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McHarg Elementary School expansion and renovation nears completion

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RADFORD – When school starts for the 2022-23 school year, the City of Radford’s youngest students will once again have a school to call their own, as the expansion and renovation project at McHarg Elementary School is nearing completion.

According to Radford City Schools Superintendent Robert Graham, the estimated completion date for the project is around May 5, leaving plenty of time for classrooms to be outfitted and finishing touches to be completed before school starts in August. The groundbreaking ceremony for the project was held Nov. 18, 2020 on the \$16.7 million project and it has taken a bit longer than expected. The COVID-19 pandemic affected supply chains, significantly altering the timeline. Graham said he is glad to be seeing the finish line.

“As hard as it has been to start and begin to finish this project during a pandemic, it is going to be a very special place for our students, staff and school community members,” said Graham.

Graham lists his top five

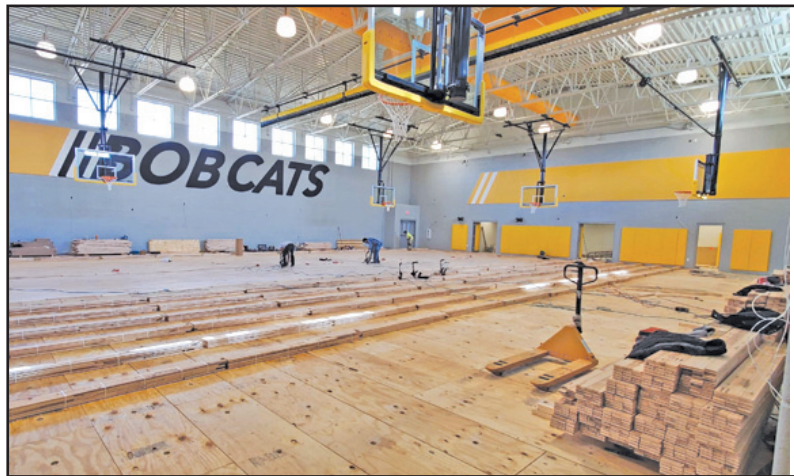


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The new gymnasium is one of the highlights of the newly expanded and renovated McHarg Elementary School. The project is expected to be substantially complete by May 5.

most exciting features of the new school as:

1. The new gymnasium.
2. The new kindergarten classrooms area.
3. The new second grade classroom area.
4. The new library and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) room area.
5. The newly renovated 21st Century classrooms.

“I am also excited for our community as the McHarg sleigh riding hill is now steeper

than it was before the project started,” he added. “Bring on the snow!”

The completion of McHarg School, which serves grades Pre-K through second, also means Belle Heth Elementary School students, who are in grades third through sixth, get their campus back to themselves. Fifth and sixth grade classrooms have been utilizing mobile classroom units for the past two school years to make enough classroom space for all the grade levels.

Radford University graduate programs recognized in U.S. News & World Report rankings

Several of Radford University’s graduate programs have been recognized by U.S. News & World Report with its 2023 U.S. News Best Graduate Schools rankings.

The Radford University graduate programs included in the 2023 ranking are the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.); the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), including the Family Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Administration programs offered at Radford University Carilion; Psychology, including the Clinical-Counseling Psychology (M.A., M.S.), Experimental Psychology (M.A.), Industrial-Organizational Psychology (M.A., M.S.), School Psychology (Ed.S.), and Counseling (Psy.D.) programs; Master of Social Work (M.S.W.); and Part-Time Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.).

“We are incredibly proud that Radford University continues to be recognized nationally as one of the leading destinations for students seeking to build upon their knowledge and expand the possibilities in their careers,” said Radford University Interim President Carolyn R. Lepre, Ph.D.

Radford University serves approximately 10,000 students with diverse academic offerings on the graduate level, including 28 master’s programs in 23 disciplines and six doctoral programs at the graduate level, as well as 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.

“The faculty and staff of these programs are committed to delivering academic excellence and helping Highlanders reach new levels of personal and professional success. This recognition acknowledges both their contributions and the impact on our student’s success,” Lepre said.

By collecting graduate school data annually, U.S. News & World Report is able to present the most current figures on enrollment, job placement, faculty, and other critical quality indicators that help prospective students make informed decisions.

To learn more about the U.S. News & World Report rankings and methodology, visit www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools.

Mark Lambert
Radford University

Virginia Tech’s Big Event a big help for Glencoe Mansion



On Saturday, April 9, a group of engineering students from Virginia Tech participating with The Big Event, the school’s day of service to the community, gave of their time to help Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery. The students helped with the daunting task of cleaning the museum’s enormous window. In the process they also learned about the history of the area.



The solar panel field at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center is generating energy for the hospital and revenue from excess power.

Solar panel field at Carilion NRV Medical Center generates energy and revenue

Carilion New River Valley Medical Center’s (CNRV) 4,000-panel solar tracking system is now bringing earnings in addition to energy savings to the Carilion system.

This March, Sara Wohlford, Efficiency and Sustainability director for Carilion, and Scott Blankenship, CNRV Facilities director, were presented with a check for \$105,644, for the sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits from Secure Futures LLC at an event highlighting Carilion’s commitment to the advancement of sustainability policies.

“The solar array at CNRV continues to produce energy above projected capacity,” said Blankenship. “In addition to reducing our demand for electric power from the grid and lowering the hospital’s energy bills, we will use the funds generated from the sale of the SRECs to reinvest in sustainability projects such as LED lighting upgrades.”

SREC credits are given out based on how much energy is produced; one SREC is generated for every megawatt-hour (MWh) or 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of solar electricity that a solar panel system produces. So far, CNRV has earned a total of \$113,633 from the sales of SRECs and has reduced Carilion’s carbon dioxide emissions by 5,368 metric tons.

