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School year start delayed by two weeks for Radford City Public Schools

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RADFORD - Due to construction delays at McHarg Elementary School and Radford High School, the start of the 2022-23 school year has been delayed by two weeks for all Radford City Public School students.

RCPS Superintendent Robert Graham announced the change on Monday.

The first days of school will now be Friday, Aug. 26, for pre-kindergarten, first grade and ninth grade and will be Monday, Aug. 28, for kindergarten and grades two through 12.

Open houses, which were

scheduled for this Thursday, Aug. 11, will now be held on Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. for McHarg Elementary School and on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. for Belle Heth Elementary School, Dalton Intermediate School, and Radford High School.

Graham explained there are several construction projects going on in the school buildings that just were not able to be completed in time.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government offered a number of grants known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief or "ESSER" grants to the Local Educa-

tion Agencies (LEA) through the State Education Agency (SEA)," Graham said via email. "Divisions could apply for the grants and receive money to support health and safety initiatives, instructional needs, and facility upgrades. Radford City Schools applied for all ESSER grants and received a significant amount of funding as a result."

"Through these grants, the division earmarked money for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), HVAC equipment, additional teacher personnel and instructional assistants, and a plethora of building upgrades," Graham said. "RCPS had already created a facilities priority list, and at the top of

the list were the repairs and building upgrades to Radford High School and the completion of the renovation of McHarg Elementary. Other smaller jobs at both Dalton Intermediate and Belle Heth Elementary were in progress, but most of the work was concentrated at RHS and MES."

Graham said a shortage of workers and the inability to get supplies and materials in a timely manner led to the delays.

"While we hoped we could complete needed repairs and upgrades within the last year and a half, the shortage of workers and the scarcity of products proved challenging, at best," he said. "Many projects were delayed due

to that, and because some of these initiatives are directly linked to school safety, it became evident last week that RCPS needed to delay the opening so that we could allow workers in the building during the daylight hours to finish up."

Graham said delaying the opening allows the schools "to support the workers in completing the projects and to ensure that all students are able to enter buildings that are safe, comfortable, and conducive to learning."

"We appreciate your understanding and patience with us, and we look forward to diving into the school year as soon as we can," Graham said.

Fine Arts Center for the NRV to host Rhythm and Ribs and Art in the Park

PULASKI - The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley is hosting a full day of events in Jackson Park in Historic Downtown Pulaski this Saturday, Aug. 13, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The free, all-day, family-

friendly event will feature a variety of live bands and other performances, children's activities, ribs and barbecue (with all the fixin's) and other main courses, snacks and dessert foods. New to this year's event are crafters and other makers

selling their unique handmade wares.

The performances start at 11 a.m. with Nu-Blu, a band based in North Carolina with multiple Top Ten Billboard albums and numerous number one radio hits. At 3 p.m., Virginia Hollow takes the stage with its mix of Americana, bluegrass, country, Indie, and rock. They will be followed by an eclectic mix of fun provided by The Thrillbillyz at 5:30 p.m.

Local favorites The Kind will close the evening at 8 p.m. Students from the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GrAPE JAM) will perform between the first two bands.

Three rib and barbecue vendors will be serving up food all day. Wasky's Smoked Meats out of Blacksburg will be joined by Bootleg Barbecue from Floyd and Bowmans Butt and BBQ, the winner of numerous cooking awards including the 2020 KCBS Backyard World Champion. Popular restaurant Al's on First, located adjacent to Jackson Park, will be joining the fun with a special barbecue plate. Additional treats will be provided by Squeeze'um and Shake'um, Snack Time, and Suzie's Funnel Cakes.

Local artisans and craftspeople will have original works for sale, and the Fine Arts Center will have crafts for children. No outside alcohol is allowed, but alcohol will be available for purchase.

Participants are invited to bring their own chairs and blankets and enjoy as much of the day as possible. Dancing is encouraged.

For more information about Rhythm and Ribs/Art in the Park, visit FACNRV.org, email at info@FACNRV.org, call 540-980-7363, or visit in person at 21 West Main St, Pulaski, VA.

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"Mother and Child," a new original watercolor portrait by Radford artist and Radford University Art Professor Z.L. Feng received the Best in Show Award at the 2022 Virginia Watercolor Society Juried Exhibition at the Shenandoah Valley Art Center in Waynesboro. Feng also received recent accolades for "The Officer," an original watercolor painting that earned the Best in Show Award at Red River Valley Museum's 21st Annual International Juried Art Exhibition in Vernon, Texas.

Radford University Art Professor Z.L. Feng earns top awards for his art

Radford City Police Department to host Citizen Police Academy

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RADFORD - The Radford City Police Department is bringing back the popular Citizen Police Academy, a program designed to "allow citizens to gain a realistic view of law enforcement operations."

"It is our hope that insight gained by participating in this program will be both informative and enjoyable," the department said in its announcement of the program. "The main goal of the Citizen Police Academy is to build relationships with the citizens and create a community that is better informed about the reality of police work."

Applications are currently being taken for the program. The academy runs for eight weeks, and classes are held once a week on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the exception of one Saturday set aside for the firing range. Classes run from Sept. 6 through Oct. 25 with graduation on Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Radford City Police Department

The curriculum includes K-9, Communications / E911 Center, Criminal Investigations, Patrol, SWAT, Community Engagement, and Firearms.

Applicants must meet the following qualification to be accepted: 18 years of age or older, pass a criminal history background check, not have participated in a similar program within the past six months.

Participants will be required to dress in proper attire. Jeans and T-shirts are not permitted except with the approval from the coordinator for certain classes.

Participants must follow all instructions by the instructor during the program. No interference with the performance of the instructor shall be permitted.

The program may be terminated by the coordinator at any time.

Participants are required to conduct themselves in a mature, professional manner at all times.

Participants shall not be armed.

Learn more and apply on-line at radfordcitypolice.org.



Local favorite band The Kind will be hitting the stage at Saturday's Rhythm and Ribs and Art in the Park at 8 p.m.



Nu-Blu, a band based in North Carolina with multiple Top Ten Billboard albums and numerous number one radio hits, will play at 11 a.m.

