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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



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

Angelica Ramos Contributing Writer

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 Commemeration'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,

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.

Radford Photo Club

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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. Alfonzo 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."

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.

Lopez - whose talk was introduced

by his son, Aaron, himself a Boys State

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.

# ${ m P}_{ m ETS}$ 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.

Scholarship funds will help some recipients pay for job-related licenses and certifications, others will use it to attend training and some will pay it toward the ongoing cost of undergraduate or graduate degrees.

The Foundation Board

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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 ·....

"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.

following The 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

William Lester, President & CEO, 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.





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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 between partnership Radford's Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and the Scottish Rite Masons of Virginia.

The Scottish Rite Masons provide financial support for the fiveweek day camps, which help children develop enhance and their communication 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

"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

Vinton Messenger



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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

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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

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

Radford City Circuit Court
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176, Page 747.

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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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#### 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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### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OF THE TOWN OF
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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

A. Rezoning request by JTCI Electric LLC, Property Owner, and Joseph

concerning:

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 of 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),

(Parcel ID 070666), consisting of approximately of 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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Contact Retta Jackson,
Planning Director, at (540)
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### **Student Achievements**

#### Gabrielle Boling earns dean's list honor at Lee University

CLEVELAND, Tenn. - Lee University congratulates Gabrielle Boling of Christiansburg on earning Dean's List honors during the Spring 2024 semester. Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00. Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Gabrielle!

#### Chase Beams named to University of Alabama Presidents List

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Chase Beams was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for spring semester 2024. A total of 13,103 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2024 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate

#### Chase Beams of Christiansburg awarded degree from UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Chase Beams of Christiansburg has received a Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Alabama. UA awarded over 6,000 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies. A recent economic analysis found that a degree from The University of Alabama has proven to provide an abundant return on investment for graduates, setting the stage for legendary careers while also creating priceless experiences and memories. Kenna Smith of Christiansburg

#### named to Freed-Hardeman University Dean's List

HENDERSON, Tenn. - Freed-Hardeman University has released the names of students who made the President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall 2023 semester. To be on the President's List, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Students on the Dean's List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester. Kenna Smith of Christiansburg was named to the Dean's List. Smith is earning a Bachelor of Arts in Photography. Addie Vice of Radford named to the

#### College of Charleston Dean's List CHARLESTON, S.C. - Addie Vice

of Radford was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2024 Dean's List. Vice is majoring in Anthropology. To qualify

for the dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.500 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

#### Julia Gess of Blacksburg named to College of Charleston President's List

CHARLESTON, S.C. - College of Charleston congratulates students named to the President's List for Spring 2024. Iulia Gess of Blacksburg was named to the President's List. Gess is majoring in Marketing. To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

#### Mixuan Li receives degree from Georgia Tech

ATLANTA, Ga. - Mixuan Li of Blacksburg has earned a Master of Industrial Design from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Li was among more than 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 266th Commencement exercises May 2 - 4, 2024, at McCamish

#### Cole Eastwood of Blacksburg named to spring dean's list at Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. - Cole Eastwood of Blacksburg has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year. Eastwood, a sophomore majoring in sports media and communication, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Hollins University announces Dean's

#### List for Spring 2024 ROANOKE - Hollins University

congratulates students who earned Dean's List honors during the spring 2024 semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale. Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement. Alaya Lewis of Blacksburg; Emmabeth Caddy of Christiansburg; Ameena Alsmadi of Blacksburg; Andrea Gomez Munza of Christiansburg; Sam Campbell of Christiansburg; El Rowland of Christiansburg; and Logan Lynxwiler of Blacksburg. Sofia Koppy of Blacksburg graduates

### from the University of Rhode Island

KINGSTON, R.I. - The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,100 of its newest alumni during the University's 2024 Commencement.

Nearly 4,000 undergraduate degrees and 800 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 17-19, 2024. Sofia Koppy of Blacksburg received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Technology, Magna Cum Laude. Caleb Kipps graduates from Georgia

#### **State University** ATLANTA, Ga. - Caleb Kipps of

Christiansburg earned a Master of Business Administration degree in International Business from Georgia State University at the end of the spring 2024 semester. Kipps and more than 3,500 fellow students were recognized for their achievements during the university's 109th commencement exercises in May. Tommie Bloomer of Radford makes dean's list at RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Tommie Bloomer of Radford was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. Bloomer is in the biomedical engineering program. Brian Bush named to Western

#### Carolina University's Spring 2024 Chancellor's List

CULLOWHEE, Congratulations to Brian Bush of Blacksburg for being named to the Western Carolina University Spring 2024 Chancellor's List. Bush was among more than 1,400 students to achieve this honor. To qualify for the Chancellor's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.8 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours. Western Carolina University

### announces Spring 2024 Dean's List CULLOWHEE, N.C. - Western

Carolina University congratulates more than 1,000 students named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List. To qualify for this honor, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher while completing 12 or more credit hours. The following local students made this semester Dean's List: Brian Bush and Callia Addikis of Blacksburg.

#### Andrea Krauss among Mississippi State University's spring 2024 MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss.

Andrea Krauss of Blacksburg is among nearly 3,500 students graduating from Mississippi State University in spring 2024. Krauss received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine. Kayla Joy Monaghan receives degree

### from Washington and Lee University LEXINGTON, Va. - Kayla Joy

Monaghan of Blacksburg received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude from Washington and Lee University on May 30. Commencement ceremonies for 448 Washington and Lee seniors were held on the university's historic Front Lawn. Monaghan majored in Business Administration. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

#### inducts new members BATON ROUGE, La. -

following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Christopher Cutshaw and Anika Thompson of Radford at Radford University. They are 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. Griffin Ford of Blacksburg earns

degree from Clark University WORCESTER, Mass. - Griffin Ford

of Blacksburg received a degree from Clark University during the University's 120th Commencement exercises on Monday, May 20. Ford graduated with a Master of Science in Communication. Ford was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society. The University awarded 1,376 degrees (503 bachelor's, 847 master's, 26 doctoral degrees) to the Class of 2024 and conferred four honorary degrees during the ceremony, which was held at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester, Mass. The graduates included 653 international students representing 39 countries. Keely Spens of Blacksburg named

# to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at St.

Olaf College NORTHFIELD, Minn. (July 3, 2024) - Keely Spens of Blacksburg made the Spring 2024 Dean's List at St. Olaf College. The Dean's List is a scholarly award for students who demonstrate academic excellence, have earned a GPA of 3.75 or above, and completed at least three credits for that semester. Spens is majoring in Environmental Studies.

#### Local residents named to William & Mary Dean's List

WILLIAMSBURG - The following local residents were recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2024 semester:

Julie Anderson, Cecilia Crawford, Sam Grove, Maegen Herring, Megan McCarley, Rachel McCarley, Amy Menegay, Rylan Pospichal, Annelise Rosmaita and Ella Semtner of Blacksburg; Michael Wojdak of Radford; and Juliana Rosso of Shawsville. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the

#### Carson-Newman University recognizes Dean's List student for spring

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. - The following Carson-Newman University student made Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester: McKenna Spaulding of Christiansburg. The university awards Dean's List honors to students earning a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 while taking 12 or more credit hours.

### Iowa State honors spring graduates

AMES, Iowa - More than 4,450 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this spring. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held May 9-11 at Hilton Coliseum, including Leah Greiner, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, International Agriculture, Magna Cum Laude, of Christiansburg.

### Local resident graduates from William

WILLIAMSBURG - The following residents recently graduated from the College of William & Mary. From Blacksburg: Cypress Ambrose, Bachelor of Science; Ella Goldschmidt, Bachelor of Arts; Amy Menegay, Bachelor of Science; Alexandra Nussbaum, Bachelor Science; Daniel Salom, Bachelor Science; Ellie St. Martin, Bachelor of Science; and Berit Elyse Wilkins, Bachelor of Arts. From Christiansburg: Eno Adusei, Bachelor of Science and from Radford: Mason Sproule, Bachelor of Science. Founded by royal charter in 1693, William & Mary is the second oldest educational institution in the

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# **BITUARIES**

### 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 greatgrandparents 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 Tornetto), 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

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 eola 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

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.

officiating.

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

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#### ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

#### **BAPTIST**

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

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is inperson and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford. Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.

#### **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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#### **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 -Morning Worship - 11:00A.M., 10:00A.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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#### **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



### **Honor in Work**

Read Proverbs 5:1 through

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 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 (Proverbs6:10–11).

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 abili ties and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6-11

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#### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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#### **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

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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

# **BITUARIES**

### Linkous, Fred Allen

Fred Allen Linkous, 78, passed away surrounded by his family at his home in Dublin Monday, July 8, 2024. He was a retired foreman with Atmos and a member of Dublin Christian Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Kathleen Linkous; wife, Kay Linkous; and brother, Tommy Linkous. Survivors include his

sons, Eric Linkous (Tara Hancock) and Richard Cantilena; daughters, Teresa Thornton (Phillip Dillon) and Bridget Stewart (John); grandchildren, Brittney, Kristina, Allen,



Nika, Connor, Claire, Anthony, and Hannah; grandchildren, Sincere, Brayden, Addison, Mercy, and Nora; sister, Zelda Linkous Italiano; and many other relatives and

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. until noon Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Dublin Christian Church, 5605 Dunlap Road, Dublin, VA 24084. Memorial services will begin at noon

with Joey Italiano officiating. The Linkous family is in the care of

Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

special friends.

### Hamilton, Ernest Elton

Hamilton, 76, Christiansburg, passed away Sunday, July 7, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney Nathan and Ruby Bolden Hamilton. include Survivors

Ernest "Ernie" Elton

his loving wife, Wanda Hinkley Hamilton; son and daughter-in-law, Johnathan Hamilton (Stephanie); daughter and son-in-law, Carrie Hamilton Foster

(Chris); special grandson, Joe Hamilton; grandchildren, Madison and Chapman Tucker, Kelsi and Blake Foster, and Shiane Warner; brothers and sistersin-law, Michael Hamilton (Kristi), and Nelson Hamilton (Nancy); and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and



The family received friends Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 11, 2024, at the funeral home with Rev. Clayton Kipps and Rev. Josh Collins officiating. Burial followed Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, Attn: Development, 4751 Cove Road NW, Roanoke, VA, 24017.

The Hamilton family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in

### Researchers use AI to make children safer online A teenager sends some explicit pictures

requested by a new online love interest, only to get a blackmail threat from someone in another country. A tween goes to meet a teen girl who

bought her jewelry online, but she's greeted by a man she doesn't know.
From the threat of "sextortion" to cybergrooming, children and teens face a

growing range of online crimes, and three Virginia Tech researchers are working to make the digital world safer for them. Under the auspices of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, Jin-Hee Cho and collaborators Lifu Huang and Sang Won Lee in the Virginia

Tech Department of Computer Science want to develop a technology-assisted education program to prevent online sexual abuse of children and teens.

One in three Internet users worldwide

is a child, according to the World Health

Grooming children for sexual abuse is a growing online threat.

Virginia Tech researchers are working

to build and train chatbots powered with artificial intelligence (AI) to help children and teens identify and avoid cyber predators.

Growing threats

Traditionally, cybersecurity focused on protecting networks from disruption and devices from bad actors looking to steal data, said Jin-Hee Cho, associate professor of computer science and lead researcher on the project.

"But today, people are becoming more interested in what is called social cybersecurity," Cho said. "We're looking at the ways that technology and people are interacting with each other and how people are interacting through networks and devices."

Often, those interactions are good for society, disseminating information, enabling education and communication, and fueling collaboration that leads to economic development and innovation. But there are risks, too, especially

for vulnerable groups like children and In a 2021 national survey study

published in JAMA Network Open, 2,639 young adults were asked about technology-assisted sexual offenses committed against them as minors. They reported a range of predatory online Among them: 15.6 percent reported

being victims of online child sexual abuse; 11 percent were victims of imagebased sexual abuse; 7.2 percent received non-consensual sexting; 5.4 percent were subjected to online grooming by adults; and 3.5 percent said they were tricked into providing sexualized images and then extorted for money to keep the materials from being leaked, a crime dubbed "sextortion."

Many groups are working to make online interactions safer. In 2005, the U.S. Senate designated June as National Internet Safety Month to raise awareness of internet dangers and highlight the need for education about online safety, especially among young people. Technology-assisted education

A lot of work in online child abuse

prevention is focused on detecting perpetrators of online crimes. While that's helpful, Cho said, it's limited because it still leaves children and teens vulnerable to abusers.



One in three users of the internet is a minor. Virginia Tech researchers want to use artificial intelligence to help prevent a range of online abuses of this vulnerable population.

For several years, Cho has been working to develop a project that would go further and give children tools and training to help them protect themselves from perpetrators who use the Internet to groom children and teens for sexual exploitation. It's been a challenge because there are so many ethical issues related to teaching children about abusers and the tactics they use, she said.

This new project will focus on developing chatbots to simulate interactions between predators and children online. These simulations can then be used to develop an educational program primarily for 11- to 15-yearolds. Given the challenges, it's a highly collaborative project. Huang, assistant professor of computer

science, will work on various aspects of the AI that powers the bots.

"I have a very strong interest and a strong belief in using AI techniques to solve social problems," Huang said.

He will leverage his previous research in conversational AI, which uses Large Language Models to make the educational bots believable as humans interacting with one another.

Lee, also assistant professor of computer science, will work on compiling data to train the bots. It's a particularly thorny issue, he said, because he will need to find data about how predators interact online and then use it responsibly. "The challenge for this work is that

there is no authentic cyber-grooming conversation dataset we can use to train the chatbots," Lee said. "We plan to approach the problem using humancentered approaches and establish an ethical platform in which adolescents and their parents can collaborate to generate such data and enhance their awareness of cyber-grooming as part of the data collection process. Pamela Wisniewski, associate professor

of computer science at Vanderbilt University and a specialist in privacy and online safety for adolescents is another collaborator. She will be working under a related \$344,874 National Science Foundation grant to consult with teens and experts in cyber abuse and sex trafficking prevention to develop training materials and ensure that the chatbots are safe for minors to use. "My hope is that we can design,

develop, and evaluate a tool that can benefit teens by teaching them about the risks of cyber-grooming, as well as coping mechanisms to protect themselves from these risks," Wisniewski said. "The goal isn't to restrict and surveil their use of the internet. Instead, we need to give them the tools needed to navigate the internet

Chelsea Seeber

### Woolwine, Ann Tabor

Ann Tabor Woolwine, 85, of Dublin, passed away peacefully with her only child by her side Tuesday, July 2, 2024. She was a celebrated and dedicated educator in McDowell County Schools in West Virginia for over 30 years. Ann was preceded in death by her parents, James Edward and Margaret Hill Tabor; and her loving husband of 53 years, Michael Wayne Woolwine. Survivors include her daughter, Jami

Woolwine; and her faithful canine companion, Ella.

In keeping with Ann's wishes, there will be no services.

Jami would like to thank The Paine and The Groesbeck Families for their unwavering love and support during this difficult

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Pulaski County Humane Society, PO Box 1046, Dublin, VA 24084.

The Woolwine family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia.

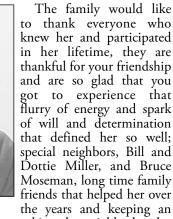
## Smith, Mildred Kirby

Mildred "Mim" Kirby Smith, of Radford, passed away peacefully at home and went to be with the Lord Sunday, July 7, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin "Pete" B. Smith; her parents, Troy and Lillian Kirby; brother, Harry Kirby; and her sister, Nancy Kirby Deisher. Survivors include her children and their spouses,

Ann S. Pannell (Greg),
Marvin "Beck" Smith, Jr.
(Rhonda), and Susan S. Frye (Randy);
grandchildren, Chris, Bryan, Corey,

Lucas and Lacey; great-grandsons, Jake, Will, Andrew, Henry and Grayson; sister-in-law, Louise Smith; cousin, Mary Peterman; and many other nieces, nephews, family members and friends. Mim was never one to sit still and was

always active. She worked professionally as an administrative assistant for a law practice and then for the Tyler Campus Chapel church while raising a family and managing the household. She loved working on anything outdoors; house maintenance, painting the porch, yardwork raking leaves and cleaning up sticks and walnuts, spring and fall cleanup at the cabin, and not too long ago even cleaning the gutters and mowing the grass. She was industrious with a determined spirit and a strong will, and you can be sure that once she started, she would take on and accomplish the task at hand not only in the yard but with anything in life that crossed her path.



eye on her making the neighborhood a safe and peaceful place; the congregation of The Presbyterian Church of Radford, who kept her informed and thinking of her with cards and letters; Carilion Hospital and Carilion Hospice for their professionalism and compassion; the team at Cindy's Companion Care which allowed her to remain at home; Cindy and Tina who assisted her with patience, gentleness and kindness as if she were their own mother; and all who sent prayers, cards and kind words.

The family received friends for a visitation on Friday, July 12, 2024, at the Presbyterian Church of Radford. A private burial took place in Sunrise Burial

Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either Carilion Hospice, 701 Randolph Street, Radford, VA, 24141, or The Presbyterian Church of Radford, 201 Fourth Street, Radford, VA, 24141.

### Boys State from page 1

audience - each rising high school senior who participated was selected because of their academic achievements, their civic engagement and their leadership potential.

During the seven-day event, Boys State's "citizens" are grouped into teams identified by fictional town names, and they assemble their own government to support a hypothetical 51st state. They hold campaigns and elections for sheriff, mayor and governor, among other offices; create their own platforms, philosophies and legislation; and engage in activities that range from law enforcement and athletics to performing music and reporting each day's happenings.

"Everybody in here, you would not have been selected by your teacher, your guidance counselor or your American Legion post to come to Boys State if you were not already a leader," speaker Scott Maddrea assured them as he addressed the entire group in Preston Auditorium.

Maddrea, who served for more than 18 years as a Virginia House of Delegates deputy clerk and is now a legislative consultant, advised them to treat their upcoming elections like numeric calculations. "Part of your strategy

needs to be: How do I solve that math problem?" he asked, adding tips that underscored the challenges of the political process: "If you are only campaigning among your friends, you are going to "Campaigns are won

and lost on personal connections." The Boys State "citizens" also got the

opportunity to ask questions of Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia Ken Nunnenkamp William Mims, a former Virginia Supreme Court justice. Lines for the

microphones during those

sessions were long, and the queries were substantive, covering subjects from planning career literature.

"The last question was about Plato, and this one is about Dostoyevsky," Mims marveled during his Q&A.

He also urged the boys to follow three specific pillars – to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly - under the auspices of servant leadership.

"If we focus only on our own desires, we'll never be satisfied," the former justice advised the young men.

Other speakers across the week included former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, author Jason Wright, former Speaker of the House Kirk Cox, numerous local mayors and prosecutors, Attorney General Jason Miyares and Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears. Earle-Sears invoked

a quote from Thomas Jefferson and issued it as a challenge for the students: "Make your life count so that it will be said of you [that] the world is better off because you were in it. The way to do that is not to look out for self, but it is to ensure that others are safe and that you serve more than anything else." Boys State elections

were held on Thursday, with Owen Hupp of Charlottesville named governor; Virginia Beach's Aaray Rajashekara as governor lieutenant and Austin Clayton of Fredericksburg tapped for attorney general. Additional candidates

were chosen to fill a dozen positions on the governor's cabinet and seven Supreme Court "These are really smart

