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Radford students shine at All-Virginia Honors Choir

Two Radford High School students and two Dalton Intermediate School students participated in the 2022 All-Virginia Honors Choir over the weekend. Radford High School Principal Tara Grant offered “congratulations to RHS Students Erin Wilson and Dawson Martin and DIS Students Ellie Edwards and Lydia Pratt for participating” in the choir, which was held April 21-23 in the JR Tucker High School Auditorium in Henrico. Students had to audition to be chosen for the choir, and Wilson and Martin were selected as two of 24 delegates from Southwest Virginia to participate in the high school event. Edwards and Pratt were selected from among the 250 participating middle school students from around the commonwealth to participate in the middle-school event. “They spent the weekend singing with the best singers of Virginia while learning, rehearsing, and performing a concert under nationally recognized choral conductors,” said Grant. The event is administered by the Virginia Choral Director Association. Conductors for the weekend

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Erin Wilson and Dawson Martin

‘Dancing on the Edge’ returns

RADFORD - For Radford University’s dance program, no event is bigger than its annual performance of Dancing on the Edge. Three performances will take place in Bon-durant Auditorium April 28 through April 30 in Preston Hall on Radford University’s main campus. On April 28 and 29, the shows start at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 30, audiences can enjoy an afternoon performance at 2 p.m. The 2022 incarnation will feature a variety of styles in five different pieces choreographed by faculty and a guest artist, Maxx Reed. Interim Chair of Dance Amy VanKirk serves as the artistic director and choreographed a piece titled Rhythm and Groove. “It is a joyful piece celebrating the vernacular dances of the second half of the 20th century with a focus on community and the celebration of jazz dance roots,” VanKirk said. “Students in the cast were encouraged to find their own ‘inner groove’

and express authentic joy through their movement.” Assistant Professor Ji-Eun Lee choreographed two pieces, Hide and Seek, and God. Hide and Seek featuring dancers from the Radford University Ballet Youth (RUBY) program, which draws in young people from outside the university to train and dance with Department of Dance faculty and students. The pieces examine the human experience of nostalgia and the longing people feel for the memories of their youth. God, as the title suggests, is a more pensive piece exploring the experience of those who lose faith in God and keep this sense of loss buried in their hearts. In contrast, Professor Deborah McLaughlin’s offering, Trainsitting, is a lighthearted, multimedia piece based on the desire to see a sophisticated train system replace America’s reliance on automobiles. Utilizing film and photography, the work notes the

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Radford Farmers Market 2022 season underway

The Radford Farmers Market kicked off its 2022 season Saturday in a new location on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery at 600 Unruh Dr. just off West Main Street. A good crowd of shoppers and puppies came out to enjoy the market. Fresh meats, produce, eggs, plants, baked goods, and crafts are available each Saturday through October from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.



Puppies provided a touch of the hopelessly cute at the Radford Farmers Market Saturday.



PHOTOS BY ETHAN BELL

The Radford Farmers Market got its 2022 season underway Saturday on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery.

Appalachian folklore project topic of ‘With Good Reason’

For nearly 40 years, more than 600 Radford University students have collected oral histories and folklore material from family members and residents from around Southwest Virginia in a project for an Appalachian folklore class. When Grace Toney Edwards, then a member of the university’s English and Appalachian studies faculty, designed the field-collecting project in 1981, she emphasized that those projects would be preserved for future scholars and researchers in hopes that her students would take the assignment more seriously. “And did they ever,” Edwards said. “Many of them put in multiple hours of work making contacts, interviewing, transcribing, analyzing, and recording their findings, many times to the tune of 100-plus pages.” Edwards kept all of the projects in boxes in her

office and then in the Appalachian Regional Studies Center in the mid-1990s. That’s when the project began to take on the look of an archive, said Edwards, now a professor emeritus who retired in 2010. In 1993 instructor Ricky Cox ’86, M.A. ’90, began teaching an undergraduate course (English 446), and Edwards taught the graduate class (English 548/648) created that same year. “I think I can safely speak for both of us when I say that we have experienced many personal rewards ourselves just by having the privilege of reading about the lives and behavior of multiple Appalachian people that we would otherwise never have known,” Edwards said. Keeping the promise to the students, those projects remain intact, and many have found a new home online, making them acces-

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Popular church fish fry returns Saturday

RADFORD - Good food for a good cause will be on the menu Saturday, April 30, for the popular New Mount Olive United

Methodist Church fish fry. Sponsored By the United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive, the fish fry raises money

for the church. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., diners can choose from the following options: 1) a dinner for \$10 that includes two pieces of deep-fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. and/or 2) a fish sandwich for \$6 (one piece of fish on a bun with slaw). An extra piece of fish is \$3. New Mount Olive United Methodist Church is located at 309 Russell Ave. in Radford (across from the Radford Fire Department). For call-in orders, call the church at 540-639-6425. Delivery is available in Radford only, or customers can come by the church and pick up their orders.



New Mt. Olive Methodist Church will be serving up some tasty fried fish dinners Saturday, April 30, at the church from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Fine Arts Center of the NRV to host international award-winning musicians

Each year the IBLA Foundation sponsors a competition for classical musicians from around the world. The competition is held in the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage site Ragusa Ibla, Sicily. The top winners receive the opportunity to travel and perform, culminating in a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley will host the winners of the 2022 competition in a free salon-style concert on Radford Uni-

versity’s campus on Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public. Included in the program are three top prize winners: Michael Barimo, a whistler from Winter Park, Florida; Haruna Furukawa, a flautist from Tokyo, Japan; and Tamara Licheli, a pianist from the Republic of Georgia. Joining them will be four Italian musicians: pianists Giampiero Bugliarello and Armando

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Now through April 30:

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

## Wednesday, April 27:

**Pre-K storytime**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. Share stories, rhymes, music and movement, and a craft as a family. Develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. For ages 3 to 5.

**Lunch and Learn: Invasive plants**  
At the Blacksburg Library; noon. Learn to identify some of the most unwanted invasive plants with local expert Beth Umberger, who has been leading invasive plant removal efforts in Stadium Woods and local parks for many years. In addition to her presentation, Umberger will have samples of some of the worst invasive plants for in-person participants to see up close.

**Loops group**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants may bring a project and join the loops group for community and conversation. All are welcome.

**Teen book club: “Firekeeper’s Daughter”**  
Virtual/Online at [www.mfrl.org](http://www.mfrl.org); 4 p.m. This month participants in the teen book club will discuss “Firekeeper’s Daughter” by Angeline Boulley. Email [mroach@mfrl.org](mailto:mroach@mfrl.org) with any questions.

