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VT packaging expert: Supply chain crisis complicates fixing baby formula shortage

The critical shortage of baby formula across the United States is being exacerbated by many of the same issues implicated in the global supply chain crisis borne by the Coronavirus pandemic, says a Virginia Tech industrial packaging and shipping expert.

"The challenge with any major change — such as increasing the production of baby formula — is that the supply chain is already strained," said Lazlo Horvath, director of Virginia Tech's Center for Packaging and Unit Load Design.

"It is also hard to get any trucks on the road because shipping companies are running at full capacity, too," Horvath said, noting that his team is engaged with a key company in the warehouse rental space who reports most of its market already fully saturated.

Thus even ramping up production of infant formula — which key companies say they're doing — may not immediately help because there are fewer companies making the right packaging to store components, fewer available warehouses to store products, and fewer trucks to ship it all.

"These problems are on top of the com-

plications brought on by getting more materials to produce the product, and the canisters that are needed to put the baby food into it," Horvath said. "Companies are barely able to ramp up their production to 100 percent because some of the required materials are always missing."

Though not familiar with the current availability of baby food containers, Horvath said "most industrial plastic packaging production companies are running at 100 percent capacity — thus getting time on any of the equipment to produce something new is hard."

He said the same is true for items that ship on wooden pallets, which represents a large section of consumer supply chains.

"A lot of companies are expanding their production, but due to labor constraints, pallet companies are serving current customers first," he said. "Some of them cannot even take new customers."

Housed within the College of Natural Resources and Environment, the Center for Packaging and Unit Load Design is one of the leading packaging research facilities in the United States. Using state-of-the-art technology, researchers analyze every aspect of the material handling system from primary packaging all the way through unit load



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A VT industrial packaging expert says even ramping up production of infant formula may not immediately help because there are fewer companies making the right packaging to store products, fewer available warehouses to store products, and fewer trucks to ship it.

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The center's director, Horvath is an associate professor in the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials. His

research focuses on unit load interactions, packaging sustainability, smart and connected packaging, and market studies.

Radford University ranked as one of Money Magazine's best colleges 2022

Radford University has been ranked as one of Money Magazine's Best Colleges in America 2022, coming in at No. 296 out of the 2,400 colleges and universities evaluated nationwide. In addition, Radford was ranked No. 50 on the Best Colleges in the South listing by the publication.

According to Money, to make their initial cut, a college had to have at least 500 undergraduate students; have sufficient, reliable data to be analyzed; not be in financial distress; have a graduation rate that was at or above the median for its institutional category (public, private or historically black college or university); or have a high "value-added" graduation rate (in other words: score in the top 25% of graduation rates after accounting for the student body).

A total of 671 schools met these requirements. The team then scored each institution on 24 measures in three areas: quality, affordability and outcomes. The quality measures focused on graduation rates; affordability looked at the net price of a degree, student and parent borrowing and loan repayment rates; and outcomes evaluated the median earnings, the share of alumni working, and the share of alumni earning more than a high school graduate.

The analysis also included four "value-added" calculations that compared a school's performance against its predicted performance after accounting for the standardized test scores and percentage of low-income students among its enrollees.



Master of Social Work student Ariana Martinez discusses her poster.



Doctor of Physical Therapy student Michael Hall speaks about his poster.

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RU students present research at Waldron College symposium, expo

Radford University students Michael Hall and Ariana Martinez presented their original research last month at the Waldron College of Health and Human Services symposium and expo held in Heth Hall.

The seventh annual day-long celebration of original research from the college presented an opportunity for those involved to share research via poster and podium presentations as well as roundtable exercises. It was the first in-person version of the event since 2019.

The day began with a

welcome from Kenneth M. Cox, dean of the college. He said that the event's objective was to develop relationships among the faculty and students in all of the college's programs in the areas of research, scholarship, and service.

"We are excited to showcase the exceptional research and scholarly work of our faculty and students, as well as the service opportunities in which they engage every day, and to highlight our university and community partnerships," Cox said. "It is our hope that today's event

will continue to showcase and promote interprofessional scholarship and service in our college, across the university and throughout the community."

The keynote address was presented by Corey Cassidy, executive director of the Radford University Academic Success Center. Cassidy, who organized the event from 2014 to 2019, focused her remarks on her history with the university and on the six types of working genius, a professional assessment tool that has helped members of her team discover their spe-

cific roles in their collective workflow and success.

Cassidy said that the symposium and expo has grown significantly over the years to include a number of programs throughout Waldron College and an expanding range of study areas from students and faculty.

"It started off small with the intention of sharing our work across disciplines," Cassidy said. "We wanted to help people think about how they could collaborate and build on the research we

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Virginia Tech alumni fuel a burning desire to fight wildfires

By Jimmy Robertson

Laura Webster grew up on a beef cattle and tobacco farm in Mecklenburg County, a large slice of heaven in south-central Virginia that hugs the North Carolina line.

Working on the family-run farm taught her a work ethic at a young age. She also learned to value the land and all that it offered, so when she enrolled at Virginia Tech, she ultimately decided to earn a degree in forestry and pursue a career that aligned with her values.

"My brother decided to come to Virginia Tech, so we were both in forestry at the same time," Webster said. "We still wanted to stay in agriculture, but our family farm wasn't going to be a business for us to take over. That's kind of why we transitioned to forestry, which is just long-term farming. That's all it is. So we took our knowledge of the woods and put it to use."

Today, Webster '06, M.F. '08 regularly endures trial by fire, serving as the wildland fire program manager for the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point near New Bern, North Carolina. She is one of several Virginia Tech alumni with degrees from the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment dedicated to limiting and

managing the often harmful effects of wildfires.

Their knowledge and skills are critical toward tackling a hot topic in the U.S. According to the National Interagency Fire Center in

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Virginia Tech and College of Natural Resources and Environment alumna Laura Webster was one of several Hokies who participated in the Women-in-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (WTREX) program held this spring.

Instead of using homemade sprays, develop pest management plans, says pesticide safety expert

When Stephanie Blevins Wycoff, a consumer pesticide safety expert with Virginia Cooperative Extension, noticed damage on her tomato plants last spring, she didn't reach for a pesticide. Instead, she began an investigation to find the culprit and determine what she should do to protect her plants.

