

Blacksburg Middle School shines at FBLA National Conference

Montgomery County Public Schools is "thrilled to announce the achievements" of Blacksburg Middle School students at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Conference.

The students, from the BMS FBLA chapter, made it to the finals, securing spots among the top twelve participants in their respective events.

The FBLA National Championships are highly competitive, bringing together state winners from across the United States. Each event featured approximately 50 teams, with some events including two to three students per team, all vying for the coveted top 10 places.

BMS distinguished itself by having all seven of its finalists finish in the top 10. Notably, four students from two BMS teams achieved the ultimate honor of being ranked number one in the nation in their events.

"This remarkable feat underscores the exceptional caliber of our students and their commitment to excellence," MCPS announced.

National champions and top performers include:

National First Place Winner - Team of One: Ahmet Dogan - Exploring Business Issues

National First Place Winners - Team of Three: Grace Li, Sadie Zhang, and Sophie Zhang -

Multimedia and Website Design Sixth Place Winner - Team of One: Xixi Liu - Community Service Presentation

Eighth Place Winners - Team of Two: Samuel Shin and Dennis Zhao - Video Game Design

"I'm incredibly proud of these students and their achievements," BMS FBLA Co-Advisor Lorraine Hedgepeth said. "These students worked so hard and it's great to see them be rewarded on the national stage."

This year's competition was held in Orlando, Florida featuring four days of conferences and competition.

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Blacksburg Middle School students (left to right) Ahmet Dogan, Samuel Shin, Dennis Zhao, Xixi Liu, Grace Li, Sadie Zhang, Sophie Zhang and Evelyn Leng at the FBLA National Conference.



Jordan Harmon & The Humble Brags perform at Steppin' Out on Friday.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

A big crowd fills the streets in downtown Blacksburg for Steppin' Out.

43rd Annual Steppin' Out continues long tradition in Blacksburg

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BLACKSBURG- Blacksburg hosted its 43rd annual Steppin' Out festival this past weekend and filled the town with music, art and fun.

The event included music from over 25 musical artists, over 200 artists selling anything from baskets to stained glass to paintings, and plenty of food vendors for the hungry music listener. Sponsored by Downtown Blacksburg Inc., local vendors, including downtown businesses in Blacksburg, had a place to sell their products and enjoy the

festivities. Local shops were able to host their much-anticipated final clearance sales on the sidewalks of Downtown Blacksburg.

Steppin' Out was held 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and, despite on-and-off rainy weather, residents enjoyed musical acts and other performers on three stages: the main stage, the acoustic stage and the community stage. These acts included local favorites The Jared Stout Band and others like The Hot Mamas and Ramona Martinez. Food Vendors included Carly's Kettle Korn, Ridiculous Chicken, The Cotton Candy Lab and Spoons Shaved Ice. LewisGale Hospital Montgomery

had a Hydration Station to help visitors and residents beat the heat.

The event is so large, it takes up the majority of Downtown Blacksburg each year. Due to this, parking is difficult for many. So, there was a shuttle that picked up event goers and dropped them off every 15 minutes.

Another highlight of the festivities was the Draper Mile race. Participants raced downhill in Blacksburg, running as fast as they could. This year's winner was Pieter Heesters who ran the mile in four minutes and 11 seconds.

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The D.A.R breaks ground for new structure at Historic Smithfield



Peggy Fanney, LeAnn Turbyfill, Laura Wedin and Joann Sutphin break ground with golden shovels.



PHOTOS BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Congressman Morgan Griffith speaks at the groundbreaking event for a new interpretation building on the grounds of Historic Smithfield.

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BLACKSBURG- The Daughters of the American Revolution broke ground for a new interpretation building on the grounds of Historic Smithfield.

Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Smithfield Chair members, Preston family descendants and the community gathered together for the groundbreaking for a new interpretation building during Historic Smithfield's 250th Commemoration. The interpretation building

is being funded by the DAR and the Helen S. & Charles G. Patterson Foundation to help achieve the Smithfield mission of educating and informing the future with stories of the past.

The new interpretation building will provide a space to hold demonstrations of colonial-period accurate activities, crafts and other educational opportunities. The new structure will be accurate and appropriate for the colonial period to which Smithfield was built and has maintained generations later. This structure will provide space for the children's

summer camp programs where children will learn and experience the stories and history Smithfield has to offer its community.

The groundbreaking and dedication started with a speech from Executive Director Michael Hudson, thanking all who were involved and explaining how the structure will be used for generations to come. Legacy was a theme of the speeches from the dedication, including in the speech from Congressman Morgan Griffith and the DAR representatives. Four golden shovels were present and when it came to breaking the ground

on the site, four important women rang in this new addition: Smithfield Preston Foundation Chair, Peggy Fanney, DAR Vice President General, LeAnn Turbyfill, Historic Smithfield 250th Anniversary Commemoration Chair, Laura Wedin, and Smithfield-Preston Foundation Board Member Emerita Joann Sutphin.

Education and legacy were at the root for Smithfield's 250th Commemoration theme "From Deep Roots, Forging an Inclusive Future."

A half-century of hope: Karen Rodden's legacy at New River Valley Community Services

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For nearly half a century, Karen Rodden has been a beacon of hope at New River Valley Community Services, dedicating her career to supporting those in crisis.

Rodden's office at New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) was at one time covered with 1,000 flamingos - a cheerful reflection of her personality. She carries crystals and wears Turkish evil eye jewelry - bracelets, rings, and necklaces - as talismans of positivity. But it's her voice, filled with empathy and patience, that has become a lifeline for countless individuals during her 49-year career.