## 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.

**All ages storytime**  
At the Meadowbrook Library; 10:30 a.m. Share stories, rhymes, music and movement, and a craft as a family. Develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading.

## 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 for adults are \$7; tickets for children are \$3.50; RU students will be admitted free with a student ID. For tickets visit [www.radfordactivities.com](http://www.radfordactivities.com) or call 540-831-5420.

## Friday, April 29:

**Radford University student art show**  
The work of BFA art students is on display. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the RU Art Museum on Tyler (214 Tyler Ave., Radford). Work will be on display from Friday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 4.

**All ages storytime**  
At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. Share stories, rhymes, music and movement, and a craft as a family. Develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading.

**Teen game day**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 1 p.m. Teens can spend their afternoon playing games like Among Us and Jackbox in person with other teens. Participants should bring a device and download Among Us prior to the program. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Registration is required.

**Faux Stained Glass**  
At the Christiansburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants can turn a simple picture frame into a beautiful stained glass creation with just a couple of supplies. Supplies will be provided for this program. Ages 10 and up. Registration is required.

## Saturday, April 30:

**Noise Alert: Skipper Cannon Fire**  
Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired from the Drillfield three times for a Change of Command Ceremony. The first shot will be at about 9:50 a.m., and the final shot will be at about 10:45 a.m.

**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. The cost is \$14.25. Instead of hearing from a guest speaker this month, the association will use the time together to get to know one another better. RSVP by contacting Terri Welch at [christiansburg@wineanddesign.com](mailto:christiansburg@wineanddesign.com).

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In the Bondurant Auditorium on Radford University’s campus; 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. RU students will be admitted free with ID. For tickets visit [www.radfordactivities.com](http://www.radfordactivities.com) or call 540-831-5420.

**Healthy Kids Day**  
The YMCA at Virginia Tech will celebrate 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. Healthy Kids Day is a national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids. This is a free “summer kick-off” event with music, games, healthy snacks, crafts, and educational activities for families. Local organizations will also be promoting various

summer programs and activities for kids.

**All ages storytime**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. Share stories, rhymes, music and movement, and a craft as a family. Develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading.

**Spring plant swap**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants can bring plants, bulbs, and seeds to swap. Vegetable plants, house plants, landscape plants, and flowers are all welcome. 2 to 2:30 p.m. to bring plants in and 2:30 p.m. for first swap, 2:45 p.m. for second round.

**Mother’s Day gift**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 2 p.m. Participants can make a special Mother’s Day gift and then give it to someone special. Fill a fancy teacup with tea and treats and then gift-wrap it. Supplies will be provided.

**Radford Graduate Art Students Mill Mountain Zoo fundraiser**  
The Graduate Art Student Association of Radford University will sponsor a silent art auction to raise funds for the Mill Mountain Zoo’s conservation efforts. At the Zoo; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., open to the public.

Auctioned artwork includes original paintings and ceramics inspired by the zoo animals and attractions like the Red Wolf, turtles, and the Zoo Choo Train. All auctioned artworks will be available for viewing one week prior to the event on the Graduate Art Student Association Facebook page [[facebook.com/gasa.radford](https://facebook.com/gasa.radford)]. In-person and online bidding will be available the day of the auction.

## 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 this event from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The event 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 1) Preparing for Generation NEXT Legacy Planning (workshop); 2) Tree Identification and Forest Ecology at Pandapas Pond (walking tour); 3) Agroforestry Options at Catawba Sustainability Center (walking tour); 4) Tour of Virginia Tech’s Urban Forest (walking tour); or 5) Ongoing Research and Innovations in Forest Products (workshop). The event takes place concurrently with the Virginia Forestry Summit at Virginia Tech May 3-5. The cost is \$10 for summit attendees, \$15 for others. Register at [www.vt.edu](http://www.vt.edu). Questions? Contact Jennifer Gagnon at 540-231-6391 or [jgagnon@vt.edu](mailto:jgagnon@vt.edu).

**American Legion Meeting**  
The 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 Avenue, in Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

## Tuesday, May 17:

**PATH Committee meeting**  
The New River Health District’s PATH (Partnership for Access to Healthcare) Committee will convene from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Cross Point Foursquare Conference Center at 900 Life Dr. in Christiansburg for a discussion of PATH’s future. The meeting will be in person with remote access available. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

## Thursday, May 26:

**Scrabble tournament for literacy**  
The 14th Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will raise funds for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) to help local adults learn to read. At the German Club Manor on Virginia Tech’s Blacksburg campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The tournament will be emceed by Radford City Mayor David Horton. Local food will be offered. Teams of three will play two games of Scrabble against two different teams with the scores from both games added together to determine the winner. Awards will be given to the top scorer, the longest word, the highest score word, and the most creative team name. Register as a team for \$100 or sign up as an individual for \$35, and the organization will match a player with a team. To register, go to [www.lvnrv.org](http://www.lvnrv.org), email [info@lvnrv.org](mailto:info@lvnrv.org), or call 540-382-7262.

## Ongoing

**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.

# Warm Hearth Village residents, employees walk in remembrance

For the third consecutive year, residents and employees at Blacksburg’s retirement community, Warm Hearth Village, organized their own walk in remembrance along side neighbor Virginia Tech.

John Hillison, a Warm Hearth Village resident and former Virginia Tech Agricultural Education professor and department head, and Dr. Richard Shepherd, resident and retired physician who specialized in emergency and family medicine, recruited 28 residents and employees to participate in a 3.2-mile walk along the woodland trails and

streets around campus. The event started with a group photo and some words about the individuals being remembered. Warm Hearth’s employees and residents live and learn in community and have formed tight relationships, so they were encouraged to share their stories as they walked, to continue to heal and remember.

“Many residents here worked at the university at the time and still have strong ties so the walk is one small way we can continue to show we care,” said Hillison. Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on its campus and in the home.



Twenty-eight WHV employees and residents participated recently in their own walk in remembrance.

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# Food City to hire 1,500 employees on company-wide hiring event April 28

On Thursday, April 28, Food City, which has a location at 1701 Tyler Ave. in Radford, will be hosting a company-wide hiring event to include both full-time and part-time positions. Food City is planning to hire over 1,500 friendly, smiling faces to work at their distribution Center and in key customer and food service positions at store locations throughout their operation area. The positions include, both entry-level positions and experienced, skilled positions, such as meat cutter, cake decorator, and retail management, as well as various warehousing/distribution positions.

