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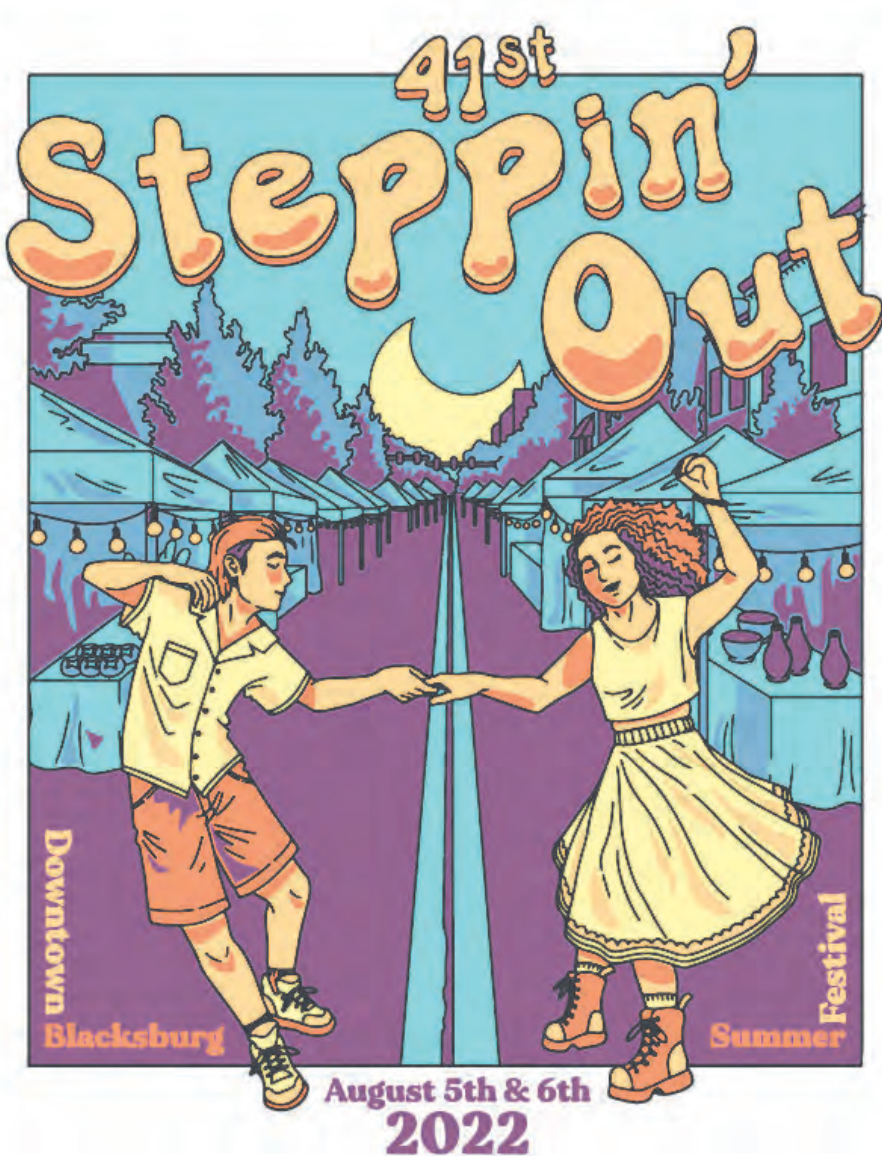
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Blacksburg's Steppin' Out Festival Aug. 5, 6 to feature 200+ arts and crafts vendors

The Town of Blacksburg's 41st annual Steppin' Out festival will take place Friday, Aug. 5, and Saturday, Aug. 6.

For two days, the streets of downtown Blacksburg will be bustling with over 200 arts and crafts vendors and thousands of attendees. More than 30 bands and community performers will perform.

Steppin' Out is presented by Downtown Blacksburg, Inc., and admission to the festival is free. Town of Blacksburg metered parking is also free during the event.

Featuring touring bands, regional acts, and local favorites, the live music kicks off Friday afternoon and concludes at 10 p.m. on Saturday. Attendees can expect to see a range of genres including funk, soul, rock, jam, pop, Americana, folk and everything in between.

Rock the Blocks LLC has curated the line-up for Steppin' Out since 2016. Yvonne "Eve" Yee, founder of Rock the Blocks, said, "We received an overwhelming number of artist submissions this year, which has brought in new and diverse acts to complement our local bands. There's everything from singer-songwriters to 10-piece bands. Take a chance and you might discover your new

favorite band downtown."

Deau Eyes from Richmond will take the stage Friday night, performing as a five-piece band led by Ali Thibodeau. Their headlining performance follows the recent release of the band's sophomore album "Legacies" in June, which has been described as "an undeniably cinematic journey, informed by her love of artists from Brandi Carlile to Emily King to Fiona Apple."

Jazz, soul, and funk-influenced jam band Yam Yam will close out the festival Saturday night. Hailing from Harrisburg, Penn., the band brings a high-energy performance to the festival.

On the Community Stage, located in the National Bank of Blacksburg parking lot, festivalgoers can catch a wide variety of performances from ballet to Tae Kwon Do. A new addition to the lineup this year is Blue Ridge Vocal Connection, a community chorus.

The stage sponsors are Moss Arts Center, Shelter Alternatives, Baseline Solar Solutions, the National Bank of Blacksburg, and AT&T.

A fourth "busking area" has been added this year that will feature stripped-down performances for casual entertainment.

Broadway returns to Blacksburg as MAC tickets go on sale Aug. 4

Broadway returns to Southwest Virginia with the Moss Arts Center's "Broadway in Blacksburg" series. Tickets will be available for the romantic and adventure-filled new musical "Anastasia" and the warm-hearted, Tony Award-winning musical comedy "Hairspray" on Thursday, Aug. 4.

Current Moss Arts Center subscribers receive early access to tickets. Premier and gold subscribers can purchase tickets now, while silver subscribers receive presale access on Aug. 2.

"Anastasia" Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Inspired by the beloved films, "Anastasia" transports audience members from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the

euphoria of Paris in the 1920s as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family. This massive production features elaborate sets and exquisite costumes.

"Hairspray" Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

"Hairspray" is the Tony Award-winning musical comedy phenomenon that inspired the blockbuster film and live television event. Join 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960s Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto

TV's most popular show. "Hairspray" features a beloved score of hit songs, including "Welcome to the '60s," "Good Morning Baltimore," and "You Can't Stop the Beat." Can a girl with big dreams (and even bigger hair) change the world?

