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Blacksburg Farmers Market continues tradition of fresh local food and home-made products

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

Blacksburg Farmers Market, located at the corner of Draper Road and Roanoke Street, provides locally grown food and homemade products on Saturdays throughout the year, but will soon be opening for the spring and summer seasons with additional hours.

Beginning on April 1, and continuing through the end of October, market hours will be Wednesdays 2- 6 p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Market shoppers will find a variety of produce, meat, grains, fruit, and other items all grown or made locally. The www.blacksburgfarmersmarket.com website provides a list of vendors along with information about their farms and businesses.

Director of the Blacksburg Farmer's Market, Deborah



Fresh produce is a big draw at the Blacksburg Farmers Market. All produce has to be grown within 50 miles of the market.

Edwards, explains that they are a "producer-only market."

Anything sold at the market must be produced, grown, and made by the vendor or farmer within a 50-mile radius," she said. "We also encourage the vendors to purchase

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF BLACKSBURG FARMERS MARKET

Peace and Harmony Farm is one of the many vendors at the Blacksburg Farmers Market.

Millstone Kitchen partnership with Warm Hearth provides weekly meals for seniors



PHOTO COURTESY OF WARM HEARTH VILLAGE
Warm Hearth Village resident Sandy Zheng, at Micah's Pantry, picks up a fresh meal donated by Millstone Kitchen.

Susan Bixler
Warm Hearth Village

Since 2020, Warm Hearth has partnered with Millstone Kitchen to provide prepared meals to seniors in need on campus.

More than 12,391 meals have been delivered to 144 residents at Trolinger and New River House apartments providing nutritious meal options and helping to stretch food dollars for these

seniors. Each year, Warm Hearth with the help of the Foundation provides more than \$500,000 in support to seniors in the form of meals, housing, healthcare, emergency assistance and more.

"I love the meals," said Sandy Zheng, resident of Warm Hearth. "I enjoy them immensely and they help me financially."

Millstone Kitchen is a shared-use commercial kitchen operated by the nonprofit Live, Work, Eat, Grow. Their goal is to provide fresh, made-from-scratch meals to as many food insecure individuals as possible. The kitchen started partnering with Warm Hearth Village (WHV) in 2020 and has been able to continue the partnership with funding from the Town of Blacksburg's American Rescue Plan Act. They also work with local catering businesses who use the

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The New River Blues Society has a mission - share and preserve the blues

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The New River Blues Society is on a mission: to provide opportunities for area community members to experience blues music and preserve its history.

Vernon Kelley, President of the New River Blues Society, shares that blues events are primarily held in the New River Valley at any venues that can pair up with the organization. The last couple of years saw some series of events postponed due to the pandemic; however, one returning event will be Blues, Brews, and Bloodys, held Sunday afternoons from 2-5 pm, June-September, at Eastern Divide in Blacksburg.

Another event series happens on Wednesday nights at the Rising Silo in Blacksburg. Patrons in attendance will find a mix

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ALIVIA TRIPP AND KURT CRANDALL

Kurt Crandall and The Stella Vees, set to perform at Pulaski Theater, is one of the New River Blues Society's upcoming events.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH
Vice President for Strategic Affairs and Diversity Menah Pratt, pictured in the Hahn Horticulture Garden in June, has been honored as one of the Top 50 Women Leaders of Virginia for 2023.

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BLACKSBURG - Menah Pratt, vice president for strategic affairs and diversity, has been honored as one of the Top 50 Women Leaders of Virginia for 2023 by the website Women We Admire.

According to the website, the list includes a group of women who "encourage and promote lasting changes around them, impacting the lives of other women and empowering them to lead in their own path."

Pratt joined Virginia Tech on Feb. 1, 2016, after a distinguished career as the associate chancellor for strategic affairs and associate provost for diversity at the University of Illinois. Additionally, she has served as university compliance officer, assistant secretary of the university, and university counsel at Vanderbilt University. She also holds a faculty appointment as a professor in the School of Education in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. She is affiliated with

the Africana Studies program, Women's and Gender Studies program, and the Department of Sociology.

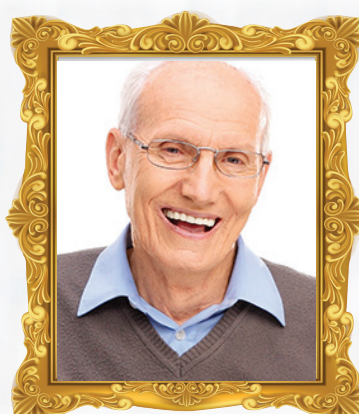
"I am extremely honored to be included in the Top 50 Women Leaders of Virginia among so many distinguished and admirable women," said Pratt. "Being able to work at Virginia Tech and live Ut Prosim (That I May Serve) is a privilege. I have been fortunate enough to know and learn from many remarkable women in my lifetime. It is my goal to encourage and empower others through my work and by leading by example."

In a recent article published by Illinois State University, Pratt spoke of the way her mother, Mildred Pratt, "fought racism, segregation, sexism and generational poverty to achieve a better life and help others do the same."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 29:

Radford budget presentation
In City Council Chambers; 5:30 p.m. City Staff will present the 2023-24 fiscal year proposed budget to members of Radford City Council and the public.

Saturday, April 1:

AARP Tax Aide Assistance
At the Meadowbrook Library; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AARP Tax Aide is the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service, preparing tax returns and answering tax questions free of charge. You don't have to be a member of AARP nor a senior to use this service. AARP Tax Aide offers free electronic filing using IRS provided tax preparation software. No business or farm returns will be done. Registration required by calling the library at (540) 268-1964.

Free Tax Assistance with NRCA
At the Christiansburg Library; 1 – 4 p.m. Come in for free tax prep assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and NRCA. Income limits may apply. Walk-in only. For more information visit <https://newrivercommunityaction.org/vita> or call 540-320-3217.

Wednesday, April 5:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will be hosting seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." Seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Thursday, April 6:

American Legion meeting
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Monday, April 10:

Radford City Council meeting
The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting
Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at

6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Tuesday, April 11:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting
Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting
Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

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 (UDC) are also invited to attend. Camp Member James Evans will speak on "Life in a Northern Prison Camp". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Kids Cooking Club
At the Radford Public Library; 2- 3 p.m. Join us for our very first program with our mobile kitchen, the Charlie Cart! We will be making Johnnycakes, and kids should be ready to assist in the kitchen! Registration is required, and spots are limited. Please email morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov or call 540-731-3621 to register. For kids ages 7-12.