Food City is a family owned and operated company that offers a generous benefits package to their associates including competitive salaries, comprehensive training, healthcare coverage with medical and dental plans, 401(k) with a 3% company match, vacation accrual, vision coverage, and

company paid life and disability plans, and Employee Stock Ownership Plan. In addition, to these great benefits, Food City also offers advancement opportunities to associates who wish to progress within a growing company. Interested candidates, can apply online at Food-City.com or visit any Food City store to complete an application. Make plans to attend the event at your local Food City to find out how Food City is so much more than a grocery store.



# Leadership NRV chooses Friends of the Huckleberry for 2022 legacy project

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership New River Valley

(Leadership NRV) Class of 2022 has selected Friends of the Huckleberry as the

recipient of the 2022 Legacy Project. Leadership NRV is a 10-month nationally

recognized leadership program that meets monthly to enhance leadership and change management skills in the context of community. The Class of 2022 will utilize skills developed in the program to present ways to build capacity for the Friends of the Huckleberry.

Leadership NRV will work with the board and President Beth Lohman to apply leadership principles and the concepts of the book, Switch, to increase the capacity for their project and examine how they can enhance Friends of the Huckleberry.

"With the previous President, Bill Ellenbogen, stepping back from a leadership role, the organization is at a fork in the trail," Lohman said, "We are asking ourselves, what comes next for Friends of the Huckleberry, and what does our role in and relationship to the trail look like going

forward?"

The Legacy Project provides an opportunity for Friends of the Huckleberry to work with a group of aspiring community leaders and explore where Friend's focus should be while ensuring they establish the organizational capacity to meet their new goals. Friends of the Huckleberry believes building relationships with the business community and other nonprofits will be key for success, and there is no better way to build those kinds of relationships than to work on a project together.

Friends of the Huckleberry is a 30-year-old organization that has worked in partnership with local communities and governments to promote, fund, construct, and maintain the Huckleberry Trail. As advocates of the trail, they hope to connect people and communities while improving their wellness,

economic health, and experience of the trail.

"We're honored to be selected for this year's Legacy Project and grateful for the opportunity to get to know and work with a diverse group of leaders," Lohman said, "We're looking forward to the feedback from program participants and the opportunities that may present themselves this year."

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce serves Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and all of Montgomery County. The MCCC supports approximately 600 local businesses through marketing, educational, and network-building opportunities. For more information on Leadership NRV, visit the chamber website at [www.montgomerycc.org](http://www.montgomerycc.org), or call The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce at 540.382.3020.



**Leadership NRV President Beth Lohman announced to the 2022 Leadership New River River class that Friends of the Huckleberry would be the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's 2022 legacy project.**

## Dancing

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creativity expressed in train graffiti and the New River Train Observatory while also observing a disregard for the railway system.

The guest artist piece was choreographed by renowned choreographer Maxx Reed, who worked with students in February to create Block Party, a commercial style work that explodes on stage.

For freshman Onajae Edmund, Dancing on the Edge is part of a busy but exciting month. He just performed in the musical, The Drowsy Chaperone, and is featured in Rhythm and Groove.

"It's high energy," Edmunds said of the latter piece, which travels through different decades to tell its story. "I know a lot of people are going to have fun with it."

For senior Loren Lucas, Dancing on the Edge is the culmination of a successful student career in the dance program. Graduation brings some bittersweet emotions, but she is confident about her future.

"There have been so many opportunities for me to grow as a dancer and a person, and I am very grateful that when I leave here, I'm not going to be lost," Edmunds said.

"I'm going to move forward in the future, always remembering what I have been given here."

Kenz Thomas, a sophomore, and Madz Alexander, a junior, find

themselves in the middle of their experience, anticipating the upcoming show.

"There's an emotional connection in dance," said Alexander. "We quite literally roll in each other's blood, sweat, and tears. Every time I see these people, I am so honored to be able to dance beside them."

Thomas says that the process of sharing the same storyline and narrative and working on a piece that expresses emotions creates bonds

that translate on stage.

"The whole point of being in this piece is to find joy and connection to other people," Thomas said. "That is the point of why we're dancing and that is how we are supposed to feel."

The show is open to the public. Tickets are available at the door or through [www.radfordactivities.com](http://www.radfordactivities.com) or by calling 540-831-5420.

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OPINION

# Virginia gas prices headed back up

Average gasoline prices in Virginia rose 2.1 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.95/g as of Monday, April 25, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 18.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago but stand \$1.23/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virgin-

ia was priced at \$3.56/g Monday while the most expensive was \$5.49/g, a difference of \$1.93/g.

The national average price of gasoline rose 4.4 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.11/g as of Monday, April 25. The national average is down 13.3 cents per gallon from a month ago but stands \$1.24/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.

"For the first time in over a month, the national average price of gasoline has risen," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Primarily, this was due to oil prices that had jumped the prior week, pushing up the price that stations

pay for fuel and thus causing them to raise prices," De Haan said. The rise has been quite tame in most areas while others have continued to gently decline. But with the French election now behind us, there is a risk that the European Union could pursue harsher sanctions on Russia's energy, which could cause oil prices to rise if it happens, something motorists should be

on the watch for.

"In addition, U.S. oil inventories continue to decline, putting additional pressure on prices as the nation's SPR continues to drain and Russia's war on Ukraine remains ongoing. The global imbalance between supply and demand that led to these higher prices continues for the time being," 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>.*

## Folklore

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sible to anyone at any time.

"You no longer need to make a trip to Radford to view most of those projects," said Cox.

McConnell Library Archives Supervisor and Appalachian Music Specialist Bud Bennett took on the task in the summer of 2020 of placing the projects online, and currently more than

430 of those projects are available and searchable on the library's website. The projects are in the form of text and audio, many with photographs or slides that can be filtered by entering the name of a collector, an informant, a town or county, or a general topic, such as canning, blacksmithing, ghosts, or folk

medicine. A simple click on the magnifying glass allows a person to search the entire collection.

Cox and Edwards spoke recently about the topic in a recorded interview for the "With Good Reason" public radio program. The interview will air through April 29 on more than 60 radio stations across the United States.

The show is also available as a podcast at [withgoodreason.org](http://withgoodreason.org).

The "With Good Reason" radio program is produced by Virginia Humanities for the Virginia Higher Education Broadcasting Consortium, which comprises all of Virginia's public colleges and universities.

The award-winning program

is heard by an estimated 100,000 people each week on public radio stations in 33 states. Thousands more download the episodes via iTunes.

Chad Osborne  
Radford University

## Choir

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were Dr. Lynne Gackle, Delaware. Baylor University, and Dr. Paul Head, University of

Heather Bell



Ellie Edwards and Lydia Pratt

## Musicians

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Sabbarese; classical guitarist Maria Criscione; and accordion player Luigi Gordano, along with Alexander Kato-Willis, a pianist and improvisational performer from Japan and the U.S.

