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Orientation for new VT students shifts to hybrid model this summer



Vice President for Student Affairs Frank Shushok Jr. records a video to welcome new students and families. Student leaders will also answer questions and help new students get acclimated to the university. Photos by Mary Desmond (left) and Christina Fransulich (right) for Virginia Tech.

Orientation for new students and families is virtual this summer. It's also in-person for students after they arrive in August.

"The extended hybrid model allows for a more personalized, flexible, and timely experience," said Lizette Rebolledo, director of New Student and Family Programs. "It's a

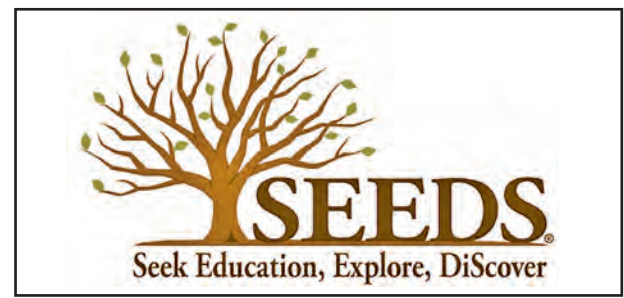
new path forward for the orientation and transition program."

For the virtual portions, students can set their schedule and work at their own pace to get to know Virginia Tech. In-person programs during Welcome Week, Aug. 16-23, will provide both mandatory and optional programs.

In each portion, students can meet new and current Hokies, learn about ways to make the most of their time, and plan for campus and academic life. Woven into the entire experience: plenty of opportunities for students and families to ask ques-

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Blacksburg's SEEDS summer programs begin 26th year



With the reopening of the Blacksburg Nature Center today, June 16, the Town of Blacksburg's SEEDS summer program begins its 26th year.

SEEDS is located at Blacksburg's historic Price House, 107 Wharton Street SE. Parking is available in the driveway, on Wharton Street, and within two short blocks on Clay Street, at the Spout Spring parking strip.

Admission is free with a \$1 donation per guest suggested. Guests may visit at any point during the summer hours, which are Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Thursdays from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. It is suggested that groups with more than five people planning visits should email in advance for a reservation.

The summer program schedule includes SEEDS Field Camps for ages 7-10, from June 28 through July 2 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and a second field camp for ages 10-13 from July 5 through July 9 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuition for each camp is \$260 with teachers Mike and Jolie.

Field Camp registration forms for both camps are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 18. Registration forms are available now online to fill out, print/sign and drop off at SEEDS. The process for registration is as follows:

Participants should fill in a form on their computers, then print it, sign it, and return the form with a

check for half of the tuition in person to SEEDS or mail the form and the check to SEEDS, P.O. Box 824, Blacksburg VA 24063.

The in-person drop-off point for the forms is the Blacksburg Nature Center in the small mailbox next to the entry box. Participants are asked not to mail the forms to the Price House as SEEDS does not get mail delivered there.

SEEDS programs fill fast. For the best chance at a spot in a camp, participants should return the registration form and tuition by the deadline. Registrations will be selected from all those received by the deadline. Any remaining spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be notified of the lottery results by email within four days.

For participants who don't land a spot in a SEEDS program, other summer programs are offered, among others, by the Mayapple School, the Town of Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Department and the Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department.

2021 marks the 26th year SEEDS has offered sustaining nature education and studying and teaching about Blacksburg's freshwater heritage. At the camps, children can engage in such activities as finding Blacksburg's 16 Frogs, exploring local streams, including one at the nature center, exploring the Augmented Reality Sandbox and the 3D topographic model of surrounding watersheds.

Chamber to hold ribbon cutting for Real Life Dental



The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the grand opening of Real Life Dental with a ribbon cutting on Friday, June 18, at 11:00 a.m. Real Life Dental will serve

light refreshments and share details about their grand opening, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 19.

Existing patients are encouraged to bring a friend to the

grand opening for a chance to win \$500 cash. New patients who schedule an appointment at the grand opening will be entered into a drawing to win free, unlimited car washes for a year.

Participants must be 18 or older to enter either drawing and must be present at the grand opening to enter either drawing.

Chamber members are urged to arrive Friday at the company's offices at 100 Quin W Stuart Blvd. NW in Christiansburg, at 11:00 a.m. with the ribbon cutting to begin promptly at 11:10 a.m.

Virginia Tech students reimagine Montgomery Executive Airport if it could accommodate commercial air travel

A farmer's pasture, a 5,500-foot runway, and a professor's encouragement to dream big.

The Virginia Tech Montgomery Executive Airport, which originated, according to local history, in a farmer's pasture nearly 110 years ago, is now able to accommodate most corporate jets with its 2020 runway expansion. But what if that included commercial air travel?

Heinrich Schnoedt, associate professor in Architecture within the College of Architecture and Urban Studies' School of Architecture + Design, challenged students to design a facility for

a future of commercial passenger travel at the Virginia Tech Montgomery Executive Airport.

The airport is located adjacent to Virginia Tech on Research Center Drive, steps away from the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center and minutes from the Blacksburg campus. It facilitates a number of business activities, including aerial inspections, photography, surveying, agricultural spraying, emergency medical aviation, and flight training. It also serves as a gateway for business and political leaders, law enforcement, public charters, Virginia Tech Athletics, recreational

flying, and rescue flights.

Virginia Tech Air Transportation Services also operates flights out of its hangar at the airport.

"Professor Schnoedt and I felt it would be fun for the students to do a project so close to their classroom that they could visualize their concepts in a real-life format," said airport director Keith Holt. "When it comes to introducing commercial air travel, the airport offers some unique design opportunities such as planning for vehicles, aircraft, security areas, ticketing, and baggage processing."

The 10-week project was no simple task. It included developing a branding strategy for a regional airline and crafting plans for a remotely operated air traffic control tower and a new terminal building inclusive of commercial travel specifications.

Students toured the airport with Schnoedt and Holt to gain project inspiration based on the facility's programmatic needs and site characteristics, which include the Blue Ridge Mountains, Lane Stadium, and Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus.

"When traveling, people are often required to spend a lot of time in a confined space prior to leaving for their destination. As the students were developing their designs, I asked them to

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The Virginia Tech Montgomery Airport has been operational for nearly a century, the last approximately 20 years of which were under its current name and governed by the airport authority. From left to right: Photo provided by Virginia Tech Special Collections. Photo by Sarah Myers for Virginia Tech.

Radford receives \$1.5 million grant for training of at-risk youth

U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner and Senator Tim Kaine last Thursday announced \$2,699,000 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)'s Employment and Training Administration (ETA)'s YouthBuild grant program to provide job training and education for at-risk youth. Included in that total was a \$1.5 million grant to Radford City for the New River-Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium.

The remainder of the grant was designated to Roanoke and was designed for the Goodwill Industries of the Valleys.

"These dollars will provide additional resources for at-risk young Virginians and help put them on a path toward successful careers," the senators said. "These federal investments in community-based job programs will be crucial to our country's economic recovery."

Warner and Kaine have been leaders in the senate on efforts to support skills training programs to pre-

pare students and workers for good-paying, in-demand jobs. In March, Kaine reintroduced the bipartisan Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act, cosponsored by Warner, to help improve access to job training programs by expanding Pell Grant eligibility. In May, Kaine also reintroduced the Assisting Community Colleges in Educating Skilled Students (ACCESS) to Careers Act to boost student success and career readiness.

YouthBuild is a pre-apprenticeship program that provides education and work training opportunities for vulnerable youth ages 16-24 who have dropped out of high school. As part of the program, these young Americans will split time between job training and the classroom where they earn high school diplomas or equivalency degrees and prepare for postsecondary training opportunities. This national program serves more than 6,000 youth annually in more than 40 states.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 16:

SEEDS Blacksburg Nature Center reopens

The summer hours are Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m.; Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Groups of five or more should call ahead to make a reservation

Pilot Community Center Meeting

The Pilot Community Center will meet at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Friday, June 18:

Blacksburg offices closed

The Town of Blacksburg's administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. The community and aquatic centers will be open regular hours. Blacksburg Transit will be operating its normal schedule. Recycling and refuse pick up will not be affected.

Monday, June 21:

Blood Drive

The New River Health District and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive at Blue Ridge Church, 1655 Roanoke St., Christiansburg,

from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. An appointment may be scheduled by calling 540-585-3328.

Ongoing

Through July 31:

Radford Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Through Saturday, July 31, the library will be running its yearly summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults. The program allows those who read daily to earn prizes and to earn entries to win raffle baskets. The program promotes liter-

acy, encourages reading as a healthy habit, and helps readers experience reading as fun and adventurous.

Through Aug. 29:

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery exhibit "Mountain Rail Trails"

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery now has on display its newest art gallery exhibit, "Mountain Rail Trails," featuring photography by Dale R. Carlson of Bluemoonistic Images.

