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Radford University receives storm readiness designation from National Weather Service

When it comes right down to it, the most common danger Radford University faces on a regular basis is one of the oldest hazards there is: Mother Nature. “The most frequent threat we face as an institution of higher education is the threat posed by severe weather,” university Director of Emergency Management Peter McCann said this week. That includes hurricanes, snow and ice storms, and flooding rains.

The university recently took significant steps toward planning for such sudden meteorological events, and, on April 25, RU was formally named a Storm-Ready Supporter by the National Weather Service. During a brief meeting at Martin Hall, Phil Hysell, a warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service, presented Radford University interim President Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Ph.D., with both a plaque

and a road sign that announce this new designation. “The storm program recognizes those communities that take a proactive approach to improving their hazardous weather operations and to promoting severe-weather preparedness activities and to participating in those awareness activities,” Hysell said. “They’re more resilient, responsive and ready for significant

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The artwork of Cora Mosby from Belle Heth Elementary School won a first-place nod in the elementary school division at the Virginia school board association’s Blue Ridge spring regional art contest.

Radford students take first, second places in Blue Ridge spring regional art contest

RADFORD - Cora Mosby of Belle Heth Elementary School and Trent Hollandsworth from Radford High School took first and second places in the elementary school and high school divisions respectively in the 2022 Virginia School Board Association’s Blue Ridge spring regional art contest.

Radford City Public Schools Superintendent Robert Graham said, “Congratulations are in order to Cora Mosby and Trent Hollandsworth, who were recognized for their artwork in the annual Blue Ridge Spring Regional Art Contest. Cora placed first in the elementary division Blue Ridge Spring Regional Art Contest 2022 while

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(From left) Radford University’s Director of Emergency Management Peter McCann and interim President Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Ph.D., receive a StormReady plaque and road sign from National Weather Service representatives Douglas Butts and Phil Hysell.

NRV Community Services supports Radford Public Library with books

RADFORD - New River Valley Community Services recently donated several books to the Radford Public Library’s children’s area in support of mental health. “RPL is grateful to New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) for their generous donation of children’s books to the collection,” the library announced. “In recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness month and also with attention to Resilience Week, NRVCS brought several children’s books and chapter books over to the library.” Dee Frith, Community Wellness and Outreach Specialist for New River Valley Community Services, recently presented the books to Youth Librarian Morgan Esterhuizan. “Keep your eyes peeled! These titles will soon be in the library catalog.” Mental Health Month was established in 1949

to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans’ lives and to celebrate recovery

from mental illness. This year, the theme is “Back to Basics.” After the last two years of pandemic living, many

people are realizing that stress, isolation, and uncertainty have taken a toll on their well-being.



Morgan Esterhuizan, youth librarian at the Radford Public Library, receives a book donation from Dee Frith, Community Wellness and Outreach Specialist for New River Valley Community Services.

Radford online RN to BSN program ranked in top three in Virginia



The Radford University online Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program has been ranked third in the state of Virginia by registered-nursing.org. The website provides resources and informa-

tion to those interested in nursing careers from the research phase to enrollment to landing that first job and beyond. It is staffed by registered nurses interested in helping those who want to pursue nursing careers make the most out of their educa-

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Scrabble tournament to raise funds for NRV Literacy Volunteers

The 14th Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy on Thursday, May 26, at the German Club Manor on Virginia Tech’s campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. will raise funds for Literacy

Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) to help local adults learn to read, speak English, and reach their goals for personal independence and family self-sufficiency.

The friendly word-play competition will be emceed by Radford City Mayor David Horton. The evening will kick off with a selection of local food offerings, and Scrabble play will commence at 6:15 p.m.. 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. Among the awards to be given are the top scorer, the longest word, the highest score word, and the most creative team name. Participants may register as a team of three for \$100 or sign up as an individual for \$35, and the organization will match a player with a team. Teams may choose from “competitive” or “just for fun”

play categories. Players can buy a “peek” at the dictionary for \$3 or purchase a “cheat sheet” for \$5. To find out more and to register, visit www.lvnrv.org or call 540-382-7262. Approximately 20% of New River Valley residents ages 16 to 74 have below-basic literacy skills. Twenty-four thousand adults struggle with very basic reading, and even higher proportions struggle with numeracy skills. Although most adults in this area are employed, the need for basic skills in most of the population makes keeping a job or getting a better job challenging. Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley is a United Way partner agency that provides free instruction in reading, writing, math, basic computer skills,

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), and assistance preparing for exams such as the GED, the U.S. Citizenship test, and the driver’s license exam to help adults achieve their goals. Tutoring is provided by trained volunteers through one-to-one, small-group, and class instruction at the Christiansburg learning center as well as public locations throughout the New River Valley. Literacy Volunteers also provides family literacy programming to help parents learn to read to their children and support their children’s education. To purchase tickets for the Scrabble Tournament or for more information on LVNRV, participants may go to www.lvnrv.org, email info@lvnrv.org, or call 540-382-7262.



The Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley will present a Scrabble tournament on Thursday, May 26, to raise funds to help local adults learn to read and speak English.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 11:

West End Wednesdays

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, family and friends to the upper lawn of Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for a free concert featuring Appalachian Space Train, a Floyd-based foursome that describes their sound as rockadelic funkabilly. Concertgoers can purchase food from the Paper Dragon food truck or bring their own. Craft beer will be available for purchase (no outside alcohol allowed). A variety of handcrafted vendors and representatives from local organizations will also be on site.