“We’re happy to have worked with Carilion Clinic to build and operate the CNRV solar array,” said Anthony Smith, president of Secure Futures. “Selling the Solar Renewable Energy Credits lowers Carilion’s cost of power,

and hosting a solar energy system that sends clean power onto the electric grid for other utility customers to use is proof of Carilion’s commitment to serve its communities.”

Carilion purchases services from Staunton-based solar company Secure Futures, LLC, which finances, owns, operates, and maintains the array. The panels, which first became operational in Dec. 2017, were installed on farmland adjacent to the hospital. The property is actively maintained by a local sheep farmer and his herd, which helps increase the economic output of the land while eliminating the use of gasoline and fossil fuels to mow the area.

In total, the system is anticipated to generate an estimated \$1.5 million in savings over 20 years and to significantly reduce the facility’s carbon footprint. The project was supported by The U.S. Department of Agriculture with a \$500,000 grant from the Rural Energy for America Program. It also contributed to Carilion’s Efficiency and Sustainability Program, winning a 2019 Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award. The award recognizes innovative projects with significant environmental contributions in four categories: sustainability program, environmental project, land conservation, and implementation of the Virginia Outdoors Plan.

“We are so excited about our investment in solar energy,” said Nancy Howell Agee, Carilion president and CEO. “It reduces operational

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News Brief: Blacksburg police investigate shooting

On Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 1:48 a.m. Blacksburg police responded to the report of shots fired in the 300 block of Hunt Club Drive, Blacksburg.

A victim in the shooting suffered a gunshot wound and was treated and released from a local hospital. Officers emphasize no immediate threat to the community exists

while suspects remain at large. An active investigation continues.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the Blacksburg Police Department at (540) 443-1400 or to remain anonymous by calling the Blacksburg Police Tip Line at (540) 961-1819 or by emailing ciu@blacksburg.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through April 22:

Montgomery Chamber Best Places to Work Survey
Virginia Tech's Center for Economic and Community Engagement and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce are asking businesses to participate in the annual Best Places to Work survey. Chamber membership is not required, and the survey is open to all businesses in Montgomery County. The survey has two components, one for the employer and the other for employees. The top 20 Best Places to Work will be announced on May 18 at the Leadership in Changing Times and Best Places to Work Conference. This survey will be open only until April 22. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/lcbestplaces22>. Contact marketing@montgomerycc.org with any questions.

Now through April 23:

Blacksburg Fire Hydrant Flushing NE Quadrant
The Town of Blacksburg will be flushing fire hydrants in the Northeast Quadrant of town through April 23. Hydrant flushing can cause temporary pressure fluctuations and discolored water. These conditions will subside after the flushing is complete. For more information, call 540-443-1300.

Now through April 30:

Free prom dresses
By appointment only at the Meadowbrook Public Library, which has prom dresses of all sizes available for free to anyone in Montgomery County, Floyd County, and throughout the New River Valley. Call (540) 268-1964 to make an appointment to try on and choose a free prom dress.

Now through May 7:

Blacksburg Parks & Rec Toddler and Children Art Classes
Art & More for 2's S1
For 2-year-olds, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation administrative offices. Fee is \$42 for residents, \$52 for non-residents. This class will introduce toddlers to art in a semi-structured setting. The classes will consist of a variety of art projects, story time, and songs. Parent participation is required.

Art Smart S1
For three- and four-year olds at the Blacksburg Parks & Recreation administrative offices from 11 a.m. until noon. Fee is \$42 for residents, \$52 for non-residents.

Toddlers will be exposed to different media while learning how to use colors, shapes, patterns, and sizes. They will be encouraged to use imagination, expression, and communication through art. The emphasis will be on fun and social interaction.

Register online at www.blacksburg.gov/recreation, by phone 540-443-1140 or 540-443-1100, or in person at any Blacksburg Parks and Recreation facility.

Wednesday, April 20:

Loops group

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Attendees can bring their projects and join the library's loops group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Art Club: Recycled art
At the Christiansburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants will create a unique art piece out of recycled materials. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

MFRL Library Board of Trustees meeting
The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library.

Free GED classes with NRCC
At the Radford Public Library; 9 a.m. to noon. Free GED prep classes offered by New River Community College in the library's community room. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

Thursday, April 21:

"Still Upright and Headed Downstream" author's talk
At the Radford Public Library; 7 to 8 p.m. Author John Lane is an emeritus professor who taught creative writing and environmental studies at Wofford College. As an avid kayaker, he has written often about water and rivers. He will visit the library to discuss his new collection of poetry and prose, written over thirty-five years, about kayaking, rivers, and river people.

Talking About Books: "The Code Breaker"
At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed this month is "The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race" by Walter Isaacson, in-person and virtually.

Early birders with New River Land Trust
At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Join the New River Land Trust for a bird scavenger hunt and other bird-related activities.

Peep Houses
At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Build a cozy graham cracker home for little marshmallow Peeps. Registration is required. All ages.

Saturday, April 23:

Spring children's consignment sale
Blacksburg United Methodist Church (BUMC) will hold its semi-annual consignment sale of children's items at the Whisner Building of the main church campus, 111 Church St. from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Families can get great deals on gently used kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, games, movies, baby gear and accessories, sports equipment, maternity clothing, and more. Many items are like new (some are even brand new). Some items will be half price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit local charities. Due to contact with young children, masks will be required.

Bingo for All Ages
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1 p.m. An afternoon of free bingo with a variety of prizes at the library. For all ages and registration is required as space

is limited.

Craft Supply Swap
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Bring items in to swap with other crafters. The event is free and is open to everyone. All leftovers will go to benefit library craft programs and the Creative Reuse Center.