Karen has witnessed the evolution of mental health services and the growing awareness of its importance. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one-in-five U.S. adults experience mental illness each year, showing the critical nature of Karen's work. Karen's coworker, Amy Caldwell, who has worked with her for two and a half years, highlights Karen's crucial role within their organization: "Karen is one of the first people that a client will speak to when they contact NRVCS. She's the initial contact when the

client is at their lowest and worst; with her kindness and patience and genuine care for others, she's able to connect with the client and create a smooth start to working with our company." Karen's daughter, Sarah Rodden, elementary school teacher, provides insight into her mother's impact. Sarah paused, collecting herself. "She's saved so many lives in this community. She's made people at rock bottom feel like there's hope." Her voice softened with admiration as she spoke about her mother's contributions.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reports that in 2020, 41.4 million adults received mental health services. For many in the New River Valley, Karen has been an integral part of accessing those crucial services. Karen Rodden has been the voice on the other end of the line for thousands of individuals in their darkest moments. Her journey began with a curiosity about psychology and a desire to make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Rodden's initial exploration into mental health was sparked by coursework in psychology at Radford University,

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PHOTO BY DESTINY HADDOCK

Karen Rodden showcases one of her flamingo pouches, containing her favorite crystals. Rodden is retiring from New River Valley Community Services after nearly 50 years of service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 7:

Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Jennifer Levasseur

Step inside one of the greatest international achievements with a virtual behind-the-scenes guide to space exploration with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum curator Dr. Jennifer Levasseur at 2 p.m. via digital live-stream in partnership with Radford Public Library! #smithsonian #NationalAirandSpaceMuseum #History #InternationalSpaceStation Register and view more Author Talks here: <https://library.org/radfordlibrary/52345>

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>.

Market Square Jam

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment on Wednesday evenings, June through September. The Jam takes place at Market Square Park from 7-9 p.m. For more information and a list of hosts, please visit blacksburg.gov/marketsquarejam.

Saturday, Aug. 10:

Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its August Fish Fry 5 - 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults- \$12, children under 12- \$6, under age three -free, carry-outs -\$12. This month, Ronnie Toney and Friends will be playing some Bluegrass for the diners. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

11th Annual Cheeseburger in Parrot-dise

At Warm Hearth Village Center, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr., Blacksburg; 6 -10 p.m. Get ready to dance up an appetite with The Breakfast Club Band and The Panjammers then indulge in refreshing tropical drinks, gourmet cheeseburgers, and delicious Caribbean fare. Don't miss the silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind items and experiences - all to benefit the Warm Hearth Foundation and seniors who call Warm Hearth Village home. In celebration of Warm Hearth's Golden Anniversary, we will have a limited number of special golden tickets with a VIP mix and mingle from 5 - 6 p.m. Tickets on sale now. Visit retire.org and click on Cheeseburger in Parrot-dise in the upper right part of the home page.

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.

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Grownup Board Game Club

At the Radford Public Library; 2- 4 p.m. Bring a game, bring a friend, or just bring yourself to the library for some quality grownup board gaming time! Pick a game from our collection or bring something from home and teach us how to play.

Rockin' Main Street Concert

On East Main St., Christiansburg, 5-9 p.m. The Town of Christiansburg is hosting Rockin' Main Street, a fun-for-all event with live music from two exciting artists. The evening will start with Solacoustix taking the stage at 5 p.m., performing a wide range of styles including blues, R&B, country and rock. Then at 7 p.m., local singer and songwriter, Travis Reigh will perform, bringing a captivating blend of country and rock, filling a musical void you didn't know you had. Beer, wine, and food trucks will be available at the event. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to sit watch the live music. Be sure to bring your IDs if you plan to purchase beer or wine.

Sunday, Aug. 11:

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/.

Monday, Aug. 12:

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. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

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.

Monday, Aug. 12- Friday, Aug. 23:

CAC Annual Maintenance

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center will be closed for annual maintenance to complete work that cannot be completed while the center is open.

Tuesday, Aug. 13:

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, Aug. 15:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Member Seth Gravely will present Part two of his talk on the "History of the 29th Virginia Infantry". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Sunday, Aug. 18:

Faith and Democracy presentation

The local group Defending Democracies will host a special presentation and discussion featuring Chris Crawford, Policy Strategist for Protect Democracy. We'll hear why democracy is important to faith communities and consider actions we can take, both as individuals and as faith communities, to support the defense of our democracy. Join us, 2:30-4 p.m., at Blacksburg United Methodist Church, Whisner Building, 111 Church St. SE, Blacksburg (parking in lots off of Lee St.).

Tuesday, Aug. 20:

August TRIAD-Artificial Intelligence (AI)

TRIAD/S.A.L.T. is a cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies (police/sheriffs), senior citizens, and senior organization, focused on reducing crimes against our most vulnerable citizens: our seniors. Presentation on AI will cover the history and what is AI. What is AI being used for in general. What areas you may see it in and how you will be affected by AI. What is coming soon and what is in the future. Followed by Q&A. TRIAD meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Christiansburg Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Saturday, Aug. 24:

Heritage Day

Join us for a journey back in time at Heritage Day 2024, sponsored by the Montgomery Museum of Art & History. Immerse yourself in the rich history of Christiansburg, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in downtown Christiansburg, 4 E Main St. and 300 South Pepper St. Step into the past with over 40 vendors showcasing crafts, artifacts, and more. Indulge your taste buds with a variety of delectable treats from food trucks while enjoying the delightful tunes of live music and dance throughout the day. Keep the little ones entertained with a hayride and specially curated activities just for them.



A variety of colorful wares were sold by dozens of vendors at the festival.

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OBITUARIES

Redd, Brian Keith

Brian Keith Redd, 47, of Charlotte, N.C., passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2024. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, James Sr. and Lucy Redd; and his maternal grandparents, William Sr. and Louise Brooks.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, James, Jr. and Dreama Redd; mother, Shirley Ann Brooks Redd; and



a host of aunts, uncles,

cousins and close friends. The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Eric Ramey officiating.

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

Holmes, Clayton J.

Clayton J. Holmes, 87, of Blacksburg, passed away at 10:07 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024.

A viewing will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, at the Holmes Family Cemetery in Blacksburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blacksburg Rescue Squad or Charity of your choice.