Brown Bag Book Club

To be discussed this month is an adult fiction book titled "The Lost City of Z" written by David Grann at the Radford Public Library from noon to 1 p.m. No commitment is required to attend this book club.

Early release craft: Painting with Sugar

Radford High School students are invited to come by for a fun after-school craft on this early release day. At the Radford Public Library 1 to 2 p.m.

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.

Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14:

Radford Public Library book sale

At the Radford Public Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14. The money raised will go to help with programs and other needs at the library. Hardbacks are \$1.00 and paperbacks \$.50. Children's books are half that.

Saturday, May 14:

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its May fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. A single serving of fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Children under 3 will eat free. Carry-outs are \$12. The fish fry will be held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Monday, May 16:

Book tasting

Come out to the Rock n' Read Diner at Radford Public Library from 5 to 6 p.m. for the library's first-ever book tasting event. A book tasting is an event during which students "taste," or sample, a selection of books they have chosen ahead of time. They can rotate among tables to sample the books and record notes about the ones that interested them. Tables of

middle-grade books will be set up. All books will be pulled from the J-Fiction and J-Nonfiction sections of the library.

Crafternoon delight for adults only

Participants can bring their crafting supplies to the Radford Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. and knit, crochet, and needlepoint. Some crafting supplies will be provided.

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.

Family Reads with LVNRV

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley will provide English as a Second Language (ESL) lessons to parents of children ages 3-8 (older siblings are welcome). This is a 7-week program that started Tuesday, April 12. Children will have fun activities to work on while parents learn to read English. Call (540) 382-7262 or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnr.org for more information.

Wednesday, May 18:

American Business Women's Association May luncheon meeting

At the Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg, 99 Bradley Drive, Christiansburg from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$14.25. The featured guest speaker is Caitlyn Scaggs, who will share a message about bragging on our successes without being boastful. RSVP by noon, May 16, 2022. Contact Terri Welch at: Christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

Art Club: Helen Frankenthaler and soak-stain art

At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. To be explored is the art of Helen Frankenthaler. Participants will create soak-stain art inspired by her art style. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22:

Friends of the Library book sale

At the Meadowbrook Public Library. Stock up on books (plus DVDs and CDs) at the library's three-day book sale. Fill a grocery bag (provided) for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22, during regular library hours.

Saturday, May 21:

Friends of the Library book sale

At the Blacksburg Library from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Fill a plastic grocery bag for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Caturday

At the Christiansburg Library; noon. Sign up at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and to socialize shelter cats. All ages. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

Music on the Lawn: American Roots

At the Christiansburg Library; 6 p.m. This is the first show in the library's Music on the Lawn concert series featuring Southwest Virginia's own American Roots. This free concert will take place rain or shine.

Monday, May 23:

8th Annual Radford Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

Virginia Tech River Course will host the Radford Chamber of Commerce's golf tournament again this year. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Radford Chamber Executive Director Dan McKinney said, "The traveling trophy is back at the chamber office ready to be presented to this year's winning team. We are truly appreciative of the businesses that support this fundraiser for us. We are looking forward to a full field again this year. We have several spots for teams still available. We also have sponsorships available. A special part of this year's tournament will be a Closest to the Pin on the new golf simulator that the River Course recently acquired. A portion of the money for this contest will go to our scholarship fund, and we have a great winning prize. We are inviting both the players and others to compete with this contest. Visit <https://radfordchamber.com/annual-golf-tournament> for more information."

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 event will be emceed by Radford City Mayor David Horton. Local food offerings will be available.

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, email info@lvnr.org, or call 540-382-7262.

Friday, May 27:

Reception for Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation exhibit

A reception for Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation's "End of the Line" exhibit, which runs through June 25, 2022, will be held in the Alexander Black House main galleries, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg, on Friday, May 27, from 5 to 7 p.m.. The reception is open to the public. Admission to the exhibit is free. The exhibit will be on display Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"End of the Line" is a multi-media exhibition by Bill Ratcliffe that examines the final destination for most consumed goods, the landfill. The exhibit allows for the viewing of sites rarely seen by the general public.

Monday, May 30:

MFRL closure

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day. All branches will be closed on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Saturday, June 18:

NAACP Juneteenth Commemoration

The Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch and Youth Council of the NAACP will celebrate Juneteenth, the traditional African-American commemoration of freedom from slavery, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Rosa Peters Playground, 300 Depot St NE, Christiansburg.

Music and food will be available for purchase. The NAACP Youth Council will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and other snacks. An ice cream truck courtesy of Freedom First Credit Union will provide free ice cream. All proceeds benefit local youth educational activities and programs.

An informative program on Juneteenth will start at noon, followed by swimming, children's games, a silent auction, a raffle, and door prizes. Various talents will be shared by youth and community members. NAACP and other community organizations will have informational booths and giveaways. Any organization wanting to have a booth may contact the NAACP's local branch at 540-382-6751. Entry is free.

Ongoing:

Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread volunteer names

Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread (RFDB) and its sister program, Meals on Wheels, are searching for the names of everyone who has volunteered with either service. Anyone who knows of past volunteers, especially those over the programs' first two decades, should contact feherzog66@gmail.com or by mail, addressed to Herzog, at RFDB, P. O. Box 3323, Radford 24143.