Sunday, April 24:

Chess Club
At the Blacksburg Library; 3 p.m. Ages 8 and up are welcome to come sharpen their chess skills. Supplies will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

Monday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 27:

Lifeguard instructor training
The Christiansburg Aquatic Center will offer lifeguard instructor training April 25-27. The schedule for Monday, April 25, is 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The schedule for Tuesday, April 26, is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the schedule for Wednesday, April 27, is 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The fee for the course is \$300. Persons interested in taking the course should contact Caroline Ratkus at cratkus@christiansburg.org.

Tuesday, April 26:

Radford University guitar ensemble concert
"African Influences" at the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center on Radford University's campus; 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 28:

IBLA grand prize performance concert
At the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center on Radford University's Campus; 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29:

"Dancing on the Edge"
In the Bondurant Auditorium on Radford University's Campus; 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$7; Children \$3.50; Students with RU ID admitted free. For tickets, visit www.radfordactivities.com or call 540-831-5420.

Saturday, April 30:

American Business Women's Association April Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg, 99 Bradley Dr. Christiansburg. Cost is \$14.25. Instead of hearing from a guest speaker this month, the association will use its time together to get to know one another better. RSVP by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

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Healthy Kids Day
From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the field and tennis courts between Cassell Coliseum and the YMCA Lancaster House on Washington St. SW in Blacksburg. The YMCA at Virginia Tech will celebrate Healthy Kids Day, a national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids. Healthy Kids Day is a free "summer kick-off" event consisting of music, games, healthy snacks, crafts, and educational activities for families. Local organizations will also be promoting various summer programs and activities that are perfect for kids.

Thursday, May 5:

Virginia Tech Forest Landowner Extravaganza
The College of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation will host the first-ever Forest Landowner Extravaganza from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The program begins with a catered lunch with speakers. After lunch, participants can choose from five opportunities. Transportation to off-campus sites will be provided. They are Preparing for Generation NEXT Legacy Planning (workshop); Tree Identification and Forest Ecology at Pandapas Pond (walking tour); Agroforestry Options at Catawba Sustainability Center (walking tour); Tour of Virginia Tech's Urban Forest (walking tour); or Ongoing Research and Innovations in Forest Products (workshop).

The extravaganza takes place concurrently with the Virginia Forestry Summit at the Inn at Virginia Tech May 3-5. The cost is \$10 for summit attendees, \$15 for others. Questions? Contact Jennifer Gagnon at 540-231-6391 or jgagnon@vt.edu.

American Legion Meeting
American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Tuesday, May 10:

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 invited to attend. Camp member James Evans will give a talk on the "CSS Hunley." For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Thursday, May 12:

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., in Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Ongoing

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Solar Panels

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expenses, producing savings that will ultimately help to reduce health care costs for our community. Hosting a solar array on our campus also makes clean energy available to other utility customers, which helps everybody benefit from solar power." At the time of the array's activation, CNRV was the first hospital in the

state to utilize a single-axis solar tracking system. The system allows panels to tilt from east to west throughout the day, following the journey of the sun to maximize efficiency. This innovative technology has allowed CNRV to produce 7,574,917 kWh of electricity, the equivalent electricity used to power 975 homes for one year.



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Agape to expand food bank operations in Christiansburg

The Agape Food Bank has served over 1,700 people here in the New River Valley in the past two years and expects the number to steadily increase this year. In anticipation of the new number, the group has purchased the former Montgomery County Public Schools Facility location at 1175 Cambria Street.

The school system moved its operations to the former Christiansburg Middle School site, thus placing it on the market earlier this year. Kim Bowman is the Director of the NRV Center. "We decided to purchase the school

property because of its ideal location. Also, there's enough space to expand our current services now and still have room for future growth," she said.

The group had been operating out of a rented space at New River Fellowship for the past two years and will now go from 9,500 sq. ft to right under 30,000.

Agape NRV is one of four centers in Virginia, owned by the Agape Center Corporation in Moneta, Virginia. The down payment on the property was funded by the corporation, but much more needs to be done.

As much as 40 percent of the local funding is provided by member church. Currently, 10 churches are a part of the NRV facility, but Bowman said a large renovation to the Cambria Street location will need additional monies. Approximately \$500,000 will have to be raised.

"The new facility will us to bring all our current services together in one location," said Bowman. "In addition to our food and diaper pantries, we will also have a clothing store, a furniture store, a household department and even a gift department for Christmas and birthday



PHOTO COURTESY OF AGAPE FOOD BANK

The Agape Food Bank of the New River Valley is moving to the former Montgomery County Public Schools Transportation facility on Cambria Street.

programs." She said one of the things the agency is most excited about is the addition of an intense 11-week program called "Getting Ahead Class," which is designed to lift people out of poverty. "It will also help them

to establish life skills that build a firm foundation," Bowman said. Agape currently offers a 12-step Celebrate Recovery program at its center. Donations can be made to the capital campaign at P.O. Box 1281,

Christiansburg, 24068. Last year, Agape NRV utilized 385 volunteers. In addition to more funding, there the need for volunteers will also grow. Those interested in volunteering can contact agapecenternrv@gmail.com

Christiansburg police seek suspect wanted in connection with vehicle reported stolen

The Christiansburg Police Department continues its search for an at-large suspect wanted in connection with a vehicle reported stolen on April 13 in Giles County.

The department's investigation began on Thursday, April 14, at approximately 10:02 a.m., when an officer conducted a routine traffic stop in the 2700 block of Roanoke Street for a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.

While the officer attempted to pull the vehicle over, the driver sped up and ran over a traffic sign. The driver then pulled into a parking lot where both the

driver and a passenger fled on foot. With help from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, police were able to arrest one suspect, Robert Joseph Franklin Smith, Jr., age 31 of Christiansburg.

