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# Christiansburg resident Paula Alston installed as District Governor in Rotary International



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKSBURG Paula Alston (right), incoming District Governor for Rotary District 7570, is pictured with the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, Dr. Tom Ryan.

Alston, Christiansburg resident, and a member of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, has been installed as District Governor for Rotary District 7570.

Blacksburg

Alston's installation was held Monday evening at the Blacksburg Country Club, with members of her club and Rotarians from around the district present. Alston is the first District Governor (DG) from the Blacksburg club, the eighth woman to serve in the position and the

108th District Governor in District 7570, which boasts three Rotary International Presidents among its ranks.

Currently, District 7570 consists of 77 clubs with more than 2,900 Rotarians. As district governor, Alston will serve Rotary clubs from Winchester, Va. to Greenville, Tenn. The district is composed of 15 areas made up of local Rotary clubs that primarily run along the western side of Virginia. Rotary International is a

service organization made up of more than 46,000 clubs grouped in 529 districts around the world.

Alston, the retired Library Director of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, has been a member of the Blacksburg Rotary Club since 2007. Her husband, Tom, is also a Rotarian in the Radford Noon Rotary Club.

Before she could become district governor, Alston had to go through

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PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH

Attendees at a Summer Arts Festival outdoor concert enjoy live music.

# Summer Arts Festival offers free fun for all

Blacksburg's Summer Arts Festival offers fun for all ages and includes indoor and outdoor concerts, movies, visual arts, children's activities, and other special events.

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festival presented in partnership between the School of Performing Arts at Virginia Tech and the Town of Blacksburg. All events are free and open to the public.

"I am excited about the 2023 Summer Arts Festival. We continue to offer fun outdoor concerts on Friday nights, exciting classical concerts on Thursday nights, classic films, and activities for children," Ariana Wyatt, associate professor of voice in the School of Performing Arts and director of this

something for everyone." Friday night outdoor

The summer 2023 lineup of outdoor concerts offers six bands throughout June and July. The live music will take place Friday evenings on Henderson Lawn at the corner of Main Street and College Avenue, from 6-7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

Concerts include: Redd Volkaert Trio (country swing/jazz/ rock), June 30

Blacksburg Band Community (concert band selections),

Root Down (jazz/ funk/blues), July 14 The Domino Band

(R&B), July 21

Thursday night indoor concerts Thursday

rock/reggae/afrobeat/

Latin fusion), July 28

concerts return for the second year and again include the popular community-sing concert. Concerts will be held Presbyterian Church

the Blacksburg at 701 Church St. at 7 p.m. The first concert will feature Virginia Tech alumna Aurora Martin

soprano, and Richard Masters, piano, July 6 Bach and Friends! with Fiona Hughes, violin,

Concerts include:

Martin,

Aurora

July 13 Alma Ensemble, July

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POTO COURTESY OF JOHNS HOPKINS APL

Ed Reynolds was all smiles after he and his team conducted a successful — and important — mission this past fall.

# Virginia Tech alumnus named one of TIME's 100 most influential people of 2023

When he graduated from Virginia Tech in 1985 with a degree in electrical engineering and applied for a position at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Ed Reynolds never expected to spend the next nearly four decades studying space.

And Reynolds certainly never expected to be overseeing a team charged with potentially saving Earth from destructive collisions with asteroids, comets, and other space

A successful deflection of an asteroid this past fall - the genesis of the United States' first planetary defense system led to Reynolds being named one of the 100 Most Influential People of 2023 by TIME magazine.

"It was a wonderful surprise," Reynolds said of his reaction to making the prestigious list, which comes out annually. "We have many, many people on this project, and I was the project manager.

TIME was recognizing the leader of the team, but there were so many people who had such an important contribution."

The TIME 100 list is all about influence, impact, and, in no small measure, excellence," Jeff Kluger, editor at large at TIME, said. "We look for people who have helped shape the world in a meaningful and powerful way. It was hard to argue with the idea

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# New River Valley Garden Tour celebrating 27 years

2023, from 9 am. until

The tour features seven glorious gardens located in Blacksburg. Tickets for the self-guided tour, which includes a program and map, are \$15, available now at the Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Jesse (Floyd) Peterman Meadowbrook (Shawsville) libraries. Tickets will also be available at each of the gardens on the day of the tour, as well as online. www. newrivervalleygardentour. org. The annual tour is celebrating 27 years and brought to you by the Montgomery-Floyd Friends of the Library.

Local NRV Master Gardenerswillbestationed at each garden ready to answer questions, identify plants as well as point out the many sustainable garden principles present at each garden. You'll view pollinator gardens, water features, use of drought tolerant plants, as well as gorgeous, unique hardscapes and garden art. The master

The NRV Garden Tour gardeners will host a Plant between the tour sites. will take place rain or Clinic at the Keciorius/ Wear comfortable shoes, shine Saturday July 8, Villareal garden during bring an umbrella (just in the tour. There you can pick up a soil test kit, a regional planting chart and challenge the team with a garden question to earn a free pack of seeds. Master gardeners are proud to support the tour by sharing research-based information through Cooperative Extension.

In recent years the tour has added "Points of Interest" for the enjoyment of all. Points of Interest are public spaces where no ticket is needed. This year they are, Glade Road Growing/Rising Silo, Unitarian Universalist Congregation Garden and Valley Interfaith Child Care Center Garden all located on or near the tour route.

Musicians and plein air artists have joined in making the tour a true community event. Their compliment to the atmosphere of the gardens makes for a lovely addition. It is suggested you bring your friends and make a day of the tour, taking your time and enjoying lunch in

case), and of course your camera. We thank each garden owner as well as the many volunteers for their efforts in making this day special!

A special unique addition to the tour this year is a raffle to win a plumbed rain barrel painted by local artists. The Keciorius/Villareal family have generously donated a rain barrel ready for a new home. A \$10 donation will get you a ticket to own your choice of one of three lovely painted rain barrels. Cash or check.

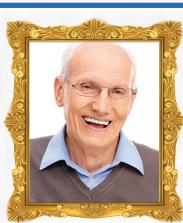
As has been a tradition recent years, a collection of 2023 garden photo cards taken by our local photographer Charles Bostian will be on sale at the Marquis garden for \$10 (cash or check).

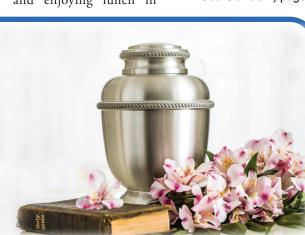
It is suggested you bring your friends and make a day of the tour, taking your time and enjoying lunch in between the tour sites. Wear comfortable shoes, bring an umbrella (just in case), some funds

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# **Grandpa's Coming** Off the Shelf....

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# PCOMING EVENTS

# **Wednesday, June 28:**

Mingle at the Market

Join the Blacksburg Farmer's Market for Mingle at the Market, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Market Square Park. This event will feature live music, locally brewed beverages, local food and

Community Center yard sale

The Pilot Community Center is having a yard sale; 9 a.m.

