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State champion softball team honored at Rockin' Main Street

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CHRISTIANSBURG- In between sets at the Rockin' Main Street Concert this past Saturday, June 8, 2024, Mayor Michael Barber proudly announced the Christiansburg High School Softball team's first ever state championship win.

Christiansburg High School's softball team won their first ever state championship this past Saturday. As they were driving through town to return to the high school, they were escorted by Christiansburg Police and Fire and they

made a pit stop at the concert where they were able to run to their families, holding their trophy high with pride.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Mayor Barber said to the crowd, "please join me in welcoming the class three state women's softball champions, our own Christiansburg Blue Demons."

Barber gathered with the girls in front of the stage to take a celebratory photo and congratulate them in person. The second band of the evening, Lyn Avenue, gave the team a shout out during their



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Members of the state champion Christiansburg High School softball team are honored at the Downtown Christiansburg Rockin' Main Street event.

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Town of Christiansburg approves FY 2024-2025 budget

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CHRISTIANSBURG- The Christiansburg Town Council voted to approve the adoption of the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget during its June 11, 2024 meeting.

The FY 2024-2025 budget was first brought to the Christiansburg Town Council on March 26, 2024. Multiple work sessions were held and a public hearing was held on March 28, 2024 addressing the budget. Changes to the original budget were made and a new draft was proposed on May 5, 2024. Directors submitted their requests for their departments in January and the budget was created to best achieve balance for the fiscal year. Those meetings, requests and the public hearing have led to the budget that was approved June 11, 2024.

Currently, the total general fund is \$11,613,417.60 and the total of all capital funds is \$58,243,419.17. The proposed unassigned fund balance is \$16.26 million with 33 percent of that to remain within the fund balance policy. The 33 percent is part of a policy that was established to have funds enough to sustain the town's essential services in times of hardship or difficulty.

With the approval of the budget, there came some important updates. There will be no increases to water or sewage rates in FY 2025 with this approved budget. There will also be no real estate or property tax increases for the Town of Christiansburg. Real estate taxes will stay at 14 cents per \$100 of a property's value. Personal property taxes will stay as they are, at 45 cents for every \$100 in the assessed value of the property. Garbage collection fees will also not increase in FY 2024-2025.

The approved budget will cover capital and construction projects that continue into FY 2024-2025 as well as new projects for the fiscal year.

"Managers and department heads, thank you for your work on these budgets. It just seems like now, you can start on next year's," Mayor Michael Barber said, humorously.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Bearded Beadworks displays their work at the Arts NRV Market.

Montgomery Museum hosts Arts NRV Market

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CHRISTIANSBURG- The Montgomery Museum of Art and History hosted their annual Arts NRV Market on Friday June 7, 2024 and Saturday June 8, 2024.

The annual Arts NRV Market hosted over 30 local artists and artisans as well as the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts On the Road traveling art exhibit.

Walking into the museum on Friday or Saturday, residents were met with booths, stalls, galleries and tents in the parking lot full of art for everyone. Keith Martin, owner of Bearded Beadworks, showcased jewelry and art made with micro seed beads and delicate attention to detail. The Stray Shop, a woman-owned company that provides consumers with cat-themed stationary, apparel and goods, and their owner Taylor Carrol donate 10 percent of every purchase to animals in need and have something for

every cat lover. Carrol designs all of the designs on the products The Stray Shop sells.

The Arts NRV Market hosted artists and their wide-ranged forms of art from Scallywag Letterpress with their cheeky handmade paper products, to Filamina Jewelry and Kay Cook with their handmade jewelry, to painters of all mediums like watercolors, pastels, oils and acrylics.

Residents deeply enjoyed not only the local art, but the mobile exhibit from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

In conjunction with the event, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts On The Road hosted an exhibit called "Love, Laughter, Tears: An Artist's Guide to Emotions." It hosted art focusing on the emotions that connect human beings to each other from many different time periods and in different mediums, including photography as well as

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Blacksburg Town Council approves photo speed monitoring devices

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BLACKSBURG- The Blacksburg Town Council has approved the use of photo speed monitoring devices in Blacksburg school crossing zones.

Ordinance 2056 was voted on and approved by the Blacksburg Town Council at its Tuesday, June 11, 2024 meeting, permitting the use of photo speed monitoring devices in school crossing zones. The photo monitoring devices would be put in place to help with the speeding in school zones. The average officer traffic stop takes 10-15 minutes to complete and hand out a ticket, but that does not catch everyone who speeds in these zones because there are a limited number of officers available, and residents may still speed past officers when they are performing a traffic stop.

Virginia state code 46.2-882.1 was adopted in 2020 which allows the use of photo speed monitoring devices in school crossing zones and highway work zones. This will allow for the citation to be mailed to the owner of the vehicle based on who the vehicle is registered under. Other Virginia localities and counties that have adopted this ordinance include Arlington County, Prince William County, Suffolk, and others. According to a presentation by Blacksburg Town Attorney Lawrence Spencer, the localities that have implemented this have found that it has helped slow down drivers and change driving behavior in those towns and counties. Some have reported a reduction of 90% in speeding, specifically in school zones. In order to do this, Blacksburg will have to have clear and visible signage as well as flashing lights to indicate these monitored zones that inform drivers of the use of speed cameras.

According to the presentation, a citation would be issued when a vehicle has gone over a minimum of 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. The citations are civil penalties, so residents will be issued a fine, but it will not affect their insurance rates or their driving record. The state allows fines up to \$100 for violations of Ordinance 2056. Residents have the right to contest these fines and have a hearing before a court.

Enforcement will begin in the fall with the beginning of the school year, and staff will be working on a public information program to precede the beginning of said enforcement.



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Board of Supervisors discusses voting polling place in Blacksburg Community Center

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MONTGOMERY CO. - During the work session portion of the Board of Supervisors June 10, 2024 meeting, the Board of Supervisors agreed to move a public hearing for a proposed voting satellite office to a later date.

The proposition regarding a satellite office for Blacksburg is due to the upcoming presidential election expecting to create increased numbers at the polls. Currently, many Montgomery County residents vote at the Christiansburg Recreation Center or any of the other 28 polling locations in Montgomery County. One of the community concerns with the current voting polls is

transportation and BT bus frequency. The proposal is to have a satellite polling station in the Blacksburg Community Center because it would provide closer voting for residents.

"I think those of us that were on the board when we did move to the new location probably remember that I had some serious concerns about public transportation to the site," Supervisor April DeMotts said. "Those are still very much unresolved. From my house, which is surrounded by rental housing, there's a mobile home community within a quarter mile. There's low-income apartments within a quarter mile. It's one hour and four minutes to get, via BT, to the voter registration office. So, two hours and eight minutes round trip, assuming the bus is right

there when you need it to be. So, the public transportation concerns are very real."