"It turned out to be tomatohornworm, but by the time I found it, it had been parasitized by insect larvae and was no longer a threat," said Blevins Wycoff.

As a Virginia Cooperative Extension scientist, Blevins Wycoff understands the important role all Virginians can

play in protecting our commonwealth's environment and natural resources. Using pesticides safely, correctly, and only when necessary by developing an integrated pest management plan is one way we can advance the wellbeing of our environment and communities.

Home gardeners who identify frustrating and destructive garden pests might be tempted to turn to the internet where recipes for homemade pesticide sprays have proliferated in recent years. Although they may be touted as cure-alls, mixtures

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through May 31:

Photography show and sale

All month long, Long Way Brewing is displaying photos that talented members of the Radford Photo Club have available for sale. Each photo is priced, some as low as \$25.00, and proceeds from the sales go to the Lamplighters, which are volunteer fundraisers for the Radford Public Library. Long Way Brewing is located at 501 Second St.

Saturday, May 21:

2022 Radford summer concert series

The City of Radford's 2022 summer concert series begins today, Saturday, May 21, and will be held once a month throughout the summer. Kicking off the series is The Legacy Motown Revue, always a fan favorite. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Food trucks will be on site for each concert, and the Radford Chamber of Commerce will provide adult beverages for purchase. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, and children under 12 are free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket.

Friends of the Library book sale

At the Blacksburg Library 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fill a plastic grocery bag for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Caturday

At the Christiansburg Library at noon. Sign up at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and to socialize shelter cats. All ages may read. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

Music on the Lawn: American Roots

At the Christiansburg Library at 6 p.m. This is the first show in the library's Music on the Lawn concert series. Southwest Virginia's own American Roots starts the series off. This free concert will go on rain or shine.

Sunday, May 22:

NAACP meeting

The May general body meeting of the Montgomery-Radford-Floyd branch of the NAACP will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The speaker will be Kim Niewolny, Program Director for the Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, May 23:

Radford Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

At the Virginia Tech River Course with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Visit <https://radfordchamber.com/annual-golf-tournament> for more information.

Teen Gaming

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 1 p.m. Take part in a fun afternoon of video games, board games, and other activities. Snacks and drinks will be provided while supplies last. For ages 11 through 17.

Talking about Books: "Kindred"

At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. Call (540) 552-8246 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, May 24:

Bad art afternoon

At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. The library will provide a variety of supplies so participants can draw, paint, and glue to create the best worst art. A trophy will be given to the creator of the best bad art. All ages are welcome. Registration is required. Contact Spahl@mfrl.org for more information.

Edible STEM: DNA

At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Participants are invited to come make some yummy edible DNA models.

Wednesday, May 25:

Lunch & Learn: Growing medicinal herbs

At the Blacksburg Library at noon. Herbalist Sarah Gibbs will show participants how to grow, harvest and use several common medicinal plants. The program will include a discussion about several plants that grow in yards and fields and some participants can grow on their own.

Docent training day

Become a docent at Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation to discover local history. The Alexander Black House & Cultural Center and St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall are looking for docents. Learn what being a docent entails on May 25 at 2 p.m. at the Alexander Black House & Cultural Center. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, May 25;

Thursday, May 26

DMV at the library

At the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. DMV will be at the library providing most of their services. Walk-ins are welcome.

Thursday, May 26:

Scrabble Tournament for Literacy

The 14th annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will take place at the German Club Manor on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Emceed by Radford City Mayor David Horton with local food offerings. Teams of three will play two games of Scrabble against two different teams with the scores from both games added together to determine the winner. Prizes will be awarded to the top scorer, the longest word, the highest word score, and the most creative team name. Register as a team for \$100 or sign up as an individual for \$35 and be matched with a team. To register, go to www.lvnrv.org, email info@lvnrv.org, or call 540-382-7262.

DIY yarn chandeliers

At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants can create their own stylish yarn chandeliers using balloons, glue, cornstarch, and Vaseline. Everyone will work on the creations together, but projects will need to be taken home to dry for 24 hours.

Pokémon Snap Safari

At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. Come take part in a Pokémon Snap Safari. All ages are welcome. Contact Pokémon Trainer Sally Stauffer sstauffer@mfrl.org with questions.

Sniffastic Slime

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 3 p.m. Create sweet smelling slime using two ingredients. Supplies will be provided. All ages are welcome. Contact spahl@mfrl.org for more information.

Friday, May 27:

Reception for "End of the Line" exhibit

The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation will host a reception for its "End of the Line" exhibit, which is on display through June 25 in the main galleries at 204 Draper Road SW on Friday, May 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. "End of the Line" is a multimedia exhibition by Bill Ratcliffe that examines the final destination for most consumed goods: the landfill. The exhibit allows for the viewing of sites rarely seen by the general public.

Monday, May 30:

MFRL closure

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. All branches will be closed on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Thursday, June 2:

American Legion meeting

American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Saturday, June 4:

Blacksburg Museum Gospel Sing

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation will hold its annual gospel sing from noon to 6 p.m. on the Alexander Black House lawn, 204 Draper Road SW. Admission is free, donations are encouraged. Area choirs, soloists, and praise dancers will sing current and old-time gospel favorites. Everyone is welcome to bring an instrument and join in the group sing.

The schedule for the musical groups is as follows: Noon to 1 p.m.: Bob and Claudia Goldstein; 1 p.m.

to 2 p.m.: the Glorylanders; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Joann's This and That Singers; 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Simple Gifts; 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Indian Run Gospel Trio; 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Alexis Johnson. The gospel sing is sponsored by the Virginia Tech Foundation.

Thursday, June 9:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Tuesday, June 14:

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 Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Saturday, June 18:

NAACP Juneteenth commemoration

The local NAACP will celebrate Juneteenth, the traditional African American commemoration of freedom from slavery from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Rosa Peters Playground, 300 Depot St. NE, Christiansburg. Music will be provided and food will be available to purchase. The NAACP Youth Council will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and other snacks. An ice cream truck courtesy of Freedom First Credit Union will provide free ice cream. Proceeds benefit local youth educational activities and programs.

