

# News Journal

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## Appalachian Power issues warning about water levels downstream of Claytor Lake Dam

Appalachian Power is alerting recreational users downstream of Claytor and Leesville dams that water levels on the New and Roanoke rivers could rise rapidly starting Thursday, June 13, and continue to fluctuate throughout the early part of next week.

The National Weather Service is calling for high temperatures and PJM, the independent regional transmission organization that manages the electric grid in 13 states, has notified Appalachian Power it may need to increase power generation at its hydroelectric plants to maintain the reliability of the regional electric grid if called upon to do so.

“The National Weather Service is calling for hot temperatures possibly into next week,” reads a statement on the Claytor Hydroelectric Project Facebook page on Wednesday. “These temperatures could require us to increase power generation at the Claytor Hydroelectric facility to maintain reliability of the regional electric grid. If we are notified to increase power generation, we will have little time to alert the public about the potential of increased downstream flows. Please continue to check back for updates as they become available and visit <https://www.aep.com/Recreation/Hydro> to view real-time water levels at our hydro facilities.”

Below Claytor Dam, water levels could increase up



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Claytor Lake Hydroelectric dam

to two feet in a matter of minutes. Water levels below Leesville Dam could increase as much as eight feet over a seven-hour period. Those considering recreating on the rivers should monitor AEP’s website for additional information and follow us on Smith Mountain or Claytor Facebook pages for updates.

Located on the New River in Pulaski County, the

Claytor Dam is operated by Appalachian Power. The total installed electric generating capacity of the plant is 76 megawatts. Leesville dam, with a generating capacity of 50 megawatts, is part of the Smith Mountain Project, a 636-megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric facility on the Roanoke River.

Appalachian Power

## Radford Police bike patrol pedaling through the community

RADFORD – With warm temperatures upon us, the Radford City Police Department’s bike patrol is hitting the streets of Radford.

“We are excited to announce that our dedicated bike patrol officers are out in full force, patrolling our local parks and engaging with the community,” reads a statement by the police department. “This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to ensure the safety and well-being of all park visitors while fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and residents.”

The police department encourages residents to strike up a conversation with officers when they see them.

“Our officers are not only here to keep the parks safe but also to connect with you, hear your concerns, and participate in community activities,” the department says. “Whether you see them riding along the trails, stopping to chat, or joining in local events, don’t hesitate to say hello!

Your feedback and engagement are invaluable in helping us serve you better. Together, we can make our parks a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone.”

Staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Radford City Police department bike patrol is out and about in the community, patrolling parks and connecting with citizens.

## Celebrate History and Culture Day at a Virginia State Park

RICHMOND, Va. – Virginia State Parks will celebrate History and Culture Day on June 15, 2024, and each location will be hosting a special event in honor of the park’s 88th anniversary.

“We are proud to continue to connect people with their state parks so they can get a first-hand experience of the importance of recreation and conservation of each park’s resources,” said Director of Virginia State Parks Melissa Baker. “We take pride in sharing the parks’ history and look forward to improving the system and preserving the park’s stories to tell future generations.”

A variety of programs will allow guests to learn more about the park’s unique historical and cultural resources through fun and educational outdoor adventures. Some of the activities planned include self-guided and ranger-led tours and hikes, cultural demonstrations, kayaking tours, mock archeology digs, historical artifact viewings and much more.

Events include hands-on activities and Howe House Tours at Claytor Lake State Park .

“We are excited to highlight the Civilian Conservation Corps and explain how this group helped create the park you see here today,” said Pocahontas State Park Manager Nate Clark. “After you visit the museum, be sure to stroll along the Spillway trail to learn other important highlights of the park’s history and culture.”

The Virginia State Park system began with six parks opening on June 15, 1936, — Douthat, First Landing, Fairy Stone, Hungry Mother, Staunton River, and Westmoreland. While preserving areas with substantial historical, cultural and natural resources, the parks provided modern outdoor recreational facilities.

Since 1936, the park system has expanded to 43 parks, and there’s now one located within an hour’s drive of most Virginians. They offer more than 2,000 campsites, nearly 300 cabins, and access to over 500 miles of trails, as well as convenient access to Virginia’s major waterways. Virginia State Parks also hold thousands of nature and history events each year.

Learn about the fascinating history of our park, our lake, and the surrounding area. Parking fees are waived this day for anyone with a Virginia State Park license plate.

11 a.m. Claytor Crafts @ the Beach Building  
Create something unique with natural elements found around the park.

2 p.m. Howe House History Tour @ the Howe House Front Porch

Join a ranger to learn how our beautiful lake came to be and the fascinating history of the lake’s past inhabitants.

4 p.m. Roaming Ranger @ Throughout the Park and Campgrounds

Be on the lookout for the roaming ranger with an interesting mini-program.

7 p.m. Candle Making Campfire @ the Interpretive Campfire Circle in Campground D

Join us by the campfire as April Martin from the Wilderness Road Regional Museum talks about the early history of our mountains and leads us in making candles.

### Self-guided Opportunities:

Virtual Haven Howe House History Tour: Learn more about the historic Howe house and how it was built with this virtual tour. More information can be found here.

Claytor Lake State Park Virtual History Tour: Go back in time and discover on your own some of the park’s local history. A more detailed event description can be found here.

For park-specific anniversary events, visit [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/history-culture-day](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/history-culture-day).

## Mystery writers to converge on Radford Public Library

RADFORD – Five mystery authors will be hosting a panel discussion at the Radford Public Library next weekend.

Authors Mindy Quigley, Katharine Schellman, Krista Davis, Mollie Ann Cox, and Sarah Warburton will all be appearing at the library in person Saturday, June 22 at 3 p.m. at Radford Public Library and will “offer insight into the world of mystery writing and publishing. Questions are encouraged,” according to RPL.

The event is free and open to the public. The authors will have their books available for purchase and light refreshments will be available.