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.

Grab-and-Go meals

At the Meadowbrook Public Library. Free grab-and-go lunch and snack meals for children and youth 18 and younger. They can come by and get a week's worth of lunches and snacks. Sponsored by Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Glencoe Mansion calls for art for Mary Draper Ingles show

Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July-August 2022 Gallery Exhibit, "Follow Her Journey," a multi-artist show themed on Mary Draper Ingles. Artwork should reflect or be based on the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles including depictions of local landmarks (for example, Ingles Farm, the Cultural Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and ferry site), and Colonial style art. All fine arts and fine craft media will be considered.

Artists may submit up to three artworks for consideration. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 3. Participation, which is subject to acceptance, is open to artists in and around the NRVA area, ages 16 and up. Artists will be notified via email no later than June 15.

The show will be on display throughout July and August with an opening reception during the Mary Draper Ingles Festival of July 29-31. For more information, go to www.GlencoeMansion.org or email Gallery Coordinator at art@glencoe-mansion.org.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday, May 26th @ 4 PM

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Preview Date - Saturday, May 14th at 10 AM

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Pack at VAAuctionPro.com

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Home Builders Association presents Excellence in Building awards

CHRISTIANSBURG — The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) presented the Excellence in Building Awards at its annual gala event on Friday, April 29.

Justin Boyle, CFO of Green Valley Builders and President of the NRV Home Builders Association, announced the winners from among 27 nominees in eight different categories.

The nominees came from 16 different local businesses and/or individuals. Nominees are required to submit design plans, client letters of satisfaction, and before/after photography. The winners were chosen by their peers from among the 130 members of the New River Valley Home Builders Association.

Among the Design Excellence Awards, Slate Creek Builders won the Best Kitchen category for the fourth year in a row, Back to Nature Landscaping & Construction took home the Best Outdoor

Living award for the fifth year in a row, and White Builders, Inc., was awarded the Best Remodeled Home for the third year in a row. Blue Ridge Home Improvement won the Best Bath category while Tyris Homes won the Best New Home award.

Jeff Nosenzo of Brown Insurance Agency was awarded the Association Service Award for his board service and outstanding volunteer work throughout 2021. Ferguson Enterprises was recognized as the NRVHBA Associate Member of the Year, awarded each year to a non-Builder member of the NRVHBA for outstanding service and contributions to the industry and association.

Slate Creek Builders also won the Builder of the Year award for building and operating with quality and integrity in mind, their consideration of community impact when planning and building, and having a high customer satisfaction rating.



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The 2021 NRV Home Builders Association award winners are pictured above. They are top row (left to right) Cat White (Tyris Homes); James Ulmer (Back to Nature Landscaping and Construction); Jeff Nosenzo (Brown Insurance); Cassidy Jones (Slate Creek Builders); Doug Ling (Slate Creek Builders); Susan Davidson (Blue Ridge Home Improvement); and Logan Lawrence (Blue Ridge Home Improvement); bottom row (left to right) Roger White (White Builders, Inc.); Isaiah Baker (Slate Creek Builders); Jackie Gardner (Ferguson Enterprises); and Sara Purpura (White Builders, Inc.).

“The SCB team is honored to be the recipient of the 2021 Builder of the Year award, which is truly only possible due to the support of our amaz-

ing clients and our many industry partners,” said Sean Beliveau, owner of Slate Creek Builders.

2022 NRVHBA President, Justin Boyle said,

“The NRVHBA is privileged to have the members that it does and is proud to showcase all their accomplishments over the last year. Each

goes above and beyond for their clients to showcase their talents and abilities and truly make the NRV a better place to live.”

PETS OF THE WEEK



Dean has been a resident at the Animal Care and Adoption Center for a short time and is ready to find his forever home. This friendly boy enjoys attention from humans, and he will also gladly sit for a delicious treat. He'll need to have a meet-and-greet for any prospective homes with other dogs.



Meet Milo! He is a pawsome feline who loves the great indoors and being social with people. He gets along with dogs as well as humans of all ages. Stop by to see if Milo is your purrfect match.

NRV Community Foundation welcomes new assistant director

Lindsey Gleason has been named the new assistant director of the Community Foundation of the New River Valley.

In this role, she will manage all marketing and communications, spearhead the annual GiveLocalNRV Online Giving Day, and coordinate nonprofit leadership programs.

Prior to joining

the CFNRV, Gleason worked for Virginia Tech for nearly nine years with Student Affairs Advancement and VT Engage. She has experience in communications, marketing, community engagement, nonprofit fundraising and event management and training in the areas of social justice, inclusion, and accessibility.



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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE, THE E-RAC, BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
CASE NO. PUR-2022-00001

•Appalachian Power Company (“APCo”) has applied for a revision of its rate adjustment clause, the E-RAC, for recovery of costs incurred to comply with state and federal environmental laws and regulations.

•APCo requests approval of a revenue requirement of \$33.6 million for its E-RAC for the rate year beginning December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023. According to APCo, this amount would increase a residential customer’s bill using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$0.80.

•The State Corporation Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on September 20, 2022, to receive public witness testimony.

•The Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing in this case on September 21, 2022.

•Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On March 18, 2022, pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 5 e of the Code of Virginia (“Code”), Appalachian Power Company (“APCo” or “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) a petition (“Petition”) for approval to recover costs through its existing rate adjustment clause (the “E-RAC”), related to capital investments and operations and maintenance (“O&M”) compliance expenses that are necessary to comply with state and federal environmental regulations.