Tickets for the performances are \$45-\$95 for the general public and \$25-\$75 for youth 18 and under. A limited number of Virginia Tech student tickets are available for \$10.

Tickets are available to the general public beginning Thursday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at the Moss Arts Center's box office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; or by calling 540-231-5300 during box office hours.



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A BAE Systems employee at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant handles an Mk90 propellant grain.

Five-year contract extension given to Radford Army Ammo Plant's BAE Systems

The U.S. Army has awarded BAE Systems a five-year contract extension for operations at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant with a ceiling value of up to \$1.3 billion.

The contract will extend through Dec. 31, 2026. This award demonstrates the strong relationship between BAE Systems and the Army for operating the facility that produces critical munitions and explosives for the

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JEREMY DANIEL

A performance of "Welcome to the 60s" from the Broadway production "Hairspray" features (from left) Niki Metcalf as "Tracy Turnblad," Andrew Levitt (aka Nina West) as "Edna Turnblad," and company.

Warm Hearth board names William Lester new president and CEO

Edward Spencer, Chairman of the Warm Hearth, Inc., Board of Directors, has announced that William Lester took over as President and CEO for the Blacksburg-based senior living community on July 28.

Lester returns to Warm Hearth after working for Commonwealth

Care of Roanoke as administrator of Radford Health and Rehab Center and replaces Brad Dalton, who resigned from the position in mid-July.

Lester is a veteran village em-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday July 30:

Mary Draper Ingles Festival

The festival commemorates the life of colonial heroine Mary Draper Ingles and features colonial period reenactors, music, dance, old-time craft and skills and a petting zoo. The historic Ingles Farm, which includes a replica of Mary's cabin, will be open for tours and talks by interpreters. Long Way Brewing, a craft beer company whose name is a take on the frontierswoman's journey, will feature live music, food trucks, a children's play zone and a performance by West Virginia actress Karen Vuranch.

Cooking with Dave at Bisset Park

At Bisset Park Shelter 1 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., it's a festive Cooking with Dave. He will teach the recipe for Sand Dollar Cookies and show attendees how these cookies are made. Then participants can stick around to sample a cookie, make a craft, and play some games.

Kids' stuff swap

At the Blacksburg Library at 12:35 p.m. Kids can bring the old stuff they no longer need and swap it for things they do need. Items allowed include clothes and shoes, sports gear, school and art supplies, homeschool curriculum and supplies, backpacks and lunch gear, and books. Good quality items only please. Donations are not required to participate. Email mhall@mfrl.org for additional information.

Quilting marathon/Make a quilt bookmark

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 8 a.m. The Meadowbrook Quilters are hosting a quilting marathon, and the public is invited to watch their quilting skills. The group will be working on individual projects and will also have supplies to make a quilt bookmark for all ages. Participants may bring their quilting projects or questions and the quilters will help. The program is open to all ages.

Thursday, Aug. 4:

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, contact 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Friday, Aug. 5, and Saturday, Aug. 6:

Book Sale

Book sale at the Radford Public Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Books for all ages will be on sale at reasonable prices.

Monday, Aug. 8:

Radford City Council meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Radford City Council will be held

at 7 p.m. in the Radford City Administration Building, 10 Robertson St. For more information, www.radford.va.gov.

Tuesday, Aug. 9:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Saturday, Aug. 13 - Sunday, Aug. 21:

Marching Virginians band camp

The Virginia Tech Marching Virginians will hold their annual band camp from August 13-21 at the Marching Virginians Field on the Virginia Tech Campus. Adjoining neighborhoods may be able to hear the band rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on those days. The Blacksburg community is welcome to come out and watch the rehearsals as well.

Ongoing:

Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy registration now open

Registration for the 2022 Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy is now open. The deadline for Christiansburg and Montgomery County residents to register for this free, eight-week course is Aug. 15. Citizens Academy provides a hands-on experience for participants, covering a wide variety of local government functions including fire and rescue, libraries, animal care, and public works. Classes are Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning on Sept. 7 and ending on Oct. 26.

United Way Emergency Food Pantry in need

The United Way NRV Emergency Food Pantry supply is critically low. Anyone able to donate any of these pantry items can drop them off at the United Way office at 111 West Main St. in Christiansburg.

Alexander Black House farming exhibit

The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation announces the exhibit "Virginia is for Farmers: Agriculture in Southwest Virginia, Then and Now" through Aug. 18, in the Alexander Black House main galleries, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg. Admission is free; the hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A reception open to the public will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibit explores pre-settler agriculture in Southwestern Virginia, Blacksburg area farms in the 18th and 19th centuries, the birth of the Future Farmers of America at Virginia Tech in the early 20th Century, and brings Blacksburg to its present-day local farmers market and its neighborhood gardens. For more information, visit blacksburgmuseum.org.

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Community Health Center of the New River Valley welcomes Licensed Clinical Social Worker Rosana López Haugh. She has spent more than two decades in social work.

LCSW Haugh came to the New River Valley in 2016 and most recently worked in crisis intervention and emergency. She has extensive experience working with children and adults, assisting in both English and Spanish.

Before moving to the New River Valley, Ms. Haugh worked in Richmond, Goochland, and Fredericksburg. She received her Masters in Social Work, Planning, and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and her BA from Mary Washington. An accomplished fine artist, she is a creative thinker and a strong advocate for her clients.

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Community Health Center accepts patients with or without insurance.

Downtown Blacksburg holds its annual Art at the Market

Ed McMinn
Editor

Douglas Cave and Charity Hall won first place in the 2D and 3D categories respectively at Downtown Blacksburg, Inc's., recent Art at the Market event.

Art at the Market is an annual art show and sidewalk exposition featuring unique works including abstract acrylics, collage, flowers, wood, still life, photography, and metal work. The Art Factory provided children's activities for the event, and

Stella Trudel and Tim Thornton provided live music.

Earning second-place honors in the event's 2D category was Blake Gore for his Moonlight Sonata on straw wrapper. Lisa Acciai took third place in the category, and Sally Mook earned honorable mention honors.

DSF Ceramics won second-place in the 3D category with a ram and rabbit sculpture.

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Douglas Cave won first-place honors in Art at the Market's 2D category for his painting of a weeping willow.



Capturing first place in Art at the Market's 3D category was Charity Hall with her kinetic antlion.

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Christiansburg Aquatic Center August schedule

Warm Water Workout (Monday/Wednesday)

7-8 a.m.; August 1-10, 29, 31; \$21 residents/\$31 non-residents

This warm water exercise program is designed for individuals with arthritic and mobility limitations. This class is for those whose goals include increasing strength, flexibility, and range of motion in a relaxing and low impact atmosphere.