The exhibit will be on display through August 29 and dovetails nicely

with the train observatory platform and exhibit found at the edge of the grounds of Glencoe. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum, and there is no admission charge. Glencoe is located at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford.

Through September:

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021 will continue each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. through September at Market Square Park. This season marks the jam's 10th anniversary.

Through October:

Radford Farmers Market

The Radford Farmers Market will be held each Saturday through October 30 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Service parking lot (the Old Wade's parking lot) on West Main Street

Christiansburg Farmers Market

The Christiansburg Farmers Market will be held every Thursday through October at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Blacksburg church member Sandy Hagman receives synod's lay leadership award



The Rev. Monica Weber, (right) pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, presents the synod's lay leadership award to Sandra Hagman, a member of Luther Memorial.

At the recent Virginia Synod (ELCA) Assembly, held virtually on June 12, 2021, Sandra (Sandy) Hagman, a long-time member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Blacksburg, received the "Serving Boldly" Lay Leadership Award.

Created by the Virginia Synod Council in October 2020, the Serving Boldly Award is given to a lay leader who embodies and demonstrates a commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ in his or her congregation and/or community. Nominations were received from Virginia Synod congregations around Virginia.

Hagman works with the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, a joint ministry of churches in the Blacksburg/McCoy area of Montgomery County. Her leadership with the food pantry has transformed Luther Memorial's outreach efforts from occasional participation to an ongoing partnership.

Hagman also volunteers with the Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech, a member-driven, volunteer organization that draws on the wealth of academic and community resources to provide intellectual, cultural, and social experiences for curious adults 50 and older.

The Rev. Monica Weber, pastor of Luther Memorial, said about the award, "We are so thankful and grateful to have Sandy as a member of our congregation. She and many others faithfully volunteer not only within our church, but also give their time, talent, and treasure in many ways to our Blacksburg community."

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Founded in 1886, the church serves the Blacksburg community and residents of Southwest Virginia's New River Valley.

The Well Campus Ministry, hosted by Luther Memorial, offers regular opportunities for fun, food, and fellowship in Christ for students at Virginia Tech. Luther Memorial offers worship services, faith formation, and Christian education studies throughout the week and enjoys a longstanding tradition of mission and community service in the New River Valley.

One hundred and forty-five Lutheran congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are joined together as the Virginia Synod, which presented the award to Hagman.

The Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry serves qualified residents of Blacksburg and McCoy. The food pantry is a joint ministry of over 25 churches in Blacksburg of varying denominations. The pantry is also supported by community individuals, organizations, and clubs.

VT professor receives grant to study atmospheric gases and their removal

"The picture we have in our mind of air pollution is black smoke billowing out of a smokestack or tailpipe," said Gabriel Isaacman-VanWertz, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering. "But the truth is that it is much more complicated."

The atmosphere behaves like a giant chemical reactor driven by the sun, Isaacman-VanWertz said, and major air pollutants like ozone and particulate matter are mostly products of this chemistry. Gases emitted from natural sources mix with emis-

sions from human activities and "cook" in the atmosphere. Precipitation has the potential to wash out these gases before the chemistry produces ozone and particulate matter, but the process is not yet well understood, he said.

Isaacman-VanWertz received a National Science Foundation award and a Department of Energy grant to quantify the removal of those gases from the atmosphere, better understand how quickly this process occurs, and estimate its impacts on concentrations of air pol-

lution around the globe. "We hope this will lead to improved models and better predictions of regional air quality," he said.

Isaacman-VanWertz has been studying the way the atmosphere interacts with organic compounds for several years. In 2018, he was the lead scientist on a study published in Nature Chemistry that established a method of tracking reactions between air and carbon-based compounds. This was the first time this had been done by researchers and aimed to study pollution, smog, and haze in a

way that was backed by data depicting a compound's behavior over time.

However, this project led him to wonder whether processes that couldn't be easily captured in the lab, like rain-out from precipitation, happened fast enough or often enough to interrupt the sun-driven chemistry and reduce the amount of air pollution formed. He found that there was not much data on it so he envisioned a project to fill that gap by measuring the washing-out of gases in real-world and laboratory-generated rain storms.

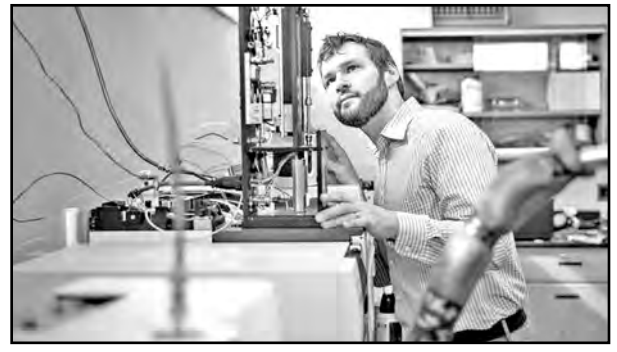
Isaacman-VanWertz will measure concentrations of the reactive organic gases at an established forested field site and in Blacksburg that account for most of the re-

activity of the atmosphere and have the most potential for aerosol formation. He will also build a chamber to simulate rain events and measure how they wash out gases.

Using data from the

Department of Energy Atmospheric Radiation Measurement network, he will estimate how fast these gases get washed out around the globe and

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VT assistant professor Gabriel Isaacman-VanWertz has received a National Science Foundation award and a Department of Energy grant to study major air pollutants like ozone and particulate matter and to better understand how to improve the natural processes that remove them from the atmosphere.

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Christiansburg Aquatic Center July fitness schedule

Aqua Yoga (Monday/Wednesday/Friday), 9:30-10:15 a.m., July 2-19, \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents.

Aqua Yoga utilizes the principles and movements of hatha yoga and adapts them to the water. The yoga poses practiced in this class will help participants develop strength and static balance, and increase their range of motion. Beginners are welcome to the classes taught by Thea Vincenti in the therapy pool with a maximum enrollment of 10.

Morning Fit (Monday/Wednesday), 9:15-10:15 a.m., July 5-21, \$30 for residents, \$45 for non-residents.

This shallow water workout combines calisthenics style movements with variations of upper and lower body resistance exercises. Participants will jog, kick, march and jump through the water to improve their cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, and flexibility. Classes

will be taught by Danielle Bland in the slide side of the leisure pool, the deep beach area with a maximum enrollment of 12.

Warm Water Workout (Monday/Wednesday), 10:30-11:30 a.m., July 5-21, \$35 for residents, \$45 for non-residents.

This warm-water exercise program is designed for individuals with arthritic and mobility limitations. This class is for those who seek to increase their strength, flexibility, and range of motion in a relaxing and low impact atmosphere. Danielle Bland will teach the classes in the therapy pool with a maximum enrollment of 10. Due to limited spacing and class popularity, the center is limiting the class participants to one session per person per month.

Rolling in the Deep (Tuesday/Thursday), 9:30-10:30 a.m., July 1-29, \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents.

Participants will strap on

an aqua belt and join in for a deep-water class in the competition pool. Participants should bring their own aqua belts and resistance gloves though gloves are not required. They should expect to perform aerobic exercises such as jogging and skiing to develop core strength. Classes will be taught by Jillian Kowalcik with a maximum enrollment of 16.

Warm Water Workout (Tuesday/Thursday), 9:15-10:15 a.m., July 1-22, \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents.

Classes will be taught by Danielle Bland in the therapy pool with a maximum enrollment of 10 and a limit of one session per person per month because of popularity and limited spacing.

Warm Water Workout (Tuesday/Thursday), 10:30-11:30 a.m., July 1-22, \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents.

Classes will be taught by Danielle Bland in the therapy pool with a maximum enrollment of 10 and a limit of one session per person per month because of popularity and limited spacing.

Hydro Power (Tuesday/Thursday), 5:45-6:30 p.m., July 1-29, \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents.

This aqua class combines cardiovascular training and muscle conditioning through methods of interval training, abdominal work, and muscle enduring activities. These combinations provide a great workout with the use of equipment such as pool noodles and water weights in the leisure pool.

Classes will be taught by Jillian Kowalcik with a maximum enrollment of 18.

Swim and Trim (Wednesday), 7-7:45 a.m., July 7-28, \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents

Participants can start their

day off right with a new routine consisting of half dryland workout and half water workout. This is guaranteed to hit all the right muscles and have participants ready to conquer the rest of their day. Participants should bring their own mats or extra towels for the deck exercise portion.

Jillian Kowalcik will teach the classes in the leisure pool with a maximum enrollment of eight.

Fit and Fabulous (Friday), 9:15-10:15 a.m., July 2-30, \$25 for residents, \$35 for non-residents.

This is an aqua class guaranteed to get the fitness party started. This one-hour workout will include segments of HIIT, Tabata, Aqua Zumba, and kickboxing. Upbeat music combined with a little bit of something for everyone creates a fabulous workout for all fitness levels.

Ana McRoberts will teach the classes in the leisure pool with a maximum enrollment of 12.