Lindsey Riddle awarded two RHS Foundation scholarships



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lindsey Riddle is the winner of the S. V. Subba Rao & Kishore Family Scholarship and the Lois Carr Education Scholarship. Riddle plans to attend Radford University. Pictured are (L to R): Dr. Anand Kishore, Dr. Lakshmi Kishore, Lindsey Riddle, and Dr. Sanjay Kishore. The Kishore Family Scholarship seeks to reward the most deserving student who has interest and passion in the field of medicine and a commitment to pursue further studies in the medical field.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 10:

Loops Group
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants can bring their project and join the loops group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Brown Bag book club
At the Radford Public Library; noon. To be discussed is the non-fiction book "Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law" by Mary Roach.

Evening book talk
At the Christiansburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Discussed is "Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law" by Mary Roach, in-person and virtually.

Thursday, Aug. 11:

Montgomery Museum of Art and History open house

At the Montgomery Museum of Art and History, 5 to 7 p.m. The open house is in conjunction with summer membership mingle. At 6 p.m. the Montgomery-Radford-Floyd Branch of the NAACP will formally present its Black History Collection to the museum, including newly created history booklets. The museum's new location is 4 East Main St., Christiansburg. Everyone is welcome.

Talking about Books
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "This is your Mind on Plants" by Michael Pollan. Call (540) 268-1964 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Mario Kart tournament
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants can enjoy snacks, activities, and trophies as they rev up their engines and race. Call (540) 552-8246 or stop by the desk to register. For racers ages 7-11. Send questions to Racer Sally at sstauffer@mfrl.org.

Author talk with D.J. Mathews
At the Christiansburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Local author D.J. Mathews will talk about her Young Adult book, "Great American Women in Science and Environment." She will also have books for sale.

Free movie: The Lost City
At the Radford Public Library; 6 to 8 p.m. A kidnapped novelist finds herself in an ancient city. Rated PG-13; 92 minutes.

Friday, Aug. 12:

Potato chip taste test
At the Christiansburg Library; 1 p.m. Participants will put their taste buds to the test to identify flavors and brands. Supplies are limited. Best for ages 8 and up.

Left-handed challenges
At the Blacksburg Library; noon. Participants will be challenged to use scissors and paint a picture with their non-dominant left hand on National Left-Handers Day. Do you think you can use scissors with your left hand? Paint a picture? Come celebrate by participating in some challenges with your non-dominant hand!

Library staff "Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Bean Challenge"
From the Radford Public Library on Facebook Live from 9 to 9:15 a.m. Watch library staff take the Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Bean challenge in preparation for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley's TriWizard Tri-Mile Race.

Saturday, Aug. 13:

Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club Fish Fry
The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its August Fish Fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. The club will serve up fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults and carry-outs, \$6 for children under 12, and children under 3 eat free.(under 3)-free, carry-outs-\$12. The Panjammers Steel Drum Orchestra will be playing. Fish will be fried rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Gathering at the Grange
Fun and fellowship at the Gathering at the Grange, held at the Prices Fork Grange Hall, 4248 Price's Fork Rd., from 4 to 8 p.m. The fun will include food, a 50-50 raffle, and musical entertainment (Oldtime, Country and Gospel) from Bob Chew, the Black Twig Pickers, and the New River Valley Boys, and clogging from Appalachian AfterShock. The event is free, but donations to the Grange are appreciated.

Movie and a craft
At the Christiansburg Library; 10:30 a.m. Participants will make a craft while they

watch a girl, who hears the ocean and a demi-god who goes on an adventure to save the seas.

Author event with Ally Shaw
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Ally Shaw, author of "Chasing Tigers in the Dark: Life Lessons of a Fierce Survivor" will discuss how she overcame life's battles to become an author, a motivational speaker, and a fierce survivor. Copies of her book will be available to purchase at the event.

Saturday, Aug. 13 through Sunday, Aug. 21:

Marching Virginians band camp
The Virginia Tech Marching Virginians will hold their annual band camp from Aug.13 through Aug. 21 at the Marching Virginians Field on the Virginia Tech Campus. Adjoining neighborhoods may be able to hear the band rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on those days. The Blacksburg community is welcome to come out and watch the rehearsals as well.

Monday, Aug. 15:

Sourdough workshop
At the Blacksburg Library; noon. This is a beginner sourdough starter workshop. Ingredients will be provided. Participants should bring a glass jar (mason or pickling size) to create their starter in. All ages are welcome. Registration is encouraged.

Pokémon Club
At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Pokémon fans can bring their DS or Pokémon cards and battle, trade, and make new friends. All ages are welcome.

Crafternoon for Adults Only
At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Participants can bring their crafting supplies and knit, crochet, and/or needlepoint at the library! Some crafting supplies will be provided. Participants can also make a blanket for donation to the Linus Project blanket. Supplies will be available. All crafters are welcome from painting and writing to knitting and more.

Tuesday, Aug. 16:

Back to school bash
At the Blacksburg Library; 1

p.m. Participants can stop by the library for a back-to-school bash full of games and crafts. Registration is recommended. Registrants will be automatically entered into a drawing for a back-to-school prize. Call 540-552-8246 or stop by the desk to register.

Wednesday, Aug. 17:

American Business Women's Association August Luncheon Meeting
The American Business Women's Association will hold its August luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg. Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Drive. Cost is \$14.25. The luncheon will feature the installation of the association's new officers for the 2022-23 year. RSVP by Aug. 15 by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com

Montgomery Floyd Regional library board of trustees meeting
At the Blacksburg Library at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 18:

Talking about books non-fiction
At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. Discussed this month is "Where the water goes: life and death along the Colorado River" by David Owen, in-person and virtually.

Bad poetry
At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. This is Bad Poetry Day. Join in to follow some silly prompts and write some terrible poetry.

Saturday, Aug. 20:

EastMont Tomato Festival
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 10 a.m. This festival in the courtyard presented by the EastMont Community Foundation has music, food, contests, children's activities, and more. For more information check out www.eastmontcf.com/tomato-festival.