Wednesday, April 12:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will be hosting seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Thursday, April 13:

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. If you are willing to share your

knowledge and learn from others, this guild is for you. We welcome all skill levels of quilters. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists
At the Radford Public Library; 6-7:30 p.m. Join us to learn more about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and our upcoming training program which starts in August 2023.

Saturday, April 22:

Montgomery County/ Blacksburg Kiwanis Club Brunswick Stew fundraiser
At Prices Fork Elementary School (PFES), 4021 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg; noon – 2 p.m. Fundraiser benefits programming at PFES and local youth charities supported by Kiwanis. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling (540) 951-5831 or emailing pfsstew@gmail.com. Payment accepted by cash or check upon pickup. Kindly make checks payable to PFES. Drive-thru service will be available the day of pickup. Price is \$10/quart or \$9 /quart for five quarts.

On-going:

Registration open for annual Scrabble tournament for literacy
Registration is now open for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley 15th Annual LVNRV Scrabble Tournament, which will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Sinkland Farms in Christiansburg. All proceeds from the fun evening support free tutoring for adults to provide them with the skills they need for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. Programs include one-on-one tutoring, Skill Up NRV and Family READS programs, GED and U.S. Citizenship preparation classes, and Bridge to Digital Learning initiative. Register at www.lvnrv.org or call 540-382-7262.

Cap and Gown Drive
The Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office is partnering with Blacksburg High School and Sustainable Blacksburg to encourage re-use of previous years' graduate gear for the 2023 senior class. Gowns (blue only - from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Main Entrance of Blacksburg High School. It is appreciated if materials are dry-cleaned, but not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes
New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. The classes began on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Financial Focus: Have you built an emergency fund?

Many people make financial New Year's resolutions, such as reducing their debts or contributing more to their retirement accounts —

both of which are certainly worthy goals. But among those who planned to make a financial resolution for 2023, the primary reason was the desire to build an

emergency savings fund, according to a December 2022 study by research firm Morning Consult.

Factors such as economic concerns and

the sharp rise in inflation seem to be driving this greater interest in building an emergency fund. But it's extremely valuable to maintain this type of fund in any economic environment. An emergency fund can help you prepare for a temporary job loss or early retirement, or pay for large home or auto repairs, sizable medical bills and other needs.

So, how much do you need to keep in an emergency fund? The answer depends on your stage of life. If you're still working, you might want at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund. If you're already retired, however, you may need at least three months' worth of expenses for emergencies, plus another 12 months' worth of expenses, after accounting for your other sources of income, to cover your everyday spending needs.

And if you are retired, it's especially important to maintain this larger emergency fund so you can avoid dipping into

your investment portfolio to pay for any unforeseen costs and daily expenses. As you know, the financial markets can be volatile, so, if it's possible, you'll want to avoid having to sell investments when their prices may be down.

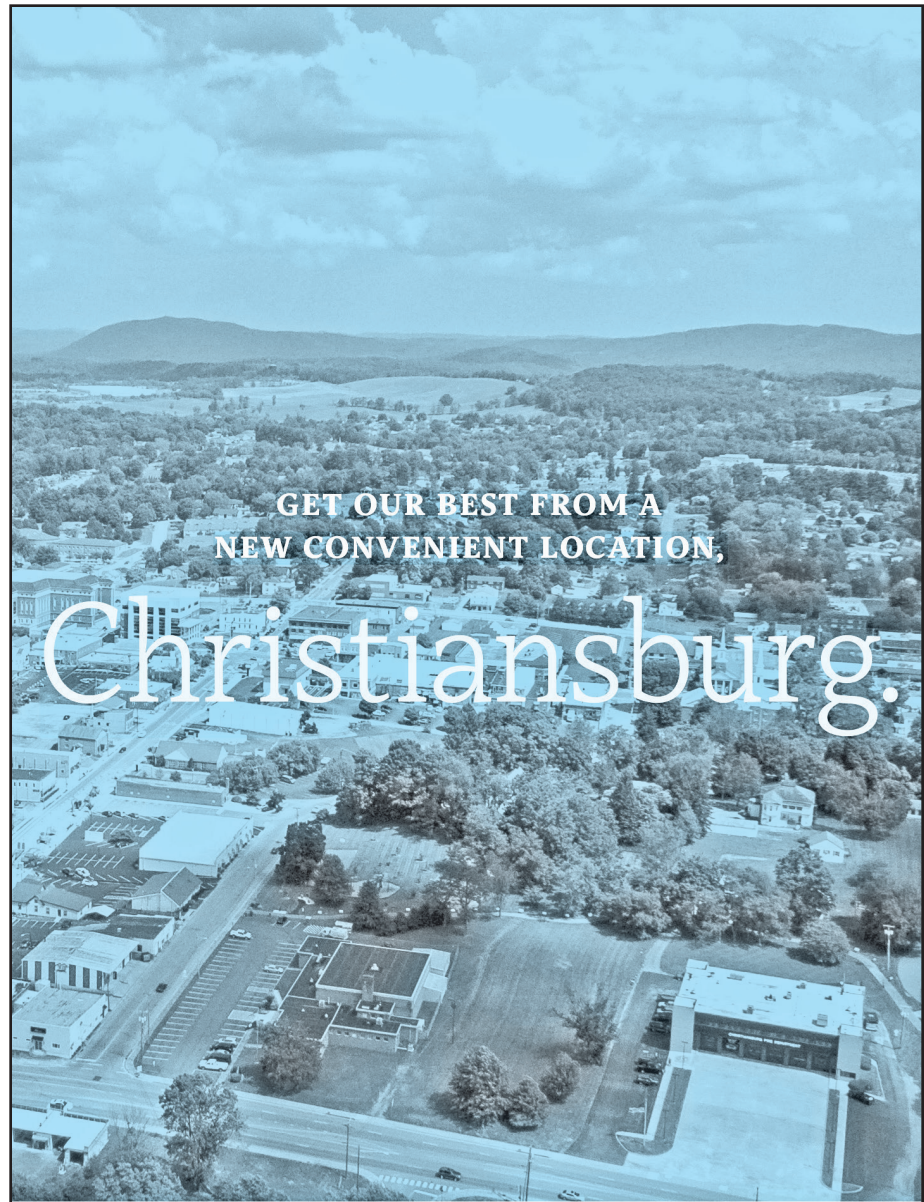
When building an emergency fund, where should you keep the money? You'll need it to be accessible, so you'll want it in a liquid investment vehicle. At the same time, you don't want to take risks with this fund, so you'll want to be confident that your principal will likely be preserved. Some possibilities might include short-term certificates of deposit (CDs) or money market accounts. But wherever you put the money, keep it separate from your regular checking or savings account — it's called an "emergency" fund for a reason, and you don't want to mingle it with the accounts you use every day.