Local college students graduate, receive academic recognition

Christiansburg's Haleigh Hale on CCU dean's list

Haleigh Hale, an exercise and sports science major from Christiansburg, has earned a spot on the dean's list for the spring semester at Coastal Carolina University.

Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the semester.

Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among the university's graduate-level programs are 27 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and doctorates in education and in marine science.

More than 10,000 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organizations.

Radford, Christiansburg students named to CCU's President's List

ident's List

Among the students at Coastal Carolina University who earned a 4.0 GPA spring semester and thus were honored by being named to the President's List were Justin Cerv, a marine science major from Christiansburg, and Connor Herndon, an interdisciplinary studies major from Radford.

Christiansburg's Brenna Crowgey earns President's List honors at Shenandoah

Brenna Crowgey from Christiansburg was named to the President's List at Shenandoah University for the Spring 2021 semester.

Students who achieved this prestigious academic recognition attained a grade point average of at least 3.90.

Shenandoah University was established in 1875 and is headquartered in Winchester, Va., with additional educational sites in Clarke, Fairfax, and Loudoun counties. Shenandoah is a private, nationally recognized university that blends professional

career experiences with liberal education.

Newport's Nicholas Agud achieves Bridgewater dean's list honors

Nicholas Agud of Newport, a senior majoring in mathematics, was among the students achieving dean's list honors for Bridgewater College's spring semester.

Students on the dean's list attained a 3.4 or better grade point average of a possible 4.0.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to more than 1,600 students.

Three from Radford make JMU dean's list

Among the students making the dean's list at James Madison University for the spring semester were Ragan Hale and Tristan Hall, both of whom are majoring in nursing, and Jonathan

Woods, who is majoring in sport and recreation management. All three students are from Radford.

Established in 1908, James Madison University is a community of 22,000 students and 4,000 faculty and staff, nestled in the Shenandoah Valley. JMU offers 124 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, keeps classes small with a 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio and has the highest six-year graduation rate among its peer institutions at 84%.

JMU ranks as the most recommended university in the nation by students. As the No. 2 Best Public Regional University in the South, students enjoy unusually engaged relationships with world-class faculty, access to top-notch NCAA Division 1 athletics, and state-of-the-art amenities.

Local students graduate from JMU

A number of local students graduated from James Madison University during the May 2021 commencement activities.

Students from Blacksburg who graduated were William Madison, who graduated magna cum laude with a degree in computer science; Jackson Packard, who graduated cum laude with a degree in finance; Naomi Shimozone, who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in kinesiology; Kate Osborne, who graduated cum laude with a degree in mathematics; and Rachel Hosig, who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in social work and statistics.

Students from Radford who graduated from JMU were Samuel Coulson, who graduated cum laude with a degree in finance; Elizabeth Woods, who graduated with a degree in master of education in teaching; Cailie Abate, who graduated with a degree in interdisciplinary liberal studies; and Catherine Jennelle, who graduated cum laude with a degree in studio art.

Graduating from JMU from Pilot was Megan Woods, who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in studio art.

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tions and connect.

Live virtual sessions begin this month. First-year and transfer students and families can attend a day-long session any day through July 23. Live sessions for international students and families are scheduled for Aug. 17-18. Academic advisors will work with students virtually during those dates to help them better understand programs and register for classes.

The daylong sessions include information on how students can create a personalized plan, succeed academically, and take care of their well-being. Other virtual components include monthly task lists with action items, panel discussions, and webinars.

Current plans for Welcome Week include optional in-person events for community-building activities and an educational series students are expected to attend. The goal is to immerse students in life at the university.

The hybrid approach is in keeping with plans for a fully in-person fall semester. The university conducted an entirely virtual orientation last summer in an effort to keep students and families safe. This year, the new student and family programs team saw an opportunity to redesign portions of the experience and how a hybrid approach could benefit new students and families.

Doing whatever it takes to help students succeed is part of Vice President for Student Affairs Frank Shushok's structure for student success. Student Affairs offers support in and out of the classroom, from orientation to graduation.

"The orientation and transition experience is an important part of becoming a Hokie," said Shushok. "We want students and families to come away knowing how to access resources and with an understanding of our Principles of Community. We want them to know that we are committed to the success of each and every student."

Student orientation team members will reach out to new students during the summer and after they arrive on campus to welcome and mentor the new Hokies. Approximately 55 orientation team members and Welcome Week student leaders will answer questions, serve behind the scenes, and shepherd new students through the process.

Sophomore Jamal Ross is excited to walk with new students on their journey and gain valuable leadership experience along the way.

"I joined the Orientation Team because I was inspired by the amazing members," said Ross, who is majoring in political science and philosophy, politics, and economics in the

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Jenna Sims, a junior majoring in biomedical engineering in the College of Engineering, wants new students to "know that they have someone they can depend on if they need support from a peer." This is her second summer as a team member.

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs Rachel Holloway had this simple, straightforward advice for new students: "Stay open to all Virginia Tech has to offer as you begin your Hokie experience," she said. "You have time to explore majors, minors, and courses along with co-curricular experiences to build your Virginia Tech journey. Share your goals and aspirations with your academic advisors, your teachers, peer mentors, and friends through your first semester. They'll help you to discover opportunities and to make choices along the way."

Students and families can contact New Student and Family Programs with orientation questions and visit the "You're In... Now What?" website for campus and academic resources. Students can also download the Hokies on Track app for more information about schedules and events.

Move-in is set for Aug. 14-22. Classes begin Aug. 23.

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model how this process affects the formation of pollution.

He hopes the research will contribute to scientific understanding across a range of disciplines, from ecology to public health to climatology. Furthermore, the goal is to translate the core scientific issues into a vari-

ety of materials to engage with the public.

"I hope this project will help the public develop a new picture of air pollution in their mind closer to reality, of gases and particles cooking together in the atmosphere," Isaacman-VanWertz said.

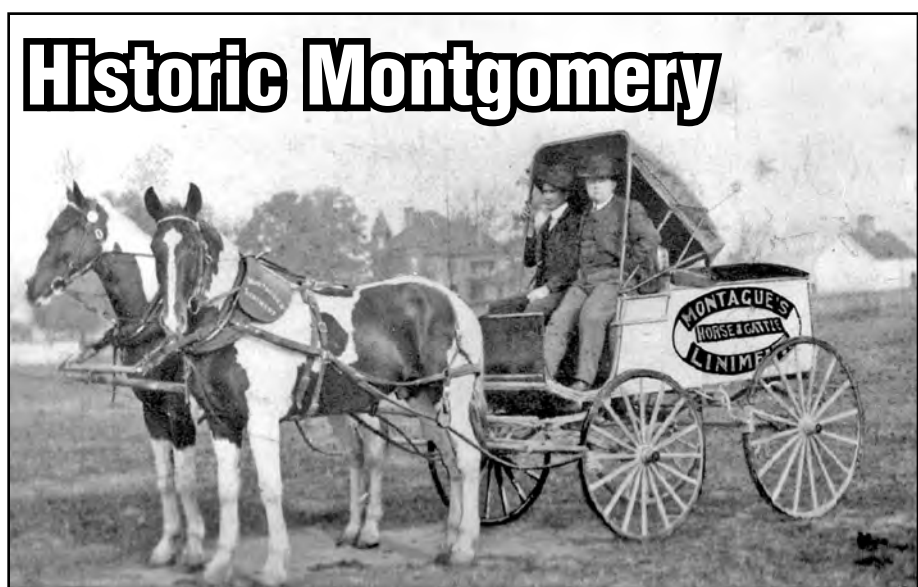
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J. Kyle Montague, a Christiansburg entrepreneur, owned at various times a general store, a patent medicine factory, a horse and cattle liniment factory, and a tobacco factory during his long career from 1867-1923. This circa 1900 photograph shows Montague with one of his medicine wagons. (This image and many more are available from the Montgomery Museum of Art & History.)

