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### **Radford University presents English** opera for Baroque Music Festival

A choral concert of Baroque works is also part of the festival, today, Wednesday, Nov. 9

RADFORD - Opera is alive and well at Radford University with the Music Department's production of Venus and Adonis, the oldest known English language opera.

It presents the story of the Goddess of Love who is accidentally struck by Cupid's arrow just before coming upon Adonis, a hunter.

The opera is directed by Dr. Denise Bernardini, who has staged operas for more than 15 years. Šhe said that Venus and Adonis made a good choice this year because it was neither too long nor too difficult and fit in well with other music programming this semester.

The composition was composed by John Blow in 1683 in the middle of the Baroque period in European

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY **Grace Pfleger and Grant McDonel** rehearse their roles as Venus and Adonis.

# **NRV Regional Commission** presents annual awards





Frank Herzog (left) and Jessee Ring, Elf Shelf volunteers, prepare to place the Elf Shelf gift donation boxes at Radford businesses.

# Elf Shelf donation boxes ready to receive gifts

### Heather Bell hbell@ourvalley.org

RADFORD - It's that time of year again, and Elf Shelf is preparing to give out gifts and more to make the holidays bright for many families this holiday season.

Donation boxes are popping up around Radford, ready for donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts to help the effort. The boxes will be at the locations until November 30.

"People can donate unwrapped, new gifts at any of the locations on the list and at many of the local churches," said Elf Shelf Coordinator Ann Walker. "Any toys or gifts for children up to age 18 years old are appreciated." Boxes can be found at

National Bank, 2001 East Main St.; First Commu-

nity Bank, 1400 Tyler Ave.; Brad's Barber Shop, 115 Third Ave.; First New River Valley Credit Union, 900 West Main St.; Atlantic Union Bank, 50 West Main St., Dalton Intermediate School, Dalton Dr.; Radford High School, Dalton Dr.; Brick House Pizza, 311 West Main St.; Sharkey's, 1202 E Main St.; Dr. Stephen McCuin, 116 Third Ave. and Carter Bank and Trust, 1900 East Main St.

Walker said anyone who would like to receive gifts for their children through Elf Shelf has two more chances to apply. People can apply in person at Grove United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 3 to 6 p.m. or Monday Nov. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. Applications should be in by November 21. Any questions

can be directed to 540-835-4734.

Walker said the past few years have seen declining numbers for Elf Shelf, but they are anticipating an increase due to the return of the on-site "shopping" system where parents who qualify can visit Grove United Methodist Church to pick out gifts for their children.

"During COVID our numbers were down," she said. "Last year we provided food vouchers to 152 families and gifts to 242 children. This year we are back to inperson shopping instead of the wish lists we used during COVID."

In addition to donating gifts, the public may also send checks or money orders to Radford Elf Shelf, Box 2804, Radford, VA 24143.



PHOTO BY RILEY SCHMITT

Janaka Casper of Community Housing Partners received the Citizen of the Valley Award from the NRV Regional Commission.

RADFORD - The New River Valley Regional Commission board of directors recently hosted a dinner event at Brick House Pizza in Radford to honor its annual award recipients. Approximately 100 local government elected officials, state and federal representatives, and local government planning commission chairs were in attendance.

Janaka Casper of Community Housing Partners (CHP) was the recipient of the Citizen of the Valley award. This award is given to a citizen within the New River Valley who has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region. CHP was founded in 1975 by two concerned citizens who organized volunteers to perform minor home repairs for lowto-moderate income families living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions. Under Casper's leadership, CHP has grown to more than 350 employees who have delivered weatherization services to more than 50,000 homes in Virginia. CHP also provides safe and affordable housing to more than 5,800 households across 90 rental properties in multiple states, 14 of which are in the New River Valley.

Penny Franklin of the Montgomery County School Board was the re-



Penny Franklin of the Montgomery **County School Board received the** Champion of the Valley Award.



PHOTOS BY KRISTIE LEE PHOTOGRAPHY **Executive Director Elizabeth Underwood** received the Friend of the Valley award on behalf of the New River Conservancy.

cipient of the Champion of the Valley award. This award is given to an appointed or elected official within, or representing, the New River Valley who has greatly assisted communities and residents during their service to the public. Franklin cofounded the Community Group of Montgomery County, an inclusive,

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Influenced by Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers, the Java Brothers will offer bluegrass music that is a mix of standard bluegrass and newgrass at the free NRCC concert on Saturday Nov. 17.

# Java Brothers featured in NRCC free concert

The music of the Java Brothers and New Ballard's Branch Bogtrotters will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022.

The music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Java Brothers' bluegrass band members met during a Monday Night Radford Fiddle and Banjo jam. Their musical influences include Bill Monroe, Stanley Brothers, Jimmy Martin, Old and In the Way, The Seldom Scene, Sam Bush, Tony Rice, JD Crowe and Doyle Lawson.

The Java Brothers mix standard bluegrass and newgrass with fiery original tunes in their live

shows. The band includes Joe Abercrombie on banjo, Ralph Berrier on fiddle, Chris Burgoyne on mandolin, Doug Ćapobi-anco on string bass, and Wayne Frye on guitar.

The New Ballards Bogtrotters Branch have been playing old time mountain music in the Galax area since 1986. Dennis Hall is the founder of the band and continues to serve as band leader. The band was named for the small stream in Galax where Hall grew up and still resides, as well as in honor of Uncle Eck Dunford, a member of the original Bogtrotters band from the 1920s.

The current group in-

cludes Hall on guitar, Eddie Bond on fiddle and vocals, Bonnie Bond on bass and vocals, Josh Ellis on banjo and vocals, and Caroline Noel Beverley on mandolin and vocals. The band has played at festivals across the U.S. and participated in the Friends of American Old Time Music and Dance Festival in Gainsborough, England.

Several of the band members have played internationally in Scotland, England, Ireland, and Australia. Since 1986, the band has placed first at the Galax Old Fiddlers Convention 10 times.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however,

### OMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Nov. 9:

### Plaque dedication

The Board of Directors of the Radford Heritage Foundation invites the public to the New River Train Observatory Plaque Dedication at 10:30 a.m. at the Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park, 800 Unruh Dr., Radford. The plaque honors the roles of Professors Kay Edge and Edward Becker in leading their students from the Virginia Tech School of Architecture and Design in the design and construction of the New River Train Observatory.

### Montgomery County Chamber Buy Local Business Showcase

Connect with Montgomery County businesses at the 2022 Chamber Buy Local Business Showcase and Business After Hours at the inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center, 901 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg. The eventis free and is open to the public. Prizes will be given away throughout the day. We'll have prize giveaways throughout the day, so be sure to stop by. This event is free to attend and open to the public from 3:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open to the public during the Chamber Business After Hours from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### 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. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

### Loops group

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Bring a project and join the Loops Group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

### Art club: Takashi Murakami

At the Christiansburg Library; 2 p.m. Join a group in exploring the art of Takashi Murakami and create collaborative art pieces in his style of art. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

### Thursday, Nov. 10:

Tech bytes: Internet basics At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Literacy Volunteers and the Library

are teaming up to teach basic internet skills. Registration is required. Call (540) 552-8246 for assistance with registration.

### River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call

tion and quilting.

### Page to screen movies: Rebecca

At the Radford Public Library; 5:45 p.m. This is a movie screening of the 1940 Hitchcock classic Rebecca on the library's big projector. The movie is rated PG and has a 130-minute run time.. Popcorn from the Lil'Bit Corny LLC will be provided while supplies last.

### Friday, Nov. 11:

### Veterans Day closures

Christiansburg Town Hall and the ornament Christiansburg Aquatic Center will be closed in honor of Veterans Day. The p.m. Use scrabble tiles, a hot gun, and Recreation Center will be open, but a few other items to assemble an ornaadministrative offices will be closed. ment. Supplies will be provided while Solid waste and recycling normally they last. collected on Fridays will be collected on Monday, Nov. 14, with Monday's regular collection.

### Saturday, Nov. 12:

### Bingo! Bingo!

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1:30 p.m. This is an afternoon 5 p.m. Teens can spend an afternoon of fun Bingo. Children are welcome chilling by decorating gloves with but must be accompanied by an adult. glow paint.

### Winter wreath workshop

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Welcome the winter season with holiday-themed wreath workshop. This hands-on event has all materials provided to make a grapevine wreath decorated with natural materials. Staff will even teach participants how to make a ribbon bow. This workshop is recommended for adults, but families working together need Senate will be on hand. have only one person register. Spots are limited.

### Family movie fun

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. Superman's dog Krypto, the Super-Dog, must rescue his owner in the DC League of Superpets. Rated PG for action, mild violence, language and rude humor. (2022)

### Sunday, Nov. 13:

### Women's only swim night

At the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, 6 to 8 p.m. Celebrate an evening of girl power. All participants, New River Valley Community Serincluding the staff, will be women. The cost is \$6. To register, call 540-381-POOL.

### Knit and chat

Channels 190 daily.

### Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will meet in the Starnes Council Chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St. at 7 p.m.

### English conversation for adults

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. This class, English Conversation for Adults, will be led by Carole and Bob Dellinger. Call the library at 540-552- 8246 for more information. No childcare is provided for this class.

### Crafting for the holiday: Scrabble

At the Radford Public Library; 1

### Monday, Nov. 14 through Friday, Nov. 18:

**Teen Glow Paint Gloves** 

At the Radford Public Library; 3 to

### Tuesday, Nov. 15:

### Legislative update

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will present a legislative update to discuss the chamber's 2023 legislative agenda at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth but families can work together if they Dr., Blacksburg, from 11:30 a.m. to wish. Limited to one wreath per fam- 1:00 p.m. Several of the representaily please. Registration is required, tives from the Virginia House and

### Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

### Christiansburg Town Council meeting

The Christiansburg Town Council will meet beginning at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.).

Suicide Prevention Training with vices

At the Radford Public Library; noon. Join NRVCS for a training on suicide prevention class. Dee Frith and Caroline Mullins will teach at-At the Christiansburg Library at tendees about the QPR methodology: 2 p.m. Participants can bring their Question, Persuade, and Refer. Those bring newest work in progress to knit, who attend will receive certification as 'gatekeepers' for learning this information. Suicide is the twelfth leading cause of death in the United States. The class will discuss how to get help, get trained, and save lives. This training is free and is provided in cooperation with QPR Institute. No registration is required.

### American Business Women's Association luncheon meeting

The American Business Women's Association will hold its November luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Dr. in Christiansburg. The cost is \$14.25. During the meeting, the association will present coats collected from their annual coat drive to the Women's Resource Center. The association also requests that those attending bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Susan Brickhouse is the speaker sponsor for this event. Those planning to attend should RSVP by Nov. 14 by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com or Paige Godwin at godwinpaige@gmail.com.

### Thursday, Nov. 17:

### Community quilting bee

At the Blacksburg Library, 10 a.m. Participants can bring their supplies and tools and enjoy some conversation and quilting.

### Saturday, Nov. 19:

### Darin Handy reptiles

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1 p.m. Darin Handy, a certified wildlife rehabilitator who works with injured and orphaned wildlife, will bring live exotic animals and talk about them, particularly why they should not be kept as pets.

### **Ongoing:**

Blacksburg holiday parade registration

Registration is now open for Blacksburg's Annual Holiday Parade to be held on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. This year's theme will be "Hometown Holidays." The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact David Goodman at degoodman@blacksburg. gov or 540-443-1106.

### Hand-in-Hand playground design concepts

The Town of Blacksburg has received design concepts from playground designer Leathers, Inc., for the new Hand-in-Hand playground. Check the concepts out at https:// letstalkblacksburg.org/hand-in-hand.

### Radford holiday parade registration

Radford's Holiday Parade, themed "Jingle All the Way," will take place on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at 7 p.m. Lineup begins at 6 p.m on East

Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

### **Radford Photo Club**

The Radford Photo Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. The program will be about travel photography, presented by Mi-chele Borgarelli of Blacksburg. The November photo challenge will be Still Life. The club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Learn more about the club by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook or on your browser.

### Community quilting bee

At the Blacksburg Library, 10 a.m. Participants can bring their supplies and tools and join in with this quilting and sewing group for conversacrochet, spin, or weave.

### Monday, Nov. 14:

### Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet at 6 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. The 6 p.m. meeting is a closed session, followed by an open session at 7:15. Citizens are invited to attend the closed session and will be allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Wednesday, Nov. 16:

### NaNoWriMo Event: Story Prompt Challenge

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. From a list of over 60 one-line openings, participants are challenged to write mini-stories from as many prompts as they can. All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and will proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center. Go to www.radfordva.gov to register. The deadline to register is Nov. 30.

### Help veterans with donations

The Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Persons are encouraged to bring their donations of the following items to the library during November: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3-in-1 body wash/ shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps. The donations drive is co-sponsored by VFW Post 5311 and Montgomery-Floyd regional libraries.

### EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING PAPER

There will be early deadlines for the November 23 issue because of Thanksgiving.

Please send your news items, photos and church news by Thursday, November 17 at noon to community news@ourvalley.org. Send ads by **Thursday**, **November 17 at noon** to advertise@ourvalley.org. The paper will be printed on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in order for subscribers to receive it by mail before Thanksgiving. You may also drop off news items and ads at our offices at 1633 W. Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

> The offices of the News Messenger and Radford News Journal will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving.

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# OF THE WEEK



Arlo is quite the catch. Staff at the Animal Care and Adoption Center describe him as tender. He's a very sweet boy that can be shy around strangers but loves affection from everyone. He's good with other animals. Arlo is also house- and crate-trained.



Meet shy cat Haiku. Sweet and gentle. Purrfection. Looking for a home.

# Town of Christiansburg inviting bids for naming rights to Huckleberry Park

Pursuant to the requirements of \$15.2-2100, \$15.2-2101, \$15.2-2102, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Town of Christiansburg is inviting bids from qualified bidders to enter into a naming, advertising, and sponsorship agreement with the town to obtain the right to have their name on the facilities at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park complex located at Booker T. Washington Parkway, N.W., adjoining Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., Christiansburg (a portion of Montgomery County Tax Map No. 435 – ((A)) – 3A; Parcel ID 270079).

The term of the naming rights agreement shall be ten years, starting on April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2033.

The naming rights agreement will also allow the successful bidder to have

certain exclusive advertising rights at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility within the successful bidder's product category, as that term is defined in the Bid Form and Naming Rights Agreement. Any such agreement, use, and advertising is subject to approval by the Town of Christiansburg.

If the town elects to award a naming rights agreement, the Christiansburg Town Council will be requested to adopt an ordinance granting such an award. A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance and a draft of the naming rights agreement are on file and may be reviewed in the office of the town manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main St. Christiansburg.

Any interested entity is invited to submit a written bid, including a completed bid form.

# Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club makes apple butter for annual fundraiser

Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club's major fundraiser each year is its apple butter sales.

Each year club members buy local apples, wash and cut them, and take them to the cannery in Wytheville where the apples are cooked, spices are added, and jars are filled and labeled. Club members then sell the apple butter. The price is \$9 for a quart and \$7 for a pint.

This year club members made more

than 350 gallons of apple butter. The sales net thousands of dollars each year. The club then turns those funds into support for their local charitable projects.

The apple butter is available at the Blacksburg True Value Hardware Store at First and Main until Nov. 15 and at a site new to this year, Heaveners Hardware Store.



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African American civil west Virginia. society organization. The Community Group director Elizabeth Un- projects including their in turn established two derwood received the Water Watchers wakey programs: First, the Dialogue on Race, which fosters a network of relationships across many sectors leading to a more just community for greater equity of opportunity and achieve-ment, and, second, the New Mountain Climbers, a fund of the Community Foundation of the New River Valley that became the first giving circle and the first African American philanthropy in south-

Finally, Friend of the Valley award on behalf of the New River Conservancy. This award is given to an individual or organization outside of the New River Valley that has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region. The New River Conservancy has long been a partner assisting communities and nonprofits with water quality initiatives in the New River watershed.

They bring a high-level executive of technical capacity to ter quality monitoring program and stream restoration efforts such as those in partnership with Friends of Peak Creek in Pulaski. Their technical expertise and passion for water quality are truly making a difference in the watershed. Each award recipient was provided a framed print by local artist Matt Gentry featuring landscapes from the New River Valley.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MT. TABOR RURITAN CLUB DIRECTOR WENDY BALDWIN The Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club makes more than 350 gallons of apple butter annually as a fundraiser supporting the Interfaith Pantry, college scholarships for teens, the Christmas Store, Hunters for the Hungry, and the Salvation Army.



### Free Concert from page 1

donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music

events are typically held the second Saturday of each month at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated

venue. Submitted by New River Community College



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

New Ballard's Branch Bogtrotters have been playing old-time mountain music in the Galax area since 1986. The band was named for the small stream in Galax where band leader Dennis Hall grew up and still lives.

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# **U**<u>PINION</u> Home Country by Slim Randles: Haunted by a missed opportunity. Or was it?

now and then, Every thought Doc, that opportunity comes back to haunt me. Like it is right now on this crisp morning walk. It came early in his medical life, an invitation to join with a famous big hospital Back East. He'd make more money, he knew, and there was the seductive challenge of being on the cutting edge of what the world of medicine had to offer to the world of people.

He stopped for a minute and looked up through the stark tangle of bare limbs on a cottonwood tree. The filigree patterns of early winter never grew old to Doc. Sometimes they reminded him of capillaries or the branching out of small spring creeks heading for a trout river. And sometimes, they were just pretty to look at and deserved a pause in Doc's morning walk.

He and his wife, known to

everyone as Mrs. Doc, had come here to the valley many years ago. