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Mary Draper Ingles Heritage Festival returns to Radford

RADFORD — A festival rooted in the story of America's westward migration returns to the City of Radford and Pulaski County this month.

Named for the colonial legend Mary Draper Ingles, the upcoming celebration runs July 26-28 at several area venues.

In 1732 Ingles was born in Philadelphia to immigrant parents from Donegal, Ireland. Eventually the family traveled down the great Valley of Virginia and settled in Draper's Meadow (today's Blacksburg, Va.). There in 1755 Native Americans attacked Mary's settlement, and she and other family members were taken to Ohio. She later escaped and completed a treacherous trip back to her home on the New River. That journey was made famous by the "New York Times" bestseller, "Follow the River."

Something new to this year's event is a Chautauqua-style presentation by West Virginian Doug Wood, who will interpret the life of Ostenaco, a Cherokee military leader during the French and Indian War. In fact, Ostenaco led an army of Cherokees against the Shawnees, the tribal nation responsible for the attack on the settlement in Virginia. Also new to the

line-up is the entertaining duo Kim and Jimbo Cary, who will present traditional music of early America on a variety of instruments including mandolin, fiddle, guitar and gourd banjo. The audience will be treated with authentic old-time banjo tunes, flat-pickin' bluegrass, gospel and southern mountain music.

Headlining Saturday's literary activities will be award-winning Southern writer Sharyn McCrumb, best known for her Appalachian "Ballad" novels. She will discuss her book, "King's Mountain," that is set in the same era as the Mary Draper Ingles saga and tells the story of one of the important battles of the Revolutionary War. McCrumb will be joined by another "New York Times" bestselling author Kathleen Grissom, who has written "Crow Mary," about a strong indigenous woman caught in a clash of cultures in 19th-century North America.

Also on Saturday, Kathleen Harshberger, a local playwright and actress, will present a living history interpretation of Mary. Harshberger has

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18th century living history interpretations are part of the Mary Draper Ingles Heritage Festival.

Historic Smithfield to celebrate turning 250 years old



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Historic Smithfield is commemorating its 250th anniversary at the end of this month with a series of events.

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BLACKSBURG- Historic Smithfield is set to celebrate its 250th birthday at the end of July with two days filled with commemoration events.

William Preston's Smithfield, commonly referred to as Historical Smithfield, located in the heart of Virginia Tech's campus, is turning 250 years old. The house and plantation were made a home in 1774 when Susanna Preston and the Preston children arrived at Smithfield. Smithfield was once a plantation but is now a museum that houses multiple gardens in which the community benefits from as Smithfield donates produce to food banks to help the food insecure.

This year's Smithfield birthday is special as the house itself is older than the Declaration of Independence by two years as well as the Smithfield-Preston Foundation's goal to be more community-centric and inclusive.

The 250th Commemoration's theme is "From Deep Roots- Forging an Inclusive Future". This is due to its history as a plantation and a hub for western expansion. The museum's mission is to use that history to educate, give back to its community and write a new story for the future.

"In commemorating the 250th anniversary of Smithfield," the 250th Commemoration mission statement reads, "we will support our theme, From Deep Roots, Forging an Inclusive Future. We will present an accurate, inclusive, and healing account of Smithfield and all those connected with it, free from any impact of grief, fear, or grievance. We will tell the whole story

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Photo of grandbabies wins June contest

Joseph Pack of Fairlawn won the feature category, People, at the Radford Photo Club's June meeting with his photo of the look three of his grandbabies gave him when he suggested it was time to leave Bisset Park.

"They looked at me like: 'What you talking about Willis?'" he said.

Pack also tied for first in the open category with his photo of The Gate.

"It was a gateway leading from the slave plantation at Crab Orchard into another field," he explained.

Joyce Sims of Radford tied for first in the open category.

"This bee was visiting my flower garden," she said. "It

definitely was displaying its striking features!"

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. The July photo challenge is outside, nighttime.

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 lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or Joyce Crowder at joycecrowder2@icloud.com.

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PHOTO BY JOSEPH PACK



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Del. Chris Obenshain speaks to Boys State attendees. Obenshain was one of eight Virginia lawmakers who came to Radford University's campus to address and field questions from this year's 470 attendees.

Boys State offers future leaders advice, interaction and hands-on experience in governing

RADFORD - According to Virginia State Del. Alfonso Lopez, of Arlington, the average male who wants to run for public office needs to be encouraged by seven separate people before they finally take the plunge into politics.

"Consider this one of those times," Lopez told a group of young men attending the weeklong American Legion Boys State of Virginia on Radford University's campus on June 17. "I'm serious. Run for office. Keep it in the back of your mind.

"Because the world needs Boys State delegates," he said. "And Virginia desperately needs them."

Lopez - whose talk was introduced by his son, Aaron, himself a Boys State attendee this year - was one of eight Virginia lawmakers who came to town to address and field questions from this year's 470 attendees.

Other visiting legislators included Sen. Travis Hackworth, of Richlands; Del. Joe McNamara, of Roanoke County; Del. Chris Obenshain, of Christiansburg; Del. Sam Rasoul, of Roanoke; Sen. Aaron Rouse, of Virginia Beach; Sen. David Suetterlein, of Roanoke County; and Del. Wendell Walker, of Lynchburg.

All found a particularly attentive

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 13:

Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its July 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, the Panjammers Steel Drum Orchestra will be playing. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

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.

Sunday, July 14:

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/.

Wednesday, July 17:

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>.

Market Square Jam

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment on Wednesday evenings, June through September. The Jam takes place at Market Square Park from 7-9 p.m. For more information and a list of hosts, please visit blacksburg.gov/marketsquarejam.

Thursday, July 18:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Member Seth Gravely will speak on the "29th Virginia Infantry Regiment". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Monday, July 22:

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, July 23:

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, July 25:

Thursday night indoor concert

Concert will be held at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. SE. "A Treasury of English Music," music by Handel, Purcell, and others. This event is a community sing. Rehearsals began on July 1. Contact the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church to get involved.

Friday, July 26:

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Please join the Pilot Community Center for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser; 5-7 p.m. Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Road, Pilot. The meal is \$10 per plate and includes spaghetti, bread, salad, and a drink. Dine-in or take-out available. We'll also have a 50/50 raffle! For more information call 540-382-6537.

PETS OF THE WEEK



It's #AdoptASharkWeek at the Animal Care and Adoption Center! SharkDog Athena is looking for a warm ocean to call home. She is a happy, observant gal who would benefit from some training to live her best shark dog life.



Char is ready to navigate new waters. She is a sweet gal with a gentle personality. In the past, she has lived with other SharkCats. Char has some food allergies and is on a special diet. Her adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and

Control. These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.

Warm Hearth Foundation awards scholarships to employees

BLACKSBURG - Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Warm Hearth Foundation's Employee Growth & Development fund, 14 Warm Hearth employees across the village received a total of \$28,750 in scholarships this year - the highest award in program history. The Foundation Board of Trustees reviewed all applications and made awards based on references provided, job performance and the scholarship's ability to aid in career advancement at Warm Hearth. "We are proud to see a significant increase in applications and especially pleased that we are able to offer these scholarships with the support of our donors, and to significantly increase the award this year to help more people advance their education," said Tom Pierce, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

"The scholarship program is one of many ways that Warm Hearth Village recognizes and rewards employees and this helps us to attract, grow and retain highly qualified employees," added Carlan Myers, Director of Human Resources. The following employees were awarded scholarships at ceremonies held throughout the village: Shaunna Andrews, Marcus Burks, Shu Ching Chung, Annie Dickerson, Opal DiMarzo, Deanna Farley, Tabitha Greenhalgh, Amy Greer, Bridget Sawyers, Jodie Snider, Madell Stanley, Abbey Stone, Amber Sult and Megan Williams. Warm Hearth Village President & CEO, William Lester, said, "It is a honor to provide these scholarships to our team members. We are grateful to the all the donors that make this possible. This is just another example of what makes Warm Hearth Village such a special place work and our residents to call home." Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on our campus and in the home.



Scholarship recipients from Kroontje Health Care Center and Showalter Center. PHOTO COURTESY OF WARM HEARTH VILLAGE

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Latest class completes Radford's RiteCare Clinic summer day camp

If anyone ever needed general evidence of the positive impact of Radford's RiteCare Clinic Summer Camp, they only had to walk past the entrance of Kyle Hall's third-floor conference room at about noon on June 27.

On that day, the expansive wood-walled chamber – a frequent venue for board meetings, visiting lecturers and job fairs – was filled instead with the sounds of children laughing, playing and chattering.

The joyful noise stood to reason because it was coming from a celebration, one that both marked the conclusion of another RiteCare camp, now in its 29th year at the university, and commemorated the more than three-decade partnership between Radford's Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and the Scottish Rite Masons of Virginia.

The Scottish Rite Masons provide financial support for the five-week day camps, which help children develop and enhance their communication and literacy skills; the program also offers graduate student clinicians invaluable training and experience.

As they have in the past, the Scottish Rite donated support to the program, this year with a check for \$33,000.

"The Scottish Rite has given well over a million dollars to Radford University and to our department over the years," Waldron College of Health and Human Services Dean Ken Cox told the crowd during the luncheon, whose theme was "Going for Gold!"

"Hundreds of university students have benefited over the years from the funding that you guys have provided in the

form of scholarships and research," Cox said to the Masons. "Your generosity has impacted and improved the quality of life of... tens of thousands of students, children and families."