Magic show with Mark Fuller at the Tomato Festival
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 11:15 a.m. Magician Mark Fuller will dazzle with his magic in the Meadowbrook Courtyard at the Tomato Festival. Sponsored by the Meadowbrook Public Library.

Tomato sidewalk obstacle course
At the Meadowbrook Public

Library; 10 a.m. Try the sidewalk obstacle course at this year's Tomato Festival. On the curbside pickup area on the side of the building, Enter for a chance to win a prize.

Tuesday, August 23:

American Red Cross blood drive
At the Christiansburg Library; 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

Ongoing:

Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy Registration now open
The registration for the 2022 Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy is now open. The deadline for Christiansburg and Montgomery County residents to register for this free, eight-week course is Aug. 15. Citizens Academy provides a hands-on experience for participants, covering a wide variety of local government functions ranging from fire and rescue, to libraries, animal care, and public works. Classes are Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 7 and ending on Oct. 26.

United Way emergency food pantry in need
The United Way NRV Emergency Food Pantry supply is critically low. Anyone able to donate any pantry items is asked to drop them off at United Way's office at 111 West Main St. in Christiansburg.

Alexander Black House Farming Exhibit
Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation announces "Virginia is for Farmers: Agriculture in Southwest Virginia, Then and Now," an exhibit through August 18, in the Alexander Black House main galleries, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg. Admission is free. The hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The exhibit explores pre-settler agriculture in Southwest Virginia, Blacksburg area farms in the 18th and 19th centuries, the birth of the Future Farmers of America at Virginia Tech in the early 20th Century, and brings the area to the present-day local farmers' market and Blacksburg's neighborhood gardens. For more information, visit blacksburgmuseum.org.



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Virginia Hollow will take the stage with their mix of Americana, bluegrass, country, Indie, and rock at 3 p.m.



The Thrillbillyz will perform their eclectic mix of fun at 5:30 p.m.

Touch-a-Truck NRV lets the kids climb on some big rigs

CHRISTIANSBURG – The New River Valley Home Builders Association presented the seventh annual Touch-A-Truck NRV event Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Uptown Christiansburg, 782 New River Road, in the back parking lot.

For those with sensitive ears, the event was horn- and siren-free from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children had a safe and hands-on learning experience, climbing into the driver's seat and exploring vehicles such as squad cars, dump trucks, bucket trucks, and construction vehicles.

Local food trucks were on hand, and kids had the chance to build their own bluebird house. A raffle for a backyard swing set was

held. Overall, the day was filled with giant trucks, tires, fun, and lots of noise from horns and sirens.

Touch-a-Truck NRV is a family event open to all. Tickets were \$2 each or \$5 per family ticket (valid for up to four attendees.) Children two and under were free.

Proceeds from the event went toward the New River Valley Home Builders Association and its Builders Care Fund, which provides scholarships and funds for future construction and trade students, community charitable contributions, and future workforce development initiatives.

The event sponsors were Big Rig: 84 Lumber Snowplow: Eagle Con-

struction, JWB Construction, and Shelter Alternatives, Inc.

Bucket Truck: Beverage Tractor and Equipment, Chandler Concrete, Foresight Design Services, Summit Community Bank, and SAS Builders

Supporting Sponsors: Affordable Portables, Christiansburg Pharmacy, NRV Macaroni Kid, Town of Christiansburg, Uptown Christiansburg

The New River Valley Home Builders Association is a professional trade organization serving the residential and commercial building industry of the New River Valley since 1976. As the voice of the building community, the NRVHBA advocates, educates and gives back to better homeownership for all.



Saturday, Aug. 13, Touch-a-Truck NRV let the kids see and climb on some vehicles such as tractors, bucket trucks, and police squad cars, that are big and/or noisy.

United Way holds Stuff the Bus drive for school children's supplies



Volunteers from the Radford softball team helped pack backpacks for Stuff the Bus.



Volunteers from Warm Hearth Village pitched in to help United Way stuff the bus.

In July, the United Way of the New River Valley held its annual Stuff the Bus drive to collect school supplies for children in the NRV.

With the help of generous donors, volunteers, and local businesses, the United Way was able

to fill 775 backpacks with school supplies to donate to area teachers.

Three hundred backpacks were supplied to the Floyd County School Board. Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program received 190 Backpacks. Two hundred and sixty-five back-

packs were handed over to the Radford Clothing Bank, and United Way volunteers took 15 backpacks to Riverlawn Elementary School.

Stuff the Bus events were held at Walmart in Christiansburg and Walmart in Fairlawn. The follow-

ing businesses served as drop-off points.

Blacksburg Boxing & Fitness, Coldwell Banker, Ed & Ethel's Jewelry, Exper-Ts, Hurt & Profit, J & K Realty, Studio Blush, Taylor Office Supply, and Texas Roadhouse.

As a result of the Stuff the Bus drive, area children will return to school prepared to learn. The staff and board members of the United Way extend special thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped make this year's drive a success.

OBITUARIES

Jones, Michael David

Michael David Jones, 68, of Dublin, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022.

He was an avid trout fisherman who loved all things involving the outdoors.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Mack and Lou Emma Jones.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Ben Jones Phillips and Tiffany; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle Jones Watts and Steve; grandchil-



dren Charlie, Oliver, Catalina, and Isabella; brothers and sisters-in-law Jerry and Nellie Jones and Gary and Jeanne Jones; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Benny Hudson; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

The Jones family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Abbott, Tamy Arlene

Tamy Arlene Abbott, 60, of Pulaski, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Joseph and Mary Emmaline Shelton; and her brothers, Ronnie Ray Shelton and Rex Douglas Shelton.

Survivors include her sister, Joyce Wyatt; a brother, Gary Shelton; and many other relatives and friends.

Per her request, no services will be held at this time.

The Abbott family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Brockenbrough, Ann Bowyer

Ann Bowyer Brockenbrough, 92, passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at her home in Dublin.

Service information will follow.

