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Early voting begins Friday for Nov. 2 election

Commonwealth of Virginia, Sample Ballot Ballot Style 1

City of Radford
General Election
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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Sample ballot for the upcoming Nov. 2 election

RADFORD - Early voting begins this Friday, Sept. 17, for the upcoming Nov. 2 election. Virginians will choose the next governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general for the commonwealth, and voters in the City of Radford will have a

chance to cast a vote for the city's constitutional officers, including commissioner of revenue, commonwealth's attorney, sheriff, and treasurer, all of whom are running unopposed. Currently holding the constitutional offices are Common-

wealth's Attorney Chris Rehak, Sheriff Mark Armentrout, Revenue Commissioner Cathy Flinchum, and Treasurer Janet Jones. Radford voter registrar Tracy Howard recently announced that

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RHS Athletic Hall of Fame 2021 inductees announced

RADFORD - Since 2008, athletes, coaches and supporters of the athletic programs at Radford High School have been inducted annually into a Hall of Fame, and the Hall of Fame Committee recently announced the newest crop of inductees. The new inductees will be honored on the field before the homecoming game of Oct. 1. The formal induction ceremony will be Oct. 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the RHS Auditorium. The school community is

invited. The members of the Radford High School Hall of Fame Class of 2021 are Dave Bisset, Rick Cormany, Guy Gilmore, Gina Miano, Pat O'Morrow, Darris Nichols, and Shane Nichols. Hall of Fame inductees "must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character and carry the endorsement of their peers," according to the committee's nomination standards.



Radford University improves ranking in U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges listing

RADFORD - Radford University's standing in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges report has risen since last year. In the report, Radford University is ranked No. 14 among Top Public Schools, Regional Universities South. The university was ranked No. 13 among the Best Colleges for Veterans, Regional Universities South, No. 29 among overall Regional Universities, South, and No. 25 among Best Value Schools, Region-

al Universities South. "The most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings demonstrate that Radford University's faculty and staff are continuously committed to experiential learning and strong faculty/student bonds," said Radford University Interim President Carolyn Ringer Lepre. "Their innovative use of technology and fresh view of curriculum is vital in an ever-changing learning environment. Our alumni are living proof that Radford is a transformational

step in building successful careers and creating lasting legacies." The U.S. News and World Report accolades come during the second year of a merger creating Radford University Carilion that thereby expanded the university's healthcare education portfolio and provided a larger physical presence with an educational site in Roanoke. Radford University serves some 10,000 students with diverse academic offerings of 76 bachelor's degree programs in 47 disciplines, three associate degrees, and six certificates at the undergraduate level; 28 master's programs in 23 disciplines and six doctoral programs at the graduate level; and 14 post-baccalaureate certificates and one post-master's certificate. At each level and in every program, the university is focused on student empowerment and success while maintaining a keen focus on teaching, research and service. "We are so proud of our dedicated faculty and staff, our robust academic programs, and our talented students whose desire to grow and learn inspires us all," said Lepre.

-Becky Brackin
Radford University



Moffett Hall on the campus of Radford University.

Radford mayor encourages vaccination in message to community

Heather Bell
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RADFORD - Radford Mayor David Horton addressed the Radford community via Facebook Live Saturday to encourage Radford residents who have not yet been vaccinated against COVID-19 to consider doing so. "Thank you to all who have gotten their shots," said Horton. "We still need to do better to keep folks healthy. Please get your vaccine." Horton said the city is currently 45.1 percent vaccinated among all residents over the age of 12. Residents 65 years and older are vaccinated at 83.9 percent. Horton said the city has had 201 new cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks.

"And we've had additional hospitalizations," said Horton. "I know there is a lot of debate about vaccines, but folks who are unvaccinated are getting much sicker and in a lot of cases, are having a very rough time. "This is about making good choices," he said. "If you are unvaccinated, please reevaluate that decision." Horton also announced that as of Monday, Sept. 13, the City of Radford is requiring masks be worn inside all city buildings, regardless of vaccination status. Masks were already being required in the Radford Public Library and the Radford Recreation Center, but now they will also be required at the police and fire departments, the municipal building, the city council chambers, and all other public buildings. Horton said the city is not implementing a mask requirement in businesses. On Friday, State Health

Commissioner M. Norman Oliver issued a statement regarding President Joe Biden's mandate that large employers require vaccinations for its employees. "The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) applauds President Biden's initiatives," announced Sept. 9, to meet the growing challenge of the SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant, which is now powering a surge in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in the United States and in Virginia," said Oliver. "With the U.S. averaging close to 150,000 cases and about 1,500 deaths per day, primarily attributable to the Delta variant, it is imperative we do all we can to beat back this surge. "Many Virginia employers from across the economic spectrum have already instituted one of the planks of the president's response to the Delta surge: vaccination requirements for their employees," Oliver's statement said. "Leading the way has been the Commonwealth of Virginia following Governor Ralph Northam's directive for all 120,000 state employees to be vaccinated or undergo regular testing for infection. The governor has called on local governments and other governmental entities to follow the commonwealth's lead, emphasizing that vaccination is the only sure way out of this pandemic and the only sure way to return to pre-pandemic normality. President Biden's directive to employers with 100 or more employees to require their employees to be vaccinated will build more momentum for COVID-19 vaccination in the private sector. VDH echoes that call."

NRCC to offer short-session courses for fall 2021 semester

New River Community College is currently enrolling students for upcoming 10- and seven-week classes for the fall 2021 semester. Students can take the online classes to begin college or to catch up or get ahead for a program they are currently enrolled in at NRCC or elsewhere. According to NRCC, many of the 10- and seven-week classes available are transferable to four-year colleges and universities. Online classes are being offered for a 10-week session beginning Sept. 22 and for a seven-week session beginning Oct. 12. Some of the classes being offered during these sessions include courses in accounting and business and general education courses such as chemistry, economics, and math. The class schedule is

available at www.nr.edu/schedule. Current NRCC students may register for classes online by visiting their student accounts. New students or those who may need additional support can reach out to an advisor by emailing advising@nr.edu or call (540)674-3609. For students who may be new to online learning and for those in need of enhanced support services, NRCC has numerous resources for remote and online learning available at www.nr.edu/remotesources. Prospective NRCC students may visit NRCC's locations in Dublin or Christiansburg for in-person registration assistance. Information is also available online at www.nr.edu/register or by calling NRCC Advising offices at (540)674-3609.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 15:

Virginia Tech Women's Club Annual Welcome Reception

The Virginia Tech Women's Club (VTWC) will host its annual welcome reception at The Holtzman Alumni Center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Please wear a mask. Honorary president Dr. Laura Sands and club president Dr. Debra Call will host the event, which includes refreshments.

The reception is free and is open to the public. All women who are interested in supporting women at VT by awarding scholarships, serving the community, enjoying a multitude of interest groups, traveling to local sights, and listening to engaging community speakers are invited to attend.

Loops Group with New River Art & Fiber

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. New River Art & Fiber is joining the Blacksburg Library in hosting a weekly loops group. Participants are invited to bring their fiber arts project and join in to spend some relaxing time with fellow fiber artists while making progress on their projects. The group will meet every Wednesday.

Friday, Sept. 17:

All Ages Storytime

At the Christiansburg Library at 11 a.m. Share stories, rhymes, music and movement, and a craft as a family while developing early literacy skills and encouraging a love of reading.

Saturday, Sept. 18:

Dungeons & Dragons: Level 5 (Virtual)

All levels are welcome at the Radford Public Library's D&D One-shots. The shadowy city of Radishford has been plagued by mysterious birds, but it's all reaching a pinnacle with level 5: The Carrion King! Email duncan.hall@radfordva.gov to join either the in-person or the virtual session (via Discord) at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19, Sunday, Sept. 26

Fall Forum: Building Economic Justice in Our Community

Everyone is invited to learn about economic justice issues facing members of the local community during a two-part series sponsored by Blacksburg United Methodist Church's Church & Society Committee. On Sept. 19, join a

panel discussion with representatives from local organizations about the underlying issues that cause people in the community to need economic assistance. Participating organizations include the Community Health Center, Habitat for Humanity, the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, and Montgomery County Public Schools.

On Sept. 26, the discussion will focus on ways to take action.