Clayton was born Dec. 11, 1936, in Madison, Wisconsin to the late Clayton E and Alyce Hahn Holmes. He married Josephine Halstead on July 11, 1960, in Shady, West Virginia.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years



along with six children, Velesia Roth of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Anna Aquino of San Francisco, California, Clayton (Chris) of Fluvanna County, Virginia, Leroy (Kim) of Blacksburg, Harry (Margaret) of Blacksburg, James (Rhonda) of Blacksburg; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents,

Clayton is also preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Clayton was a veteran of the United States Navy. In his 21 years of service, he served on several ships, and he received the National Defense Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. When he got out of the Navy, he worked for the Department of Corrections in Virginia then retired to Blacksburg to the family farm. Clayton was a man of the Lord and a family man. His love for his wife and family was second to none. If he knew you, you were not a stranger, and he'd give you the shirt off his back. His favorite thing to do was watch the news and read his Bible.

Reese, Terri Lynn Wade

Terri Lynn Wade Reese, 66, of Dublin, passed away Monday, July 29, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Romma Harvey, Sr. and Shirley Ramsdell Wade.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jessica Hoover (Paul); son and daughter-in-law, Matt Ratcliffe (Ginger); grandchildren, Allyson Akers, Camden Bain (Maggie), Cole Bain, Austin, Sadie and Zariah Ratcliffe, and Jessie and



Damien Moore; brother and sister-in-law, Kurt Wade (Erin); special friend, Sandra Nelson;

and numerous other family members and special friends.

The family received friends Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Doug Testerman officiating. Burial followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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

Ripoll, Robert Gregory

Robert Gregory Ripoll, 60, of Fairlawn, passed away Friday, Aug. 2, 2024.

Born to William and Marlene Ripoll, he was raised in Milford, Ohio although most of his extended family lived in West Virginia. A place that he also called home. Bob was an outdoorsman. He loved to fish, camp, and take in the scenery. Bob loved to watch the Cincinnati Bengals! He was a vibration analyst and took pride in his work. He lived in many states but eventually settled in Virginia.

Bob leaves behind his loving daughters, Jessica



Ripoll and Ashley Ripoll Lucius; his beautiful grandchildren, Ronnie, RaeLynn, Haylee, Wyatt, Brody, Melora, Benny and Levi; his parents, William and Marlene Ripoll; brothers and sisters-in-law, William Ripoll (Donna) and

Steve Ripoll (Nanita); nieces, Rebecca Folchi (Brandon), and Angie Turner; nephew, Steven Ripoll (Nicole); and numerous other family members and special friends.

Bob had a very special bond with his grandson, Brody. He will live on through Brody not only in looks but the personality similarities are uncanny. Bob had a bright smile, and his humor was unmatched. He was always making everyone laugh.

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

Rodden

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where she quickly transitioned from administrative tasks to frontline crisis intervention. "I moved to a clinic as a front desk secretary in 1975, and found my passion for helping others," she recalls. Since Rodden's early days at NRVCS, the organization has grown exponentially. "When I started, we had about 15 employees," she notes, leaning back in her seat, marveled at NRVCS's growth since her early days. Today, NRVCS employs between 600 and 800 staff members, and providing comprehensive mental health and addiction treatment services throughout the New River Valley.

The depth of Karen's commitment is evident in how she goes above and beyond her job requirements. Amy recounts, "One instance, I recall, an established client got to the screen room and was in need of their medication and was having such a hard time getting to speak with someone. Karen verified their needs and that they were safe and then contacted med service to speak to the nurse for the client to help resolve the issue, so the client only had to talk to her to have the issue resolved."

Sarah adds a personal anecdote that illustrates her mother's compassion: "I remember someone was really struggling to feed their pet while they were struggling with their mental health, and they were in a grave living situation. And so, Mom literally spent the majority of her day trying to find this dog food because she heard it in the background of the phone call," she said. Karen Rodden later quietly delivered dog food to the client's clinic for four months, her daughter added. Karen's ability to truly listen is one of her most valuable assets. Amy notes, "She listens to learn not to respond. Because of that she catches things that others would bypass, and she digs into that, getting more information and offering more help because she's getting all the information at once."

Over her long career, Karen has witnessed and adapted to numerous changes in the mental health field. Amy humorously quotes from the movie "Mean Girls" to describe Karen's adaptability: "The limit does not exist. The only constant with NRVCS is change and Karen takes it like a champ and excels with the changes." The evolution of technology has been particularly significant. She recalled the days of typewriters and carbon paper, where a single error meant retyping entire pages. Rodden chuckled, her eyes twinkling with mischief as she recalled the days of typewriters and carbon paper. "If there was an error in the report, I'd have to type the whole page over," she said, mimicking the clacking of typewriter keys with her fingers. She leaned in, as if sharing a secret. "Now you can just edit it, but I got so crafty at fixing mistakes without retyping."

The impact of Karen's work extends beyond her professional life. Sarah reflects, "Growing up, I was engulfed in mom's job because I went there as an infant. I was in a playpen growing up there." She laughed softly, recalling her mother's coworkers. "Many of them became like aunts to me, especially in the '80s and '90s when Mom

worked with her best friends." Sarah's expression grew thoughtful. "I learned very quickly how to be empathetic and the importance of empathy. Now that I'm a teacher, I think I'm open to understanding more about the issues that each individual has and how to problem-solve in a more positive way for them." Karen's dedication to her work has shaped her family life in profound ways. Sarah explains, "She's definitely shown me work ethic and what it means to stick with something both good and bad, but the work ethic has really taught me that I need to be patient, and I need to work hard towards my goals and if I don't have them right now, I need to just keep holding on."

Despite the emotional toll of her work, Karen finds balance through her love of music, gardening, and shopping. "Music has been a part of me since my teens," Rodden said. "I grew up in the era of '60's and '70's music, the real music, the Rolling Stones, and all those. I always have music on regardless of where I'm at." She recently attended a Rolling Stones concert with her daughter, her fourth time seeing the band, and one of many shared experiences that highlight the joy she brings to both her personal and professional life. Perhaps most poignantly, Amy summarizes the life-saving nature of Karen's work: "Her being the first person a suicidal person speaks to, someone who is ready to end it all now, speaks to her and she helps them find a reason to try and gives them the tools they need to try as well. She follows up on clients, she makes them feel heard, seen, and valued. Her presence has saved many people, and it will continue as long as she's here."