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Absolute Construction LLC to Matthew T. Raum, two parcels, 0.664 acres, 0.885 acres, Blacksburg, \$515,000

Curtis M. Estes to Linda Granata

Brenda Andrews to Alec Hartle, Lot 52, Hans Meadow, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$250,600

Peter Kolf to Amedie Lemma, condo unit L, Bldg A, Park Place, Blacksburg, \$170,000

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Randolph N. Effinger to Dustin Storm Pitts, Lot 13, East Ridge Subdv, Christiansburg, \$280,000

Andrew P. Hartell to Nathan D.J. Siebach, Lot 21, \$174,000

Howard Michael Moore to Preston L. Hendricks, 1.63 acres, Tract 3, Blacksburg, \$118,000

Blacksburg Homestay-com LLC to Mary Ann Lentz, metes and bounds, Blacksburg

Randall E. Caldwell to Randall E. Caldwell, Lot 14, Huff acres, Christiansburg

Harold D. Spradlin to Donald Bailey, 1,000 acre lot, Riner Magisterial District, \$135,000

Eileen Crist Patzig Trust to Brian Y. Lattimer, lot 67, Ph IV, Deercroft and adjoining lot of 7.561 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$600,000

Leslie A. Williams to David E. Taylor, lot 44, Hands Meadow, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$240,000

Sharon Dalton Bolen to James Holliday, 2 parcels, see legal, lot 25, lot 27, \$150,000

Joseph P. Kelly Trust to Jeffrey R. Stevens, lot 60, Ph IV, Blacksburg, \$313,000

Marc B. Mitchell to Marc B. Mitchel, 15.0001 sq-ft lot 30, Windmill Hills, Ph I

Jeffrey R. Pittges to Paul D. Goodwin, 2.1123 ac. Lot 88, Brush Mtn Estates, Ph V, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$572,500

Squared Away LLC to North Main LLC, lots 4, 5, Blacksburg, \$1,000,000

Shah Development LLC to Jared Erb, 0.138 ac., Midway Estates, Lot 21, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$249,850

Joyce O. Belshan to Christopher Reed Taylor, 12.027 sq. ft. Christiansburg, \$155,000

Robert J. Lowinger to Matthew C. Jones, 4.4130 ac., lot 98, Brush Mtn West, Ph IX, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$650,000

Ariel G. Bowman to Ariel G. Bowman, Lot 3, Christiansburg

Katherine P. O'Neill to Timofey N. Gusenkov, Lot 4, Riner Magisterial District, \$455,000

Crystal Spring Properties LLC to A&A Storage LLC, 2860 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, \$675,000

PM Properties Inc. to CAPL Retail LLC, three parcels, see legal

PM Properties Inc. to CAPL Retail LLC, 0.60 acres, metes and bounds, see legal

Melanie S. Sontheimer to Kristin Cuthriell, condo 405, Kent Square, \$225,000

Steven William Hoagland to Shamar L. Stewart, Lot 33, Staffords Farm Subdv, Christiansburg, \$345,000

Rita Ann Willard to Rita Ann Willard, Lot 50, Christiansburg

W. R. Long to Mark Ebel, two parcels, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$132,500

Roger W. Woody to Daniel G. Joyce, Jr.

Daniel G. Joyce to Benjamin August Lienemann, Lot 80, Oak Tree Town-

houses, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$189,500

Commitment to Capture LLC to Virginia Capital Investments LLC, 0.818 acres, Christiansburg, \$390,000

Spradlin Farm Inc. to Collegiate Investment 930 LLC, ¾ ac., Christiansburg

Snyder Hunt Company LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 9, Clifton Ph I, Christiansburg, \$70,711

George R. Smith III to Barry C. Stewart, Pair O Docs Lane, Shawsville, 0.296 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District

Faye P. Thompson to Gregory S. Hylton, 75 ¼ ac., Riner Magisterial District

Tyris Rentals LLC to Carter Bank and Trust

Mark D. Irwin to Drew McBride Harlow, Lot 10, Christiansburg, \$270,400

Eric C. Paulz to Cooper Temple, Lot 57, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$290,000

Matthew D. Spencer to Jestin R. Chrisley, Lot 32, Christiansburg, \$254,000

Angela Dawn Griffith to Tabitha Carol Mesa, 2.424 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$181,500

Rebecca G. Hylton to Rebecca G. Hylton, 0.725 ac., lot 90, Windmill Hills, Sec. 11, Christiansburg

Terry J. Buckley to Michael Selitwisch, 1.01 acres, Riner Magisterial District

Edgar T. Arellano to Michael Collins, 0.6222 ac., lot 2, Blacksburg, \$329,500

Dustin L. Edmiston to Silver Leaf Drive LLC, lot 3, Christiansburg, \$225,000

Lloyd Keith Morehead to BAC Home Properties LLC, six parcels, see legal, \$150,000

Paul Scott Roop Declaration of Trust to Gregory B. Fry, trustee, 5460 Indian valley Rd., Riner, metes and bounds, see legal

William M. Deemer, Jr., to Jonathan Stephan Briganti, Lot 9, Christiansburg, \$269,000

Shah Development LLC to Darrell Cousin, 0.131 ac., lot 3, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$250,900

Erin L. Heller to David F. Andrews, Lot 189, New River Village, Ph VII, Christiansburg, \$270,000

Anthony Dewitt Teele to Eric S. Beasley, Lot 43, Wm McMontague Extension, Christiansburg, \$40,000

Joseph D. Roark to James W. McAlister Jr. trust, 15.339 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$120,000

Shah Development LLC to James Gregory Allen, 0.157 ac., lot 4, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$274,900

Otto H. Wegman trust to David C. Wampler trust, Unit 28-1, Ph XII, Christiansburg, \$340,000

Charles J. Andrasco to Louise Ruth Coats, Condo 304, Chowning Place, Ph I, Blacksburg, \$218,000

William B. Fleming to Philip A. Bouchard, Lot 174, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$210,000

Robert E. Priest to Na-beel H. Hamden, Lot 142, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$276,000

Terry Duncan to Kimberly Denise Bain, 1545 Fire Tower Road, Christiansburg

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Steven R. Formica, Lot 38, Christiansburg, \$289,900

Mary E. Hinman to Stephen J. Moore, Condo 406, Kent Square, Blacksburg, \$415,000

Robert Ellis Allen to Houston Street LLC, 0.2552 acres, Blacksburg, \$230,000

Joshua N. Amick to Coello Behr, Andres Santiago, 0.1739 acres, Blacksburg, \$250,000

Roger S. Savis to Robert E. Priest, Lot 2, Ph I, Riner Magisterial District, \$600,000

VA Property LLC to Wenqi Shen, Lot 14, Sec. 2, Blacksburg,

Richard G. Dunbar to Jeffrey Davis, two parcels,

0.499 ac. And 2.044 ac., \$70,000

Sarah Corell Akers to Frederick Thomas Syx II, 1.846 acres, Riner Magisterial District

Mei Li to Mei Li, Lot 50, Blacksburg

Samer Wassim El-Kadi to Samer Wassim El-Kadi, Lot 71, Blacksburg

National Bank of Blacksburg executor to Stephen T. Grieco, Lot 8, Highland Park, Blacksburg, \$290,000

Kenneth R. Schweigert to Desiree Poets, 7.254 ac., Lot 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$85,000

Luis Miguel Gonzalez Pardo to Rajiv Ramachandran Nair, 2.2672 ac., lot 9, village 5, Blacksburg, \$137,000

RYT LLC to Antonio Lopez, Jr., 0.3 acres, metes and bounds, see legal, \$99,900

Christina M. Davis to Jack Edward Maxey II, 1.577 ac., lot 17, Hogans Retreat, Riner Magisterial District, \$57,500

Tony Young to James Covey, ½ acre, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$10,000

Kristen Delack to Kevin Gilberte, two parcels, 0.348 ac., and 0.615 ac., Blacksburg, \$1,200,000

John Travis Harvey to Gretchen L. Merix, 2.00 ac., parcel 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$310,000

Stuart E. Thomas to Beth M. Beard, two parcels, see legal, Christiansburg, \$313,000

Gail Cook Devilbiss trust to Jack W. Cook II, two parcels, 69.641 ac. And 5.273 ac., Riner Magisterial District

Gail Cook Devilbiss trust to Jack W. Cook II, three parcels, 0.1989 ac., 0.3427 ac., 0.182 ac., Christiansburg

Gail Cook Devilbiss trust to Jack W. Cook II, 0.6740 ac., Christiansburg

Marilyn C. Ailes to Nu-addition LLC, part of lots 51, 50, 49, 48, Victory Heights, Christiansburg, \$25,000

Nancy G. Flinchum to Wesley Bond, .0630 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$14,400

Bradley Dale Clark to Bradley Dale Clark, 0.2288 ac., Christiansburg

Town of Christiansburg Virginia to School Board of Montgomery County, 100 Independence Blvd., Christiansburg, conveyance of vacated bus loop for Christiansburg High School, Christiansburg

Fredrick C. Ludden executor to Michael W. Levangie, Lot 103, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$181,000

MOOG Inc. to AWA 2200 Holdings LLC, 3.0419 ac., Blacksburg, \$1,640,000

David Stanley Collins, Jr., to Daniel R. Foggin, Lot 15, The Ridge at Walnut Creek, \$377,500

Patrick J. Davis to Henry D. Hilgendorf, Lot 1, Sec VI, Blacksburg, \$338,000

Cynthia W. Kelley to Charles H. Wiles, Lot 25, Blacksburg, \$300,000

CSB Limited Liability Co. to Cap IX - Collegiate Suites LLC, 1101 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg, \$74,000,000

Maple Ridge I LLC to Cap IX - Maple Ridge LLC, 344 Red Maple Dr., Blacksburg, \$72,000,000

Casey A. Graybill to Casey A. Graybill, two parcels, Christiansburg

Brenda N. Kittinger to Scott Minnick, Lot 8, Union Valley Estates, Riner Magisterial District, \$312,500