Participants will gather in person in the Whisner Building at the Church Street campus at BUMC (masks and social distancing required), 111 Church St. Blacksburg, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. A Zoom option is available by request.

Wednesday, Sept. 22:

Radford Ammunition Plant community meeting

The Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) will hold its next community meeting at 6 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library. The event will be broadcast on Facebook Live from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant Facebook page. These meetings are open to the public and are an opportunity to learn about RFAAP modernization and environmental projects.

Interested persons may reach out to RFAAP with questions or to conduct research on their own through the following resources: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RadfordArmyAmmunitionPlant/>; Homepage: <http://www.jmc.army.mil/Radford/RadfordDefault.aspx>; and Email: usarmy.radford.peo-eis.list.rfaap-public-affairs@mail.mil.

Thursday, Sept. 23:

What Isn't Remembered

At the Radford Public Library from 7 to 8 p.m. Kristina Gorcheva-Newberry, winner of the 2021 Raz/Shumaker Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Fiction, is a Russian-Armenian emigre who moved to the U.S. in 1995 after witnessing perestroika and the collapse of the Soviet Empire. She graduated from both Radford and Hollins Universities. She has published over 50 stories and has received eight Pushcart nominations.

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Through September:

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021 continues each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. through September at Market Square Park.

Simply Elemental Art Exhibit

The Simply Elemental art display in the Hahn Horticultural Garden (on the Virginia Tech campus) will be on display through Sept. 30.

Take & Make Crafts

At the Blacksburg Library. Craft kits are available all month long. Each week the library will have a new craft for kids to take home.

Interactive Movie Kits

All month at the Christiansburg Library and the Meadowbrook Public Library.

The kits contain popcorn and props for four individuals to make movie night interactive. The movie is not included and supplies are limited.

Crafts to Go

All month at the Meadowbrook Public Library

Drop by the Meadowbrook Public Library for Take & Make Craft Kits. They are available at the library or with curbside pickup. They are free but supplies are limited.

Through October:

Radford Farmers Market

The Radford Farmers Market continues each Saturday through Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Service parking lot (the old Wade's parking lot) on West Main Street.

Christiansburg Farmers Market

The Christiansburg Farmers Market is held every Thursday through October at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 to 7 p.m.

Ongoing:

Get your passport at the Radford Public Library

Radford Public Library is a Passport Acceptance Office. Call (540) 731-3621 to set up an appointment time. Persons planning overseas travel should get their passports as early as possible because it can currently take up to 18 weeks to receive a passport.

Twenty years later Brian Welch remembers 9/11

Sept. 11, 2021, marked the 20-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center that killed more than 3,000 people, and a nation honored those who paid the ultimate price that day. Americans also felt for the families of those who lost loved ones.

Most can't begin to imagine the pain of those families, but at least one person knows exactly how those who lost mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, relatives and friends that day felt. He knows because he experienced the exact same feelings more than 25 years ago.

Brian Welch, a former linebacker at Tech from 1997-2001, lost his father, Kenneth – a Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army – on Sept. 20, 1984, when terrorists from the group Hezbollah drove a van full of explosives into an American embassy annex in Beirut, Lebanon. More than 20 people died in the attack.

"It's really interesting for me," Welch said. "Sept. 11 is such a huge

milestone, and a day that so many people can rally around. But as devastating as that tragedy was, for me, it's not a reminder of what can happen.

"For me, that's a daily thing, and I'm sure it's the same for those who lost family or friends [on Sept. 11]. More people can relate to what I went through, and that's not a good thing. I don't want people to have to relate to that."

Welch was a 6-year-old boy at the time of his father's death. He and his older brother were living in Beijing, China, with their mother, Linda, who worked for the CIA. Kenneth's and Linda's jobs took their family all over the world. Following the tragedy, they returned to the United States, and Kenneth's remains were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

"He's the greatest man I never knew," Welch said.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, Welch and the Hokies played at Rutgers, and the game marked the first major college sporting event in

the New York City area after the attacks, thus carrying with it a significant amount of importance as the nation attempted to return to some semblance of normalcy.

Before kickoff, John Ballein, Tech's associate AD for football operations, had an American flag that he wanted a Tech player to carry as the Hokies ran out onto the field. Not surprisingly and certainly fittingly, Welch went up to Ballein and volunteered to carry out the flag. He also carried it to midfield for a special pre-game ceremony.

Tech won the game 50-0, but what transpired overshadowed the outcome. On the second play of the game, Welch intercepted the pass of Rutgers quarterback Ryan Cubit at the Rutgers 28. He returned it 27 yards and expected to score, but Rutgers receiver Sean Carty knocked him down at the 1.

"The universe is funny," Welch said. "To have my first career interception and be taken down at the 1 by some



PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

Defensive back Armani Chatman leads the Hokies onto the field Saturday afternoon against Middle Tennessee. Players, coaches, and fans remembered 9/11 shortly before the game.

unknown receiver. It almost makes me laugh. But that's a microcosm of life. Something can come out of nowhere and take you down. It may be unfair, but that's life.

"But I do think about that day a lot. The moment wouldn't have been so special if it hadn't been for Sept. 11. I'll carry that day with me for the rest of my life. If not for that tragedy,

I wouldn't have had the opportunity to feel the pride in carrying the flag that day."

Despite the horrible tragedy of Sept. 11, some good came out of that day. Security in this country got better. Intelligence agencies started sharing more information. People became cognizant of their surroundings.

More importantly, a nation of diverse back-

grounds came together.

"To see the outward displays of patriotism, it's just great," Welch said. "I wish we'd see more of it. It's great to see people rally around Sept. 11 regardless of your background and beliefs."

"That day was devastating – and, in many ways, miraculous, too."

--Jimmy Robertson, VT Athletics

Radford Thompson & Litton office to celebrate 25 years of service

The City of Radford offices of Thompson & Litton, Inc., (T&L) will celebrate its 25 years of service to the community on Sept. 30, 2021.

Thompson & Litton is a full-service engineering, architectural and land surveying firm that provides comprehensive services in the areas of architecture, civil, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and structural engineering, construction

contract administration, project management, and land surveying for both public and private sector clientele.

The company is also celebrating a second milestone, its 65th anniversary. Sixty-five years ago, on June 21, 1956, William A. Thompson, Jr., and John W. Litton established the company with

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The Radford office of Thompson & Litton, located at 726 Auburn Ave., will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sept. 30. Over the years, the office has been responsible for projects such as the Montgomery County Government Center, the Montgomery County Courthouse, and the New River Valley Regional Jail.

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Indigenous artists celebrate Native people with 'Welcome to Indian Country'



"Welcome to Indian Country" features (first row, left to right) Rena Priest, Mali Obomsawin, and Julia Keefe; (second row, left to right) Delbert Anderson, Nokosee Fields, and Nick Lucero.

Indigenous artists celebrate Native peoples and culture through historic music, poetry, and storytelling for the East Coast premiere performances of "Welcome to Indian Country" on Wednesday, Sept. 22, and Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.

Commissioned in part by the Moss Arts Center, these work-in-progress performances will be

held in the center's Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, located within the Street and Davis Performance Hall at 190 Alumni Mall.

In accordance with current university policy for indoor events, all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the Moss Arts Center are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.

Representing the

Diné (Navajo), Osage, Nez Perce, Lhaq'temish (Lummi), and Abenaki, as well as South American Indigenous descent, the diverse Native American performers of "Welcome to Indian Country" share songs and stories to honor the ancestors and elders and to celebrate life, love, connecting to culture, survival, and resilience.

The evening performances feature Rena Priest, storyteller and Washington state poet laureate; Delbert Anderson, trumpet and theremin; Nick Lucero, percussion; Mali Obomsawin, vocals, bass, and guitar; Nokosee Fields, bass and fiddle; and Julia Keefe, vocals, piano, and guitar.

Together, they exemplify the vibrant life of modern Native people and honor their ancestors, including the Indigenous musicians who left an indelible mark on the world and the many art forms considered American music. "Welcome to Indian Country" captures the joy the artists feel being part of a Native community while sharing their expressions with the world.

These performances of "Welcome to Indian Country" are presented in partnership with the American Indian and Indigenous Community Center and supported in part by a gift from Clem and Georgia Carter.