In Case No. PUR-2020-00258, the Commission approved the Company’s E-RAC, including actual and projected capital investment incurred to comply with the EPA’s Coal Combustion Residuals Rule (“CCR Rule”) at the Company’s Amos and Mountaineer Plants (the “Plants”). The Commission denied, without prejudice, the Company’s request to recover through the E-RAC its actual and projected capital investment incurred to comply with the EPA’s Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines (“ELG Rule”) at the Plants.

In its Petition herein, the Company seeks to recover a revenue requirement of \$33.6 million during the rate year of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 (“Rate Year”) through the E-RAC. This amount includes: (1) actual and projected capital investment to comply with the CCR Rule at the Plants; (2) actual and projected capital investment to comply with the ELG Rule at the Plants, including those incurred up to August 2021; (3) new capital investments related to dissolved oxygen levels at the hydroelectric generating units at the Company’s Claytor Hydro Project and the dry sorbent injection system at Amos; (4) actual and projected costs to comply with the regulation that established Virginia as a member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative associated with the dispatch of the Company’s gas-fired Clinch River Plant; and (5) actual and projected O&M compliance costs incurred in complying with environmental regulations at the Company’s generation units.

In the 2021 E-RAC Order, the Commission found that the Company had “not met its burden of proving the reasonableness and prudence of the proposed ELG investment costs,” but held that the Company should be permitted to provide additional analyses and evidence to support the ELG investment, “should APCo conclude circumstances so warrant.”

The Petition explains that on December 23, 2020, APCo filed a petition with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (“WVpsc”) seeking certificates of convenience and necessity authorizing both the CCR and ELG projects at the Plants, as well as a cost recovery mechanism. The Company states that the WVpsc approved the requests on August 4, 2021. On October 12, 2021, the WVpsc issued another order that confirmed its earlier decision, stating that, due to the Commission’s 2021 E-RAC Order, “Virginia...jurisdictional customers should receive no capacity or energy from the Plants after 2028.” The Company states that as the Plants will continue to operate past 2028, no matter how the Commission rules on this Petition, circumstances warrant re-filing its request to recover the costs of the ELG Projects.

APCo proposes a total revenue requirement of approximately \$33.6 million during the Rate Year. Specifically, the Company indicates that its proposed revenue requirement comprises four elements: (1) a Forecast Rate Year Component of \$29.6 million; (2) a Forecast Allowance for Funds Used During Construction Revenue Component of \$4.3 million; (3) a True-up Revenue Component of (\$0.5 million); and (4) an Actual Revenue Component of \$0.2 million. For purposes of calculating the revenue requirement, APCo states that it used an after tax rate of return on rate base of 6.817% based on the year ended December 31, 2020 capital structure. The Company further states that this rate of return included the 9.20% return on equity approved by the Commission in Case No. PUR-2020-00015.

APCo states that it seeks to recover the revenue requirement by allocating costs to the Virginia jurisdiction consistent with the Company’s methodology approved by the Commission in its previous E-RAC proceeding. If the proposed E-RAC is approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer’s rate schedule and usage. According to the Company, the revenue requirement would be an increase of \$6.2 million over the Company’s existing E-RAC. APCo estimates that implementing this revenue requirement would increase a residential customer’s monthly bill, based on 1,000 kWh usage per month, by \$0.80, or 0.6%, when compared to rates effective December 1, 2021.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company’s Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo’s Petition. On September 20, 2022, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission’s courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before September 15, 2022, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filing out a form on the Commission’s website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On September 21, 2022, at 10 a.m., in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission’s Staff.

The Commission takes 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 and Procedure (“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 Commission’s 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 Hearing for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company’s Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, 3 James Center, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or njcoates@aep.com.

On or before September 14, 2022, any interested person may file comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00001.

On or before June 17, 2022, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, or by filing electronically at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s 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 Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00001.

On or before July 29, 2022, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address above or electronically at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/, and serve on the Commission’s Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness’s testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission’s Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*; and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00001.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The public version of the Company’s Petition, the Commission’s Rules of Practice and the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission’s website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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OPINION

Majority of Virginia employers experiencing labor shortage but remain optimistic about future

Ninety percent of Virginia CEOs are experiencing a labor shortage impacting their business.

That's the latest from the quarterly CEO Economic Outlook Survey conducted by the University of Richmond's Robins School of Business and the Virginia Council of CEOs.

In addition to the labor shortage, 75% of CEOs reported at least a minor impact resulting from supply chain shortages. Seventy percent of CEOs expect sales to increase over the next six months with 34%

of those expecting at least a 10% uptick. Additionally, 67% of CEOs expect employment to increase over the same period.

The survey found expectations over the next six months for sales and employment were both positive and expectations were up compared with the end of Q4 2021. Expectations with regard to capital spending remained primarily flat.

More than half (70%) of CEOs indicated that they expect sales to increase over the next six months. Nine

percent expected sales to be "significantly higher." 61% expected sales to be "higher." Seven percent expected sales to be "lower." One percent expected sales to be "significantly lower." 21% indicated they expected no change.

Thirty-one percent of CEOs expect capital spending to increase over the next six months (compared with 41% last quarter), while 11% expect capital spending to decrease. More than 57% expect capital spending to remain flat.