# **Tuesday. July 4:**

Christiansburg Fourth of July celebration

Held on Main Street; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (and fireworks at 9:15 p.m.) Come to downtown Christiansburg for the annual Fourth of July Celebration. The family-friendly event features live music, an array of food trucks, arts and crafts vendors, a kids' zone, and more. Fireworks will start around 9:15 p.m. near the new Christiansburg Huckleberry Park. They can be viewed from the Uptown Mall or Walmart parking lots. If the event is rained out, fireworks will be on July 5, with no downtown event.

Radford Fourth of July festival

Held in Bisset Park; 1 – 11 p.m. Features live music, food and craft vendors, children's games and inflatables. Fireworks, sponsored by Third Securities.

Blacksburg Fourth of July festivities

This year's parade theme is "Thanking Medical Personnel & First Responders." Parade Route: Main Street will be closed from Eheart Street to Alumni Mall, 2 p.m. to approximately 3 p.m. The Municipal Park live music schedule is: 6 p.m. - The Blacksburg Community Band - patriotic music, 7 p.m.- Blue Ridge Vocal - singing group, 8 p.m. - Dirtroad Breakdown classic rock, and 9:30 p.m. - Fireworks (even if raining).

# **Thursday, July 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

Wildwood Park Nature Lecture Series

The Wildwood Park Nature Lecture Series takes place in the heart of Wildwood Park at the Outdoor Classroom (pavilion). To get to the site, attendees can park at the Sundell Drive parking lot for Wildwood Park and take the walkway into the center of the park. All of the talks start at 7:30 p.m. and are held rain or shine unless there are thunderstorms. July 6: Millipedes (Jackson Means, Virginia Tech).

# **Saturday, July 8:**

Saturday, July 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, (under 3)-free, carry-outs-\$12. This

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday, July 27th at 3 PM **Commercial Property for Sale in Christiansburg VA!** 

Radford Rd (Route 11), Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com

Check out these 3 remarkable commercial investment opportunities in the heart of Christiansburg, Virginia! We present these 3 parcels that are zoned

B3, and are located along Route 11. With frontage on both Radford Rd

(Route 11) and Silver Lake Rd, these properties have excellent accessibility

and offer an ideal canvas for small business development. The B3 Zoning

provides investors with countless development avenues. Whether you

aspire to open a convenience store, establish a thriving bank branch, launch

a vibrant retail store, or establish a dynamic office space, the possibilities are

endless. These parcels are connected to the town water and sewer systems.

Properties have an undeveloped road along the backside. Do not miss your

opportunity to own and develop this commercial property in the heart of

Property is offered in 3 Tracts described below. Download Bidder Pack

for Online Bidder's Agreement, Maps, Sample Contracts, and Property

This parcel is wooded and has 126' of road frontage on Radford Rd and 126'

This parcel is wooded and has 165' of road frontage on Radford Rd and 134' of road frontage on the undeveloped street. This parcel also has 2 buildings

This parcel is wooded and has 175' of road frontage on Radford Rd, 336' of

road frontage on Silver Lake Rd, and 99' of road frontage on the undeveloped

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract

price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$20,000 per tract required on day of sale. Close

on or before September 11th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its July Fish Fry on

month we will be entertained by ex-Marching Virginians baton twirler, Meredith Smith, and bluegrass band, Ronnie Toney and Friends. The fish fry is a fundraiser for the Ruritan Club's community service projects and scholarships. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

# **Monday, July 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, July 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 the 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.

# **Thursday, July 13:**

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the 2nd 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

# **Saturday, July 15:** Rotary Club blood screening

The Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg and LewisGale Hospital Montgomery biannual blood screening; 6:30 -10 a.m. in the hospital's lobby. The fasting blood test screens over 25 different markers including cholesterol and red blood indices at a significantly reduced cost. New this year, the test will include Hemoglobin A1C. Cost is \$50. Results are sent to participants and their physician of choice. A portion of the

proceeds is used to fund a service project in the community. Pre-register for the blood screening at https://www. rotary7570.org/blood or call 540-951-8988. Walk-in

registration is available the day of the blood screening.

# **Thursday, July 20:**

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 on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. Mr. Sam Winkler, aka "President Jefferson Davis" will be the guest speaker. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

# **Sunday, July 25:**

Central Business Committee meeting

The Christiansburg Central Business Committee will meet at noon in the Administrative Conference Room at Christiansburg Town Hall.

# **On-going:**

Entries sought for July 4th Parade

Participants are needed for Blacksburg's July 4th parade, which is organized by the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club. The parade starts at 2 p.m. from Eheart Street, runs through downtown on Main Street, and ends at Alumni Mall. Entries can be floats, bicycles, wagons, marchers, walkers, antique/ classic cars, Jeeps, trucks, fire engines, scouts, bands, sports teams, etc. Information is available on the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club's Facebook page, or by texting 540-449-6178.

Market Square Jam

Held Wednesdays, June through September, in Blacksburg on the corner of Draper Road and Roanoke Street; 7 – 9 p.m. Catering to traditional Old-Time music, Blacksburg's Market Square Jam brings musicians together to pick a tune, enjoy fun times with friends and family, and take in all that downtown Blacksburg has to offer. Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment.

### Blacksburg Farmers Market

Hours now through October: Wednesdays 2 - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Located at Market Square Park, on the corner of Roanoke Street and Draper Road in downtown Blacksburg. Features growers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods, prepared foods, cheese, handmade crafts, and more.

**Christiansburg Farmers Market** 

Thursdays; 3 – 7 p.m. Located in the Recreation Center parking lot. Features local farmers and vendors. Seasonal produce, plants, fresh baked goods, crafts, fresh flowers, handmade jewelry and more. Items for purchase vary weekto-week. Check our Facebook page for details about weekly themes, prizes, vendors, and live music.

### Radford Farmers Market

Held on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Galley, located just off West Main Street, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each Saturday until October 14. Features produce, plants, baked goods, artisans, fresh squeezed lemonade, eggs, meats, cheeses

Registration open for Potter in the Park race

Calling all wizards of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin! Have you signed up for the TriWizard TriMile Potter in the Park Race yet? It's time to venture out from the cupboard under the stairs, get your wizard robes ready, and join us for this annual family-fun event on Saturday, August 26th at 8:30 a.m. Register at www.lvnrv.org. Also, if you know a local business or individual who would like to be a sponsor, please send them our way! From door prizes to sponsorships, we rely on our supporters to make this a truly impactful and entertaining event.

# ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, July 19th at 4 PM **Townhouse for Sale at Auction in Christiansburg VA** 1043 Elk Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073

# Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com



Check out this charming townhome in Christiansburg VA. This immaculate townhome features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on 2 levels. The main level boasts a spacious living room with gas logs, which create a cozy ambiance during the cooler months. The kitchen is equipped with a range, microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, and disposal, making meal preparation and cleanup a breeze. Main level also features ceiling fans and recessed lighting. The kitchen and baths have durable linoleum flooring. Home also a has front load washer and dryer that convey. Storage should never be an issue with the easily accessible attic! Home is equipped with central air conditioning allowing for year-round comfort.

In addition to the interior amenities, the townhome provides a 9x12 patio providing a private outdoor space for relaxation and entertaining guests. There is an attached 1 car garage, which also gives you ample space for storage.

The home is well-appointed and offers comfortable living in a convenient location. It's within a few miles of all the restaurants, shopping centers, and family attractions that Christiansburg VA has to offer. Also located less than 10 miles from Virginia Tech. Don't miss out on your opportunity to make this townhouse your own!

# Preview Dates - Thursday, June 29th at 4 PM and Friday, July 14th at 4 PM

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final high bid to arrive at the

contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 is required by 5 pm on July 20th, 2023. Close on or before September 4th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold "as is, where is, with any and all faults." Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. If confirmed Buyer will be expected to sign a Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet, and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract, and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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Offering #3: +/- 1.00 Acres

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# Alston from page 1

extensive training to become well-versed in how to apply for grants, how to take on initiatives, and how to choose service projects. Alston's responsibilities as district governor are to train the area governors, incoming club officers and presidents on how to take on leadership duties for Rotary, lead 25 district committees, and encourage clubs to grow.

The qualifications important to be elected a district governor in Rotary include serving as an area governor for three years and leading a district committee. Alston served as an area governor for the New Year Valley from 2014-2016, headed the district Membership committee for four years and led an effort to fight hunger in the district by supporting the local food pantries and food

After meeting certain criteria and serving specific positions, the Rotarian must then be nominated by their club for the position of district governor. All nominations are interviewed by a committee before

"I am excited and ready for this leadership position," Alston said. "It's a big job but I have a superb team of Area Governors, committee chairs and members surrounding me, all ready to promote and grow Rotary. We are a service organization and service is central to our mission, whether it is locally or worldwide. We all want to make a difference in our world."

In addition to serving in Rotary, Alston is a board

member and former secretary for the Community Foundation of the New River Valley, on the Board of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, serves as an election chief for the Montgomery County Office of Elections and assists on the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Citizens Support Group.

As district governor, Alston will help clubs continue to adjust after the pandemic. She hopes to bring attention to basic education and literacy needs in the district and around the globe, as well as Rotary's continued efforts to

eradicate Polio and create a completely Polio-free world. Alston 's one-year term as district governor will end

-Submitted by the Rotary Club of Blacksburg

### Festival from page 1

Joseph Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass," July 27 The Joseph Haydn "Lord Nelson Mass" performance a community-sing event. Those interested in participating as a choir member are asked to fill out this form. Rehearsals begin on July 5.

Lyric Classic Movies Series

Beat the summer heat with a free classic movie at the historic Lyric Theatre at 135 College Ave. All movies begin at 3 p.m.

Movies include:

"E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," July 1

"The Sting," July 15
"The Right Stuff," July 29
"Backyard Stone Carvers" art exhibition

Perspective Gallery is hosting "Backyard Stone Carvers," a sculpture exhibition that honors the spirit of sculptor and teacher Darcy Meeker, who led a

group of artists to find their voices through stone carving workshops that began in her backyard. Storytime and Improv Workshop with Joelle

Join storyteller Joelle for stories, songs, and silly fun. All ages are welcome for the storytime sessions. The Improv Workshop is created for children 10 to 15 years old. Storytime with Joelle, July 15 at 11 a.m. (all ages)

Storytime with Joelle, July 22 at 11 a.m. (all ages) Improv Workshop with Joelle, July 22 at 2 p..m. (for ages 10 to 15)

Saturday Morning Yoga

The month of July will bring Saturday Morning Yoga on the lawn of the Blacksburg Museum. This easy flow yoga is a great start to your weekend.

Special events

Blacksburg Market Square Jam is an official Crooked

Road affiliated venue that caters to traditional old time music. Music jams are each Wednesday from 7-9 p.m., June through September, at the corner of Draper Road and Roanoke Street.

The Independence Day Celebration on July 4 includes the Downtown Parade, live music, and fireworks at Municipal Park.

Art at the Market celebrates Blacksburg's vibrant arts community with an outdoor exhibit July 16 from

The Steppin' Out Street Festival on Aug. 5-6 includes performances and over 200 exhibitors.

Sign up for weekly Summer Arts Festival updates from the School of Performing Arts here. Find more information online or contact Ariana Wyatt, Summer Arts Festival producer, at ariana1@vt.edu.

-Susan Sanders for Virginia Tech

### TIME's 100 from page 1

that Ed Reynolds' work of both shaping the world and protecting it from cosmic calamity shouldn't earn him a spot on the list. We're all a little safer for the work Mr. Reynolds did — and we all owe him a debt of Asteroids and other space debris buzz Earth

continuously and could potentially cause devastation if they struck the planet. So NASA and the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory teamed on a test called DART — Double Asteroid Redirection Test. A team of scientists and engineers essentially built

a small spacecraft designed to collide with a small, nonthreatening asteroid named Dimorphos — it was 160 meters, or 525 feet, in diameter — to see if the impact could slow Dimorphos' speed around Didymos, a larger asteroid Dimorphos orbits. Neither asteroid posed a risk to Earth, making them perfect for this test case. Scientists wanted to determine if a small spacecraft could deflect a similar piece of space debris heading toward Earth. The team conducted the test in September,

launching the spacecraft and crashing into Dimorphos at 14,000 mph. The collision slowed Dimorphos' orbit by 33 minutes, vastly exceeding expectations.

"Something 100 meters in diameter would be catastrophic to a region," Reynolds said. "Something bigger than 100 meters in diameter — those are dangers to the entire population of the planet. You want to have a method to protect yourself against something impacting Earth.

"If you mapped out where all the asteroids are and

you've identified one that's coming at Earth in several years, if you can do a small diversion, you can avoid an impact with Earth. This was testing that method. Could we just run something into an asteroid and show that we could deflect it and how well could we deflect it? It was just testing one tool in the toolbox."

The results certainly validated Reynolds' decision to stay in the space realm. When he arrived at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, he worked with a small satellite called PolarBEAR before starting the laboratory's training program and enjoyed it. Everything related to space went back to the first principles of physics — stabilizing a spacecraft, the thermal design of the spacecraft, and how it operated in a vacuum. After going through the four-month training program, he immediately returned to the space department to continue working on that project.

Reynolds managed DART through the critical design phase, and then the fabrication, build, and test phases, and then through the launch and operations all the way up through asteroid impact.

Indirectly, Virginia Tech played a role in this project and in Reynolds making the TIME list. Foundational principles learned in the classrooms and labs in the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering set him for

"It was all the first principles," Reynolds said. "Virginia Tech was excellent in emphasizing engineering principles like tolerance and design uncertainty and design margin. One of the things you learned very

quickly with all your designs was you need to put margin in to deal with uncertainty.' Reynolds, whose daughter graduated from Virginia

Tech with a degree in architecture in May, doesn't plan

on lightening his workload despite DART's success. He is working on a proposal to send a spacecraft to Io, a moon of Jupiter's, to study the volcanic activity "It's much more of a scientific mission than DART was," Reynolds said. "The reason DART was

recognized by TIME was there's this interest in the public of not going extinct because we got hit by an asteroid like the dinosaurs and so doing something about it is critical to the future of humanity." Reynolds also plans to remain involved in planetary

defense projects. He and his team are looking at novel solutions to address the diverse range of asteroid 'Say you discover an asteroid that's a threat to Earth,' he said. "We continue to explore new technologies and

processes to close potential gaps in response, such as utilizing remote sensing techniques to find asteroids and tabletop exercises that walk through response plans to defend the planet. I'm excited and energized to continue our mission and translate each experience into critical contributions." Reynolds has been on a mission his entire career -

to learn more about the solar system and to save the planet from devastation. It certainly doesn't sound like that mission will be ending any time soon.

-Chelsea Seeber for Virginia Tech

# Garden from page 1

for the raffle and cards and of course your camera. We thank each garden owner as well as the many volunteers for their efforts in making this day special!

The Montgomery-Floyd Friends of the Library are represented by an all-volunteer committee dedicated to bringing the tour to our community each year.

Proceeds from the tour go to the Summer Reading Program and other programs offered through our libraries. The Friends of the Library extends gratitude to our business and private sponsors for their support in making sure our ticket proceeds go directly to our Regrettably the tour is not ADA accessible.

Tour sponsors for 2023 include: Anonymous, Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club, Bonomo's, Capone's Jewelry, Juneberry Gardens, McCoy Funeral Home, Don and Carolyn Rude, Shelter Alternatives, and Warm Hearth Village.



Gigi wonders if you are her purrfect match. This tortie came to the Animal Care and Adoption Center in May and is ready to head home. She currently spends most of her days in a community cat room with other felines, so she would likely do well in a home with other cats.



Banjo (left) and Percy (right) are besties and need to go to the same home. Both boys are friendly and get along with other dogs, cats, and people—though children may not be their favorite. Banjo likes to talk from time to time, and Percy will stand on his hind legs for a tasty

treat. Stop by to meet these pawsome dogs!

These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.

# **BITUARIES**

# Hale, Sr., Boyd Clarence

Sr., 84, passed away Thursday, June 22, 2023,

Boyd Clarence Hale, at his home in Hiwassee. Services will be private. The Hale family is in

the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

# Watson, Virginia Wade

Virginia Wade Watson, 80, of Max Meadows, passed away Thursday, June 22, 2023.

Virginia was preceded in death by her first husband, Glenn Watson, Jr.; her parents, Romma Hettie Wade; brothers, Harvey and Howard Wade; and sister, Betty Price. Virginia was a member

of Grace Baptist Church and a retired nurse with 55 years of service. She had a passion for animals and was a diehard Dallas Cowboys, Michigan and Texas football fan. Survivors include her

husband, Charles Edward Leonard; sons, Glenn C. Watson, III and Ricky A. Watson; grandchildren, Stephanie, Ryan, Alyssa, Trent, and Benjamin; niece, Sandra Beasley; brothers-in-law, Billy and Allen Watson; sister-inlaw, Charlotte Bryant; and many other relatives and friends. The family received

friends Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Grace Baptist Church Dublin. Funeral services followed Pastor with Doug Testerman officiating. Entombment followed in Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in

Dublin. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Grace Baptist Church Children's Program, 552 E. Main St., Dublin, VA

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

visit www.ourvalley.org



# In honor of 4th of July **OUR NEWSPAPER**

offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, 2023 And will reopen on Wed., July 5th

@ 8:30 a.m.

All ads for July 5th and July 6th papers need to

be in our office by Friday, June 30 at 12:00 Noon.



# Financial Focus: Are your goals 'must have' or 'nice to have'?

Like everyone, you may have a lot of financial goals. But are they all of equal importance? Probably not. And do they share a similar timeline? Again, it's unlikely. So, your first step may be to prioritize your goals - and then follow a process that can help you achieve them. This process should include the following steps:

Identify your goals as "must have" or "nice to have." Making sure you can retire comfortably and won't outlive your resources is a "must have" goal. For this goal, you can't compromise — you need to be certain of achieving it, or at least as certain as possible. But if you want to someday own a vacation home by the beach, and you can't ever quite afford it, you might find an acceptable substitute, such as renting. So, it seems fair to say that achieving this goal would be "nice to have." Prioritize your investment dollars. Unless you have

unlimited sums to invest — and very few of us have that luxury — you'll probably need to prioritize where your investment dollars are going. For your main "must have" goal — retirement — you'll be helped by the ability to automatically invest through your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you're on

track toward this goal, and you budget carefully and potentially receive salary increases over the years, you may also find space to keep contributing toward the "nice to have" goals.

Put "price tags" on your goals. You need to know what your goals will cost. Of course, you may need to estimate the costs for some goals based on different factors. For example, when you think about your goal of retiring comfortably without outliving your money, you'll need to consider some key questions, including these: When do you want to retire? What sort of retirement lifestyle do you envision? Do you see yourself downsizing your living arrangements? For other goals, though, such as purchasing a vacation home, you could get more specific on how much money you'll need.

Follow an appropriate strategy. The nature of your goals, and their estimated cost, along with your appetite for risk, should drive your investment strategy — but another key factor is time. So, for a long-term goal like retirement, you'll likely need a reasonable amount of quality growth-oriented investments in your portfolio. While these investments — such as stocks and stockbased mutual funds — will fluctuate in value over shorter periods of time, your hope is that, over several decades, they will ultimately provide the growth you need to meet your retirement goal. However, to achieve a goal you want to meet in a year or so — perhaps you're paying for a wedding or planning a long vacation — you may want to consider more stable investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), short-term bonds or even cash or cash equivalents. They may not provide much in the way of growth, but you can essentially count on them to provide the amount you need when you need it. You'll need to regularly review the performance of your investment strategy for each goal to assess your progress.

Achieving any goals — whether they're "must have" or "nice to have" — can be challenging. But by identifying and prioritizing these goals, following an appropriate strategy to meet them, and consistently reviewing your approach, you can help yourself get to where you want

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

# Virginia gas prices rise last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have risen 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.34/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 4.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 148.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 3.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.85 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest

station in Virginia was priced at \$2.91/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.20/g, a difference of \$1.29/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.91/g while the highest was \$4.20/g, a difference of \$1.29/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.56/g today. The national average is up 2.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 141.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national

average going back ten years: June 20, 2022: \$4.82/g (U.S. Average: \$4.97/g)

June 20, 2021: \$2.93/g (U.S. Average: \$3.05/g) June 20, 2020: \$1.94/g (U.S. Average: \$2.12/g) June 20, 2019: \$2.42/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g) June 20, 2018: \$2.64/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g) June 20, 2017: \$2.08/g (U.S. Average: \$2.28/g) June 20, 2016: \$2.16/g (U.S. Average: \$2.33/g) June 20, 2015: \$2.59/g (U.S. Average: \$2.80/g) June 20, 2014: \$3.48/g (U.S. Average: \$3.68/g) June 20, 2013: \$3.42/g (U.S. Average: \$3.60/g) Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.24/g, up 3.3 cents per gallon from last

Richmond-\$3.28/g, down 0.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.29/g.
West Virginia- \$3.46/g, up 5.7 cents per gallon from

last week's \$3.40/g.

"It has been a quiet week for the national average, with little overall movement in average gas prices

nationally even as oil prices have been a bit unstable. Some states have seen minor increases while others have seen decreases, and the mixed bag is likely to continue for the time being with oil prices a bit all over the place," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While gasoline demand continues to inch up, we could see additional pressure on pump prices, while the price of diesel continues to see downward movement. While the uncertainty over the direction of the economy is a major player in preventing oil's rise, inventories of oil and gasoline do remain tight, preventing much additional downward movement as well. We'll have to see which of those factors emerges as a winner to predict when the next large movement in prices could be. We're also seeing more tropical activity in the Atlantic that could pose challenges in the weeks ahead as hurricane season ramps up."

-Submitted by Gas Buddy

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# AARP Virginia fraud alert: Weight loss scams Summer has finally arrived, but the beginning "organic," can be unsafe for your body.

of beach season inevitably brings weight loss scams with it. Criminals take advantage of the season to offer bogus solutions for losing weight or getting in shape. Here's how these scams generally work. A web search on weight loss pulls up legitimate-

looking websites often with supposed celebrity endorsements. The websites often encourage you to sign up for a free trial — which, if you read the tiny print, opts you into getting charged for products themselves, often marketed as "natural" or Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

Living and eating healthier are laudable goals but take time and commitment. Don't trust offers that promise "fast results" or "miracle" products. If you are looking to slim down, seek advice from a trustworthy source, such as your doctor or a dietitian before you commit to a weight loss regimen.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www. regular orders or additional products. Lastly, the aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP

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# Virginia vaccination project named national 'immunization champion'



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Kathy Hosig (second from left) with the VCE's award at the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit in Atlanta on May 10.

With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Extension Foundation, Virginia Cooperative Extension collaborated with experts from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Population Health Sciences and Virginia State University to get more shots in arms.

Virginia Cooperative Extension was recognized by the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit, which named the organization an "Immunization Neighborhood" Immunization Champion. The summit, which addresses and resolves adult and influenza immunization issues, is made up of over 700 partners across the United States. Extension was chosen from 25 nominations for the national award.

"The ultimate goal of this work is to get more people vaccinated," said Kathy Hosig, who spearheaded the project. "CDC worked with Cooperative Extension across the country through Extension Foundation because we have presence in all the communities and we know the

Hosig is an associate professor, the director of the Center for Public Health Practice and Research at the veterinary college, and a public health Extension

As the front door to the land-grant mission at Virginia Tech, Extension is how research is put into action and shared with the commonwealth's communities.

"We have Extension agents who work with family and consumer sciences, working with families, financial management, and healthy living," Hosig said. "These are the agents we are working with through this project.'

Through Extension, Hosig has worked on public health problems such as diabetes management, prevention of obesity, and substance misuse and addiction.

The hands-on immunization project focused on areas in the state with the lowest vaccination rates, getting the word out about COVID vaccination through Extension agents and faculty. Outreach has ranged from vaccine clinics to education booths to opportunities for residents.

The ultimate goal is to increase adult vaccination as a whole. Several vaccines, such as the shingles vaccine, are given exclusively to adults, and adults need boosters for some vaccines they received as children.

In addition to Hosig, the Extension team includes:

Sophie Wenzel, an assistant professor of practice in the Department of Population Health Sciences and associate director of the Center for Public Health Practice and Research

Kristina Jiles, a research assistant professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences and public health Extension specialist

Amanda Hensley, a graduate research assistant in the Department of Population Health Sciences

Domenique Villani, a graduate research assistant in the

Department of Population Health Sciences

Natalie Martin, a graduate research assistant in the Department of Population Health Sciences

Karen Munden, a family and consumer sciences Extension agent and state program leader for health for

Extension Brad Jarvis, agriculture and natural resources Extension

Tiffany Freer, health specialist for Extension at Virginia State University

Jordan Everett, health extension associate for Extension

at Virginia State University While accepting the award at the National Adult and

Influenza Immunization Summit, Hosig participated in a panel discussion explaining Extension's work. Winning this award has been able to add value to the relationships with our state department of health and with

our funder, CDC. It's going to be great for Extension as

well — all of this work over the past three years has given us visibility on a national scale," said Hosig. Virginia Cooperative Extension recently received two more years of funding. Wenzel will lead that project, and the team that spans Extension, the veterinary college, and Virginia State University will apply what they've learned

and increase their efforts to increase adult vaccination and improve the health of Virginia's local communities. -Andrew Mann for Virginia Tech

# Administration exodus continues for Radford City Public Schools

# Interim superintendent has been named to begin July 1

RADFORD - Radford High School Principal Tara Grant is leaving Radford City Public Schools for a new position with Pulaski County Public Schools, following Superintendent Robert Graham across the bridge to the home of the Cougars.

Belle Heth Principal Kelly Linkenhoker also recently left the school division, taking a position with Salem City Public Schools as the Principal of Salem High School after serving for two years as principal of Belle Heth Elementary School.

Graham resigned as RCPS Superintendent on June 9 after eight years leading the division and was shortly thereafter named Superintendent of PCPS. Grant has now been named the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for PCPS. Grant spent two years as principal of Radford High School, four years as principal of Belle Heth Elementary, and a year as the University. division's Director of Testing.

On Tuesday, the Radford City School Board named Dr. Roger Collins as interim superintendent to lead RCPS while the superintendent's search takes place. Collins began his educational career in 1983 as a classroom teacher, then served as an assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and, from 2003 - 2014 as Superintendent of Nelson County Public Schools. Following that position, he has served as an associate professor in the graduate Educational Leadership Program at Kames Madison University.

Grant is a graduate of Radford High School, has a bachelor's degree from James Madison University in Public Relations, a Master's of Science from Radford University in

Prior to becoming principal of Belle Heth, Linkenhoker served as a high school assistant principal, an elementary principal and the assistant superintendent for Buena Vista Public Schools, and was also classroom teacher for more than 20 years.