"Welcome to Indian

Country" is a National Performance Network (NPN) Creation and Development Fund Project co-commissioned by the Moss Arts Center, Virginia Tech, the Hopkins Center for the Arts, Dartmouth College, the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, the Native American Community Development Institute, and NPN.

Related events In addition to developing the work while at the Moss, the artists will engage with multiple Virginia Tech classes and student groups. Area musicians are invited to make music with "Welcome to Indian Country" fiddler Nokosee Fields during an informal old-time jam session on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Recommended for intermediate to advanced musicians.

Join the musicians and storytellers of "Welcome to Indian Country" for a post-performance question-and-answer session

immediately following the Wednesday, Sept. 22 performance.

Ticket information Tickets for "Welcome to Indian Country" performances are \$25 for general admission and \$10 for Virginia Tech students. Tickets can be purchased online, at the Moss Arts Center's box office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, or by calling 540-231-5300 during box-office hours.

Parking is available in the North End Parking Garage on Turner Street for \$5. Payment must be made in cash at the time of entry. Virginia Tech faculty and staff possessing a valid Virginia Tech parking permit can enter and exit the garage free of charge. Virginia Tech has also partnered with ParkMobile to provide a convenient, contactless electronic payment option for parking, which may be used at any parking meter, campus parking space, or lot with standard F/S, C/G, or R parking.

Local college students earn awards, degrees

Riner student earns E&H doctorate, Radford students named to dean's list

Thirty-one students at Emory & Henry's Health Sciences Campus graduated with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy at the Lincoln Theatre in Marion, Va. in August.

Among those graduates was Olivia Rutledge of Riner.

Three students from Radford were named to the Spring 2021 dean's list at Emory & Henry. To be named to the dean's list students must be full time and must receive a 3.6 GPA for the semester.

Making the dean's list were Logan Graham, Sophie Graham, and Zackie Pendergrass, all of Radford.

"Class of 2021, we salute you," Emory & Henry Provost Dr. Michael J. Puglisi told the graduates. "You've persevered during these unprecedented times, demonstrating great resilience and unwavering commitment to your goal of earning your degree. You have made many sacrifices and put in many long hours of studying while also providing high qual-

ity health care to your patients during this global pandemic. We have no doubt that you will be true leaders in your chosen healthcare profession."

Emory & Henry College's Health Sciences campus was launched in 2014 with the goal of preparing compassionate, patient-centered, highly-skilled health care professionals who not only provide quality health care to their patients but also actively engage in leadership and service opportunities within their professional organizations and communities.

Blacksburg, Radford students earn University of South Dean's List honors

Connor Cheynet and Christian Shushok, both of Blacksburg, and Lexi Rader of Radford were named to the dean's list at the University of the South (Sewanee) for the Spring 2021 term.

Cheynet is the son of Sandee C. Cheynet and George H. Cheynet.

Shushok is the son of Kelly and Frank X. Shushok.

Rader is the daughter of Sara

and Michael E. Rader

To earn a place on Sewanee Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.625 on a 4.0 scale.

The University of the South, familiarly known as Sewanee, is an independent liberal arts college located on 13,000 acres atop Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga. It has been consistently ranked among the top tier of national liberal arts colleges.

Blacksburg's Kennet Manley graduates from Berea College

Kennet Manley of Blacksburg recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and natural resources from Berea College.

The first interracial and coeducational college in the South, Berea College focuses on learning, labor, and service. The college admits only academically promising students with limited financial resources primarily from Kentucky and Appalachia but welcomes students from 41 states and 76 countries. Every Berea student receives a Tuition Promise Scholarship, which

means no Berea student pays tuition. Berea is one of nine federally recognized Work Colleges, so students work 10 hours or more weekly to earn money for books, housing, and meals. The college's motto, "God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth," speaks to its inclusive Christian character.

Blacksburg's Ethan McDowell named to Emerson College dean's list

Blacksburg's Ethan McDowell was named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. McDowell is majoring in journalism and is a member of the Class of 2022. The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Based in Boston, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The college has 3,700 undergraduates and 1,400 grad-

uate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Three from Blacksburg make Hollins University dean's list

Three students from Blacksburg were among those earning dean's list honors at Hollins University for the spring of 2021. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale.

Earning the distinction were Anna Sallee, Shuchi Sanyal, and Courtney Wilson.

Hollins is an independent liberal arts university offering undergraduate education to women, selected graduate programs for men and women, and community outreach initiatives. Founded in 1842 as Virginia's first chartered women's college, its distinctions include a nationally ranked creative writing program, one of the oldest study abroad programs in the country, and extensive internship opportunities.

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an original staff of seven in Wise, Va., which still serves as the company headquarters.

That number has now flourished to more than 140 employees through seven additional offices located in Radford, Tazewell, and Chilhowie, Va.; and Bristol, Mosheim, and Johnson City, Tenn; and Princeton, W.Va.

"As we celebrate this important milestone, I can't help but to reflect on our tagline: integrity, insight, and innovation," said Ron Helton, the company's senior vice-president and chairman of the board of directors. Helton began his career at the firm in 1979 and served as T&L President for over 21 years.

T&L Senior Vice President and Radford Office Branch Manager Jack Murphy, said about the Radford office's milestone, "It's hard to believe how quickly 25 years have passed. I'm extremely proud of this milestone occasion celebrating the establishment of the Radford office."

"During this journey, we have grown to become one of T&L's largest offices, but more importantly, we have become vested members within the community in which we serve. We are extraordinarily fortunate to be able to live, work, and raise our families in this part of Virginia, where we can contribute to the development and growth of

the region while working alongside so many other great community members who share the same vision."

Over the past 25 years, the T&L Radford office has been responsible for the design of several significant projects in the New River Valley including the New River Valley Regional Jail, the Montgomery County Government Center, the New River Valley Regional Sewer Study, the renovation to Virginia Tech's Burruss Hall, multiple Giles County

water and sewer projects, the Radford Public Safety Building, the Montgomery County Courthouse and Parking Garage, multiple landfill construction projects and facility buildings for the New River Resource Authority, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department; renovations and additions to McHarg Elementary School and Radford University's baseball and softball stadiums and playing fields, and the Collaboration and Career Development Center for Floyd County Schools.

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OPINION

Virginia DMV to offer appointments, walk-in service on alternating days

RICHMOND — Beginning Oct. 5, 2021, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customers may choose to schedule an appointment for service or opt for walk-in service on alternating days at all 75 customer service centers (CSCs). Appointments for service will be offered only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and walk-in service will be offered only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Hours vary by office location.

“We are pleased to continue offering appointments in addition to walk-in service since our customers greatly appreciate the convenience and efficiency appointments afford,” said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb. “Those who can plan ahead should

schedule an appointment for service, but if in-person assistance is needed urgently, walk-in service will now be available two and a half days per week.”

In accordance with Executive Directive Seven (as amended) to address the pandemic, DMV began operating by appointment only as it reopened offices in May 2020 after a temporary closure due to the rapid spread of COVID-19. Operating by appointment has proven to be overwhelmingly popular with customers, 77% of whom said in a survey that they wished to see appointments continue.

During the pandemic, customers shifted the way they do business with DMV in that more customers are taking advantage of online and mail-based services. DMV is

conducting over 10% more transactions per week cumulatively through all service channels than before the pandemic. For the week ending Sept. 4, 2021, customers completed 359,452 transactions across all service channels as compared to the pre-pandemic weekly average of 309,111 total transactions.

At the direction of the General Assembly, DMV will be integrating walk-in service back into its operations in addition to appointments. DMV researched other state motor vehicle agencies’ best practices through the pandemic and found that those offering walk-in and appointment service simultaneously were met with long lines and confused and dissatisfied customers. Based on research, surveys, experience,

and the ongoing pandemic, DMV developed a hybrid service model on alternating days that will offer flexibility for customers and the agency.

Customers who have scheduled an appointment and instead decide to walk in for service should cancel that appointment to make it available for other customers. Walk-in service will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis based on the type of transaction. Customers should anticipate wait times. For the health and safety of customers and employees, lobby chairs will be spaced, and all customers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings.

Preparation is key to a successful in-person visit to a CSC whether it is scheduled or not. Resources for preparation can

be found at dmvNOW.com.