The maximum enrollment is 10 in the therapy pool. Due to limited spacing and class popularity, the center is limiting Warm Water Workout classes to one person per class per month.

Aqua Yoga (Monday/Wednesday)

8-9 a.m.; August 3-10; \$35 residents/\$45 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.; August 1-10, 29, 31; \$30 residents/\$40 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 in the leisure pool.

Warm Water Workout (Monday/Wednesday)

9:15-10:15 a.m.; August 1-10, 29, 31; \$42 residents/\$52 non-residents

This warm water exercise program is designed for individuals with arthritic and mobility limitations. This class is 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 the class to one session per person per month.

Rolling in the Deep (Tuesday/Thursday)

9:30-10:30 a.m.; August 2-11, 30; \$30 residents/\$40 non-residents

Strap on an aqua belt and come to the 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.; August 2-11, 30; \$30 residents/\$40 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.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Local students earn dean's list at Emory & Henry

The following local students have been named to the Spring 2022 dean's list at Emory & Henry College. To be named to the dean's list, students must be full-time and achieve a 3.6 GPA for the semester.

From Blacksburg, Anna Beeken, Makayla Dowdy, and Olyssa Harris.

From Christiansburg, Caleb Henley and Carly Walden.

From Radford, Sophie Graham.

From Riner, Emily Scaggs.

Emory & Henry College is consistently ranked among the nation's best private liberal arts institutions. The college's many accolades include the Presidential Award for Service Learning, the highest national recognition for community service and service learning; top tier recognition in Washington Monthly, USA Today, and Newsweek; and listing among the top 40 schools in Colleges that Change Lives.

Farmers, homeowners encouraged to safely dispose of pesticides

Pesticides need to be disposed of carefully, and Virginia Farm Bureau Federation is encouraging its farmers and homeowners to participate in the 2022 Virginia Pesticide Collection Program.

The program collects unwanted, outdated or banned pesticides, at no cost to eligible participants, and disposes of them in a safe manner.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Pesticide Services, with participation from Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, oversees the program. VDACS has collected and destroyed more than 1.5 million pounds of outdated and unwanted pesticides since its inception. The program is funded through pesticide product registration fees collected by OPS.

VDACS divides Virginia into five regions and each year conducts a collection in a different region. Once all five regions have been

served, the program starts another cycle.

Participants must transport their unwanted pesticides to central collection sites within the service area. If participants cannot safely contain the unwanted pesticides for transport, VDACS may arrange assistance on a case-by-case basis. Only pesticides will be accepted. Pesticide-contaminated material like pesticide-contaminated fertilizer will not be accepted as part of the collection program. In addition, the program does not accept motor oil, paint, fuel, fertilizer or other chemicals. Participants need to complete a pesticide collection registration form prior to the scheduled collection date and return the completed form to ops.enf@vdacs.virginia.gov or mail to Office of Pesticide Services, VDACS, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond Virginia 23218. The form is available at vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/disposalregistration.pdf or by contacting the program at 804-371-6560.

Hokie Wellness shares guide for conversations about substance use

By Travis Williams

Timing can be critical when it comes to talking with new college students about substance use.

"There's a ton of research, specifically related to alcohol, that says having conversations before students even get to college actually decreases their risk for high-risk drinking behaviors," said Ashley LeDuc, associate director with Hokie Wellness. "Their families' beliefs, values, and norms are often the most influential factors in reducing students' risk for developing drinking and other substance misuse problems."

Hokie Wellness aims to foster a healthier Virginia Tech community by providing prevention services, education, and resources to students and employees. As a part of this mission, LeDuc and other members of Hokie Wellness' Alcohol and Other Drugs team recently developed a family guide for having these important discussions.

"Having an open and honest conversation with students about substance use can be challenging or feel awkward, especially if this is your first time talking with them about these topics," LeDuc said. "We wanted to create a guide that would help parents navigate these important discussions and encourage them to maintain an ongoing dialog throughout the year."

Along with conversation tips, the guide includes information about state laws and campus policies, facts about the use of alcohol and other drugs among college students, and a variety of cam-

pus resources available to students. Alcohol is the guide's primary focus, but it also includes information about cannabis, which is now legal in Virginia, but is prohibited on Virginia Tech's campuses per federal law.

The guide is just one example of the multiple and multi-faceted resources related to well-being at Virginia Tech. It also aligns with the university's mental health campaign, VT Better Together.

Tips LeDuc shared to help parents make the most of these important conversations include:

1. Reflect on your personal feelings about alcohol and drug use prior to the talk.

"As a parent or guardian, a zero-tolerance message – no alcohol is best, and certainly no excessive amounts – is highly advised. We recognize that everyone has different parenting styles and setting this type of expectation may or may not fall within that realm. However, your student needs to understand clearly where you stand on this topic as it can have a powerful impact on when, where, and how they choose to drink, if at all, in the future."

2. Set a specific time to talk to help ensure everyone is ready and open to having the conversation.

"When it is time to have the conversation, create a judgment free space where your student can honestly share any questions or concerns they have about going to college and being exposed to the drinking culture on campus. Be prepared to ask open-ended questions to continue the conversation."

3. Focus more on the most common consequences instead of just the most dramatic.

"While you can absolutely discuss the serious harms and consequences that can result from excessive drinking, it is actually more effective to mention the less severe outcomes, like doing something reckless or embarrassing. Focusing on what your student's long-term goals are ac-

ademically, socially, and financially, can also be a useful strategy when discussing the impacts of drinking. Research shows that students who engage in excessive drinking are more likely to have lower GPAs, have a lower likelihood of graduating, accept less prestigious jobs, and then end up with lower lifetime earnings."

4. Avoid general-

ization statements such as, "everyone drinks in college," and instead focus on facts related to substance use.

"Many students don't understand or underestimate the impact alcohol has on their body, so it's essential you help your student realize what is actually happening when they drink. It can help them more easily make the decision to abstain if

they understand drinking doesn't contribute to their goals, or at the very least, make safer decisions if they do choose to drink. Review our Alcohol Resources page before talking with your student to learn about blood alcohol concentration (BAC), impairment, factors that affect BAC, and more. This is also a great resource to share with your student."



