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## Board of Visitors approves one-time tuition and fee rebate, compensation program



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During a special session held online Wednesday, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors voted to authorize a one-time tuition and fee rebate and to approve a two percent compensation program effective Dec. 10.

These actions follow the approval of the amended state budget signed into law by Gov. Glenn Youngkin on Sept. 14.

In February, the 2023 General Assembly session adjourned passing only minor amendments to the budget, none of which impacted higher education. In April, the board approved tuition and fee rates for 2023-24 understanding that future state budget actions could create the need to modify tuition and fee rates.

The General Assembly reached agreement on full amendments to the budget last month, which were subsequently approved by Youngkin. The

amended budget includes an additional 2 percent mid-year compensation program increase as well as new operating support for Virginia Tech.

“Now that the final impact of the state budget on major revenue and cost changes are known to us, the university was able to develop and recommend one-time tuition and fee rebates for the current academic year,” said Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Amy Sebring on Wednesday. “The final state budget was very supportive of higher education and our state employee workforce, and university leadership and the board felt it was important to focus the state’s additional investment in Virginia Tech directly on our faculty, staff, and students. The actions taken today fulfill the promise we

made to our community in April.”

All full-time regular session students will receive a one-time \$275 rebate of their tuition payment. Part-time students will receive a \$15 per credit hour rebate.

In addition, full-time students will receive a one-time \$20 rebate of their comprehensive fee payment. Students who live on campus or who have purchased a meal plan will receive a \$19 to \$32 room and board rebate depending on which room and board plan they have.

This financial relief will be applied in spring 2024. Students enrolled for only a portion of the year will receive prorated relief.

Effective Dec. 10, eligible Virginia Tech salaried faculty and staff will receive a two percent

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PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

East children, Stella (11), Elsie (9), Vayda (6), and Oakley (4), enjoy a fun soccer game at the park.

## Christiansburg Huckleberry Trail Park provides entertainment and exercise for all ages

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG - The Christiansburg Huckleberry Trail Park, located at 300 Peppers Ferry Rd. and just past the Uptown Christiansburg mall, is a 50-acre all-inclusive park packed with fun for all ages.

Designed for best practices for play and recreation, the playground equipment, obstacle course, dog park, mindfulness relaxation area, splash pad, picnic pavilions, restroom facilities, and multipurpose playing fields invite local and visiting families and individuals to exercise or just relax in the outdoor environment.

Christiansburg recreational sports are one attraction for the park, as local children can have practices and play games on the multipurpose fields.

“It’s a large, inclusive park with a

lot of amenities and well landscaped,” Bobbie Moulton of Christiansburg said.

Moulton’s son plays recreation football at the park.

“There are lots of walking spaces, and the turf is nice,” Moulton said. “Some basketball courts would be a welcomed addition.”

The park also provides a place for homeschooled children to play or meet up with other families for community interaction and socialization opportunities.

“We really enjoy it because, where we homeschool, we can come here any time during the day and let the kids play and be outside and enjoy the nice weather. The facilities are really, really nice,” Sarah East said. “They really like the obstacle course, and they love this soccer game.”

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The Sinkland Farms pumpkin patch has thousands of pumpkins for visitors to choose from.

## Sinkland Farms Pumpkin Festival now underway

Acres of pumpkins, gourds, squash, and sunflowers are ready to escort families near and far into everyone’s favorite season.

The annual Pumpkin Festival, now in its 32nd year, is the premiere local destination for fall festivities unlike anywhere else. The traditional fall harvest brings out the best of farm life during this not-to-miss event.

There is something for everyone. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch to pick out your own “great” pumpkin, make your way through a five-acre corn maze or visit the farm animals. There will also be horseback trail rides, pony rides, a huge kid’s zone with giant slides, games, a kid-friendly zip, a barrel train ride, plus a new 150-foot-long Super Mega Ride-n-Slide, Jumper Pad, and Spider Climber.

Enjoy local live music and A-Capella groups while sipping craft beer and wine on the terrace. Watch pig racing, and savor delights from visiting food trucks. There will be many artists and crafters ready to entice you with hand-crafted goods. For a sweet treat, enjoy hand-dipped ice cream and, of course, Sinkland’s extra special kettle

korn. The Cottage Shoppe will be stocked full of seasonal treats and gifts.

The HokieBird, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets marching band, the Highty-Tighties, and many more entertainers will be making special appearances.

The Pumpkin Festival began Sept. 30 and runs five weekends plus a Wine Festival on the sixth weekend, Nov. 4-5. It is open on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Remaining dates include:  
October 7 and 8 – Amateur Dog Show with prizes

October 28 – Super Hero Costume Day

October 29 – Gearheads for a Cause Car Show will sponsor a Trunk & Treat event and a Kids Halloween Costume Contest

October 29 – Hokie Spirit Day with the Highty Tighties VT Regimental Band, VT Spirit Squad, and Hokie Bird

November 4/5 – Wine Festival with all the Pumpkin Festival Activities

Sinkland Farms has been voted the

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## Drake announces departure from Mont. Co. Public Schools

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Brenda Drake, Director of Communications for MCPS and Clerk of the Board, will be leaving the Montgomery County Schools.

Parents, staff and students recall receiving phone calls with many announcements and updates over the years from Drake, especially during the pandemic.

“Today I announce my departure from MCPS,” said Drake. “For more than 13 years, staff and families in MCPS have welcomed me into their homes to deliver good and not so good news. Sometimes my calls were treated with a smile and other times families let me know that five snow days in a row is too many snow days.”

Drake said her position has not yet been filled. More information will be shared as the hiring process moves forward.

Staffing updates on positions needed to be filled showed progress

but with some shortages in custodian staff, special education, and classified staff.

According to the MCPS-MCEA Representation Election for the Administrative Personnel Bargaining Unit, a secret ballot vote of 53 eligible voters showed results of 17 personnel who cast a ballot, representing 32.1%. Of these 17 ballots cast, 12 voted yes on the question of if they would like to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by the Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA). An election was conducted for administrative personnel. The results were certified by MCPS counsel, VEA, and BallotPoint Election Services, according to the MCPS Board agenda.

MCPS Board members Jamie Bond and Dana Partin voted against certification of the MCEA as the exclusive representation for the collective bargaining initiative.

Bond also addressed

concerns to the board on the need for regular updates to the community associated with the cost of the collective bargaining agreement.

“I had asked what our expense to this point was and I would kind of like that to get on the schedule with whatever is convenient. It doesn’t have to be every month, but I would like for the public to know the cost of being affiliated with doing that venture,” Bond said. “This is something that is a really cost to the division.”