The program begins at noon followed by swimming, children's games, a silent auction, a raffle and door prizes. Various talents will be shared by youth and community members. Information booths from the NAACP and other community organizations will be on hand. Any organization wanting to have a booth may contact mrfnaacp or call the NAACP branch at 540-382-6751. Entry is free.

Friday, June 24:

BMCF Sunset Rhythms 2022

This concert series begins on June 24 on the lawn of the Alexander Black House from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with singer/songwriter Gracie Caqmpbell. Spoons' shaved ice truck will have treats for sale. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic or other snacks as well. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children ages 13 and under are free. All proceeds support the work of the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center. For more information, visit www.blacksburgmuseum.org.

Ongoing:

Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread volunteer names

Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread and its sister program, Meals on Wheels, are searching for the names of everyone who has volunteered with either service. Anyone who knows of past volunteers, especially those over the programs' first two decades, should contact feherzog66@gmail.com or by mail, addressed to Herzog, at RFDB, P. O. Box 3323, Radford 24143.

Free GED classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library; 9 a.m. to noon. Free GED prep classes are offered by New River Community College in the library's community room. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

Grab & Go Meals

At the Meadowbrook Public Library. Children and youth 18 and younger can pick up a weeks' worth of lunches and snacks every week this month. Sponsored by Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Glencoe Mansion calls for art for Mary Draper Ingles Show

Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July-August 2022 Gallery Exhibit, "Follow Her Journey," a multi-artist show themed on Mary Draper Ingles. Artwork should reflect or be based on the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles including depictions of local landmarks (for example, Ingles Farm, the Cultural Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and ferry site), and Colonial style art. All fine arts and fine craft media will be considered.

Artists may submit up to three artworks for consideration. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 3. Participation, which is subject to acceptance, is open to artists in and around the NRV area, ages 16 and up. Artists will be notified via email no later than June 15. The show will be on display throughout July and August with an opening reception during the Mary Draper Ingles Festival of July 29-31. For more information, go to www.GlencoeMansion.org or email Gallery Coordinator at art@glencoe mansion.org.

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NRCC celebrates 2022 graduates

New River Community College celebrated its annual commencement on May 13.

NRCC President Dr. Pat Huber conferred approximately 300 degrees, diplomas, and certificates during the ceremony held on NRCC's campus in Dublin. Students who graduated this year completed degrees, certificates and diplomas in 81 different programs.

Students in the division of business and technologies for the 2021-2022 academic year were honored on Friday, May 13, at 4 p.m. Students in the division of arts and sciences for the 2021-2022 academic year were honored later that evening at 7 p.m.

President Huber addressed graduates at both ceremonies, and NRCC Board Chair William "Bill" Cunningham welcomed graduates and guests.

"I look forward to what you, our graduates, will do," said Huber. "You have shown what you can do, so now it is time to go forward with your knowledge and skills and do great things. Surround yourselves with successful

friends, colleagues, and mentors and believe in yourselves because we believe in you."

Virginia Community College System State Board Chair and NRCC alumnae Dr. Nathaniel L.

Bishop delivered special remarks at the ceremonies.

"Graduates, my charge to you today is to incorporate that which you have learned from this fine faculty, counselors, and staff in your academic studies and couple that with the principles of living that you have accumulated from your home, from your parents and grandparents, and all those who love you," said Bishop. "Remember and incorporate into your lives those life principles that have stood the test of time and have been lovingly handed down to you. Strive to make a difference. Strive to do good and make this world a better place."

Graduates Dylan Leonard and Abigail Ridpath brought student remarks via video to their classmates and guests. The ceremonies were livestreamed for family, friends, and others to view off-campus.



NRCC's Class of 2022 included graduates from Radford. Left to right: Destiny Nester, Nick Houchins, Isaiah Strickler, Nathan VanHoy, Gregory Roop, and Vincenzo Catricala.



NRCC graduates from Montgomery County included (left to right) Ellie Lafon, Jordan Harris, Kara Wright, Abigail Wontrop, Brittle Williams, Micah Shelton, Mitchell Scaggs, Samuel Cerva, and Baylee Reasor.



Among New River Community College's 2022 graduates from Radford were (left to right) Trystin Davis, Tiersa Wilson, and Lyndsey Walters.

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The Town of Christiansburg Draft 5-Year Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027 and Draft Program Year 2022 Action Plan will be available for comment period beginning May 10, 2022 and ending June 14, 2022. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action has been developed in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 5-Year Consolidated Plan is a planning document that

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identifies housing and community development needs in the Town's low to moderate income, homeless, and special needs population, as well as a targeted low to moderate area. The PY 2022 Annual Action Plan serves as the Town's grant application to HUD for approximately \$105,947 and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds. A copy of the Draft Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Citizen's Participation Plan is available for review online at www.christiansburg.org/729/CommunityDevelopment-Block-Grant or at the Town Manager's Office, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. A print copy of the draft plan will be located at the Christiansburg Public

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Library, located at 125 Sheltman Street during the review process. In addition, Town Council will hold a public hearing on May 24, 2022 at 7:00pm to receive comments. Comments may be emailed to awaren@christiansburg.org, by phone at (540) 382-6128 x. 1130, or by mail to Andrew Warren, Town of Christiansburg, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

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Christiansburg Aquatic Center June fitness schedule

Rise N' Shine Water Aerobics (Monday/Wednesday); 7-7:45 a.m.; June 1-29 (no class June 20); \$40 residents, \$50 non-residents

Gear up for this morning class on the slide side of the leisure pool that will get everyone ready for the day. This is an aerobics class for the early risers to kick off their day energized.

Warm Water Workout (Monday/Wednesday); 7-8 a.m.; June 1-29 (no class June 20); \$56 residents, \$66 non-residents

This warm water exercise program is designed for individuals with arthritic and mobility limitations. These classes are for those whose goals include increasing strength, flexibility, and range of motion in a relaxing and low impact atmosphere. Maximum enrollment is 10 in the therapy pool.

Due to limited spacing and class popularity, the center is limiting this class to one session of Warm Water Workout per person per month.

Aqua Yoga (Monday/Wednesday); 8-9 a.m.; June 1-29 (no class June 20); \$56 residents, \$66 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.

Maximum enrollment is 10.

Morning Fit (Monday/Wednesday); 8:10-9:10 a.m.; June 1-29 (no class June 20); \$40 residents, \$50 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. Maximum enrollment is 18 for these classes in the leisure pool.