Voters in Montgomery County can vote at any Montgomery County polling site and can request an absentee ballot up to two weeks before the Nov. 5, 2024 voting day. There are multiple ways to vote, but the satellite polling office might help residents in terms of proximity. A major concern, other than transportation, is pressure on the staff as well as needing to hire more staff to be able to run the satellite office. The Board of Supervisors voted to move this matter forward to public hearing to be able to discuss and either vote to approve it or not, as well as hear from the community on this matter. That public hearing will occur at a later date that has not yet been decided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 13:

Virtual Author Talk with Frieda McFadden

On-line event hosted by the Radford Public Library; 8 p.m. Get your popcorn and take a seat as we chat with the queen of twists herself, Freida McFadden! McFadden will join us to chat about writing psychological thrillers and her mega-bestselling hit *The Housemaid* series, in particular her forthcoming (June 11, 2024) third installment, *The Housemaid Is Watching*. Register at: <https://library.org/radfordlibrary>.

Saturday, June 15:

Summer Solstice Festival

Downtown Blacksburg; 1- 11 p.m. Live music/entertainment, food trucks, beer/wine/cocktails, children's activities, family fun zone, yoga, arts/ craft vendors and more. Go to downtownblacksburg.com for more information.

Radford Summer Concert Series

The Drifters (soul/ doowop) will perform. Held on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford, the gates open at 6 p.m. with music starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 a person and children 12 and under are free. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase through the Radford Chamber of Commerce. Food trucks will also be available to grab some dinner. Bring a chair and get ready for a party.

Pilot Community yard sale

At the Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Rd., Pilot, Va.; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Event is free and open to the public. Renting a space is \$10. Bring your own tables and canopy. To reserve your space: 540-257-3336 or ali5jn@aol.com.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Radford Farmer's Market

Every Saturday through October; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, 600 Unruh Dr. Visit weekly for an ever-changing supply of homemade goodies, crafts, plants, meats, produce, and more.

The Tempest: A Kid-Friendly Shakespeare Show

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. A fast and fun romp through the love, magic, and forgiveness of Shakespeare's adventure on the mystical Isle of Sycorax. One performer, a trunk full of surprises, and a lot of audience interaction make this an experience you don't want to miss. It's Shakespeare like you've never seen it before!

Sunday, June 16:

Vintage Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The market is made up of a carefully chosen group of vendors selling a wide selection of quality vintage items, upcycled crafts, and occasional antiques. For more information, visit blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/.

Wednesday, June 19:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Friday, June 21:

Blacksburg Friday night outdoor concert

Featuring: Redd Volkaert Trio with Adam Clark & Dylan Locke (country swing/jazz/rock). The summer of 2024 lineup of outdoor concerts offers six bands throughout June and July. 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.

Monday, June 24:

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Public meetings are normally held 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, June 25:

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 St.). 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, June 27:

Radford Photo Club meeting

Joe Pack of Fairlawn will present a program at the Radford Photo Club meeting about famous photographer Carol Highsmith, then will present his own work taken in the Highsmith style. The meeting will be at the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. The photo challenge for June is People. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the club, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or Joyce Crowder at joycecrowder2@icloud.com.

Classic movies at the Lyric

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. "Some Like It Hot," June 29.

On-going:

Participants sought for Blacksburg Fourth of July Parade

Participants are needed for Blacksburg's Fourth of July parade, organized by the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club. The "A Child's Fourth of July" parade starts at 2 p.m. on Eheart Street, runs through downtown on Main Street, and ends on 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, by texting 540-449-6178, or at the Blacksburg Parks and Recreation office. The Town of Blacksburg will have music and fireworks at the Municipal Park, near the Rec. Center: Live music 6-9:30 p.m. and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. (even if raining).

Applications open for healthcare workshop for people with disabilities

Individuals with disabilities who live in Radford City and Floyd County can now apply for a program presented by the New River Valley Disability Resource Center. "Improving Health Literacy Through Technology" is a six-week program designed to empower people with disabilities to gain better access to healthcare. Participants will receive a free iPad after completing six weekly, one-hour workshops exploring how to use technology to take better control of their health and social support needs. Workshops will run Aug. 1 through Sept. 5. Applications available at www.nrvdc.org or by calling 540-266-1435 or email at outreach@nrvdc.org. Applications are also available at the Radford and Floyd libraries. The application deadline is Fri., July 12.

Blacksburg Boxing hosts first Summer Health Fair

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BLACKSBURG- Blacksburg Boxing hosted their Summer Health Fair on Saturday, June 8, 2024 to help jumpstart the community into achieving their health and wellness goals by giving them a chance to connect with local organizations and vendors.

The Summer Health Fair at Blacksburg Boxing was free for all who attended and was a way to help the community kickstart their summers in a healthy way. Blacksburg Boxing owner Kevin Bowen and his team provided attendees with a space to connect with local New River Valley health and wellness organizations and vendors.

As people walked through the event, vendors were happy to answer questions and provide health and wellness information. Residents were lining up at tables to take a moment to connect with wellness providers, try some of their free demonstrations and gather information that may help them in their health journeys.

The two levels of Blacksburg Boxing were filled with companies and community members talking and enjoying sandwiches from Jimmy Johns and smoothies from Tropical Smoothie. The Summer Health Fair was a great space to connect with newer vendors like Healing Massage Therapy and community staples like South Main Chiropractic Clinic, who discussed not only spinal work but also orthotics, and OrthoVirginia, who have over 35 locations in the state of Virginia including Blacksburg. Attendees enjoyed trying compression therapy with Renew & Restore Wellness, learning about Alpha-gal syndrome, an allergy triggered by the bite of ticks, with Two Alpha Gals, sampling lavender products from Baby Bear Farm and so much more.

Blacksburg Boxing has served its community since 2015, made it through the pandemic and is the only boxing specific gym in Blacksburg. Blacksburg Boxing is a family operated gym that offers open-gym hours and classes for all ages. The Summer Health Fair was a first for Blacksburg Boxing.



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People enjoy the Summer Health Fair at Blacksburg Boxing, held Saturday, June 8.



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A representative of OrthoVirginia speaks to an attendee of the Summer Health Fair.

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The Arc of the New River Valley holds 3rd Annual Arc in the Park event

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CHRISTIANSBURG- The Arc of the New River Valley held its third annual Arc in the Park event celebrating social connections at Huckleberry Park on June 8, 2024 and presented Brad Epperley with the Renee' S. Brown Award.

The Arc of the New River Valley is a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for and protecting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Every summer they host Arc in the Park to celebrate the community they serve and give them and their families an event to celebrate togetherness.