Jonathan Roberts to Charles Kirk Johnson, Lot 17, Lusters Mill, Ph II, Blacksburg, \$574,900

Roy Michael Gentry to Think T. Doan, Lot 30, Pilgrims Pointe, Sec. 1, Blacksburg, \$320,000

Snyder Hunt Co., LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 32, Clifton, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$70,711

Kenneth S. Franklin to Peggy Willis, 0.5488 ac. Shawsville Magisterial Dis-

trict

Snyder Hunt Co., LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 20, Clifton, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$70,711

CC&B Development LLC to SAS Givens Eagle LLC, 0.248 ac., lot 89, Blacksburg, \$145,000

Mark A. Steele to Sandra M. Prillamn, 5.094 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$30,000

Marvin N. Graham III to Suzanne Beckner, metes and bounds, see legal, Christiansburg, \$169,000

Martha Sherrard Grice Keith to William R. Ryan, 0.333 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$10,000

Joshua Steven Padon to David H. Gaborik, lot 11, Christiansburg, \$200,000

Connie H. Flora to Marvin Graham, lot 17, Christiansburg, \$293,000

William Randy Frye to Margaret P. Banks, 0.1722 ac. lot 61, Surface-Wade Farm, Christiansburg, \$150,000

Lindsay Robinson Hayes to Lindsay Robinson Hayes, 2.500 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District

Michael T. Cassell to Kelsey Irby, 1.566 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$282,500

Montgomery Investments LLC to Thomas Brandon Asbury, lot 2, Forelmont Estates, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$264,500

Erik Taylor to Scott Bailey, Lot 12, Sec. IX, Stroubles Mill, Blacksburg, \$615,000

Shah Development LLC to Clement and Wheatley PC Trust

Shah Development LLC to American National Bank and Trust

Andrew F. Lee to Andrew F. Lee Trust, 16451 sq. ft. Blacksburg

Reese Family Limited Partnership to Christopher Randall Reese, 1.275 ac., lot 46A. Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Adam C. Brooks to Jorge I Cervera Rodriguez, Lot 8, Kensington, Ph I, \$265,500

Melisa E. White executor to Julie Ann Wendland, Lot 23, Reagan's Pointe, Christiansburg, \$252,000

Donnie M. Richardson to Richardson Properties LLC, Roanoke Road, Shawsville, two parcels, \$50,000

Jeffrey K. Reed to Crist Dillow, 6.969 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$120,000

Rodney B. Smith to Rodney B. Smith, See legal description

Wendy Morris to Elizabeth Morris, condo unit 633, Bldg 6, the Cascades Condominiums, Blacksburg

Anthony R. Graves to Hunters Burden LLC, 42.962 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Terry L. Phoenix to Steven Womack, 1.851 ac., Tract B, Shawsville Magisterial District

Dallas Adam Taylor to Bradley Knapp, 0.8207 ac., Riner Magisterial District,

\$10,000

Sawyers Living Trust to Benny Hagy, two parcels, 0.128 ac. and 0.165 ac., Christiansburg, \$133,000

Doughton Family Living Trust to Jordan Long, 3.626 ac., lot 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$260,000

Robert Sullivan Gilmer to Justin Neal Carstens, 0.782 ac., lot 7, part o lot 8, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$415,000

Gary S. Silverman to Doris A. Lindsey, 0.9115 ac., lot 11, Brush Mtn. Estates, Ph I, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$375,000

Glady S. Moritz to Christian J. Zimbardi, 2.184 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$145,000

Herbert C. Grant to Peter H. Dempsey, 4.098 ac., lot 86, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$663,500

James W. Graham administrator to Habit for Humanity of the New River Valle, 4139 Bains Chapel Rd., Radford, portion of lot 1 and 2 Bethel Woods, \$100,000

Joyce Marie Hall to Samantha Paige Branscome, three parcels, Riner Magisterial District, \$233,000

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Teresa Harvey Blake, Lot 47, Christiansburg, \$261,000

Joyce A. Arditti to Thomas B. Sears, 2.1523 ac., lot 2, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$420,000

Gregory B. Wade executor to Shah Development LLC, 2.983 ac., Christiansburg, 510 Roanoke St., \$850,000

Annette G. Pittman to Mikhail Malcolm Gordon, Lot 13, Oak Tree, Ph X, Christiansburg, \$211,500

John C. Henwood III to Joshua Whited, Lot 24, Sec VIII, Windmill Hills, Christiansburg, \$270,000

Frailin and Waldron Inc. to RFC2017 Land LLC, four parcels, see legal, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$260,000

Gregory Knoll to Joshua L. Swanson, four parcels see legal, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$549,000

Angela J. Lambert to Heather Johnson-Rivera, lot 18, Valley Woods Subdv., Shawsville Magisterial District

Thierry A. Tellier to Daniel J. Tamul, lot 36, ph 2, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$619,000

Carolyn Sue Akes to Kathy Lee Thompson, 3296 Mud Pike Road, Christiansburg, metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District,

Alec Angus Maceachern to Kenneth Christopher Gahan, lot 3, Ridge at Walnut Creek, \$367,300

Jeremy M. Kenley to Jeremy M. Kenley, lot 13, Bethel Woods, Sec. 1, Riner Magisterial District

Harriett Lee Boens to Nathaniel Reid Ehresman, two parcels, 22,184 ac and 5.704 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$237,500

Debra Price Smith trust to William A. Price, two

parcels, see legal, Christiansburg

David O. Smith to David O. Smith, uit 66-A Bldg 3, Ph III-A Piedmont, Blacksburg

James E. Trendall to Jared Woolly, lot 43, ph. 1, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg, \$270,000

Linda G. Richards to Leslie Cleveland, 2.351 ac., lot 18, Blacksburg, \$75,000

Linda G. Richards to Matthew Cleveland, 1.841 ac., lot 19, Blacksburg, \$575,000

Arthur G. Hamrick, Jr., to Vaughn Properties LLC, two parcels, see legal, Christiansburg, \$64,900

Jerry S. Cardwell to Teresa Southard, 7.8611 acs, \$369,100

Midtown Redevelopment Partners to SAS Eagle Midtown LLC, three parcels, Blacksburg

Julia Ann Bell trust to Julia A. Bell, lot 29, Blackwood Addition, Blacksburg,

James Gregory Honaker to Jesse Preston East, 1.048 ac., parcel 4, tract B, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$100,000

Jacob Dwaine Demmitt to Sarah G. Woodward, 0.505 ac., Christiansburg, \$332,500

Timothy P. Davis to Cassy C. Davis, two parcels, 0.521 ac. and 1.192 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

William A. Price to WAP Rentals LLC, two parcels, see legal, Christiansburg

Ezma Lea King Stevens to Ezma Lea King Stevens, three parcels, see legal, Blacksburg

Robert J. Graham to Mario A. Benavides, lot 21B, Sec. VIII, Ph IV, Falling Branch Subdv., Christiansburg, \$265,000

Rebecca A. Noss to Timothy Aaron Zuercher, lot 49, Oak Tee Townhomes, Ph IX, Christiansburg, \$208,200

Roger M. Powell to Samuel J. Witt, metes and bounds, Blacksburg, \$306,500

Randy Zhang to LBA2020 Propertis LLC, 1415 Jennifer Dr., Blacksburg, lot 68, sec. 3, Ph 3, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$314,950

SAT Properties LLC to Mohammad Ahmad Smadi, Lots 129-131, Blacksburg, \$370,000

Jearls Investments LLC to Edward C. Blevins II, Lot A, 0.160 ac. and Lot B, 0.400 ac., Christiansburg, \$215,000

Bradford T. Buchanan to Catherine S. Buchanan, lot 4, Blackwood Extension, Blacksburg

MKT Investments LLC to Edward T. Delinero, DO unit A, Bldg 509, Sundance Ridge Condos, Blacksburg, \$200,000

Elizabeth Morris to William J. Cole, condo unit 633, Bldg 6, The Cascades Condos, Blacksburg, \$147,000

Russell Seward to D&G

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OBITUARIES

Bishop, Sr., Thomas Vernon

Thomas Vernon Bishop, Sr., 72, passed away on Mon., June 7, 2021, at his home in Christiansburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Lynn McPeak Bishop; his father, Ralph Vernon Bishop; his mother, Margaret Anne Smith; and a sister.

Survivors include his son, Thomas Vernon Bishop, Jr.; a brother, Joe (Tammy) Bradley; mother-in-law, Betty McPeak; brother-in-law, Moe McPeak; sister-in-law, Pam (Tommy) Lyons; special



friends Terry Slaughter and Junior (Melanie) Sites; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Services began at 2 p.m. with Dr. Rev. Paul Lane officiating. Interment followed in the Newbern Cemetery in Newbern.

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

Dowdy, Sr., Larry Wayne

Larry Wayne Dowdy, Sr., 75, of Dublin, died Sat., June 12, 2021.

