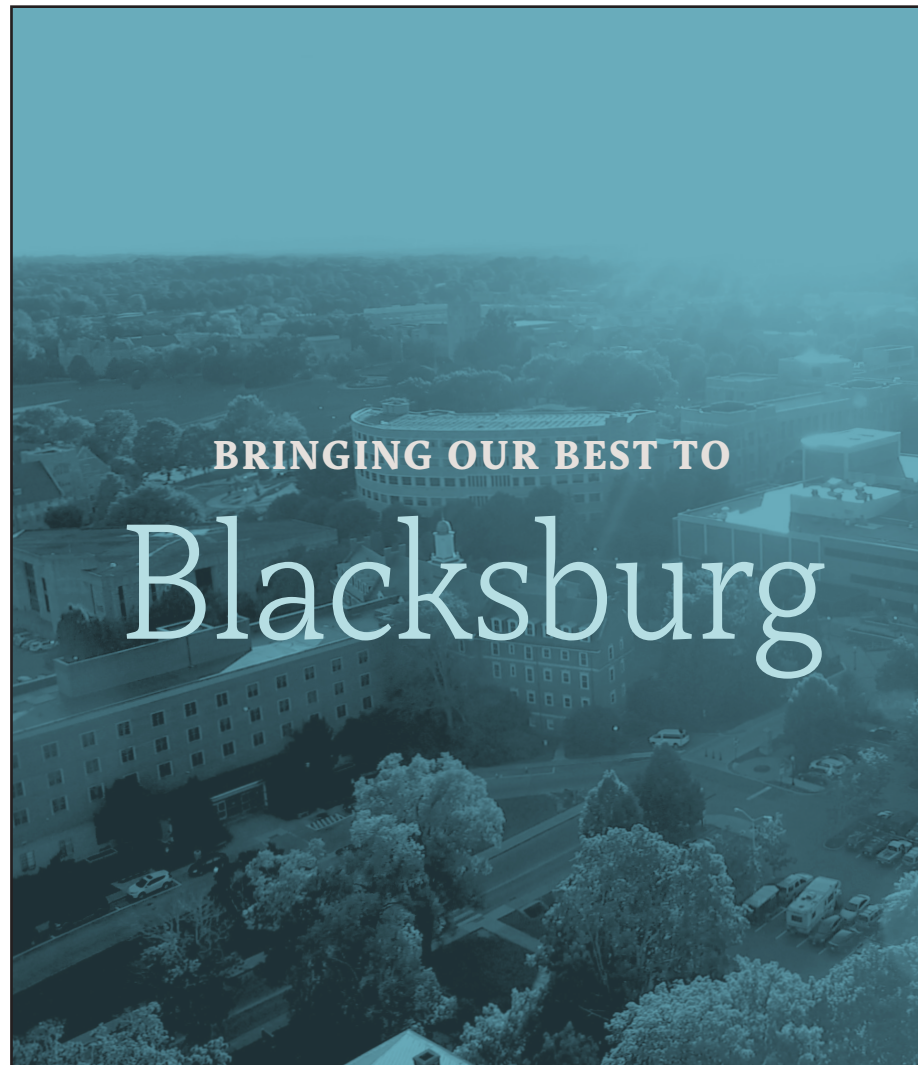
HPU previously hosted the Big South Women's Basketball Championship from 2009-12 at the Millis Center -- still the longest consecutive host of the women's event in league history. High Point also hosted various Big South men's and women's

conference tournament games as part of the conference's home site/earned seed format utilized at times from 2003-21.

"High Point University is thrilled to earn the opportunity to host the 2024 Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championships," stated HPU Vice President and Athletic Director Dan Hauser. "We look forward to welcoming Big South student-athletes, coaches, and fans to the HPU campus and the High Point community. The Qubein Center will be rocking this March with exciting basketball action and we're ready to showcase an extraordinary event for the Big South Conference!"

Free parking for all fans attending the 2024 Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championship will be provided by High Point. More information on the 2024 Championships, including formats, schedules, finalized game times and ticket information, will be announced at a later date.