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



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OPINION

Buddy King: Recalling some good times with my old friend Pete

My friend Pat Kelly (aka the “World’s greatest Irish bartender”) and I had lunch last week with our old friend Pete. And when I say “old” I don’t mean “ole,” I mean “old.” Pete is 99, steaming along towards 100 in December. For perspective, he graduated from high school in 1940.

Pete’s parents were Greek immigrants, moving to Clarksburg in the early part of the 20th century to work in the zinc industry like many others from their native land. Clarksburg of that era was the proverbial melting pot with Italians coming to work in the coal mines and steel plants, the Spanish in the zinc mines, the French and Belgians in the many glass plants for which the area was mainly known, joining with original settlers from England, Scotland, Ireland, and Germany.

The downtown was dominated by several wonderful stores run by a sizable Jewish merchant community. Old world diversity. This was the world Pete grew up in. Without a trace of bitterness, he told me once

that he didn’t understand why he was not welcomed into the “Greek system” at his alma mater, West Virginia University, with all that “Greek blood coursing through my veins.” Greek, but not “Greek.”

Notwithstanding, Pete was and remains a proud alumnus of the state university just down the road from Clarksburg. He loves to reminisce about his student days there when all the guys wore blue blazers, yellow Brooks Brothers oxford cloth shirts, and blue and gold ties to the football games and walked to the old Mountaineer Field from downtown bars. All the females wore dresses and sported mums. After college, Pete joined the Army Air Corps and was trained as a navigator near the end of WW II.

To round out your mental image of Pete, picture him as 5’ 4” tall (giving him 2 probably, like he always wanted on the golf course) and very fit even now for a man of his age (not a lot to be compared to). And “dapper.” One word that comes to mind when I

think of Pete is “dapper.”

For over 30 years he owned and ran a men’s clothing store in downtown Clarksburg. He had been a sales rep for a very well-known traditional men’s suit manufacturer and eventually fulfilled his dream of owning his own “men’s shop.”

Pete told me that in his travels and sales calls as a rep, he had been impressed with a shop in Virginia known as Beecroft & Bull, which at the time had locations in Charlottesville and Williamsburg, the haunts of the higher education part of my life. I was familiar with both stores of course and, if you know anything about men’s fashion from that era, you know that Pete’s shop, for many years on Third Street in Clarksburg, one block from my office, was “traditional,” following in the vein of Beecroft, and Eljo’s and Ed Michtom’s in Charlottesville, other stores Pete admired.

No polyester to be found, the types of stores where, when a perusing mother would bring a young son in to look for a suit and ask a clerk “what’s in fashion this year” the answer would be a polite but firm “I have no idea, madam.” Good fashion didn’t change.

Not surprisingly, as a student in Charlottesville and Williamsburg, I did not exactly frequent the clothing stores discussed above. In fact, I didn’t give my dress much thought until I started interviewing for jobs my last year of law school. So when I arrived at my “legal job,” I had a couple of new suits I had purchased at a Jos. A. Bank warehouse in Baltimore, a sports coat or two, and a couple of pairs

of khakis.

Once, after I had met Pete and gotten to know him a little, I went into his store on my lunch break (from the state’s best known law firm). I was wearing a pair of khakis (and a blazer, and Pete asked (sincerely) “does S & J allow its lawyers to wear jeans to work now?” In Pete’s world khakis WERE jeans. And don’t get him started on double-vented suits (a prejudice I share. I once told one of my law partners that there was only one acceptable number of vents in a jacket and that it was between zero and two.)

These were the “good old days” of course of business dress. Both men and women in the business and professional worlds dressed mainly in suits or “acceptable” sports coats and slacks or dresses.. With three large banks, a half dozen law firms, a thriving retail community, several working glass plants, and the headquarters of a large interstate gas company all in our little downtown, Pete’s business flourished in the 70’s and 80’s. The beginning of the end for his store Pete always says was “when the gas company went full time casual.” Sacrilege!

Back to my early days in Pete’s shop. For context, business was good enough that his place, like most of the rest of the downtown retail community, remained open till 9 o’clock on Mondays and Fridays. In recent years, only the brave venture to downtown Clarksburg after dark. On the mezzanine level, Pete had a full time Greek tailor who spoke no English. Eventually, malls invaded the area and forced most local mer-

chants out of business, my law firm relocated its offices to an office park along the interstate, and the vibrant downtown of my early years is now a distant memory.

In the day, I would go into Pete’s shop on my lunch hour and “browse,” and he and I would talk sports and exchange local gossip while I looked at the racks. On a few of my first visits, Pete noticed my infatuation with an Irish tweed sports coat – price tag \$180. One day Pete said, “Are you ever going to buy that jacket?” I said that it was beyond my price range. Pete then said, “Take it, pay me \$10 a month, no interest.” I did. Many of our lawyers had similar experiences. The cynical among us would say that Pete “got us hooked” this way. I see it as a sign of the kind gentleman he was and remains to this day, four months before hitting the century mark.

A couple of great Pete stories. An avid golfer and original member of the nearby Pete Dye Golf Club, our Pete shot his age at least once on this very difficult course, at age 86 as I recall. A few years earlier, he went to the tee on number 18 needing just a bogey to shoot 82, at age 82. One of his longtime golf partners started giving him the proverbial needle, and Pete ended up three-putting, getting a double bogey, and missing the target by one stroke. Pete took it in good spirits as he has everything in life.

One final wonderful story. In 2006 or so, our mutual friend bartender Pat, Doggie (veterinarian of choice for years in the area), and I took Pete to a Pitts-

burgh Pirates game at the then new ballpark. If there is one thing that Pete loves more than WVU football and basketball, it is the Pirates. Even now, at age 99, he watches every game he can from his assisted living facility and knows the lineup better than anyone around. Pete told us the last time he had been to a Pirates game was in the early 90’s, when the team was in the playoffs.

Pat had been with Pete at the playoff game in the 90’s and asked Pete to tell a story from that trip to Three Rivers Stadium. While standing in a long line to get in the gate, circa 1990, Pat or one of the guys asked Pete, then in his late 60’s, “When was the last time you were at a Bucs game in person Pete?” Pete gave it some thought and then answered, “1938. My Dad brought me to a game in 1938.” The entire line exploded.