This year's Arc in the Park gave townspeople many activities to participate in. The splash pad was popular, and people of all ages enjoyed having their faces painted and frozen treats from Aloha Eddies. Residents also had the opportunity to enter into a gift card raffle fundraiser. Community members also had the opportunity to meet Karen Baker, who is running for the 9th Congressional District of Virginia and ask her questions. The Pavilion near the splash pad was the hub for the event because it gave families and friends a place to sit in the shade and share conversation over hot dogs and barbecue.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Christiansburg Parks and Recreation accepts the Renee' S. Brown Award, which commends individuals and organizations who embody The Arc's vision and mission: "People with disabilities leading full, rich lives as active contributing members of their communities."



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Community members enjoy the festivities at Arc in the Park.

Around 4 p.m., The Arc of the New River Valley announced Christiansburg Parks and Recreation was being awarded the Renee' S. Brown Award. Brad Epperley, Director of Parks and Recreation for Christiansburg, accepted the award on behalf of his staff and in his speech, thanked his staff for their hard work and dedication to inclusivity. The Brown family was present for the event and members of the Arc shared that when Renee' was younger, due to being wheelchair bound, she did not have access to the inclusive play that Huckleberry Park offers. Christiansburg Parks and Recreation makes it a mission to provide events, facilities and opportunities for people of all abilities and serve the community as a whole.

"It is truly an honor," Epperley said, "to receive this award on behalf of the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department. Over the years we have tried very hard to provide inclusive

opportunities for individuals of all abilities."

The Renee' S. Brown award commends individuals and organizations who embody The Arc's vision and mission: "People with disabilities leading full, rich lives as active contributing members of their communities."

"When I received the call," Epperley said, "it truly made my heart happy. There is not a greater feeling in the world than to know that something you are a part of makes a positive difference in a person's life. As I stand here today, I will firmly say that we as a department will continue striving for inclusive recreational opportunities and facilities in Christiansburg. My hope is that we are building an environment that is inclusive to all so that for generations to come, this should be the only thing we should desire and strive for without accepting anything less!"

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club hosts second Fish Fry of the summer

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BLACKSBURG- The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club hosted their second Fish Fry of the summer on June 8, 2024 in the Picnic Shelter at Slusser's Chapel in Blacksburg.

The Blacksburg Mount Tabor Ruritan Club hosts five fish fries during the summers, from May to September, on the second Saturday of each month as a fundraiser for the club's community service activities. The fish fries also connect people with their community, provide them with entertainment with live music - and fill the attendee's bellies with highly anticipated dinners. The Ruritan Fish Fry was so popular that residents were present and in line well before the event started at 5 p.m. June 8, 2024. The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will also partner with other organizations like the Imagination Library to give

residents a chance to connect and eat with their community. The proceeds from the fish fries go to supporting local organizations. Once the Fish

Fries are over on September 14, 2024, the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will begin preparing for their second popular fundraising event: making apple butter.

They make over 330 gallons of apple butter per year and they sell out quickly.

The proceeds from this summer's fish fries and the apple

butter sales in the fall allow the Mount Tabor Ruritan club to support its community by donating to local organizations, local nonprofits organizations and award scholarships to local high school students who would like to further their education. They have been supporting their community since 1965 and are dedicated to supporting local communities as their core values are: "Fellowship, Community and Good Will."

Residents lined up for fresh fried fish with smiles, their families and many stated they never miss a fish fry because the food is "that good". Blacksburg Emergency Medical Services were present at the Saturday fish fry and while ensuring their community was safe, they enjoyed the live music as the band played songs like "Yankee Doodle" and the popular "Armed Forces Medley". The next Fish Fry of the summer will be July 13, 2024.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

The Blacksburg Community Band gets set to perform at the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club Fish Fry.





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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia

that the Board hereby advertises a proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia by adding Section 6-38 authorizing the Montgomery County School Board to install and operate a video-monitoring system in or on school buses operated by the School Board for the purpose of

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recording vehicles being operated in violation of Section 46.2-859 of the Code of Virginia, passing a stopped school bus to be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd Floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for public inspection or copying.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of

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the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

Amendment to the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 40, Section 40-2 Definitions and Section 40-3 - Administrator, to allow for additional administrative and planning commission reviews. Proposed revisions to Section 40-2 change the definition of "plat" and "preliminary plat subdivision" for consistency with the Virginia State Code definitions. Proposed




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revisions to Section 40-3 include:
(1) allowance to the agent or the planning commission to approve lot line revisions, lot line vacations, accept on behalf of the town publicly dedicated easements including, but not limited to, utility, access, and drainage easements, and review for tentative approval preliminary subdivision plats that contain 11 or more lots, but less than 50 lots; and
(2) allowance of tentative approval to the planning commission for the acceptance of the dedication of public rights-of-way on behalf of the town and for preliminary subdivision plats that

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contain 50 or more lots.
A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment and the Town's Zoning Ordinance may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6120, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Student Achievements

Abigail Barnes named to Spring 2024 Provost's List at Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - Abigail Barnes of Radford achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the spring 2024 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University. Abigail's major is Speech-Lang Hearing Sci.

Cheryl Kelley named to Dean's List at University of Maryland

ADELPHI, Md.- Cheryl Kelley of Christiansburg was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Emily Barron named to Spring 2024 Chancellor's Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi

UNIVERSITY, Miss.- Emily Barron, of Blacksburg, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2024 Honor Roll lists. Barron, majoring in Chinese, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00. "The remarkable students achieving Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition." To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

Local Emerson College students earn Dean's List for Spring 2024 semester

BOSTON, Mass. - The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Diego Centeno of Blacksburg, majoring in Media Arts Production and a member of the Class of 2025.

Josiah Shrestha of Blacksburg, majoring in Media Arts Production and a member of the Class of 2027.

Midway University announces Spring 2024 Dean's List

MIDWAY, Ky. - Midway University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to its Dean's List for the 2024 Spring Semester. To be named to the list, a student must be classified as full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 388 students who made the Dean's List, including Audrey Mosby from Radford.

Alaina Crowell named to Spring 2024 Dean's List at York College of Pennsylvania

YORK, Pa. - Alaina Crowell of Blacksburg, a Public History major and member of the Class of 2024 at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester.

Shenandoah announces Dean's List students for Spring 2024

WINCHESTER, Va. - Shenandoah University recognizes the 989 students who made the Spring 2024 Dean's List. Among those to achieve the honor were: Nicklas Bissey of Christiansburg, Madison Bruce of Elliston and Katie Forbes of Blacksburg. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time in baccalaureate degree programs and earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher. Dean's List students who achieve a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher also qualify for the university's President's List.