The award-winning musicians will also perform in a more traditional concert setting at the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center at Radford University the evening before. The smaller venue at the Fine

Arts Center will provide a more intimate setting in which to experience the talents of the musicians. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the concert from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A short meet-and-greet opportunity will be hosted at 8 p.m.

Tickets are free for this event but must be reserved in advance through Eventbrite. Visit [FACNRV.org](http://FACNRV.org) for a direct link and the opportunity to

RSVP for additional free concerts.

The Fine Arts Center is located at 21 West Main St. in historic downtown Pulaski. The center is supported, in part, by funding from the Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, the C. E. Richardson Benevolent Foundation, the Randolph Foundation, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts and through membership and donations.

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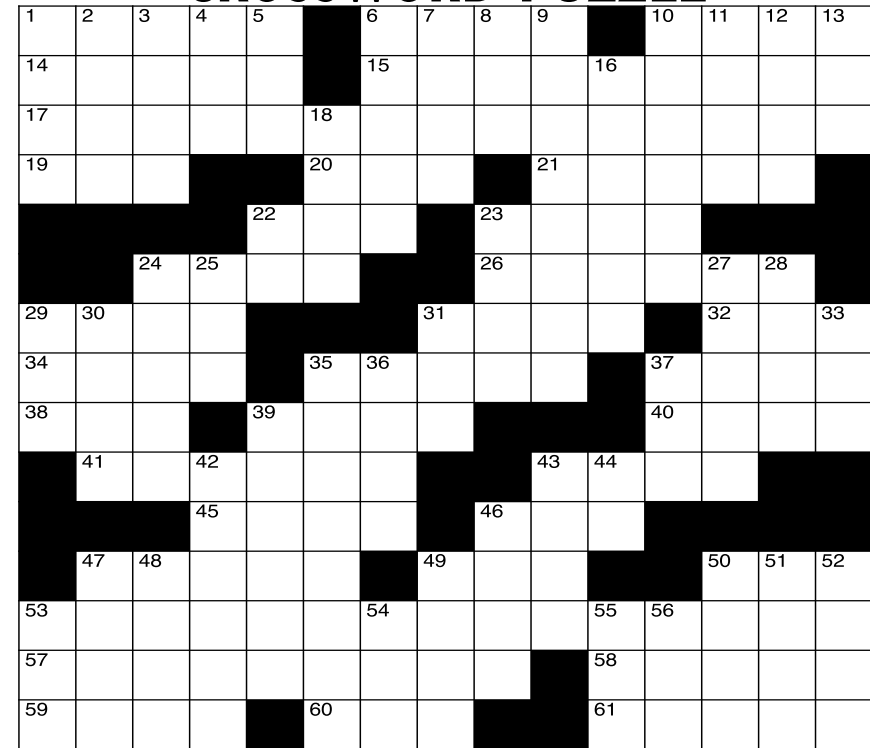
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS

  - North American people
  - Chinese surname
  - Fit in at the last minute
  - "Very" in musical terminology
  - Underwater displays
  - Crosby's bandmates
  - Belong to he
  - Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
  - Sequences of alternating turns
  - Genus of grasses
  - Satisfy
  - Petty quarrel
  - Made level
  - Ruler of Iran
  - Historical region of Syria
  - Food suitable for babies
  - Something to lend
  - Zone of oceanic trenches
- Philippine island
  - Domesticated animal
  - Plant of the lily family
  - Bluish green
  - Tomei, actress
  - Without (French)
  - Lilly and Manning are two
  - Apply pressure to
  - Divide in half
  - Bad deed
  - Don't know when yet
  - Hollywood's greatest honor
  - Aiming to exhort
  - Faked
  - A way to pierce
  - Midway between northeast and east
  - Points
- CLUES DOWN

  - Chop up
  - Spumante (Italian wine)
  - Egyptian goddess
  - Split pulses
  - Afflict
  - Type of area rug
  - Tide
  - Affirmative
  - Sudden change
  - One picked
  - Debauched man
  - Stiff bristles
  - Famous arena
  - Established rules and methods
  - Injection
  - Father
  - Protein-rich liquids
  - He delivers gifts
  - Advanced degree
  - Fencing swords
  - Chinese mountain range
  - Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
  - Precursor to hemoglobin
  - Much \_\_\_ about nothing
  - Compound fabric (abbr.)
  - A way to act slowly on
  - Ottoman military commanders
  - Popular kids' network
  - Hard compound
  - Sympathize with
  - Northeast college
  - Blood group
  - Frosted
  - Turn away
  - Benefit
  - Dry or withered
  - Bangladeshi monetary unit
  - Reproduced
  - Contributes
  - Thrust horse power (abbr.)
  - Wear
  - Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
  - Very small

## PET OF THE WEEK



**Don't let his name fool you. Grinch is a nice, friendly boy, not to mention extremely photogenic. He's a younger dog who will need humans who will take him along for walks/hikes and other activities. He also knows some basic commands and has gotten along with other dogs.**



**Handsome Hammy enjoys attention from his favorite humans. He would do best in a home where he is the only pet. As a younger dog, he may need some basic doggie manners training. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet Hammy.**

# OBITUARIES

## Hedge, Bernard William

Bernard William Hedge, 89, of Fairlawn, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022.

He retired after 39 years with the Roanoke Times where he was district manager and proudly served his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Bernard was preceded in death by his parents, Oakley and Susie Hedge; a son, Wayne Hedge; a brother, Maynard Hedge; and a sister, Ivalene Ridpath.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Lola Hedge; a son and daughter-in-law, Preston and Melissa Hedge; a daughter and son-in-law, Bernetta and Jim Reyn-



olds; a daughter-in-law, Karen Hedge; grandchildren Brea Hopkins (Matt), Katrina Dobbins (Justin), Cody Hedge, Carley Hedge, and Sarah Johnson; great-grandchildren Avery, Hailey and Gracie; a sister, Lottie McConkey; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 29, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by funeral services. Burial will follow in Captain George Cemetery in Floyd County.

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

## Steele-Walker, Sonya Denise

Sonya Denise “Soni” Steele-Walker was born April 4, 1966, to the late William Austin and Katherine Reese Steele.

Sonya left this world for another on April 20, 2022.

Apart from her parents preceding her in death, she was also preceded by two older brothers, Curtis Dale and Stephen Robert Steele, as well as a special friend, Barbra Adams.

Sonya is survived by her life companion of 20 years, Aaron Webb of Pulaski; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Tanya Steele of Pulaski; nephews Bradley J. Steele of Winston Salem, N.C.,

Billy Joe Steele and wife, Erica, of Pulaski, and J.R Steele of Pulaski; son-in-law William Dorton IV and daughter Katherine S. Dorton; grandchildren Jayson Tyler and Maggie Jolene Buckner; nieces Christina Steele Garcia and husband, Chris, of Roanoke; eight great-nieces and nephews; and lifelong friend, Dreama Covey.

Services will be at a later date. Sonya will be missed by many. “You did good, Soni.”

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

## Morris, Jane Ellen Hubble

Jane Ellen Hubble Morris, of Dublin, died at her home on April 22, 2022 after a lengthy illness. She was 83 years old.

She is survived by her devoted husband of nearly 65 years, Douglas F. Morris, and her four children and their families: Pam and Lee Chitwood of Pulaski and their children Rachel, Ed, Maddy and Riley; Sandi Douglas of Richmond and her children Jordan, Jake and Reece; Patrick and Amy Morris of Pulaski and their daughter Raleigh; and Sharyn Morris and Dan Dagle of Roslindale, Md.

Jane was born in Montgomery County and was preceded in death by her parents, Reece Patrick Hubble and Frances Virginia McBride Hubble. She was a graduate of the Dublin High School Class of 1955. She married Douglas Morris in 1957 and was a homemaker until all of her children were school-aged when she went to nursing school at New River Community College. A natural caregiver, she thrived in her career.

She worked for many years at the Radford University Health Center. She had a special fondness for the elderly and also worked at Wheatland Hills and Highland Manor nursing homes and as



a home health nurse.

Jane exemplified kindness, compassion, and contentment guided by her generous and grateful heart. She formed lifelong friendships and enjoyed many hobbies including gardening, cooking, and singing in the church choir.

After her retirement, she volunteered for several years with the Connections Reading Mentoring Program at Pulaski Elementary School. Her family will remember the painstaking care she took with every birthday and holiday; she led the singing at any celebration, and could play the piano by ear.

The Morris family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home, Radford. To send an online condolence, visit <http://mullinsfuneralhome.com>. Services will be private.

Jane loved her church and her church family. She was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and was an honorary lifetime member of the Presbyterian Women. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church general fund. 6900 Pulaski Ave, Fairlawn, VA 24141 or online <http://fairlawnpcc.org/online-giving/>.

Jerald Francis (Jerry) Robinson, Sr. passed away at home following a fight with kidney cancer.

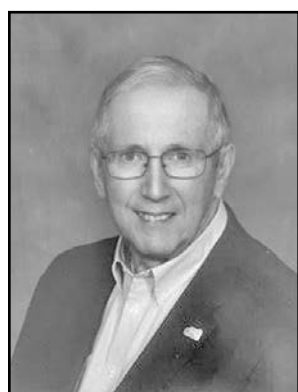
He was preceded in death by his parents, Arelia Elizabeth Jackson and Francis Byron Robinson.

Jerry leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Anne Catherine Ford Robinson (his college sweetheart) of Blacksburg; his son, Jerald (Rob) Robinson, Jr., and spouse, Amanda Lyvette Robinson; and two grandchildren, Nigel Dalton Robinson and Roxanne Tara Robinson, all of Roanoke.

In high school, Jerry was editor of the Southside High School Newspaper, business manager of the yearbook, school photographer, and was voted “Mr. Southside.” He was an Eagle Scout. Jerry later graduated from what is now known as Rhodes College in three years with a degree in economics. He received an M.S. degree from Duke University and obtained his Ph. D. from the University of Illinois.

Jerry and Anne married in December of 1960. His teaching career included Furman University, the University of Missouri, and 37 years at Virginia Tech where he received teaching awards at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

He was President of the Faculty Senate for two terms and chaired the committee to plan the curriculum at the university’s Steger European Studies Center in Switzerland where he taught for 13



full sessions. Jerry loved his students so much that he and Anne took groups on Study Abroad Trips for many years. Jerry held honorary positions at several Chinese and European universities and received a silver medal from the University of Maribor Slovenia.

In the local community, Jerry served eight years on the Montgomery County School Board, two as chairman. He was a member and past President of the Blacksburg Rotary Club. Jerry also helped found the “Fun 143 Trailer Ministry,” served on the boards of the Wesley Foundation, VT YMCA, and Habitat for Humanity. He served as chair of the Board of the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Saturday mornings were always set aside for his donut and coffee group.

He was a longtime active member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church where a memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 26. Visitation and reception followed in the Whisner Hall. Interment of Jerry’s cremains will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carilion Clinic Hospice NRV (701 Randolph St. Suite 10, Radford, VA 24141), the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (P.O. Box 11382 Blacksburg, VA 24062) or the Pamplin College of Business (Management Department) at VT (800 West Campus Dr. Mail Code 0233, Blacksburg, VA 24061).

# 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 summer 2023.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH** - Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning as follows:

**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.

**ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT** – Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Single lane closures will be in place and will be maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals. Lane closures on RTE 615 are expected to begin

on May 5 and will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022.

**ROUTE 460 PAVING OPERATIONS** – From Monday through Friday, April 25-29, in the vicinity of Ellet Bridge, drivers can expect lane closures for paving operations from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Delays are possible.

**ROUTE 663 CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE WORK** – Route 663 (Walton Road) is closed for bridge work. Message boards will alert drivers. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes. Residents will be able to access their homes. The road will reopen on May 9.

**ROUTE 643 PAVING PROJECT** – This project is to restart in order 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.

**UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460** - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 and Route 8 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.

**INTERSTATE 81**

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141** – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five

mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. A barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

**I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE** - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will be closed from late May 2022 until early September 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Visitors to the rest area may see some preliminary work, such as drainage improvements, as early as this spring. However, the major construction will begin after Memorial Day, and the rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public from late May until early September. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

**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 been underway. All lanes now open and will remain open through winter with

periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound will resume with the next paving season in spring 2022. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

**INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD** – On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete in the fall 2022.

**LANE CLOSURES:** A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

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

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

**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.

**I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OP-**

**ERATIONS 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 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. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**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 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

**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.

Left lane and right lane closures will be in place on I-77 northbound from mile marker 1 to 2.5 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights.



# U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine hears about effort to create next-generation transportation hub in Southwest Virginia

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine visited the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute on Thursday to learn more about a university-led effort to establish Southwest and Southern Virginia as a global leader in next-generation transportation by creating the most advanced real-world test environments for automated vehicles and delivery technologies.

The university's proposal, which includes a coalition of more than 150 public, private, and non-profit partners from across the region, is among 60 finalists out of an initial pool of 529 applications that advanced to Phase 2 of the federal Economic Development Administration's Regional Challenge. Twenty to 30 of the bids are expected to be awarded implementation funding of up to \$100 million each.