Warm Water Workout (Monday/Wednesday); 9:15-10:15 a.m.; June 1-29 (no class June 20); \$56 residents, \$66 non-residents

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Rolling in the Deep (Tuesday/Thursday); 9:30-10:30 a.m.; June 2-30; \$45 residents, 55 non-residents

Strap on an aqua belt and take part in this deep-water class in the competition pool. Participants can expect to perform aerobic exercises such as jogging and skiing to develop core strength.

Aqua Fit & Hydro Power (Tuesday/Thursday); 5:45-6:30 p.m.; June 2-30; \$45 residents, \$55 non-residents

Tuesday: Aqua Tabata is a specific cardio based HIIT training. This workout consists of eight cycles

of work: rest intervals. Each cycle is four minutes consisting of eight exercises (20 seconds each) followed by 10 seconds rest. Additional recovery time is planned in between each cycle of exercises. The instructor provides suggestions for working out in an aquatic environment. Progressions and modifications help make this a suitable workout for all fitness levels.

Thursday: An aqua class guaranteed to get the fitness party started. This 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.

Wildfires

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Boise, Idaho, wildfires burned almost 6.9 million acres in the lower 48 states in 2021 — an 8 percent increase in the yearly average from the previous decade. In California alone, more than 3,600 structures were damaged or destroyed. Insured losses from wildland fires throughout the U.S. ran in the billions.

Virginia Tech alumni are at the crux of efforts to take on

the challenges of wildfires, both in terms of eliminating risk and putting out blazes. Interestingly, they're attacking these problems in different ways.

When most people think of fighting wildfires, they think of a firefighter wearing heavy clothing, big boots, and a helmet and carrying a 40-pound pack of equipment.

But Jennifer McKee '04,

M.E. '07 wants to fight fire much differently. She wants to attack it with technology.

McKee's office looks at things such as current and historical patterns for crowds, traffic patterns, rain amounts, snowfall amounts, winds, and more to formulate strategies for response efforts.

But she really wants to collect data and use it to help fight wildfires. With GIS, firefighters can analyze physical features through geographic layers that can be weighed, examined individually or collectively, and modeled to understand potential wildfire threats and treatments to reduce impacts.

In recent years, Virginia

has not been affected by many wildfires. In 2021, wildfires in the commonwealth burned fewer than 7,000 acres. But continued training offers McKee an opportunity to be more effective in her current role while creating opportunities for being deployed to incidents outside of Virginia.

"That is something I'm trying to get my foot in the door to do," McKee admitted.

McKee, who is sponsored as a casual hire by the U.S. Forest Service and is available for deployment throughout the U.S., found herself in unfamiliar roles while at the Women-in-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (WTREX). For

example, she participated in a prescribed burn while there, which gave her important insight concerning what wildland firefighters may face and how she can put her GIS skills to use in better ways to help them.

"I was in fire gear, which I never expected, and got to use a drip torch and be a part of the team and be on watch and do different duties that an actual Type 1 or 2 wildland firefighter would do, which helps me make sure that I develop appropriate materials or applications," she said. "If you know how it's used in the field, it makes it much easier. If you're not developing some-

thing that's easily used by field personnel, it's not going to be used; therefore, you've wasted your time."

In addition, McKee got to network with men and women from four countries and 14 states at WTREX, hearing different viewpoints and learning from the experiences other shared.

"It was a fun and new challenge, but it also promoted learning and growth," McKee said. "It helped me learn new techniques that I can transition to my day job, which is good. ... Learning new things is always fun. It expands your knowledge and makes you stretch."

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Expo

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were already doing."

Following the keynote address, a roundtable was hosted by the School of Nursing's Marjorie Young, associate professor and interim DNP-NP program coordinator;

assistant professor Carey Cole, and associate professor Eunyoung Lee. The roundtable was titled "Peer Patient Roundtable: An innovative approach for evaluating clinical performance of NP students." Students and faculty presented their research via 17 poster presentations.

Ariana Martinez, a master of social work student from Bakersfield, Va., who will graduate from Radford University in May, presented her research on understanding and addressing intimate partner violence in rural Virginia during the COVID-19 pandemic. Martinez said that she completed the research as part of her program's comprehensive exam and that the symposium and expo allowed her to share her research with those who may not be aware of how a pandemic can increase intimate partner violence incidents.

"It's important that events like this can help spread awareness," Martinez said. "Intimate partner violence and mental health, in general, are not discussed as much as they should be, especially in relation to COVID. This gives me the chance to share what I've learned with others."

Michael Hall, a student in RU's doctor of physical therapy program from Riner, who also expects to graduate in May, presented his poster on the effects of head-mounted virtual reality on trunk activation in healthy adults.

"We found that the core muscles of those participating were active while they used the virtual reality headsets," Hall said. "This has implications for those with spinal cord injuries. They are weaving and bobbing and getting lots of exercise, which can be helpful in recovery."

Hall said that the benefit of presenting his research at the Waldron event is twofold: It helps explain to people exactly what physical therapy is and shows how virtual reality can aid in therapeutic treatments.

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The deadline for paying **REAL ESTATE TAXES** (first installment) for **2022** is **JUNE 6, 2022.**

All taxes must be paid no later than **June 6, 2022** to avoid additional fees, penalty, and interest starting **June 7, 2022.**

All payments made by mail must bear a postmark no later than **June 6, 2022** to avoid penalty and interest.

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OBITUARIES

Keller, Howard Douglas "Doug"

Howard Douglas "Doug" Keller, 84, passed away at his home in Salem on Monday, May 16, 2022.

He retired from Lynchburg Foundry after 35 years of service and was the owner of the Radford Fitness Center. Doug was a member of Unity Christian Church in Radford. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard Wilson and Elsie Divers Keller.

Doug is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carolyn C. Keller; daughters Karen Price (Rodney) and Tracie Keller; grandchildren Corey Douglas Snell (Jewel) and Carolyn Brooke Seale;

great-grandchildren Abriyana, Aaliyah, and Jacorey; a brother-in-law, Robert Cregger; lifelong friends Eddie Williams and B. K. Shumate; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Gina Rhea and the Rev. Wendy Wilson officiating. Interment followed in Hickman Cemetery in Pulaski County.