As Karen approaches her final months at NRVCS before retiring this fall, her legacy of compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to mental health support continues to inspire both her colleagues and the community she serves. Her story stands as a testament to the profound impact one voice can have on countless lives. Her departure marks the end of an era for the agency, but her legacy of resilience and advocacy will continue to influence mental health services in the region. "I still find the field fascinating," she admits with a smile, contemplating her future beyond NRVCS. Her impact spans generations of clients and colleagues, leaving behind a ripple effect on our community of legacy bound in compassion and hope.

New River Valley Community Services has expanded significantly since Karen Rodden joined nearly five decades ago, now offering a comprehensive range of mental health and substance abuse services. These include crisis intervention, featuring a 23-hour Crisis Center in Radford, forensic evaluations, community outreach programs collaborating with schools and law enforcement, and medication management services. While specific program details would require verification with NRVCS, it's clear the agency has evolved significantly to meet the diverse mental health needs of the New River Valley community.

PETS OF THE WEEK

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

Luna is an older gal looking for a home with a comfy place to relax. She's sweet, happy, and docile, and she gets along with other dogs. She's also pretty smart, too! Luna knows commands: sit, down, shake/paw. Stop by to meet this pawsome doggo!



Lady Bug is a shy kitty who enjoys a good head scratch, once she gets comfortable. Lady Bug is currently living in a community cat room at the Animal Care and Adoption Center and shows that she likes the company of other cats.

AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Disaster Scams

In 2023, post-disaster fraud cost Americans over \$9.3 billion, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). With hurricane and wildfire season in full swing, it's important to remind ourselves that when the clouds roll out and the smoke clears, criminal scammers tend to move in.

Following extreme weather events, criminals impersonate government, utility, and insurance workers. They may show up at your door or call with promises of federal grants, priority repairs, or faster claim processing in exchange for a fee or up-front deposit.

While actual Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) agents may visit your home to assist, they will

never ask for payment and will carry a government-issued laminated photo badge. A FEMA shirt or jacket is NOT proof of identity.

Be cautious of door-to-door insurance and utility solicitations promising special or expedited assistance. Even if the offer appears genuine, ask for more information, and never give money on the spot. You should also contact your insurance or utility company through pre-established channels to confirm that an offer is legitimate.

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

AARP Virginia

One vehicle wreck claims a life

A Franklin County man died as the result of a single vehicle crash Saturday, Aug. 3 in Riner.

According to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, "deputies from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, along with Riner Fire Department, and Montgomery County Fire and EMS responded to the 5600 block of Riner Rd/Route 8, near the intersection of Broad Shoals Road" at approximately 8:42 p.m.

On arrival, deputies located a single vehicle crash, a Ford pickup

truck that had been "traveling north toward Christiansburg when the vehicle ran off the left side of the roadway and struck a tree."

"Montgomery County first responders rapidly extricated the driver and attempted life saving

measures. The driver of the Ford, 22-year-old Nathan Cole Jefcoat of Franklin County, Virginia was not wearing a seatbelt

and was pronounced dead at the scene."

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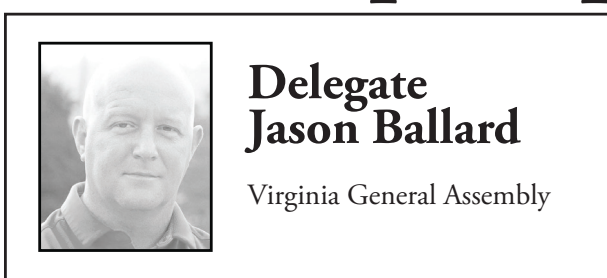
OPINION

Reliable internet can help shape communities

Last week, the administration of Governor Glenn Youngkin released a huge announcement as it relates to the local expansion of broadband internet infrastructure. A \$4.2 million Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant will be awarded to Giles County in the ongoing effort to ensure that all citizens will be able to access this vitally important technology. I have been very vocal in my support for this funding on the state level as I've seen firsthand how reliable internet access can shape communities. I could not be more pleased that the administration listened and acted on this need.

The VATI grant, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is designed to improve internet access in underserved areas. The grant will be utilized to construct new broadband infrastructure, including the installation of fiber-optic cables and the upgrading of existing networks. These improvements are expected to provide faster, more reliable internet services to hundreds of residents and businesses, ultimately fostering greater opportunities for remote work, online education, and e-commerce.

In addition to improving connectivity, the grant is anticipated to stimulate local economic growth. Enhanced broadband infrastructure can attract new businesses, support the expansion of



Delegate Jason Ballard

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existing ones, and create job opportunities in the technology sector. For local students, the upgrade will mean improved access to online learning resources, bridging gaps that have hindered educational advancement in the past. Our region has long faced challenges related to limited broadband coverage, and this was made painfully clear during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students endured widespread challenges in accessing online coursework, and home businesses without reliable internet access suffered greatly. This investment will help ensure that Giles County does not bear an inordinate burden moving forward in this new economy.

The grant also reflects broader state and local efforts to address the digital divide that has long plagued rural America. As part of Virginia's broader strategy to expand high-speed internet access statewide, the VATI grant for Giles County

highlights a commitment to ensuring that even more remote areas in the Commonwealth are not left behind in the digital age.

The importance of this development cannot be overstated. Reliable internet access is increasingly critical in today's age, affecting everything from education and healthcare to economic development and social interaction. Much like before rural electrification, urbanized zones have often benefited earliest – and the most – from access to new technologies that enhance economic activity. As broadband infrastructure continues to expand in our region, expect there to be more opportunities for economic growth, positive educational outcomes, and more. I could not be more pleased to play a part in this exciting news, and I wholeheartedly thank all local, state, and federal partners for the hard work it took to create this success story for the region.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

This back-to-school season, talk to your graduate about money

The start of the school year is quickly approaching. If you have a child entering college or the workforce this fall, now is a great time to talk about money. Consider the tips below to guide the conversation:

Help your child establish a budget for the next phase of life. A new phase of life often brings a new set of expenses. Begin by exploring the new costs your child may incur and offer to sit down and help them create a budget. For high school graduates, new expenses can include



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tuition for college, textbooks, housing, food and discretionary spending. Online estimators can be useful tools to discern how to allocate funds by category. If you typically covered your child's expenses throughout high school, educate them on what a typical grocery bill or trip to the movies can cost. This will help them gain perspective on their expenses going forward.

Set financial expectations. As your child grows toward financial independence, it is beneficial to have a conversation with them about what help they can expect from you, if any, and what costs they are responsible for.

If your child is headed to college or trade school, discuss how tuition will be paid for and whether you'll cover any associated room and board expenses, technology fees, travel to return home, etc. Can your child rely on scholarships or help from a 529 plan? Will they need to pick up a job? To help answer these questions, encourage your child to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All students can apply regardless of their family's financial status. The FAFSA process will let your child know what federal financial aid may be available to them. If loans need to be taken out by you, your child or both for school, review the terms, including interest rates and payback schedule.

If your child is headed directly into the workforce, discuss how to approach paying for rent, commuting to work, and other common expenses. Determine if your child can look to you for help in their first few months of expenses as they get on their feet. Discuss what bringing home a post-tax paycheck looks like and advise on saving and spending income.

Consider alternate ways to help your kids.

While it's natural to want to support your child as much as you can, it's important to think about how to thoughtfully transition the financial responsibility to their shoulders over time. As a starting point, consider the difference between funding a key milestone – such as college tuition or a car that's necessary for their employment – and funding ongoing daily lifestyle expenses or wishes, like concert tickets or meals out. Some parents desire to cover all expenses while a child is in college so they can focus on their education. If you share this viewpoint, set any boundaries and decide an end date of when they will be fully responsible for their own expenses – perhaps at graduation or when they land a full-time job. Additionally, when a large expense arises like a new car or graduate school, consider co-signing a loan instead of writing a check. This approach can help them lock in a lower-interest rate or more favorable repayment terms, while encouraging some financial independence.

Set boundaries for future milestones. Once expectations are established for the financial responsibilities in your child's next phase of life, have a conversation with your spouse or partner about how you'll handle future milestones, such as a wedding or home purchase. Giving money to adult children can be a sensitive subject, and it's an important one to be on the same page about. If you and your partner have work to do to align your viewpoints you're not alone: recent research from my firm, Ameriprise Financial, found that 72% of couples support adult family members financially – yet 14% of couples disagree on how much financial support to give. Have open dialogue about how much monetary support is important to you to provide and consider putting a financial plan in place to guide future decisions.

The back-to-school season is a great time to consider what financial preparedness looks like in the next phase of your child's life. Know that your financial advisor is there to help you establish your financial strategy and comfort level with helping your children financially while staying on track to meet your biggest goals.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Breezed through
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Pigeon's murmur
11. Moves aside in fright
13. Partner to "ahh"
14. Taxis
15. Monetary units of Turkey
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Prolific Italian opera composer
18. Restaurants
20. One's grandmother
21. Ancient Greek City
22. Italian mountain ranges
25. Data
30. Acted in an obedient way
31. Autonomic nervous system
32. Not on the up-and-up
33. Mock lightly
38. Mimic
41. Built

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Norwegian river
4. People with impaired hearing

CLUES ACROSS

43. A neighborhood
45. Inflammation of the kidneys
48. Semitic fertility god
49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
50. Wise people
55. Tear down
56. ___-fi (slang)
57. Diamond weight
59. Frosted
60. Predecessor to EU
61. Makes changes to
62. Some are secret
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Old English poet

CLUES ACROSS

5. Large stinging paper wasp
6. Bucharest is its capital
7. River in Ireland
8. Type of TV
9. Double-reed instruments
10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. French commune
19. Alike
23. A bachelor's apartment
24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
25. Belonging to a thing
26. Japanese classical theater
27. Supervises flying
28. Not even
29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
34. Electronic counter-

CLUES ACROSS

35. Consumed
36. American politician (abbr.)
37. Sun up in New York
39. Casually looked through
40. Revealed the presence of
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Diana __, singer
44. Study of moral values and rules
45. Civil Rights group
46. Makes less severe
47. Made an emotional appeal
48. Vivacity of style
51. One who is highly skilled
52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
53. Famed guitarist Clapton
54. Most common Japanese surname
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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24001130-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES v. CARMEN COLLINI The object of this suit is to: APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP. It is ORDERED that BROOKE COLLINI, SHADE COLLINI, CAYENNE COLLINI, TONI COLLINI, CHRISTOPHER CUMBEE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM. JULY 22, 2024 TIFFANY COUCH, CLERK

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24-1097 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, a Municipal locality of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. HAZEL TERRY JUSTICE, ET AL., Respondent(s).

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24001203-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re AMBER LEE, KANE GALLIMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR. It is ORDERED that KALEB WARREN GALLIMORE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 11, 2024. JULY 30, 2024, K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

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used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be nonresidents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who hold an interest in the funds but are unknown, including the unknown heirs, successors and assigns of the individuals named herein and their predecessors in title, who have been made parties and given notice by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before October 7, 2024, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered: 8/1/2024 Sharon P. Oliver, Circuit Court Clerk, County of Craig, Virginia

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being located on the south side of Lee Highway (now Radford St) fronting 58 1/2 feet thereon and extending back 150 feet.

And being the same real property conveyed to Lucy Campbell and Hazel Terry Justice, as joint tenants, from J. C. Snidow and Lillian L. Snidow, husband and wife, by deed, dated November 14, 1944 and recorded November 16, 1944 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 134 at Page 250.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations, of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Hazel Terry Justice, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lucy Campbell aka Lucy Mae Terry aka Lucy Mae Nichols, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Terry Grier, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert L. Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Clarence William Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Terry, whose last known address is unknown; Robert Terry, Jr., whose last address is unknown, Patricia Terry, whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

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ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before August 31, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of The County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 22day of July, 2024 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX-EXEMPT BOND FINANCING OF THE VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on the application of Virginia Baptist Homes, Inc. (d/b/a LifeSpire of Virginia), a Virginia nonstock corporation (the "Borrower"), whose address is 3961 Stillman Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, requesting the Authority to issue, pursuant to the Virginia Small Business Financing Act, Article 7, Chapter 22, Title 2.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), up to \$38,000,000 of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series from time to time. The Bonds are expected to be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as

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Resolution 8-A-24: A Resolution Setting the Regular Meeting Dates for Blacksburg Town Council. The proposed resolution sets the dates for the Blacksburg Town Council regular meetings to be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. The regular Town Council meeting scheduled for December 24, 2024 is cancelled. Additionally, the dates for the Blacksburg Town Council regular work sessions will be the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Blacksburg Motor Company Building, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia.