Chair of the Department of Communication Science and Disorders (COSD) Diane Millar coordinates the camp, and she thanked the group for its support as well.

"The Scottish Rite very graciously provides research and service scholarships for our graduate students, they help provide free services to all of our families, and they keep our materials room very well stocked," Millar said, offering a nod to Patty Reynolds, who curates those supplies, and to the young scholars who participated.

"We have an exceptional group of 24 graduate students this year... some of the most compassionate, creative and inspiring women I have been fortunate to meet," she said. "They are amazing."

Millar also recognized this year's Radford University RiteCare faculty supervisors – Brandi Holland, Kate Leeper, Angela Obst and Maggie Turner – and the 2024 summer scholarship recipients Lauren Bledsoe, Lauren Cornett, Natalee Deaton and Meredith Gwinn.

Gwinn told the audience her group of six pupils ranged in age from 7 to 12 and said they targeted pragmatics and other social aspects of language.

"Working with these children has been so rewarding, and we have seen several members of our group not only thrive but also independently start and hold conversations with



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others," she said. "We are so proud of the progress that all of these children have made."

Bledsoe described the results of working speech sounds, language and literacy with 6- to 9-year-olds and said they "learned to share, take turns and work together during group activities."

According to Cornett, whose subjects were between 3 and 5, "a lot of them learned how to say their names."

Alan Adkins, Scottish Rite's Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Virginia, and numerous other Masons toured the camp during their visit. They got a chance to interact with the children and faculty and witness firsthand the progress to which they were contributing.

"We're looking forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come," Adkins said.

*Neil Harvey
for Radford University*

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 1011 Sutton Street, Radford, Virginia

Tax Map # 15-(8)-sec 2-23-24 In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original amount of \$143,000.00, dated October 29, 2013 from Todd Calfee, recorded as Instrument Number 01301396 in the land records of the Radford Circuit Court, Radford, Virginia, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will on July 23, 2024 @ 12:00 NOON at the front entrance of the Radford Circuit Court, 619 Second Street, West, Radford, Virginia, offer for sale at public auction the property and improvements thereon, described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the City of Radford, Virginia, being that certain 0.3685 acre parcel designated as Lot B on a certain plat of survey entitled "Physical Survey of Lot B Being the Easterly Portion of Lot 24 and the Westerly Portion of Lot 23, Sec. 2, Forest Park Subdivision, City of Radford, Virginia, for Thomas A. & Cynthia L. Paredes" dated October 7, 1993, prepared by Matthews & Henegard, PLS, a copy of which survey appears of record in the Radford City Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 176, Page 747.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH
This sale is subject to all matters of record in the chain of title to the above property, and also subject to mechanics' and materialmen's liens of record and not of

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record, if any such liens exist.

A bidder's deposit of 10% of bid amount, in cash, certified or cashier's check, is required at the time of sale, with the balance due at settlement, to be held within 30 days from the sale date at the office of the Trustee. The property and improvements thereon shall be sold in "as is" condition. All costs of conveyance, by special warranty deed, will be at the cost of the purchaser. Real estate taxes shall be prorated to date of sale. Additional terms of sale shall be announced at the time of sale and contained in a memorandum of sale which the successful bidder shall be required to sign.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE**

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 926 GILBERT STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 19, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$200,514.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Radford City, Virginia as Instrument No. 1600188. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court,

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on August 12, 2024, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THOSE CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE EAST WARD OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT 3, OF UNIVERSITY VIEW ESTATES, CONTAINING 0.1534 ACRES, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED, "FINAL PLAT OF UNIVERSITY VIEW ESTATES SITUATE IN THE EAST WARD OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 10," TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE HEREIN CONVEYED PROPERTY.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH.

A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's

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Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-365487-1.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street,

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Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by JTCI Electric LLC, Property Owner, and Joseph Iskandar, Applicant, to rezone property located on the West side of Depot St. NW, also adjacent to the South side of 401 Depot St. NW, identified as Tax Parcel 526-((A))-158; (Parcel ID 070666), consisting of approximately 0.254 acre, from Two Family Residential District (R-2) to General Business District (B-3). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by JTCI Electric LLC, Property Owner, and Joseph Iskandar, Applicant, to allow one (1) residential dwelling unit (apartment) on the second floor of the proposed "General Office" in the General Business District (B-3) on property located on the West side of Depot St. NW, also adjacent to the South side of 401 Depot St. NW, identified as Tax Parcel 526-((A))-158; (Parcel ID 070666), consisting of approximately 0.254 acre. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through

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Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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OBITUARIES

Grant, Jacob Michael

Jacob "Jake" Michael Grant, 28, of Albany, New York, passed away Friday, July 5, 2024. He worked at Curia as an analytical chemist. Jake grew up in Bedford, Va. and Radford. Jake was preceded in death by Nonnie and Daddy Ralph who were special great-grandparents to him.