Before writing this last paragraph, I checked my closet. I rarely if ever wear a suit or a tie to work these days, but I wanted to confirm my recollection. My Kaites (Pete’s shop) suits and sport coats have largely gone the route of thrift stores in recent years, oddly having shrunk dramatically with the passage of time. But I still have my Kaites ties. They are among my proudest possessions.

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Average Virginia gas prices drop below \$4/gallon

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 13.4 cents per gallon in the last week to an average of \$3.84/g Monday, Aug. 8, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 66.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago but are still 84.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel declined 13.1 cents in the last week to an average of \$5.14 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.09/g Monday while the most expensive was \$5.69/g, a difference of \$2.60/g.

The national average price of gasoline fell 15.8 cents per gallon last

week, averaging \$4.01/g as of Monday, Aug. 8. The national average is down 68.7 cents per gallon from a month ago but is still 83.6 cents per gallon 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.

“By the end of the week, one hundred thousand stations will be at \$3.99 or less,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “Diesel continues to decline as well and will likely soon fall under \$5 per gallon. We’ve even seen nearly a dozen stations in low-priced states fall under \$2.99, a welcome return to some lucky motorists in areas of Tex-

as, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Iowa,” De Haan said. “The groundwork is laid for a ninth week of decline with areas of the West Coast soon ditching the \$5 per gallon average. While I’m upbeat the drop can continue for another couple of weeks, we’re starting to see some activity in the tropics, which may increase risk of potential disruption.”

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. 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.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Christiansburg’s Walter Wouvala named to dean’s list at University of Maryland Global Campus

Walter Wouvala of Christiansburg was named to the dean’s list for the spring semester at the University of Maryland Global Campus.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, University of Maryland Global

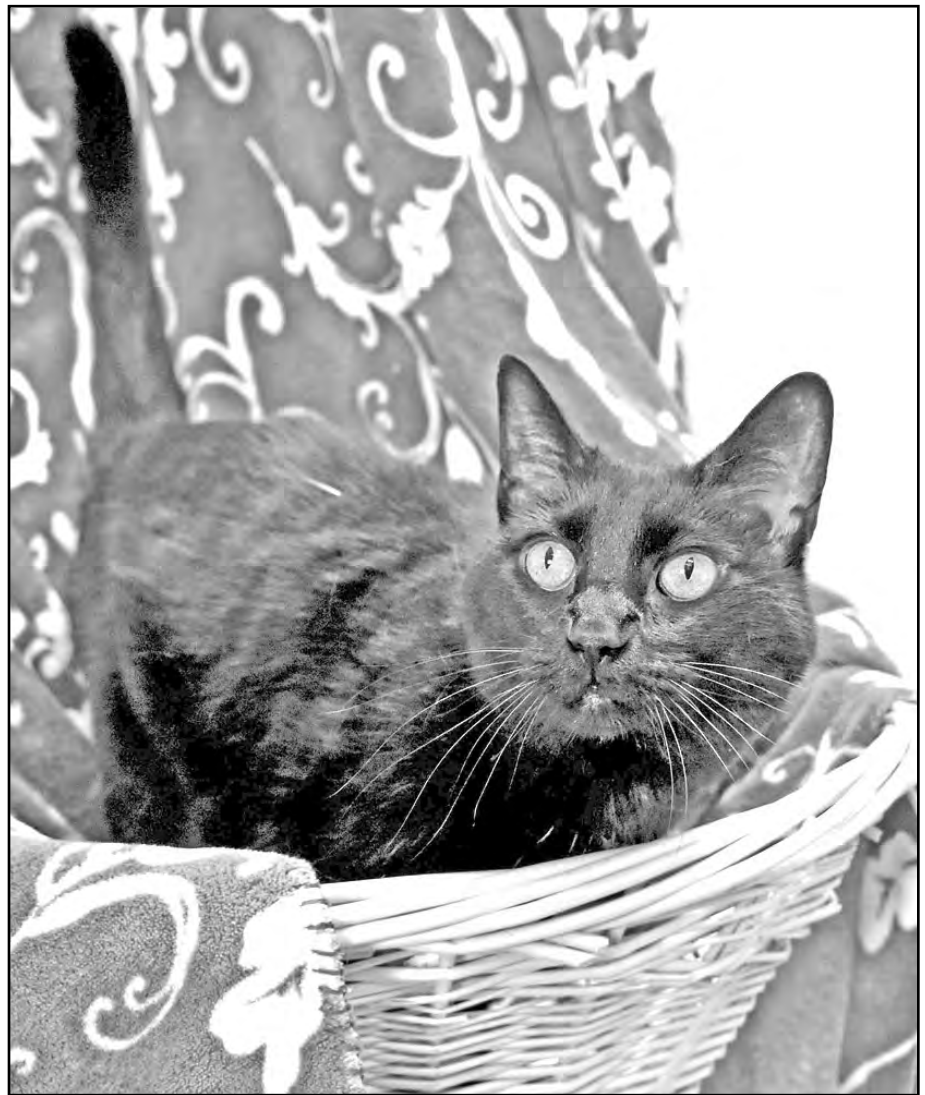
Campus was established in 1947 to serve adults in the workforce. Today, the university enrolls some 90,000 students annually, offering bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs, as well as certificates in more than 125 fully online, hybrid and face-to-face programs and specializations.

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PETS-OF-THE-WEEK



Sofia is a happy girl looking for her forever home. She would do best in a home where she can get out some energy with active humans and learn basic doggie manners. She has lived with other dogs in the past but would require a meet-and-greet at the Animal Care and Adoption Center with any prospective dog friends.



Sweet Keke is friendly, outgoing, and enjoys a good snuggle. She is an older cat who likes to explore inside as well as the great outdoors. In a previous home, she happily lived with a small dog. Keke's adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control.