Sixty-seven percent of

responding CEOs expect employment to increase over the next six months. Additionally, 29% expect employment to remain flat while only 4% expect employment to fall.

Taken as a whole, the results pertaining to sales, capital spending, and employment continue to be positive with the overall Economic Outlook Index increasing slightly (98.1 versus 93.7) relative to the results from the end of the fourth quarter of 2021.

Asked what percentage of their workforce is work-

ing remotely relative to pre-COVID, 46 percent of the responding CEOs reported that a higher percentage will be working remotely; 39% reported they expected no change in the percentage working remotely; 15% said they expected a lower percentage will be working remotely.

"The survey results suggest that CEOs continue to be optimistic about the next six months, particularly with respect to predicted sales and employment," said Rich Boulger, associate dean at the Robins

School, which administered the survey and collected the responses. "This is in spite of significant shortages being experienced and ongoing supply chain issues. The overall index has returned to its pre-COVID level."

"With war in Europe, inflation rising, and talk of recession, I was surprised that the index increased," said Scot McRoberts, executive director of VACEOs. "CEOs of small and mid-sized firms are entrepreneurs at heart, and optimism is in their nature."

Virginia gas prices skyrocketed by 17 cents last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia rose 17.0 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.22/g Monday, May 9, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081

stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 23.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.45/g higher than a year ago.

The price of diesel rose 22.6 cents nationally last week and stood at \$5.518 per gallon Monday.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.35/g Monday while the most expensive was \$5.49/g, a difference of \$2.14/g.

The national average price of gasoline rose 13.6 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.31/g Monday. The national average is up 19.6 cents per gallon from a month

ago and stands \$1.36/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.

"Gasoline and diesel prices alike saw strong upward momentum last week as oil prices continued to climb after the EU signaled its desire to sanction Russian oil," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "In addition, U.S. petroleum

inventories saw yet another weekly decline as we near the start of summer driving season. Not only are diesel prices at a record high, they are at their largest differential to gasoline on record, surpassing the 98-cent difference in 2008 and currently standing at a \$1.20 per gallon premium. While motorists filling with gasoline have seen a slight rise in prices, diesel's surge will be a double whammy as diesel prices will soon be passed along to retail

channels, further pushing up the cost of goods."

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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Storm Readiness

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weather events," he said.

Some of the requirements for the program included establishing a 24-hour warning point location with a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration radio at the Radford Police Department dispatch center; setting up multiple ways to receive and monitor warnings from the National Weather Service; install-

ing a method to alert the community of weather warnings; conducting outreach initiatives to educate the community on weather preparedness; and maintaining a hazardous weather plan.

"This certification represents a partnership between Radford University and the National Weather Service to provide the best service possible to the Rad-

ford community when it comes to managing the potential for impacts from severe weather," McCann said.

Radford University has been compliant with the StormReady Supporter program requirements since November 2020, but the pandemic prevented a public recognition ceremony until this month.

The StormReady pro-

gram was developed in 1999, and today, more than 3,000 communities and universities across the country have earned the StormReady designation. The StormReady Supporter designation in Virginia applies to universities with fewer than 10,000 students living within the center of campus.

Neil Harvey

Art Contest

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Trent placed second in the high school division. We are certainly very proud of these young artists and their teachers – Michelle Saunders, Ashley Syphrett, Kristy Bryant, and Savannah Leeman – who have provided such great instruction to them this year as well as in previous years.

If you see these students or staff members, please let them know how much we appreciate all they do for our wonderful school division.

The winners were announced on May 4.

"Regional school board members were treated to an impressive display of creativity and faced some tough decisions in selecting the 2022 winners in the Virginia School Board Association's Blue Ridge Regional Art Contest," announced the Virginia School Board Associa-

tion. "Student art from the elementary, middle, and high school levels represented each school division in the competition, which was judged virtually by a panel of judges before the meeting of school board members from across the region."

The VSBA Regional Art Contest began in 1989 to promote the artistic talents of Virginia's public school students. For each of the nine VSBA regions, a winner is chosen for the elementary, middle,

and high school levels. The winning art has traditionally been framed and displayed in the offices of the VSBA in Charlottesville and the Richmond offices of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This year, however, because the contest was completely virtual, the winning artwork will be featured on the VSBA website, will be spotlighted during the VSBA Annual Convention and will be featured in VSBA publications throughout the year.