Given the high cost of living, it's not always easy to sock away money for emergencies — and if you wait until all your

bills are paid before addressing an emergency fund, you may only make very slow progress. One possible strategy is to pay yourself first, so to speak, by having some money automatically moved from your checking or savings account each month into your emergency fund. And whenever you get a financial windfall, such as a tax refund or a year-end bonus at work, you might use some of it for this fund.

It will take time and discipline to build and maintain an emergency fund. But once you've got such a fund in place, you'll feel more confident in your ability to deal with unexpected costs that could potentially disrupt your progress toward your financial goals. So, make it a priority this year to build or strengthen your emergency fund. It will be worth the effort.

This article was written by Edward, Member SIPC and submitted by local Edward Jones financial advisor Meghan Kuczarski (540)552-1241.



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OBITUARIES

Turner, Sr., Edgar "Ed" Craig

Edgar "Ed" Craig Turner, Sr. passed away in his home in Christiansburg on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023.

Ed was a man of many talents and interests who loved his family and friends well. Born Sept. 1, 1956, Ed was the second child of Ernest Craig Turner, Jr. and Janet Reed Turner of Blacksburg. Ed leaves behind his sister Marilyn Lyga and his brother Doug Turner. Of his childhood memories, Ed spoke fondly of fishing with his father, his mother's ability to put on a fantastic party, and the antics of a rambunctious boy who made sure life was never too quiet in the Turner household.

Ed was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife Sherri (Reid) Turner, who passed away on May 6, 2019. Ed and Sherri met while students at Appalachian State University in North Carolina in 1975. They

were married on August 22, 1976. Ed and Sherri were married for 42 years. Sherri's death had a profound impact on Ed, who was a dedicated husband and loving caregiver to his wife.

Ed and Sherri leave behind two children, Becca (Turner) Ratcliff and Edgar Craig Turner, Jr.. Becca and Craig will hold on to memories of their father and will pass stories of Ed on to his four grandchildren. Ed's care for his wife and family are the legacy which his children seek to pass on to his grandchildren. This is one way they will hold close to the memory of their "Opa".

For 32 years Ed worked as an electrical engineer at Kollmorgen, where he viewed his coworkers as friends and family. Sadly, Ed was only able to enjoy a few months of what should have been a long and well-earned retirement. In his free time, Ed was a long-time

member of the Sauerkraut Band where he often filled the position of first chair trumpet. For many years he also played trumpet in the orchestra for Summer Musical Enterprises of Blacksburg and the Blacksburg Community Band. Ed loved to play trumpet and also loved to joke about the boisterous spirit of trumpet players, often at the expense of his son, who plays trombone.

Of his other interests, Ed loved to ride his motorcycle down country roads, watch football, and care for his dogs - his faithful companions. Ed was a great storyteller and loved to enjoy a good meal and good conversation with friends and family.

Family and friends are welcome to remember Ed and celebrate his legacy. The service will be held on April 29, 2023 at Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren (950 Heather Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060) from 10 - 11 a.m.

Hoyt, Martha O'Quinn

Martha O'Quinn Hoyt, 87, of Radford, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

She was a member of Saint Jude Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents Leo and Grace O'Quinn; brothers and sisters, Martin, Frances (Loretta), Marie, Diane, Betty (Brian) Duffy, and Irby Grayson. She was also preceded in death by in-laws, Raymond and Catherine Hoyt; and brothers and sisters-in-laws, Bert (Genevieve) Hoyt, Lillian (Warren) Hamer, Ancella (Frank) Natale, Inez (Tony) Natale, Cyr Natale, Laurence Hoyt, James Hoyt, Lucille Hahn and Joseph Garrison.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years, Joseph Raymond Nobert Hoyt; children, Ray (Cindy) Hoyt, Howard

(Elaine) Hoyt, Michelle (Bob) Saunders, Beverly (Basil) Edwards, and Stephen Hoyt; 15 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; sisters



and brothers, Theresa Grayson, Marie (Bert) Alexandra, Cora (Dave) Bedo, Linda (Bill) Abbott, Genny O'Quinn, Garry (Agnes), Ronnie, Clyde (Sandra), and Raymond (Cecilia); sisters-in-law, Jeanette Hoyt and Mary

Lou Hoyt; and many extended family members. Martha was devoted to her family, friends, and her faith in God. She was a stay-at-home mom who loved to cook and was a gracious host. In her spare time, Martha loved to garden and read. She also enjoyed traveling worldwide with her husband, Ray.

Visitation will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church, located at 1740 Tyler Road in Christiansburg, on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 10 a.m. with a Catholic burial mass beginning at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions to Saint Jude Catholic Church, 1740 Tyler Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

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

Mundy, Barbara "Poppy" Nugent

Barbara "Poppy" Nugent Mundy, 88, passed away at her home in Radford on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

She was a member of Grove United Methodist Church and a Registered Nurse. She was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Alice Nugent; husband, Richard "Dick" Mundy; and her "Dilly Girls", Betty Harman, Hazel Williamson, Shirley Reed and Mary Viers.

Barbara was a loving wife, mother, "Poppy," and friend. She was happily married to the love of her life, Dick, for more than 40 years. Her family finds comfort knowing they are reunited in Heaven after 26 years apart.

She loved her church family, was strong in her faith, and was a devoted member of Grove United Methodist Church for

more than 60 years. Her kindness and generosity were felt throughout her community.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law,



Susan and Larry Martin; son, Kenneth Mundy and his friend, Marion Ohler; brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Barbara Nugent, and son Grey; grandchildren, Lauren (Chris) Quesenberry, Heather Finman (fiancée,

Alaina Dickerson), Jamie Presgrave, Jake Mundy, Matt (Breanna) Martin, Chris (Monica) Martin, Katy (Matt) Smith, and Charley (Dan) Ruch; great grandchildren, Addison and Nicholas Quesenberry, Sadie Presgrave, Lily and Sam Smith, Noah and Cora Ruch; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Grove United Methodist Church. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Jan Nicholson-Angle officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Grove UMC Memorial Garden, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford, VA 24141

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

Boggs, David Lee

David Lee Boggs, 52, passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Perry and Amy Boggs; his siblings, Ed Boggs, Maxine Goad, Tom Boggs, Alonzo Boggs, two sets of infant twins, Eva Mae and Everett Boggs, and Terry Dean and Jerry Lee Boggs; and an infant brother, Anthony Edward Boggs.