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. The old bridge is being demolished. 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 are maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals that will be in place through August 2022. Flagging operations may be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

PATTERSON DRIVE BRIDGE WORK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO DETOUR TRAFFIC NEAR ROANOKE COUNTY LINE – Through Sept. 2, Route 669 (Patterson Drive) is closed to through traffic due to work on the bridge over Bottom Creek. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile west of the Roanoke County line near Route 669's intersection with Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Traffic can detour around the closure using Route 607 (Bottom Creek Road) and Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Electronic message boards will be in place to alert drivers to the upcoming bridge closure.

ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION - Road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) for the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School are underway. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last through August 2022.

INTERSTATE 81 WIDENING 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 is set to begin. Continuing into the 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. The 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:

ROUTE 635 (GOODWIN AVENUE) CLOSURE – As part of the ongoing I-81 project from exit 137 to 141, Route 635 (Goodwin Avenue) is closed where it runs underneath I-81. It will be closed for approximately 30 days for reconstruction to accommodate the widening of the interstate. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes as traffic will not be able to pass underneath the interstate during this time. Estimated to reopen August 11.

BARRIER WALLS: Barrier wall installation is in process. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

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, 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 is currently closed from late May 31, 2022 until September 2, 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. During the closure, a temporary concrete barrier wall will be installed in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public. 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. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

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 is underway this summer during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. 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.

INTERSTATE 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 of 2022.

LANE CLOSURES:
 o 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.
 o 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.
 o 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.
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INTERSTATE 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.

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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

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Moss Arts Center launches its 2022-23 season

Tickets are now on sale for the Moss Arts Center's 2022-23 season of performances with artists representing 13 countries and four continents across the fields of music, dance, theater, literary arts, and visual arts.

The MAC season offers a dynamic lineup of jazz and global beats, classical music favorites, family-friendly cirque selections, transformative dance and theater works, and spectacular Broadway productions.

Complementing the center's performances and exhibitions is a collection of experiences offering deeper connections with artists, ideas, and community members, including pre- and post-performance talks with artists and Virginia Tech faculty members on timely topics.

Virginia Tech students will have exclusive access to master classes and other special on-campus engagement events with renowned artists and ensembles, and area school-aged students will be treated to special matinee performances and in-school workshops with artists.

Moss Arts Center 2022-23 performances
Cimafunk
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6 p.m.

This free outdoor dance concert is led by one of the most exciting new performers in the Latin music space. Young Cuban sensation Cimafunk — think Bruno Mars — offers a bold mix of funk, Cuban music, and African rhythms.

Eileen Ivers and Universal Roots
Friday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Nine-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion Eileen Ivers and her band open the season with an upbeat evening celebrating the

influences of Celtic tradi-

tion.
Redman · Mehldau · McBride · Blade
A MoodSwing Reunion
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrated jazz saxophonist Joshua Redman introduced his first permanent band with his 1994 album, "MoodSwing." The original group reunites for an unforgettable performance.

Rhiannon Giddens with Francesco Turrisi
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Grammy-winner Rhiannon Giddens collaborates with Italian multi-instrumentalist Francesco Turrisi, sharing lullabies, ballads, and folk songs of their native and adoptive countries of America, Italy, and Ireland.

Makuyeika Colectivo Teatral
"Andares"
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.

With live music and three inspired actors, this profound play from Mexico shines a light on a range of realities — land usurpation, widespread violence, community resistance — that Indigenous people face. Audience members are seated onstage for this intimate performance.

Acrobuffos
"Air Play"
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.

Circus meets science — umbrellas fly, fabrics soar over the audience, balloons swallow people, and the whole stage turns into a snow globe. Perfect for even young children, "Air Play" is part comedy, part sculpture, part circus, part theater.

Farruquito
"Íntimo"
Friday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.



Friday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Farruquito is hailed by The New York Times as "the greatest flamenco dancer of this new century." With a stellar cadre of dancers, musicians, and vocalists, his performances are true expressions of pure flamenco.

Danish String Quartet
Friday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.

The Grammy-nominated Danish String Quartet makes its in-person Moss debut with a performance that includes Haydn and Schubert quartets and folk music selections.

"Broadway in Blacksburg"
"Anastasia"
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are now available for the romantic and adventure-filled new musical that transports audiences from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s. A brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con-

man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

"Āhuti"
Nrityagram Dance Ensemble
Saturday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Nrityagram Dance Ensemble and Chitrasena Dance Company collaborate in a vibrant fusion of Odissi classical dance from India and traditional Kandyan dance from Sri Lanka.

Soweto Gospel Choir
"Hope: It's Been a Long Time Coming"
Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Three-time Grammy-winning Soweto Gospel Choir celebrates artists associated with struggles for social justice, from Mahalia Jackson to Harry Belafonte.

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra
"Holiday Pops Spectacular"
David Stewart Wiley, conductor
Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m.

Friends and family gather to savor the spirit of the holidays as the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra fills the theater with music and cheer with its "Holiday Pops Spectacular" program for audiences of all ages.

Concerto Budapest Symphony Orchestra
András Keller, chief conductor
Zoltan Fejérvári, piano
Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Concerto Budapest Symphony Orchestra is one of Hungary's leading orchestras. This performance showcases Hungary's most beloved composers — Dvořák, Liszt, and Bartók — and features Hungarian pianist Zoltan Fejérvári.

"An Evening with Kevin Young"
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Poet Kevin Young is a groundbreaking voice of his generation. A National Book Award finalist and Guggenheim fellowship recipient, he also won the PEN Open Award, whose judge remarked that Young shows "how Black identity is indispensable to American culture."

Machine de Cirque
"La Galerie"
Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Seven zany acrobats and an eccentric musician in a monochrome exhibit. Dizzying feats, astonishing discoveries, poetic liberties, and a serious dose of some silly good fun come together to fuel this sophisticated ode to creativity.

PUBLIQuartet
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Grammy-nominated PUBLIQuartet is changing the perception of string quartets, digging into utterly fresh music, from classical to jazz to improvisation — and creating an American original style all its own.