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Wells named Hokies starting signal caller

On a live stream interview via Triumph NIL on Wednesday, Aug. 23, Virginia Tech football head coach Brent Pry announced who will start under center against Old Dominion in the season opener – Grant Wells.

Wells, who started all 11 games last season, returns after putting

up 2,171 passing yards and nine touchdowns, and will have plenty of playmakers to spread the ball to, including three wideouts that were named to the Reese's Senior Bowl watch list.

The complete depth chart for Tech will come out early next week following Pry's press

conference.'

The Hokies will face the Monarchs on Saturday, Sept. 2 in Lane Stadium at 8 p.m. ET. Single-game tickets are on sale, starting at \$50.

Virginia Tech Athletics



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Senior Grant Wells is Virginia Tech's QB1 to start the 2023 season against ODU.

VT announces fan experiences for volleyball, soccer

As the fall sports season approaches, the Virginia Tech athletics department announced Tuesday new and returning fan experience elements to expect when attending men's soccer, women's soccer and volleyball events this season.

THOMPSON FIELD ACCESS (Women's and Men's Soccer)

Gates at Thompson Field will open 60 minutes before kickoff on gamedays. Thompson Field is located at 867 Washington St SW.

CASSELL COLISEUM ACCESS (Volleyball)

Doors at Cassell Coliseum will open 60 minutes before first serve on match days. Cassell Coliseum is located at 675 Washington Street SW. Entry will be on the west side of Cassell.

TICKETS

Admission to Virginia Tech regular season men's soccer, women's soccer and volleyball games is free with no tickets required for entry into the venues.

CLEAR BAG POLICY

Virginia Tech's clear bag policy remains in place for women's soccer, men's soccer, and volleyball home events. This policy helps provide a safer environment for spectators and expedites fan entry into the venue.

Approved bags are limited to: Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC, and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"

One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)

For more information and to view a list of prohibited items, please visit HokieSports.com/ClearBag.

CASHLESS CONCESSION STANDS

All concessions sales are cashless at all venues, requiring a debit or credit card for purchase. This minimizes wait times and eliminates the exchanging and handling of currency. Fans who do not have access to a debit or credit card should consider buying a prepaid card at Kroger in advance of the game. Apple/Google Pay?

In addition, concessions will include menu options at fan-friendly prices, similar to years previous. Alcohol is not served at men's soccer, women's soccer, or volleyball.

PARKING

Fans are encouraged to park in Lot 1 (Coliseum West Lot) near Lane Stadium and Thompson Field, or Lot 2 (Stadium Lot) near Lane Stadium. However, fans parking in these public lots Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. will need to pay to park using the university's ParkMobile

platform. Click here to learn about ParkMobile.

For more information on campus parking, click here. For parking-related questions, please email parking@vt.edu or call (540) 231-3200.

THEME GAMES, IN-VENUE PROMOTIONS & GIVEAWAYS

Fans can expect a number of themed games and giveaways this season across the fall Olympic sports. See below for highlights and respective promotions pages for more details.

Men's Soccer

Sunday, Sep. 3 vs. Davidson at 6 p.m. - Calling all Kids' Club members! It's your day at Thompson, so join us for an exclusive giveaway and experience. More details will be sent at a later date.

Friday, Sep. 8 vs. North Carolina at 7 p.m. - International Hokies Night! Come out to Thompson Field to celebrate our international athletes and international students! The first 250 students receive a Men's Soccer International Hokies t-shirt!

Tuesday, Oct. 10 vs. William & Mary at 6 p.m. - Join the Hokies on World Mental Health Day as we strive to bring more awareness to the importance of mental health and to mental health issues.

Friday, Oct. 13 vs. Notre

Dame at 6 p.m. - BELIEVE Night! Come out to Thompson to support your Hokies and see why 'Fútbol is Life!' First 250 fans receive a Virginia Tech Soccer "BELIEVE" rally towel.