Shenandoah University announces Spring 2024 President's List honorees

WINCHESTER, Va. - Nicklas Bissey, of Christiansburg, is one of 444 students named to the President's List at Shenandoah University for the Spring 2024 semester. To qualify for this prestigious academic recognition, students must be enrolled full-time in baccalaureate degree programs and attain a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher. All President's List honorees are also recognized on the university's Dean's List, which includes students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Kathleen Mayer inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE - Kathleen Mayer of Christiansburg was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Mayer was initiated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Mayer is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

James Madison University announces spring 2024 Dean's List

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is pleased to announce that the following students made the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. Jessica Craig of Radford, who is majoring in General Psychology - BA, Ashleigh Bethea of Radford, who is majoring in Health Sciences - BS and Erin Wilson of Radford, who is majoring in Theatre - BA.

James Madison University announces spring 2024 president's list

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is pleased to announce that the following students made the president's list for the spring 2024 semester. Joana Barbosa of Christiansburg who is majoring in Business Management - BBA, Miranda Lattimer of Christiansburg who is majoring in Comm Sciences & Disorders - BS, Alissah Carmack of Blacksburg who is majoring in English - BA, Emily Triplett of Riner who is majoring in General Psychology - BA, Madison Ketterer of Riner who is majoring in Health Sciences - BS, Adeline Zeiger of Blacksburg who is majoring in Health Services Admin - BS, Abigail Roberson of Blacksburg who is majoring in History - BA, Rachel Day of Blacksburg who is majoring in Nursing - BSN, Katherine Widner of Christiansburg who is majoring in Nursing - BSN, and Matthew McPherson of Blacksburg who is majoring in Theatre - BA.

Radford resident graduates from James Madison University

HARRISONBURG - Reagan Sellers of Radford graduated with a degree(s) in Athletic Training - MSAT from James Madison University during commencement exercises in May 2024. Sellers was among more than 4,482 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees. Congratulations to all graduates and their families!

James Madison University announces spring 2024 honors graduates

HARRISONBURG - James Madison University is pleased to announce the following students who graduated with honors during the May 2024 commencement exercises. Rachel Day of Blacksburg who graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Nursing - BSN, Alissah Carmack of Blacksburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in English - BA, Shellie Cook of Christiansburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Kinesiology - BS, Matthew McPherson of Blacksburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Theatre - BA, Hettie Roberson of Blacksburg who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Comm Sciences & Disorders - BS, Jonathan Woods of Radford who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Sport & Rec Management - BS and Emily Triplett of Riner who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in General Psychology - BA.

Nate Lehman named to EMU's Spring 2024 Dean's List

HARRISONBURG - Congratulations to Nate Lehman, an Environmental Science major from Blacksburg, on being named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Eastern Mennonite University. The Dean's List, compiled at the end of each semester, includes degree-seeking students who achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.75 with no W, I, or F grades for 12 semester hours of standard grades.

Cameron Earle receives bachelor's degree at Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WORCESTER, Mass. - On Friday, May 10, Blacksburg resident Cameron Earle, who majored in Robotics Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 155th Commencement. Over 1,100 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony. President Grace J. Wang, PhD, and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the exercises. Wang told the graduates that in a changing world, where new technologies and industries are rapidly emerging, and where they could be doing jobs that have not yet been invented, they should dream boldly, persevere, be a team player, and enjoy the journey. "WPI has prepared you for this future," Wang said. "During your time here, you have been immersed in a transformative, leading-edge, and inclusive environment to ready you for jobs, careers, and, also, exciting opportunities to come."

Spencer Amacher earns Dean's List recognition at Ohio Wesleyan University

DELAWARE, Ohio - Spencer Amacher of Blacksburg has been named to the 2024 spring semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University. To earn Dean's List recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

UW-Madison announces spring Dean's List

MADISON, Wisc. - The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year including Rithik Ravindran, of Blacksburg, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester.

Local students named to Dean's List at Anderson University

ANDERSON, S.C.- Sarah North of Blacksburg was named to the Dean's List at Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina for the spring semester, 2024. To be named to the Dean's List, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester. Anderson University congratulates its Dean's List students for their exemplary achievement.

Iowa State University announces spring 2024 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa - Iowa State University student Tiffany Norman, Event Management, of Christiansburg has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

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- 1. Baby's first words
- 5. Expression of creative skill
- 8. Reddish-brown coating
- 12. Spanish province
- 14. Stinging insect
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- 16. Refurbish
- 18. Cave-dwelling amphibian
- 19. Millisecond
- 20. Removes something
- 21. Trendy
- 22. The Buckeye State
- 23. "Taken" actor
- 26. Of the skull
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Malignant tumor
- 32. Not night
- 33. German heavyweight boxer
- 34. Indicates weight
- 39. Businessman
- 42. Charged negatively
- 44. Indian instrument
- 46. Helps you know where you're going
- 47. Written works
- 49. Kate and Rooney's last name
- 50. Fast, flightless Aussie bird
- 51. Jerry, George, Kramer and
- 56. Dodger great Hershiser
- 60. Not well
- 61. They grow into plants
- 62. Variety of pear
- 63. Where golfers start
- 64. Posterior
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Challenge
- 2. Assert
- 3. A female operatic star
- 4. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 5. Resistance unit
- 6. Attached a new backing canvas
- 7. Method painting
- 8. Branched
- 9. Barefooted
- 10. Beer mug
- 11. Beloved Mexican dish
- 13. Make better
- 17. One-time king of Troy
- 24. Pie ___ mode
- 25. St. Anthony's fire
- 26. Reciprocal of a sine
- 27. ___-rah skirt
- 28. Notre Dame coach Parseghian
- 29. Computer hardware
- 35. Policeman
- 36. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Popular basketball player Jeremy
- 38. Electrocardiogram
- 40. Cheese dish
- 41. Prickly shrub
- 42. Atomic mass unit
- 43. Nostrils
- 44. Enchantresses
- 45. Emphatic typeface
- 47. One of the Florida Keys
- 48. Soft, fine material
- 49. Moutainous tract in Jordan
- 52. Breezes through
- 53. Professional assn. for tech pros
- 54. Class of comb jellies
- 55. Formerly (archaic) company



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OBITUARIES

Caldwell, Gregory Lee

Gregory Lee Caldwell, 69, of Blacksburg, died Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Lewis Gale Medical Center. He was born in Montgomery County Nov. 28, 1954, to the late James Stanley and Mary Indian Sutphin Caldwell. He is survived by his sisters Brenda

Hamblin, Patricia Rudisill, and Carolyn L. Caldwell; and his niece and nephews Jerry Hamblin, Paul Hamblin, and Sharon Southern. A visitation was held Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg.

Trump, Jr., Robert

Robert Trump, Jr., of Blacksburg, passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Robert was preceded in death by his brother, Douglas Trump; beloved grandparents, William and Mary Gilbert; one uncle; and five aunts. Robert is survived by his mother, Lois Trump. Robert was a proud member of Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church for many years and loved his

church family. Visitation will be held Sunday, June 16, 2024, 3-4 p.m. at Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church. Funeral services begin at 4 p.m. officiated by Pastors Wes Conner, Ed Gallimore and Ryan Rose. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.