Jake is survived by his mother, Erin and stepfather Jamie Dooley; brothers Luca, Landon, and Levi; grandparents Michael and Teresa Moldenhauer and J.T. and Gloria Dooley; uncles and aunts Zack Moldenhauer (Zadie), David and Denise Moldenhauer (Clara, Adele, Malin), Jonathan Moldenhauer (Desiree Torretto), Heather and Mike Dooley (Coleman and Charlie) and Melissa and Chad Bickford (Jesse and Kel).

He is also survived by his father, Mike and stepmother Tara Grant; sister Haley Smith (Drew) and brother Thomas Grant; grandparents, Gary and Dianne Grant, Kenny Edwards (Evee) and Linda Edwards; uncles and aunts Andy Grant, Angie Edwards (Alvin), and Tommy Edwards; and first cousin Heth Grant (Annie and Baby Declan).

Jake was the life of the party! He knew how to have the best time and make others smile. He lived in the present and always sought the next adventure. Jake loved everything outdoors, especially

in or on a river with his favorite fish slaying partner, his dad. Jake was an avid fisherman and no matter where he was, he was looking for water where he could cast his line.

In high school, Jake enjoyed playing golf, running track, and being a part of a championship soccer team. After graduating from Radford High School in 2014, he graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelors in Biotechnology in the spring of 2019.

Jake will be remembered for his contagious smile, joy for life, big hugs and the love he shared with us all. His presence will be deeply missed but his memory is unforgettable and will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. To know Jake was to love Jake. Jake will live on in the hearts and spirits of all his siblings and lifelong friends that meant so much to him and likewise.

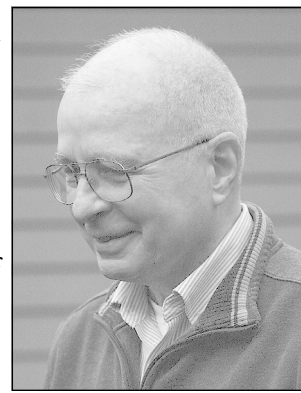
There was a Celebration of Life in Bedford at the Bedford Area YMCA on Friday, July 12 and today, Saturday, July 13, 2024, 1-4 p.m. at Claytor Lake at 4337 Towes Ferry Road, Dublin, 24084. In lieu of flowers, get outside, be present, and go on an adventure as you celebrate Jake and the lives he touched. Honoring Jake feels impossible to do correctly because we can never truly capture the way he made us feel.

Pearson, Jr., Sidney

Sidney "Al" Pearson, Jr., passed away peacefully at his home in Fairlawn Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

He had made Radford his home since 1977. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, as well as a retired professor of political science at Radford University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He loved the outdoors and spent time hiking the Appalachian Trail whenever possible. What he enjoyed most was his family.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney Albert Pearson, Sr. and Leola P. Pearson. He is survived by his wife of almost 59 years, Maryann Pearson; son, Donald Allen Pearson



(Arlyn); daughter, Joanne Louise Pearson Markert; grandchildren, Ryan, Joe, and Alexia; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Services will follow at 12 noon with Father Cassidy Stinson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations at St.

Jude Catholic Church, 1740 Tyler Road, Christiansburg, VA 24143 or the Radford Clothing Bank, PO Box 994, Radford, VA 24143.

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

Send community news and photos to
communitynews@ourvalley.org

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: fbradford.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.trinitychurch.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 (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

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Honor in Work

Read Proverbs 5:1 through 8:36

In past generations, parents taught their children the value of hard work and faithfulness to their families. People had at least one job. When a person lost a job, he worked very hard to get a new one as soon as possible. He knew hard work honored his family and God.

Maybe times and values have changed, but today it seems like more and more young adults would rather not work at all. An entire generation of young people have been lured away by different types of leisure activities. Scripture warns against neglecting one's work:

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man (Proverbs 6:10–11).

God created people to work hard with the giftedness and talents He gave us. Like no other generation in the world, we have access to education and job training to prepare us for our work. It is good for parents to provide for the needs of their family through the work God has provided.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for your talents and abilities and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6–11

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email at advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com

& Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: 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), 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. 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@stmlc.us; Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. Sunday Services 10:30am Sunday School 9:00am. Child care is provided. www.centralchurchradford.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 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 pcofradford@gmail.com. Website 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. All are welcome. Website: www.stpaulvaumc.org

RADFORD SPORTS

Auburn promotes Royal to head coach

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Auburn High School has a new boys' basketball coach. Earlier this week, the school announced the promotion of assistant coach Mike Royal to replace Terry Millirons, who retired this past spring.

Royal said he is grateful for this to opportunity to mentor the student-athletes that will be a part of the Auburn Eagles basketball program now and in the future.