DMV also continues to offer many service alternatives outside of the CSC. More than 50 transactions are available at dmvNOW.com, and many can be conducted by mail. Customers may obtain vehicle-related services at DMV Select partner offices, most of which are operating by appointment only.

Appointments can be scheduled for nearly every DMV service with the agency’s mobile DMV Connect teams. Customers needing a title after purchasing a vehicle from an individual (not a dealer) may drop off their applications and supporting documents at CSCs. Staff will process the work and contact customers to pick up the title within five days.

WalletHub: Virginia still struggling with unemployment claims

Virginia continues to struggle in its efforts to recover from new unemployment claims with last week’s claims higher than at the start of 2020, according to the updated rankings from the personal finance website, WalletHub.

WalletHub’s rankings of which states are recovering the quickest from the new unemployment claims has Virginia sitting in the No. 49 spot among the states and the District of Columbia. Only Louisiana and New Mexico are recovering at

a slower rate. According to the company’s website, the nation saw 310,000 new unemployment claims last week, which is a lot fewer than the 6.1 million during the peak of the pandemic (a 95% reduction).

Five states had unemployment claims last week that were lower than before the pandemic: Arkansas, Arizona,

South Carolina, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

Surprisingly, New Mexico had unemployment claims last week that were worse than the same week last year.

WalletHub used the unemployment claims for several key benchmark weeks to establish its rankings.

Among the key stats contributing to Virginia’s slow recovery rate are

that weekly unemployment claims in Virginia increased by 398.18% compared to the same week in 2019, the third-biggest increase in the U.S.; weekly unemployment claims in Virginia increased by 235.04% compared to the start of 2020, also the third-biggest increase in the U.S.; and weekly unemployment claims in Virginia decreased by

4.08% compared to the same week last year, the second-smallest decrease in the U.S.

According to WalletHub, the ten states recovering the quickest from unemployment claims are 1. Arkansas 2. South Carolina 3. Arizona 4. Idaho 5. Delaware 6. Kentucky 7. Washington 8. New Jersey 9. Kansas 10. New Hampshire.

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WalletHub: Virginia is 10th-most vaccinated state

As the personal finance website WalletHub points out, vaccinations are some of the most valuable contributions to modern medicine. They have drastically reduced the prevalence of certain diseases, including polio, tetanus, measles, and chicken pox. One disease, smallpox, has even been eradicated completely, with no natural cases since 1977. Most recently, we’ve developed a vaccine for COVID-19, which has drastically cut down cases and allowed the country to reopen. There are still a lot of people hesitant to get the vaccine, the web-

site says, and recent polls have found that most adults who are still unvaccinated don’t plan to ever get the shot.

Some states are better than others when it comes to vaccinating. In order to see where people are most responsible about getting vaccines, WalletHub examined the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 17 key metrics and three dimensions and then ranked the states from most vaccinated to least vaccinated.

The three dimensions the website used to help determine its rankings were 1) children and teenagers immunization rates, 2) adults and elderly vaccination rates, and 3) immunization

uptake disparities and influencing factors.

Virginia landed as the 10th-most vaccinated state, according to WalletHub.

Among the metrics that contributed to the commonwealth’s high ranking when they were considered in combination were influenza vaccination rate in children aged six months to 17 years old: ninth; the share of teenagers aged 13-17 with up-to-date HPV vaccination: 25th; the flu vaccination coverage rate among adults: fifth; the share of adults with tetanus vaccination: 18th; the share of adults aged 60 and older with zoster vaccination: 20th; the share of civilian noninstitutionalized population

without health insurance coverage: 30th; and the share of children under six years old participating in an immunization information system: 15th.

The nine states with higher vaccination rates than the commonwealth were 1. Massachusetts 2. Vermont 3. Rhode Island 4. New Hampshire 5. North Dakota 6. Maryland 7. Nebraska 8. Connecticut and 9. Washington.

The ten states with the lowest vaccination rates as determined by WalletHub (with an allowance for the District of Columbia) were 42. South Carolina 43. Wyoming 44. New Jersey 45. Idaho 46. Alabama 47. Nevada 48. Arizona 49. Texas 50. Georgia 51. Mississippi.

Voting

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all requested mail-in ballots will be sent prior to Sept. 17, and in-person early voting at the voter registrar office will begin on Sept. 17.

“Remember in Virginia we mail ballots only to registered voters who have made an official request,” said Howard, who said voters should call 731-3639 with any election-related questions.

For governor, Virginians will choose between Glenn Youngkin, Republican; Terry McAuliffe, Democrat; and Princess Blanding, Libertarian. For Lt. governor, Democrat Hala Ayala is running against Republican Winsome Sears. The attorney general race pits Republican Jason Miyares against Democrat Mark Herring.

Christiansburg reinstates disconnection of water service for delinquent accounts

The Town of Christiansburg has reinstated its practice of disconnecting water service for customers delinquent on their utility bills and payment plans.

The change in policy was effective Monday, Sept. 13.

Nearly 600 customers are currently behind on payments for their utility bills and/or payment plans. Customers have been notified monthly with their bills of their past due payments. Their most recent bills state that payments are due by Sept. 13 at 7:30 a.m., otherwise customers are subject to disconnect and a \$25 restoration fee. Customers unsure whether they have past due payments may contact the Finance Department at 540-382-9519 or visit the department at town hall (100 E. Main St.) weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Town of Christiansburg offers its customers payment plans for their

utility bills. To set up a payment plan with the town, visit town hall (100 E. Main St.) weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For any questions regarding utility bills, call the Finance Department at (540) 382-9519.

Limited CARES Act Utility Relief Funds are available to assist customers with payments and will be given to eligible customers on a first-come, first-served basis. If additional assistance is needed, the Finance Department will provide customers with a list of community resources they may contact.

Public works crews are being dispatched to disconnect water service for accounts delinquent as of Sept. 13 at 7:30 a.m. An account is delinquent if it has past-due payments on the utility bills or is past due on a payment plan. If the service is disconnected, a \$25 restoration fee will be applied to the account.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Religion native to some in China
5. Nursemaids
10. Coats a porous surface
12. Garment of long cloth
14. Containing a broader message
16. University of Dayton
18. Patti Hearst’s captors
19. Insane
20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
22. Taxi
23. Trainee
25. Comedian Carvey
26. Some couples say it
27. Belong to he
28. High schoolers’ test
30. Young goat
31. You drive on one
33. Denotes a time long ago
35. Space between two surfaces
37. By and by
38. A way to sell
40. A line left by the passage of something
41. Indicates near
42. Where wrestlers compete
44. Prosecutors
45. Body part
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
50. Indicates silence
52. NFL’s Newton
53. Ancient Roman garments
55. Drunkard
56. Expression of satisfaction
57. Thus
58. Noisy viper
63. Plants of a particular region
65. Communicated with
66. Latches a window
67. Swarm with

CLUES DOWN

1. Split pulses
2. Brew
3. Ask humbly
4. Distinctive smells
5. Digressions
6. Partner to cheese
7. Father of Araithrea
8. Made a cavity
9. Tin
10. Appetizer
11. Presenting in detail
13. Compound in guano and fish scales
15. Cool!
17. “_ than a doornail”
18. Popular literary form _ fi
21. Be the most remarkable
23. “Final Fantasy” universe character
24. Buffer solution
27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
29. Fantastical planet
32. S. American plant
34. Domesticated animal
35. The tops of mountains
36. Expression of disapproval
39. Skeletal muscle
40. Game show host Sajak
43. One’s interests
44. Identify the existence of
46. Partner to “ooohed”
47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
49. Hammerin’ Hank
51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
54. Elaborately draped garment
59. Check
60. Car mechanics group
61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
62. Austrian river
64. A command to list files

Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 104 to 106 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by June 2022.

LANE CLOSURES: Through Friday, Sept. 10, alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

I-81 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT EXIT 114 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – The bridge replacement of the two Interstate 81 bridges over Route 8, northbound and southbound, is underway. Drivers can expect alternating lane and shoulder closures, northbound and southbound, from mile marker 114 to 115. Exit 114 ramp shoulder closures will be ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 mph in the work zone. Route 8 will have alternating northbound and southbound shoulder and lane closures, day or night, as needed between the I-81 on and off ramps. A temporary traffic signal will direct traffic on Route 8 throughout the duration of the project. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Estimated completion is summer 2021.