“We can’t believe we have so many fabulous mystery authors together at one time,” the library announced.

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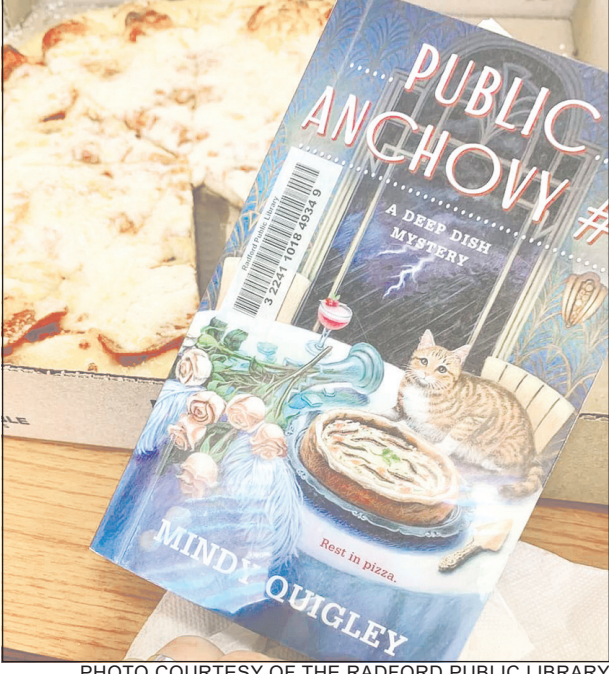


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Author Mindy Quigley, who writes the Deep Dish Mystery series, is one of five mystery authors who will be appearing at the Radford Public Library.

## Drifters to perform in Radford today



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ORIGINAL DRIFTERS

RADFORD - Are you ready for the Original Drifters this evening, Saturday, June 15? Come on out to Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery at 600 Unruh Drive in Radford for the Radford Summer Concert Series. Gates open at 6 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and children 12 and

under are free. Bring a blanket or chair and get there early to get a good seat. Alcoholic beverages available for purchase through the Radford Chamber of Commerce. Food trucks and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase.

Radford Visitors Center

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Thursday, June 13:

### Virtual Author Talk with Frieda McFadden

On-line event hosted by the Radford Public Library; 8 p.m. Get your popcorn and take a seat as we chat with the queen of twists herself, Frieda McFadden! McFadden will join us to chat about writing psychological thrillers and her mega-bestselling hit *The Housemaid* series, in particular her forthcoming (June 11, 2024) third installment, *The Housemaid Is Watching*. Register at: <https://library.org/radfordlibrary>.

## Saturday, June 15:

### Summer Solstice Festival

Downtown Blacksburg; 1- 11 p.m. Live music/entertainment, food trucks, beer/wine/cocktails, children's activities, family fun zone, yoga, arts/ craft vendors and more. Go to [downtownblacksburg.com](http://downtownblacksburg.com) for more information.

### Radford Summer Concert Series

The Drifters (soul/ doowop) will perform. Held on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford, the gates open at 6 p.m. with music starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 a person and children 12 and under are free. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase through the Radford Chamber of Commerce. Food trucks will also be available to grab some dinner. Bring a chair and get ready for a party.

### Pilot Community yard sale

At the Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Rd., Pilot, Va.; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Event is free and open to the public. Renting a space is \$10. Bring your own tables and canopy. To reserve your space: 540-257-3336 or [ali5jn@aol.com](mailto:ali5jn@aol.com).

### Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

### Radford Farmer's Market

Every Saturday through October; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, 600 Unruh Dr. Visit weekly for an ever-changing supply of homemade goodies, crafts, plants, meats, produce, and more.

### The Tempest: A Kid-Friendly Shakespeare Show

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. A fast and fun romp through the love, magic, and forgiveness of Shakespeare's adventure on the mystical Isle of Sycorax. One performer, a trunk full of surprises, and a lot of audience interaction make this an experience you don't want to miss. It's Shakespeare like you've never seen it before!

## Sunday, June 16:

### Vintage Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The market is made up of a carefully chosen group of vendors selling a wide selection of quality vintage items, upcycled crafts, and occasional antiques. For more information, visit [blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/](http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/).

## Wednesday, June 19:

### Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 - 6 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

## Friday, June 21:

### Blacksburg Friday night outdoor concert

Featuring: Redd Volkaert Trio with Adam Clark & Dylan Locke (country swing/jazz/rock). The summer of 2024 lineup of outdoor concerts offers six bands throughout June and July. Live music will take place Friday evenings 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.

## Monday, June 24:

### Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Public meetings are normally held 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, June 25:

### 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 St.). 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, June 27:

### Radford Photo Club meeting

Joe Pack of Fairlawn will present a program at the Radford Photo Club meeting about famous photographer Carol Highsmith, then will present his own work taken in the Highsmith style. The meeting will be at the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. The photo challenge for June is People. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the club, email Lucy Gilmore at [lucy.gilmore@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.gilmore@gmail.com) or Joyce Crowder at [joycecrowder2@icloud.com](mailto:joycecrowder2@icloud.com).

### Classic movies at the Lyric

Beat the summer heat with a free classic movie at the historic Lyric Theatre at 135 College Ave. All movies begin at 3 p.m. "Some Like It Hot," June 29.

## On-going:

### Participants sought for Blacksburg Fourth of July Parade

Participants are needed for Blacksburg's Fourth of July parade, organized by the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club. The "A Child's Fourth of July" parade starts at 2 p.m. on Eheart Street, runs through downtown on Main Street, and ends on Alumni Mall. Entries can be floats, bicycles, wagons, marchers, walkers, antique/classic cars, Jeeps, trucks, fire engines, scouts, bands, sports teams, etc. Information is available on the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club's Facebook page, by texting 540-449-6178, or at the Blacksburg Parks and Recreation office. The Town of Blacksburg will have music and fireworks at the Municipal Park, near the Rec. Center: Live music 6-9:30 p.m. and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. (even if raining).