"I'm excited so many experts across the region have come together to find innovative solutions to improve transportation and logistics, especially around delivery by autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, and drones," Kaine said. "Their work will be path-breaking for Virginia and the nation as we continue to strengthen our economy."

The proposal is seek-

ing \$75 million in federal funds. John Provo, director of the Virginia Tech Center for Economic and Community Engagement, which is leading the coalition, said that investment could generate more than \$5 billion in economic impact and 5,000 local jobs.

"This grant would elevate Southwest and Southern Virginia as an emerging global tech hub while also establishing a resilient economy across the region by training the future workforce to adapt to the changing manufacturing environment," Provo said.

"This project is a prime example of the good that can happen when you convene such a remarkable group of partners from so many different sectors," said Guru Ghosh, vice president for Outreach and International Affairs.

Dan Sui, senior vice president for research and innovation, said the proposal builds on Virginia Tech's strengths in autonomous systems, power systems, vehicle dynamics and safety, additive manufacturing, and building materials, as well as wireless connectivity and cyber-physical security, sensing, and data analytics.

During his stop Thursday, Kaine saw examples of the proposal's three ma-

ior components.

The first features an initiative to develop an autonomous-electric testbed along Interstate 81. Zac Doerzaph, executive director of the transportation institute, as well as representatives from Volvo Trucks and Torc Robotics, explained how a segment of connected highways around Blacksburg would be developed as a heavy-vehicle automated driving systems test corridor that extends 40 miles from Dublin to

Salem. This would enable new industry partnerships across the region and also address some of the logistics challenges currently impacting the country.

The second component would develop a similar corridor for unmanned aircraft systems. Tombo Jones, director of the Virginia Tech Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership, explained how this 130-square-mile testbed would allow drone operators to test and conduct flights beyond an opera-

tor's visual line of sight. Two local companies, Cowden Technologies and NAVOS Air, shared how advancement in this field would support the UAS industry.

"Drones are part of a constellation of autonomous technologies that will introduce tremendous efficiencies into the way businesses currently operate," Jones said. "This grant will help establish the initial infrastructure to move Virginia toward that future."

The third initiative would create an industry network for training, talent, technology, and entrepreneurial development. Representatives from the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, the College of Engineering, Virginia State University, and New River Community College showed how the project would build a critical training and entrepreneur resource facility to fill the void of talent needs for advanced vehicle technologies.



Senior Tadek Kosmal (left), from Falls Church, Virginia, talks with U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine on Thursday at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. Kosmal, who is majoring in robotics and mechatronics in the College of Engineering, showed off his research with 3D-printed drones in the Design, Research, and Education for Additive Manufacturing Systems (DREAMS) Lab, led by Chris Williams, the L.S. Randolph Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Photo by Diane Deffenbaugh for Virginia Tech.

# New ventilator provides breathing help for critical care veterinary patients

Because of a multidisciplinary team from the Veterinary Teaching Hospital led by Bobbi Conner, clinical associate professor and service chief in emergency and critical care, the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine now can provide mechanical ventilation for patients in long-term care.

To do it, they had to find a mechanical ventilator during a global pandemic.

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital has had a medical air system for 20 years but needed a veterinary specialist called a criticalist to operate it. Because there's a shortage of criticalists — there are fewer than five in Virginia — no one at the hospital had the expertise necessary to safely ventilate long-term.

"The machine we had was essentially a transport ventilator, which physicians might use if they have to transport a patient from one hospital to another. It's meant for very short-term use, just for transport on an ambulance or a helicopter, so about an hour or two," Conner said.

A criticalist deals with the sickest patients and typically oversees an intensive care unit (ICU). After the hospital's emergency team has triaged an ill or injured pet and emergency treatments have started, a criticalist will help stabilize and take care of the pet in the ICU. The criticalist collaborates with all the

necessary departments and specialists on challenging cases to provide comprehensive care.

When Conner was hired in August 2020, she saw an opportunity to expand the Veterinary Teaching Hospital's emergency care options. "When I got here, I realized our capabilities for providing mechanical ventilation were not where they could be, so I spent several months working on getting our infrastructure up and running, replacing a 20-year-old, non-functional medical air compressor," Conner said. So she searched for a user-friendly mechanical ventilator, a challenge because of the pandemic.

"I didn't know for sure when it was going to happen," Conner said. "Ventilators were also not necessarily the easiest to come by, certainly at the pandemic's peak. It was widespread for veterinarians to donate their ventilators to human hospitals. There was a period where there was no way we would be able to purchase a ventilator."

After months of patience, contacting distributors and manufacturers, and getting input from the broader critical care community, Conner finally secured a machine.

But mechanical ventilation is a complex, dangerous process that requires special training. "It's usually not the first measure we take, and we try to avoid it because



Bobbi Conner (left), clinical associate professor of emergency and critical care medicine, and fourth-year DVM student Maya Wallick look after a patient that recently used the ventilator at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

it's problematic," said Conner.

Being put on a ventilator is not a simple task. "It involves putting a breathing tube in, an endotracheal tube. Then we determine on the machine what settings to use to deliver breaths. It's not the natural way to breathe for many reasons. It's not completely benign, and you must be careful," said Conner.

Conner is the only criticalist at the veterinary college. Since she arrived, she has brought myriad knowledge and skills that bolster the hospital's services. "This was not being offered as a service primarily because there wasn't the expertise to do it," Conner said. "If you don't have a criticalist, you don't have anybody who's trained specifically on mechan-

ical ventilators. There's a difference between long-term ventilation and short-term ventilation," Conner said.

Conner's efforts paid off earlier this year when the first patient was successfully treated with the new mechanical ventilator. "We finally got this specialty service up, and shortly afterward, we had our first opportunity to use it. Neurology

had a patient with a disk herniation in the neck that impacted the dog's ability to breathe normally. They took her to MRI and then surgery, and she recovered on the ventilator for a few days," Conner said. "She would not have survived without these interventions, but today the dog is doing very well and we are hopeful she will continue to recover well."

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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  
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

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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Commonwealth of Virginia,  
in re MORGAN,  
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RADFORD CITY DSS  
/v. KAITLIN MORGAN  
ADKINS  
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RIGHTS OF KAITLIN  
MORGAN ADKINS, legal  
parent of Gabriella  
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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Christiansburg's Emilee Horton bowls her way to college scholarship

Emilee Horton has known bowling for most of her life. As a matter of fact, it's not much of an exaggeration to say she was born with a bowling ball in her hand. Her father, Ronnie, is a professional bowler so his daughter has heard the crack of the pins from a very young age.

Now, Horton is taking that experience to college at Tusculum University with a partial scholarship,

"I chose Tusculum University because I feel the academics they provide will make me the most successful in the future. I also really like the treatment and attention the school gives to the sport," Horton said.