Board Chair Mark Cherbaka said, “I’m fine bringing that up for a topic under new business to discuss next time.”

Superintendent Dr. Bernard Bragen updated the board during the meeting as well on a partnership and grant with Blacksburg Rotary and MCPS, which works to improve reading proficiency in the district. The first school to receive this support was Prices

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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF MCPS

# Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg provides gift cards to Montgomery County Schools

As part of its continuing program of providing support to local schools that have students needing clothing and/or supplies, the Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg recently delivered Walmart gift cards to Montgomery Central School and Christiansburg High School.

The cards, in the amount of \$550 (\$500 from the Kiwanis Club and \$50 from Walmart), are delivered to schools that have a zero or low balance on their cards and have requested additional funds. This program was started several years ago for the seven schools in Christiansburg, and cards are replenished by the club as needed. Before this program was introduced, often teachers and staff members would personally pay

for the needed items that the children could not afford.

The cards were delivered by Ernie Wade, a Kiwanis member. Receiving the cards for Montgomery Central were Mike Stanley, Principal, and Anne Lawson, Counselor. For Christiansburg High, Shane Guynn, Principal, was presented with the cards.

Kiwanis is a global organization of members, clubs, and partners who are dedicated to changing the world, one child at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg has provided services to the local community since its charter was granted in 1949.

*Submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg*



Montgomery Central Principal Mike Stanley and Anne Lawson, Counselor, receive a gift card from Kiwanis Club member Ernie Wade.



Christiansburg High Principal Shane Guynn receives a gift card for school needs from Ernie Wade, Kiwanis Club member.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, Oct. 7:

### National Solar Event at Warm Hearth Village

At the Warm Hearth Village Center, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr.; 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Organized by village residents in cooperation with Sustainable Blacksburg. Showcase of solar technologies, home energy efficiency improvements and electric powered vehicles, bikes, trikes and scooters. Practical applications and advice in solar technology. Learn how you can save money and help the environment at the same time. Exhibitors include local solar installers, homeowners, energy efficiency evaluation and building experts, electric vehicle owners and community organizations working to encourage the use of these technologies. In addition to exhibitors at the WHV Village Center, a home will also be on the tour and attendees will be able to see solar panels, battery electric vehicle (BEV) charger and energy monitoring system as well as plans for energy storage.

### Grownup Board Game Club

At the Radford Public Library; 2 – 4:30 p.m. Bring a friend, bring a game, or just bring yourself! Come play board games with us at the library. You can pick a game from our collection or bring something from home and teach us how to play!

## Sunday, Oct. 8:

### Fire Prevention Week Open House

Fire Prevention Week is October 8 – 14, 2023. Join the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department for an Open House on October 8 from 1 – 4pm. See fire trucks and equipment displays and learn about fire safety and prevention. This Open House will be held at Fire Station #3, located at 407 Hubbard St., Blacksburg.

## Monday, Oct. 9:

### 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](http://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, Oct. 10:

### Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The 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.

### Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will convene for its regular meeting at 6 p.m., to be held at the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at [www.rcps.org](http://www.rcps.org).

## Wednesday, Oct. 11:

### CommUNITY Yoga for Self-Care for Adults

At the Radford Public Library; 5:45- 6:45 p.m. Join Kelly McCoy of The Whole You for an all-level yoga class for adults. Learn poses to help strengthen and lengthen your muscles as well as some breathing and mediation techniques to help calm the nervous system. This class is free to the public and is funded by grant money through the Virginia Department of Health.

## Saturday, Oct. 14:

### Radford Highlanders Festival

On the campus of Radford University, Moffett Quad; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Live music, food and craft vendors,

heavy Scottish games and much more.

## Tuesday, Oct. 17:

### Central Business Committee Meeting

The Christiansburg Central Business District Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of Christiansburg Town Hall.

## Thursday, Oct. 19:

### Blood Drive

The New River Health District will be hosting a blood drive on in the Community Room at the Montgomery Co. Health Department from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. We have set a goal of having 20 donors for the day and need your assistance. Donors of all blood types are urgently needed now to ensure patients at hospitals across the country continue to receive critical medical care. Each donor for this drive will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as a thank you for your donation. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

## On-going:

### 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

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<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION</b></p> <p>Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 &amp; 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following request:</p> <p>A request by Shah Development, LLC (Agent: Foresight Design Services) to amend the proffered conditions and approved concept plan of the rezoning of the Preserve at Walnut Springs Major Subdivision, originally approved by the Board of Supervisors on</p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p>March 11, 2019. The proposed amendments would allow for the construction of singlefamily attached dwellings (townhomes) and multi-family residential dwellings (apartments) in an area of the development previously approved for the construction of multi-family residential dwellings (apartments) only. The proposed amendments also increase the maximum allowed number of single-family attached dwellings (townhomes) in the development from one-hundred fifty-four (154) units to two hundred nine (209) units, and decrease the maximum allowed number of multi-family residential dwellings (apartments) from one hundred eight (108) units to eighty-four (84) units. The proposed amendments would maintain the previously approved overall density of 2.185 units per acre. The property is located off of Price's Fork Road (State Route 685), approximately 0.34 miles west of the intersection of Stratford View Drive (State</p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p>Route 1145). The property is further identified as Tax Map Numbers 052-A-32, 52-1-20, 52-A4A, and 52-A-1A (Parcel IDs: 017474, 160511, 280553, and 280550), totaling 124.665 acres, currently zoned Planned Unit Development – Residential (PUD-RES) in the Price's Fork Magisterial District. The property lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further identified as LowDensity Residential in the Price's Fork Village Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <a href="http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications">http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications</a></p> <p><b>ADVERTISE!</b></p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b></p> <p>Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 ; 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Resolution:</p> <p>A resolution adopting the "Transportation Matters" master transportation plan for the County of Montgomery, Virginia to replace the existing transportation chapter of the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. The</p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p>"Transportation Matters" plan provides recommendations to improve transportation infrastructure, increase safety, expand public transportation options, and strengthen funding applications for transportation projects throughout the unincorporated areas of Montgomery County. Copies of the "Transportation Matters" plan may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <a href="http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications">http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications</a>.</p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION</b></p> <p>Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 &amp; 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:</p> <p>A request by Harvey Morris &amp; Susan R. Cochran for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Contractor's Storage Yard within the A-1, Agricultural Zoning District. The property is located at the end of Rustic Trail (Private Rd) which</p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p>intersects with Peppers Ferry Road (St. Rt. 114). The property is further identified as Tax Map 076-18 (Parcel ID: 018773), 37.220 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <a href="http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications">http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications</a>.</p>
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# Not all viruses are harmful, says Virginia Tech expert