Wilson, Wilford Janvier

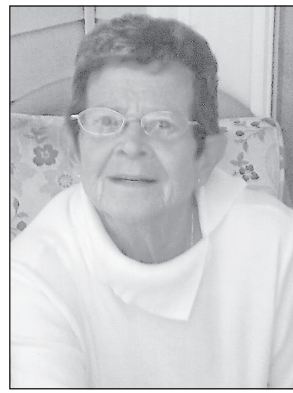
Wilford Janvier Wilson, 85, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Ethel Wilson; spouse, Margaret Wilson; and siblings, Darlene Wilson, Rita Thornton, Alvin Wilson and Sandra Wilson. Survivors include his sister, Wanda (Bob) Wingo; brother, Steve Wilson; numerous nieces and



nephews; and many other relatives and friends. The family received friends Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating. Interment was private. The Wilson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Pauley, Kitty Sue Tickle

Kitty Sue Tickle Pauley, 85, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at her home in Radford. She was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Helen Tickle; husband, Thomas G. Pauley; son, Thomas Blynn Pauley; and sisters, Barbara Berbert and Judy Belcher. Survivors include her son, Kenny Pauley; daughter, Connie Wood (Mike); grandchildren, Michael, Travis, and Cara and Lucas Umberger; great grandchildren, Jackson and Caleb;



brother, Benny Tickle; and many other relatives and friends. A special thank you to Dr. Robert Solomon, and his nurse, Kelly, for the continued care over the years, and to Good Samaritan Hospice, and Jacob at Capstone HME. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to your local animal shelter. The Pauley family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Hal Sonafrank, 1-336-583-4822. Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob.org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

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

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 Fourth Street Radford. Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years. ALL ARE WELCOME. Grace offers an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist and a 10:30am Eucharist with organ music and a choir, with refreshments served afterwards. The 10:30am service is also available on YouTube for those unable to leave their house. Find us on Facebook and www.graceradford.org.

St Thomas Episcopal Church, 103 East Main Street, Christiansburg VA, 24073. Worship and communion

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Watch Out For Pride

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

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

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

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belong-

ing to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

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

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

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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at 10:00 a.m., each Sunday, followed by hospitality coffee and Adult Sunday Adult Seminar. Our service is also streamed. Contact for more info: mysthomasoffice@yahoo.com. http://www.stthomaschristiansburg.dioswva.org

LUTHERAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email luthermemorialblacksburg@gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Celebrate Word and Sacrament as we worship with varied liturgy, hymns and music. Join our inclusive community in person or online Sundays at 10:00 am (youtube.com/@OSLCcburg), followed by refreshments and fellowship. Ministries include Bible study, choir, food ministry, and crafters. Little Free Pantry and Library available 24-7 by the parking lot. Parent's Morning Out offers faith-based activities and play for children 16 month - 5 years select weekdays. Wheelchair accessible. Learn how you may contribute to our ministries at www.oslc-cburg.org. 540-382-2223.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where we gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation." A place where all are truly welcome." You'll love our minister, The Rev.

Dr. Wes Jamison, who engages us in God's word. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Caring Initiative which includes Micah's Backpack, Soup for Seniors, Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry, with tremendous community impact. Partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3). We sponsor an awesome Scouting program of Scouts Boy & Girl Troop, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade, amongst many other programs. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road. St. Michael is ¼-quarter mile on the left. For more information: Phone 540.951.8951; Email hope@stmcl.us; Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

MULTI-CULTURAL NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM

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

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

Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church, 5007 Jewell Dr., Shawsville Va. Sunday morning service 11am. Pastor Tim Clyburn. 8 miles from Shawsville Rt 460, on Alleghany Spring Rd.

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 West Main Street, Christiansburg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship at 10a.m. with Children's Church at the same time, Sunday School at 9 a.m. Worship is in-person and Live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA. All are welcome. Website: www.stpaulvaumc.org

WESLEYAN

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

OBITUARIES

Summa, Michael J.

Michael J. Summa, 72, of Dublin, passed away after a long illness.

He was born in Waterbury, Conn. and grew up in Norwalk, Conn. before traveling around the United States, spending time in Colorado and finally settling in Southwest Virginia. He was a 1970 graduate of Norwalk High School and formerly a part of the maintenance crew with the Connecticut State Highway Dept.



He is survived by his wife, Jessica Muncy, her son Robert Thompson, and her daughter, Crystal Facemire and her children, Michael and Hayden Lawson, all of Bidwell, Ohio; his brothers William, of New Bern, N.C., Paul, of Lighthouse Point, Fla., and James of Coconut Creek, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are private.

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

Whittimore, Sharon Yvonne Holder

Sharon "Sha" Yvonne Holder Whittimore, 72, passed away peacefully Friday, June 7, 2024.

She retired from Hubbell Lighting. Sha was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Kirtner; husband, Michael Ray Whittimore; and brothers, Thomas and Geary Martin.

Survivors include her daughter, Lori Renee Whittimore; grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Whittimore and Alexander Gage Roseberry; longtime friends, Donna and Eddie Hall and Debbie and Mickey Fizer; many nieces,



nephews and friends, and many sisters in Girl Scouting.

The family received friends Friday, June 14, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Girl Scouts Virginia Skyline Council, 5488 Yellow Mountain Road, Roanoke, VA 24014 or at www.gsvsc.org. Please note in memory

of Sha.

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

Phillips, Ronald Hugh

Ronald Hugh Phillips, 77, of Fairlawn, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024.

He was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and retired from New River Industries with over 40 years of service. He proudly served his country in the U. S. Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eula and Joyce Phillips, former wife, Shirley, and brother, Richard Phillips.

Those left behind to remember Ronald with loving memories, are his loving wife, Vickie H. Phillips; daughter and son-in-law, Traci and Robbie Patton; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Crystal Phillips; step daughters and their husbands, Sonia and Anthony Carr, and Suzanne and Gary Gunter; brother and sister-in-law, Evans and Sarah Phillips; sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis



and Robert Akers, and Faye and Dan Conner; grandchildren, Ainsley, Cassie and Sydney Patton, Nicholas, Alex and Mady Phillips, Tya and Breeana Carr, and Julie and Maggie Gunter; many cherished nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and dear friends.

The family received friends Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Rev. Allison Unroe officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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

Museum

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paintings. Residents walked through the exhibit slowly to take a pause with the art and enjoyed the interactive displays beneath some of the work and on the wall before exiting where they could illustrate their emotions using technology.