### Applications open for healthcare workshop for people with disabilities

Individuals with disabilities who live in Radford City and Floyd County can now apply for a program presented by the New River Valley Disability Resource Center. "Improving Health Literacy Through Technology" is a six-week program designed to empower people with disabilities to gain better access to healthcare. Participants will receive a free iPad after completing six weekly, one-hour workshops exploring how to use technology to take better control of their health and social support needs. Workshops will run Aug. 1 through Sept. 5. Applications available at [www.nrvdc.org](http://www.nrvdc.org) or by calling 540-266-1435 or email at [outreach@nrvdc.org](mailto:outreach@nrvdc.org). Applications are also available at the Radford and Floyd libraries. The application deadline is Fri., July 12.

# Blacksburg Boxing hosts first Summer Health Fair

Angelica Ramos  
Contributing Writer

BLACKSBURG- Blacksburg Boxing hosted their Summer Health Fair on Saturday, June 8, 2024 to help jumpstart the community into achieving their health and wellness goals by giving them a chance to connect with local organizations and vendors.

The Summer Health Fair at Blacksburg Boxing was free for all who attended and was a way to help the community kickstart their summers in a healthy way. Blacksburg Boxing owner Kevin Bowen and his team provided attendees with a space to connect with local New River Valley health and wellness organizations and vendors.

As people walked through the event, vendors were happy to answer questions and provide health and wellness information. Residents were lining up at tables to take a moment to connect with wellness providers, try some of their free demonstrations and gather information that may help them in their health journeys.

The two levels of Blacksburg Boxing were filled with companies and community members talking and enjoying sandwiches from Jimmy Johns and smoothies from Tropical Smoothie. The Summer Health Fair was a great space to connect with newer vendors like Healing Massage Therapy and community staples like South Main Chiropractic Clinic, who discussed not only spinal work but also orthotics, and OrthoVirginia, who have over 35 locations in the state of Virginia including Blacksburg. Attendees enjoyed trying compression therapy with Renew & Restore Wellness, learning about Alpha-gal syndrome, an allergy triggered by the bite of ticks, with Two Alpha Gals, sampling lavender products from Baby Bear Farm and so much more.

Blacksburg Boxing has served its community since 2015, made it through the pandemic and is the only boxing specific gym in Blacksburg. Blacksburg Boxing is a family operated gym that offers open-gym hours and classes for all ages. The Summer Health Fair was a first for Blacksburg Boxing.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

People enjoy the Summer Health Fair at Blacksburg Boxing, held Saturday, June 8.



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A representative of OrthoVirginia speaks to an attendee of the Summer Health Fair.

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# Annual GiveLocalNRV Giving Day engages community to support organizations serving the NRV

BLACKSBURG - This June, thousands of people are expected to participate in the New River Valley's (NRV) annual GiveLocalNRV Giving Day. Hosted by the Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV), this year's 24-hour fundraising event will kick off at noon on Wednesday, June 26 and end at noon on Thursday, June 27.

Participating community organizations that serve the NRV signed up in the spring for this event. This allows them to use the GiveLocalNRV website (givelocalnrvalley.org) for free to raise funds and awareness for their missions. Early giving for this event opened on June 1, enabling participants to fundraise most of June in the lead up to the 24-hour event.

"This year, we have a record 130 organizations participating in the giving day. The list is made up of 501(c)3 nonprofits and units of government (such as animal shelters), all of whom are making an impact on our community in different ways", said Lindsey Gleason, the CFNRV's assistant director. "Whatever you are interested in - the environment, education, animals, arts and culture,



Staff, board members, and friends of the Community Foundation of the New River Valley celebrate the giving day.

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health, issues related to poverty, and more - we have participants working in these areas."

Organizations in six localities across the NRV are participating, including Floyd (21 organizations), Giles (7), Montgomery (59), Pulaski (17), Radford (7), and WYthe (6).

An additional 13 organizations headquartered outside of our region who provide services in the NRV, are participating. A full list of this year's participants is below.

Fueling the excitement of the day are the \$20,000 in grants

and prizes provided by the CFNRV and corporate sponsors. The event's lead sponsor is National Bank of Blacksburg. Our other generous sponsors are Atlantic Union Bank, First Bank & Trust, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center,

Carter Bank & Trust, Olio Financial Planning, Automation Creations, Inc., Legacy Builders NRV, Inc., LewisGale Hospital Montgomery, and Brown Insurance.

Visit [www.givelocalnrvalley.org](http://www.givelocalnrvalley.org) to learn more about this year's participating organizations. A donation of \$5 or more can be made online. For donors who prefer to give offline, participating organizations can also accept gifts of checks, cash, or wire transfers for the giving day. All donations must be received by noon on June 27 to count toward the giving day totals.

2024 GiveLocalNRV Giving Day Participant List for Radford:

- Glencoe Mansion Museum & Gallery
- New River Community Action Inc
- New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Foundation
- Radford Band Boosters Inc
- Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread Inc
- Vittles for Vets
- Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley
- Community Foundation of the New River Valley

# Pairing shelter dogs has 'pawsitive' results

Shelter dogs awaiting adoption fare better with a canine companion than when they're housed alone, according to new research from Virginia Tech.

The study, led by Erica Feuerbacher, associate professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' School of Animal Sciences, revealed that companionable dogs housed together showed fewer signs of stress and were adopted more quickly than dogs that were housed by themselves.

Nearly four million dogs enter shelters every year, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The study's findings offer one possible solution for animal shelters struggling with limited space and long waits for dogs needing adoption.

"Despite being a social species, dogs are often housed alone in shelters to reduce disease transmission and possible injury from inter-dog conflict. But this social isolation can work against dogs' behavioral health and adoptability," Feuerbacher said. "We wanted to examine whether pair housing could be a useful intervention for improving shelter dogs' welfare."