"For 17 years, I have been a part of the Auburn basketball program [boys and girls], preparing athletes for varsity competition," he said in a social media post on the announcement.

"I can't wait to get started and keep this program operating at the level it has risen to over the last few years. I look forward to the support of our community and students as we strive to gain another state championship."

Royal was assistant coach for varsity girls for the first four years of his time coaching and for the past 12 years, he was head coach of the junior varsity boys' team. Last year, he served as an assistant at the varsity level.

Royal said he applied for the position for two reasons. "Number one, I love the game and have been involved with the basketball program here for a long time, not only with the high school programs but also with AAU teams that were formed when some of the upcoming seniors were in third grade," he said. "Number two,

the kids themselves. In my 17 years I cannot think of a time I did not enjoy coaching any of the teams I was a part of, jayvee or varsity. All of the kids were great and that is a testament to the parents and the community."

Millirons stepped down after 13 years as the program's head coach, leading the team to another state championship game this past year and was 195-125 in 13 seasons in charge of the boy's program. He captured seven Mt. Empire District regular season and tournament titles, four Region C championships including the last three in a row, and two state titles in 2020 and 2022.

Royal knows he has some big shoes to fill with high expectations to continue the Eagles' success.

"Terry Millirons set a standard for Auburn basketball that should be and will be the level we strive to obtain," he said. "My goal for our teams to compete in every game from tip to final horn at an elite level. Win or lose, everyone will know that we played 100%, no less."

Royal has some lofty goals and expectations.

"Our district is one of the toughest in the western Virginia. As I said before, expectations are high and that means championships, district, region and state."

"How we come together as a team and compete day-in and day-out will determine our success. This goes for all levels of the program."

Royal hopes to become more involved in the recreation program so they begin to cultivate basketball players at a young age and teach them the fundamentals that will make them successful and enjoy the game and



PHOTO BY ASHLEY AKERS
Mike Royal is the new head boys' basketball coach at Auburn High School. For the past 12 years, he was on the sidelines as the junior varsity coach.

team environment. "This means helping these rec coaches, who generously volunteer their time and talents, learning what we do and how it made us successful," he concluded.

Already, Royal is busy with the team, taking them to summer camp this past week at UVA-Wise.

Swim League meet hosted at Christiansburg Aquatic Center

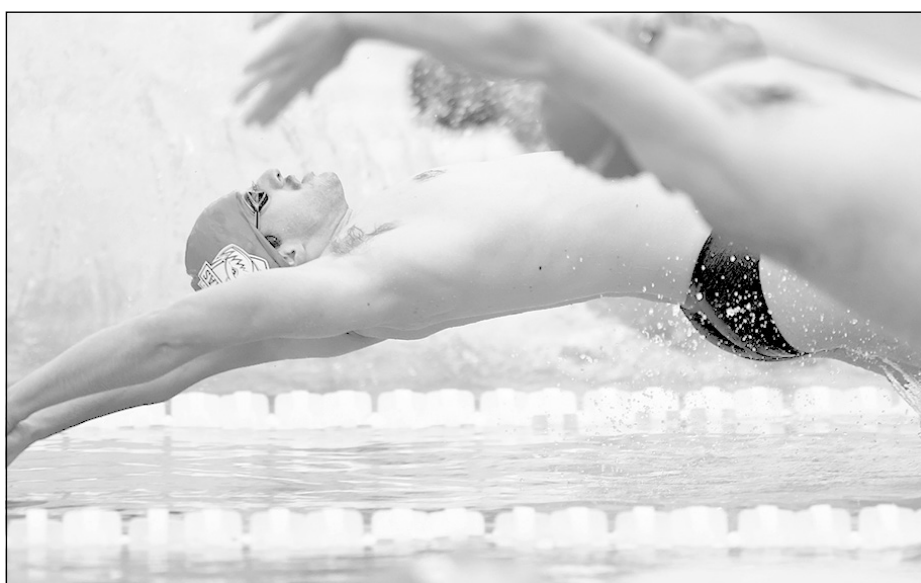


PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
Hampton Wohlford reaches back as he gets a good start in the 50-yard backstroke for the Pine Valley Piranhas during Tuesday's Southwest Virginia Swim League (SVSL) meet hosted by the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

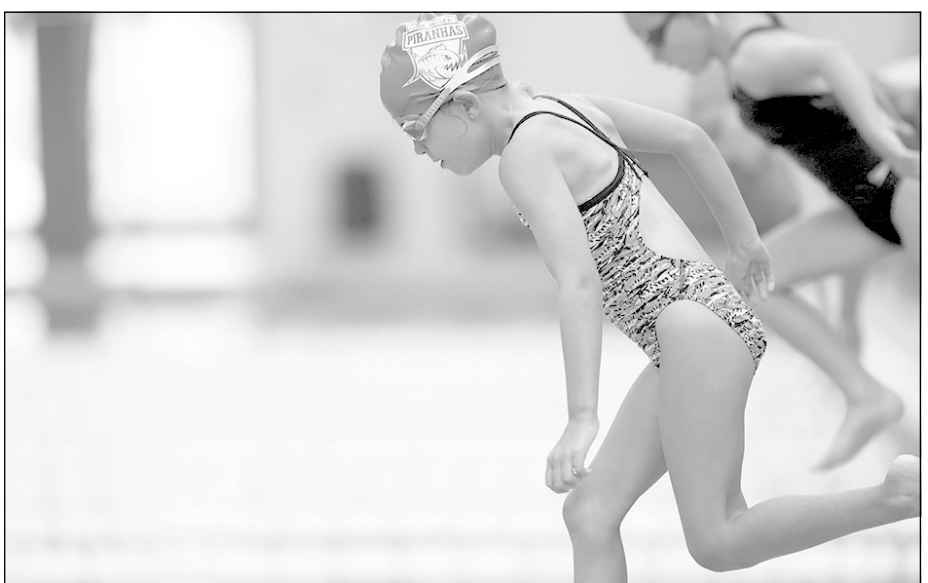


PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
Pine Valley's Courtney Eagle jumps in at the start of the 7-8-year-old 25-yard butterfly.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
Jack Edwards swims in the 7-8 year-old 25-yard butterfly for the Pine Valley Piranhas.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING
Bella Morton competes in the girls 9-10-year-old 50-yard butterfly for the Pine Valley Piranhas during Tuesday's SVSL meet.

Sports notes: Walker on Team Canada

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Former Virginia Tech men's basketball star Nickeil Alexander-Walker is one of 12 athletes selected to represent Team Canada at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 as announced by Canada Basketball and the Canadian Olympic Committee Wednesday. Alexander-Walker, who competed for the Hokies from 2017-2019, guided the program to its first-ever Sweet Sixteen appearance in 2019. He compiled a 47-21 record in the maroon and orange. The 6-foot-5 guard averaged 13.5 points and 4.0 rebounds per game while shooting 46.4% overall and 38.3% from

three in his two seasons in Blacksburg. With his selection, Alexander-Walker joins Tech's all-time leading scorer Bimbo Coles as the only two Hokies to become Olympians in program history. Coles represented Team USA in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, earning a bronze medal. Canada Basketball's Senior Men's National Team successfully qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games as one of the top two teams from the Americas region at the FIBA Men's Basketball World Cup 2023. The team secured the berth with an 88-85 victory over Spain in the second round to advance to the quarterfinals. They went on to capture

a historic bronze medal – the first medal at a men's basketball World Cup in Canadian history – with a 127-118 win over the United States. In the bronze medal game, Dillon Brooks' 39 points set a FIBA World Cup record for most points scored in a medal-winning game and a Senior Men's National Team scoring record for most points in a single game. Canada went 6-2 in the World Cup, including key victories over several top-five ranked federations. Eight players from Canada's bronze medal-winning team will represent Canada this summer in Paris. **Hokie qualifies for US Amateur** Katherine Lemke, a rising senior on the

Virginia Tech women's golf team, fired a 4-under 67 Wednesday at Heritage Oaks Golf Club to earn medalist honors and qualify for the 2024 U.S. Women's Amateur. Behind five birdies, Lemke topped the leaderboard by one shot over Victoria Zheng of Markham, Ontario. In addition to Lemke and Zheng, Caroline Smith won a seven-way playoff for the third and final qualifying spot. Lemke got off to a hot start, carding four birdies on the front side to make the turn at 3-under 33. She added another birdie at the par-4 11th to coast to the 4-under 67. The 2024 U.S. Women's Amateur will be contested August 5-11 at Southern Hills Country

Club in Tulsa, Okla. **Pry to Dodd Watch List** Virginia Tech head coach Brent Pry has been named to the Preseason Watch List for the 2024 Dodd Trophy Presented by PNC Bank. The list includes 21 of the nation's top college football coaches representing all Power Four conferences, as well as an independent. Managed by Peach Bowl, Inc. and presented by PNC Bank, The Dodd Trophy, college football's most coveted national coaching award, celebrates the head coach of a team who enjoys success on the gridiron while also stressing the importance of scholarship, leadership and integrity – the three pillars of legendary coach Bobby Dodd's coaching philosophy.

Pry is entering his third season leading the Hokies' program. He guided Tech to a 7-6 campaign in 2023, capped by a win over Tulane in the Military Bowl, the first win over a ranked team since 2021 and its first bowl win since 2016. The seven wins marked a four-game improvement over 2022. Staff report

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RADFORD SPORTS

EA SPORTS releases Top 25

With the worldwide launch of EA SPORTS College Football 25 fast approaching on July 19, excitement is building.