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- 1. As fast as can be done
 - 5. WC's
 - 9. Religious retreat
 - 11. Warfare
 - 13. One you wouldn't expect
 - 15. Disease-causing microorganisms
 - 16. For each
 - 17. Grammatical term
 - 19. One point east of southeast
 - 21. ___ Dern, actress
 - 22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 23. Shampoo
 - 25. Scale drawing of a structure
 - 26. An enclosure for confining livestock
 - 27. Goat-like mammal
 - 29. Cigar
 - 31. Appear
 - 33. "Westworld" actress Rachel Wood
 - 34. Leaked through
 - 36. The highest adult male singing voice
 - 38. Musical group ___
 - 39. Soundsystem
 - 39. Aurochs
 - 41. Crazy (Spanish)
 - 43. Swiss river
 - 44. Strains
 - 46. Frock
 - 48. Found in most body tissues
 - 52. Cool!
 - 54. Christian recluse
 - 56. Removes
 - 57. Repents
 - 58. Energy
 - 59. Tailless amphibian
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Not awake
 - 2. Type of dessert
 - 3. They ___
 - 4. Retired Coast Guard admiral
 - 5. Gene positions
 - 6. Exclude
 - 7. One who is bound
 - 8. Where drinks are served
 - 9. Small vipers
 - 10. Blackbird
 - 11. Adventurer
 - 12. Shade
 - 14. A way to gain
 - 15. A salt or ester of boric acid
 - 18. Monetary units
 - 20. Removed
 - 24. "My country, tis of ___"
 - 26. Horses
 - 28. Drives back by force
 - 30. Bold, impudent behavior
 - 32. Rates
 - 34. Types of nerves in males
 - 35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
 - 37. Wind instrument
 - 38. Pakistani city
 - 40. Dry or withered
 - 42. Delivered a speech
 - 43. Peak
 - 45. Small waterbird
 - 47. Days falling in mid-month
 - 49. Elvis' daughter
 - 50. Flat and smooth
 - 51. Dallas Cowboys great Leon
 - 55. What cows say



Trent Hollandsworth of Radford High School took a second-place award in the high school division of the Virginia school board association's Blue Ridge spring regional art contest with this artwork.

Alleghany DAR installs new officers at Christiansburg luncheon



The Alleghany Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution installed officers at the Farmhouse restaurant in Christiansburg on Saturday, April 9. Installed by DAR District VII Director Jeanne Motley Dooley, the new officers are (left to right) Secretary Harriet Fry Tuck, Historian Dorothy Nolan Cupp, Regent Deborah Goeller Haught, District VII Director Jeanne Motley Dooley, Registrar Diane Wilson Catley, Chaplain Harriet Lester Williams, and Vice Regent Vicki Baird Stec. The DAR works to promote community service and preserve history and is involved with education and supporting those who serve our nation in the military. The Alleghany Chapter consists of over 80 women who are united in dedication to the national DAR mission.

NRV Community Foundation's Third Thursday session set for May 19



The New River Valley Community Foundation's Third Thursday May session will be held in person on Thursday, May 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The 9:30 starting time is later than usual and will be held at the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center at 1880 Pratt Dr. in Blacksburg (the Concept Conference Room on the second floor).

The speakers for this leadership-focused session are both from Radford University: Jason Clayton, Director of the Center for Career and Talent Development; and Joe Wirgau, Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship.

Together, they will discuss how leadership and career readiness competencies can be shared at the workplace as they teach participants how they can learn more about how to develop and articulate their leadership skills.

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BSN Program

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tions.

According to registerednursing.org, more than 15 institutions in the commonwealth offer RN to BSN programs, but that number is growing each year as the demand for nurses with baccalaureate degrees increases. A BSN degree can open the door to better employment opportunities and higher salaries for nurses. Online programs, like the one offered at Radford, make it convenient for nurses to continue their education anytime, anywhere while continuing to work.

To determine the best online RN to BSN programs, registerednursing.org used data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS); the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE); and the Council for Community and Economic Research.

The organization then assembled its ratings based on the following criteria: whether the institution is accredited; whether the institution offers online programs; the ratio of total nurse program completions vs. total program completions awarded by the institu-

tion, sorted from higher to lower ratios; the annual tuition and fees adjusted for each county's cost of living, sorted by lowest to highest; the ratio of instructional faculty that are tenured; the acceptance rate percentage for the college or university; and the graduate rate at 150% of normal time.

Once all the points were totaled, registerednursing.org ranked the schools from highest to lowest total points.

According to registerednursing.org, the RN to BSN online degree program offered at Radford University is ranked highly based on how students learn to apply scientific principles, strengthen their clinical decision-making, and improve patient and colleague communications when they progress through the program. In addition, the ranking comes from graduates' ability to become patient care advocates and champions of the profession.

The website also highlights that the program costs less than \$10,000 a year, has a liberal transfer credit agreement, and offers six different potential start dates for cohorts each year.

Mark Lambert
Radford University

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, May 25th @ 4 PM

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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 – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. 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 98 to 109. 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.

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.

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. Lane closures on Route 615 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals have begun and will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion

is October 2022.

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.

PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Route 610, both east and west lanes to the Floyd County line, will have a flagging operation in place for paving from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

INTERSTATE 81 WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 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 has begun and will continue and 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. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

Until mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures will be in effect between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

Until mid-June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours will be in effect between 8 p.m. and 6

a.m., Sunday through Thursday

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

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 is 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 is 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.

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

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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

INTERSTATE 581 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 completed in the fall of 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 direction 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 OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY – Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE 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.

Harshbergers to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

On May 19, 1962, Kathleen Harvey and Richard (Dick) Harshberger, were married in the chapel of Villanova University near

Philadelphia. As has become the case throughout their lives together, they were surrounded by many friends and family. Nevertheless, because

they were so young, some doubts accompanied them down the aisle even though the couple had waited a year for Kathleen's brother, Ted,

to return from military service in Germany to marry.

All doubts evaporated at the reception when Dick and Kathleen gave the crowd their first of their many performances as a married couple, a waltz medley that included "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." An essential truth that contributed to 60 years of marriage was that not

only were the newlyweds in love with each other, but they also liked each other.

So 60 years later, after three children, four grandchildren, so many theater performances and rehearsals they are beyond counting, political campaign victories, published books, dance competitions, tragedies and triumphs, the Harshbergers are on the doorstep of celebrating

their diamond anniversary.

The New River Valley has been fortunate that Dick and Kathleen found each other those many years ago. For most of their married life, they have called Radford their home, and they have served the city in countless ways in both their public and private lives as public servants, entertainers, and good friends.

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The petitioner's object of this proceeding is to obtain a divorce of bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the ground of having lived separate and apart for a period exceeding one year.
It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address was 1101 Joyce Street, Apartment 2318, Arlington, Virginia 22202, the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown, and diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain in what county or city the Defendant is without effect, it is ORDERED that the defendant appear before this court on July 20, 2022 and protect her interests herein.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the News Messenger, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Virginia, and having general circulation in Montgomery County, Virginia, and a copy of this order is to be posted at the front door of the Montgomery County Court House of Virginia.

May 4, 2022
Erica W. Conner
Clerk of Court

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Case No. CL22000143-00
BOTETOURT COUNTY
1 WEST MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 219,
FINCASTLE, VA 24090

FLORIARES DE LA CRUZ ANTIVOLA v. LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR
The object of this suit is: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 16, 2022.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Bad Boy Buck Blevins passes away

From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon



When he was 10, Buck Blevins asked his mother what she would do if a professional wrestler came to their house for a meal. She laughed and said it would never happen. Buck was not only determined to meet one but also to become one.

He had always been a fan of the sport, and a short time later, he met retired professional wrestler Jimmy Valiant, who ran a training camp in nearby Alleghany Springs.

At 4-8 and 140 pounds, the odds were against Blevins, but that didn't stop him. After graduating from Valiant's training camp, he met one of his heroes, Ricky Morton of the Rockin' Road Express.

He even served as Valiant's manager at several events.

Buck Blevins died this past week. He was 47. He was born with a condition simply called "dwarfism" and

graduated from Pulaski County High School where he was the manager of the school's football team including the 1992 state championship. Cougar football was another one of those things he loved.

I met him through his relationship with former Radford radio disc jockey Robby Raggs. Buck followed Raggs to many public appearances and used his wrestling background to sign autographs.

Known as "Bad Boy Buck," Blevins won the National Wrestling League's Midget Championship. He also put on a clown suit and entered the then-World Wrestling Federation (now WWE), which was owned by promoter Vince McMahon.

He would come to the ring with Doink the Clown along with Dink and Pink. All of this took place before he turned 18 as he appeared on national television.

Injuries and health problems all associated with his condition forced him out of the ring, but he never forgot the wrestling chapter in his life.

Thanks, Buck, for all the memories and stories you kept close to your heart.



FILE PHOTO

Local professional wrestler Bad Boy Buck Blevins passed away this past week at the age of 47.

Radford High gymnast Brenna Mills commits to Air Force Academy

Marty Gordon
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Radford High gymnast Brenna Mills has announced her intentions to take her talents to the next level at the Air Force Academy.

Mills signed a letter of intent this past week in the high school's gymnasium in front of family, friends and U.S. Congressman Morgan Griffith, who secured the appointment to the military academy.

"I chose the Air Force Academy because it offers everything I could ask for in a college: world renowned academics and facilities, and the opportunity to not only compete on the gymnastics team but to serve my

country after I graduate," Mills said.

Mills was level 10 Virginia state vault champion and came in fifth place on the bars and floor this year and was Region 7 sixth-place vault medalist. She has trained at the Virginia Techniques facility in Christiansburg since she was 5 and has competed out of the gym because Radford High didn't have a gymnastics team.

"I've loved gymnastics since I was 5, and with the Air Force Academy being the only service academy that offers women's gymnastics, it felt right to continue my gymnastics career as a Lady Falcon," Mills said.

She is the first individual from Radford to be accepted to the academy in more than 20 years.

"We saw a map at the Air Force Academy of

Virginia, and there were pinpoints where all the cadets came from, and the closest one to Radford, I think, was Marion. So whenever I get there, I'll get to get my little pin and put Radford on the map," Mills said.

The United States Air Force Academy is a United States service academy immediately north of Colorado Springs. The school has an enrollment of 4,304 students. The men's and women's athletic programs compete in NCAA's Division I with most teams competing in the Mountain West Conference. However, the gymnastics teams compete in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

Last month, the Falcons took second place at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Nationals with a team score of 195.650,

the third-highest score in program history.

Texas Women's University edged out Air Force for first place, recording a 196.025.

Mills said she considers it an honor to represent Southwest Virginia this way.

"I hope news of my appointment will reach those in Southwest Virginia who are thinking about applying to a service academy so they can know that it doesn't matter where you come from, only who you are and what you're willing to do to reach your dreams," she said.

At Radford High, Mills has a 4.24 grade-point-average.

At the Air Force Academy, Mills hopes to major in either biological sciences or some type of engineering.



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Brenna Mills of Radford High School is headed to the U.S. Air Force Academy to continue her career in gymnastics.

Pulaski River Turtles release 2022 promotional night calendar

In conjunction with the launch of individual game night ticket sales, Calfee Park Baseball, Inc. and the Pulaski River Turtles have released their 2022 promotional nights calendar.

The expansive list of promotional nights includes traditional favorites such as Agriculture Night, the return of the popular Saddle-Up Sunday cowboy-themed night, and new promotions such as Circus Night.