Published in the open-access research journal PLOS ONE, the study is the first to examine how U.S.-based shelter dogs fare in cohousing versus solitary housing. Previous studies of the benefits of cohousing dogs focused on laboratory beagles and veterinary school dogs who

were housed long-term - or for more than six months - in kennels for teaching and research purposes. In contrast, shelter dogs spend an average of 35 days waiting to be adopted and are frequently accustomed to social interaction prior to their entry.

The study, funded by the WALTHAM Foundation, followed 61 dogs over seven days at the Humane Society of Western Montana. Researchers placed half the dogs in cohousing with partners who were matched through a brief introduction and compatibility test. The other half were kenneled alone.

Researchers observed the dogs throughout the week, recording common stress behaviors, including lip-licking, whining, and pulling back their ears, and took daily samples of the dogs' urinary cortisol and creatinine to measure biological indicators of stress.

"Dogs housed in shelters can face chronic levels of stress due to noise, confined kennel spaces, and limited access to social interaction," Feuerbacher said. "This can reduce their overall well-being, which might impact their adoptability."

Dogs housed together not only showed fewer stress behaviors, but they also were adopted, on average, four days sooner than single-housed dogs.

Feuerbacher hopes that the study's results will encourage animal shelters to match dogs with suitable "roommates" as



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERICA FEUERBACHER

Mighty (in front) and Bo cuddle during a Virginia Tech-led study of the benefits of housing dogs together in animal shelters. The pair proved to be loving companions and chose to sleep together - even though a separate bed was provided.

a way to alleviate dogs' stress and show them at their best to potential adopters.

"Many potential adopters might already have a dog or would like to engage in social activities with their dog," Feuerbacher said. "Clearly exhibiting that a dog can successfully interact with other dogs might highlight those dogs as good matches - leading to more successful adoptions."

The research team included Grace Hecker '21, a current

veterinary student at the Royal Veterinary College in London; Katherine Martineau, a former student research assistant at Carroll College who now works at Lewis and Clark Humane Society in Helena, Montana; Mariah Scheskie, a professional dog trainer and former director of programs, behavior, and training, at the Humane Society of Western Montana; and Rhonda Hammerslough, a professional dog trainer and Humane Society of Western Montana volunteer.

Feuerbacher's research, outreach, and teaching focus on companion animal behavior and welfare. Her recent efforts have centered on shelter dog welfare and interventions that can improve dogs' well-being and increase adoptions. She also studies human-animal interactions, including dogs' preferences for different social interactions and how to use positive reinforcement training most effectively in training dogs.

Tom Soladay for Virginia Tech


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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia**

that the Board hereby advertises a proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia by adding Section 6-38 authorizing the Montgomery County School Board to install and operate a video-monitoring system in or on school buses operated by the School Board for the purpose of

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recording vehicles being operated in violation of Section 46.2-859 of the Code of Virginia, passing a stopped school bus to be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd Floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for public inspection or copying.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Angela M. Hill  
County Administrator

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of

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the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

Amendment to the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 40, Section 40-2 Definitions and Section 40-3 - Administrator, to allow for additional administrative and planning commission reviews. Proposed revisions to Section 40-2 change the definition of "plat" and "preliminary plat subdivision" for consistency with the Virginia State Code definitions. Proposed

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revisions to Section 40-3 include:

(1) allowance to the agent or the planning commission to approve lot line revisions, lot line vacations, accept on behalf of the town publicly dedicated easements including, but not limited to, utility, access, and drainage easements, and review for tentative approval preliminary subdivision plats that contain 11 or more lots, but less than 50 lots; and (2) allowance of tentative approval to the planning commission for the acceptance of the dedication of public right-of-way on behalf of the town and for preliminary subdivision plats that

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contain 50 or more lots.

A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment and the Town's Zoning Ordinance may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6120, ext. 1120 or by email at [rjackson@christiansburg.org](mailto:rjackson@christiansburg.org), with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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# Student Achievements

## Abigail Barnes named to Spring 2024 Provost's List at Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - Abigail Barnes of Radford achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the spring 2024 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University. Abigail's major is Speech-Lang Hearing Sci.

## Cheryl Kelley named to Dean's List at University of Maryland

ADELPHI, Md.- Cheryl Kelley of Christiansburg was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

## Emily Barron named to Spring 2024 Chancellor's Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi

UNIVERSITY, Miss.- Emily Barron, of Blacksburg, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2024 Honor Roll lists. Barron, majoring in Chinese, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00. "The remarkable students achieving Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition." To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

## Local Emerson College students earn Dean's List for Spring 2024 semester

BOSTON, Mass. - The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Diego Centeno of Blacksburg, majoring in Media Arts Production and a member of the Class of 2025.

Josiah Shrestha of Blacksburg, majoring in Media Arts Production and a member of the Class of 2027.

## Midway University announces Spring 2024 Dean's List

MIDWAY, Ky. - Midway University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to its Dean's List for the 2024 Spring Semester. To be named to the list, a student must be classified as full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 388 students who made the Dean's List, including Audrey Mosby from Radford.

## Alaina Crowell named to Spring 2024 Dean's List at York College of Pennsylvania

YORK, Pa. - Alaina Crowell of Blacksburg, a Public History major and member of the Class of 2024 at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester.

## Shenandoah announces Dean's List students for Spring 2024

WINCHESTER, Va. - Shenandoah University recognizes the 989 students who made the Spring 2024 Dean's List. Among those to achieve the honor were: Nicklas Bissey of Christiansburg, Madison Bruce of Elliston and Katie Forbes of Blacksburg. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time in baccalaureate degree programs and earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher. Dean's List students who achieve a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher also qualify for the university's President's List.