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The City of Radford is conducting a three-year review and update of its Title VI Plan consistent with the requirements outlined in the Federal Transit Administration's Circular 4702.1B. The purpose of the Plan is to describe the non-discrimination efforts undertaken by Radford Transit to ensure its programs, policies, services, and other activities are available to all interested individuals. We invite members of the public, including Radford Transit customers, to review the draft plan online at www.radfordva.gov, and submit feedback by email to Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov, phone 540-267-3188, mail or stop by the City of Radford office at 10 Robertson St., Radford VA, 24141. It is the policy of the City of Radford and Radford Transit not to discriminate. A resolution for approval will go before City Council at their August 8, 2022 meeting.

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Court File No. CWF21-1208

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Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code §62.2-550, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Commissioner of Accounts has designated and appointed August 11, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., at her office located at 1128 East Main Street, Radford, Virginia 24141, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the aforesaid decedent and/or his estate, at the request of Marshall Bowen Kiser, Administrator c.t.a. for said estate. Given under my hand as Commissioner of Accounts this 25th day of July, 2022. Gail Cook DeVilbiss Commissioner of Accounts Circuit Court of the City of Radford 1128 East Main Street Radford, Virginia 24141 (540) 639-4056

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New scholarship to help Hokies from Virginia's recognized tribes

By Travis Williams

A conversation during an event recognizing Virginia Tech's history helped make it a little easier for descendants of the region's First Peoples to attend the university in the future.

During the 1872 Forward: Celebrating Virginia Tech weekend, Monacan Chief Kenneth Branham requested a brief conversation with Virginia Tech President Tim Sands. He shared the financial burden tribal members have related to higher education, what the Monacan Indian Nation is doing to help, and wondered what assistance the university might also provide.

"I'm one of those firm believers that if there's a need, you try to fulfill that need, and sometimes it's just a simple thing of asking for a little help," said Branham, who

was honored during a portion of the event. "You know, you don't know what the answer will be until you ask."

This month, the official answer came in the form of the new Virginia Tech Tribal Match Scholarship, which provides up to \$2,500 per academic year in matching funds to students who receive scholarships from any of Virginia's 11 recognized tribes or the Virginia Tribal Education Consortium. It is available for the fall semester for both new and continuing students.

"Put your money where your mouth is," is what I like to say," Branham said. "We're real appreciative of Virginia Tech and all they've done for us and all they'll be doing in the future."

In many ways, the matching scholarship is an extension of 1872 Forward, which recognized and honored the varied groups that helped shape Vir-

ginia Tech — Indigenous people, African Americans, and European settlers — as a part of the university's sesquicentennial celebration.

And for Sands, who made it a presidential priority to create and fund the scholarship, it is also part of the university's evolving land-grant mission.

"Our sesquicentennial exploration of Virginia Tech's founding helped elevate our understanding of the impact on Native peoples and their struggles through the loss of land and opportunity," Sands said. "This scholarship reflects our commitment to support communities that have been underserved and overlooked and will also enrich our community by including the lived experiences and perspective of students from Virginia's sovereign Indian nations."

Art

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Robert Smith's silver spoon series took a third-place prize in the 3D category.

Honorable mention honors in the 3D category went to Ann Hubbard and Scrap Elf House's Nau Mai.

Gerri Young and Renee Alarid served as the judges for the show. Young works in acrylic, watercolor, pencil ink, and sometimes oil. She belongs to the Blacksburg

Regional Art Association and has served as its president for six years.

She is a signature member of the Virginia Watercolor Society and has been accepted into the national Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center exhibition and has participated in both the Cowpasture River Plein Air Retreat for two years and the Nimrod Week.

Alarid is the Associate Director of Creative Services at the Moss Arts Center. She has experience developing innovative digital and print creations, company branding, motion graphics, video, UI/UX, graphic design, multimedia, 2D/3D character modeling, editing, and

marketing concepts. Her most recent accomplishment is an immersive environment exhibition, "A day in the life of a honeybee," displayed at the Science Museum of Western Virginia.

Art at the Market was presented by Downtown Blacksburg, Inc., with sponsoring support from Leaf Filter Gutter Protection, Dr. Steve Jacobs, The Lyric Theatre, New River Art & Fiber, Fringe Benefit, and the Town of Blacksburg.

Winners received ribbons and checks for the following amount: First place \$100; Second Place \$50; Third Place \$25; and Honorable Mention Ribbon only.

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William Lester is Warm Hearth's new president and CEO.

ployee having served 19 years in various roles on campus. He began as housekeeping supervisor at the Kroontje Health Center and then went on to become director of environmental services, assistant administrator, administrator of Showalter Center and finally administrator of the Kroontje Health Care Center.

"I am eager to create a smooth leadership transition and use my knowledge of our history and mission to aptly lead forward progress on major initiatives as well as daily oversight

of general operations," Lester said. "There's no place like Warm Hearth and I'm proud to be coming back home."

Lester lives in Christiansburg where he enjoys spending time with family and friends. Some of his favorite hobbies are gardening, working with his horses, and traveling when time permits.

Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on our campus and in the home.