Police were transporting Smith to the Montgomery County Magistrates Office when he began experiencing a medical emergency. Christiansburg Rescue was called and arrived on the scene in under 30 seconds. Smith was transported to Lewis-Gale Montgomery Regional Hospital, but no updates on his medical status had been released as of Monday morning.

Charges are pending. Police are continuing their search for the second suspect, identified as a white male with tattoos, last seen wearing jeans but no shirt or shoes. Law enforcement deployed both K9 tracking units and drone units in an effort to locate the suspect, but he had not yet been located as of Monday morning.

During the department's investigation, police found that the vehicle the suspects were using was reported stolen in Giles County on Wednesday, April 13. Investigators believe the suspect at large may be armed. While no information indicates the

suspect poses a threat to the public, residents in neighborhoods along Roanoke Street near the top of Christiansburg Mountain are encouraged to keep their vehicles and residences locked, and be alert to any suspicious persons.

The investigation remains ongoing.

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Flowers connect Hokies to past tragedy

The sweet smell of a flower garden permeated the Saunders Hall lab space.

Stray green leaves and clipped flower stems rested on the floor. Throughout the lab, big white buckets held bunches of flowers: white roses and carnations, orange tulips, yellow daisies, purple statice, white snapdragons, and more.

Standing at a table, Juan Gonzalez cut stems and carefully pushed red double roses, white daisies, and orange tulips into a foam piece attached to a standing flower cage.

"Trust your gut," Gonzalez, a senior majoring in horticulture and a teaching assistant for Virginia Tech's floral design class, said as he painstakingly determined which flower looked best in each spot.

He and at least 10 students and other teaching assistants spent Wednesday afternoon arranging flowers of all shapes, colors, and sizes into standing memorial sprays. But this assignment was more than a class project.

The students' work will be placed at each of the 32 Hokie Stones at the April 16 Memorial on the Drillfield, which honors the Virginia Tech students and faculty who lost their lives on April 16, 2007.

This is the fourth year that the class has provided the flowers placed on the memorial each April 16. Along with the standing sprays, the class creates three wreaths and two altar pieces and provides single-stemmed flowers that families place on the stones.

Family Relations, within Virginia Tech Alumni Relations, receives requests for flower arrangements from families, who often specify the colors and flowers that they want in their respective displays. The office reports the orders to the floral de-



PHOTO BY CLARK DEHART FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Students in a Virginia Tech Floral Design class create flower arrangements for the April 16 Memorial on the Drillfield.

sign class, and students get to work, typically about five days before Day of Remembrance events held annually on April 16.

Barbara Leshyn, a senior instructor in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences who teaches the floral design course, said involving her students has helped them to better understand the tragedy.

"Everyone likes this partnership," Leshyn said. "These students were babies when this happened. It's a way to be involved and remember. It's Ut Prosim [That I May Serve] at its finest definition."

It's true for Gonzalez, who was 7 years old in 2007. Preparing the arrangements and, in particular, placing them at the memorial is a solemn activity for him.

"It becomes real," said Gonzalez, who has helped make the memorial arrangements for three years. "This is an important memorial."

The class includes 100 students and eight teaching assistants. Along with designing the flowers, the

students build the wire cages on which the flowers are placed.

The class and Leshyn also provide floral arrangements for other university events.

This year was Mary Bayer's first to arrange flowers for the memorial. As the Virginia Tech sophomore clipped and fitted peach double roses, yellow daisies, and purple statice into the display, she said she was nervous. She wanted to make sure the arrangement matched the family's wishes.

"It's an important event to have flowers for, and it's an honor to do," said Bayer, a hospitality and tourism management major who plans to work this summer in her aunt's New Jersey floral shop.

She lifted up her finished display and set it on the floor to check its appearance from a standing position. Bayer added a few more flowers to fill out the colorful design.

"It's Ut Prosim," she said. "You have to give when you can."

By Jenny Kincaid Boone

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Extensive, deliberate, and careful consideration was taken by engineers, soil scientists, developer, & APCO to ensure each lot within Grahams Pointe has great shoreline, road access, buildable areas, & dock permits, while preserving the lake view & private setting of the neighborhood and each individual lot.

The lots will be sold in five separate offerings. Bidders desiring more than one lot will need to be high bidder on all lots desired. Each offering will stay open until all bidding is complete and all offerings will close simultaneously.

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Is fishing on concrete a sign you've lost your mind?

Slim Randles
Home Country

It was just one of those things. It didn't really mean Marvin Pincus had lost his mind. Consider this yourself for a minute. Marvin had opened the mail that morning and in it was the Fenwick glass fly rod he'd ordered. Oh, it was used, of course. But there's a feel to a Fenwick that only a man dedicated to a life of using dry flies can appreciate.

Marvin had broken his ankle the previous week and was temporarily in a wheelchair. It was his right ankle, so he couldn't drive down to the creek. And there, in his hands, was the Fenwick. He put it together, attached a reel and some four-weight line and set it on the couch and looked at it.

Marjorie was off visiting her sister, so she couldn't help him. But there's a pull, an irresistible draw to a fly rod. He had to cast

it. Now.

It took Marvin about 20 minutes to negotiate the front steps with that wheelchair and the Fenwick. Finally, he negotiated the sidewalk and then the edge of the street itself.

Up came the Fenwick. A few swishes in the air told Marvin he'd done the right thing in ordering the rod. So he ran out some line and began casting. About halfway across the street was a large mulberry leaf. He

did a double haul on the line and sent the fly toward the leaf. It took several tries before he hit it, but when he made that cast, you could've sold tickets to it. His fly came to rest about three feet above the leaf and then fluttered gently down onto its target. Marvin's smile said it all.

Then the school bus came around the corner full of kids heading home, and Marvin realized he was casting a fly rod from a wheelchair onto dry

pavement.

"Hi Mr. Pincus!" yelled one of the kids. "Catch anything?"

"A little slow today, Billy," he yelled back.

"Isn't it hard to catch fish without water?" Billy yelled.

"It's okay, son," Marvin said with a grin. "I'm using a dry fly!"

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Virginia's individual income tax filing and payment deadline is May 2

Virginia Tax is reminding taxpayers in Virginia that they have until Monday, May 2, 2022, to submit their returns.

"This year, the Virginia filing deadline falls on the first business day after Sunday, May 1," said Tax Commissioner Craig M. Burns. "We are, as always, encouraging taxpayers to file electronically and request a re-

fund, if they have one coming, via direct deposit."

Electronically filed returns are typically processed within two weeks while mailed returns may take up to eight weeks or longer to process.

Here is some other important information taxpayers should keep in mind:

No penalties or interest will

apply so long as a return is filed and full payment is made by the deadline.

Taxpayers are eligible to file their taxes for free if their income was \$73,000 or less in 2021.

If taxpayers miss the filing deadline, Virginia has an automatic, 6-month filing extension. No application is re-

quired. Taxpayers still need to pay any taxes owed on time to avoid additional penalties and interest.

Taxpayers who do need to make a payment have several easy-to-use options available including online, directly from their bank account; check or money order; and credit or debit card, both of which incur

an additional fee.

For secure, online self-service, taxpayers can create and log onto an online individual account. This allows taxpayers to track their return or refund. They can also check the status of their refund by calling 804.367.2486, or using the Where's My Refund application on the Virginia Tax website.

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Financial Focus: Health Saving Account (HSA), a healthy way to save for retirement

Many expenses in life are unpredictable, but there are two things we know we'll have to pay for: medical bills and retirement. Everyone probably needs to take a variety of steps to meet these costs, but one financial instrument that can help is a health savings account (HSA).

Here are the basics about an HSA:

Eligibility – Persons enrolled in a qualified high-deductible health plan (HDHP) can generally contribute to an HSA. HSAs are typically offered through employers, but workers can still open one even if the employer doesn't provide it. Those who are self-employed can also open one, though they must have HDHP coverage. They also can't be enrolled in another health insurance plan, other than those permitted, such as dental, vision, long-term care and disability insurance, and they can't be enrolled in Medicare. Also, employees can't be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

Contribution limits – In 2022, employees or the self-employed can put in up to \$3,650 to an HSA with single coverage, or \$7,300 for family coverage. Those who are 55 or older can put in an extra \$1,000 per year.

Tax benefits – An HSA has triple

tax advantages: The contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, so they can reduce the taxable income for the year; the earnings grow tax-free; and the withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified medical expenses. (Withdrawals taken before age 65 that aren't used for qualified medical expenses are taxable and are subject to a 20% penalty. Once a participant reaches 65, the penalty no longer applies, although withdrawals are still taxable.)

In addition to providing tax benefits, an HSA can help participants in other ways. Perhaps most significantly, the HSA can be an additional financial resource for retirement. That's because the money in the HSA can be carried over from year to year. Participants aren't obligated to "use it or lose it." So, the money not spent on annual medical expenses can continue to grow tax-deferred. Plus, an HSA is "portable." It moves with the participants when they leave a job.

Furthermore, unlike a 401(k) or a traditional IRA, an HSA does not require participants to begin taking withdrawals once they reach 72. They can leave the account untouched for essentially as long as

they'd like. And while participants may need to use their HSA funds to meet their medical expenses in retirement – which can be considerable, even with Medicare – they can use what they don't spend on medical costs for their other needs without penalty, once they reach age 65. (As mentioned above, any HSA withdrawals not used for qualified medical costs are taxable.)

Here's one other point to keep in mind: The HSA likely contains investment options, along with a cash account. If participants put all their funds in the cash account, as many people do, they might be depriving themselves of the growth opportunities provided by the investment options. On the other hand, of course, these investments generally carry more risk. One possible way to benefit from both parts of an HSA is to keep enough cash to cover the health insurance's out-of-pocket maximum and invest the rest.

An HSA can help participants in numerous ways. Those who have access to one should consider taking advantage of it.

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Virginia's gas prices fell another 4.5 cents per gallon last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 4.5 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.93/g Monday, April 18, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 19.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago but stand \$1.22/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.41/g Monday, April 18, while the most expensive was \$5.49/g, a difference of \$2.08/g.

The national average price of gasoline fell 3.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.06/g April 18. The national average is down 21.1 cents per gallon from a month ago but stands \$1.21/g higher than a year ago, according to

GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"We've now seen the national average price of gasoline decline every week for the last month, a feat we most likely would not have expected ahead of summer and given the continued turns in Russia's war on Ukraine," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "However, the downturn could slow or could even reverse in the days ahead if the rally in oil prices continues. A barrel of crude is now \$14 higher than it was last week, as the European Union weighs placing harsher sanctions on Russia. This could further tilt the delicate

balance of supply and demand in the wrong way, potentially sending oil prices up significantly if implemented. The path forward at the pump remains murky, however, with many possible outcomes, so motorists should be prepared for a bumpy ride," said De Haan.

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data are accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Suki is a sweet, friendly gal with special needs. She would do best in a home where she can take it easy. She may also need to be the only pet in the home. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this pawsome gal.



Need a hiking buddy or a partner for the great outdoors? Sophie says, "Pick me! Pick me!" She's a sweet older dog who loves exploring and checking out the world. She does well on a leash and enjoys attention and affection. Her adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control.

OBITUARIES

Brogan, Shelby Bell Bane

Shelby Bell Bane Brogan, 82, of Radford, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

She was a member of East Radford Church of God.

Shelby was preceded in death by her parents, Carl William and Agnes Brunk Bane; her husband, James Earl Brogan; four brothers and one sister; and a son-in-law, Richard Green.

Survivors include her daughter, Debra Jean Green; sons Randy Wayne Brogan and Ricky Lee Brogan; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters



Barbara Giles and Reba Blevins; brothers Charlie Bane and Lewis Bane; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services followed with the Rev. Wayne Poston officiating. Interment was private in the Hickman Cemetery in

Radford.

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

Harmon, Crystal La'Shawn

Crystal La'Shawn Harmon passed away peacefully surrounded by her closest family at her bedside in Winston Salem, N.C. on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Crystal left only in soul on the 7th as she was able to live on by donating her organs and giving life to others on April 9, 2022.

Crystal was born in Radford to the late Jamma James and Howard Baldwin. She was always a princess to the late Leander Lee Lewis, Jr.

Left to cherish and celebrate Crystal's life is her only child, Infinity Harmon. She is also survived by two brothers, Garryl "Jay" Jones and Randal "ES" Stigger; a sister, Danetta Claytor; other special family and friends; and a host of nieces



and nephews.

Crystal loved to travel and adored her family. She loved to spend time shopping with her daughter Infinity, and spoiling her nieces and nephews. She was the best Kool-Aid maker ever and she had even ventured out in cooking. Crystal was a lover and truly cared for the ones she loved. She will be truly missed.

Memorial services will be held today, Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 1 p.m. at New Mount Olive United Methodist Church in Radford.

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

www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Pennow, Russell James

Russell James Pennow, 99, of Radford, passed away Friday, April 15, 2022.

He was retired from AT&T and was a past member of the Woods Church of the Nazarene in Warren, Mich.

Russell was a U.S. Army veteran having served during WWII. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lizzie Pennow; his wife, Constance Lillian Pennow; a brother, Walter Pennow; and a sister, Betty Pennow.



Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Lorraine Pennow of Poquoson, and Dale and Nancy Pennow of Snowville; grandchildren Nicholas Pennow and Amy, and Michelle Pennow and Michael; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be private with burial in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery.

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

Vaught, Jane Ellen

Jane Ellen Vaught (Rodden), 75, passed away, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Piedmont Mountain-side Hospital in Jasper, Ga., after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Vaught was born December 30, 1946, in Norfolk, Va. the daughter of the late James Rodden and Ellen Noreen Metzger (Berrman).

Jane worked as a weaver at New River Industries in Radford for over 25 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William "Joby" Vaught of Pembroke; her son, David Scott Bryant; her brothers, James,



Herman, and David Rodden; and her sister, Mary Anna Phillips (Rodden).

Jane is survived by her sons, LTC (Retired) James W. Bryant, Jr. (Jene) of Talking Rock, Ga., and John R. Bryant of Holtwood, Penn.; her grandchildren, Eleina, Hunter and Brayden Bryant and Johnathan, William, Taylor and Karenia Bryant and Jessica Miller; and her great-grandchildren, John and Jesslynn Hensel.

A memorial viewing will be held, Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Chapel at Highland Memorial Gardens in Dublin.

Legal Notice

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION,
FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL CONTRACT
PURSUANT TO § 56 235.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2022-00043

On March 11, 2022, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to § 56 235.2 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules for Filing an Application to Provide Electric and Gas Service Under a Special Rate, Contract or Incentive, requesting expedited approval of a special contract for gas transportation service to Blue Star Manufacturing, LLC and Blue Star NBR, LLC (jointly, "Blue Star").

In support of its Application, the Company states that effective January 27, 2022, Atmos and Blue Star entered into a "System Expansion and Interruptible Transportation Service Agreement" ("Contract") to construct a system expansion and transport gas to Blue Star's industrial facility under construction in Wytheville, Virginia. Atmos states that Blue Star's manufacturing facility and gas service requirements require a system expansion by Atmos to serve this facility. The Company states that as part of this system expansion, Atmos was able to negotiate system expansion and transportation service conditions with Blue Star that include a minimum margin requirement, which is to protect Atmos and its current customers in the unlikely event that Blue Star's future usage falls short of expectations and ends up being insufficient to justify the investment in the system. Atmos states that while Blue Star will be paying tariffed rates, the minimum margin requirement is not specifically contemplated in the Company's tariff. Accordingly, Atmos is submitting this agreement for approval as a special contract.

Atmos states that no customers would be prejudiced by the Commission approving the arrangement with Blue Star and approving the Contract. The Company states that Blue Star will be a high-volume customer that brings significant economic benefits to the region; Blue Star will be paying tariffed rates; and the minimum margin requirement in the Contract will protect other customers should Blue Star's usage fall short. Atmos states that pursuant to the terms of the Contract, the Company is only required to construct a system expansion in order to transport and redeliver confirmed quantities of gas that it receives into its system for Blue Star, and as such, reliable service to other customers will not be jeopardized by providing service to Blue Star.

In support of its request for expedited approval, the Company states that since Blue Star expects to be operational in or around August 2022, Atmos has already begun work on the system expansion in order to meet Blue Star's operational requirements. Atmos further states that the only item in the Contract for which the Company seeks Commission approval that is not already covered by the Company's existing tariffs is the provision implementing a minimum margin requirement.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, ordered the Company to provide notice of its Application and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment and/or request a hearing on the Company's Application.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice. Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

A copy of the public version of the Application may be obtained, at no charge, by requesting it in writing from the Company's counsel, Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, and James G. Ritter, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 E. Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, tbiller@huntonak.com, ritterj@huntonak.com. A public version of the Application and related documents may be downloaded from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case%20Information).

On or before May 6, 2022, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission by following the instructions on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit Public Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit%20Public%20Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00043.

On or before May 6, 2022, any interested person or entity may file a request for a hearing on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such request for hearing shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00043. Persons filing a request for hearing shall serve a copy of their request upon the Company's counsel at the address set forth above.

On or before May 6, 2022, any interested person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00043.

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

VT forestry students create management plan for AD Whit Babcock's family farm



Virginia Tech Athletic Director Whit Babcock, at far left, and the College of Natural Resources and Environment students who are completing a forest management plan for his family farm, from left, Mitchell Parvin, Ben Stauffer, and Hunter Varner. Photo by Krista Timney for Virginia Tech.

When envisioning the future of his 170-acre historic family farm in Concord, Va., Hokie Athletic Director Whit Babcock knew just where to turn for expertise: Virginia Tech forestry students.

Three seniors in the College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE) are spending their final semester creating a forest management plan for Babcock's farm as part of their culminating experience, a capstone course called Integrated Forest Management Practicum. The course is a hands-on final test of skills developed throughout four years in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation.

"I'm beyond excited to have the opportunity to partner with Whit Babcock for the capstone project," said Hunter Varner, a senior from Stanley, Va., who has a job with Dominion Energy as a distribution forester after graduation. "It's surreal to

work with such a well-known figure within the Virginia Tech community."

The partnership formed over the course of a casual discussion between Babcock and CNRE Dean Paul M. Winistorfer. After Babcock mentioned that he had recently inherited the fourth-generation family farm, Winistorfer volunteered the forestry capstone students to provide professional consultation.

"I think it's wonderful. It makes me proud," Babcock said. "It means more to have Virginia Tech involved. This is my school, and hopefully it's giving the students some real-world experience."

The land holds a special place in Babcock's heart. It's been in the family ever since his great-great-grandparents built a farmhouse and sawmill there in the 1880s. He has fond memories of hunting and fishing there as a child, as well as

seeing generations of pine forests planted and harvested — including one stand that paid for his college education.

Babcock hopes the students will help him "gain a better understanding" of the property, "to preserve it as a place to go, to work the land, and have it to pass on to my kids one day." He also said, "I hope the students get something out of it, too."

The capstone students gain the invaluable experience of working with real-life "clients" to synthesize four years of learning into a professional forest management plan, said Scott Barrett, associate professor and extension specialist, who leads the class.

"Many of the students will go on to work as professional foresters, and many foresters will write management plans as part of their job," Barrett said. "This helps the students prepare for future careers while integrating the skills they have

learned in their other discipline courses."

Babcock's partnership with the students kicked off during a February Zoom meeting where he outlined objectives for the property including promoting wildlife habitats, developing a timeline for growing and selling timber, and preserving keystone hardwood species such as oak. He also asked the students to explore suitable locations for building a possible future retirement home.

The student team has spent the past weeks documenting all 170 acres by dividing the property into "stands" — areas of similar tree species and age — and conducting a detailed field inventory of each stand.

"We collect data including tree species, height, diameter, age, hydrologic features, and site quality index, to name a few," said Mitchell Parvin, a senior from Floyd County who will work at Weyerhaeuser in

Georgia after graduation. "We then input the information into data tables and growth modeling software. This allows us to analyze the data and make an informed plan to manage forest resources now and in the future."

In May, the team will present its management plans to the landowners, classmates, and other faculty in the department, along with a written plan.

"This experience has been a valuable exercise in professionalism and application," said Ben Stauffer, a senior from Catonsville, Md., who will practice arboriculture at Bartlett Tree Experts after graduation. "I've enjoyed using my knowledge to help a forest landowner achieve their goals and sustainably manage forested land."

"Getting to roam the woods with a couple friends to put together a final project has also been fun," Stauffer said.

Virginia Tech recognizes employees for 15,530 years of combined service

Virginia Tech has recognized more than 841 employees for their commitment to service and for exemplifying the university motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve). Collectively,

these employees have dedicated 15,530 years of service to the university.

Recognition events took place March 29 through April 14.

"Recognizing more than

15,000 years of service is remarkable, and so are the individuals we celebrate for reaching these notable milestones," said Virginia Tech President Tim Sands. "The dedication and commitment of our employees is the foundation of Virginia Tech's success."

"We owe so much to the loyalty and dedication of our employees," said Vice President for Human Resources Bryan Garey. "Virginia Tech benefits from their knowledge and the long tenure of service they provide. They are truly the backbone of Virginia Tech."

The service recognition program acknowledges employees' service to the university in five-year increments, beginning at 10

years. Of the employees recognized this year, 92 have served Virginia Tech for 35 years or more, representing more than 3,535 years of combined service.

Employees with 25 or more years of service received an etched Hokie Stone, a symbol of strength and stability. The stone reflects the foundational commitment of each employee. Starting at 40 years of service, employees receive a Hokie Stone personalized with their name and years of service.

Three employees were recognized for 50 years of service: Betty Higginbotham from the College of Science; Steven Lowe, who recently retired from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and Joseph



Starting at the 40-year mark, employees receive a Hokie Stone personalized with their name and years of service.

Pitt, professor emeritus of philosophy. Together, they mark 150 years of service, a fitting total during the university's 150th anniversary.

Betty Higginbotham began her career at Virginia Tech working for the Center for Environmental Studies in the biology department. In the late 1980s, she moved to the Department of Statistics where she still works as a senior program support technician.

Higginbotham has seen big changes at Virginia Tech. Her job once included using a manual typewriter and carbon paper to make copies, taking shorthand, and using a Dictaphone. She has made many good friends on campus. "I treat everybody with respect, and it pays off," she said.

Steven Lowe joined Virginia Tech in 1972 as a laboratory technician in the Department of Anaerobic Microbiology, which has since merged into the biochemistry department. He later became a laboratory mechanic.

"It's really fun working with graduate students," he said. "You learn about

what they are doing. You learn so many processes." Since his retirement, he misses the people the most. "I can always find a machine to work on at home." He also values the faculty members he worked with. "They are world-class, brilliant people," he said. "You learn so much."

Joseph Pitt came to Virginia Tech in 1971 as an instructor, reaching the rank of professor in 1983. The physical campus has changed a great deal since his arrival.

"The amount of building going on right now is mind-blowing," he said. One thing that has remained steady, however, is his affection for his students. "They see Virginia Tech as a big family, and that is why talking about Virginia Tech as home makes so much sense," he said.

All employees received a service lapel pin and a certificate. A redesigned website shows employees recognized this year.

The Service Recognition Program's time period is April 1 of the previous year through March 31 of the current year.

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Dr. Stephen Hudgins Announcement

Dr. J. Stephen Hudgins is retiring from practice effective May 1, 2022. Contact the office at (540) 382-8316 no later than May 9th if you would like to obtain or transfer your medical records.

After this date, you may obtain a copy of your medical records at Dr. Farhi's office in Blacksburg.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004566-06-00
RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS, legal parent of Gabriella Josephine Morgan, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that she will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time; failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/13/2022 08:30 AM.

03/10/2022
Sally Davis
Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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Case No. JJ004566-07-00
RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ, legal parent of Gabriella Josephine Morgan, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that he will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time; failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual

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parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/13/2022 08:30 AM.

03/10/2022
Sally Davis
Clerk

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF MONROE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Magistrate Court Case No.: 22 M32D 00020
Family Court Civil Action No.: FC-32-2022-DV-20
To: Cam Ron Quick
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A final hearing is scheduled for the 27th day of June, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. before the Monroe County Family Court.

Issued this 11th day of April, 2022 at 1:57 p.m.

Leta Gullette-Comer
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Radford High boys claim title at All-American Relays

Marty Gordon
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Radford High School won the boys' championship at this week's All-American Relays.

The Bobcats tallied 153 points. Narrows finished in second place with 97 points, Floyd was third with 70 points, Giles finished fourth with 50 points, and the Eastern Montgomery Mustangs finished in sixth place.

Radford's David Woodard and Eliot Grayson were named the MVP's in the running and the field events respectively.

Woodard won the 200-meters run. Teammate Vance Steele finished second. Steele also won the 400-meters run.

Radford's Michael HJduk led the pack to the line in the 800 meters. Grayson leaped 6'4" for first in the high jump

for the home squad. Woodward was the long-jump winner with Grayson second.

Woodward also claimed top honors in the triple jump at 37'5" with Grayson third.

Radford's Zeb Martin won the shot put with a heave of 39'9". Eastern Montgomery's Seth Burleson and Angel Ramos-Mendoza finished second and third.

Jack Woodard gave the host team another first-place finish with a mark of 121'4" in the boys discus.

In the girls' competition, Radford's Addie Tapp won the 800-meter run while Angie Lih won the 1,600-meter event.

Narrows won the girls' team title with 130 points. Floyd was second at 101. Eastern Montgomery placed fourth with 57 points. Host Radford finished sixth.

10U Five Star baseball team wins Christiansburg spring showcase



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 10U Five Star baseball team won the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Southwest Virginia Elite Spring Showcase this past week at Harkrader Sports Complex in Christiansburg. The team finished 4-0 on the weekend, outscoring opponents 45-12. Pictured (front row, left to right) are Jax McKee, Hunter Akers, Josiah Underwood, Hunter Jones, Drew Peters, Walker Snidow, Mason Boggs, Eli Martin, Pace Hall, Dhanté Gaynor, and Owen Snider; (back row, left to right) Coach "O" Gaynor, Coach Tim Hall, Coach Travis Jones, Coach Josh Akers and Coach Derek Snider.

Egg-cellent Easter action at Motor Mile Speedway



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Tyler Warriner took both Virginia mini-cup races Saturday night at Motor Mile Speedway.

Easter weekend racing at Motor Mile Speedway included some Easter fun for the kids.

Before the race cars fired up their engines, the little ones got to hunt for Easter eggs with prizes inside around the back of the grandstands. But the big prizes of cold hard cash were still to come on the racetrack.

Saturday, Motor Mile Speedway hosted drivers from all around the area for a 4-cylinder Open for the UCar and Pure 4 divisions with a top prize of \$2,000 for the winner in the 100-lap feature. That kind of prize is not typically seen at that level of racing. It was a race that saw Joshua Gobble leading early on before a mechanical failure put him in the wall. Instead, John Ketron came out with the trophy and the biggest paycheck.

Brandon Suther-

land and Blake Gordon rounded out the top 3.

The speedway also welcomed a visiting race series, The Virginia Mini-Cup, which brought its cool looking small race cars to buzz around the track. The cars are so small the drivers have to use an opening in the roof to get in. Six of these cars brought big action to the track for twin 25-lap races.

Tyler Warriner was the winner of both races, even with an inversion between the first and second, and Nate Thomas finished second in both races.

Third place was swapped between Tyler Roach in the first race and Nathen Reynolds in the second. The race with the highest car count of the afternoon was the Enduro class. Just like the open 4-cylinder class, the 100% stock car set-up Enduros had a shot at \$2,000 to

win. These cars are not actually race cars and can be any car 1965 or newer, have 4 to 8 cylinders, stock tires and rims that are original for the make and model.

A broken rule disqualified initial winner Tyler Murray along with the third- and fourth-place finishers.

So Jason Ketron was declared the winner of the race after post-race inspections. He was followed by Jason Lawson and Matt Trump.

The weekly racing series returns on April 23 with twin 50-lap races for the Late Model Division, twin 30-lap races for Sportsman, Super Streets, Mod-4's, and the U-Cars and Pure4's will combine again. The traveling 'Southern Ground Pounders' Vintage Racing Club will visit the track. They will be racing vintage modified and sportsman cars from the 1950's to the 1980's.

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