"Akutagawa"
Co-created by Koryū Nishikawa V and Tom Lee

Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Created by Japanese master puppeteer Koryū Nishikawa V and American puppet artist Tom Lee, this new stage work uses bunraku puppets, video projection, and live music to illuminate the wild imagination of Japan's most famed short story writer. Audience members are seated onstage.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate over 60 years of unparalleled artistry when the groundbreaking Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's premiere ensemble comes to Southwest Virginia for the first

time. Two evening performances offer different works, and each includes founder Alvin Ailey's masterpiece, "Revelations."

"An Evening with Viet Thanh Nguyen"
Thursday, March 16, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Viet Thanh Nguyen's Pulitzer-winning novel "The Sympathizer" globally reimagines what people thought they knew about the Vietnam War, urging readers to examine the legacy of that tumultuous time and its aftermath from a new perspective.

"Book of Mountains and Seas"
Composer and librettist: Huang Ruo

Director and production design: Basil Twist
Friday, March 24, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Commissioned in part by the Moss, this daring new music theater work is a modern take on ancient Chinese creation myths, featuring the chorus of Ars Nova Copenhagen alongside massive puppets and striking lanterns.

Opera Roanoke and Blacksburg Master Choral

Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem"
Steven White, conductor

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 4 p.m.

Opera Roanoke, the Blacksburg Master Choral, Virginia Tech Choirs, and the Georgia Boy Choir come together for Benjamin Britten's monumental "War Requiem," a timeless work symbolizing the senselessness of war.

Cécile McLorin Salvant
Saturday, April 29, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Three-time Grammy winner Cécile McLorin Salvant brings historical perspective on jazz standards and her own compositions, embracing wide-ranging repertoire with her rich, powerful voice.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, August 24th @ 4 PM
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You have the opportunity to purchase this great home in Christiansburg VA! The home is in the Windsong Heights neighborhood. It features a nice patio home built in 2004 with 1,318 sq. ft. The home is one level, with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, sunroom, kitchen, garage, and patio. Interior floors are laminate hardwood, ceramic tile, and carpet. Home has a heat pump, public water, and sewer. The exterior is finished with brick and vinyl and is topped off with shingle roof. The home sits on 0.129 +/- acres. It is near all shopping centers, restaurants, and hospitals that Christiansburg, VA has to offer. There is easy access to Interstate I-81 as well.

Furniture and personal property will be offered at the tag sale during preview times on Friday August 12th and 19th at 4PM. Items included in tag sale are furniture, picture frames, lamps, dishes, and miscellaneous household items.)

Property is subject to by-laws and restrictive covenants for Windsong Heights (see bidder pack). Bidders are expected to review those documents prior to bidding. Monthly dues \$85.

Preview: Friday August 12th @ 4 PM and Friday August 19th at 4 PM

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required on day of sale (August 24th 2022). Close on or before October 10th, 2022. 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 for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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I-77 LANE & RAMP

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

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

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Yard Sale

Huge Church Yard Sale. 712 Front Ave. Salem. First Christian Church, Friday August 12 & Saturday August 13, 8-2pm. Breakfast & lunch served, and baked goods.

Garage Sale

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Defensive backs important position to watch for Hokies

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With fall camp for Virginia Tech football well underway, it's a good time to

take a look at the defensive backs under the direction of cornerbacks coach Derek Jones and safeties coach Pierson Prioleau.

Chamarri Conner

has proven to be a must-watch player during his time at Virginia Tech. He has shown himself to be a hard-hitting machine, a physical tackler, and a dynamic athlete who can fly

around the field.

The fifth-year senior returns to the field in Blacksburg fresh off a season in which he finished third on

the team with 85 tackles, including 5.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, five pass breakups, two forced fumbles, and one interception. He earned an All-ACC Honorable Mention nod and was named ACC Defensive Back of the Week following his game-sealing interception that capped the Hokies' 17-10 upset of then-No. 10 North Carolina at Lane Stadium.

Cornerbacks Dorian Strong and Armani Chatman also return in search of another big year in 2022. An upper Marlboro, Md., product, Strong, totaled 23 tackles (20 solo), an interception, and six pass breakups a year ago while Chatman, a redshirt junior out of Virginia Beach, is looking for a breakthrough season after showing some flashes in 2021. The 5-foot-11, 205-pounder tallied 13 tackles (eight solo), an interception, and a team-high seven pass breakups.

Brion Murray is someone who can contribute at corner. A junior college product out of Milford, Del., Murray has been

around for some big moments during his time at Virginia Tech. The sixth-year senior totaled eight tackles (five solo) with four pass breakups back in 2021.

Nasir Peoples is also expected to contribute heavily at safety for the Hokies. Another fifth-year junior, Peoples earned All-ACC Honorable Mention a season ago after starting all 13 games. He finished second on the team with tackles (51.0 solo) while also recording an interception and three pass breakups.

NOTES

- Chamarri Conner has started each of the last 37 games for Virginia Tech.

- The Hokies retain 78.6 percent of their total pass breakup production from 2021.

The position outlook is simple.

The Hokies will have a talented returning group at the top of the depth chart as they did a season ago. Though Tech will lose Jermaine Waller and Tae Daley, plenty of experience still resides in the secondary room for the Hokies.



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Chamarri Conner looks to lead a talented room this year for Virginia Tech's defensive back unit.

Youth football camp at CHS



PHOTO BY MARTY GORDON

Over 63 youngsters attended this past week's Christiansburg Recreation Department and Christiansburg High School football camp. Total Car Care provided funding for the campers' T-shirts.

Race results Steppin'- Out Festival's Draper Mile (Top 50)



Former Christiansburg High School runner Alex Watty was the overall second place finisher in this past week's Draper Mile held in conjunction with the Steppin' Out Festival.



Photos courtesy of Runabout Sports
 Willy Fink was the overall winner of the Draper Mile in Blacksburg with a time of 3:59.17.

Race overall results (top 50)
 1) Willy Fink, 3:59.17; 2) Alex Watty; 3) Spencer McGhee, 4) Matthew Denlinger, 5) Jonathan Goerlich, 6) Quinn Thomas, 7) Konnor Rafferty, 8) Frank Locascio, 9) Conner Rutherford,

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Outdoor report: Organization, preparation is key for fall hunting



Having everything at hand is important when going out into the woods this fall. PHOTO BY JAMES MOFFITT

If you're anything like me, you're probably starting to bring your gear out of storage and making checklists in preparation for the upcoming season. I've come to rely on these yearly audits, using this time to make considerations about what I should replace soon, what I need to replace now, and what I want to replace based on new preferences.