Friday, Oct. 20 vs. Virginia at 6 p.m. - Join us as the Hokies take on in-state rival UVA and battle in the Commonwealth Clash! The first 500 fans will receive a Commonwealth Clash shaker and the first 250 fans will receive a maroon VT koozie!

Tuesday, Oct. 24 vs. Radford at 6 p.m. - Join us to celebrate our seniors on a special night at Thompson Field!

Women's Soccer

Thursday, Aug. 24 vs. James Madison at 7 p.m. - Welcome Home, Hokies! Spend an evening at Thompson Field for the Hokies' home opener.

Thursday, Aug. 31 vs. Old Dominion at 5 p.m. - It's a Beach Bash at Thompson! Join the Hokies for a doubleheader of women's and men's soccer and enjoy all beach-related activities and contests throughout the night.

Sunday, Sep. 10 vs. Northwestern at 1 p.m. - Party at the Pitch: Make your way to Thompson Field for a family-friendly party that includes contests, activities, giveaways, and more.

Friday, Sep. 29 vs. Wake Forest at 7 p.m. - It's Hawkins High Takeover Night, so brush

up on your knowledge of the upside-down and join the Hokies for the series-themed evening of Flashback Friday fun!

Volleyball
Friday, Sep. 15 vs Queens at 6 p.m. - Mental Health Awareness Match: Come out and help us break the stigma! Early arriving fans will receive a volleyball stress ball keychain!

Friday, Sep. 22 vs Florida State at 6 p.m.: Hawaiian Night! Wear your best Hawaiian shirt and come out early for some fun Hawaiian themed activities and giveaways!


Friday, Oct. 20 vs Notre Dame at 6 p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 22 vs Louisville at 1 p.m.: Dig Pink Weekend! Support our student-athletes as they Dig Pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness! Arrive early on Sunday for our pink koozie giveaway!

Sunday, Nov. 19 vs Wake Forest at 1 p.m. - Princesses and Princes Day! Dress up as your favorite princess or prince for our costume contest! Early arriving fans will get a custom cup! It will also be our Senior Day!

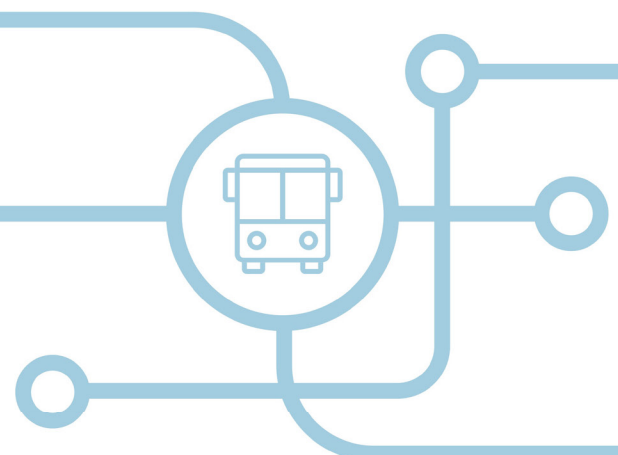
Saturday, Nov. 25 vs UVA at 1 p.m. - Commonwealth Clash, support your Virginia Tech Volleyball team in their final home match of the season!

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Heidi York & Kathy Harrell

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Blacksburg Country Club recently held its Member-Guest Tourney.

Input needed for NRV Transportation Survey

The New River Valley Regional Commission is working on a Strategic Plan for the NRV Commuter Assistance Program and is looking for the public's input.

This will be a five-year plan to help people get where they need to go in the NRV. The Regional Commission is now gathering feedback from commuters and businesses. If you live and/or work in the NRV, please fill out this survey: https://www.engagenrv.org/cap-strategic-plan/survey_tools/transportation-survey-general-public.

The New River Valley Regional Commission is an organization comprised of 13 local governments and three higher education institutions for the purpose of encouraging collaboration to address regionally significant issues and opportunities. Also known as PDC 4, our organization encompasses the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski, and the City of Radford.

Submitted by the New River Valley Regional Commission