After looking at art, speaking to vendors, and enjoying the VMFA on the road exhibit, residents enjoyed the wine garden, food from Copper Dog and Co and other activities like active art demonstrations from New River Arts and Fiber, Backyard Stone Carvers and Fire and Sky Pottery Studio. There was something for everyone at this year's Arts NRV Market.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts mobile arts exhibit is held in conjunction with the event.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

The community enjoys the Arts NRV Market, held Saturday by the Montgomery Museum of Art and History.

Celebrate History and Culture Day at a Virginia State Park

RICHMOND, Va. – Virginia State Parks will celebrate History and Culture Day on June 15, 2024, and each location will be hosting a special event in honor of the park's 88th anniversary.

"We are proud to continue to connect people with their state parks so they can get a first-hand experience of the importance of recreation and conservation of each park's resources," said Director of Virginia State Parks Melissa Baker. "We take pride in sharing the parks' history and look forward to improving the system and preserving the park's stories to tell future generations."

A variety of programs will allow guests to learn more about the park's unique historical and cultural resources through fun and educational outdoor adventures. Some of the activities planned include self-guided and ranger-led tours and hikes, cultural demonstrations, kayaking tours, mock archeology digs, historical artifact viewings and much more.

Events include hands-on activities and Howe House Tours at Claytor Lake State Park.

"We are excited to highlight the Civilian Conservation Corps and explain how this group helped create the park you see here today," said Pocahontas State Park

Manager Nate Clark. "After you visit the museum, be sure to stroll along the Spillway trail to learn other important highlights of the park's history and culture."

The Virginia State Park system began with six parks opening on June 15, 1936, — Douthat, First Landing, Fairy Stone, Hungry Mother, Staunton River, and Westmoreland. While preserving areas with substantial historical, cultural and natural resources, the parks provided modern outdoor recreational facilities.

Since 1936, the park system has expanded to 43 parks, and there's now one located within an hour's drive of most Virginians. They offer more than 2,000 campsites, nearly 300 cabins, and access to over 500 miles of trails, as well as convenient access to Virginia's major waterways. Virginia State Parks also hold thousands of nature and history events each year.

Learn about the fascinating history of our park, our lake, and the surrounding area. Parking fees are waived this day for anyone with a Virginia State Park license plate.

11 a.m. Claytor Crafts @ the Beach Building
Create something unique with natural elements found around the park.

2 p.m. Howe House History Tour @ the Howe

House Front Porch

Join a ranger to learn how our beautiful lake came to be and the fascinating history of the lake's past inhabitants.

4 p.m. Roaming Ranger @ Throughout the Park and Campgrounds

Be on the lookout for the roaming ranger with an interesting mini-program.

7 p.m. Candle Making Campfire @ the Interpretive Campfire Circle in Campground D

Join us by the campfire as April Martin from the Wilderness Road Regional Museum talks about the early history of our mountains and leads us in making candles.

Self-guided Opportunities:

Virtual Haven Howe House History Tour: Learn more about the historic Howe house and how it was built with this virtual tour. More information can be found here.

Claytor Lake State Park Virtual History Tour: Go back in time and discover on your own some of the park's local history. A more detailed event description can be found here.

For park-specific anniversary events, visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/history-culture-day.

Appalachian Power issues warning about water levels downstream of Claytor Lake Dam

Appalachian Power is alerting recreational users downstream of Claytor and Leesville dams that water levels on the New and Roanoke rivers could rise rapidly starting Thursday, June 13, and continue to fluctuate throughout the early part of next week.

The National Weather Service is calling for high temperatures and PJM, the independent regional transmission organization that manages the electric grid in 13 states, has notified Appalachian Power it may need to increase power generation at its hydroelectric plants to maintain the reliability of the regional electric grid if called upon to do so.

"The National Weather Service is calling for hot temperatures possibly into next week," reads a statement on the Claytor Hydroelectric Project Facebook

page on Wednesday. "These temperatures could require us to increase power generation at the Claytor Hydroelectric facility to maintain reliability of the regional electric grid. If we are notified to increase power generation, we will have little time to alert the public about the potential of increased downstream flows. Please continue to check back for updates as they become available and visit <https://www.aep.com/Recreation/Hydro> to view real-time water levels at our hydro facilities."

Below Claytor Dam, water levels could increase up to two feet in a matter of minutes. Water levels below Leesville Dam could increase as much as eight feet over a seven-hour period. Those considering recreating on the rivers should monitor AEP's website for additional information and follow us on

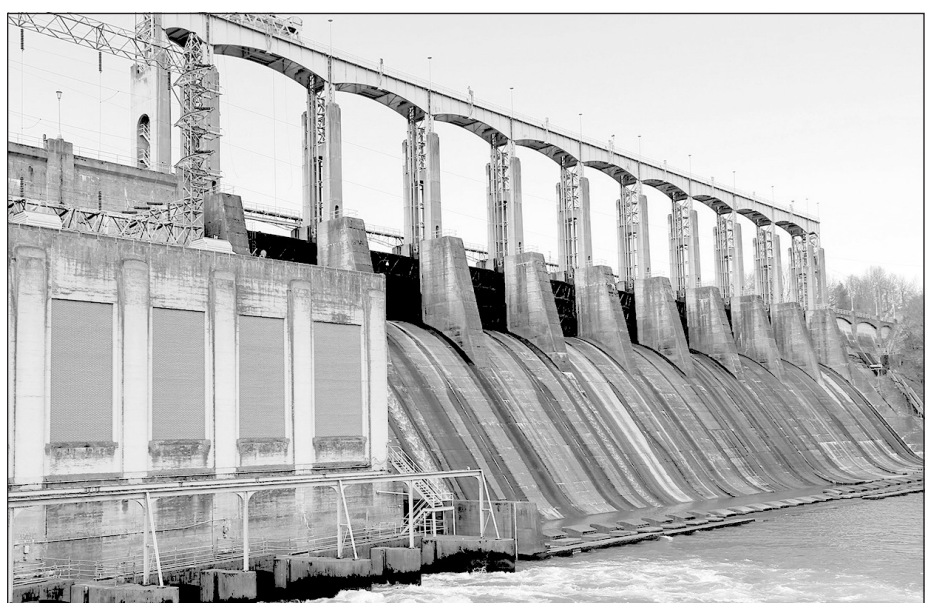


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Claytor Lake Hydroelectric dam

Smith Mountain or Claytor Facebook pages for updates.

Located on the New River in Pulaski County, the Claytor Dam is operated by Appalachian Power. The total installed electric generating capacity of the plant

is 76 megawatts. Leesville dam, with a generating capacity of 50 megawatts, is part of the Smith Mountain Project, a 636-megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric facility on the Roanoke River.