Tusculum University is a private Presbyterian university with its main campus in Tusculum, Tenn., with a current enrollment of 1,260

students.

The NCAA Bowling Championship is a sanctioned women's championship in college athletics. Unlike many NCAA sports, only one championship is held each season with teams from Division I, Division II, and Division III competing together.

The collegiate bowling season runs from late October through the end of March, and the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship is held in April.

Last year, Tusculum University finished eighth at the Intercollegiate Team Championship (ITC) sectional qualifier. Of their 20 wins, seven came against nationally ranked opposition.

Tusculum enters this year as the 11th-ranked team in the country ac-

cording to the preseason National Tenpin Coaching Association (NTCA) Division II/III Poll.

Horton started bowling when she was 7 after watching her dad compete professionally.

"I thought the way he could make the ball move was so cool, and I wanted to do it too," she said.

Her highest scoring game is 279, her highest series mark is 690 with an average that most people only dream of (196).

She recently won a Tough Shots Tour tournament and came in second in the Pepsi Cola Tournament last year. Horton also qualified for the Junior Gold Championship all four years of high school and finished in the top one-third this past summer.

Horton plans to study business at Tusculum.



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**Emilee Horton has rolled her passion for bowling into a scholarship at Tusculum University.**

## Race winner stripped, bumped to second

Saturday marked the first full weekly racing series at the Motor Mile Speedway since the ice out opener of early March.

Kyle Dudley was wrecked by Mike Looney in the second of the two twin 50 lap events for the

series and sent to the pits. It seemed to everyone that Dudley went a lap down at that point while making a quick pit stop to check for damage. It seemed that way to everyone except Dudley that is.

At the end of the

race when Mike Looney pulled into Victory Lane to receive his trophy, Dudley pulled up in front of Looney's car in protest. Dudley got out and was visibly upset.

Many were concerned that a fight was about to

break out. Dudley, presumably upset about the wreck, was also protesting that he was not a lap down during the time he came into the pits and should be the winner of the race. He believed that he had passed the start finish line while in the pits and technically had not gone a lap down. It turned out he was right.

After the evening had concluded, NASCAR officials reviewed the videos multiple times and realized that Kyle Dudley was indeed not a lap down. Hours after the cars had been loaded and hauled out of Radford, Kyle Dudley got the phone call from the track telling him he was the winner of the race.

The adjustment moved Mike Looney to second, and Bryan Reedy to third. This also meant that Dudley was a double win-

ner having won the first of the twin Late Model races, followed by Looney and Cory Dunn finishing third.

Motor Mile Speedway also hosted drivers from the traveling class the "Southern Ground Pounders," a vintage class of late model cars from the 50's through the 70's. While the description of these cars suggests a car show where the cars are parked and admired by passersby, this class is anything but. Clocking speeds comparable to the Sportsman and Late Model classes.

The winner in their feature was the car number 12 driven by Bobby Griffin, son of regional racing legend Jimmy Griffin. Bobby was racing in honor of his dad and was visibly emotional when giving his victory speech.

Motor Mile's Sports-

man division also had twin races with two 30 lap features. The top 3 for both races, even after a field inversion following race one, were Daryn Cockram, Karl Budzevski and Kyle Barnes. With Budzevski winning the first race and Cockram winning the second.

Other winners included Bryce Blake in the Super Streets, Doodle Lang in the Mod-4's, Cary Thomason in U-cars and Blake Gordon for the Pure-4 division.

The weekly racing series returns on May 7 with "Rockin' and Racin'."

A full slate of racing for the Weekly Racing Series, and a concert included with the regular price of admission, with "Kiss Army," a KISS tribute band in full KISS makeup and theatrics. Green flag at 6.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOTOR MILE SPEEDWAY

**Kyle Dudley was the winner of a controversial late model race Saturday at Motor Mile Speedway.**

## Hokies gain Boston College basketball transfer



**Clara Ford is transferring from Boston College to Virginia Tech to play her final year of eligibility in basketball.** PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

Virginia Tech women's basketball head coach Kenny Brooks announced Thursday the signing of 6-foot-3 center Clara Ford, a graduate transfer who played for four years at Boston College and will utilize her fifth year of eligibility in Blacksburg.

"We are extremely excited to add Clara and her family to our team," Brooks said. "She will add much needed depth to our front court, and her maturity and leadership qualities will be an asset for our group."

In 2021-22 Ford played in 30 games, starting once. She averaged 2.2 points and 1.3 rebounds and shot 59% from the field.

For her Boston College career, she played in 91 games, scoring a career-high 19 points in 2020 against Syracuse. She also pulled down 16 rebounds vs. UMass, also in 2020.

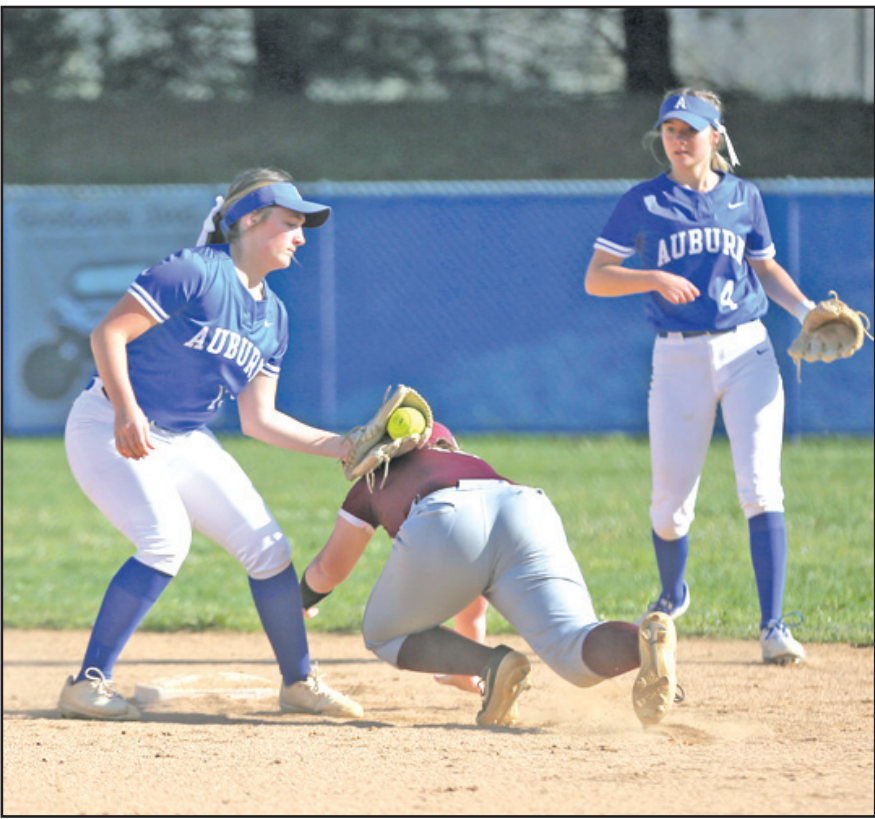
A native of Vienna, Va., Ford played at George C. Marshall High School.