those positions themselves

kids from every corner of the state," said program coordinator Dan Combs. "Our goal is to teach them about state and local government in Virginia ... and then they serve in

and really get a hands-on sense of how government

Other functions during the week included College Day, in which the students met with representatives from Radford and other colleges and universities; a talent show; instructional sessions with speakers, including the director for the joint staff for the Virginia National Guard and the secretary of National and Historic Resources; moot court proceedings; American Legion Night with the group's Department of Virginia Commander Sondra "Sonnie" Dickerson; Hall of Fame presentations; and awards and recognitions for athletics, reporting, moot parliamentary procedures, constitutional officers, the best city, Boys Nation and the

Citizens Award. While in town, Boys State contributed 2,550 food and paper donations Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread.

Dr. George Blume Best

"Our pantries are full, and we will also be sharing with the Women's Resource Center, the Bobcats Backpack program and others," board member Peggy Taylor told the Radford News Journal. This year marked the

81st anniversary of the Boys State of Virginia event, which has been held at Radford since 2013. "We are honored, once

again, to support this important and impactful educational program," President Bret Danilowicz told attendees. "Since you come from

all corners of the state from Southwest Virginia to Virginia Beach and Northern Virginia — and everywhere in between, your unique backgrounds and perspectives will be a wonderful source education inspiration." Neil Harvey

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# 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 "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



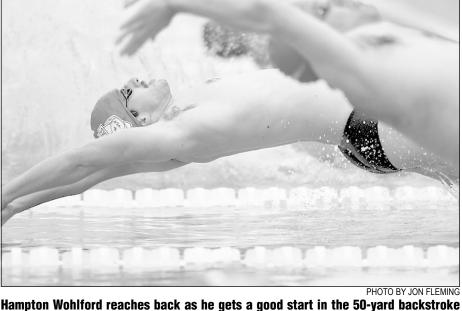
Mike Royal is the new head boys' basketball coach at Auburn High School. For the past 12 years, he was on the sidelines as the junior varsity coach.

team environment.

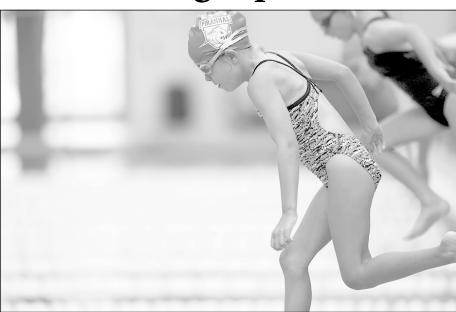
"This means helping these rec coaches, who generously volunteer their time and talents, learning what we do and how it made us successful," he

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



for the Pine Valley Piranhas during Tuesday's Southwest Virginia Swim League (SVSL) meet hosted by the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.



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



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

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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

a historic bronze medal

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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

- 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 victories over key

several top-five ranked federations. Eight players from Canada's bronze represent Canada this

Hokie qualifies for US Amateur

a rising senior on the

Katherine

medal-winning team will summer in Paris.

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

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

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 fourgame improvement over 2022. Staff report





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# Radford Sports

# **EA SPORTS releases Top 25**

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

celebrate, hosted SPORTS Rankings Week, unveiling various rankings from the Toughest Places to Play, to the Top Offenses 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 meticulously compiled a list of the Top 25 Toughest Places to Play, çattendance, 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 traditions, countless mascots and fight songs to ensure each school and its fan base are represented 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 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 Antwuan 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 Poquusun and Bruton.

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

### 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 SouthWestern 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:

DIVISION MATCHUP 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.

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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

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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 Commemoration Dinner for guests to enjoy.

Hudson hopes this commemoration 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.



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



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

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

art exhibits, vendors and a petting zoo. The Long Way Brewing, a craft beer company whose name is a take on the frontierswoman's journey, will showcase live music,

All total, the festival's three days will feature more than 75 activities, including old-time crafts and skills, 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.glencoemansion.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