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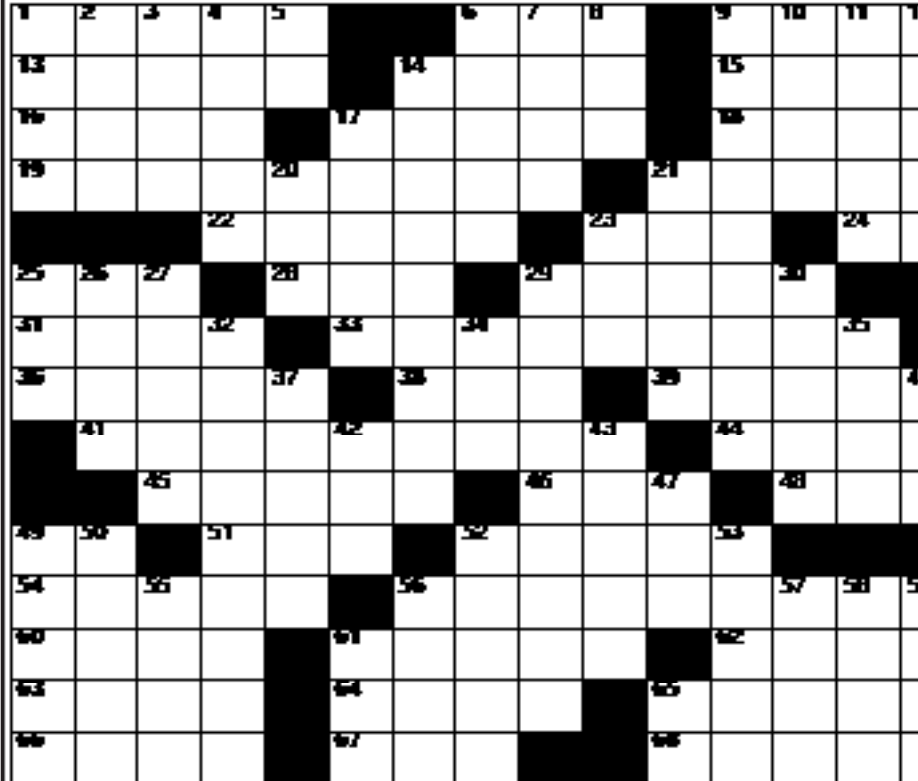
The contract with BAE Systems Ordnance Systems, Inc., covers management, production, maintenance, sustainment, and modernization of the installation located. The company has operated the plant since 2012.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Dried corn kernels (pl.)
 - 6. A clay in use
 - 8. Medieval battle
 - 13. Apparel manufacturer
 - 14. Business
 - 15. Chinese currency
 - 16. State as island
 - 17. Hatful
 - 18. Miscellaneous electronic acid
 - 19. 2016 IM. holiday cleanup
 - 21. White soil
 - 22. Document
 - 23. Reverse built-in
 - 24. Police use: south and east
 - 25. Fundamental materials
 - 26. Archer
 - 29. Archival Greek ruler
 - 31. Name
 - 32. White concrete spread
 - 33. Name
 - 36. LA landmark — Home
 - 38. Whirling
 - 39. Chickpea plant
 - 41. Revolutionary War satellite
 - 44. Civil rights organization
 - 45. Father
 - 46. Curious fringe
 - 48. Frequency
 - 49. Location of White House
 - 51. Small animal
 - 52. A structure bearing a covered entrance
 - 54. Exercise
 - 55. Exercise
 - 56. White European nation
 - 61. Foodtype
 - 62. Number seven
 - 63. Dance-trail method alcohol separation
 - 64. Japanese film
 - 65. Bird's — migration language
 - 66. Small bay
 - 67. Belonging to a thing
 - 68. Misuse
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mount Joe Paul
 - 2. Football shape on screen
 - 3. Body part
 - 4. Point
 - 5. South Dakota
 - 6. Great island
 - 7. Emerald lake
 - 8. Culture known for use of
 - 9. Desire to not live in things
 - 10. A glow
 - 11. Levels
 - 12. Crysis
 - 14. English agent
 - 17. City in South of France
 - 21. Author
 - 22. Cyrillic letters
 - 25. Command
 - 28. Small drink of spirits
 - 29. Indigenous people
 - 30. Polishing technique
 - 32. Importance
 - 34. Not bright
 - 35. Roman legend came
 - 37. Wave droppers
 - 40. Band and
 - 42. Red-numbered beer
 - 43. Italian
 - 47. Game Cache File
 - 48. Italian
 - 49. One who believes in
 - supernatural being
 - 50. Combat crater
 - 52. Grating substance
 - 53. Common name
 - 55. Computer
 - 56. Wind harpy
 - 57. Unit
 - 58. Captain
 - 59. A form of Persian
 - 61. Pseudo-per square
 - 65. Big blue

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OBITUARIES

Cantu, Rene

Rene Cantu, 55, of Blacksburg died Saturday, July 23, 2022.

He was born in Palm Beach County, Fla., on March 28, 1967.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Delgado.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Sue Cantu; his father, Joe Angel Cantu; a son, John Price; grandchildren Destiny Price, Audriana Price Kaydence, Logan, and Alexis; great-

grandchild Armoni White; numerous brothers, sisters, and other family members and friends.

Memorial services will be conducted today, Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Dwayne Martin officiating.

Arrangements handled by the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W. Blacksburg.

Effinger, Eddie Mac

Eddie Mac Effinger, 79, of Blacksburg passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 24.

A native of Blacksburg, Eddie was a former member of the National Guard and retired from Virginia Tech Electric.

Special thanks go to those who assisted his son, Eric, in his care: Teresa Wright, Carilion Wound Clinic, and the Carilion Hospice team. His wish for donations may be made to the SWVA Wildlife Center of Roanoke at www.swvawildlifecenter.org or the Montgomery County Humane Society.



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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 midweek 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: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

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

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.

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices

Montgomery County

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Read Isaiah 43:1 through 45:25

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me" (Isaiah 43:10).

When the people of Israel persisted in looking to the gods of the nations that surrounded them, the Lord was provoked to address their unfaithfulness. He called Israel to make a thoughtful examination of exactly what the gods of other nations had to offer. He then contrasted these false gods with himself.

These gods of the nations, which were no gods at all, could not choose Israel. But

God, who is the only God, did make a choice. In His choosing, He had a purpose. He wanted Israel to know that He alone is God, to believe in His character, and to understand His love for His chosen.

Then He wanted one more thing. He wanted His people to acknowledge Him before all others and declare His glory. Instead of seeking false gods, Israel should have been declaring: "Only our God is God; no other is like Him."

Thought for Today: God wants our love for Him to be evident to all.

Quicklook: Isaiah 43:9-13

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

Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email luthermemorialblacksburg@gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw. Please visit our website at www.oslcburg.org and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/oslchristiansburg to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation...A place where all are truly welcome... Nice, friendly, competent staff." You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith Formation Director at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, FL. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Backpack which has great community impact, Micah's Soup for Seniors, Micah's Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also,

partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@stmlc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

MULTI-CULTURAL

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christian Growth Center, 1850 Electric Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service *Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission: Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-2908.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Richard Hall (540) 552-7194. pastorhall29@gmail.com. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey,

Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

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

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: christ-wesleyanchurch.org

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Goforth, Mary Robertson

Mary Robertson Goforth, 84, Carrie and her husband, Drew, of Blacksburg, passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

She was born in Bluefield, W.Va., on Dec. 1, 1937, to the late James T. and Josephine Shrader Robertson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Henry Thomas Goforth, Jr.; and a brother, Tommy Robertson.

She is survived by her sons, Tom Goforth and his wife, Jacque; Mike Goforth and his wife, Tracy; granddaughters



and her husband, Louise; grandsons Ethan and his wife, Katie, and Luke; great-grandsons Wyatt, Jackson, and Knox; a brother, Steve Robertson and his wife, Kaye; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Bertha and David Huffman; and special friends, Mike and Charlotte Epperley, Salina McCoy, and Marie Holmes.

Funeral services will be held privately.