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

Neighbors, Samuel Hope

Samuel Hope Neighbors, 88, of Blacksburg, died Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at his home.

He was born in Salem on Sept. 7, 1933 to the late William and Mabel Shaffer Neighbors. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Price Neighbors.

He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Karen Worrell, Jeanette and John Wiggert, and Sherry Neighbors; a son, Mike Neighbors; grandchildren Traci Worrell, Hope Worrell, David Neighbors, Jessica Wiggert, and Jamie Wiggert; four great-

grandchildren; and a sister, Delores Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 3 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Dennis Kinnan officiating. Interment will be held privately at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday afternoon prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW Blacksburg.

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made from household ingredients like dish soap or vinegar have not been vetted for effectiveness or tested for potential environmental impacts. They can also damage plants by causing chemical burns.

"Before reaching for a chemical, we hope that people will try non-chemical control options first. That's where integrated pest management comes into play," Blevins Wycoff said.

Gardeners interested in learning more about an integrated pest management program can read An Introduction

to Integrated Pest Management or the 2022 Pest Management Guide for Home Grounds and Animals.

In many cases, pest or disease problems may also be controlled through non-chemical means, for example, by physically removing insects or diseased plant material. By identifying the pests and diseases they encounter in their gardens and monitoring carefully for signs of these problems, gardeners can stay on top of pests before they damage plants enough to reduce crop yields.

Although they can be annoying or unsightly, in some cases,

pests or diseases may not cause enough damage to warrant intervention at all.

If gardeners do determine a pesticide is necessary, Blevins Wycoff recommends local Virginia Cooperative Extension offices as the best source of information for treatment. As trained experts and members of your community, Extension agents and Extension Master Gardener volunteers can help gardeners put scientific ideas into action as they identify pest problems, determine the best course of action, and if necessary, make a recommendation for a specific pesticide application based on the situation.

ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Church, 230 W. First St., Christiansburg, VA. Fr Peter Geromel OHI Th.M., Vicar, Fr. Alex Darby, "Associate", 540-382-0432/540-270-9166. Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Christian Education and refreshments. Holy Communion most Thursdays at 12Noon, other Holy Days as announced. Traditional services use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and 1940 Hymnal. Handicapped accessible. All are welcome. Come worship with us! Website: www.stpetersacc.org. Follow us on Facebook

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

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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

Faith Christian Church of Christ, 305 3rd Street, Christiansburg, David Rhudy, Minister, 382-4628, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Worship 6:30 pm; Wednesday night Bible Study for Women and Men 6:30 pm. We welcome you to any and all of our services.

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Hal Sonafank, 1-336-583-4822. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob.org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

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WATCH OUT FOR PRIDE

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

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

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

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belonging to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

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

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

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar.org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

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gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

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Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram **Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church**, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755.

Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg, 540-382-0743. Rev. Dr. Patricia Jones. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30p.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodist-church.com.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc **Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**, 350 Stafford Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073, Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am.

WESLEYAN

Christ Wesleyan Church, 525 Harkrader Street, Christiansburg. Public Worship service at 11:00 AM. Sunday School for adults - 10:00 AM. Pastor: Gale Janofski 540-510-0952. The building is totally handicapped accessible. Website: christwesleyanchurch.org

Obituaries

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Beamer, Elizabeth Lewis "Libby"

Elizabeth Lewis "Libby" Beamer, of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery Christiansburg, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2022, surrounded by family in Richmond.

Born April 21, 1930, in Chilhowie, Va., she was preceded in death by her parents, John William Lewis and Lady Maupin Lewis; her brothers, James Lewis and William Lewis; and her husband of 49 years, George L. Beamer Jr.

She is survived by four sons, George L. Beamer III (Yali); John L. Beamer of Christiansburg; James W. Beamer (Betsy) of Henrico, Va.; and Richard B. Beamer (Amy) of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was a beloved grandmother to George L. Beamer IV, James Beamer (Feiyu), Elisabeth Beamer, John Beamer (Kimberly), Rachel Harvey (Scott), Katelyn Beamer, Laura Beamer, Anna Beamer, Jessica Beamer, and Julie Beamer. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Ainsleigh and Mason Harvey and Elaina Beamer.

She was a proud graduate of Virginia Intermont College and Radford College. She was a long-time teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools, ending her career as an earth science teacher at Christiansburg Middle School. Libby was an active member of Christiansburg Presbyterian Church and held many positions there through the years, including deacon and ruling elder. She was very involved in Presbyterian Women at the local level and served the



as moderator. She had a particular place in her heart for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville and served on the Board of Directors there.

She also served on the Boards of Directors of Sunnyside Presbyterian Home in Harrisonburg, Va., and the Montgomery County Regional Hospital. Libby was active in the Christiansburg Book Club for over 40 years, and was a member of the Montgomery County Republican Committee, the Montgomery County Republican Women's Club, and the Virginia Republican State Central Committee. She was appointed by former Governor George Allen to the Virginia Board on Aging.

The family will receive friends Friday, June 17, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Horne Funeral Home, 1300 North Franklin St. in Christiansburg. A memorial service will be held at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, P.O. Box 545, Wytheville, VA 24832 or Christiansburg Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 107 W. Main St., Christiansburg VA 24073.

Poole, Frances Virginia Lane Bradley

Frances Virginia Lane Bradley Poole Georgia State College for Women and passed away on May 14, 2022, at English Meadows in Abingdon, Va.

She was born in Whigham, Ga., on Oct. 3, 1927 to William Claude Lane, Sr., and Loris Gregory Lane, who preceded her in death. She was also predeceased by her first husband, James Phillips Bradley, Sr.; a daughter, Frances Lane Canada (Roanoke); her brother, William Claude Lane, Jr. (Whigham, Ga.), and her second husband, Donald Dunn Poole.

She is survived by her sister, Ann Lane Wright (Brunswick, Ga.) and her children, James Phillips Bradley, Jr. and wife, Shaye, (Mobile, Ala.), Laree Bradley Hinshelwood and husband, Jack, (Abingdon, Va.), Loris Ann Bradley (Richmond), Robert Howell Bradley III and wife, Danielle (Largo, Fla.) and a son-in-law, Jerry Canada (Roanoke).