Survivors include his daughter, Leanna Boggs; granddaughter, Julianna; brothers, Marty Boggs, Ike Boggs, Art Boggs, and Tim Boggs; sister, Eileen Pillow; and numerous other family members and friends.

No services will be held at this time.

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

Mansfield, John Joseph

John Joseph Mansfield, 59, passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Lafon and Catherine Mansfield; brothers, Carl and Wesley Lafon; and his sisters, Patricia Myers, Dreama Jones, Katherine Burns and Geneva Propps.

Survivors include his sister-in-law, Brenda Lafon; best friend, Mike Saunders; brother, Gene Lafon; special great niece and her



children, Patricia Coffey, Makenzie and Easton; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 6 p.m. with Pastor Ray Propps officiating.

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

Law, Lucille Mae

Lucille Mae Law went to be with her Lord, husband, and children on the morning of March 22, 2023, at the age of 86. She passed away peacefully while surrounded by loved ones and cuddled with her loyal cat, Patches.

Lucille Law was born Lucille Mae Cox on April 28, 1936, to parents Damon Cox and Ella Quesenberry. She was the youngest of four siblings and the only daughter. She grew up in Snowville, Va. and was a beloved member of her community. She was married to her true love and high school crush, Edwin Eugene (Gene) Stike.

She is predeceased by both of her parents; her brothers, Shirley, Laudie, and Exle Cox; her husband, Gene Stike; and her two children, Gary and Teresa Sowers.

She is survived by her grandchildren Leslie Elmore, Lauren (Jorge) Morales, and Gary Sowers II whom she cherished. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as "Candy Mimi", Nicole (Aaron) Hays, Ashley (Christian) Leiss, Caitlin Prichett, James Prichett V, Donovan Prichett, Rebekah Prichett, Oliver Morales and Logan Peacocke, as well as her seven

great-great-grandchildren.

Lucille was also loved and missed by her "family-in-love" as she used to say, her extended Stike family. Terry, Treena and Britney Stike; Haley (Hayden) Cran; Eddie and Gina Stike; Natasha (Kevin) Poston;



Amber (Ryan)Fithian; Graelen, John, Ben and Elizabeth Stike; and great-grandchildren Mackenzie Poston, Kennedy Poston, Ava Fithian and Eden Fithian.

Lucille was a wonderful woman, a devout follower of God, and member of the church. She worked for Giant for 30 years before retiring. Lucille loved to cook and made amazing comfort foods, she would show her love by offering a warm home-cooked meal. She had a love of dolls and other trinkets that she collected, creating a beautiful home

with her husband. Lucille cherished her family and friends, all of whom will lovingly remember her for her humor, kind heart, and warm hugs.

The family received friends on Tuesday, March 28 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services, a private family graveside service and burial immediately followed.

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

Edmonds, David Warren

David Warren Edmonds, 58, passed away at his home in Blacksburg March 21, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his father, William J. Edmonds; and his mother, Wanda Q. Edmonds; and is survived by his sister Susan.

Dave, an avid sportsman, Hokie fan, and tailgater, leaves behind many, many friends. To know him was to love him. He was a kind, compassionate, hilariously funny guy who would give you the shirt off his back.

He loved bluegrass



music and enjoyed attending festivals when he could. Cooking was one of his passions and fueled his career in the

restaurant industry in Blacksburg.

We will miss seeing his smile and hearing his laugh but know that he is with us always and forever in our hearts.

His ashes will be interred at Westview Cemetery on Roanoke Street in Blacksburg on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 1 p.m. Interment service is provided by McCoy Funeral Home.

A celebration of his life will be held at Lefty's in Blacksburg at 2 p.m. following the interment. The interment and event are casual dress.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL SERVICE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES TO BE IMPOSED BY THE MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on April 20, 2023 at 1:30 pm at the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority, 555 Authority Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073 concerning MRSWA's proposed rates, fees and charges for solid waste and refuse disposal services. Such proposed rates, fees and charges are as follows:

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Clean brush, wood & pallets	\$63.00 per ton (\$3.15 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Construction waste	\$48.00 per ton (\$2.40 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Dead animals	\$72.00 per ton (\$3.60 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Industrial waste	\$48.00 per ton (\$2.40 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Leaves	\$72.00 per ton (\$3.60 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Municipal solid waste – jurisdictional	\$72.00 per ton (\$3.60 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Municipal solid waste - commercial	\$48.00 per ton (\$2.40 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Sludge	\$72.00 per ton (\$3.60 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
White goods/appliances— containing freon and propane tanks containing propane	\$19.00 per unit freon/propane surcharge
Direct Haul – non friable asbestos	Contact NRRA
Mulch sold to public	\$22.00 per ton
Untarped/unsecured loads	\$10.00 per load (in addition to the per ton material fee)
Member clean-up events	\$72.00 per ton

Special waste: Must be of a type allowed by law and acceptable to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority. Rate charged will be a rate set by the New River Resource Authority plus cost of transportation and handling.

RECYCLING SERVICES

Tires \$0.20 per pound (\$4.00 minimum charge up to 20 pounds)

Single Stream recycling processing fee: \$72.00 per ton charge for loads of single stream recyclables unless contaminated and rejected then the processing fee is \$77.00 per ton.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

NOTICE OF RELOCATION MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR OFFICE

The Montgomery County Voter Registrar Office which is currently located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Va is moving to 1546 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Va (Food Lion Plaza) effective April 10, 2023.

Starting April 10, 2023, citizens who need assistance from the General Registrar office will need to go to the new office located at 1546 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Va. The Registrar's Office can be reached at 540-382-5741.