Mills, Julie Larrain

Julie Larrain Mills passed away July 21, 2022, at Myrtle Beach, S.C., after a courageous fight with breast cancer. She was predeceased by grandparents Isaac Hobert and Mary Costigan Nunley, and Frank Lee and Virgie Burke Mills; special cousin and friend, Patricia ("Sis") Williamson; and her father, Nelson Mills.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Daryl Warf of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and her special dogs, Noodles and Bruno. Also surviving are her mother, Helen Mills of Pulaski; brothers Nathan (Debra) Mills of Snowville., Steve Mills of Jacksonville, Texas, and Alan Mills of Grapeland, Texas; in-laws Clyde and Freda Warf of Galax; nieces and nephews, Leslie (Matt) Grubb, Matthew Mills and fiancé Madeline McGuire, Lisa (Marvin) Harless, Lora Mills, Diane (Richard) Lee, David (Kendall) Mills, and Meghan Mills; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Julie graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1978 and received an associate degree with honors from New River Community College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix.



She retired from Radford Community Hospital/Carilion NRV Medical Center after 34 years in Dietary Services. After her diagnosis and retirement, Julie and Daryl followed their dream and moved to Myrtle Beach where they spent countless days and special moments walking their dogs on the beach.

Julie was an excellent cook and delighted in cooking for family, especially her chicken and dumplings for Matthew, and gluten-free breads, rolls and treats for Leslie.

Every Christmas, she made trays of cookies, fudge, and candy for each family member. Julie was an example of strong will and determination to fight breast cancer to the very end.

The family is grateful to the excellent staff at Grand Strand Hospital, Myrtle Beach, who treated Julie with respect, dignity, and compassion during her last days.

Final arrangements were provided by McMillan-Small Funeral Home, Myrtle Beach, and Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Memorial services in Radford are pending.

Smith, Elizabeth Fain

Elizabeth Fain Smith, 76, entered the gates of Heaven on Sunday, July 24, 2022, at New River Valley Medical Center.

She was born in Montgomery County on Nov. 22, 1945, to the late Arnold Richard and Susan Reta Sheppard Fain. She was also preceded in death by her sons, Michael Smith and Jeffery Smith.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Robert W. Smith; son and daughter-in-law Tim Smith and Julie; daughter-in-law Cindy

and Duwayne Janney; sister Pat Sorrell; grandchildren Samantha and Seth Underwood, Kimberly and Cody McNeil, Lelia Smith, Georgia Smith, Sully Smith; and Meredith Janney; and great-grandchildren Holden and Kason McNeil.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Peter Anderson officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Cemetery.

VDOT ROAD WATCH

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Lane closures on Route 615 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals will be in place through August 2022. Flagging operations may be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

PATTERSON DRIVE BRIDGE WORK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO DETOUR TRAFFIC NEAR ROANOKE COUNTY LINE – From Aug. 1 through Sept. 2, Route 669 (Patterson Drive) will be closed to through traffic due to work on the bridge over Bottom Creek. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile west of the Roanoke County line near Route 669's intersection with Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Traffic can detour around the closure using Route 607 (Bottom Creek Road) and Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Electronic message boards will be in place to alert drivers to the upcoming bridge closure.

ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION – Road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School is underway. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last until August 2022.

PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. The barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane

closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

ROUTE 635 (GOODWIN AVENUE) CLOSURE – As part of the ongoing I-81 project from exit 137 to 141, Route 635 (Goodwin Avenue) is closed where it runs underneath I-81. It will be closed for approximately 30 days for reconstruction to accommodate the widening of the interstate. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes as traffic will not be able to pass underneath the interstate during this time.

BARRIER WALLS: Barrier wall installation is in process. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is closed until Sept. 2, 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. During the closure, a temporary concrete barrier wall will be installed in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143 – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 is underway. All lanes are now open and will remain open through the winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound traffic will resume this summer. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

Now a New York Giant, VT alum Tyrod Taylor finds a passion fighting food insecurity

In mid-March, Tyrod Taylor decided to change addresses and relocate to the Big Apple.

Yet wherever he resides, he remains hungry to take a bite out of the food insecurity issues plaguing many small and large communities in the United States.

Taylor '10, a former quarterback on the Virginia Tech football team, continues to invest in this cause, announcing a five-figure gift to The Market of Virginia Tech on a mid-April visit to campus for the Hokies' spring football game. The Market, located on University City Boulevard near campus, serves as the physical destination for many students with food insecurity to select produce, proteins, dairy, and other pantry items for free.

Taylor found out about the university's food assistance program and welcomed partnering with Hema '99 and Mehul Sanghani '98, who helped launch The Market in 2020 with a \$1.5 million donation.

"I met Mehul a few

years back and he sparked this idea about this concept, and I thought it was an awesome idea," Taylor said. "I thought it would be nice to partner with them and ultimately help the community. This is definitely a serious issue, as you educate yourself on food insecurity in different communities across the nation. It's bigger than a lot of people realize. It's definitely a special cause and a wonderful opportunity for guys like me who have a platform to give back. This goes a long way for a lot of people."

Taylor's donation continued his tradition of philanthropic efforts to fight hunger with most of those endeavors directed toward people in his hometown of Hampton, Virginia. In 2020, the Tyrod Taylor Foundation made a \$25,000 donation to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank located in Hampton.

In the past two years, Taylor's foundation has teamed with Kroger and the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank to organize drive-thru food pan-

tries at both Bassette Elementary School and at Hampton High School where Taylor played and graduated before coming to Virginia Tech. He also partnered with Kroger in November for a turkey drive at Darling Stadium in Hampton.

"We had a good number of turkeys that we were handing out, and 15 minutes into the event, it's all gone," said Taylor. "There were people showing up 20 minutes late to an event, and we don't have anything to give them. You have to ask, 'What's the root of the issue?' It's bigger than we think. It wasn't that people were grabbing more than they should. It's a food insecurity issue within my community and across the nation."

"I've been trying to attack it in different communities," Taylor said. "Obviously, the plan is to continue to keep growing with concepts like this [The Market] across the nation, so that we can help one another. It means a lot to me."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

VT alumnus Tyrod Taylor signed a contract with the New York Giants in the offseason — his sixth team in a 12-year NFL career. Photo courtesy of the New York Football Giants.

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Large fish kill reported at Claytor Lake

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Homeowners, boaters, and anglers are saying a large number of dead or dying striped bass are floating at Claytor Lake. The fish kill has individuals scratching their heads on what's happening in one of the area's favorite recreation places.

According to officials from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR), this time of year can be tough on the bass as they have to choose between water with their preferred temperatures or water that has sufficient oxygen to keep them alive.

The DWR statement said recent reports from anglers on Claytor Lake of dead or dying striped bass indicate that this summer may be exceptionally difficult for these fish.