Like everyone else, my schedule in the fall tends to fill up quickly. Having all of my gear in one place and knowing that I can just grab my pack and head out the door has helped me become a more effective hunter and spend

more time in the woods because I'm not wasting precious time searching for my missing headlamp or cursing myself when I'm sitting in the stand and realize that my grunt tube is on the kitchen table.

As I start to prepare for fall, I've made a top-to-bottom list of the things that live in my pack all season, along with a couple of insights as to why I carry them. Just like packing for a backpacking trip, this list is organized from things I need most readily, down to things I can stop to retrieve from the pack without jeopardizing my hunt.

Top of Pack & Hip Strap Pockets
Rain fly & poncho – This goes without saying. Being wet is no fun; being wet and cold is even worse.
Headlamp – A couple of years ago, I started carrying a coyote hunting headlamp with a battery pack instead of the smaller version you can get at a big box store. I love it, and I don't think I'll ever go back to something smaller.
Face camo – Whether you believe in woodland makeup or not, I keep this in a spot I can reach easily for tree-stand application.
Calls – Depending on a dozen

variables, like the time of the season and what I'm hunting, my calls are always in an easy-to-access spot.

Range finder – If I'm archery hunting, my range finder stays on my binocular harness or in the top of my pack for easy access.

Hearing protection – I use electronic in-ear hearing protection, and it's always in my left hip strap pocket to keep me from having to search for it.

Extra ammo – Having a spare magazine with rounds loaded is a great way to not have to climb down out of your stand to get the magazine you left in your gun case.

Mid Pack, Main Pockets
Extra layers – Again, this is season dependent, but I often get sweaty on the hike in and then find myself getting chilly once I'm set up, so I always bring an extra top layer.

Tree saddle & accessories – This gets packed on top of my extra layers so it's the first thing out of my pack when I get to my selected tree. Because of its size, it doesn't get carried externally on my pack.

Odor killers – I usually give myself a spray down once I'm in my tree and have put on my extra warming layer.

Pull rope – This comes out at the same time as my saddle and lets me get up the tree safely and then retrieve my rifle or bow.

Bottom Pockets, Deep Storage
Cleaning kit – This includes my knife, gloves, and a couple of other things I use to process a harvest.

Flagger's tape – I use this to mark blood trails if needed. Since this is rare, it tends to stay stuffed in my pack, and I use a Ziploc bag to pack it all back up after retrieving my harvest.

First aid kit – I always carry a first aid kit, tourniquet, lighter, and some duct tape with me for one reason. It's better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it.

Notebook and pen – Typically after every hunt, I record details including stand position, weather conditions, and any notable events into a diary to help myself keep track of exactly how my season is going. I use this data to help inform next year's hunting strategy.

To some, the amount of gear I carry may seem like overkill. To others, you may be wondering why I'm not also carrying X, Y, or Z thing. I've learned that each season is a process of trial and error, and by using this pre-season time to revise my load-out, I go into the season better prepared. It's all about the process and testing to dial in what really works.

So, pull out your pack, lay out your gear, and think a little about what you'd want to do differently this year.

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Sports notes: Two New RU assistant baseball coaches, volunteer assistant; VT lands baseball commit, VT's NIL launches

Radford University Baseball Head Coach Alex Guerra has announced the hiring of Christian Bourne and Billy Funk as assistant coaches. Seth Lancaster will serve as a volunteer assistant. Bourne will focus on pitching, and Funk will focus on hitting.

Bourne joins the Highlanders from Georgia Southern where he was the Director of Baseball Operations and Player Development for coach Rodney Hennon last season. Prior to joining the Eagles, Bourne was with his alma mater JMU as the Di-

rector of Pitching Development alongside Guerra. Funk joins the Highlanders following multiple years as a member of the coaching staff at NJCAA Louisburg College where he led recruiting efforts and coached infield players. He gained valuable experience at Wingate during the 2016 and 2017 seasons, serving as the outfield coach and assisting with the offense. He also supervised academic affairs and recruiting.

Lancaster comes to the New River Valley from Longwood where he served as a graduate assistant and hitting coach. Prior to that, he worked at Georgia Southern as a volunteer assistant coach for one season. He helped the Eagles to a 34-23 record in 2021 and then capped his tenure in Statesboro with a 41-20 season that resulted in the hosting of an NCAA Tournament regional.

Philadelphia Phillies. He went on to play in the New York Penn League with the Williamsport Crosscutters and the South Atlantic League with the Lakewood BlueClaws.

Pro draftee to Virginia Tech

Tommy Szczepanski, a recent high school graduate who was drafted by the Kansas City Royals last month, tweeted Monday that he has committed to the Virginia Tech baseball program.

staff after spending the 2021 season at Jacksonville State, fresh off her playing career at Radford University.

Bryant Stith hired at UNC-G

UNC-G Head Coach Mike Jones has announced the hiring of Bryant Stith as an assistant coach.

Bryant comes to Greensboro from Norfolk, VA where he served the previous nine years as an assistant coach at Old Dominion University. Stith, a 10-year NBA veteran, brings a wealth of experience to UNCG, as he will assist with player development, on-court coaching, recruiting, and opponent scouting.

VT launches NIL

The Hokie Way, an independent nonprofit organization that will create active engagements for Virginia Tech student-athletes with charitable goals, has launched.

The Hokie Way will raise funds to support charitable organizations across the commonwealth through the active engagement of Virginia Tech student athletes who wish to use their names, image, and likenesses (NIL) to advance the work of charitable organizations. With the help of aligned collectives focused on NIL opportunities, The Hokie Way will assist in building cause-marketing partnerships.

Former Highlander to coach

Arkansas State Head Volleyball Coach Brian Gerwig completed his 2022 coaching staff, announcing the hiring of Jordan Coomes as assistant coach.

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