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ingredients within the 50-mile radius.”
 The type of payment each vendor accepts may vary; debit/credit cards, cash only, and Venmo. The market also works on a tokens system, which is a form of currency specific to their market. For example, if a vendor is operating on a cash-only basis and a customer would like to pay with a debit card, the shopper can go to the market’s information table and purchase \$5 tokens. The cash-only vendor will later redeem that token to the office for their reimbursement. Tokens are a great idea for gift-giving as well.
 Customers who qualify for SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, may receive a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$50 through Virginia Fresh Match. An EBT customer may spend up to \$50 and then receive an additional \$50, with the money divided between green

tokens (produce only) and brown tokens (other fresh foods like grains and meat).
 Another popular aspect of the Blacksburg Farmers’ Market is their Vintage Market.
 “It is well loved by the town of Blacksburg, especially the Virginia Tech students,” said Edwards. “Anything prior to 2004 is considered vintage. Students love the Y2K and 90’s stuff...and they love the idea of recycling clothing.”
 The Vintage Market will typically be open on the second Sunday of the month; however, it will be the third Sunday of the month in April this year due to the Easter holiday.
 Some additional events to look for on the market’s website are held on the second Wednesday of each month with the possibility of additional pop-up events being added as the summer progresses. The book swap is one example of

this type of event, and the market is looking for additional opportunities that would meet with the community’s interests.
 Mingle at the Market is another popular and well-loved farmer’s market event that has received great interest by local people. Community members can taste offerings from local breweries or wineries, listen to live music, all while socializing and meeting with friends and family in the market square.
 The market loves to support local musicians and one way they do this is through the Beets 4 Beats program. Interested musicians may sign up for a time slot to perform on Saturdays and Wednesdays. For playing a two-hour gig, they will receive eight \$5 Beets 4 Beats coupons that can be used to purchase items from participating vendors. Check the website’s schedule for upcoming performances.

Seniors from page 1

facility to prepare fresh meals, especially important for those who rely largely on non-perishable items. In addition, they have community partners, such as the YMCA, Newport Community Center, and Christiansburg Parks and Rec, to help distribute the meals.
 According to Laina Schneider, the Millstone Kitchen Manager, seniors are particularly impacted by food insecurity, so it’s critical to work with

partners like Warm Hearth who are prioritizing their residents’ needs for nutritious food.
 “After seeing the impact of the meal program during the pandemic and listening to the valuable feedback from our partners that many clients had ongoing need for meals, we mobilized to launch a new iteration that can continue for years,” said Schneider. “The ongoing commitment from our partners is key to the program’s sustainability. We

are working with four small business to prepare meals: Feast & Company, HazelBea Catering, OnSite Culinary, and Thyme & Table Co. They each bring their own creative approach to meal preparation so the menu is new each week.”
 Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on a campus and in the home.

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of musicians, locals, visitors, and of course some of the New River Blues Society members. Termed “The Hump Day Blues,” the experience is more of a “jam” or open mike session. Originally, The Blue Monday Band, led by Doc Hurley, started playing this ongoing event at The Cellar in Blacksburg.
 “The musicians, along with Jessica at Rising Silo, presented the idea of Wednesday Blues night as a trial and it was a hit. So much talent, and you never know on any given Wednesday who will be there,” said Kelley. People like Jojo Stockton, Woogieman, Blues

Company, and Billy Crawford, and others, take the stage, with each group performing one or a few songs. The instruments provide a rich, full sound and include saxophone, guitar, drums, and harmonica, drawing a continuous stream of dancers to the floor.
 Brickhouse Pizza in Radford will soon be showcasing a night with blues band Delta Dirt Daubers on April 15, 6- 9 p.m. The New River Blues Society is encouraging community and organization members to come out and enjoy the entertainment with the hopes that more events like this one can be offered.
 On May 19, at the Pulaski Theater, an out-of-state band will be appearing that will include the talents of a world-class harmonica player, Kurt Crandall, teaming up with The Stella Vees Band. Kelley says their organization was fortunate to catch the group on their way through the area after they will play a festival in Tennessee.

“Rachel and Pulaski Theater...well they’ve all been wonderful to work with,” Vernon said, “and they have a great sound system; really nice theater.”
 Just announced in The New River Blues Society’s newsletter this week is another big entertainment night on July 22, also at the Pulaski Theater. Big Al and the Heavy Weights, a group out of Louisiana, is band that Blues enthusiasts will not want to miss.
 Currently, Vernon Kelley reports The New River Blues Society has a list of 320 members.
 “Not only are there young people in their 20’s and 30’s coming out, but they are also playing music. To us, it is great that so many people are not just listening but participating in the blues.”
 Additional information about venues or membership can be found at <https://www.newriverbluessociety.com/>, or the organization’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nrvBluesSociety>.

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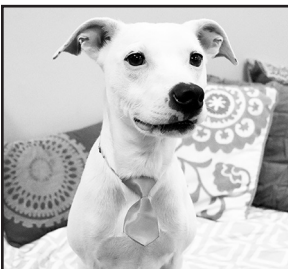
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Menah Pratt from page 1

As Pratt shared in her book about her mother’s life, “A Black Woman’s Journey from Cotton Picking to College Professor: Lessons about Race, Class, and Gender,” Mildred Pratt became a tenured full professor in social work in the 1970s, when fewer than 1 percent of full professors were Black women. In addition to her teaching and research contributions, Mildred Pratt co-founded the Bloomington-Normal Black History Project in partnership with the McLean County Museum of History. In collaboration with Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan partners, she interviewed nearly 100 elderly Black residents about their life experiences.
 “I think she really wanted to empower, not just students, but also because she felt that elderly African Americans had been discarded in life,” Menah Pratt said. “It was like society told them, ‘What you have to say — it’s not important. You’re not degreed. You don’t have educational credentials. So what you say isn’t important.’ And I think she wanted to show her students that knowledge and education is not dependent on a degree.”
 Mildred Pratt’s work through social justice impacted not only her students and those in the community but

also Menah Pratt. “[Her work] made me develop a lot of empathy and compassion for people in terms of really appreciating how racism impacts a person. It’s a thing that touches people and impacts and causes pain.”
 Pratt said her mother’s influence has motivated her to ensure that the work she does is impactful and makes a difference on the humanity of other people.
 Since her time at Virginia Tech, Pratt has been instrumental in leading and collaborating with colleagues to advance InclusiveVT, the institutional and individual commitment to Ut Prosim, in the spirit of community, diversity, and excellence. Signature efforts include the cultural and community centers; the Ujima living-learning community; diversity, equity, and identity curricula requirements for undergraduate and graduate students; the Black College Institute and SOAR (Student Opportunity and Achievement Resources); and the Council on Virginia Tech History and its work related to renaming campus buildings and celebrating the Virginia Tech Sesquicentennial in 2022.
 -Danny Robertson for Virginia Tech