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Radford dominates Region C, TRD soccer teams

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The Radford High School boys' soccer team fell 1-0 to Glenvar in this past week's state Class 2 state championship. Wednesday, the Three Rivers District and Region C all-star teams were announced with heavy-sided Radford representatives.

Brady Schull led the Cat pack on the first team with teammates Enzo Pugliese, Andre Stuart, Drew Edwards and Eli Goff.

Three Bobcats were named to the second team in Robert Fuksz, Dawson Marting and Goalie Charlie Davis.

Radford picked up five places on the

first team all-Region C team. Shull, Pugliese and Goff were joined by Fuksz and Davis.

On the girls' side of the field, Radford also fell Saturday and placed four players on the Three Rivers District first team. The group included Kendall Carpenter, Lauren Owens, Reagan Bryant and Hollybrook Cline. Second teamers were Izzy Lytton, Kora Epperly and Anna Vinson.

Carpenter led the Radford contingent on the first team region squad with Owens, Bryant and Cline. Lytton, Epperly and Abby Hodock were named to the second team.



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Radford's Robert Fuksz (#7) tries to head the ball on a corner kick late in Saturday's contest at Roanoke College.



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Brody Shull (#14) fights for the ball against a Glenvar defender in Radford's 1-0 loss in the state championship. Shull was named first-team All-Three Rivers District and first-team All-Region C.



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Radford's Andrew Hope drives the ball down the field during the Glenvar state championship game on Saturday morning. Hope was named second team all-Region C and first-team All-Three Rivers District.

Hokies, Vandy in SECIACC Challenge

Virginia Tech is set to host Vanderbilt in the second annual SEC/ACC Challenge as announced by ESPN, Wednesday afternoon.

The eighth all-time meeting between the two programs will take place Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum.

Tip times and coverage details, including platform designations and commentator information, will be announced in the fall.

December's matchup will be the first time Tech and Vandy have met since Dec. 22, 1977. The Hokies lead the head-to-head series, 5-2. This will be

the third meeting in series history in Blacksburg (2-0).

Vanderbilt is led by head coach Mark Byington, who is a Salem, Va., native and enters his first season at the helm in Nashville, Tenn. The Commodores concluded last season with a 9-23 overall record, including a 4-14 SEC mark. In addition to Byington, it will be a homecoming for former Tech guards MJ Collins and Tyler Nickel, who are in their first season at Vandy.

The Hokies' full nonconference schedule will be released in the coming weeks.

The announcement comes just days after another

announcement concerning the Hokies. Virginia Tech will host Jacksonville as part of the Fort Myers Tip-Off on Nov. 20 inside Cassell Coliseum. The eight-team event is split into two divisions – the Beach Division and the Palms Division. The Hokies were previously announced to compete in the Beach Division with Michigan, South Carolina and Xavier, Nov. 25-27.

In addition to the two games in Southwest Florida at Suncoast Credit Union Arena, each Beach Division team will host a Palms Division team prior to competing in Fort Myers.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Former Highlander new Charleston Southern coach

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A former Radford University baseball coach has a new job.

Earlier this week, Charleston Southern University Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Jeff Barber promoted Karl Kuhn to head coach of the school's baseball program. Kuhn has spent the past two seasons with the Buccaneers as the pitching coach and was the Associate Head Coach this spring. Kuhn brings with him one of the top resumes in the nation as a pitching coach with over three decades of coaching experience and being named the National Pitching Coach of the Year in 2014 by Collegiate Baseball. Additionally, he brings a National Championship with him that the University of Virginia

claimed in 2015 while he was the pitching coach for the team. During the past two seasons with the Buccaneers, he has helped lead the pitching staff to levels rarely achieved over the past 20 seasons as well as one of their top finishes in the conference standings in 13 seasons. "Over the past two years, Coach Kuhn has become a valued member of both our baseball program and our department," said Barber. "He brings great experience to this position which is crucial in helping us become the program we wish to be."

"CSU has always had a special place in my heart as I began my Division I baseball coaching career here 30 years ago," said Kuhn. "I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation and thank you to Marc MacMillan and his family for bringing us here two years ago to be his pitching coach. I will be eternally

grateful for the strength and unwavering support of Presidents, Keith Faulkner, current Charleston Southern President, Dr. Dondi Costin, former Charleston Southern President and current President at Liberty University and Dr. Brian Hemphill of Old Dominion University. I would also like to thank Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, Jeff Barber, and Deputy Director of Athletics, Courtney Hall, for the grace, compassion and strength they both displayed during this process along with their sincere dedication to our baseball players. Lastly, my wife and family for their never-ending support along this journey." During his time as a coach, he has made 15 NCAA Tournament appearances including CSU's first and only in program history which came in 1996 while he was an assistant coach. During that season, the

Bucs won the Big South Championship to advance to the Atlantic East Regional. Before his second stint at CSU, Kuhn was the head coach at fellow Big South member Radford University for three years for the 2020-2022 season.

Previously, Kuhn served at UVA becoming the first assistant hired by current head coach Brian O'Connor and worked there for 16 seasons from 2003-2019. Prior to this he worked for seven years as the associate head coach and pitching coach at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock from 1997-2003. He oversaw the Trojans' pitching staff, while also being the squad's recruiting coordinator. He signed five consecutive nationally ranked classes by Collegiate Baseball, a first in program history.

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set, saying "How about those blue demons".

The Rockin' Main Street Concert series is a popular summer event among Christiansburg and Montgomery County residents. The concert is free for the community and many residents bring chairs and their families to enjoy the festivities during the summer months. Citizens enjoy beer and wine from vendors as well

as non-alcoholic beverages like fresh lemonade from Squeeze'um and Shake'um and other vendors. There was cornhole and other games like giant Jenga for everyone to enjoy.

Drew Pace, the first musical act of the night, is a Virginia

native who rocked the crowd with his rock and roll country sound. Lyn Avenue returned to Christiansburg for the June 8 concert all the way from Savannah, Georgia, to perform a medley of charming country music. Children, adults and those

in between sang along and danced to the music well into the evening hours. This was the second of the concert series hosted by Christiansburg Parks and Recreation and the Town of Christiansburg. There will be another Rockin' Main Street event on Aug. 10, 2024.



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Drew Pace performs at Rockin' Main Street on Saturday evening, June 8.



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Attendees at Rockin' Main Street enjoy the wine truck vendor and conversation at the event.

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Hokies find national success in sportscasting

Every year the spring semester ends, there's still a buzz coming from Virginia Tech's School of Communication.

On the last Friday of May, the Sportscasters Talent Agency of America (STAA) hosts the All-America and Jim Nantz Award program, named for the iconic sportscaster. The program honors the nation's outstanding collegiate radio and TV sports broadcasters with a live show streamed on YouTube.

This year, for the second in a row, sports media and analytics juniors Kyle Marchak and Giovanni Heater were announced as first-team and second-team All-Americans, respectively. The duo grew up together in Syracuse, New York.