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Benjamin Canada (Raleigh, N.C.), Jennie Canada Weeks (Salem), Bradley Hinshelwood (Silver Spring, Md.), Holly Hinshelwood (Winston-Salem, N.C.), Sarah Hinshelwood (Cambridge, Mass.), J.P. Bradley (Seattle, Wash.), Jeffrey Bradley (Clearwater, Fla.), Julia Bradley (Orlando, Fla.) and Diluca Bradley (Largo, Fla.). Fran was also blessed with six great-grandchildren, Casey and Carson Weeks (Salem), Tucker and Blythe Canada (Raleigh, N.C.) and Miles and Sylvia Hinshelwood (Silver Spring, Md.).

Frances received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from



libraries in River Forest, Ill., Oak Park, Ill., and Blacksburg (Gilbert Linkous Elementary), and was a medical librarian for the U.S. Veterans Administration in hospitals in Salem, Va., Chicago, Ill., and Washington, D.C. She and her second husband, Donald, worked tirelessly for their community of Shawsville by helping to obtain a library for the area while serving on the board of the Friends of the Library.

They were also instrumental in starting the Meadowbrook Museum where she served as chairman specializing in the history of Eastern Montgomery County, Va., writing interviews of seniors, and archiving their oral histories of the area. While operating the museum, they published three books on the families and history of the area.

Frances was a lifetime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Washington, D.C. Funeral services and interment were held in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in her memory to the Meadowbrook Museum, 267 Alleghany Spring Rd., Shawsville, VA 24162.

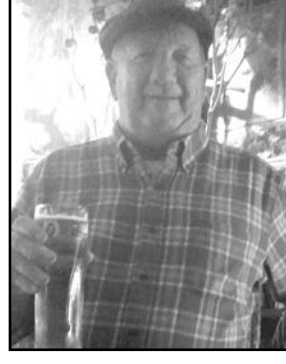
Stansfield, David Daniel "Dave"

David Daniel "Dave" Stansfield, 79, of Willis, died May 16, 2022.

He was retired as a draftsman for the Kuhl Corporation and was also retired from Federal Mogul in Blacksburg, an auto parts manufacturer, and River Bend Nursery in Riner.

He was predeceased by five siblings: Mary Douglas, Joseph Stansfield, Rosemary Conklin, Sadie Godown, and Jim Nally; and by his parents David and Anna Stansfield.

He is survived by a brother, James Grady (Nadine) of Spokane, Wash.; his wife, Lois Stansfield, of Willis; a daughter, Kelly Stansfield, and a son, Scott Stansfield (Mikara), both of Willis; a



grandson, Jason Stansfield of Clio, Mich.; a granddaughter, Natasha Smith of Hillsville, Va.; a great-grandson, Wyatt Grant Smith of Hillsville; stepchildren Laura Ogburn (Zim), Lea Davidson (Tom), George Baumli (Laura), Lisa Speicher (Eugene, deceased), and Lynn Crews (Alan); 13 step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, friends, and other relatives.

Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory of Radford is in charge of the arrangements, which will consist of private family services at a future date.

Local college students earn awards, honor society inductions

Three Christiansburg students named to SNHU's President's List

Three students from Christiansburg – Rachel Perkins, Nicole Mutter, and Sharon Roberts – have been named to the President's List for the winter semester at Southern New Hampshire University

Only full-time undergraduate students who earn a minimum GPA of 3.7 and above are named to the President's List.

Blacksburg's Caroline Jones earns President's Honor Roll recognition at North Georgia

Caroline Jones of Blacksburg, VA, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at the University of North Georgia (UNG) for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during spring 2022.

University president Dr. Bonita C. Jacobs recognized students who reached this academic achievement during the spring 2022 semester. Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours in bachelor's degree programs who achieved a 4.0 grade point average were named to the President's Honor Roll.

Christiansburg student initiated into national leadership honor society

Kobe Lowery, a native of Christiansburg, was recently initiated into the Southern Virginia University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.

The society welcomed 1,971 new initiates from 78 universities during April 2022.

Students initiated into the society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, must demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and must embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Phi Kappa Phi honor society inducts two local students

Two Blacksburg students – Abigail Gehsmann at the University of Delaware and Sally Stauffer at the University of North Texas – were recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni are 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.

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Offering # 1

This property features a house built in 1946 and has over 1,100 sq. ft. of living space plus a full basement. Features an oil furnace and has a flu for wood stove. Roof is approximately 8 years old. Has private well and septic. House is in need of improvement. Nice level lot with mature apple trees, white and red grape vines.

Offering # 2

This property is a vacant land tract behind the home. It features 0.71 +/- acre and has over 147 feet of road frontage. Beautiful lot with mature apple trees. Has 3 phase power available. Would make an ideal lot for storage buildings or small business location. Purchaser expected to perform their own due diligence in regards to perk and land uses.

Preview Date - Monday May 23rd at 4 PM

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Looking for a great investment property in Floyd County VA? Check out this awesome property! The property features 3.79 acres with a storage building which has been converted for living space. The acreage showcases a rolling field with fencing and a small pond. The building has around 1,920 sq. ft. of space with 1,680 sq. ft. of living space and a 240 sq. ft. attached garage. There are 3 potential bedrooms which are non-conforming, meaning they do not have windows or closets. The building has vinyl siding with a slab foundation and a shingle roof and concrete floors. It has a private well and septic system as well as propane wall heaters. This is a unique property with a variety of potential uses! Utilize it as a residential or rental investment property, business, storage, etc. This offering consists of 2 separate parcels totaling 3.79 acres.