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August 13, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2058: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2024/2025 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$232,335 of Community Conservation Program Grant Funds from the Virginia Environmental Endowment.

Ordinance 2058 will accept and appropriate \$232,335 of the Community Conservation Program funds from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to the General Capital Improvement Fund. The Town will spend the funds on a major ecological restoration project in Heritage Park.

Ordinance 2059: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2024/2025 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$54,000 of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant Funds.

The proposed ordinance amends the FY2024/2025 Operating Budget by appropriating \$54,000 of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Equipment Grant funding to the Police Grant Expenditure line item in the General Fund. These funds will purchase various law enforcement technology items.

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All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

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As required by the Act, the Bonds will not pledge the faith and credit or the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof, including the Authority, and will be payable solely from revenues derived from the Borrower and pledged therefor. Any person interested in the Plan of Finance, the issuance of the Bonds or the location or purpose of the projects to be financed or refinanced may appear and be heard. A copy of the Borrower's application materials may be inspected by contacting Angela Reese, during regular business hours. VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

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The Authority will loan the proceeds of the Bonds to the Borrower: (1) To refund of all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Industrial Development Authority of Botetourt County, Virginia's Residential Care Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (The Glebe, Inc.), Series 2014A and Residential Care Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (The Glebe, Inc.), Series 2014B (Adjustable Rate Bonds) (collectively, the "Series 2014 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were loaned to the Borrower to (A) refund the outstanding principal amount of the Authority's Residential Care Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (The Glebe, Inc.) Series 2012A and the Residential Care Facility Subordinated Taxable Bonds (The Glebe, Inc.) Series 2012B (collectively, the "Series 2012 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were loaned to the Borrower to for the purpose of restructuring certain indebtedness that financed the acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of an approximately 350,000 square foot facility and related single family cottages for the residence and care of the aged, situated on an approximately 65-acre site located adjacent to 250 Glebe Road in Botetourt County, Virginia, including 133 independent living apartments, 20 single family cottages, a 32-bed private room nursing home and a 32-unit assisted living facility and community center space, (B) fund a debt service reserve fund, and (C) finance costs of issuance incurred in connection with the refunding of the Series 2012 Bonds and the issuance of the Series 2014 Bonds.

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defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Borrower and its affiliated organizations operate five senior living communities in Virginia.

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(2) To finance, if and as needed, amounts required for reserves, working capital, capitalized interest, costs of issuance and other financing expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds (collectively (1) through (2), the "Plan of Finance").

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, before the Authority or its designee, at 101 N. 14th Street, 11th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

As required by the Act, the Bonds will not pledge the faith and credit or the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof, including the Authority, and will be payable solely from revenues derived from the Borrower and pledged therefor. Any person interested in the Plan of Finance, the issuance of the Bonds or the location or purpose of the projects to be financed or refinanced may appear and be heard. A copy of the Borrower's application materials may be inspected by contacting Angela Reese, during regular business hours. VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. JJ004805-10-00 RADFORD CITY J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION 619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141. Commonwealth of Virginia in re DENNIS, LAWSON. The object of this suit is to: approve a Foster Care Service Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the child, Lawson George Dennis. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Austin Blake Hixon, but despite that diligence, Austin Blakes Hixon's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identify if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown, it is ORDERED that the defendant AUSTIN BLAKE HIXON and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of LAWSON GEORGE DENNIS, a child whose birth mother is Ashley Dennis, appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before Sept. 3, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Legals - City of Radford

AUGUST 5, 2024 RUBY STUMP, CLERK

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. JJ004782-06-00 RADFORD CITY J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION 619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141. Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: MALDONADO, KERON J. The object of this suit is to: Approve a Foster Care Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the above-named child. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Antario Maddox, but despite that diligence, Antario Maddox's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identify if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown It is ORDERED that ANTARIO MADDOX and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of the above-named child, a child whose birth mother is Karina Maldonado, appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before SEPT. 10, 2024 at 8:30 am.

Legals - Roanoke County

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Legals - Town of Vinton

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

RU unveils Tartan Town Collective

The Radford University Athletics Department has announced the launch of the Tartan Town Collective, powered by Student Athlete NIL (SANIL), the official NIL Collective for Highlanders Student-Athletes to leverage their Name, Image and Likeness.

"We are excited to launch the Tartan Town Collective that will help support our student-athletes in reaching their full NIL potential," said Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics. "The Tartan Town Collective will help build our student-athletes personal brand, help increase community engagement, and strengthen our position with the ever-changing landscape of college athletics. With your support, the Tartan Town Collective will help us attract the best student-athletes to the New River Valley and Radford University."

The Tartan Town Collective will provide unique opportunities, collaborations and partnerships with fans and businesses that contribute to the winning traditions of Radford's Athletic programs. As the most experienced operator of NIL programs, SANIL leads the fans and brands in support of student-athletes and athletics programs.

"We are excited to announce the Tartan Town Collective to the outstanding fans and supporters of Radford and its athletics teams," said Rick Kanemasu, President of SANIL. "Our vision is to empower Radford's student-athletes through engagement with fans and collaboration with businesses. It's our hope that we can harness that passion of Highlanders fans and alumni to provide unprecedented opportunities for the student-athletes who proudly represent Radford Athletics."

SANIL and the Tartan Town Collective will work in unison with various Radford supporters to create marketing activations that maximize student-athlete

earnings while ensuring that the University's best interests remain protected throughout.

"The Tartan Town Collective allows our student-athletes to reach their full potential," said Darris Nichols, Head Men's Basketball Coach. "The support that you give financially will help us continue to attract great talent to this university. I encourage everyone to help be a part of the team!"

"The Tartan Town Collective is an exciting yet imperative step for our athletic department as the landscape of college athletics continues to change rapidly," said Mike McGuire, Head Women's Basketball Coach. "Being able to attract outstanding student-athletes and compete for Big South Championships are important goals for our athletic program. Your participation and financial support is greatly appreciated as we build the immediate future of Radford Athletics. Let's make the Tartan Town Collective a huge difference maker!"

Tartan Town Collective is the official NIL Collective for Radford Athletics, serving as a fan engagement and brand partnerships agency working on behalf of Radford Athletics and its student-athletes. The Tartan Town Collective's membership program is for all Radford athletics fans to directly support Highlanders student-athletes. The collective also offers comprehensive business partnership opportunities at the local, regional, and national level. Tartan Town Collective is a subsidiary of Student Athlete NIL, the NIL agency solution for over 50 Universities. As with all NIL entities, the Tartan Town Collective is independent from Radford University and the University does not receive any financial benefit from the organization. More information is available at www.tartantownnil.com.

Student Athlete NIL (SANIL) is the leading



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marketing, media and technology agency of record supporting the needs of student-athletes, brands and the ever-evolving era of Name, Image, and Likeness. SANIL operates the collectives of more than fifty while marketing and monetizing the rights of thousands of student-athletes through fan experiences, brand partnerships and premium media content. Our national reach and skilled team of experienced professionals offer personalized attention to our student-athletes, fans and university partners while delivering a fully scalable deployment platform for brand campaigns.

Radford University Athletics

Draper Mile brings runners to downtown Blacksburg



Steppin' Out attendees cheer on Draper Mile fun run racers on Friday evening in Blacksburg.



Blacksburg's Konnor Rafferty (988) placed second in the Draper Mile behind Pieter Heesters of Baltimore, with Christiansburg's Lawson Mecom (1095) in third in the men's race on Friday at Steppin' Out.



Virginia Tech president Tim Sands competes in the Draper Mile open race on Friday at Steppin' Out.



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In the Draper Mile women's race, Christiansburg's Jenna Pittman was the winner with Blacksburg's Annika Griggs and Leah Johnson in second and third.

BLACKSBURG - The annual Draper Mile race was held in Blacksburg on Friday, Aug. 4, 2024.

The Top 35 finishers included:
 First, Pieter Heesters, 4:11; 2) Konnor Rafferty; 3) Lawson Mecom; 4) Braden Ward; 5) Ethan Board; 6) Alex Watty; 7) Ryan Bagchi; 8) Quinn Thomas; 9)

Andrew Tickle; 10) Cody Orton; 11) Henry Hunter; 12) Andrew Parkins; 13) Daniel Duarte; 14) Jeremiah Peters; 15) Bennett Hunter; 16) Zach Swartzwelder; 17) Ace Holst; 18) Ben Bailey; 19) Samuel Hayes; 20) Michael Foley; 21) Jesse Tuck; 22) Ray Richardson; 23) Isaiah Peters; 24) Anderson Norton; 25) Connor Cormack; 26)

Rivers Matthews; 27) Aaron Paynter; 28) Aden Clark; 29) Bryan Plunkett; 30) Harrison Whitfield; 31) Donovan Forbes; 32) Nate Lehman; 33) Nate Michener; 34) Isaaq Wisnioski; and 35) Brian Ulrich.

Staff Report

Position preview: Depth in Hokies quarterback room

Fall camp is officially underway, and one position to watch closely heading into the 2024 season is quarterback. Under the direction of quarterback coaches Tyler Bowen and Brian Crist, the quarterback room has been making significant strides, with new additions adding valuable depth to the roster. With seasoned quarterback Kyron Drones leading the charge, let's take a closer look at all the pieces and what they bring to the table.

Drones made a strong impact in his first season with the Hokies, appearing in all 13 games and making his debut as the starting quarterback in week three against Rutgers. The signal-caller has firmly established himself as the starter, showcasing his dual-threat capabilities

by amassing 2,085 passing yards and 17 touchdowns. Standing at 6-foot-2 and weighing 234 pounds, the redshirt junior's size and athleticism make him a formidable force in the run game. He finished the season with 818 rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns, setting a Military Bowl record with 176 rushing yards, which earned him MVP accolades.

The Pearland, Texas native has cemented his reputation as one of the top dual-threat quarterbacks across the conference. According to 247Sports, Drones is ranked as the fifth-best quarterback in the ACC and the fourth-

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Outdoor report: Building your own turkey call

Want to do a fun project to get ready for hunting season? How satisfying would it be to make your own turkey call and then harvest a turkey with it? It is much easier than you think and a lot of fun!

So how easy is it to make your own call? That is up to the individual. There are a number of companies that offer box call kits that need only to be sanded, and a screw put in and some chalk added for a working call. Of course, that call can be painted, wood-burned, and stained to make it look great and be one of a kind. Making your own call can also be as involved as finding a log and roughing out a box call. My first attempt

at going from a log to a working call is still a work in progress, although it is an active part of my turkey hunting arsenal of tools each spring and fall.

You can find a slew of options of kits for those wanting to try their hand at making their own call available for ordering online. As stated above, box calls are the easiest kits to finish off and customize.

Box Call Kits

Box call kits come with four parts. The box, the paddle or handle, the screw, and a spring to put tension on the pivot point of the lid. Box calls are often made of walnut, cedar, poplar, or cherry,

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Hokies

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Former Radford Bobcat P.J. Pringleau goes through a drill under the watchful eye of running backs coach Elijah Brooks during Friday's Virginia Tech preseason practice.



Hokie newcomer linebacker Kaleb Spencer takes the ball away from tight end Ja'Ricous Hairston during Friday's preseason practice.

most dynamic quarterback overall heading into the 2024 season. His full season of production has positioned him as an influential player to watch as the Hokies prepare for the upcoming campaign.

An under-the-radar battle for the Hokies this fall camp is determining who will be slotted into the QB2 spot. The quarterback room features returners William "Pop" Watson III, Jackson Sigler and Ben Locklear, alongside new additions, UCLA transfer Collin

Schlee and true freshman Davi Belfort, ranked as the nation's No. 7 dual-threat quarterback by Rivals.