PETS OF THE WEEK



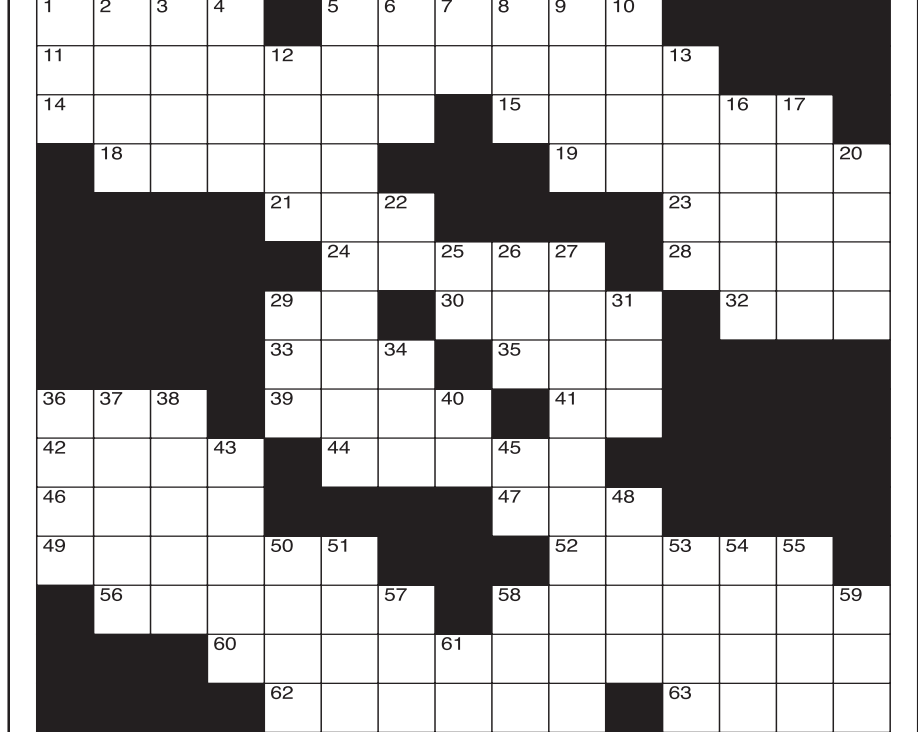
Oreo



Snowball

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 46. Species of armadillo
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Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:
1. Consider the request of OVB Investments LLC, property owner, to designate the Old Virginia Brick sign located at 2500 West Main Street, Tax Map # 175-2-3, as a landmark sign.
2. Consider the requests of Patane, LLP and Walter S. Kearns, Jr. and Laurel P. Kearns, property owners, for rezoning the properties located at 1640 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-6) and 1630 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-5) from RB Residential Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.
At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY:
James E. Talianferro, II
Executive Secretary

Legals - Town of Vinton

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No. **CL23000348-00**
ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MAILEIGH MCKENNA REDMOND v. MAILEIGH MCKENNA CULVER
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR It is ORDERED that RANDOLPH ALLEN REDMOND JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 9, 2023 @ 11:00 AM.
MARCH 15, 2023 Benjamin Guerrant, DEPUTY CLERK

Legals - Town of Vinton

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316,-317 Case No. CL23-344
ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Elizabeth Paige Lyles v. Cody Chandler Lyles
The object of this suit is to: obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 20-91(9)(A). It is ORDERED that Cody Chandler Lyles appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 9, 2023.
March 15, 2023 Jennifer Vest, Deputy Clerk

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A bat, a great neighborhood, and the 'Drainpipe Caper'

Evans "Buddy" King Columnist

When my girls were young we lived in a great neighborhood in our small town of Bridgeport with lots and lots of kids around the same age.

There were our two, Beth and Laura, and directly across the street were the Whalen's three, Shawn and Michael and Megan, and beside the Whalen's on the other corner were the McCutcheon's three, Jordan, Kristen, and Trey (who eventually went on to fame, and perhaps a world record, by having all three of the kids attending at the same time and then graduating from the College of Charleston (S.C.)).

A little way down the street were the Lawrence kids (Kathryn and Parker, who also gained fame by both graduating from Harvard while driving their parents into near bankruptcy), and the three Stewart kids, and the two Post boys. In total, 15 kids, all within about five years of each other in age. A neighborhood out of a 1950's sitcom, a town and a time when we felt safe in letting them walk down the hill to swim team practice at 7 in the morning together or to the little corner grocery nearby to buy candy and drinks.

One of my favorite memories of the time is of one beautiful, hot summer morning when my wife called me at my office and told me that there was a bat flying around inside our house. She asked me if I could drive home and

solve the problem. I would guess that Beth was about eight and Laura four at the time. When I pulled up on the street beside our home, my girls were on the porch, along with a bunch of Whalens and McCutcheons and other kids from the neighborhood. The kids were armed with baseball bats and badminton racquets and wearing Pittsburgh Pirate batting caps and Mountaineer football helmets and other assorted head gear, because we all know that "bats go for the hair." They were all lined up and ready to launch the assault to take back 134 Johnson Avenue. Truly one of the cutest and funniest sights I have ever seen.

But perhaps the best story of this era was what I called the "Drainpipe Caper." Its protagonists were the Three Amigos, inseparable in those days, Laura, Megan, and Jordan. They were rarely seen one without the other two, and each had an adventuresome spirit, a trait that has followed them into adulthood.

This particular story involves a church directly across the street from the King home. A fairly large church, located in a bad spot to avoid being the subject of a few great adventures. One involved some of my friends and me occasionally practicing our wedge shots from my front yard over the church during Saturday night cookouts. But that is another story for another day. We always made restitution.

This story involves a decision made by the church to level a hill and pave the field where the kids would sleigh ride in the winter. Somehow the Three Amigos caught wind of these plans and decided that if the parents weren't going to do something about this travesty, they would. Megan was six or seven at the time, having just finished first grade, and Laura and Jordan were five or six, one year behind. This age difference figures prominently in the story later.

Needless to say, the girls realized at a young age the old adage that "desperate times call for desperate measures." They apparently surveyed the building and the bulldozer next to it and the impending end of their sledding. They spotted a drainpipe on the corner of the building that was loose at the top. We still don't know the exact timing of the events, whether it was under cover of darkness or not, but the girls decided to remove the pipe, carry it to the shed in my backyard, and leave a ransom note under a rock where the pipe had been. The note read something like "We have your thing, stop and we give it back." Megan's first grade experience is critical at this point, as she was the only one of the three who could print well enough to leave the ransom note.