Preview Date - Saturday May 14th at 11 AM

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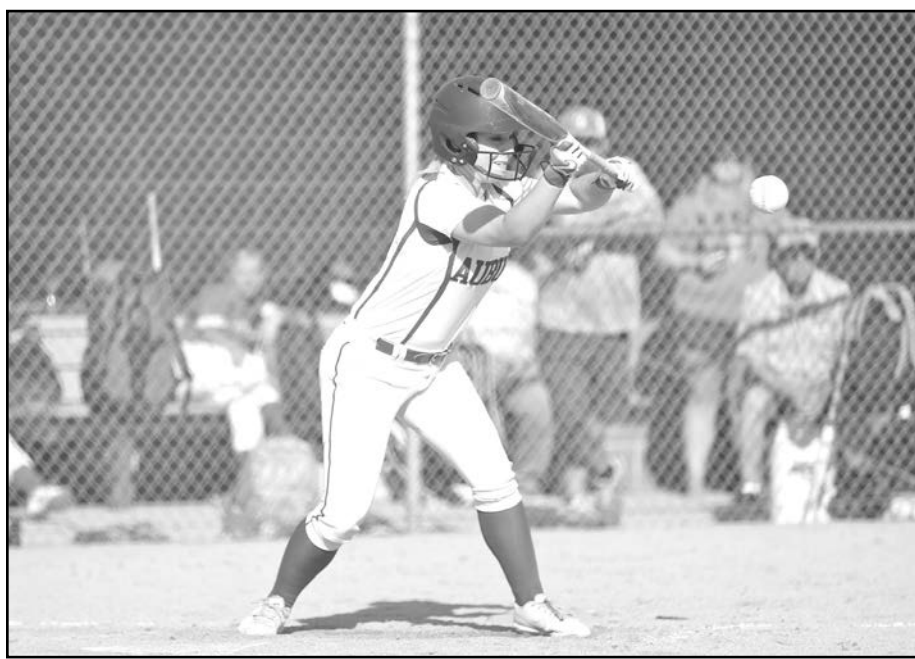
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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Auburn softball defeats Giles 18-0 in Mt. Empire District



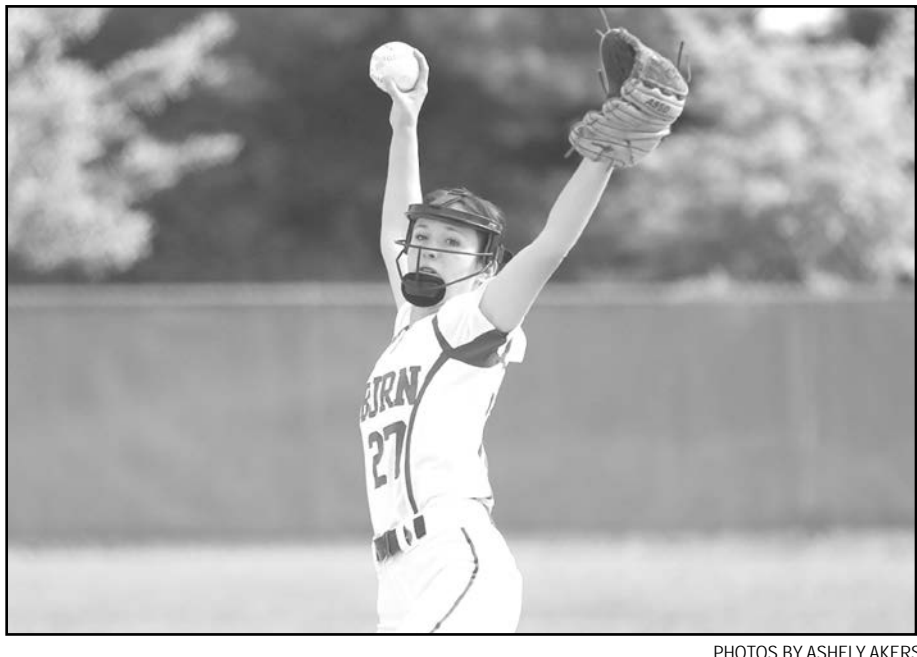
Auburn's Kiley Smith lays down a bunt in the team's 18-0 win in five innings Tuesday against Giles County. Smith finished one of two with an RBI.



Avery Zuckerwar slides into home plate to score in Auburn's Mt. Empire District win over Giles County. She finished two of three with an RBI and a stolen base.



Rachel Brotherton adds a hit late in the game for Auburn.



McKenzie Booth pitched four no-hit innings with eight strikeouts for Auburn in the win over Giles County.

PHOTOS BY ASHELY AKERS

Radford University signs international basketball player

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Radford University has dipped into the international waters to find its latest basketball recruit. Head Coach Darris Nichols has announced the signing of Ibu Yamazaki, a member of the U19 squad at the 2021 International Basketball Federation (FIBA) World Cup. "Ibu is a talented wing shooter that has a ton of FIBA experience," said Nichols. "He is a winner that comes from the same program that produced Rui Hachimura.

We are excited to have him join our program and the Radford University community." The 6-7 Yamazaki comes to the New River Valley by way of Matsudo, Chiba, Japan where he attended Meisei High School, the same school that produced Gonzaga standout and current Washington Wizard Rui Hachimura. A sharpshooter from beyond the arc, Yamazaki represented his home nation in seven games during the FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup last summer and averaged 14.6 points, four rebounds, and 1.1 assists per game.

He dropped 32 points on South Korea, scored 23 points versus Serbia, and went for double-digits against Canada and Senegal as well. SB Nation noted Yamazaki as a standout in the tournament, mentioning him in the same breath as top NBA draft prospects Jaden Ivey (Purdue/USA), Dyson Daniels (G League Ignite/Australia), and Nikola Jovic (Mega Mozzart/Serbia). The article said of Yamazaki, "No matter the venue or location, his jumper is silky smooth as it's clear that time has been put in towards every step of the process."

Six Auburn High student-athletes headed for college competition



PHOTO BY ASHELY AKERS

Six Auburn High School student-athletes have announced plans to continue their playing careers next year in college. Pictured (left to right) are Katelyn Lafon: Radford University track & field/cross country; Daniel Graham: Roanoke College Hurdler/sprinter with track & field; Hannah Huffman: Ferrum College women's basketball; Noah Parker: Mars Hill University men's soccer; Hannah Shepherd: Roanoke College women's softball, and Kaitlyn Lytton: Radford University women's lacrosse. The group signed letters of intent last week in the Auburn library in front of family and friends.