The promotions include the following dates and events:

Saturday, June 11: Kenny Lofton Night

Kenny Lofton's resume is remarkable: Six-time MLB All-

Star. Four Gold Gloves, 15th all-time in stolen bases with a mammoth total of 622. He also boasts two World Series appearances in 11 trips to the postseason. Now, Lofton will be making an appearance at Calfee Park for a special meet and greet Saturday, June 11, giving fans the opportunity to meet this major league legend.

Note that no outside memorabilia will be autographed (including trading cards, baseballs, and jerseys). Free autographed prints will be provided to fans.

Sunday, June 26: Saddle-Up Sunday presented by 94.9 Star Country

Saddle-Up Sunday returns June 26 presented by 94.9 Star Country. Early arrivals can take part in free cowboy hat giveaways while supplies last and take a ride on the buckin' mechanical bull. Rides are free of charge.

Friday, July 8: Christmas in July presented by Shively Electric

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Saturday, July 16: Agriculture Night presented by Farm Credit

A Calfee Park tradition. Agriculture Night presented by Farm Credit is expanding this season with the return of the popular Ag Night jersey raffle. Don't miss the fashionable threads the River Turtles will sport this night. A petting zoo will also be on-site for fans of all ages courtesy of 4-H and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Pulaski Office. The annual beef raffle is back, courtesy of Hagan Cattle Company. Raffle tickets will go on sale soon with the winner drawn at the conclusion of Agriculture Night.

Thursday, August 4: Circus Night presented by Member One Federal Credit Union & K92

This is a new entry in the promotional schedule. The 2022 season concludes its promotions with Circus Night on Aug. 4 presented by Member One Federal Credit Union and K92. Calfee Park welcomes award-winning entertainment act Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act (<http://www.amazingtyler.com/>) for a night of dazzling stunts during the game. Chuckles the Clown will also be present to create balloon masterpieces for fans of all ages.

Hokies land #1 seed in ACC softball tournament

The No. 2 Virginia Tech softball team has claimed its third Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title and is the No. 1 seed heading into the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference softball championship, which begins, today, Wednesday, May 11, at Vartabedian Field in Pittsburgh.

The Hokies earned the top seed after winning the regular-season championship with a 21-2 mark in conference action. Virginia Tech will play its first tournament game in the quarterfinals on Thursday at 11 a.m., when it takes on the winner of Wednesday's first-round matchup between No. 9 Syracuse and No. 8 Louisville.

The 2022 ACC softball championship will continue with Friday's semifinals at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and will conclude with Saturday's championship game at 1 p.m.

ACC Network and ESPN2 will provide 18 hours of live coverage of the tournament. The first three rounds will be broadcast on ACC Net-

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2022 ACC Softball Championship Schedule Wednesday, May 11

Game 1: #8 Louisville vs. #9 Syracuse, 1 p.m., ACCN

Game 2: #7 Georgia Tech vs. #10 NC State, 3:30 p.m., ACCN

Thursday, May 12
Game 3: #1 Virginia Tech vs. Winner Game 1, 11 a.m., ACCN

Game 4: #4 Notre Dame vs. #5 Clemson, 1:30 p.m., ACCN

Game 5: #2 Duke vs. Winner Game 2, 5 p.m., ACCN

Game 6: #3 Florida State vs. #6 Virginia, 7:30 p.m., ACCN

Friday, May 13
Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 1 p.m., ACCN

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Dayspring Lions girls soccer dominates Smith Mountain Lake

The Dayspring Lions girls' soccer team scored early and often to register a dominating 7-0 victory over Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy this past week.

Striker Clara Westcott scored twice in the first four minutes to give the Lions a quick 2-0 lead.

The second goal from Westcott came courtesy of a through-ball from midfielder Ashley Wiseman. Smith Mountain Lake recovered its poise and held Dayspring scoreless for the next 12 minutes.

Tegan Bailey, coming in for Westcott at the striker position, ended the scoring drought with a blast from just inside the penalty area. Susy McCurdy added a goal just two minutes later when she poked in a loose ball in front of the net.

Smith Mountain Lake had trouble maintaining possession and thus was forced to defend for most of the first half. Aliyah Castillo made the score 5-0 at the 30-minute mark when she made a strong run down the right wing and squeezed a shot inside the near post.

The first half scoring was completed in the 35th minute when left back Lydia Gorzycki made a run from the back weaving through traffic before finishing just inside the left post. That goal gave the Lions a 6-0 lead at the break.

Dayspring substituted liberally in the second half gaining valuable experience for several of their younger players. The SMLCA defense also stiffened giving up only a single goal to attacking midfielder Ruthie Buehrer who found a crease on the left side and finished just inside the near post.

In all, six different players found the net for Dayspring in the win. Keeper Hannah Cook recoded the shut-out with the aid of a stiff defense anchored by the backline of

Ella Core, Savannah Hamilton, Autumn English and Gorzycki. Dayspring is currently 7-3 this season.

After the game, the Lions celebrated Senior Night

with outgoing seniors Gorzycki, Hamilton, Westcott and Annalia Hash.



Dayspring's Lydia Gorzycki threatens from the top of the penalty box against Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy.



Tegan Bailey takes a close shot for the Dayspring Lions. Bailey was one of six Lions to score in the 7-0 victory over Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy.



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Clara Westcott scored twice in the first half to give Dayspring an early 2-0 lead over Smith Mountain Lake.

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