He was born in Blacksburg on October 9, 1945, to the late Edward Kent and Sorella Brown Dowdy. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Laura Roe; two sisters, Thelma Linkous and Wanda Lawson, and a brother, Leighton Dowdy.

He retired from RAAP after 31 years of service as a carpenter. He had a passion for antique cars.

Larry is survived by his companion and caregiver, Mary S. Stephens; a son, Larry Wayne Dowdy, Jr.; a daughter



and son-in-law, Sheri and Chuck Parsons; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; special friends Bobby and Bruce Stephens, Danny Sowers, Ronnie Sharp, and Roger Weaver.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Cook, Almeta Long

Almeta Long Cook, 77, of Blacksburg, our loving and devoted mother, and friend to all whose lives she touched passed on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

She was born in Montgomery County on Aug. 24, 1943, to the late Maury Richard, Sr., and Hazel Surface Long. She was preceded in death by her son, Roger Dale Cook; her brothers, Bobby Joe Long, Kenneth Long, Freddie Long and Maury Long, Jr., and a sister, Elizabeth "Tootsie" Long.

Almeta retired from the Radford Arsenal having served as a Lieutenant in the Fire, Hazmat, EMS department from 1991-2009. She also received the Silver Member Award from the Long Shop-McCoy Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad recognizing her for 40 years of dedicated service. Most of all, she loved her family and instilled in her children strong values that



have served them well. She will be dearly missed and is forever in our hearts.

She is survived by her son, Mark Cook; her daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Louie Wilson; a daughter-in-law, Susan Cook; three grandsons, Joshua Cook, David Cook, and Nicholas Wilson; one great-grandson, Beau Cook; a sister, Faye Long; a brother, Sammy Long; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friend Alvin Dalton.

She will be remembered for her fierce independence, strength, and loyalty to her family and faith.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Lee Price officiating. Burial will follow in the Zack Price/James r. Long Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time.

Phillips, Kirby Harding

Kirby Harding Phillips, 97, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020, at his home in Radford.

He was a member of Morgan's Chapel UMC and was a self-employed painter. He proudly served in the U. S. Navy during WWII.

Kirby was preceded in death by his parents, Orbie and Lizzie Phillips; his wife, Edna M. Phillips; a daughter, Judy Ann Phillips; a son, Chipper Phillips; a grandson, Justin Smith; and a special son, Robert Boyd.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Gary H. and Deborah Phillips, and Dean and Sonja Phillips; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Tom Jones; a daughter-in-law, Patty Phillips;



seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Bonnie Mae Locks Crum; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services with full military rites will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Page's Meeting House, 4382 Hickman Cemetery Rd.

in Fairlawn, with the Rev. Darlene Marshall officiating.

Flowers will be appreciated or contributions may be made to Page's Meeting House, c/o Debbie Jones, 7550 Brandon Road, Radford, VA 24141.

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

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Holdings LLC, condo unit 312, Bldg 3, The Cascades Condos, \$148,000

Shah Development LLC to James Edmond Pfifferling, 0.123 ac., lot 23, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$248,000

Joseph R. Sowers to Lora Ann McKenzie, 2.0475 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$10,000

The Winking Cat LLC to The Bellman and Concierge LLC, 1.2079 ac., Christiansburg, \$755,000

Randolph Land and Timber LLC to TCS Lumber LLC, two parcels, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$720,000

Ashley L. Schumaker

to George R. Kuhn, Jr., 0.182 ac., lot 16, Auburn Hills Fairway Homes, Riner Magisterial District, \$487,900

Christine E. Couturier to HC Initiative LLC, lots 16, 17, East Park addition, Christiansburg, \$174,000

Scott David Phillips to Yan-Yee A Ko, Lot 53, Blacksburg, \$282,000

Dennis A. Morris to Jordan C. Clear, Lot 7, Riner Magisterial District, \$319,000

Lorenzo Hill, Jr., to Russell I. Gregory, Lot 28, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph X, Christiansburg, \$239,000

Jordan D. Link to Allison Ballard, 0.521 ac., Shawsville Magisterial Dis-

trict, \$155,000

Richard D. Shepherd to Brian Scott Walters, Lot 1, Bowles Subdv., Blacksburg, \$150,000

Tommy F. Clapp to Adam C. Brooks, Lot 65, Belmont estates, Sec. II, Christiansburg, \$295,000

Cary W. Hopper to Q Land 2 LLC, two parcels, 0.7909 ac., 0.4791 ac., Blacksburg, \$275,000

Ronald Flanary II to Miao Yu, two parcels, 0.7909 ac., 0.4791 ac., Blacksburg, \$910,000

Adriano M. Palladino to IDLM LLC, Lot 6, Greenbriar Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$152,000

Timrock LLC to Dyan Analytical and Filtration

Martin & Martin Investments LLC to 104 Evans Street LLC, 0.191 ac. See 2002015858, \$319,000

Bruce E. Harrison to PMD Properties LLC, Lots 18, 19, Christiansburg, \$94,000

Gabriel M. Graham to Hubbard Living Trust, 0.780 ac., Christiansburg

Synder Hunt Company LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, lot 34, Clifton Ph II Planned residential development Christiansburg, \$71,711

Snyder Hunt Company LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 1, Christiansburg, \$70,711

Michael L. Brizendine to J and D Mandell LLC, Lots 1, 2, 7, Mtn. View Estates, No. 1, Blacksburg, \$930,000

Victoria Vaughan to Leeanne Sallade, Lot 23, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph. IV, Christiansburg, \$259,900

Jeffery Austin Sludher to Sandra T. Daniels Trust, 8.40 ac.

Sandra T. Daniels Trust to Jeffery Austin Slusher, 5 ac.

Francis Joseph Ripp to CM Real Estate Holdings LLC, lot 24, lock 5A5, Blacksburg, \$294,500

Alan W. Myers to David Brian DeHoff, Lot 21, Brookfield Village, Ph. 1, Blacksburg, \$410,000

Scott M. Bailey to Roger Reguant-Codina, Lot 3, Stroubles Mill, Sec. III, Blacksburg, \$505,000

Deborah MacDonald to Dale A. Hollifield II, Lot and 1/2 lot 13, Blacksburg, \$407,500

Mark D. Hopper to Mark D. Hopper, Lot 5, Highland Park, No. 3, Christiansburg

JC Poff to Justin Noonkester, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$120,000

Courtney A. Samuels to Peter Allan Crawford, Lot 150, New River Village, Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$246,500

Debra S. Clifton to Franklin D. Lawson III, Lot 2, Franklin Parke Townhouses, Christiansburg,

\$175,000

Thomas A. Coates to Sang Won Lee, Lot 5, Apperson Park, Sec. 1, Blacksburg, \$427,000

Joseph Richard Durrett to Matthew J. Douglas, Lot 14, Sec. 14, Christiansburg, \$268,000

Francis L. Brown, Jr., to Logan K. Brown, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$141,000

Tyris Homes, Inc., to Andrew John Hutchinson, Lot 4, Ph V-A, Walnut Creek, Subdv., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$392,595

Melinda S. White, co-executors to Julie Ann Wendland

Paula Crawford to Timothy R. Sullivan, 0.5602 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$239,900

Keith D. Palmer to Zane R. Oliphant, Lot 11, Christiansburg, \$152,000

Sangjin Choi to Thomas A. Coates, Lot 63-A, Sec. 6, Dickerson Subdv., Blacksburg, \$474,000

Nicholas T. Lennartz to Judy Long Ridinger, Lot 9A, Ridinger Ac., Ph I, Christiansburg, \$200,000

Robert D. Godshall to Rebekah Rose Walker, 0.256 ac., Christiansburg

Rebekah Rose Walker to East Park Village LLC, 0.255 ac., Christiansburg, \$95,000

New River Homes LLC to Evgeiya Ermolaeva, 0.830 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$170,000

Michael D. Tuck to CIP Properties LLC, Unit 103, Colony Park Condos, Ph. 1

Betty L. Wells to Billy D. Baily, Jr., 2.829 ac., lots 37-40, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$30,000

J and D Builders of the NRV Inc., to Charles A. Davis, Lots 12-14, Christiansburg, \$35,000

Chauncey J. Watches to Emily Y. Lennartz, Lot 45, Windsor Estates, Christiansburg, \$370,000

Amber Neuse to Rachel Wirt, 3.0 ac., Auburn Magisterial District, \$180,000

Randall A. Canterbury to JonMichael W. Samsel, Lot 4, Windmill Hills Ph. 1, Christiansburg, \$270,100

Everett W. Smith to Travis L. Kingrey, 5.000 ac., Lot 3A, Riner Magisterial District, \$358,000

Jefferson C. Kinney to Monica R. Zolovick, Lot 6, \$480,000

Yasser M. Hikal to Peter Allen Mann, Lot 85, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$210,000

Lacy Properties LLC, 260 John Lemley Lane, Christiansburg, Lot 15, Kelseywood Subdv., Ph II, Christiansburg, \$233,000