Heading into his second season as a redshirt freshman, Watson showed flashes in the spring game after appearing in two games last season. The Springfield, Massachusetts native's potential is evident from his high school accolades, including being named the 40th best quarterback in his class by the 247Sports Composite and the Gatorade Massachusetts Player of the Year in 2022. With his impressive athleticism and development under the QB staff, Watson is a strong contender for more appearances this season.

Schlee, the recent transfer from UCLA, brings veteran experience and a reputation as a running quarterback. The

redshirt senior appeared in seven games for the Bruins last season, rushing for 425 yards and passing for 217. Schlee's standout performance came in the Starco Brands LA Bowl, where he completed 11 passes, including two touchdowns and rushed for a season-best 127 yards on seven carries in a 35-22 victory over Boise State. The former Bruin's dynamic rushing abilities are similar to the playing styles of both Drones and Watson, making him a notable player in the Hokies' quarterback competition.

Belfort, Sigler and Locklear are expected to benefit significantly from the competition and mentorship within the quarterback room, adding depth and versatility to the roster.

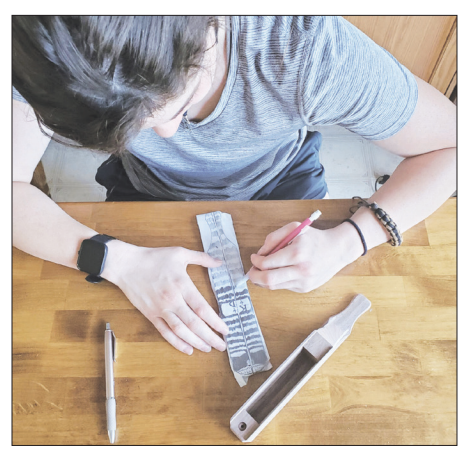
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Turkey

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Tracing the design and then transferring the pattern to the paddle is a good way to customize.



A student wood burning his turkey call.

but other wood can be used as well. The size of the call can be chosen as well as the paddle type. Some prefer a compact call, while others prefer a long paddle.

Paddles have a flat top, and this is where a lot of customization can occur. Wood burning turkey tracks, initials, or designs on this flat surface make the call a one of a kind. Walnut is a dark wood and very hard, so wood burning takes patience. Poplar or cedar is softer and easier to burn and a bit more visible. The bottom of the box or even the sides of the box can also be decorated with a wood-burned design if so desired. Sanding or cutting contours in the paddle or box can make it interesting, and cutting a slot around the call to use a rubber band to minimize inadvertent yelps when carrying the call in a vest is an idea too.

One way to perfect your wood-burning design is to use tracing paper to get the design on the wood to create a visible pattern to burn. My daughter used paper and drew her design lightly on one side. Then she shaded the opposite side of the paper a dark pencil. Next, she flipped the paper, taped it to the paddle and traced firmly on her design as she "redrew" the design. The shaded portion on the back of the paper got transferred onto the wood, allowing her to see where to burn the wood.

Another way is to simply draw the design right on the wood with a pencil. Before wood burning, test your burning skills on a scrap piece of wood, preferably the same type of wood you are using. Try different tips to get a good feel for how to create the different effects of your design with a flair. Take your time and have patience. Be careful of the hot tip while burning the wood! Wood burning kits can be readily purchased at a craft store or online. Get one with a variety of tips for the most options when making your call.

When choosing types of wood for your call, consider what kind of design you will want and consider how much you want it to show. Lighter wood like poplar will offer more contrast. However, the rich and dark tones of walnut—plus its rot resistance and density—will allow it to last and work well for years to come. Another consideration is mixing wood types. Some boxes can be ordered with the box being one type of wood and the paddle being another. I also saw boxes with one side of the box as one type of wood and the other side a different type of wood. The idea there is to create a unique pitch or sound with one side of the call and then have a different tone or pitch on the other side. Basically, you can have two calls—or "hens"—in your hand at once!

Friction/Pot Call Kits
If box calls are not your preferred call, friction call, known as pot call kits, are

also available in wood or plastic pots with slate or glass for a scratching surface. Strikers are variable as well. I prefer wood for the most customization as possible. Kids in our outdoor club have wood burned all kinds of designs on their pots and some have even "washed" their wood pots with paint and others outright painted designs on their pots. The pots are a bit more involved to assemble, but not at all difficult.

The first thing I would do is to sand my pot completely. I also would sand down my striker. Consider using a belt sander to sand out grooves in the pot for finger holds, but take care not to sand so far as to cut through the pot!

Next, wood burn or stain the pot and striker before using a good glue (I use a clear Gorilla Glue for my kits) to assemble the sounding board to the pot. Use a hand clamp to hold the glass sounding board in place after putting a bead of glue on the raised wood in the center. After that dries, very carefully put a small bead of glue around the inside of the pot, taking care not to get it where it will be seen, and gently lower the slate or glass playing surface into the top of the pot. Hand clamp and let it dry for 24 hours.

When customizing your pot call and striker, consider a nice design on the striker itself to include the top of the handle and down the sides as well. You could dye or stain the point of the striker one color and the handle a different color. Many like to put their initials on the top of the striker handle.

Years ago, I found an old walnut tree that had fallen over long before I purchased our property. Walnut is very slow to rot. I used my chainsaw and cut a section of the trunk out and found much of it still in reasonable shape. Next, I put the fence on my little table saw and squared up a chunk of the log, roughed out a box, and kept the rounded piece of the log to fashion into a paddle for the box call.

Using a paddle bit, I set the box on the drill press platform and carefully drilled out the interior of the box and started sanding it. The grain started to show, and the box took shape. It has been a slow process, due to keeping busy with other projects, so I have not completed the call quite yet. However, I've got it sounding pretty good and have called in a few gobblers with it already. I just need to customize it to my liking. This was all done with the use of a chainsaw, table saw, drill press and some time with sandpaper. I plan on sanding it a bit more, and perhaps wood burning it and putting some custom touches on it, before sealing the wood with oil.

When you are looking for a small project to do this summer and dreaming about the upcoming hunting season, consider making your own turkey call.

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