## Shenandoah University announces Spring 2024 President's List honorees

WINCHESTER, Va. - Nicklas Bissey, of Christiansburg, is one of 444 students named to the President's List at Shenandoah University for the Spring 2024 semester. To qualify for this prestigious academic recognition, students must be enrolled full-time in baccalaureate degree programs and attain a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher. All President's List honorees are also recognized on the university's Dean's List, which includes students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

## Kathleen Mayer inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE - Kathleen Mayer of Christiansburg was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Mayer was initiated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Mayer is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

## James Madison University announces spring 2024 Dean's List

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is pleased to announce that the following students made the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. Jessica Craig of Radford, who is majoring in General Psychology - BA, Ashleigh Bethea of Radford, who is majoring in Health Sciences - BS and Erin Wilson of Radford, who is majoring in Theatre - BA.

## James Madison University announces spring 2024 president's list

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is pleased to announce that the following students made the president's list for the spring 2024 semester. Joana Barbosa of Christiansburg who is majoring in Business Management - BBA, Miranda Lattimer of Christiansburg who is majoring in Comm Sciences & Disorders - BS, Alissah Carmack of Blacksburg who is majoring in English - BA, Emily Triplett of Riner who is majoring in General Psychology - BA, Madison Ketterer of Riner who is majoring in Health Sciences - BS, Adeline Zeiger of Blacksburg who is majoring in Health Services Admin - BS, Abigail Roberson of Blacksburg who is majoring in History - BA, Rachel Day of Blacksburg who is majoring in Nursing - BSN, Katherine Widner of Christiansburg who is majoring in Nursing - BSN, and Matthew McPherson of Blacksburg who is majoring in Theatre - BA.

## Radford resident graduates from James Madison University

HARRISONBURG - Reagan Sellers of Radford graduated with a degree(s) in Athletic Training - MSAT from James Madison University during commencement exercises in May 2024. Sellers was among more than 4,482 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees. Congratulations to all graduates and their families!

## James Madison University announces spring 2024 honors graduates

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is pleased to announce the following students who graduated with honors during the May 2024 commencement exercises. Rachel Day of Blacksburg who graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Nursing - BSN, Alissah Carmack of Blacksburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in English - BA, Shellie Cook of Christiansburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Kinesiology - BS, Matthew McPherson of Blacksburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Theatre - BA, Hettie Roberson of Blacksburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Comm Sciences & Disorders - BS, Jonathan Woods of Radford who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Sport & Rec Management - BS and Emily Triplett of Riner who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a

degree in General Psychology - BA.

## Nate Lehman named to EMU's Spring 2024 Dean's List

HARRISONBURG - Congratulations to Nate Lehman, an Environmental Science major from Blacksburg, on being named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Eastern Mennonite University. The Dean's List, compiled at the end of each semester, includes degree-seeking students who achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.75 with no W, I, or F grades for 12 semester hours of standard grades.

## Cameron Earle receives bachelor's degree at Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WORCESTER, Mass. - On Friday, May 10, Blacksburg resident Cameron Earle, who majored in Robotics Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 155th Commencement. Over 1,100 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony. President Grace J. Wang, PhD, and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the exercises. Wang told the graduates that in a changing world, where new technologies and industries are rapidly emerging, and where they could be doing jobs that have not yet been invented, they should dream boldly, persevere, be a team player, and enjoy the journey. "WPI has prepared you for this future," Wang said. "During your time here, you have been immersed in a transformative, leading-edge, and inclusive environment to ready you for jobs, careers, and, also, exciting opportunities to come."

## Spencer Amacher earns Dean's List recognition at Ohio Wesleyan University

DELAWARE, Ohio - Spencer Amacher of Blacksburg has been named to the 2024 spring semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University. To earn Dean's List recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

## UW-Madison announces spring Dean's List

MADISON, Wisc. - The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year including Rithik Ravindran, of Blacksburg, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester.

## Local students 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 in Anderson, South Carolina for the spring semester, 2024. To be named to the Dean's List, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester. Anderson University congratulates its Dean's List students for their exemplary achievement.

## Iowa State University announces spring 2024 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa - Iowa State University student Tiffany Norman, Event Management, of Christiansburg has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

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# OBITUARIES

## Caldwell, Gregory Lee

Gregory Lee Caldwell, 69, of Blacksburg, died Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Lewis Gale Medical Center.

He was born in Montgomery County Nov. 28, 1954, to the late James Stanley and Mary Indian Sutphin Caldwell. He is survived by his sisters Brenda

Hamblin, Patricia Rudisill, and Carolyn L. Caldwell; and his niece and nephews Jerry Hamblin, Paul Hamblin, and Sharon Southern.

A visitation was held Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg.

## Trump, Jr., Robert

Robert Trump, Jr., of Blacksburg, passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Robert was preceded in death by his brother, Douglas Trump; beloved grandparents, William and Mary Gilbert; one uncle; and five aunts. Robert is survived by his mother, Lois Trump.

Robert was a proud member of Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church for many years and loved his

church family.

Visitation will be held Sunday, June 16, 2024, 3-4 p.m. at Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church. Funeral services begin at 4 p.m. officiated by Pastors Wes Conner, Ed Gallimore and Ryan Rose. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.

## Wilson, Wilford Janvier

Wilford Janvier Wilson, 85, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Ethel Wilson; spouse, Margaret Wilson; and siblings, Darlene Wilson, Rita Thornton, Alvin Wilson and Sandra Wilson.

Survivors include his sister, Wanda (Bob) Wingo; brother, Steve Wilson; numerous nieces and



nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating. Interment was private.

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

## Pauley, Kitty Sue Tickle

Kitty Sue Tickle Pauley, 85, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at her home in Radford. She was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Helen Tickle; husband, Thomas G. Pauley; son, Thomas Blynn Pauley; and sisters, Barbara Berbert and Judy Belcher.

Survivors include her son, Kenny Pauley; daughter, Connie Wood (Mike); grandchildren, Michael, Travis, and Cara and Lucas Umberger; great grandchildren, Jackson and Caleb;



brother, Benny Tickle; and many other relatives and friends.