"Kyle and Giovanni are two of the most talented student broadcasters in our country," said Bill Roth, the voice of the Hokies and professor of practice in the School of Communication. "They have both worked tremendously hard during their time at Virginia Tech to learn and grow their craft in our sports media and analytics program. Both are richly deserving of this national recognition."

This year marks the fifth consecutive year that a Virginia Tech student has finished as a first-team All-American, an achievement only matched by Syracuse University. Evan Hughes '21 finished as runner up in 2020 and was later named the Jim Nantz Award winner in 2021. Kevin DiDomenico was honored as a first-team All-American in 2022.

"We don't have the same status as other programs who have been around longer, but now we're here," Marchak said. "It's a statement to the program more than anything. It tells us that this is a program where if you want to work in sports, Virginia Tech is the place to be."

The sports media and analytics program

launched in 2020 as an official major within the School of Communication under the direction of Bill Roth. The addition of Anthony Amey as a dedicated sports media and analytics faculty member in fall 2022 further bolstered the major. Earlier in May, the major received accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

"Accreditation highlights the quality instruction and support our faculty and staff provide for students as they prepare for a career," said John Tedesco, director of the School of Communication. "It's also a testament to the hard work of all of our students in the major, leading to a national recognition like the one Kyle and Giovanni received in the STAA All-America program."

Over the past three years, Marchak and Heater have called hundreds of games and broadcast studio shows. It's part of the opportunities Virginia Tech students find when they enter the program.

"I am so honored to represent the school that I've grown to love so much," Heater said. "It shows that Virginia Tech has become the destination for aspiring sports broadcasters. If you dedicate yourself to the craft and take advantage of everything the sports media and analytics program has to offer both in and out of the classroom, the sky is the limit."

Opportunities to gain experience as a student exist with the ACC Network, Learfield Sports, a collegiate sports marketing company, and 3304 Sports, the multimedia platform for student sports journalism at Virginia Tech. Students have industry standard equipment at their disposal inside the multimedia center in the Moss Arts Center. And beyond the support in the



PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE MARCHAK

Giovanni Heater (at left) and Kyle Marchak report live from Scott Stadium at the University of Virginia.

School of Communication, there are built-in mentors across Virginia Tech:

Hughes, assistant director of broadcast services and voice of Virginia Tech women's basketball and baseball

Bailey Angle '17, in-venue host for Virginia Tech Athletics

Zach Mackey, director of broadcasting at Virginia Tech

"Family is how I would describe the community we have in Blacksburg," Marchak said. "Between the School of Communication and 3304 Sports, between faculty and staff and students at my level, it's a family thing. There's no replicating the sensation of living in a town like Blacksburg that's so unified. For me, it's a huge blessing to have the support that's so familial in Blacksburg."

This summer, Marchak will be the play-by-play broadcaster for the Wareham Gatemen of the Cape Cod Baseball League, a collegiate summer

wood bat league in Massachusetts. Meanwhile, Heater will continue calling games for the Salem Red Sox alongside sports media and analytics junior Carter Hill. It's a post Heater held last year and resumed in April when the season began.

If Marchak and Heater are honored as Sportscasters Talent Agency of America All-Americans again next year, they will be the first three-time honorees at Virginia Tech. However, the childhood friends are keeping it all in perspective, grateful for everything they've learned as Hokies.

"Virginia Tech is a place where you can develop and achieve success at the highest levels in the industry," Heater said. "To be on the list next to the guy that I came to Virginia Tech with is the icing on the cake. We are still just those kids calling our own wiffle ball games in the backyard at heart."

Cory Van Dyke, Virginia Tech

Sports notes: Hokie on All-American third team

Raking in national acclaim for his high-achieving season on the diamond, Virginia Tech fifth-year outfielder Ben Watson has been named to the 2024 NCBWA Division I All-America Third Team, as announced by the National Collegiate Baseball

Writers Association on Wednesday.

Joining an elite class of Virginia Tech greats, Watson becomes the program's 21st recognized All-American and the Hokies' seventh such honoree to have been awarded during John Szefer's tenure as head

coach. Considering NCBWA All-Americans, the veteran bat is also Tech's seventh such selection since the organization began presenting All-America teams in 1996.

Among Virginia Tech's entire contingent of All-American outfielders, Watson now stands

alongside the company of Trey McCoy (1987), Kevin Barker (1996), Matt Griswold (1997), Larry Bowles (1999), Tyler Horan (2013), Gavin Cross (2022) and Jack Hurley (2022).

Watson – who was honored as a 2023 NCAA Division III All-American last season – batted .419 during the 2024 campaign, setting the Virginia Tech single-season record for hits (93) while compiling 21 doubles, three triples, four home runs, 51 runs scored and 48 RBIs. In addition to his 2024 All-American status, he placed onto the 2024 All-ACC Second Team and was chosen to the 2024 ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division I Atlantic All-Region Second Team.

Hokie receiver tops in nation

Virginia Tech football's Jaylin Lane has recently earned recognition, securing the sixth spot among the top ten highest-graded returning wide receivers in the ACC according to Pro Football Focus (PFF).

Lane is coming off a strong senior year, having caught 41 passes for 538 yards and ranking ninth in the ACC with six touchdowns. In addition, he has proven to be a versatile player, totaling 14 carries for 51 rushing yards, with his longest carry reaching 11 yards. The current fifth-year finished the season leading the team in receptions and ranking second in receiving yards.

Highlander transfer to Tech

A Radford University baseball player is on the move. Outfielder Cameron Pittman is transferring to Virginia Tech. Pittman was named to 2022 All-Big South Conference Freshmen team and second team All-Big South in this past season.

He had a .357 batting average and .437 on-base with two home runs and 24 RBIs while stealing a career-high 14 bases.

RU athletes do well in classroom

Following the conclusion of the 2024

spring semester, the Radford University Athletics Department has continued its commitment to academic excellence seeing an incredible 88% of Highlander student-athletes achieve a 3.0 grade point average or better.

Out of Radford's 266 total student athletes, 234 eclipsed the 3.0 mark as 15 out of the 16 Highlanders' varsity athletics programs reported a team GPA of 3.0 or better.

Beyond that, 186 Highlanders earned a 3.40 GPA or higher, placing them on the Radford University Dean's List, while 53 of those student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0.

The softball and women's cross country programs topped all squads with spring terms over a 3.80 GPA. Women's golf (3.72 GPA), volleyball (3.64 GPA) and women's soccer (3.62 GPA) were close behind while men's cross country led the men's side with a 3.56 spring GPA and 3.48 cumulative GPA.

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Caden Hagedorn picked up a hole in one this past week at the Auburn Hills Golf Course in Riner. Hagedorn made a hole in one on #7.