During the COVID-19 pandemic, people became well aware that viruses can be extremely harmful. But can viruses also be helpful?  
 Bryan Hsu aims to find out by studying viruses that infect bacteria in the bellies of mammals.  
 Bryan Hsu (at far right) and his team are breaking new ground in their research on the role of viruses in the gut microbiome

of mammals. An assistant professor of biological sciences, Hsu was the recipient of a five-year \$1.9 million Maximizing Investigators' Research Award from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to develop a model to test the role of these lytic bacteriophages, or phages as they are commonly called, in

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**Bryan Hsu (at far right) and his team are breaking new ground in their research on the role of viruses in the gut microbiome of mammals.**

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**Christiansburg Trail Park offers amenities such as restroom facilities and picnic areas to visiting families and individuals.**



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The soccer pad is an electronic, interactive game that children can play by kicking the ball into a square that lights up in different colors. To score points, children have to hit the appropriate color that matches up with the colored triangles while still defending their own goal.

"Here, it is very good for kids of all ages; big kids, little kids," East said. "They also have a thing where you can race and do a 40-yard dash and it times you and tells you how fast you ran."

The mom of four girls shares that the splash pad is a lot of fun for kids as well but encourages parents to remember to bring extra clothes because children love to get wet.

The water for the splash pad is not circulated producing fresh, clean water for children to run and splash through. The water facility is cleaned with eco-friendly solutions according to conveniently located fact sheets found on the fence line near the splash pad. Additional information about the cleaning and maintenance of the attraction is also provided on the fact sheet.

The park hosts special events for the community and visitors to the area as well.

On Oct. 28, the Christiansburg Recreation Department will be hosting Getting Scary on the Huckleberry with a trunk or treat event, 5K race, games, activities, and of course, candy. The Recreation department encourages everyone to come dressed in a favorite costume with the event kicking off at 9 a.m. with trick or treating and the kids' fun run/walk. The 5k will follow immediately after the fun run. The kids run is free for ages 10 and under, and the 5K is \$30 for ages 9 and older.

A bonus for race participants will be pumpkin pancakes.

On Nov. 5, 2-5:30 p.m., the Huckleberry Fall Hat Tournament 2023 will take place. It is an ultimate Frisbee competition. The event is free, and participants should bring cleats, a dark and a white shirt, and water. Registration can be found on the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Facebook page.



PHOTOS BY LORI GRAHAM

**Play equipment allows children of all ages to find something appropriate to their level of ability.**

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salary increase. The university also will advance the graduate assistant stipend scale by two percent. These increases are in addition to the five percent compensation program approved by the board in June.

Specific to Virginia Tech, the amended state budget includes \$9.2 million of ongoing general fund support for affordable access to support inflation, student support

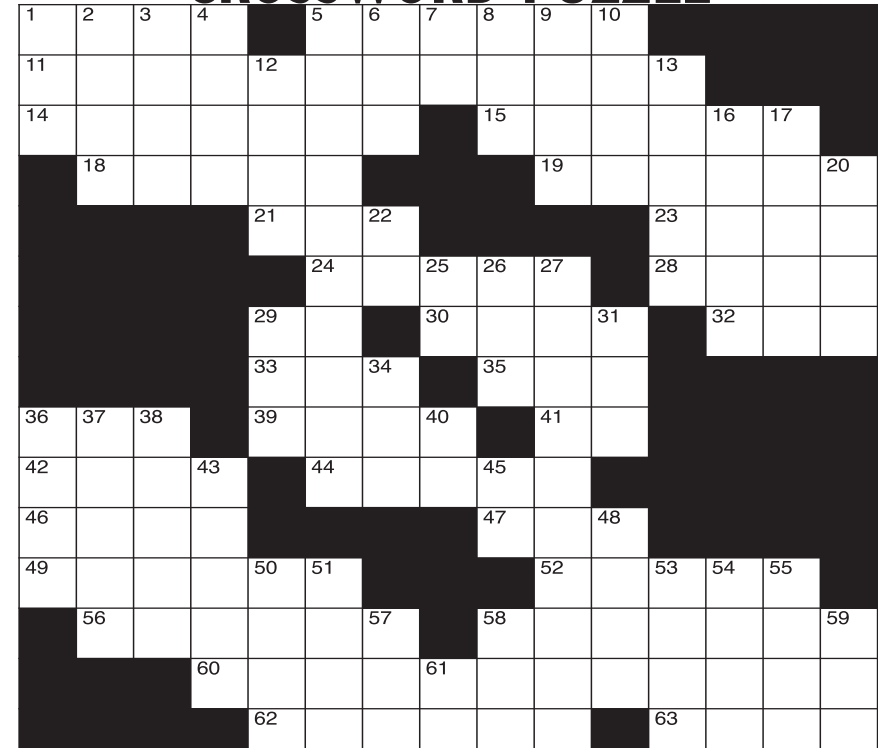
services, programs for workforce needs, and to minimize student costs. In addition, the budget included \$3.1 million of ongoing General Fund support for student financial aid to provide need-based undergraduate financial aid to reduce the amount of tuition revenue used for financial aid. These new resources help support the university's cost of the compensation

increase and make possible the one-time tuition rebate approved by the board today.

The next full Virginia Tech Board of Visitors meeting will be held Nov. 5-6 in Blacksburg. More information on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors may be found online.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Flat-topped hill
  - Admiration
  - It's useful for serving food
  - Kidnap
  - One of the Greek Muses
  - A type of media
  - Sunscreen rating
  - Former Michigan coach Brady
  - German town devastated in WW2
  - Gasteyer and Ortz are two
  - Leave
  - Forearm bone
  - Very fast airplane
  - Helps little firms
  - Defunct economic organization
  - Science-based students organization (abbr.)
  - Feels ill
  - Indicates position
  - Beverage containers
  - Assists
  - Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
  - Purpose
  - Group of elected officials
  - Hebrew prophet
  - They help you drink
  - Lawmaker
  - Charitable
  - Doctrines
  - Footwear
  - Genus of clams
  - Fear of heights
  - What some tell their dog
  - The Golden State
  - When you expect to get there
  - Pointed ends
  - Extinct flightless bird
  - Feeds
  - Nape of neck
  - Descendant
  - Small boats found in Turkey
  - To avoid the risk of
  - Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
  - 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
  - Brew
  - Feeling of anxiety
  - Young girls group
  - Perform on stage
  - White clerical vestment
  - Popular musical awards show
  - Bumpkins
  - One who acts on another's behalf
  - Direction
  - Look at with fixed eyes
  - One who helps professors (abbr.)
  - A large number of
  - Type of powder
  - Large jug
  - Christian Anderson, children's author
  - American state
  - Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
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# OBITUARIES

## Baylor, Fannie Belle Chatten

Fannie Belle Chatten Baylor, 79, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023.

She retired from Virginia Tech where she was a kitchen manager, and a member of First Baptist Church on Rock Road. She was preceded in death by her parents, Allie and Hattie Chatten; husband, Donald Lee Baylor, Sr.; brother, Allie Man Chatten, Jr.; and sisters, Diane Chatten and Syrthra Chatten.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons and daughter-in-law, Donald Lee, Jr. and Linda Baylor, and Datoma Baylor; grandchildren Donald Lee Baylor III, Brittany Dawn-Leigh Breckenridge, Deion Lattrell Baylor, Samira Baylor, and Selena Baylor; great grandchildren



Kylie Baylor, Audrey Revin, Wrenly Baylor, and Shalen Baylor; brother, Joseph Chatten; sisters and brother-in-law, Louise Cummins Law and Phillip, Rhonda Wray, and Ledale Chatten; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg with Rev. Hiawatha Spragins and Deacon James Baylor officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Radford Health and Rehab.

The Baylor family cares for the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

## Caldwell, Thelma Robinson

Thelma Robinson Caldwell, 94, passed away at her home Aug. 10, 2023 after a long battle with cancer. There will be a Celebration

of Life Oct. 21, 2023 at 1 p.m. to honor her. The celebration will be at the Robinson Cemetery in Blacksburg.

## McCoy, Terry Wayne

Terry Wayne McCoy, 72, passed away peacefully at home Oct. 1, 2023, after a courageous two-year battle with a rare form of kidney cancer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bryce J. McCoy, and his mother, Frances A. McGhee.

Terry wore many hats in his family. His most important and beloved hat was as half of the team that he and his wife of 53 years, Brenda, made. They often finished each other's sentences and you rarely saw one without the other. Together, they provided a loving and supportive



home where their family learned the value of honesty, hard work, and being open to new things. He was Dad to his son, Travis and daughter, Tracy, and their spouses, Tammy and Andy. He was Gramps to his four grandchildren, Carmen and Sarah McCoy, and Jack and Drew Johnson. His immediate family also knew him as Mr. Goodwrench, as there was never a problem he couldn't resolve. He was brother to Danny and wife, Sandra McCoy, and brother-in-law to Debbie and husband, Cliff Farlow. He was a

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**ANGLICAN CATHOLIC**  
**St. Philip's Anglican Church**, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, [www.stphilipsblacksburg.org](http://www.stphilipsblacksburg.org). Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.  
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**New Hope Church of God**, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

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

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
**Radford Church of God in Christ**, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

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**Christ Lutheran Church**, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: [clcradford.org](http://clcradford.org).

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## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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**Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church**, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

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# Eat your vegetables to protect your brain

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disease estimated to affect 6 million Americans and 33 million people worldwide. Large numbers of those affected have not yet been diagnosed.

A new study published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease by a Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine faculty member shows that brain levels of dietary lutein, zeaxanthin, lycopene, and vitamin E in those with Alzheimer's disease are half those in normal brains. Higher dietary levels of lutein and zeaxanthin have been strongly linked to better cognitive functions and lower risk for dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

## Carotenoids and the healthy brain

Because normal brain functions and response to misfolded proteins constantly generate reactive oxidizing molecules, the brain is vulnerable to cumulative oxidative damage, which can be prevented by antioxidants supplied by a healthy diet. Carotenoids are powerful antioxidants that are commonly found in colorful plants. Lutein is especially abundant in kale and spinach, and zeaxanthin is highest in corn and orange peppers.

Dorey and Neal E. Craft, of Craft Technologies in Wilson, North Carolina, first reported that the brain selectively accumulated carotenoids such as lutein, zeaxanthin, and beta-cryptoxanthin in 2004. Since then, researchers around the world have demonstrated better cognition in those with higher levels of lutein and zeaxanthin in their macular pigment

and lower risk for dementia in those with highest levels of lutein and zeaxanthin in their diet or accumulated in their macular pigment.

The Rush University Memory and Aging Project followed the diet and cognitive performance of more than 1,000 participants living in Chicago for more than a decade, assessing their intake of carotenoids, and found that those following the MIND diet — consuming higher levels of antioxidant-rich fruits, nuts, vegetables, and fish, and lower levels of meat and sweets — had reduced risk for Alzheimer's disease diagnosis, higher cognitive performance before death, and less Alzheimer's disease-related brain pathology. Moreover, those with the highest intake of total carotenoids or lutein/zeaxanthin over a decade had 50 percent lower risk for Alzheimer's disease.

## Correlation between carotenoids and brain protection

Although studies had strongly implicated the possibility that carotenoids may protect the brain against damage contributing to Alzheimer's disease, there has been no evidence that brain carotenoids correlated with the disease. The Dorey-Craft report in the June issue of the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease has filled that gap.

In a study of carotenoids in brains with and without Alzheimer's disease brain pathology, the Dorey-Craft team demonstrated that brains

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caring and well-respected friend to extended family, classmates, and co-workers.

Terry was a proud retiree of Volvo Trucks North America with over 40 years of dedicated service. He served in the National Guard for 11 years where he retired with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was also a member of Dublin United Methodist Church. He loved to travel, an exciting NASCAR race, a good book, and tackling any kind of home project with Brenda.

A service of celebration of Terry's life will be held at Dublin United Methodist Church Saturday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. Visitation will be

held for family and friends before the service, 1-2 p.m.

The family would like to thank friends, extended family, Blue Ridge Cancer Center, Carilion Clinic Home Care, and associated medical teams for their unwavering support during the past two years. Special gratitude to Dr. Michael McCormack and the oncology department at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist in Winston Salem, N.C. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Dublin United Methodist Church at PO Box 577, Dublin, VA 24084.

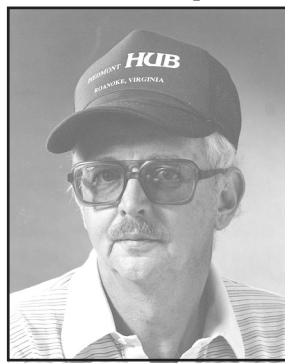
The McCoy family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

## Osborne, Jeffrey Wayne

Jeffrey Wayne Osborne, 81, of Radford, passed away Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.

He retired from the Radford Army Ammunitions Plant. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eudora Osborne; sister, Janice Snell; and nephew, Brian Jones.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy DeHart Osborne; daughters, Belinda Davis (George), and Wendy Osborne (William Weaver); son, Greg Osborne (Melissa); seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.



Special thanks to caregiver and granddaughter, Majesta Osborne, for her continued care until the end.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Bain Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church. Memorial services will follow with Pastor Jordan Myers officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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

## Wilson, Joan Ethel

Joan Ethel Wilson, 89, of Dublin, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023. She was a member of the Bethel Assembly of God in Sycamore, Ill. and attended Heritage Church in Dublin. She retired from NIU after 15 years of service and was a professional dog groomer. Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Revs. Charles G. Friedley and Lillian G. Friedley; her husband, Vernon Douglas Wilson; and sister, Betty Elliot.

Survivors include her daughters,

April Johnson (Nathan), and Cynthia Wilson; son, Mike Wilson (Judy); grandchildren, Tawnya, Joshua, Jonathon, Justin, and Zachery; four great grandchildren; sister, Lillian Hyre; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends 5 - 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 7 p.m.

The Wilson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

# Free Solar open house and electric vehicle showcase at Warm Hearth Village

Warm Hearth Village (WHV) retirement community and the Sustainable Blacksburg nonprofit community organization are supporting a solar event and home solar demonstration as part of the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Tour on Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., at the WHV Village Center, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr., Blacksburg.

The event will showcase solar technologies, home energy efficiency analysis and passive solar home design, as well as electric powered vehicles, bikes, trikes and personal mobility devices. Exhibitors include local solar installers, homeowners, energy efficiency evaluation and building experts, electric vehicle owners and community organizations working to encourage the use of these technologies. Attendees can also learn about how the Inflation

Reduction Act can help fund part of renewable energy projects.

Bill Baker, the primary organizer for the event, was the first WHV resident to install solar panels on his home in 2015. Since then, 15 of his neighbors have gone solar such that 30% of homes in the neighborhood now have solar panels.

Baker's 31 panels provide most of his home's electricity needs and he estimates that through energy savings and renewable energy credits he will recover his investment within 10 years. In addition, more homebuyers are recognizing the value of solar panels to reduce their energy costs. Baker and other WHV residents also appreciate being able to reduce their carbon footprint as a legacy for the next generation.

In addition to the exhibitors at the WHV Village Center, Baker's home will also be on the

tour and attendees will be able to see his solar panels, battery electric vehicle (BEV) charger and energy monitoring system as well as plans for energy storage. Light refreshments and a water bottle refill station will also be available at Baker's home.

Although other homes in Warm Hearth Village will not be available for touring, many other solar arrays are visible in the community and homes with solar will have identifying markers on that day.

Exhibitors planning to be at the open house include Baseline Solar, Citizens Climate Lobby, Shelter Alternatives, Solar Connexion, Solar Holler, Solar United Neighbors, Sustainable Blacksburg, Warm Hearth Village Solar Owners, and more to come.

Submitted by Sustainable Blacksburg

# Events

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purchase vary week-to-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 and more.

## Free GED classes

New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Monday and Tuesday through Tuesday, Dec. 12. For more information or to sign up please call the Library at 540-268-1964.

## NRV Master Gardener Assoc. accepting grant applications for 2024

NRV Master Gardener Assoc., a volunteer organization of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, is accepting grant applications for 2024 gardening projects. Grants awarded based on merit to educational, care-giving or community organization seeking to educate, involve, and/or improve quality of life through a gardening-related project. Organizations in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Pulaski and Montgomery (and towns within), and the City of Radford, are eligible. Applications must be electronically received (if emailed) or postmarked (if mailed through the USPS) by Oct. 15, 2023. Extra pages may be used for plan images/ illustrations. For more information and to submit your project application, contact Carol Trutt: nrvmastergardenerassoc@gmail.com. email is preferred or mail to Carol Trutt: 95 N Surry Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

# Drake

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Fork Elementary School. Rotary club members would also participate in the program by doing activities like reading with students.

"Today was the first day," Bragen said. "We went to visit over at Prices Fork, it was really an exciting place. The adults were really enthusiastic to be there. I'm happy to report that the first Rotarian that we saw there was Mrs. Gunin Kiran, former board member."

According to Bragen, the program will continue for about six more weeks in the fall and will occur

in the spring as well.

October Seniors of the Month were recognized at the Montgomery County Public School Board meeting. They are:

Aidan Ehan Doyle from Auburn High School, Blacksburg High School student Isabella Rose Prevette, Ariya Patel for Christiansburg High School, and Eastern Montgomery High School, Ayden Monroe Gravley.

Blacksburg Lion's Club was present in recognition of their donation and support in providing swim lessons to all second grade

students in the County. John Byers, III was present to receive the plaque.

"We've been doing this for several years, as many of you know, and it's been a really a blessing that we've had the resources to do it," Byers said. "We park cars beside the football stadium at Tech and it's not a lot of fun and we miss doing things with our grandkids and picking up trash for 400 cars and things like that, but it's put us in a position that we got this as long as you guys want to keep doing the swim program."

# Pumpkin Festival

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Live music is part of the fun at the Sinkland Farms during the annual Pumpkin Festival, now underway.

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**OCTOBER 14, 10AM-4PM**  
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COMMUNITY EVENT FOR THE NEW RIVER VALLEY  
 RADFORD UNIVERSITY

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# Radford University to host eclipse event

RADFORD - On Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., the public is invited to join the Radford University Physics department in the Center for the Sciences (the building with the RU Planetarium) for a day of free science activities centered on the partial annular eclipse happening on that day. The event will be held rain or shine.

"We will have eclipse-themed planetarium shows on the hour, and we will have our regular partners including the neighboring Museum of

the Earth Sciences, along with multiple departments in the Artis College of Science and Technology," the department announced. "There will be activities for all ages, and especially ones geared towards kids. Everyone is invited to join us for all, or part of this time."

There will be a limited supply of eclipse glasses to give away (weather permitting).

*Radford News Journal staff report*

## Viruses

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the mammalian gut.

"We think there is some kind of role of phages in the gut, and it is really hard to study because everything is linked," said Hsu, also a faculty affiliate of the Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Arthropod-borne Pathogens. "Normally phages and bacteria are intrinsically linked because you have this constant infection process, and it's really hard to separate the phage particles and bacterial cells."

Many organisms living inside the human body contribute to a healthy gut microbiome, one of which is a virome — a community of phages. These phages are viruses that invade bacterial cells. There are two types: lytic phages that replicate and kill the bacteria cell and temperate phages that hide within it. These phages only infect bacterial cells, but scientists know little more about their actual role in the human gut.

Hsu and his team of researchers in the College of Science plan to remove lytic phages without affecting the bacteria inside a mammalian gut. This has been done in a culture dish but it has not been done inside a mammal.

"We will not only deplete the viral community, but also replenish it to see if it comes back, to see if we can reconstitute the phage community," said Hsu. "There have been a lot of correlations between the gut biome and disease. You see different compositions of viruses so there are hints that there is a relationship there, or there's some kind of health impact. But how it happens is an open question."

Gut microbiomes are generally specific to individual mammals, but when mice are housed together, sharing a cage and bedding contributes to similar microbiomes. Hsu's team will work with two groups of such mice. One group will go through phage depletion protocol and then will be given phages extracted from another group via fecal transplants.

"Real-world application would be fecal virome transplants, just like fecal microbiota transplants except with just the phage part," said Hsu.

Fecal microbiota transplantations are the delivery of a healthy human donor stool to another person via enema, colonoscopy, or capsule. They are generally given for debilitating gastrointestinal infections, such as recurrent Clostridioides difficile infection, but the procedure isn't perfect. Bacteria with antibiotic resistant qualities or pathogenic bacteria can be accidentally transplanted.

"Usually screens are supposed to catch this, but sometimes they don't," Hsu said.

Hsu pointed to one small study in which the bacteria from the stool transplant was filtered out, yet the fecal microbiota transplants were still successful in treating recurrent Clostridioides difficile infection. While the results are only suggestive, they point to the possibility that bacteria are not the only important component in a healthy gut microbiome.

Hsu believes that phages could have played a role in those successful outcomes, as well as other outcomes, by having a positive impact on the overall bacterial community.

Phages may also help with the growing number of drug-resistant bacteria. In an experimental treatment in 2016 at the University of California, San Diego, doctors successfully used phages to treat a patient with organ failure from an antibiotic resistant bacteria.

Research using these phages to fight drug-resistant bacteria is expanding, but the big picture, the actual role of the phages in the mammalian gut, is still not well known.

"There's no good model to study it, and that's what I propose to do," Hsu said.

*Jenise L. Jacques for Virginia Tech*

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with Alzheimer's neuropathology have significantly lower levels of lutein, zeaxanthin, and lycopene and tocopherols. Concentrations of lycopene, zeaxanthin, and retinol were half those found in age-matched brains with no Alzheimer's disease pathology.

### Diagnosing and limiting future Alzheimer's disease

This new evidence of selective carotenoid and tocopherol deficiencies in the brains of subjects with Alzheimer's disease adds further support to the growing evidence that a greater dietary intake of carotenoids may slow cognitive decline prior to —

and possibly following — a diagnosis with Alzheimer's disease.

Research also has shown that the retina selectively accumulates lutein and zeaxanthin from the diet, forming visible yellow macular pigment that enhances vision and protects photoreceptors. By noninvasively measuring patients' macular pigment optical density, researchers can estimate the concentration of lutein and zeaxanthin in the brain.

*Josh Meyer for Virginia Tech*

# Toast the year's standout vintage during Virginia Wine Month

RICHMOND — October is Virginia Wine Month, and winemakers are predicting a memorable vintage worthy of celebration.

Now in its 35th year, Virginia Wine Month honors the commonwealth's ever-evolving wine sector. With about 300 wineries and 4,000 acres of grapes grown in the state, the economic impact of Virginia wine was estimated at \$1.73 billion in 2019—a 27% increase from 2015, according to the Virginia Wine Board.

Wine enthusiasts should have a bountiful selection to celebrate with this year, according to Mizuho Nita, grape pathology specialist for Virginia Tech's School of Plant and Environmental Sciences.

With little rain and "extremely dry conditions" across the state, Nita said, most vineyards are not experiencing significant losses from rain-driven diseases like downy mildew.

"People are harvesting early cultivars right now quite a bit, especially in Northern Virginia. Their harvest started maybe two weeks ahead of a typical year," Nita said.

And drier conditions are ideal for producing complex, high-quality wines, according to Mike Albers, part-owner of Delfosse Vineyards and Winery in Nelson County, a 2023 Virginia Governor's Cup winner.

Delfosse received a 2023 Governor's Cup award for its 2021 Screaming Hawk Meritage—a 100% estate-grown red blend that "ages beautifully," Albers said.

"We let the fruit express itself," he explained. "That's the beautiful thing about Virginia wines—Mother Nature gives us something different every year."

Albers added that grape growers love drought. "The vine stress concentrates more on the fruit, and it ripens sooner and gives it great chemistry for wines."

After a slow start and early budding during the cooler spring, Albers said area grape growers are diligently preparing for a promising harvest.

"As long as the weather cooperates with us over the next four to six weeks and it stays dry, we are anticipating a standout vintage this year," he said.

"Beautiful, lovely and delicious grapes" are growing in abundance in Loudoun County as another Governor's Cup winner, 868 Estate Vineyards, anticipates its second consecutive record-breaking harvest.

"Our vineyards have been really prolific with high-quality grapes these past two years, and it's a magic thing when both conditions are met in the same year," said owner Nancy Deliso.

In 2020, the winery's 2017 Vidal Blanc Passito was the first wine fully

grown and made in Loudoun County to win a Virginia Governor's Cup award.

With 21 acres of 14 different varietals, 868 Estate continues to experiment with new handcrafted creations, including a cooperative wine developed by eight area vineyards that will make its debut this fall.

"Virginia wine gets better and better every year," Deliso said. "It's wonderful that you can have not only a wonderful and very personal experience at a Virginia winery, but also really excellent wine."

Deliso encourages Virginians to explore their local wineries, connect with owners and winemakers, and take advantage of the various Virginia Wine Month specials.

"It's an opportunity to stock up on wine for the holidays," she noted. "Come visit us, take wine home, and support the industry by drinking really good local wine throughout the year."

Virginians can explore winning wineries from the 2023 Virginia Governor's Cup Competition along the 2023 Gold Medal Wine Trail. For more information or to find a list of wineries near you, visit the Virginia Wine website at virginiawine.org.

*Submitted by Farm Bureau Virginia*

# Ingles Castle and Glencoe Mansion to host Haunted Tour of Radford

RADFORD - Have you ever wondered what secrets, hauntings and local legends are swirling around

us? Join us for Myths, Mysteries, and Spirits: A Haunted Tour of Radford to hear the inside stories of what may be lurking in the shadows of the community.

Hosted by Ingles Castle and Glencoe Mansion, there will be four Haunted Tours the evening of Oct. 14.

Come hear about the Victorian Age and the death ways of the era. Explore beliefs about death and dying, as well as how the living continued to honor and remember those that had departed, during the 19th century. Join former history instructor B. Scott Crawford on this macabre journey through a fascinating period.

Guests will then board the "Ghoul Bus" to explore the local legends surrounding some of Radford's most storied sites. The experience concludes with a visit to the opulent and eerie "Ingles Castle" where a spooky cast of characters will guide individuals through the home. At the Castle, guests will meet face to face with the infamous "Lady in the Mirror."

Tour times begin at 5:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 8:15 p.m. Each tour lasts approximately one hour and 30 minutes. Tickets are required and space is limited, so act now to secure your spot. Tickets are \$30. Purchase tickets online now at www.inglescastle.com (with additional processing fee). Due to site limitations,



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La Rivere (Ingles Castle) will be one of the stops on the upcoming haunted tour of Radford, set for Oct. 14.

the tour requires climbing stairs and walking reasonable distances.

For more information, please visit www.inglescastle.com.

*Submitted by Haunted Tour of Radford organizers*

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# MONTGOMERY SPORTS

## Blacksburg High sets new Hall of Fame class

Blacksburg High School has announced its Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023.

**Inductees include:**  
**Stuart Dowling – Class of 2001**  
 85-1-1 team record while a member of BHS Soccer Team  
 1998, 1999, 2000 State, Region, and District Champions, 2001 State runner-up, Region, and District Champions  
 2001 Timesland (Roanoke Times) POY, AA State POY, Region POY, District POY as well as 1st Team Timesland, All-State, Region, and District  
 2001 VHSL All-Star Game MVP  
 2001 Scholar All-America by NSCAA  
 2000 AA Co-State POY, Region POY, District POY as well as 1st team All-State, Region, and District  
 1999 1st Team All-District, Honorable Mention All-Region  
 2000 Honorable Mention All-District in Basketball  
 Played one season at Division I Lehigh University  
 Stuart lives in Belmont, N.C. with his wife Whitney and their three children, Hampton (6), Watson (6), and Evan (4).

**Travis Eschenmann – Girls Soccer Coach 2008-2022**  
 Coach Eschenmann served as the Girls Soccer Varsity Head Coach from 2008-2022, winning three state titles in 2014, 2015, and 2016.  
 Career varsity record is 248-40-11 (85%) through his 14 varsity seasons and reached the VHSL Final Four in 11 of those seasons (did not compete in 2020 due to COVID).  
 Coach Eschenmann and his teams set numerous VHSL records for girls soccer including:

- Most Consecutive Wins: 45 over three seasons (2014 -2016)
- Most Consecutive Unbeaten Games: 78 over four seasons (2014 – 2017)
- Most Shutouts in a Season: 20
- Lowest Goals Against average in a season: .09
- Currently stands as the 2nd highest winning coach in all of VHSL Girls Soccer.
- River Ridge District Coach of the Year (2010, 2011, 2012, and co-COY in 2013, 2018)
- Conference 32 Coach of the Year (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Region IV Coach of the Year (2011 and 2012)  
 Region 3A West Coach of the Year (2014, 2015, 2016)  
 Region 3D Coach of the Year (2022)  
 All Timesland Coach of the Year (2010, 2011 and 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016).  
 Selected to coach in the 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 VSCHA All-Star games

In addition to his high school career, Coach Eschenmann has actively served as a volunteer across the local soccer community in multiple capacities including:  
 Served as a Head Coach for the NRU U9 and U10 Boys Academy  
 Served as a New River United coach for various age groups such as the 2004 Boys, U-18 and U-13 Girls teams  
 Served as a member of the New River United Board of Directors for 8 years  
 Served as certified referee for the VHSL, USSF and PIAA

Served as a member of the women's soccer committee of the VHSCA Legislative Council, Executive Committee for the VSCA and a former VHSCA 3A All State Classification Chair for Girls Soccer  
 Coach Eschenmann stepped down from the Blacksburg High School Girls Soccer program in 2022 as the second highest winning coach of all time in VHSL Girls Soccer Coach. He and his wife, Megan Eschenmann, are enjoying watching their three sons, Wyatt, Ethan and Carter on the soccer field.

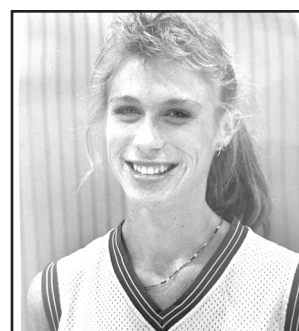
**Jeremy Alvarez Patel- Class of 1991**  
 Four-year varsity letterman girls basketball  
 Two-year varsity letterman girls track  
 1988, 1989, 1990 All District, All Region, All State honors  
 1990 led the girls basketball team to the State Championship game  
 1991 All District, All Region, All State player of the year  
 1991 All- Timesland Female Athlete of the Year  
 1991 selected to the 10-member AAU team for the state of Virginia  
 1991 won the 1600 in the All-American Relays  
 1991 won the state championship for the 1600 and the 1600 m relay  
 Helped lead the track team to the State

**Joey Phillips – Class of 2008**  
 11 BHS varsity letters (3x Football, 4x Wrestling, 4x Baseball)  
 Team Captain (Football 2007, Wrestling 2007 & 2008, Baseball 2008)  
 Two time All District (Football)  
 Two time All District second baseman (Baseball)  
 1st Team All Region and 1st Team All State second baseman (2008)  
 1st Team All-Timesland second baseman (2008)  
 1st All-Time BHS in career hits, RBIs, and doubles; 2nd All-Time career runs scored

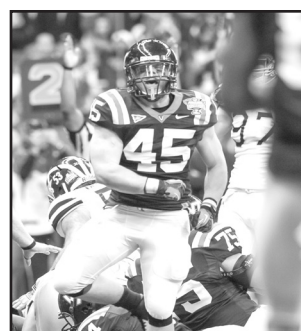
Two Time District Champion – 189 (wrestling)  
 2008 Regional Champion & 3rd Place State – 189 LBs (wrestling)  
 10Time winner of individual tournaments – 171 LBs & 189 LBs (wrestling)  
 Two-time regional tournament medalist  
 2nd team All-Timesland – 189 LBs (wrestling)  
 125 career wins (wrestling)  
 Five-year member Virginia Tech Football (2008/09- Fall 2012/13)  
 Two-year starter at Fullback & 2x ACC champion; Virginia Tech football  
 Team Captain & Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year (2012)  
 Five-time bowl game participant

All ACC Academic Team (2011, 2012)  
 Semi Finalist: 2012 NFF William Campbell Trophy  
 Excalibur Strength and Conditioning Award Winner  
 Lawrence White award winner (2012)  
 Four-time Athletic Directors Honor Roll BS with Honors (2012); MA with Honors (2013)  
 Phillips lives in Raleigh, N.C. with his wife Lauren DeCarlo and daughter Luisa Grace and is a director of technology in the recruiting industry.

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Jeremy Alvarez-Patel



Joey Phillips



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BHS  
Travis Eschenmann

## Hokies celebrate another outstanding class

Praised for its excellence on the recruiting trail, the Virginia Tech baseball team has placed for the third consecutive year among Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's top 50 incoming recruiting classes, per the outlet's fall assessment of the Hokies' 2024 newcomers.

Led by head coach John Szeff and recruiting coordinator Kurt Elbin, Virginia Tech ranks No. 45 overall in Collegiate Baseball's recruiting class rankings. Under Szeff and Elbin, the Hokies have appeared annually in the

outlet's offseason listing since 2021, peaking at No. 25 in September 2022.

Collegiate Baseball bases their annual evaluation of recruiting classes on newcomers who enroll at schools during the fall and not those who had initially signed letters of intent or turned professional.

Tech's 2024 squad is highlighted by the addition of two D1Baseball Top 130 Impact Transfers: fourth-year senior utility player Eddie Micheletti Jr. (No. 74, George

Washington) and fifth-year graduate outfielder Ben Watson (No. 107, Elizabethtown). Both Micheletti and Watson led their former programs in batting average last season – .384 and .483, respectively – with Watson collecting 2023 Landmark Conference Player of the Year honors (NCAA Division III).

On the mound, the Hokies added many new faces to their pitching staff, including NCAA Division I transfers Jordan Little (East Carolina), Carson Ohl (Grand Canyon), Wyatt

Parliament (Rutgers), David Shoemaker (Pennsylvania) and Jordan Vera (Mississippi).

Among true freshmen, Tech's commitment to recruiting the Commonwealth of Virginia stood tall as more than half the Hokies' rookie class hails from inside the state.

Virginia Tech's 2024 recruiting class restocks the program after the Hokies produced five MLB signees during the course of the offseason, including four who were taken during the 2023 MLB Draft.

Fans can catch their first glimpse of the 2024 Virginia Tech baseball team on Friday, Oct. 13, when the Hokies host Georgetown during a fall exhibition game at English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park. A start time will be announced during the coming days while entry into the ballpark is free (general admission seating for all fans).

Virginia Tech Athletics

## Local athletes shine at invitational cross-country meet



Eastern Montgomery's Aija McHone placed fourth in the Mustangs' Invitational (22:01.74).



Eastern Montgomery's Nick Smith runs near the front of the field at the start of the East Mont Invitational on Wednesday. Smith would place 13th with a time of 18:51.11.

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Eastern Montgomery's Spencer Sisson placed second in the Mustangs' home invitational meet at Camp Alta Mons (17:51.69).



Christiansburg teammates Summer Hamlin (left) and Riley Larimer placed third and eighth overall at the Eastern Montgomery Invitational.

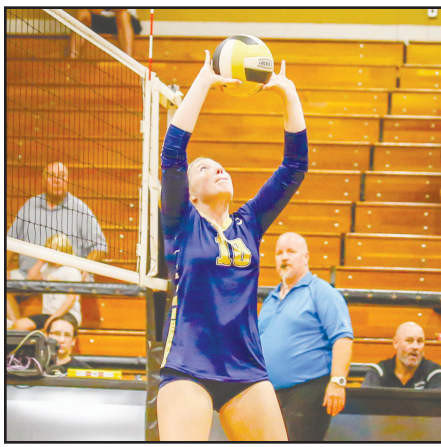
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# Christiansburg downs Radford in volleyball



Ela Shepherd digs to keep the point alive against Radford. Christiansburg took the 25-16, 27-25, 22-25 and 25-14 win. Shepherd finished the contest with 23 assists, 13 kills and four blocks.



Blair Self sets the ball to set up the Christiansburg attack. She had 21 assists and 10 digs.



Reese Hall bumps the ball to a Christiansburg teammate in Monday's win.



Christiansburg Katy Hoover spikes the ball against the Bobcats.

PHOTOS BY BRYANT ALTIZER

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Member of Coach Beamer's eight consecutive 10-win seasons (2005-2009)

Member of Coach Beamer's 23 consecutive bowl game appearances (2005-2009)

2008 John Mackey Watch list for college football's best Tight Ends.

Member of team that won 3 regular season ACC championships at Virginia Tech

Earned Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing and Resource Management at Virginia Tech (2010) & Master of Business from University of Phoenix (2015)

Wheeler lives in Fredericksburg, with wife Mollie Wheeler, two sons, four-year-old Maclaren and two-year-old Beauden and manages data centers across the U.S. and in Canada.

The group will be honored Friday, Oct. 13 at the Blacksburg vs. Pulaski football game at Bill Brown Stadium.

Blacksburg High School



Stuart Dowling



Samuel Wheeler

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**OFFERING #2** – +/- 5.44 ac  
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**OFFERING #3** – +/- 17.727 ac  
This 17.727 ac property boasts abundant woodland, which creates a serene and private environment. There are several building spots and the surrounding views of the countryside are unbeatable! Property would be ideal for the construction of your new home.

**OFFERING #4** – +/- 17.614 ac  
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**OFFERING #2** – +/- 52.5 acres  
This offering boasts a remarkable 52.5 acre parcel of mostly wooded land. There is a small cleared section that fronts on Pandapas Pond Rd. Property has great visibility from Route 460. The wooded acreage provides privacy and tranquil environment. It adjoins the Jefferson National Forest. The property features a well, which provides suitability for various purposes, including potential commercial development or a secluded recreational retreat. There is a cellular tower on this offering. Refer to survey in Bidder Packet for exact location on easement to cell tower.

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