DMV Notice: The bridge on I-81 northbound at mile marker 114 currently has a restricted width for wide loads of 26 feet or larger.

ROUTE 643 PAVING PROJECT - Beginning soon, exact date to be determined, a project is being scheduled to resurface an unpaved portion of Route 643 (Yellow Sulfur Road). The work area begins .7 mile south of the intersection with Route 642 (Jennelle Road) and ends 1.7 miles north of the bridge over Route 460. Traffic impacts will include intermittent flagging operations between these intersections. This project has an estimated completion date of May 2022.

LANE CLOSURES: Intermittent single lane closures utilizing flagging operations will be in place between the intersection of Teaberry Road and Jennelle Road.

ROUTE 11 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT - Work is underway on Route 11 southbound to replace the bridge deck over the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The bridge is located .4 miles north of the intersection with Route 748 (Big Spring Drive) and .4 mile south of the intersection with Route 603 (North Fork Road). The left lane of both Route 11 north and south is closed with a detour in place until the completion of the project. Once in place, the detour will re-route Route 11 south traffic through the left lane of Route 11 north, limiting each direction to a single lane. The expected completion date is November 2021.

TRAFFIC SWITCH: A new traffic pattern is in place detouring Route 11 southbound traffic through the left lane of Route 11 northbound between the intersections above, limiting each direction to a single lane.

ROUTE 636 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HOLLOW - Work has begun replacing the bridge on Route 636 over the Roanoke River at Seneca Hollow. A road closure is in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. A detour is also in place. The detour will restrict access to Route 460 at Seneca Hollow and will require travelers to enter/exit Route 460 at Friendship Road near Wheeling Hollow. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2021.

UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460 - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

VARIOUS ROADS FOR UTILITY WORK - Utility crews will be working on overhead lines along a general corridor alignment following Route 114 (Peppers Ferry), Route 460 Business (Franklin Street) and Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road). The work zone will span from the Pulaski/Montgomery county line to the Montgomery/Roanoke county line. In addition, various side roads will be impacted by intermittent closures for crossings. Motorists should expect shoulder closures and lane closures for travel in both directions. Intermittent full closures of the roads will be required for periods lasting no longer than 15 minutes. Work hours are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Advance warning for weekend work involving closures of primary highways on weekend

mornings from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. will be provided via message boards once scheduled. Work is scheduled to last until fall 2021.

INTERSTATE 81 INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143 – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has begun. Work will continue to be conducted within the median and shoulder within the barrier walls. Sound wall installation is underway. Weekday and weekend lane and shoulder closures may be in place. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

Drivers should expect delays. A left lane closure will be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound during nighttime hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while equipment and materials are brought into and out of the median. Message boards will alert drivers.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Botetourt County: Alternating lane closures will be in place between mile marker 167 and 169 on northbound I-81 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning, Sunday night to Friday morning.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 141 and 143, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 581 I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD – Work is underway to rehab the bridge on I-581 that crosses over Route 11 (Williamson Road) in Downtown Roanoke. On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete at the end of 2021.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY – Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)

I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

Milling and paving in both the right and left hand lanes of I-77 will require nightly lane closures southbound between mile marker 16 and 19 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday night to Friday mornings.

I-77 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-77 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN CARROLL COUNTY – Weather permitting, crews will be milling, paving and performing maintenance along Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-77 BRUSH REMOVAL & SHOULDER

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OBITUARIES

Bishop, Stephen Lee

Stephen "Steve" Lee Bishop, 71, of Radford, passed away Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

Steve grew up in Christiansburg. After graduation from Christiansburg High School, he attended Virginia Western Community College and then graduated from Virginia Tech. Then he taught for several years at Virginia High School in Bristol.

In 1989 he moved his family back to Radford to be closer to family and to grow in his sales career. He was a long-time active member of Auburn Baptist Church and loved teaching Sunday school for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vasco and Mary Bishop, and his sister, Martha Covey.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Janet Marshall Bishop; daughters and their husbands, Kimberly and Scott Keith of Lovettsville, Va., and



Kristen and Scott Lucas of Charleston, S.C.; five special grandchildren, 2ndLt. Jacob Keith, USMC; Daniel Keith and Kora Keith, Liam Lucas and Mallory Lucas; brother-in-law Ronnie Covey; brother and sister-in-law Danny and Sherry Vaughn; nephew and his wife, Justin and Emily Vaughn and their five children; and many other special relatives and friends.

The family received friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services began at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mark Miller and Paul Haynes officiating. Interment followed in the Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg.

The Bishop family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Graves, Jack Eugene

Jack Eugene Graves, 80, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at his home in Christiansburg.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry W. Graves and Margie Mae Poe; his first wife, Linda Nancy Graves; two grandchildren; a brother, Ronnie Graves; and a son-in-law, Roy Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Bain Graves; daughters and sons-in-law Tina and Barry Albert and Teresa Martin; sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell Graves, Dennis and Missy Graves, Ricky and Elizabeth Graves, Dicky Graves, and Donnie and Kristen Graves; 17 grandchildren and



many great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank Graves; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Sebert Rorrer and Chris Sellers officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Diabetes Association.

The Graves family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Porterfield, Lois Linkous

Lois Linkous Porterfield, 83, of Blacksburg, moved to her heavenly home on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021. She was born on June 5, 1938, to the late Jessie Black and Millie Brown Duncan Linkous. She was a faithful member of Blacksburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

She is survived by her



husband of 62 years, John Porterfield, and a son, Greg Porterfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blacksburg Christian Church, 204 Watson Ave., Blacksburg, Va. Services will be held privately.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Shelton, Barbara Caldwell

Barbara Caldwell Shelton, 67, of Riner, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, at New River Valley Medical Center.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1954, to the late William Davis and Clara Elizabeth Quesenberry Caldwell. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Ronnie Ray Shelton.

She is survived by her sons, Randy Wayne Shelton, Steven Ray Shelton, and

Christopher Burman Shelton; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters Connie Lovern and Vicky Caldwell; and brothers, Russell Caldwell and Jeff Caldwell.

A funeral service will be held today, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A TEMPORARY WAIVER OF TARIFF PROVISIONS BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION CASE NO. PUR-2020-00057

On August 13, 2021, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or "Company") filed a Motion with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a temporary waiver of the requirement in the Company's Tariff that states that "no Customer shall receive two estimated bills in succession." Atmos Energy requested a waiver of this requirement until the end of the calendar year so that it can follow social distancing guidelines and reduce the community spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, and protect the health and safety of its employees and customers. Additionally, granting the waiver until the end of the calendar year should allow Atmos Energy to complete its transition to wireless meter reading devices (which enable the Company to obtain meter readings wirelessly without being physically present at a customer's premises) in the Company's service territory. The Commission previously granted a similar temporary waiver of this tariff requirement on April 3, 2020.

On September 1, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Granting Waiver in which it granted Atmos Energy's request for a temporary waiver. The Order Granting Waiver states that the temporary waiver "is granted until the end of calendar year 2021."

Copies of Atmos Energy's Petition and the Commission's Order Granting Waiver may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail or e-mail to counsel for the Company, James G. Ritter, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, ritterj@HuntonAK.com. The Company may provide the documents by electronic means. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies of the Petition and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Further, copies of the Commission's Order Granting Waiver may be obtained at the Company's website: <https://www.atmosenergy.com/utility-operationsrates/tariffs-virginia/virginia>.