DWR Aquatics staff observed 43 dead striped bass between Claytor Dam and the Claytor Dam State Park on July 21. These fish ranged in length from about 18 inches to more than 30 inches. An additional 60 or more dead striped bass were reported to DWR over the weekend of July 23-24.

Striped bass require water temperatures less than 75-77° Fahrenheit and dissolved oxygen levels greater than 2 to 3 milligrams per liter (mg/l). However, recent water quality sampling by the Department of Environmental Quality near Claytor Dam indicated that below about 23 feet the dissolved oxygen concentration in the water dropped to less than 2 mg/l.

While most fish would be stressed at dissolved oxygen levels this low, other species such as largemouth and small-mouth bass, sunfish, and catfish are able to avoid such a situation by staying at shallower depths.

As mentioned above, however, striped bass also require cooler water temperatures, which are typically found at deeper depths.

Water temperatures observed during the recent DEQ sampling exceeded the preferred range for striped bass all the way down to about 50 feet. Where favorable water temperatures existed, dissolved oxygen levels were less than 1 mg/l.

The conditions that lead to this "habitat squeeze," according to DWR, result from a normal phenomenon that occurs in nearly all lakes known as thermal stratification. As the upper layer of water in a lake warms during late spring or summer, the deeper and colder waters become isolated from the upper layer.

The upper layer of water is generally well oxygenated through wind and wave action. Since colder water is denser than warmer water, the layers don't mix and the water lower in the lake does not receive additional oxygen inputs from the upper layer. This limits the amount of oxygen in deeper waters, and what oxygen is in those waters is eventually consumed by fish through normal biological activity.

As the summer season progresses and the available oxygen in the lower waters is consumed while the upper waters warm, the striped bass are trapped between the upper layer of water that has plenty of oxygen, but is too warm, and deeper, cooler water that does not have sufficient oxygen to support them.



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Anglers on Claytor Lake have reported more than 100 dead or dying striped bass between Claytor Dam and Claytor Dam State Park.

Hybrid striped bass are also stocked in Claytor Lake, where they do better as they have a higher temperature tolerance and can generally move higher in the water column where oxygen is more available.

DWR will continue to monitor the situation on Claytor Lake, but little can be done to resolve the immediate habitat conditions.

If the conditions that lead to striped bass kills on Claytor Lake become more frequent, DWR will need to evaluate the management strategies for this species.

Spring all-county/all-city student-athletes

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The all-county/all-city spring athletes of the year have been announced.

Christiansburg's Tyrique Taylor and Auburn's Haley Hollins have been named the track honorees while Christiansburg's Bailee Reasor and Auburn's Hannah Shepherd are the softball co-players of the year.

Blacksburg's Edric Zhang and Auburn's Chris Neal shared the boys' soccer players of the year. On the girls' side of the soccer field, Eastern Montgomery's Maddie Bruce was the top player in Class 1 girls' soccer this past year.

Coach Whitney Sarver led Eastern Montgomery to another state title in just the program's fourth year of existence.

Thus, Sarver is the News Messenger/News Journal all-county/all-city spring soccer coach of the year.

In baseball, Mason Selfe helped lead Christiansburg to an undefeated River Ridge schedule and an appearance in the state playoffs. The pitcher/first baseman is the 2022 all-county/all-city baseball player of the year.

Selfe, who is only a junior, finished the year with a .569 batting average with nine home runs, 49 RBI's and nine steals. On the mound, he recorded a 2-0 record with 39 strikeouts.

Earlier this spring, Hollins threw a 39-0 shot mark to set a new school outdoor record. In addition, she has heaved the discus 106-4 for a new personal record. Hollins also brought home a state indoor shot title with a 41-01.75 mark. She also took time to be a part of Au-

burn's volleyball team, which claimed a state championship.

Taylor, who will play football at Emory and Henry this fall, has dominated the shot ranks in Class 3 and recently claimed first places in a national track event in North Carolina and then in last week's Commonwealth Games.

Reasor was first team all-district and all-region and second team all-state. Shepherd led Auburn to another state softball championship while hitting .473 with four homers, 41 RBI's, and 12 stolen bases.

This past season, Zhang had three goals and 10 assists and was named boys soccer First Team All-District, District Player of the Year, First Team All-Region, and First Team All-State. Neal was the Class 1 boys soccer state player of the year.

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Tech, ODU to square off

Commonwealth adversaries Virginia Tech and Old Dominion are set to meet in the first round of the Shriners Children's Charleston Classic on Thursday, Nov. 17, at TD Arena in Charleston, S.C. The contest tips off at 2 p.m. and will air on ESPN2.

ESPN and the Shriners Children's Charleston Classic announced pairings, times, and television designations for the eight-team, four-day tournament on Tuesday. All 12 games of the tournament will be televised by one of the ESPN fam-

ily of networks.

The Hokies will face either Furman or Penn State in the second round on Friday, Nov. 18. Tech's second round matchup will be at noon or 2 p.m./2:30 p.m. on Friday.

ODU concluded its 2021-22 season at 13-19 overall, 8-10 in Conference USA action. The Monarchs are under the direction of Jeff Jones, who enters his 10th season at the helm in Norfolk. The Hok-

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Outdoor report: Be aware of weather when boating

While there is much disagreement about thunderstorms and lightning, there is one universal agreement: avoid them entirely if at all possible. That can only be done only with some means of learning of their impending presence ahead of time.

Before engaging in any activity on the water, enthusiasts should always check the official weather forecast and should always be watching out for the development of any of these dangerous conditions:

Fog, dark clouds, and lightning.

A falling barometer (If the barometer falls, you can expect rain to fall too.)

A noticeable halo around the sun or moon (This usually indicates rain.)

Changes in the direction and temperature of the wind (A drop in temperature indicates a storm.)

Puffy, vertically rising clouds.

Watch out for the West. While foul weather usually comes from the west, storms from the east tend to be the most powerful.

A warning ahead of the spectacle in the sky is especially helpful. Such a warning could come from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) via radio or online. The National Weather Service has established radio transmitters all across the United States with a specific set of frequencies available on most VHF-FM marine radios, as well as specific weather radio receivers with warning alert systems that will sound off when there is a weather emergency in the area. These weather radios are small and battery-operated and are convenient to carry on the smallest of vessels.

Knowledge of upcoming weather is vital to ensuring a safe trip on the water. Advance knowledge can offer a means of advance preparation that could mean survival of your property and/or the life of yourself and your passengers. So make sure to check the NWS online while planning your trip and ensure that you have a way to receive weather alerts during your float, either on your phone or via radio.