A special thank you to Dr. Robert Solomon, and his nurse, Kelly, for the continued care over the years, and to Good Samaritan Hospice, and Jacob at Capstone HME.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to your local animal shelter.

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

Send community news and photos to [communitynews@ourvalley.org](mailto:communitynews@ourvalley.org)

### ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

**St. Thomas Anglican Church**- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit [www.sttofc.org](http://www.sttofc.org) for 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](http://fbcradford.org) 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

### CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

### CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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

### EPISCOPAL

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

### LUTHERAN

**Christ Lutheran Church**, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith

& Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: [clcradford.org](http://clcradford.org). 540-639-2671.

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA**, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Celebrate Word and Sacrament as we worship with varied liturgy, hymns and music. Join our inclusive community in person or online Sundays at 10:00 am ([youtube.com/@OSLCcburg](http://youtube.com/@OSLCcburg)), followed by refreshments and fellowship. Ministries include Bible study, choir, food ministry, and crafters. Little Free Pantry and Library available 24-7 by the parking lot. Parent's Morning Out offers faith-based activities and play for children 16 month - 5 years select weekdays. Wheelchair accessible. Learn how you may contribute to our ministries at [www.oslc-cburg.org](http://www.oslc-cburg.org). 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 we 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." You'll love our minister, The Rev. Dr. Wes Jamison, who engages us in God's word. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Caring Initiative which includes Micah's Backpack, Soup for Seniors, Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry, with tremendous community impact. Partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3). We sponsor an awesome Scouting program of Scouts Boy & Girl Troop, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade, amongst many other programs. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road. St. Michael is ~quarter mile on the left. For more information: Phone 540.951.8951; Email [hope@stmic.us](mailto:hope@stmic.us); Website [www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org](http://www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org)

### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**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. [\[tralmethodistchurch.com\]\(http://tralmethodistchurch.com\).](http://www.cen-</a></p>
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### PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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

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

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

### PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th and Randolph. Worship will be at 10 am Memorial Day (May 26) through Labor Day (September 1). Pastor Morgan Whitfield, Jr. will lead worship. Phone 540-639-2585. Email [pcfcradford@gmail.com](mailto:pcfcradford@gmail.com). Website [www.pcradford.org](http://www.pcradford.org). 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.

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**, 220 West Main Street, Christiansburg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship at 10a.m. with Children's Church at the same time, Sunday School at 9 a.m. Worship is in-person and Live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: [StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA](http://StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA). All are welcome. Website: [www.stpaulvaumc.org](http://www.stpaulvaumc.org)

# Radford WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## Watch Out For Pride

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Uzziah became king in Judah at sixteen years of age. During his reign, he fortified towers, dug wells, increased agriculture, invented weapons, and raised an impressive army. However, after forty blessed and prosperous years as king, he made a monumental mistake in judgment. He let pride settle in.

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belong-

ing to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

Pride can slip into a believer's life almost unnoticed. The consequences are never good. If pride ever raises its ugly head, deal with it immediately. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Thought for Today: Humility is our best defense against pride.

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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# OBITUARIES

## Summa, Michael J.

Michael J. Summa, 72, of Dublin, passed away after a long illness.

He was born in Waterbury, Conn. and grew up in Norwalk, Conn. before traveling around the United States, spending time in Colorado and finally settling in Southwest Virginia. He was a 1970 graduate of Norwalk High School and formerly a part of the maintenance crew with the Connecticut State Highway Dept. He is survived by his wife, Jessica



Muncy, her son Robert Thompson, and her daughter, Crystal Facimire and her children, Michael and Hayden Lawson, all of Bidwell, Ohio; his brothers William, of New Bern, N.C., Paul, of Lighthouse Point, Fla., and James of Coconut Creek, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are private.

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

## Whittimore, Sharon Yvonne Holder

Sharon "Sha" Yvonne Holder Whittimore, 72, passed away peacefully Friday, June 7, 2024.

She retired from Hubbell Lighting. Sha was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Kirtner; husband, Michael Ray Whittimore; and brothers, Thomas and Geary Martin.

Survivors include her daughter, Lori Renee Whittimore; grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Whittimore and Alexander Gage Roseberry; longtime friends, Donna and Eddie Hall and Debbie and Mickey Fizer; many nieces, nephews and



friends, and many sisters in Girl Scouting.

The family received friends Friday, June 14, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Girl Scouts Virginia Skyline Council, 5488 Yellow Mountain Road, Roanoke, VA 24014 or at www.gsvsc.org. Please note in memory of Sha.

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

## Phillips, Ronald Hugh

Ronald Hugh Phillips, 77, of Fairlawn, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024.

He was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and retired from New River Industries with over 40 years of service. He proudly served his country in the U. S. Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eula and Joyce Phillips, former wife, Shirley, and brother, Richard Phillips.

Those left behind to remember Ronald with loving memories, are his loving wife, Vickie H. Phillips; daughter and son-in-law, Traci and Robbie Patton; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Crystal Phillips; step daughters and their husbands, Sonia and Anthony Carr, and Suzanne and Gary Gunter; brother and sister-in-law, Evans and Sarah Phillips; sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis



and Robert Akers, and Faye and Dan Conner; grandchildren, Ainsley, Cassie and Sydney Patton, Nicholas, Alex and Mady Phillips, Tya and Breeana Carr, and Julie and Maggie Gunter; many cherished nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and dear friends.

The family received friends Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Rev. Allison Unroe officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

**Christiansburg Parks and Recreation accepts the Renee' S. Brown Award, which commends individuals and organizations who embody The Arc's vision and mission: "People with disabilities leading full, rich lives as active contributing members of their communities."**

# The Arc of the New River Valley holds 3rd Annual Arc in the Park event

Angelica Ramos  
Contributing Writer

CHRISTIANSBURG- The Arc of the New River Valley held its third annual Arc in the Park event celebrating social connections at Huckleberry Park on June 8, 2024 and presented Brad Epperley with the Renee' S. Brown Award.