To celebrate, EA SPORTS hosted a Rankings Week, unveiling various rankings from the Toughest Places to Play, to the Top Offenses and Defenses, and culminating in the final Team Power rankings. Virginia Tech proudly made the list in all four categories, underscoring its formidable presence in the college football landscape.

Toughest Places to Play
The College Football 25 game highlights the significant impact of Homefield Advantage on game outcomes. This includes dynamic elements like audio and in-game modifiers such as blurred routes, incorrect play art, effects on confidence and composure, and screen shaking that away teams and players must contend with. The development team meticulously compiled a list of the Top 25 Toughest Places to Play, attendance, active

home winning streaks, team prestige and more. The Hokies currently claim the No. 17 spot, making Lane Stadium one of the four ACC stadiums to earn this distinction. The development team dedicated years to capture countless traditions, mascots and fight songs to ensure each school and its fan base are represented with pride. Every element that makes Lane Stadium one of the most competitive atmospheres in college football will be authentically included, ensuring the essence of Virginia Tech's legendary game-day experience is fully realized in the game. It has been confirmed that Metallica's 'Enter Sandman' will not be in the game, but fans can enjoy the elements of the program's legendary entrance with a similar sounding intro sound.

Offensive Power Rankings
Hundreds of thousands of data points were examined, supplemented with additional information from Pro Football Focus (PFF) to

determine the Top 25 offensive power rankings. The development team analyzed thousands of players, years' worth of game film and extensive statistics. Each team was scored on a scale of 100, with the Hokies earning a spot at No. 24 in overall offensive power rankings, scoring an 83, alongside Florida State, Oklahoma and the University of Southern California. This ranking reflects Virginia Tech's impressive return of 91% of their offensive production. Key players returning include top targets Ali Jennings, Da'Quan Felton, Jaylin Lane and Stephen Gosnell, as well as running backs Bhayshul Tuten and Malachi Thomas. Starting quarterback Kyron Drones will also be back to lead the offense.

Defensive Power Rankings
Utilizing the same methodology to determine the top Offensive Power Rankings, the Hokies ranked even higher on the other side of the ball, securing the No. 14 spot with a score of 86,

alongside Wisconsin, the University of Southern California and Auburn. Virginia Tech will return 77% of its defensive roster, including standout pass-rusher Antwan Powell-Ryland and top corners Dorian Strong and Mansoor Delane. Additionally, Tech

bolsters its defense with top 10 returning interior defensive lineman Aeneas Peebles, who will team up with Josh Fuga.

Team Power Rankings
With each set of criteria taken into consideration, EA SPORTS determined a list of the top teams in the College Football

25 game. The Hokies earned a spot at No. 20 with an overall score of 87. This ranking reflects Tech's strong potential across all aspects of the game, highlighting their balanced and competitive presence on both offense and defense.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Auburn wins National Guard Cup

The VHSL announced the 2023-24 National Guard Cup winners this week and Auburn High School once again took the Class 1 win.

The award, presented by the Virginia Army National Guard, is for year-long athletic and academic success. Familiar faces returned to claim trophies.

Western Albemarle in Class 3 led the way, earning its ninth overall Cup and third in a row, while Auburn in Class 1 claimed its sixth consecutive Cup and seventh overall. Poquoson in Class 2 earned its second Cup in four years, and Battlefield in Class 6 earned its second Cup in three years. Schools claiming Cups for the first time include Atlee in Class 1 and Independence in Class 5.

First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 35 seasons of excellence. Six Cups are awarded for academic activities and athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications. The academic

activities winners were announced on June 12.

A point system determines the winners based on overall performance in VHSL state championship competitions. In athletics, first place earns 50 points, second place earns 45 points, third place earns 40 points, fourth place earns 35 points, fifth place earns 30 points, sixth place earns 25 points, seventh place earns 20 points, and eighth place earns 15 points. Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.

Auburn tallied a total of 402.5 points with 150 in the Fall, 45 in Winter and 207.5 in the Spring. Galax was second with 232.5 points and George Wythe third at 210.

Radford High School finished third in Class 2, behind Poquoson and Bruton.

Christiansburg was 10th in Class 3, and Blacksburg was second behind Atlee.

Staff report

Hokies, Michigan tipoff in men's basketball

Virginia Tech and Michigan will clash in the opening game of the 2024 Fort Myers Tip-Off, which will be held Nov. 25-27 at Suncoast Credit Union Arena on the campus of South Western State College in Fort Myers, Fla.

The four Beach Division games, set for Nov. 25 and 27 will take place at 6 p.m. ET and 8:30 p.m. on both days, with FS1 providing nationally televised coverage. The Hokies and the Wolverines will tip at 6 p.m. in the first semifinal on Nov. 25, with Xavier and South Carolina squaring off at 8:30 p.m. Third place and championship contests will take place on Nov. 27.