NOAA provides the following warning levels:

Small Craft Advisory: A warning of weather conditions that may be dangerous for small boats. This warning indicates winds of at least 18 knots (24 mph) and rough, wavy conditions.

Gale Warning: A warning of strong winds within the range of 34-47 knots (39-54 mph).

Storm Warning: A warning of winds within the range of 48-63 knots (55-73 mph).

Hurricane Warning: A warning that indicates hurricane winds of 64 knots (74 mph) and higher. This warning identifies that a combination of dangerously high water and rough seas are expected to impact a specified coastal area.

Thunderstorms usually mean a triple threat: 1) Heavy, flooding rain; 2) Unusually heavy and sudden winds; and 3) Potentially destructive lightning.

If you get caught in a storm, take the following actions:

Step 1) Make sure every passenger is wearing a life jacket.

Step 2) Reduce your speed and maintain your movement forward.

Step 3) Turn on your required navigation lights. You may not be the only boater out there.

Step 4) Seat your passengers on the bottom of the boat, along the centerline. This will help stabilize the boat and prevent the passengers from falling overboard.

Step 5) Stow any loose gear. A wakeboard or fishing pole can catch the wind and fly at you or your passengers.

Step 6) Cut through

large waves at a 45° angle. This will reduce the chance of your boat being swamped. If you're operating a personal watercraft, cut through the waves at a 90° angle to help maintain lateral stability.

Step 7) Keep the bilges free of water to stay well above water level (Make sure you have a good bailer or working bilge pump on board.)

Step 8) If it's safe to do so, head toward shore.

If you get caught in a storm and you're unable to return to shore safely, you should anchor your boat.

Here's how:

Step 1) Angle the boat as though you were still moving, at a 45° angle, headed into the waves. This positioning will prevent the boat from drifting or from being swamped by waves.

Step 2) Drop the anchor from the bow of the boat.

Step 3) Stay low in the boat and turn off the electrical equipment while you wait for the storm to pass.

Step 4) Use your sound signaling device to indicate to other boaters that you're at anchor. To do this, sound a signal rapidly for about five seconds in intervals of not more than one minute.

Step 5) If you find yourself in need of rescue, use the appropriate visual distress signal equipment.

Step 6) If you find yourself without an anchor, the Coast Guard recommends using a bucket and a rope as an emergency anchor.

Note: If you cannot reach your destination safely, you should seek shelter for the duration of the storm.

Safe shelters include marked areas for mooring or bays and docking areas that are protected by breakwaters.

Knowing what weather is on the horizon and being prepared for running into storms while on the water can help keep you, your passengers, and your vessel safe.

Tech men's basketball releases non-conference slate



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BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech men's basketball head coach Mike Young unveiled the Hokies' 2022-23 non-conference schedule on Thursday.

Season tickets are available now as the most price-conscious option and come with a number of exclusive benefits.

The reigning ACC Champions will open their 11-game non-conference slate against Delaware State inside Cassell Coliseum on Monday, Nov. 7. Tech's first three games will take place on Carilion Clinic Court, as Lehigh will visit on Nov. 10 and in-state foe William & Mary ventures to Blacksburg on Nov. 13.

As previously announced, the Hokies will compete in the Shriners Children's Charleston Classic between Nov. 17-20, opening with Old Dominion. Pending the result, Young's squad will face either Furman or Penn State on Nov. 18 before wrapping up the tournament on Nov. 20. Tech last played in the tournament

in 2018, going 3-0 en route to the title.

On Nov. 25, Charleston Southern makes its sixth trip to Cassell Coliseum to face Tech.

The Hokies will match up with Minnesota in this year's ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Nov. 28 at home. Virginia Tech and the Golden Gophers have squared off once before - in 2011 - for the annual interconference competition.

Tech will challenge Dayton for the second straight season as the Flyers travel to Blacksburg on Dec. 7.

On Dec. 11, the Hokies will return to Brooklyn, N.Y., for the first time since their exhilarating run to an ACC title in March, as a contest against Oklahoma State in the Basketball Hall of Fame Invitational awaits.

Virginia Tech wraps up its non-conference slate at home on Dec. 17 against Grambling State.

Game times and television designations for non-conference games will be revealed at a later date.

Tech adds Uslu to women's tennis squad

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech women's tennis head coach Terry Ann Zawacki-Holdren announced the signing of Özlem Uslu on Tuesday.

Uslu joins the Hokies with a wealth of experience competing in her native Turkey, including representing its national team with the U12, U14, U16 and U18 age groups.

In 2018, her squad placed fourth in the ITF World Junior Tennis finals. The following year, she was part of the ISF World Champion team at Okyanus High School. Uslu has earned five Tennis Europe singles titles, including the TE Development Championship. She's had plenty of success in International Tennis

Federation (ITF) Juniors competition, including 10 singles titles and two doubles crowns.

On five occasions, Uslu has reached the quarterfinals of ITF women's singles quarterfinals. She has held an ITF Junior ranking as high as 90 and a Women's Tennis Association singles ranking of 868.



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Özlem Uslu has signed with the Virginia Tech women's tennis team. Uslu is a native of Turkey who has represented the Turkish national teams in four different age groups. She has earned five Tennis Europe singles titles.

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ies hold a 14-10 advantage in the all-time series, but the two sides haven't played since 2007. ODU has won four of the last five meetings.

This will be Tech's second appearance in the Charleston Classic. The Hokies went 3-0 in 2018 on their way to the team title. Nickeil Alexander-Walker, who scored 20-plus points in all three games, earned tournament MVP honors.

All-tournament tickets for the classic are on sale now. Fans can purchase discounted early-bird Premium Lower Chairback seats for \$170 (regularly \$185) or Lower Bleacher/Upper Level seats for \$120 (regularly \$135) through Aug. 20. All seating for the classic is general admission separated into those two tiers.

Single-session tickets will go on sale in October

pending availability. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance as premium lower sideline tickets have sold out before October the past three years. Tickets are available at www.CharlestonClassic.com or by calling the College of Charleston box office at (843) 953-2632.

Fans traveling from out of town can secure discounted hotel rates at the tournament's official fan hotels by going to https://onlocationexp.com/college-sports/charleston-classic-tickets. The city of Charleston was voted #1 City in the US for the eighth straight year by Travel + Leisure. Conde' Nast voted Charleston the Best Small City in the U.S. for the 10th consecutive year. The average high temperature in November is 70 degrees, making it a perfect time of the year to visit.

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