Francine Lucette Polidori to Ryan A. Gault, 0.65 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$159,900

Steve A. McDaniel to Hugo Martinez Jimenez, 3.47 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$170,000

Marc Lewis to Yara Middleton, Lot 47, Christiansburg, \$340,000

Tia Michelle Brown as Trustee to Jeffrey Woolwine, two parcels, see legal, Christiansburg, \$190,000

Shyam Ranganathan to Karen Pingel Lichtman, Lot 13, Sec. 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$560,000

Juan F. Restrepo to Randall A. Canterbury, Lot 90, Sec. IV, Belmont Estates, Christiansburg, \$296,000

Janet M. Sheppard Dox to Elizabeth Matthews, Lot 5, Warren Hts. Subdv., Christiansburg, \$228,000

Jane T. Abate to Candace Y. Johnson, Lot 3, Sec. 2, Roseland Heights Subdv, Christiansburg, \$215,000

American National Bank & Trust to Carriage Road LLC, 1.4856 ac. and 0.0847 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$245,000

Evelyn Chance Kimball to Michael Whitley, Lot 20, Viewland Subdv., Sec I, Riner Magisterial District, \$198,500

Congming Gu to Anne-Lise Knox Velez, Condo unit 414, Bldg. 4, Cascades Condos, Blacksburg, \$130,000

Janice Lynn Chumbley executor to Katie Lauren Smith, lot 3, Walnut Grove Subdv, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$145,000

Shah Development LLC to Robin Deulio, 1.5 ac, lot 22, Hogans Retreat, Riner Magisterial District, \$300,300

Paul B. Lowry to Paul B. Lowry, Lot 4, Blacksburg

Matthew A. Thomas to Jared T. Haught, 1.807 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$326,600


Commonwealth of Virginia to Town of Christiansburg, Palmer Street, 1.3961 ac., between N. Franklin St. (US 460) and Palmer Street

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ013851-08-00
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOYCE, AUDREY ELIZABETH COMMONWEALTH OF VA - DSS /v. UNKNOWN FATHER
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO AUDREY E. JOYCE
It is ORDERED that the defendant UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 07/20/2021 01:00 PM
05/03/2021
Pamela Jarvis CLERK

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of Andrew Lewis Middle School, 616 South College Avenue, Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition.
2. Consider the request of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District.
3. Consider the request of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4-8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District.
4. Consider the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3).
5. Consider the request of Total Motion Performance, lessee, and 751 Union Station, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services on the property located at 773 Union Street (Tax Map # 183 1 1).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Notice

I, Walton Samuel Gibbs III, am doing business in Virginia under the fictitious name WALTON SAMUEL GIBBS III.

Legals - Craig County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff, v. EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE ON A MINOR

Legals - Craig County

HEIRS OF THOMAS CALLAHAN, DECEASED, HEIRS OF ZELMA CALLAHAN, DECEASED, JUDY C. GRUBER, SARA C. CROUCH, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Parcel No. 27-A-20. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before July 16, 2021, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 6/7/2021
Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk
Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
County of Craig, Virginia

I Ask For This:
N. Reid Broughton (VSB No. 38899)
Mary Foil Russell (VSB No. 46440)
Sands Anderson PC
P.O. Box 2009
Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009
(540) 260-9011
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff, v. HEIRS OF ORAN GREENWAY, a/k/a OREN GREENWAY, DECEASED, RAYETTE HENDRICK, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Parcel No. 60-A-1 (377 Maggie Maw Lane). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before July 16, 2021, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

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Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000845-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1 Christiansburg, VA 24073
MASTROGIOVANNI, JENNIFER
v.
EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE ON A MINOR

Legals - Montgomery County

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL TAHIR EVANS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 20, 2021.
MAY 27, 2021
ERICA W. CONNER
CLERK

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000748-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1 Christiansburg, VA 24073
ARROYO, ESMERALDA RUIZ
v.
HERNANDEZ, ERNESTO ARROYO
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that ERNESTO ARROYO HERNANDEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 26, 2021.
MAY 27, 2021
ERICA W. CONNER
CLERK

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

- A. An amendment of proffers for conditional zoned property for The Reserve at Round Meadows by Shah Development LLC (applicant/property owner). The change of proffers would allow an increase of five (5) additional lots for a total of no more than 56 single-family detached dwellings. The development is adjacent to Round Meadow Drive on Tax Map Nos. 494 – ((A)) – 62 and 63, Tax Map 495 – ((A)) – 64, and Tax Map 494 – ((A)) – 55E1 – 55E3.
- B. Conditional Use Permit request by Shah Development LLC (applicant/property owner) for a revision to The Reserve at Round Meadows subdivision previously approved 51 single family detached dwelling Planned Housing Development to add five (5) additional single-family dwellings on property located adjacent to Round Meadow Drive on Tax Map Nos. 494 – ((A)) – 62 and 63, Tax Map 495 – ((A)) – 64, and Tax Map 494 – ((A)) – 55E1 – 55E3.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

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 Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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The Blacksburg High School boys and the Auburn High School girls won state tennis championships this past weekend.

The Bruins won the Class 4 competition while the Auburn girls won the Class 1 title. For Auburn, Sara Nichols took the individual title and teamed with Anna McGuire.

Nichols beat Mathew's Connie Johnson 6-1, 6-2. She finished her high school

career with seven state titles scattered over two sports, volleyball and tennis, and an overall singles and double record of 38-5.

Radford's Jonathan Gilmore and Harper Minarik claimed individual championships in Class 2. Minarik also won the doubles championship with teammate Trinity Adams.

Gilmore defeated Stuarts Draft's Mark Gordon 6-2, 6-0.

Blacksburg's Sammy Xiang won individual gold in the Class 4 competition by defeating Powhatan's Jacob Pfab 6-3, 6-0.



Harper Minarik (left) and Trinity Adams took Class 2 gold for Radford High School in doubles competition.

RU adds two women's basketball players

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Radford University has gained a pair of women's basketball players. 5-7 guard Bailee Adkins and 5-11 forward Naja Ngongba. Adkins is transferring via the portal from the University of Dayton, and Ngongba will join the team as a preferred walk-on after graduating from Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge, Va.

Radford women's basketball head coach Mike McGuire said about Adkins, "We are so excited

to add someone of Bailee's caliber at this point in the spring. I have watched Bailee compete on the travel circuit since she was in middle school. She is a great fit in terms of her passion for the game and expectation to win championships.

"Bailee is a competitor and a winner," McGuire said. "All she has done throughout her young career is win at the high school and travel-ball levels. She is tough, plays fearlessly, and makes winning plays. She played at St. Joseph's in West Virginia and for a great travel team program in the West Virginia Thunder.

Bailee will be a combo guard for us, and I look forward to getting started with her this summer."

"I chose Radford because I like the culture and atmosphere that the program offers and feel like it's the best fit for me to grow as an athlete and student," Adkins said.

The guard sat out her freshman year at Dayton as a medical redshirt recovering from a foot injury. She averaged 11.2 points, 5.4 assists, 4.2 steals, and 4.1 rebounds per game at Huntington St. Joe where she played with former Christiansburg High School standout Grace

Hutson. Adkins was the 2019 Max Prep West Virginia player of the year. She also garnered all-state first team honors as both a junior and a senior.

McGuire also announced the signing of Naja Ngongba, a 5'11 forward from Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Ngongba led her team in blocked shots, finishing with 48 in her senior season. She was named Second-Team All-District and qualified for the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Women's AmeriCup games with

the Virgin Islands National team. Ngongba was a silver medal recipient at the FIBA Centro games in March of 2021.

The Virgin Islands National team is coached by Ngongba's mother, Tajama, who is a former head coach at Radford.

"I chose Radford because of the location, the great academics, and the wonderful number of people you can find on campus," Ngongba said. "Along with that, the impeccable basketball program with such amazing teammates and coaches, who are like a family to me."

Hokies earn seven track and field All-American nods at NCAA championships

The Virginia Tech women put on a show last week at the 2021 NCAA track and field championship as Lindsey Butler, Lauren Berman, Eszter Bajnok, and Essence Henderson earned All-American nods. Overall, the Hokies finished the championships with seven All-Americans.

"We had a good meet here," Director of Track and Field Dave Cianelli said. "The highlights were Alexis in the Hammer, Essence in the discus and Diego in the 1500m. Two school records and a lifetime best for Alexis. Lindsey Butler finishing as a first team All American in the 800m at her first outdoor NCAA meet was a very good effort. The level at this meet continues to get better, and we have to do the same. We have a young team so I am already looking forward to next year."

Essence Henderson put together the greatest performance in the discus throw in Tech history. She broke her own school record on her first throw of the day, and then on her third throw, she unleashed a bomb that flew 189' 4" (57.72m),

shattering the record she had set just two throws prior. Henderson finished the event in seventh after entering the day seeded 31st and claimed first team All-American honors.