The remaining details are a little foggy for me now. It was about 30 years ago. I do remember that the missing drainpipe was traced back to the three little culprits, someone confessed, and order was restored. But to make the story even better, Jordan's mom, one of the funniest people on the face of the earth, talked the local chief of police into driving into the neighborhood with his siren going and lights flashing. The girls had been told there was going to be "questioning." Laura's mom and I found her hiding on the shelf at the top of the walk-in closet in her bedroom, convinced there was jail time in her future.

I love the memory and I like to think this well executed plan was just an early step in the Three Amigos becoming the strong, independent women they are today.

-Evans "Buddy" King

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Brooks, Hokies continue dancing

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Because of deadline for this newspaper, the Virginia Tech women either stumbled on the cha-cha Monday night against Ohio State or moved onto the NCAA Final Four. Already, the Lady Hokies have set a new standard for the ladies from Blacksburg and might have set a new standard for all sports teams at the university. The 1999 Tech football team's unheralded, "unofficial" national championship loss to Florida State only rates closet to this success we have seen this basketball season. In the rematch of the "battle of Bristol, Tech took a 73-64 win over Tennessee in the Sweet 16 side of the bracket. It would be great for a national championship, something the program, university and community

needs. But if doesn't happen, the Lady Hokies (30-4) have had a season to remember.

The characters rose to the top of the coffee cup against Tennessee. Guard Georgia Amoore dialed up a career-high 29 points, while Kayana Traylor and Elizabeth Kitley chipped in 14 and 12 points, respectively. Kitley notched her 2,000th career point in the third quarter to become the fifth Virginia Tech basketball player (men's or women's) to eclipse the mark.

Tech finished at 42.6% from the floor while holding Tennessee to 40.3%. Perhaps more importantly, the Hokies won the battle of the boards, 38-36. Amoore distributed five of Tech's 13 assists.

The contest had many mirrored images as Tech's only other Sweet 16 appearance in 1999 was against Tennessee.

Tech is now 4-1 in the last five games against Tennessee. Tech is the only team in the Elite Eight that has not trailed in the NCAA Tournament this season as they won their 14th consecutive game. The 30 wins is a program record.

Kenny Brooks improves to 4-2 in NCAA Tournament games at the helm of the Hokies and his head coaching record now moves to 491-195.

Against Tennessee, Tech wore white uniforms for the 14th time this season. They are 14-0 in them. The win was the team's seventh over a ranked opponent this season, extending another program record. The story of the year in sports in the area has to be what this team has accomplished this season. It might never be seen again. There is plenty of hopes that this is only the beginning, but that chapter is yet to be written.

Blacksburg girls down Radford



Blacksburg's Addison McSorley wins a ball against Radford during a Thursday evening match.



Blacksburg's Kailyn Brawley takes a shot against Radford during a 4-0 win over the Bobcats.



Blacksburg's Isabel Vikesland (right) congratulates teammate Anastasia Marmagas on goal against Radford during the second half. Vikesland also scored in the 4-0 win.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING
First-year Blacksburg girls soccer head coach Matthew Pickett talks with his team during halftime against Radford.

Bruin Lacrosse faces Hidden Valley



Blacksburg's James McMichael is marked by a Hidden Valley defender as he brings the ball across midfield for the Bruins. Hidden Valley would take the 15-11 victory.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING
Blacksburg's Michael Mullins finds an opening against Hidden Valley and scores a goal during a Thursday night match.

Tech holds open Saturday practice

Virginia Tech football wide receiver Jaylin Lane, a transfer from Middle Tennessee who just moved to Blacksburg two months ago, started the red zone 1-on-1 drills with some pop, you might say.

Facing off against cornerback Mansoor Delane, a freshman All-American last fall, Lane got off the ball fast and knocked Delane to his feet. When asked by media members in his post-practice media availability if it was offensive pass interference, Lane grinned and said he will never call an offensive pass interference on himself.

Though those two are going to be close teammates in the months to come, as they'll battle each other throughout the rest of spring ball and summer workouts, it was symbolic of the newcomers not backing down from competition.

Delane, who is obviously one of Tech's best returning players from a year ago, will look to lead a new-look Hokies squad that is still finding its way heading into Year 2 of the Brent Pry era. Pry explained after practice to the media how this new group of players – 19 in total that enrolled

in January – are really coming along and pushing the old guard, if you will, and that competitive balance of both sides will pay dividends as iron sharpens iron.

"Absolutely," Pry said when asked if he liked the gusto from Lane on that play. "I wouldn't have changed that, even if [the referee] had thrown the flag."

That gusto is something that Pry and his staff have been preaching to the players so far throughout spring ball and, Saturday, in front of Hokie faithful on a sunny day at Lane Stadium, his players brought it.

The receiver room, which took a big influx heading into the spring semester with five additions, is off to a nice start in Pry's mind, as he hinted in his media availability that that room is better than a year ago. Wide receivers coach Fontel Mines also took the podium and has seen progress at that position group.

"I think the guy are slowly putting one foot in front of another," Mines said.

"We're getting better."

A guy that led that position room once upon a time was in the house Saturday, as former Tech receiver (2014-16) Isaiah Ford came back to watch the open practice and connect with Mines. Ford reached out to Mines when he got the job roughly a year ago through social media, and the two have stayed in touch since.

Earlier in the week, some other alums swung by to check out Tech's Pro Day, including the likes of the Carolina Panthers' Amaré Barno, Tennessee Titans' Caleb Farley and Green Bay Packers' Luke Tenuta.

It's been good having those alums back, as Pry and his staff continue to show interest in making sure that alumni connection stays strong, which is ever so vital for a college football program.

The next time fans and alums will be back in Lane Stadium will fall on Saturday, April 15 for Tech's spring game, presented by PMSI. More details on the game and what to expect will be released soon.

-Virginia Tech Athletics

Ramadan crowned first national champion in VT program history

Junior wins first-ever national title for swimming and diving program

MINNEAPOLIS – The Virginia Tech swim and dive team had a historic night during the third day of the NCAA championships, highlighted by Youssef Ramadan earning the first national title in program history.

Competing in the 100 fly, he clocked in at 43.15 seconds, swimming the second-fastest time in NCAA history and breaking the school record. Placing third in the 100 fly last year, Ramadan held the top spot in the event coming into championships this year. The junior edged Florida's Josh Liendo, who touched the wall in 43.40. His gold medal marks Virginia Tech's 21st

individual national title (19 in track and field, one in wrestling and one in swim and dive).