Tech and Michigan have met six previous times with the Wolverines leading the series, 4-2. The Hokies have won two straight against UM, including a 73-70 victory in Ann Arbor as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Nov. 30, 2016.

The complete schedule of events can be found below:

DATE	DIVISION	MATCHUP	TIME (ET)
Monday, Nov. 25 . . .	.Palms	Miami (OH) vs. Siena	11 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 25 . . .	.Palms	Jacksonville vs. Mercer	1:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 25 . . .	.Beach	Michigan vs. Virginia Tech	6 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 25 . . .	.Beach	South Carolina vs. Xavier	8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 26 . . .	.Palms	Third-Place Game	11 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 26 . . .	.Palms	Championship Game	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27 . .	.Beach	Third-Place Game	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27 . .	.Beach	Championship Game	8:30 p.m.

Travel packages are currently the only way to guarantee tickets to the 2024 Fort Myers Tip-Off. Division specific travel packages are available for fans looking to join their favorite team at this year's tournament and can be secured by visiting www.fortmyerstipoff.com/travel. The Westin Cape Coral at Marina Village and the Marriott Sanibel Harbour are the event's host hotels and fans will have the opportunity to stay where the teams stay and experience resort life to the fullest. Ticket packages, based on availability, will go on sale this fall.

The Fort Myers Tip-Off has established itself as one of the preeminent early season college basketball events on both the men's and women's calendars. For the third time, Intersport, owner and operator of the Tip-Off, will host the top men's and women's programs for a weeklong celebration of college basketball during Thanksgiving Week.

In total 16 men's and women's games will be contested over a six-day period from Nov. 25-30. Eight men's games across two divisions will lead off the schedule of events from Nov. 25-27 and will conclude with the Elevance Health Women's Fort Myers Tip-Off Nov. 28-30 in an event headlined by three-time national champion South Carolina, along with perennial tournament powers Iowa State, Michigan, Purdue, Virginia Tech and MTSU, among others.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Smithfield

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to recognize not only the legacy of the Preston family, but also those who may have been harmed or neglected in the past and to learn the difficult lessons of history to forge a better future."

The Commemoration event will be held from

July 26, 2024 through July 28, 2024. The Commemoration event will host tours of the grounds and gardens, panels discussing the histories of everyone who lived on the property, a dedication of the Merry Oak Bench, activities for

the little ones and book signings from authors who have written on local history. There will also be a Reunion Mixer at the Smithfield Pavilion with a welcome video and speech from Smithfield-Preston Foundation Executive Director Michael Hudson

the evening of July 26, 2024. Saturday July 27, 2024 will host two discussions at Holtzman Alumni Center Assembly Hall centering around the histories of the native peoples, the Preston Family and the enslaved people who lived on the land. The DAR have provided funding for a building that will demonstrate colonial activities and crafts which will host the children's summer camp as well. On July 27, 2024, the DAR will have a dedication on the property. Between the events, there will be lunches and a Commemoration Dinner for guests to enjoy.

Hudson hopes this commemoration will help Smithfield become more than just a place to take historic tours and instead, engage with the community and be more accessible for the community.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

The herb garden at Smithfield, and the rest of the grounds, will be open to tour during the anniversary celebration.

Grandbabies

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The main bedroom in Smithfield will be one of the rooms available to view during the anniversary weekend.

Festival

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played the role of the colonial heroine in some form for the last several decades.

All total, the festival's three days will feature more than 75 activities, including old-time crafts and skills, art exhibits, vendors and a petting zoo. The Long Way Brewing, a craft beer company whose name is a take on the frontiersman's journey, will showcase live music, historical dancers, food trucks and a children's play zone. The brewery also will sponsor a short reenactment of the Ingles play, "Long Walk to Freedom," featuring Radford University and local actors.

Two historic landmarks, Ingles Tavern and La Riviere, also known as Ingles Castle and built by Mary's great-grandson, will be open for tours. Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Dublin is also sponsoring 18th century living history interpretations by the Fincastle Company and music by such regional musicians as Willard Gayheart.

If you are looking to cool off on one of the oldest rivers in the world, reservations for floats, tubes and paddles are available with the outfitter, Radford On The River, at Bisset Park.

Art exhibits are also part of the festivities with shows

at the Radford University Museum on Tyler, The Highlander Hotel and Glencoe Mansion. The hotel will also feature a meet and greet with Mary Draper Ingles descendants and reenactment actors.

For the full schedule, go to www.glencoe mansion.org/mdifestival or phone (540) 731-5031. The Highlander Hotel is the festival's official hotel and is offering a special lodging promotion.

The event is funded in part by grants from Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Glencoe Museum