The Arc of the New River Valley is a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for and protecting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Every summer they host Arc in the Park to celebrate the community they serve and give them and their families an event to celebrate togetherness.

This year's Arc in the Park gave townspeople many activities to participate in. The splash pad was popular, and people of all ages enjoyed having their faces painted and frozen treats from Aloha Eddies. Residents also had the opportunity to enter into a gift card raffle fundraiser. Community members also had the opportunity to meet Karen Baker, who is running for the 9th Congressional District of Virginia and ask her questions. The Pavilion near the splash pad was the hub for the event because it gave families and friends a place to sit in the shade and share conversation over hot dogs and barbecue.

Around 4 p.m., The Arc of the New River Valley announced Christiansburg Parks and Recreation was being awarded the Renee' S. Brown Award. Brad Epperley, Director of Parks and Recreation for Christiansburg, accepted the award on behalf of his staff and in his

speech, thanked his staff for their hard work and dedication to inclusivity. The Brown family was present for the event and members of the Arc shared that when Renee' was younger, due to being wheelchair bound, she did not have access to the inclusive play that Huckleberry Park offers. Christiansburg Parks and Recreation makes it a mission to provide events, facilities and opportunities for people of all abilities and serve the community as a whole.

"It is truly an honor," Epperley said, "to receive this award on behalf of the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department. Over the years we have tried very hard to provide inclusive opportunities for individuals of all abilities."

The Renee' S. Brown award commends individuals and organizations who embody The Arc's vision and mission: "People with disabilities leading full, rich lives as active contributing members of their communities."

"When I received the call," Epperley said, "it truly made my heart happy. There is not a greater feeling in the world than to know that something you are a part of makes a positive difference in a person's life. As I stand here today, I will firmly say that we as a department will continue striving for inclusive recreational opportunities and facilities in Christiansburg. My hope is that we are building an environment that is inclusive to all so that for generations to come, this should be the only thing we should desire and strive for without accepting anything less!"

# Montgomery Museum hosts Arts NRV Market

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CHRISTIANSBURG- The Montgomery Museum of Art and History hosted their annual Arts NRV Market on Friday June 7, 2024 and Saturday June 8, 2024.

The annual Arts NRV Market hosted over 30 local artists and artisans as well as the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts On the Road traveling art exhibit.

Walking into the museum on Friday or Saturday, residents

were met with booths, stalls, galleries and tents in the parking lot full of art for everyone. Keith Martin, owner of Bearded Beadworks, showcased jewelry and art made with micro seed beads and delicate attention to detail. The Stray Shop, a woman-owned company that provides consumers with cat-themed stationary, apparel and goods, and their owner Taylor Carrol donate 10 percent of every purchase to animals in need and have something for every cat lover. Carrol designs all

of the designs on the products The Stray Shop sells.

The Arts NRV Market hosted artists and their wide-ranged forms of art from Scallywag Letterpress with their cheeky handmade paper products, to Filamina Jewelry and Kay Cook with their handmade jewelry, to painters of all mediums like watercolors, pastels, oils and acrylics.

Residents deeply enjoyed not only the local art, but the mobile exhibit from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

In conjunction with the event, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts On The Road hosted an exhibit called "Love, Laughter, Tears: An Artist's Guide to Emotions." It hosted art focusing on the emotions that connect human beings to each other from many different time periods and in different mediums, including photography as well as paintings. Residents walked through the exhibit slowly to take a pause with the art and enjoyed the interactive displays beneath

some of the work and on the wall before exiting where they could illustrate their emotions using technology.

After looking at art, speaking to vendors, and enjoying the VMFA on the road exhibit, residents enjoyed the wine garden, food from Copper Dog and Co and other activities like active art demonstrations from New River Arts and Fiber, Backyard Stone Carvers and Fire and Sky Pottery Studio. There was something for everyone at this year's Arts NRV Market.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Bearded Beadworks displays their work at the Arts NRV Market.



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The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts mobile arts exhibit is held in conjunction with the event.



## RADFORD SPORTS

# Hokies find national success in sportscasting

Every year the spring semester ends, there's still a buzz coming from Virginia Tech's School of Communication.

On the last Friday of May, the Sportscasters Talent Agency of America (STAA) hosts the All-America and Jim Nantz Award program, named for the iconic sportscaster. The program honors the nation's outstanding collegiate radio and TV sports broadcasters with a live show streamed on YouTube.

This year, for the second in a row, sports media and analytics juniors Kyle Marchak and Giovanni Heater were announced as first-team and second-team All-Americans, respectively. The duo grew up together in Syracuse, New York.

"Kyle and Giovanni are two of the most talented student broadcasters in our country," said Bill Roth, the voice of the Hokies and professor of practice in the School of Communication. "They have both worked tremendously hard during their time at Virginia Tech to learn and grow their craft in our sports media and analytics program. Both are richly

deserving of this national recognition."

This year marks the fifth consecutive year that a Virginia Tech student has finished as a first-team All-American, an achievement only matched by Syracuse University. Evan Hughes '21 finished as runner up in 2020 and was later named the Jim Nantz Award winner in 2021. Kevin DiDomenico was honored as a first-team All-American in 2022.

"We don't have the same status as other programs who have been around longer, but now we're here," Marchak said. "It's a statement to the program more than anything. It tells us that this is a program where if you want to work in sports, Virginia Tech is the place to be."

The sports media and analytics program launched in 2020 as an official major within the School of Communication under the direction of Bill Roth. The addition of Anthony Amey as a dedicated sports media and analytics faculty member in fall 2022 further bolstered the major. Earlier in May, the major received accreditation from the Accrediting Council on



PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE MARCHAK

**Giovanni Heater (at left) and Kyle Marchak report live from Scott Stadium at the University of Virginia.**

Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

"Accreditation highlights the quality instruction and support our faculty and staff provide for students as they prepare for a career," said John Tedesco, director of the School of Communication. "It's also a testament to the hard work of all of our students in the major, leading to a national recognition like the one Kyle and Giovanni received in the STAA All-America program."