Earlier in the day during prelims, Landon Gentry made his way up the top 10 board in the 100 fly. Touching the wall at 46.07, he moved up from the eighth spot to sixth.

Finishing the night off strong, Forest Webb, Carles Coll Marti, Youssef Ramadan and Luis Dominguez finished seventh in the 400 medley relay at 3:02.53. This marks the Hokies' second All-American relay in program history and second school record of the night.

"What can I say, we had our first national

champion for the first time in the history of the swim and dive program," said Head Coach Sergio Lopez Miro. "We've always known that Youssef is something special. He's had a lot of ups and downs throughout the past couple of years, but coming into this meet, he was very calm and focused. I'm very proud of Youssef and also the whole team. We've had some swimmers out the past few days, and they had to jump back into it. Being seventh in the 400 medley relay and breaking another record tonight without being one hundred percent is no excuse, but it's a competition and we push through it."

-Virginia Tech Athletics

Kitley finalist for national honor

Virginia Tech center Elizabeth Kitley was named as a finalist for the Naismith Women's College Player of the Year Award the organization announced Tuesday.

The Summerfield, N.C. native has averaged 18.6 points, 10.5 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game this season while shooting 56% from the floor. She owns 17 games of 20-plus points and has recorded 21 double-doubles in 2022-23. She

was named ACC Player of the Week four times on her way to collecting Player of the Year honors again. She also repeated as the Kay Yow Scholar Athlete of the Year winner.

Kitley owns the program record for points scored, field goals, blocks and double-doubles. She is the only player in program history to earn AP All-America honors twice.

Kitley, the two-time ACC Player of the Year,

helped the Hokies to their best regular season in ACC history winning 14 games and she and her teammates lifted the trophy as 2023 ACC Tournament Champions.

She has helped lead the Hokies to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1999.

The other finalists are Aliyah Boston (South Carolina), Caitlin Clark (Iowa) and Maddy Siegrist (Villanova).

-Virginia Tech Athletics

POLICE REPORT

Montgomery County Jail arrest log
March 11- 17, 2023

Saturday, March 11:
STOUT, WILLIAM
KIDNAPPING ABDUCT BY FORCE WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT - AGAINST FAMILY MEMBER, OBSTRUCT COMM SENT THRU TELE TO PREVENT HELP

COOK, TYLER
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED - FIRST OFFENSE

TUCK, LISA
DWI - FIRST CONVICTION, INFLUENCE OF DRUGS

WHITLOW, CHRISTOPHER
TRAFFIC - OPERATOR'S LICENSE DRIVE WITHOUT A LICENSE

Sunday, March 12:
BRYANT, KATHLEEN
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED - FIRST OFFENSE

WILEY, JOHN
DWI-1ST CONVICTION - .15 TO .20

PAYNE, GILBERT
VIOL. OF CONDITIONS OF REL, PRETRIAL REL.

MURPHY, MAX
EXTORTION THREAT BY LETTER - COMMUNICATION - OR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE

SLAYDON, MARGARET
DWI - FIRST CONVICTION, INFLUENCE OF DRUGS

ROSE, JANICE
FIRST CONVICTION, INFLUENCE OF DRUGS W/CHILD, FAMILY OFFENSE GROSS - WANTON - OR RECKLESS CARE FOR CHILD

Monday, March 13:
SHERMAN, ROBERT
COMMIT PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

WOFFORD, ROBERT, JR.
NARCOTICS POSSESSION W/INTENT TO SELL - DISTRIBUTE - ETC., NARCOTICS POSSESSION

MATTOX,

CHRISTOPHER
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY, PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

POFF, KRISTIAN
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

GRIFFITH, TAMMY
NARCOTICS POSSESSION, POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED PARAPHERNALIA

ORFINO, CHRISTOPHER
ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT - AGAINST FAMILY MEMBER

Tuesday, March 14:
BOOKER, MYKELE
WEAPONS PURCHASE/ TRANSPORT FIREARM BY PER. SUBJ. TO PROTECTIVE ORDER

CUSTER, BRITTANY
VIOL. OF CONDITIONS OF REL, PRETRIAL REL.

HOWARD, JEFFERY
LARCENY SHOPLIFT - ALTER PRICE TAGS < \$200 (FIRST TIME)

MARTINEZ-LEAL, JACINTA
NARCOTICS POSSESSION

THOMPSON, KELVIN
FAIL TO APPEAR FEL/ MISD/SUMMONS

DALTON, SKYLAR
FAMILY OFFENSE CRUELTY AND INJURIES TO CHILDREN

THOMAS, CHAYNE
RESISTING ARREST, OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE W/O THREATS OF FORCE, DWI-1ST CONVICTION - .15 TO .20

Wednesday, March 15:
RELIFORD, TONYA
OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE
HILT, JERRI
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY, PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

Thursday, March 16:
HAGA, DONALD, JR.
STRANGLE ANOTHER CAUSING WOUND/ INJURY, ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT - AGAINST FAMILY MEMBER
DOWNEY, JEFFREY
LARCENY LESS THAN \$200 NOT FROM PERSON, LARCENY LESS THAN \$5 FROM PERSON, OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE
FLAD, IRIS
DWI-1ST CONVICTION - .15 TO .20

POOLE, MICHAEL
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

KEISTER, RONALD
FAIL TO APPEAR FEL/ MISD/SUMMONS
LYONS, GLEN, III
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ASSAULT STAB - CUT - WOUND WITH MALICIOUS INTENT QUESENBERRY, AMANDA
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY
LEMON, REBECCA
FAIL TO APPEAR FEL/ MISD/SUMMONS

Friday, March 17:
CHATTERJEE, RICK
OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE, BURGLARY DWELLING HOUSE WITH INTENT TO COMMIT LARCENY - A&B - ETC., VANDALISM, DAMAGE PROPERTY INTENTIONALLY - DAMAGE/DESTROY ANY PROPERTY OR MONUMENT - <\$1000

CHRISTIAN, KRISTINA
NARCOTICS POSSESSION, NARCOTICS POSSESSION

PRICE, ROBERT
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

HELMICK, MARISSA
DWI-1ST CONVICTION > .20

WINGFIELD, JOHN
OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE

ALDRIGE, HAGAN
OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE

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OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE

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