Prolific 800m runner Lindsey Butler roared to a sixth-place finish in the event with a time of 2:02.83 to become a first team All-American. With 200m to go, Butler accelerated at breakneck pace to make up the distance between 10th and 6th place with an effort that secured her status as an All-American both indoors and outdoors in the 800m.

Lauren Berman finished in 11th place in the 1500m with a time of 4:16.37 amidst fierce and hard-nosed racing. In concluding her Virginia Tech career, Berman claimed second-team All-American honors.

In the triple jump, Eszter Bajnok wrapped up her third appearance at the NCAA Outdoor Championships with a 12th-place finish with a best leap of 43' 9.75" (13.35m). The graduate from Kethely, Hungary, took home a

second-team All-America nod, adding to her first team honor from 2018.

The Hokies finished the national championship meet with seven total All-Americans and two honorable mentions with Alexis Prodanas providing the highest finish for the Tech men at fifth place in the hammer throw. While the NCAA season has concluded, several Hokies will take a shot at national competition with the USATF Olympic Trials set to begin Friday, June 18.

On the first day of men's competition at the 2021 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the Hokies delivered gutsy performances and exceptional effort. Alexis Prodanas and Diego Alejandro Zarate highlighted the day at the final meet of the season.

To kick off the national championships for Virginia Tech, Prodanas produced a signature performance in the hammer throw, complete with big throws and even bigger yells. The mild-mannered senior from Kilgis, Greece, showed his passion for his sport by shout-

ing as each throw left his hands. His emotion was well-founded as two of his throws shattered his lifetime best, finishing with a top mark in the competition of 233' 2" (71.08m). That throw in the third round gave Prodanas fifth in the national meet and earned the ACC champion first-team All-American honors.

"What an incredible performance by Alexis," Associate Head Coach Andrew Dubs said. "History was made today with this being the deepest hammer throw competition in collegiate history. For Alexis to stay focused and put himself right there in the mix, it was just outstanding."

"We had a plan, he executed it perfectly," Dubs said. "With a meet and field of this caliber, you have to treat every throw like the sixth round. You have to be ready to throw far from the opening round, and that is exactly what he did. His focus and execution today are a credit to his dedication and work ethic throughout the year."

"Watching him on a daily basis, seeing what he puts into this, and

how he goes above and beyond has been incredible," the associate head coach said. "Make no mistake about it, he unquestionably earned every single bit of this. He bought in from day one, he worked his tail off, he is an incredible teammate, he is a leader, he is one of the nicest and most respectful individuals you will meet. To Alexis, it is a true pleasure and my honor to coach you. Today, I am just a really proud coach."

Cole Beck wrapped up his historic season Wednesday night as well, finishing 12th in the 100m and just missing out on a berth in the finals. His performance gave him second-team All-American honors. The first men's 100m ACC champion in Virginia Tech history capped off his outstanding individual season as only the second Hokie to compete in the event at the NCAA Championships.

Beck joined Patrick Forrest, Cameron Rose, and Tyreke Sapp in the Hokies' 4x400m relay, and the group finished 19th for All-American honorable mention nods.

VT launches JumpStart so student-athletes can personalize brand for success

When the first notes of "Enter Sandman" are played on Virginia Tech's campus, the ground in Blacksburg literally shakes as Hokie fans start jumping. This moment in Lane Stadium is described as a cauldron of noise, the most electrifying entrance in college sports, and the Terror Dome.

Hokie student-athletes put it all on the line when the fans start jumping. Now, Hokie student-athletes will have an opportunity to do the same with their personal brands through the JumpStart pro-

gram.

Through an enhanced partnership with INFLCR, the leading content and compliance software platform for college athletic staff and student-athletes, VT Athletics is launching JumpStart, an immersive name, image, and likeness program that will empower current Hokie student-athletes with the knowledge and resources to build their personal brands, seek out business opportunities, and write their future while living in their present. Hokie student-

athletes will have the tools, tips, and training to maximize their individual benefits.

Director of Athletics Whit Babcock said it is an exciting time to be a student-athlete, especially a Hokie. "We are thrilled to launch JumpStart in order to connect our student-athletes with the tools and knowledge to expand the impact of their personal brand," Babcock said. "The student-athlete experience is constantly changing, and we are fully committed to supporting our student-athletes

in this process.

"The Virginia Tech brand continues to elevate across the board, from athletics to academics, and the global recognition paired with the JumpStart initiative creates a consistent path to success for student-athletes during their careers as Hokies and into their professional lives," the AD said.

Branding opportunities for Hokie student-athletes will be supported and bolstered through national partnerships with media entities including

ESPN, ABC, and the ACC Network. Additionally, over 250,000 living alumni create a multitude of opportunities for business ventures within the Hokie community across the world. Through the world-renowned Pamplin School of Business, student-athletes can participate in classes to learn about personal branding, the monetization of content, career planning, and entrepreneurship, all taught by titans of industry.

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Big South Conference news roundup

The Big South Conference Council of Chief Executive Officers formally determined the league's next executive committee during its most recent meeting, and Campbell University President Dr. Brad Creed has been elevated to the league presidency.

UNC Asheville Chancellor Dr. Nancy Cable was elected Vice President, and North Carolina A&T University Chancellor Dr. Harold Martin has been added to the executive committee as an at-large representative.

Dr. Creed, who served as Big South Vice President for the past four years and has spent six years overall on the league's executive committee, will also serve the conference on the NCAA Division I Presidential Fo-

rum, replacing Radford University President Brian Hemphill.

Dr. Creed's term as Big South President is through the 2022-23 academic year.

In other Big South Conference news, the league announced Wednesday that it has added three associate members in the sport of women's lacrosse: Furman University, Mercer University, and Wofford College. The change is effective with the 2022 season.

The three additions join Campbell, Gardner-Webb, High Point, Longwood, Presbyterian College, Radford and Winthrop and increase the Big South's women's lacrosse sponsorship to 10 programs.

The three schools previously competed in the

Southern Conference, which announced it is no longer sponsoring the sport following the 2021 season. Furman was 12-5 overall last season and was the SoCon regular-season champion with a 4-0 record. Mercer was 7-8 overall (2-2 SoCon), and knocked off the Paladins, 14-13, to win the SoCon Tournament. Wofford finished 2-9 (1-3 SoCon) in 2021.

Furman began its women's lacrosse program in 2015 and recently completed its seventh season of competition, all under the direction of head coach Rachel Whitten. The Paladins have compiled 68 victories while capturing Southern Conference regular season championships in 2019 and 2021. Furman boasts 21 all-

conference performers in its history, two Freshman of the Year selections, one each Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year performers, and one Coach of the Year honoree.

Mercer began women's lacrosse in the spring of 2015 under head coach Samantha Eustace. Over the first seven years as a program, Mercer has compiled 56 wins and was the only program to win a Southern Conference Tournament Championship, doing so three times. Mercer qualified for its first NCAA Tournament during the 2018 season and again in 2019 and 2021.

Wofford began its women's lacrosse program in the 2018 season. This past season, the Terriers landed a program-best four honorees

on All-Southern Conference teams, including Elisabeth Ralph on the first team. Kim Eldridge became head coach in June 2019 and completed her second year at the helm this past spring.

In more conference news, the Big South has awarded its Dr. Edward M. Singleton Leadership Award to the athletic training staffs of its member institutions for the group's dedicated work during this challenging 2020-21 year. The conference formally recognized the honorees as part of the league's annual spring awards banquet at The Westin Resort in Hilton Head, S.C.

The Singleton Leadership Award is named for the Big South's first commissioner and is not an annual award. Its purpose is to recognize a former Big South student-athlete or administrator who has exhibited exem-

plary leadership and character during his or her career. The Singleton Award Selection Committee waived its normal criteria for this year in light of the extraordinary dedication of the conference's athletic trainers during the pandemic.

"Having worked with our head athletic trainers since last spring on the Big South's response to the ever-changing pandemic, I witnessed firsthand their sacrifice, work ethic, and selfless dedication to Big South student-athletes," commented Big South Commissioner Kyle Kallander. "The fact that Big South teams completed over 90% of their scheduled contests is directly attributable to our athletic training staffs, who helped craft policy, implement protocols, and kept our student-athletes and staff safe."

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As the JumpStart program helps student-athletes leverage their reach, influence, and personal brands, INFLCR's digi-

tal platform will play a critical role by offering education, social media metrics, market valuations, and other impor-

tant elements for growing personal brands.

JumpStart will enable Hokie student-athletes to measure, evaluate, and

analyze data related to their own brand. Moreover, they will continue to access videos, photos, and graphics provided by Virginia Tech's Brand Advancement department to communicate their story and success

through their own social media channels, as has been the case for the last few years.

For example, Christian Darrisaw, recent Hokies football student-athlete and 2021 First Round NFL draft pick,

grew his Instagram follower count by over 30% in one year. As a team per individual accounts, the Hokies Football team was provided over 7,000 pieces of content and witnessed nearly one million impressions.

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