Linkenhoker earned her bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech in family child and development. She has a master's degree from Radford University in administration and supervision and another master's degree from Tech in curriculum and instruction. In addition, she is in the final stage of securing her doctorate degree in educational leadership and organizational behavior from Vanderbilt University.

# Warm weather means motorcycle season is back DMV urges riders and motorists to work together to keep Virginia roadways safe

RICHMOND - Summer has finally arrived and that means motorcycle season is in full swing.

As such, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

(DMV) is reminding Virginians, both motorcyclists and motorists, to look out for each other on the road.

"All drivers can help reduce the number of tragedies that occur on our roads, but it's also important for motorists to understand the additional safety challenges faced by riders including visibility and protection," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "By raising awareness for motorists, we can work together to better ensure the safety of all motorcyclists on Virginia roadways.'

In 2022, there were 2,053 motorcycle-related crashes on Virginia roadways, resulting in the deaths of 111 riders and serious injuries to 762 others. This is an 8.8 percent increase in motorcyclist fatalities compared to 2021.

To help keep riders safe, DMV offers a few extra tips for both motorists and riders alike:

Tips for motorcyclists:

Make sure to wear a properly fitted helmet with a DOT safety symbol on the outside back.

Choose riding gear that will increase your visibility in addition to providing protection in the event of crash.

Check your motorcycle's equipment before heading out, including tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, fluid levels, headlights and signal indicators, and check under the motorcycle for signs of oil or gas leaks.

Obey speed limits, lane markings, traffic lights, and signs. Ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your motorcycle and other vehicles.

Tips for Motorists:

Be extra cautious when passing a motorcycle.

Always check your blind spots.

Maintain adequate following distance behind motorcycles. -Submitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles

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## Salem Public Notice -

**Environmental** 

**Permit** 

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) that will allow a surface water

withdrawal from the Roanoke River in Salem. Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after

the notice is in the newspaper: June 30, 2023 to July 31, 2023. PERMIT NAME:

Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by the Department, pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations. APPLICANT NAME. ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Salem Water Department Attn: Larado Robinson; P.O. Box 869, Salem, VA, 24153; VWPP No. 15-0069.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Salem Water Department has applied for the reissuance of a permit for the City of Salem Water Treatment Plant and Intake, located at 1300 Tidewater Street, Salem, VA, 24153. The permit will allow the applicant to withdraw up to 8 million gallons per day

from the Roanoke River, to serve as a public water supply. No construction activities or wetland impacts are proposed. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the Roanoke River in the Roanoke watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The Department's preliminary decision is to issue the permit. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR

REQUEST A PUBLIC **HEARING: The Department** accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by the Department during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief,

informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor,

including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment

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permit. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Kathy Dobbie; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality. Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-659-1727; E-

Kathryne.dobbie@deq.virgi nia.gov; Fax: 804-698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the Department office named above by

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**Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CL23001019-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re AUDREY HUMPHREYS v. COMMONWEALTH OF **VIRGINIA** The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR: ANGEL JUANDIEGO HUMPHREYS. It is ORDERED that MIGUEL JUANDIEGO GONZALEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before

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**Education Facilities and** Infrastructure Act of 2002 ("PPEA") and this public hearing is being held by the Authority to comply with the requirement of the PPEA that it hold a public hearing on any proposal being considered during the conceptual stage proposal review process. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing. **Notice of Public** 

# Hearing Town of

### Blacksburg **Planning** Commission Thursday, July 6, 2023.

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 6, 2023 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item: CUP 23-0003-Conditional Use Permit Request for hotel use and for additional height in the Downtown Commercial DC zoning district at 501 South Main Street (Tax Map No. 257-A 94C) by Midtown Redevelopment Partners. LLC. A conditional use permit

request for hotel use and increased height above 60 feet in the Midtown Development at 501 South Main Street. The request is for a 155-room hotel in the Downtown Commercial (DC) zoning district on the parcel known as Midtown DC Parcel 2 fronting on Main Street. This parcel is governed by the Midtown rezoning in

Ordinance #1968. The height of the building is proposed to be a maximum of 75 feet, which is greater than the maximum 60 feet permitted in the DC zoning district and Midtown Development Pattern Book unless a Conditional Use Permit is requested per Section 3141 (c) of the Blacksburg Zoning Ordinance. The Future Land Use (FLU) is Downtown Commercial. The proposed use is consistent with the FLU designation.

Persons affected by or interested in the conditional use permit request may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in

person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & amp; Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-

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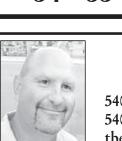
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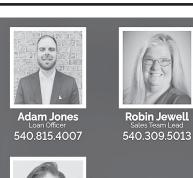
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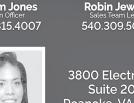
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# Montgomery Sports

# Fleet named Class 1 Player of the Year

The Virginia High School League announces its 2023 Class 1 all-state softball team. Auburn senior pitcher Kirsten Fleet is the Class 1 Player of the Year, and Auburn head coach Tim Smoot is the Class 1 Coach of

The right-handed Fleet started and completed 27 games this season with a 26-1 record pitching 175 innings, striking out 389 batters with an ERA of 0.48, allowing 17 runs (12 earned runs), 20 shoutouts, nine no-hitters, and five perfect games. Additionally, she limited opposing batters to 51 hits and 18 walks. Offensively in 2023, she batted .388 with 26 hits in 68 at-bats, five home runs, and 26 RBI. Fleet has a career pitching line of 378 innings pitched, 97 hits, 37 runs (24 earned runs), 852 strikeouts, 44 walks, 0.44 ERA and 39 shutouts. This season, the power-hitting slugger hit for an average of .456, with 36 hits, 29 RBI, seven doubles, one triple,



Kristen Fleet led Auburn to another state softball title this past month and is the Class 1 state player of the

and 11 home runs while the Eagles to a 26-1 record walking 15 times.

Smoot, the Class 1 coach of the year, guided over Rye Cove in the state

and a third-straight state title with a 1-0 victory finals. Auburn reached the state finals with a 4-1 win against Eastside in the quarterfinals and a 1-0 win over the Buffalo Gap in the semifinals. Smoot has been with the Eagles program for seven seasons, the first five as an assistant coach and the last two as head coach. He has guided Auburn to back-to-back state titles.

The all-state softball team consists of three pitchers, one catcher, four infielders by position, three outfielders, one DP-flex, and at-large players from any position Only those players selected first-team all-region are eligible for selection to the allstate team. The all-state selection committee comprises eight coaches, with two from each region.

Fleet was joined on the first team by teammate Rachel Brotherton (second base). Auburn's Zuckerwar Avery (shortstop) was named to the second team.

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Eastern Montgomery's Maddie Bruce (pictured) was selected Class 1 Girls Player of the Year and East Mont's Whittney Shaver named Class 1 Girls Coach of

# East Mont's Bruce Class 1 player of year

The Virginia High School League announces its 2023 Class 1 all-state girls' soccer team. Eastern Montgomery's senior midfielder Maddie Bruce is the Class 1 Player of the Year, and Eastern Montgomery's head coach Whitney Shaver is the Class 1 Coach of the Year.