KJ Tillmon awarded full scholarship to Virginia Tech

In the midst of outdoor championships and following an incredible indoor and outdoor campaign, Kahleje "KJ" Tillmon has been awarded a full scholarship to Virginia Tech. "From day one he's listened to everything I want him to do and his marks have been off the charts on every test we've done," Associate Head Coach Tim Vaught said. "I remember telling Coach Cianelli, 'this kid looks really good. I think he's going to do very well.' To win an ACC title as a walk-on, I don't think that's ever happened in my career. For me that was pretty impressive. He's gone from humble

beginnings, and now he's the best 200m man in the ACC." After claiming the ACC outdoor titles in both the 200m and the 4x100m relay, Tillmon has seen a meteoric rise at both the conference and national levels. From his first collegiate 200m time of 21.22 to his school record and ACC title-winning 200m of 20.41, Tillmon has made quick work of improving his times around the track. In addition to his individual successes, the Tuck-

er, Ga., native has been a stalwart on the Hokies' sprint relays this year, running the opening legs of both the 4x100m and the 4x400m. Tillmon's season will roll on with the rest of the Hokies in Bloomington, Ind., next week as Tech athletes compete for berths in the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Ore. Tillmon looks to run the 100m and the 200m and lead off the 4x100m, now as a full-scholarship student-athlete.

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Christiansburg soccer defeats Patrick Henry 2-1



CHS Goalie Mason Sowers executes one of his signature all-out saves against an aggressive Patrick Henry goal attempt.



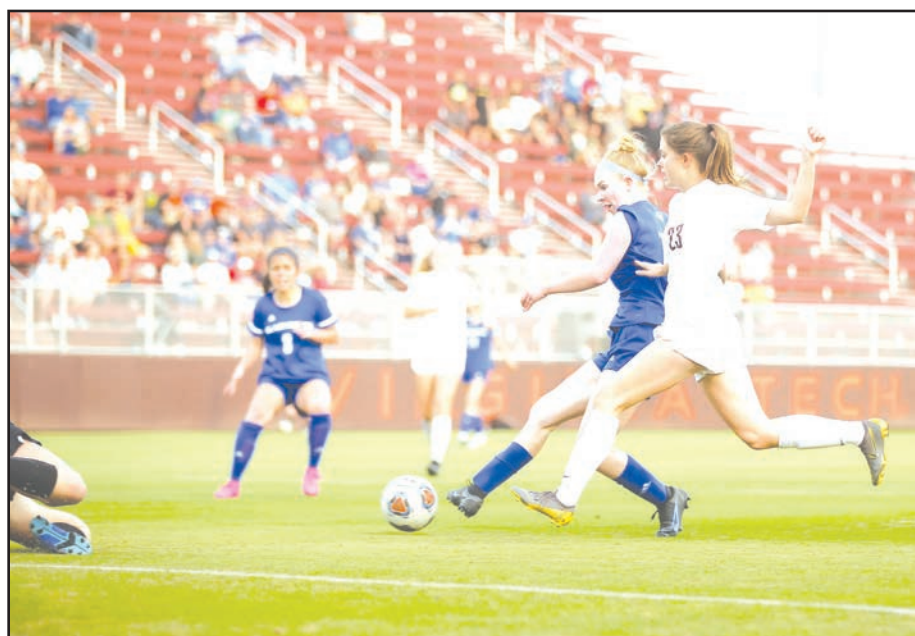
Nati Seife (right) and his Patrick Henry opponent vie for ball possession in a high energy game. Selfie scored one of the two goals for the Blue Demons in the 2-1 win Monday night. Chase Fisher scored the other goal for the home team.



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Christiansburg's Micah Meyer (top right) battles head-to-head in the air for ball possession with a Patrick Henry defender.

Blacksburg girls defeat Salem in River Ridge District soccer 2-1



Blacksburg's Norin Bortz takes a shot on goal during the River Ridge District championship match against Salem on Wednesday. Blacksburg won 2-1.



Blacksburg's Morgan Cheynet works the ball deep into Salem territory. Cheynet scored during the first half of a 2-1 River Ridge District Championship win for the Bruins.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Blacksburg's Kylene Monaghan advances the ball as Salem's Reece Mangus defends.

RU launches basketball shield club

The Radford University Athletics Department and the Highlander Club announce the launch of the Highlander Basketball Shield Club, an opportunity for Radford supporters to make a lasting impact on the Radford men's and women's basketball programs.

With a combined 1,530 wins, 13 Big South Conference regular season titles, 13 Big South Conference tournament titles, and seven NCAA Tournament appearances, the Radford basketball program has established a rich tradition of excellence over the decades.

The Highlander Basketball Shield Club will build upon that legacy by securing gifts and pledges to support both the men's and women's programs. Additional funds will be utilized to enhance shared facilities and supplement existing program resources for nutrition, travel, recruiting, and player development.

"Our women's basketball program has a strong tradition of success and we expect to compete for championships on an annual basis," said Radford head women's basketball coach Mike McGuire. "As I enter my ninth season as head coach, I can honestly say that the support and contributions by our fans, donors, and friends of the program over the last eight years has elevated our program and helped us win three championships in the last five years and play in the postseason five of the last seven years. With that being said, it is a difficult time in college athletics right now, so any contributions made to our basketball programs helps us provide the type of experience and environment for our student-athletes to be successful on and off the court. Any type of support makes a huge dif-

ference in our program."

"I am excited about the Highlander Shield Club and the impact it will bring to both of our programs," said Radford head men's basketball coach Darris Nichols. "The people that support the club will be a huge part of the success of our student-athletes on the court and in the classroom. The landscape of college basketball is changing, and the resources that the Shield Club provides will be beneficial in sustaining Radford basketball success for years to come."

Through the Shield Club, Radford Athletics will seek recurring annual gifts – pledged over four years – that will help the men's and women's programs achieve their championship goals. Each Highlander Basketball Shield Club contributor will have access to unique annual experiences with the men's and women's basketball programs as well.

To get this new initiative off to a tremendous start, three loyal Radford Athletics supporters have generously committed to the Shield Club and have made lead gifts in support of the Highlanders:

- Mike Williams '93, his wife, Patti, and Steve Orndorff. Mike Williams is CEO and co-founder of English Meadows Senior Living Communities.

- Charlene Curtis '76, Radford University Hall of Fame basketball player; former women's basketball coach at Radford, Temple University, and Wake Forest University; retired Atlantic Coast Conference Supervisor of Women's Basketball Officials.

- R. James Toussaint, M.D. and his wife, Sara. Dr. Toussaint is a world-renowned board-certified orthopedic surgeon in Gainesville, Fla.

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