Over the past three years, Marchak and Heater have called hundreds of games and broadcast studio shows. It's part of the opportunities Virginia Tech students find when they enter the program.

"I am so honored to represent the school that I've grown to love so much," Heater said. "It shows that Virginia Tech has become the destination for aspiring sports broadcasters. If you dedicate yourself to the craft and take advantage of everything the sports media and analytics program has to offer both in and out of the classroom, the sky is the limit."

Opportunities to gain experience as a student exist with the ACC Network, Learfield Sports, a collegiate sports marketing company, and 3304 Sports, the multimedia platform for student sports journalism at Virginia Tech. Students have industry standard equipment at their disposal inside the multimedia center in the Moss Arts Center. And beyond the support in the School of Communication, there are built-in mentors across Virginia Tech:

Hughes, assistant director of broadcast services and voice of Virginia Tech

women's basketball and baseball

Bailey Angle '17, in-venue host for Virginia Tech Athletics

Zach Mackey, director of broadcasting at Virginia Tech

"Family is how I would describe the community we have in Blacksburg," Marchak said. "Between the School of Communication and 3304 Sports, between faculty and staff and students at my level, it's a family thing. There's no replicating the sensation of living in a town like Blacksburg that's so unified. For me, it's a huge blessing to have the support that's so familial in Blacksburg."

This summer, Marchak will be the play-by-play broadcaster for the Wareham Gatemen of the Cape Cod Baseball League, a collegiate summer wood bat league in Massachusetts. Meanwhile, Heater will continue calling games for the Salem Red Sox alongside sports media and analytics junior Carter Hill. It's a post Heater held last year and resumed in April when the season began.

If Marchak and Heater are honored as Sportscasters Talent Agency of America All-Americans again next year, they will be the first three-time honorees at Virginia Tech. However, the childhood friends are keeping it all in perspective, grateful for everything they've learned as Hokies.

"Virginia Tech is a place where you can develop and achieve success at the highest levels in the industry," Heater said. "To be on the list next to the guy that I came to Virginia Tech with is the icing on the cake. We are still just those kids calling our own wiffle ball games in the backyard at heart."

Cory Van Dyke, Virginia Tech

# Radford High School wins girls doubles tennis state championship



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL

**Radford High School's Claire Fender and Lydia Pratt recently won the 2024 VHSL 2A Doubles Championship for tennis. They defeated Marion 1-6, 6-2, 10-7.**

# Sports notes: Hokie on All-American third team

Raking in national acclaim for his high-achieving season on the diamond, Virginia Tech fifth-year outfielder Ben Watson has been named to the 2024 NCBWA Division I All-America Third Team, as announced by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association on Wednesday.

Joining an elite class of Virginia Tech greats, Watson becomes the program's 21st recognized All-American and the Hokies' seventh such honoree to have been awarded during John Szeft's tenure as head coach. Considering NCBWA All-Americans, the veteran bat is also Tech's seventh such selection since the organization began presenting All-America teams in 1996.

Among Virginia Tech's entire contingent of All-American outfielders, Watson now stands alongside the company of Trey McCoy (1987), Kevin Barker (1996), Matt Griswold (1997), Larry Bowles (1999), Tyler Horan (2013), Gavin Cross (2022) and Jack Hurley (2022).

honored as a 2023 NCAA Division III All-American last season – batted .419 during the 2024 campaign, setting the Virginia Tech single-season record for hits (93) while compiling 21 doubles, three triples, four home runs, 51 runs scored and 48 RBIs. In addition to his 2024 All-American status, he placed onto the 2024 All-ACC Second Team and was chosen to the 2024 ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division I Atlantic All-Region Second Team.

**Hokie receiver tops in nation**

Virginia Tech football's Jaylin Lane has recently earned recognition, securing the sixth spot among the top ten highest-graded returning wide receivers in the ACC according to Pro Football Focus (PFF).

Lane is coming off a strong senior year, having caught 41 passes for 538 yards and ranking ninth in the ACC with six touchdowns. In addition, he has proven to be a versatile player, totaling 14 carries for 51 rushing yards, with his longest carry reaching 11 yards. The current fifth-year finished the season leading the team in receptions

and ranking second in receiving yards.

**Highlander transfer to Tech**

A Radford University baseball player is on the move. Outfielder Cameron Pittman is transferring to Virginia Tech. Pittman was named to 2022 All-Big South Conference Freshmen team and second team All-Big South in this past season.

He had a .357 batting average and .437 on-base with two home runs and 24 RBIs while stealing a career-high 14 bases.

**RU athletes do well in classroom**

Following the conclusion of the 2024 spring semester, the Radford University Athletics Department has continued its commitment to academic excellence seeing an incredible 88% of Highlander student-athletes achieve a 3.0 grade point average or better.

Out of Radford's 266 total student athletes, 234 eclipsed the 3.0 mark as 15 out of the 16 Highlanders' varsity athletics programs reported a team GPA of 3.0 or better.

Beyond that, 186

Highlanders earned a 3.40 GPA or higher, placing them on the Radford University Dean's List, while 53 of those student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0.

The softball and women's cross country squads with spring terms over a 3.80 GPA. Women's golf (3.72 GPA), volleyball (3.64 GPA) and

women's soccer (3.62 GPA) were close behind while men's cross country led the men's side with a 3.56 spring GPA and 3.48 cumulative GPA.

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# Hagedorn hits hole-in-one



PHOTO COURTESY OF AUBURN HILLS GOLF

**Caden Hagedorn picked up a hole in one this past week at the Auburn Hills Golf Course in Riner. Hagedorn made a hole in one on #7.**