Bruce, last year's Class 1 2021 girls' player of the year, totaled 52 goals and 32 assists for the Mustangs this season. Her 32 assists and 136 points this season place her in the top 10 single-season totals in VHSL girls soccer history. The Shenandoah University signee's career totals of 113 goals and 91 assists (missing the 2020 season because of COVID) place Bruce among the all-time top players in goals and assists in VHSL history.

Shaver led Eastern Montgomery (22-0) to its thirdstraight Class 1 state title with a 2-1 win over Auburn, with the decisive goal coming in the third overtime period. The Mustangs have now won 54 straight games. Shaver has a four-record of 68-3 since taking over the Mustangs program in 2019, not including the 2020 COVID missed season. East Mont defeated Auburn in last year's final, 5-0, and West Point, 5-1, in 2021.

The all-state soccer team consists of four forwards, four midfielders, four defenders, one goalkeeper, and three at-large positions. Only those players selected firstteam all-region are eligible for selection to the all-state team. The all-state selection committee comprises eight coaches, with two from each region.

Eastern Montgomery and Auburn placed 16 layers on the all-state list. First teamers were: Ajilia McHone, Madeline Mirolli, Hannah Blankenship, Lilly Underwood, Nadya Hubbard and Logan Boone. Eastern Montgomery's Olivia Boone was a second teamer.

Auburn's Stacy Lewis was also named to the first team along with Kelsie Groseclose, Grace Harris and Logan Munday. While their teammate, Kenliegh Smith was second team.

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# Radford extends Nike, BSN agreement

Radford University Athletics has agreed to continue its partnership with Nike and BSN SPORTS, the nation's largest direct distributor of sporting goods to school and league markets and a division of Varsity Brands, to provide Nike athletic gear for each of the Highlanders' 16 varsity programs.

"We are excited to extend our already strong relationship with industry leaders Nike and BSN Sports," said Deputy Athletics Director Cory Durand. This partnership will continue to provide our student-athletes and coaches with the best apparel and equipment in the sports industry, while also aligning our brand with the worldwide leader in sports apparel

Through this partnership, BSN SPORTS will serve as the official apparel and equipment provider to Radford Athletics while outfitting the university's athletes, coaches, and staff in premier Nike product selection.

"This agreement between Radford University, BSN SPORTS and NIKE, Inc. will add tremendous value and dedicated support to the experience of the coaches, Radford University Athletics," Bill Stote, Sr., Vice President of BSN SPORTS Collegiate Select Program. "Our team will provide the Highlander coaches and teams with the best possible service, unparalleled access newsroom and follow @NIKE. to sports equipment and premier apparel, and branding

resources to continue growing Radford University's prominent athletic brand and fan base."

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-Radford University Athletics

# Triumph NIL named Sports Business Journal Power Player

Earlier this week, Sports Business Journal (SBJ) named its Power Players in Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) and Virginia Tech Athletics' collective, Triumph NIL, was named to the prestigious list, cementing Virginia Tech's status as a leader in the

SBJ examined the top entities in NIL, with who's doing the deals, who's setting the trends, who's making the most of the dynamic space and who is best positioned for the future.

Triumph was one of nine collectives on the list and has put a focus on content creation, ranging from podcasts of Virginia Tech student-athletes, meet and greets, shoutouts, live shows and more. It currently has signed over 150 Hokie student-athletes.

Sports Business Journal sits at the epicenter of the sports industry. SBJ provides the news, the networking and the data to equip the most powerful executives in sports business to make more informed decisions, deals and partnerships. SBJ's award-winning media content is delivered via multiple media platforms, unparalleled networking opportunities through its hallmark events and awards and market-leading data.

Sports Business Journal's weekly and daily content provides original reporting and news aggregation, plus newsletters, podcasts and video. SBJ's renowned events create opportunities for lead generation and partnerships as well as showcase the industry's best talent in widely-viewed awards series. SBJ Atlas is the gateway to the data the industry needs.

Triumph NIL was founded to create meaningful Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) partnerships for student-athletes. We specialize in curating opportunities that meet all NCAA compliance and state legal criteria. Triumph seeks to maximize individual and group earning potential and provide clarity to key stakeholders through creative activations.

Triumph is a team whose individual skills and experience combine to address the needs of NIL in college athletics. Triumph works to collaborate with businesses, charitable organizations and studentathletes to provide meaningful experiences for the greater good of all.

Virginia Tech Athletics is committed to reaching for excellence in all that we do, and that begins with elite student-athletes. In the new era of collegiate athletics, powerful name, image, and likeness opportunities matter to Hokie student-athletes. The Hokies are in a unique position to turn local sports legends into national sports icons. We are working to engage with our incredible fans throughout Hokie Nation and the broader business community to find additional endorsement opportunities and charitable causes which our student-athletes may now participate in.

Virginia Tech student-athletes put it all on the line when supporters start jumping. Now, Hokie Nation can do the same by aiding in name, image and likeness opportunities, helping to jump start Tech student-athletes as they reach for excellence.

-Virginia Tech Athletics

# Mutts signs NBA Summer League deal

Former Virginia Tech standout Justyn Mutts has signed an NBA Summer League deal with the Sacramento Kings. The Millville, N.J., native will lace them up

with the Kings after amassing 1,581 points, 1,037 rebounds and 435 assists in his college career.

A fifth-year senior in 2022-23, Mutts averaged 13.3 points, 7.4 rebounds and 4.6 assists per game in guiding the Hokies to the postseason for the seventh straight season. Mutts helped Tech capture its first ACC tournament title in program history in 2022 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The versatile forward will join fellow Kings

rookies Colby Jones, who was selected with the 34th overall pick out of Xavier, and Jalen Slawson, the 54th selection out of Furman on a Summer League roster that is expected to begin a mini-camp next week before the California Classic tips off at Golden 1 Center on July 3. The Kings will be hosting the two-day, six-team event that will also include the Golden State Warriors, the Los Angeles Lakers, the Charlotte Hornets, the Miami Heat and the San Antonio Spurs.

From there, the Kings will play in the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas, July 7-17.

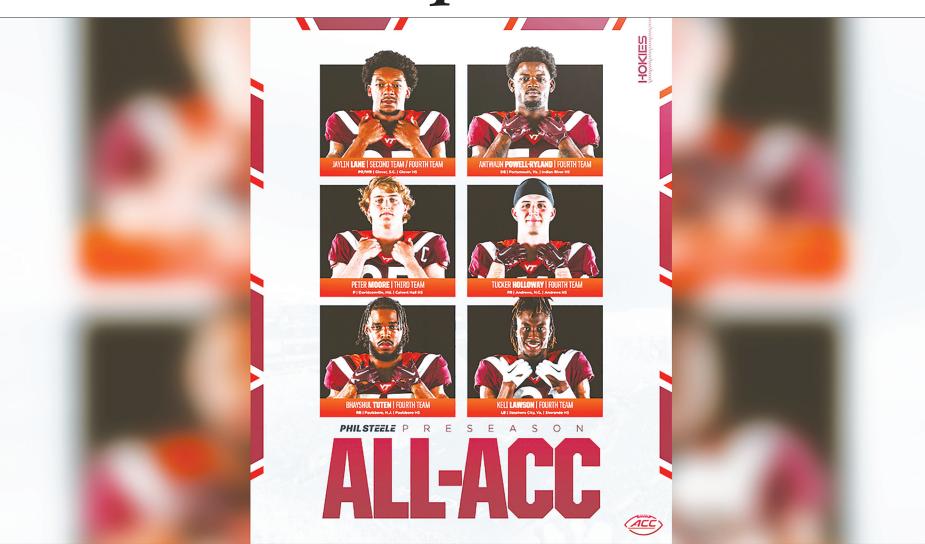
-Virginia Tech Athletics

# Saunders named all-district, region



Radford High School recently announced congratulations for rising Senior Addie Saunders for being selected as All-District and All-Region Shortstop for the 2023 season.

# Six Hokies earn preseason All-ACC



Phil Steele's College Football Preview released its preseason All-ACC teams, and the Hokies landed six players on the preseason squads.

Wide receiver Jaylin Lane was named to the second team as a punt returner and fourth team as a wide receiver. Defensive end Antwaun Powell-Ryland was named to the third team defense while Peter Moore was named third team punter. The Hokies had three other elections to the fourth team, running back Bhayshul Tuten, linebacker Keli Lawson and punt returner Tucker Holloway.

Lane tallied 69 receptions for 940 yards and five touchdowns last season at Middle Tennessee State. He led the team with four 100-yard receiving games. In

three years with the Blue Raiders, Lane registered 124 receptions for 1,528 yards. He also returned 38 career punts for 457 yards and a touchdown.

Powell-Ryland, a Portsmouth, Virginia native, appeared in 27 games at Florida, making five starts and totaling 34 tackles, 4.5 sacks, 7.5 tackles for loss, one pass breakup and three forced fumbles. He recorded 29 tackles including three sacks last season.

Moore attempted 73 punts totaling 3,042 yards (41.7yard average). He placed 24 punts inside the 20 and delivered 17 beyond 50 yards, including his season long of 67 yards. Tuten was a third-team FCS All-American as a sophomore last year for North Carolina A&T, where he ran for 1,363 yards and 13 touchdowns and caught

31 passes for 342 yards and four more touchdowns. He topped the 100-yard rushing mark 10 times in 2022.

Lawson recorded 23 tackles (11 solo), one interception, one pass breakup and a fumble recovery last season. He returned his first career interception for a touchdown

against Georgia Tech. Holloway played in five games as a freshman, fielding nine punts totaling 191 return yards (21.2-yard average). He set the Virginia Tech program record for singlegame punt return yardage on Nov. 5, 2022, against Georgia Tech (188 yards, 7 returns), scoring his first career touchdown on a 90-yard return and earning ACC Specialist of the Week honors.

-Virginia Tech Athletics

# Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine to establish Department of Neurosurgery



PHOTO BY RYAN ANDERSON FOR VIRGINIA TECH The Department of Neurosurgery will be the 12th department at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, pending approval by the State Council for Higher Education

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors has approved the establishment of a Department of Neurosurgery at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, which will enhance neurosurgical education for medical students and make a lasting impact on the Roanoke and New River valleys. The new department will help advance the field of neurosurgery with cutting-edge research while addressing the growing demand for specialized care in

in Virginia.

The Department of Neurosurgery will be instituted with the approval of the State Council for Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

"The creation of a new Department of Neurosurgery will be a significant milestone in the growth of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. Over the past decade and within the Department of Surgery, Carilion Clinic expanded its neurosurgery program to include experts in adult, pediatric, endovascular, and complex spinal neurosurgery," said Lee Learman, dean of the medical school. "These faculty are actively engaged in the education and research missions of the medical school. They instruct Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine medical students and neurosurgery residents and collaborate with researchers at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC and the Virginia Tech School of Neuroscience. The program has now grown to the size that it can become organized as its own academic

department, as is the case in most U.S. medical schools." When it became fully integrated as the ninth college at Virginia Tech in 2018, the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine had 11 departments — nine clinical and two non-clinical — including the Department of Surgery, which contained 11 sections, or specialty areas that required specific education and training, including

neurosurgery. Leaders from the Virginia Tech Carilion

School of Medicine and Carilion Clinic, seeing the demand for the existing neurosurgery specialty and residency program, along with the needs of the region, determined a standalone department was critical.

Michael Nussbaum, chair of the Department of Surgery, expressed excitement about the potential impact of the new department on the region. "The addition of a dedicated Department of Neurosurgery will strengthen our ability to provide comprehensive care to patients in need," he said. "By integrating neurosurgery education into our medical curriculum to a greater degree, we are investing in the future of health care in this region and advancing the level of specialized care available.

Neurosurgery, a branch of medicine focused on the prevention, diagnosis, and surgical treatment of disorders affecting the nervous system, has witnessed remarkable advancements in recent years. By establishing the Department of Neurosurgery, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine aims to equip future physicians with the skills and knowledge necessary to address complex neurological conditions and deliver high-quality care.

The new department will expand clinical rotations and elective opportunities for students at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. It will also enhance post-medical school residency training by potentially providing additional residency positions. The neurosurgery residency program at Carilion Clinic - Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine currently offers one position per year for a total of seven residents at any given time. During 2021-22, the program

received 245 applications for the neurosurgery residency position.

With the establishment of the Department

of Neurosurgery, the region is poised to witness a

transformation in neurological care. By growing the

cadre of highly skilled neurosurgeons, the region will experience an increase in specialized expertise, supporting improved patient outcomes and access to care. The presence of a dedicated department will also enhance research opportunities, attracting grants and funding to support innovative projects. This will not only contribute to the scientific community but also stimulate economic growth in the region.

Carilion Clinic's new neurosurgery chair, a renowned clinical and academic leader, will be appointed as the medical school academic chair after SCHEV approval of the department. A non-physician vice president of neurosurgery from Carilion and a full-time research associate will support the administrative and academic success of the department. The department would be established with nine physician neurosurgery faculty members.

"Demand for neurosurgical services continues to increase, and adding a new academic department will continue the great momentum happening with health sciences in our region," said Nancy Howell Agee, Carilion

Clinic's chief executive officer. "Specifically, it will mean enhanced care for our patients and new opportunities for clinical trials, research, groundbreaking innovations, and academic growth, all of which contribute to our region's growing reputation

as a health care hub." -Josh Meyer for Virginia





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