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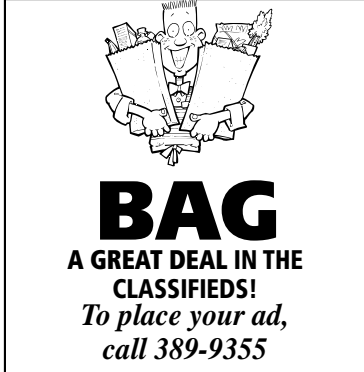
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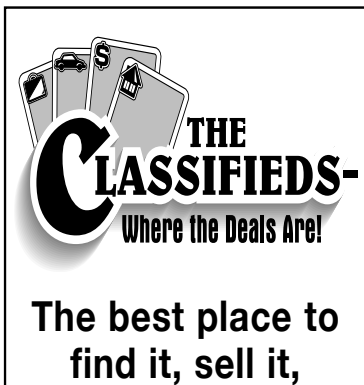
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DER WORK – Weather permitting, crews will remove and clear brush and work on shoulders and slopes along I-77 northbound and southbound from mile marker 17 to 14 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

ROANOKE CITY ROUTE 460 (ORANGE AVENUE) INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – Intersection improvements on Orange Avenue and Hollins Road are underway. Turn lanes will be extended on Orange Avenue and the traffic signal will be replaced at the intersection. Hollins Road will be widened from Orange Avenue to McDowell Avenue. Flaggers may be in place to direct traffic at the intersection of Orange and Hollins during daytime hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All previous lane closures have been removed. Any future closures will be temporary and will be in place during nighttime hours. Estimated completion is October 2021.

ROANOKE COUNTY ROUTE 220 SLOPE REPAIRS TO BEGIN IN ROANOKE COUNTY NEAR CROSSBOW CIRCLE INTERSECTION – Work to repair a slope along southbound Route 220 just south of its intersection with Route 1290 (Crossbow Circle) in Roanoke County is set to begin within the next few weeks. Heavy rains in recent years have caused debris and soil along this slope to move. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on Crossbow Circle when construction equipment is being moved into the site. A shoulder closure along southbound Route

220 will be installed in the months ahead as work progresses. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed fall 2021.

ROUTE 11 & ROUTE 117 INTERSECTION: PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS – Construction has begun on a pedestrian improvement project on Route 11 (Williamson Road). Work will take place .45 miles south of the intersection with Route 117 (Peters Creek Road) and will end at the intersection. The majority of the construction, phase one and two, will take place during daytime hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The southbound lane of Williamson Road will be closed and traffic will be shifted into the center turn lane. The northbound lane will remain open. In addition, left turns will not be permitted into entrances from both southbound and northbound lanes within the work zone on Williamson Road. This pattern will remain in place through the first two phases of the project. During the third phase of the project, work will be performed with lane closures in place during night hours only, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Shoulder closures will be in place throughout the project with message boards to alert drivers. Expected to be completed in December 2021.

TRAFFIC SHIFT: Southbound traffic within the work zone on Williamson Road, south of the intersection with Peters Creek Road, will be shifted through the center lane during the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

ROUTE 11 NORTH (ROUTE 460 EAST) WEST MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT – Work is underway installing

sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements on Route 11 North (Route 460 East). The location begins 0.012 mile east of the intersection with Technology Drive and will extend to the intersection with Route 643 (Garman Ave/Alleghany Drive). Lane closures and flagging operations are possible, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with limited closures allowed after 6 p.m. Expected completion is December 2021.

ROUTE 419 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – Work for improvements on Route 419/Electric Road between Ogden Road and the Route 220 Expressway at Tanglewood Mall is underway. The work includes constructing a third lane along Southbound Route 419/Electric Road between Ogden Road and the Route 220 Expressway on ramp. There will be crosswalks added with pedestrian signals and modifications to the existing traffic signals. Sidewalks will be constructed along Northbound Route 419 and along Southbound Route 419 between Ogden Road and South Peak Drive. There will be new surface pavement placed and the pavement markings will be redone. The contractor continues to perform storm sewer and waterline pipe installation. Estimated completion is fall 2021.

Daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and nighttime hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. will be in place for possible lane and shoulder closures.

A water main is being installed across Route 419. A single lane closure is in place in the eastbound and westbound lanes during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursdays. Paving of business entrances may occur during these

nighttime hours as well.

ROUTE 220 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER BACK CREEK – Work to replace the existing bridge over Back Creek is under construction. The bridge is near the intersection of Route 657 (Crowell Gap Road and Winter Drive). There will be periodic left lane closures between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Route 220 southbound and northbound between Route 676 and Route 715. Route 220 southbound left shoulder will remain closed during this stage. Southbound traffic is on the newly constructed section of the bridge. The existing southbound bridge is being removed. Estimated project completion is fall 2021.

CROSSOVER CLOSED: The Route 220 crossover at Crowell Gap Road and Winter Drive is closed and no left turns will be allowed during this stage.

LANE CLOSURE: There will be periodic left lane closures on Route 220 south and northbound between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. between Route 676 and Route 715.

BEDFORD COUNTY ROUTE 460 S-CURVE REALIGNMENT – Work has begun to realign 1.4 miles of the eastbound lanes of Route 460 in Bedford County near Montvale, about eight miles west of Bedford and approximately 2.3 miles east of Montvale. Eastbound and westbound Route 460 is reduced to one lane. Drivers can expect the speed limit in both directions of Route 460 to be reduced to 45 mph. In addition, there will be alternating long-term, single lane closures on westbound and eastbound Route 460. Message boards will be posted to alert drivers of upcoming lane closures and traffic pattern changes. Completion is expected in summer 2022.

TRAFFIC SWITCH: Drivers can expect a new traffic pattern. Route 460 will be reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes. A median barrier will be installed to separate opposing lanes of traffic. The eastbound lanes of Route 460 will be closed. The lane width will be 11' wide and barrier wall will be set at 14' wide. This traffic switch is scheduled to be in place through late spring 2022 but efforts will be made to complete this portion of the project earlier if possible.

In addition, the Route 726 (Wilkinson Mill Road) intersection with eastbound Route 460 will also be closed. Drivers on Wilkinson Mill Road will be detoured to use Route 692 (Quarterwood Road) to access eastbound or westbound Route 460. This change will affect Misty Ridge residents.

ROUTE 460 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – Con-

struction is underway on a safety improvement project on Route 460 from Route 741 (Beale Trail Road) to Route 689 (Johnson School Road). Lane closures will be in place. This project includes shoulder widening, rumble strips and guardrail replacement or upgrade. Work will be performed Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers should expect short-term stationary lane closures. The completion date is scheduled for fall 2021.

ROUTE 122 UTILITY WORK – MMI will be installing fiber optic along 122 from the Franklin County line to the Town of Bedford line and Route 460 eastbound from the Town of Bedford to Alum Springs Road. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulder or lane closures for travel in both directions. Intermittent slow rolls will be required for periods lasting no longer than 15 minutes.

ROUTE 746 CLOSURE OVER GOOSE CREEK – A section of Route 746 (Dickerson Mill Road) is closed to install a superstructure over Goose Creek. The closure is located 0.6 mile south of Route 691 (Robertson Road) and 6 miles north of Route 24. There will be a marked detour in place. The road is scheduled to be closed until December 2021.

ROUTE 644 (LANKFORD MILL ROAD) CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Route 644 (Lankford Mill Road) remains closed for a bridge replacement project over Big Otter River. This closure is located 0.01 mile east of Route 673 (Benchmark Lane) and 0.50 mile west of Route 675 (Lizard Ridge Road). A nine mile detour remains in place so drivers should expect delays in travel times and plan accordingly. The project is expected to be completed in October 2021.

ROUTE 622 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Work to replace the bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railway on Route 622 (Everett Road) is underway. The bridge is closed. The closure is located 0.48 mile north of Route 1329 (West Crossing Drive) and 1.06 miles south of Route 646 (Gladden Circle). Since work is over the railway, strict requirements require work is stopped for passage of trains during work hours for safety purposes. A signed detour will be in place. Drivers traveling from the south end of the bridge will use Route 811 (Thomas Jefferson Road) to Route 221 South (Forest Road) to Route 646 (Gladden Circle) to Route 622 (Everett Road). Drivers traveling north will use Route 646 (Gladden Circle) to Route 221 North (Forest Road) to Route 811 (Thomas Jefferson Road) back to Route 622 (Everett Road). The road is scheduled to be closed until May 2022.

ROUTE 122 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER BIG OTTER RIVER – Construction is underway for a bridge replacement on Route 122 over Big Otter River. The bridge is located from 0.232 mile south of the intersection at Route

640 to 0.072 mile north of the intersection at Route 640. Drivers can expect both lanes of traffic to remain open during most of the bridge's construction. Occasional short-term lane closures with flagging operations may be in place to construct portions of the new bridge. The completion date is scheduled for June 2022.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

ROUTE 220 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN EAGLE ROCK – The project is underway. Flagging operations will be in place on Route 220, north and southbound lanes between Eagle Rock and Iron Gate, seven days per week, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Speed limit is reduced to 45 mph throughout the project and may be reduced to 35 miles per hour just south of Route 622 (Prices Bluff Road) and just north of Route 722 (Chatham Road). No wide loads are permitted through the area. Drivers are cautioned to slow down and pay close attention through the work zone due to curves and minimal site distance. Drivers should watch for signs. Work is estimated to be completed fall 2021.

TRAFFIC SWITCH: Traffic is shifted to the new pavement on southbound Route 220 just north of South Chatham. Traffic will now be utilizing the southbound lane that includes a portion of the new alignment. Message boards will update traffic.

FLAGGING OPERATIONS:

24-hour a day, 7-days a week flagging operations are in place throughout the project. Multiple traffic shifts between Route 722 (Chatham Road south) and Route 696 (Locust Bottom Road/Buhrman Road).

Flagger operations will be in place periodically from Route 43 (Narrow Passage Road) to Route 694 (Gala Loop South), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., until further notice.

CARROLL COUNTY

ROUTE 703 BRIDGE CLOSURE – Route 703 (Gardner's Road) is closed for a bridge maintenance project over Little Reed Island Creek located 0.45 miles from Route 959 and 0.55 miles from Route 960. Detours will be in place and signs will be posted to assist drivers in the area. The road is scheduled to reopen on Sept. 17, 2021.

ROUTE 58W Bridge Replacement – Beginning in early September, work will begin to replace the bridge on Route 58W over Crooked Creek. The bridge is located between the intersections with Route 822 (Fieldview Road) and Route 887 (Glendale Road). Initially, the project will focus on constructing crossovers between the above-mentioned intersections with intermittent and temporary single lane closures in place. Once the crossovers are complete, Route 58W will be temporarily detoured through the left lane of Route 58E, limiting travel in each direction to a single lane. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2022.



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RADFORD SPORTS

Knights Crossing cross-country meet



Radford's Angie Lin led the Bobcats with a 31st-place finish in the girls Red race at Knights Crossing.



Radford sophomore Addie Tapp finishes in the Red race at Knights Crossing.



Radford's Cyrus Hartig placed 20th in the boys Red race at Knights Crossing with a time of 16:37.8.



Radford senior Kellen Bishop placed 83rd at Knights Crossing (17:50.3).

No. 19 Virginia Tech beats Middle Tennessee 35-14

Raheem Blackshear rushed for two touchdowns to lead No. 19 Virginia Tech to a 35-14 victory over Middle Tennessee Saturday.

The Hokies (2-0) scored on their first three possessions of the second half, including back-to-back touchdowns by Blackshear in a game they led 14-7 at halftime.

Virginia Tech broke open the game when Jalen Holston scored on a 29-yard, third-quarter run to take a 21-7 lead. Blackshear, who rushed for 58 yards, then scored on runs of 6 yards and 1 yard on ensuing possessions to help the Hokies build a 35-7 cushion.

Braxton Burmeister threw for 142 yards and a score for Virginia Tech, which finished with 375 total yards.

Bailey Hockman threw for 207 yards and a score to lead the Blue Raiders (1-1),

who had 349 total yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

The Hokies avoided a letdown after a big upset of then-No. 10 North Carolina in their season opener, using a balanced attack and good defense in a methodical win over the Blue Raiders. Tech will receive a much stiffer test next Saturday with a road game at rival West Virginia, the Hokies' first road test of the season. The Hokies and Mountaineers have faced each other just once in the past 16 seasons.

Individual game tickets for Tech's remaining home games are available starting at \$45.

GAME STATS

Total Yards: MT 349 VT 383
 Passing Yards: MT 283 VT 159
 Rushing Yards: MT 66 VT 224

Penalty Yards: MT 6-52 VT 3-26
 First Downs: MT 20 VT 24
 Third Downs: MT 7-16 VT 7-12
 Fourth Downs: MT 2-3 VT 1-1
 Possession Time: MT 31:33 VT 28:27

HOW THEY SCORED

FIRST QUARTER
 Virginia Tech: 00:19, Tayvion Robinson, 6-yard pass from Braxton Burmeister; John Parker Romo kick; 15 plays, 92 yards, time of possession 07:36. 7-0.

SECOND QUARTER

Virginia Tech: 08:55, Connor Blumrick, 2-yard run; John Parker Romo kick; nine plays, 35 yards, time of possession 4:04. 14-0.

Middle Tennessee: 05:17, C.J. Windham, 5-yard pass from Bailey Hockman; Zeke Ranklin kick; 11 plays, 75



Running back Raheem Blackshear scored two touchdowns in Tech's 35-14 win over Middle Tennessee State Saturday.

yards, time of possession 3:38. 14-7.

THIRD QUARTER

Virginia Tech: 07:51, Jalen Holston, 29-yard run, John Parker Romo, kick; six plays, 93 yards; time of possession 2:54. 21-7.

Virginia Tech: 03:16, Ra-

heem Blackshear, six-yard run, John Parker Romo, kick; five plays, 31 yards. Time of possession 2:09. 28-7.

FOURTH QUARTER

Virginia Tech: 11:27, Raheem Blackshear, 1-yard run, John Parker Romo,

kick; seven plays, 70 yards, time of possession 1:46. 35-7.

Middle Tennessee: 0:27, Marquel Tinsley, six-yard pass from Chase Cunningham; Zeke Rankin, kick; 13 plays, 86 yards, time of possession 4:40. 35-14.

Hokies move up to No. 15 in AP poll



Following their 35-14 defeat of the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders Saturday, the Hokies moved up four spots to No. 15 in the Associated Press college football poll.

After a stunning upset of third-ranked Ohio State on the Buckeyes' home turf, the Oregon Ducks made the biggest jump of the week, moving from No. 12 to No. 4.

The poll rankings were 1 Alabama 2. Georgia 3. Oklahoma 4. Oregon 5. Iowa 6. Clemson 7. Texas A&M 8. Cincinnati 9. Ohio State 10. Penn State 11. Florida (2-0) 12. Notre

Dame 13. UCLA 14. Iowa State 15. Virginia Tech 16. Coastal Carolina 17. Ole Miss 18. Wisconsin 19. Arizona State 20. Arkansas 21. North Carolina 22. Auburn 23. Brigham Young 24. Miami (Fla.) 25. Michigan.

Others receiving votes:

UCF 111, TCU 103, Liberty 52, Michigan State 44, USC 39, Indiana 34, LSU 31, Kansas State 30, Nevada 28, Oklahoma State 27, Texas 23, Maryland 14, Pittsburgh 13, Kentucky 13, Stanford 10, Utah 9, Boston College 8, Toledo 2, Arizona 2, Fresno State 2, Texas Tech 2, Army 1.

Former RU players sign pro contracts

Two former Radford University women's basketball players, Khiana Johnson (2016-20) and Lydia Rivers (2015-19), have signed professional contracts in Europe.

Johnson signed her first professional contract with the Phoenix Constanta in Romania while Rivers signed with Spirou Charleroi in Belgium, which will be her second season playing professionally.

"We are really excited to see Lydia and Khiana have the opportunities to play professionally overseas," commented women's basketball head coach Mike McGuire. "Both are very deserving, and we cannot wait to follow their progress this season."

Johnson recently wrapped up an impressive four-year career as a Highlander. She ranked in the top-ten in program history for games played (128), three-pointers attempted (383), three-pointers made (111), assists (358), field goals made (459), and points (1,256). Johnson was a part of the 2019 Big South tournament championship team as well as the 2016-17 and 2018-19 Big South regular season champion teams.



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Former Highlanders Khiana Johnson (left) and Lydia Rivers have signed professional contracts, Johnson with Romania's Phoenix Constanta and Rivers with Belgium's Spirou Charleroi.

"Khiana has waited patiently for an opportunity to play overseas," said McGuire. "I know the pandemic had an impact on her having an opportunity before this, but Khiana is ready. She loves basketball and loves to compete. She will be ready for this opportunity in Romania."

Rivers was a staple in Radford's offense and defense between the 2015 and 2019 seasons. Her 849 rebounds rank fifth in program his-

tory, and she is one of just 23 players to record over 500 rebounds in her career. Rivers was also a part of the 2019 Big South tournament championship team as well as the 2016-17 and 2018-19 Big South regular season champion teams.

"It's awesome to see Lydia continue her playing career," said McGuire. "Not only is she an exceptional athlete, she is a great person. She will bring much value and impact to her new team."

For RU's Hannah Moran, the journey to Radford was a journey back home

It didn't take long for Hannah Moran to ink her name in the Radford record books. 14 minutes and 11 seconds after the gun went off for her first race in a Highlander uniform, to be exact.

But it took much longer for Moran to complete her journey to that starting line. For Moran, to come to Radford was to come back home.

Moran grew up in Salem, and her large, tight-knit family still lives throughout the region. She grew up going to birthday parties at Bisset Park and visiting her grandparents in Christiansburg. Radford as a hometown may be new to Moran, but life in the area is far from it.

After high school, Moran made the trip to the University of Virginia. She was attracted by academics and became a terrific runner for the Cavaliers, but she admits that moving even that far from home was a challenge.

"My parents left me in Charlottesville a bawling mess," Moran said. After finishing her four years of undergraduate school, Moran knew she wanted to come closer to home. She has family ties to the university, including her father, who earned a graduate degree at Radford in the '90s.

In terms of location and familiarity, Radford checked all the boxes. The only question left to be answered was whether or not the team -- her family away from home -- would be the right fit. Moran credits the vision of head cross-country coach Sam Bradley with convincing her it would be.

"Her desire for a fresh start and supportive environment was something that we were able to offer Hannah, and in addition to being closer to her family and roots, it has provided an atmosphere in which Hannah can thrive and build upon the success she has already encountered in the sport," said Bradley.

Moran talks about the rest of the season in a way that wouldn't make you think she had just knocked 16 seconds off of a school record. Instead, she talks about the cohesiveness of the team and the goals they share together, led by coaches who have them believing in the good things to come. That sort of team-first attitude shows in the fact that the team is ranked in the Southeast Region for the first time in school history.

"Obviously we have our eye on the end of the season and the conference meet," Moran said, "but as Coach Bradley says, it takes a lot of small victories to put it all together." Her coaches echo Moran's sentiments about building towards something larger as a team.



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In her Radford uniform, Hannah Moran runs to victory at the recent Virginia Tech Invitational cross-country meet.

Moving from UVA to Radford wasn't necessarily expected, but for Hannah Moran the decision was never a difficult one. Her family means much to her, so coming home to Radford made sense.

Said Bradley, "Hannah immediately bought into the goals and targets of our program and will play a role in elevating the success of the women's cross-country and track and field programs."

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Justin Fuente named Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week

Virginia Tech head football coach Justin Fuente was selected last week as the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week presented by PNC Bank, the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year

Foundation and Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

The Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week award honors a football coach who led his team to a significant victory during the

previous week, while also embodying the award's three pillars of scholarship, leadership, and integrity.

Fuente and the Hokies secured a top-10 win on Sept. 3, defeating No. 10 North Carolina 17-10 in the season opener. The VT defense had six sacks, forced three interceptions, and limited the Tar Heels to only 10 points. Defensive back Chamarr Conner was named the ACC Defensive Back of the Week after leading Tech with eight tackles and producing the game-clinching interception. Quarterback Braxton Burmeister threw for a touchdown and contributed one on the ground to lead the Hokies on offense.

"This was a marquee victory to open the sea-

son and conference play for Coach Fuente and the Hokies," said Jim Terry, chairman of the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation.

"Coach Dodd would have admired such a dominating defensive performance against one of the nation's premier quarterbacks."

Fuente is now in his sixth season with the Hokies after being named the head coach at Virginia Tech in 2016. In his first year in Blacksburg, he led the Hokies to an ACC Coastal Division title and was named ACC Coach of the Year. Since Fuente arrived in Blacksburg, the only ACC schools with more wins over that span are Clemson (65) and Miami (40). His win over North Carolina marked

his sixth victory against a top-25 opponent as head coach of the Hokies and improved his record against the Tar Heels to 5-1.

Off the football field, Fuente has led the Hokies to an impressive Academic Progress Rate of 958 in the classroom. He also had six players named to the All-ACC Football Academic team last season. Center Brock Hoffman has been nominated by Tech for the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, recognizing his exemplary track record of community service. Hoffman is also on the watch list for the Wuerffel Trophy, an award that honors a student-athlete's commitment to serving his community.

"Coach Fuente has been

a great leader during his time in Blacksburg, both on and off the field," said Gary Stokan, CEO and president of Peach Bowl, Inc. "His commitment to his players' academic excellence, along with his community involvement and the community service of his players, speaks volumes to the type of role model he truly is."

A panel consisting of all previous winners, national media, a member of the Dodd family, and a College Football Hall of Fame member will identify the final list of potential recipients at the conclusion of the 2021 season. The winner of the 2021 Dodd Trophy will be announced in Atlanta during the week of this year's Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.



In the wake of the Hokies' upset of No.-10 North Carolina on Sept. 3, VT head coach Justin Fuente was named the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week. The award honors a coach who led his team to a significant victory the previous week and embodies scholarship, leadership, and integrity.

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+/- 137.81 acres of land for sale, being offered in 3 tracts. The properties consist of wooded acreage, farmland, fenced pastures, Little River frontage, a spring branch, small ponds, a singlewide mobile home, and another home. Enjoy the convenient location in Riner between Floyd and Christiansburg. All three offerings will be offered individually with online bidding. Bidders wanting to purchase more than one offering will need to be the high bidder on all offerings desired. Each offering will remain open and displayed until bidding is complete on all 3 offerings. For example, if a bid is made on offering # 1, all offerings will be extended. Refer to information in bidder pack.

Preview Date – Saturday September 18th @ 10 AM

Offering # 1 – This property features +/- 19.23 Acres along with a +/- 2,120 sq. ft. home with 3 BR and 1 BA. Home has as shingle roof, vinyl siding, heat pump, and basement. Home was built in 1933. There is also a single wide mobile located on property. Home is located at 4643 Webbs Mill Road, Riner VA 24149. Back (eastern) boundary adjoins Offering # 2 and # 3. Refer to bidder pack for property maps. Earnest money deposit for offering # 1 is \$5,000.

Offering # 2 – +/- 19.02 Acres located on Grace Lane. The property has fencing and good building sites. Property would be good for farming or a country home with acreage with a short commute to Floyd, Christiansburg, I-81, Radford, and Blacksburg VA. There are a couple of small sheds and small pond on property. The single wide located at 233 Grace Lane, Riner VA is not for sale. Address could be helpful to locate this property because it is located on Offering # 2 and Offering # 3 border. Refer to maps for illustration. Offering # 2 western border adjoins Offering # 1 eastern border. Offering # 2 also adjoins Offering # 3. Earnest Money Deposit for Offering # 2 is \$10,000.

Offering # 3 – +/- 99.56 Acres located on Grace Lane. The property is mostly open has fencing and joins Little River. Access road is a shared road to single wide mobile home located at 233 Grace Lane, Riner VA not included in this sale. Single wide mobile has right of way access along western boundary of this tract. This land is mostly open, has a couple of sheds, small pond, and just under 1,800 feet of Little River Frontage. Property has been used for grazing and is great land for farming, and livestock. There are good building sites for anyone wanting a country home with farmland near Floyd VA, Christiansburg, Radford, Riner, Radford, and I-81. Offering # 3 western border adjoins Offering # 1 eastern border. Offering # 3 also adjoins offering # 2. Earnest Money Deposit for Offering # 3 is \$10,000.

Offering # 1 is a different owner from **Offering # 2** and **# 3**. In the event a bidder is purchasing multiple offerings, a separate contract will be required for Offering # 1.

Terms – 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Winning and confirmed bidder will be expected to pay Earnest Money Deposit and sign the real estate purchase contract on the day of sale. Close on or before November 15th 2021. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence and have the responsibility to review the contract prior to bidding. Download Bidder Information Pack at VaAuctionPro.com

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