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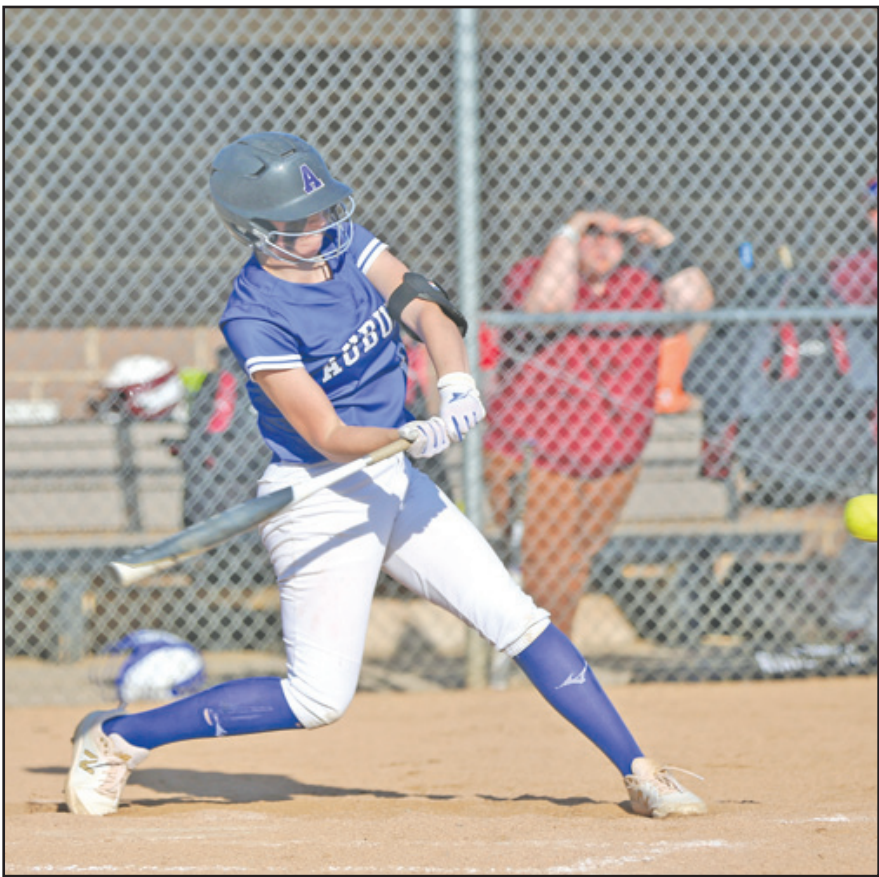
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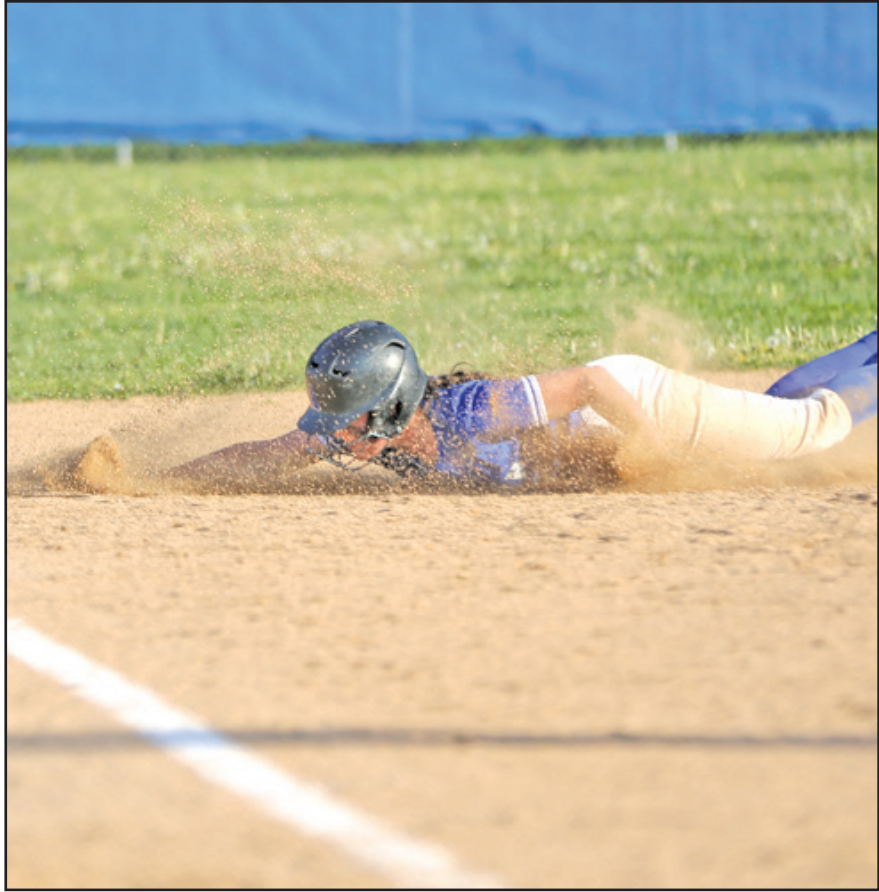
## Auburn softball defeats Galax 7-2



Auburn’s Avery Zuckerwar tags a Galax runner out at second in Friday’s 7-2 win in front of the home crowd.



Auburn’s Hannah Shepherd picks up a big hit as the Eagles rallied from a 2-0 deficit for the victory.



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Auburn’s Emma Greenhalgh slides safely into third during the win over Galax.

## Blacksburg defeats Christiansburg 5-0 in soccer Battle of Burgs



Hayden Yopp (background) and Kendell Britt stay on Sean DeLorenzo as he pushes toward a goal attempt with support from fellow forward Andrew Neeley. Blacksburg won the Battle of the Burgs 5-0 Wednesday.



Blacksburg teammates Sean DeLorenzo (left) and Andrew Neeley (right) work on setting up a play as Christiansburg’s Lain Abbott plays defense.



Sami Selfe (back) and Charles Lattimer (front) vie for ball possession in midfield.



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Riley Boyle (right) and Sami Selfe (left) simultaneously make ball contact.

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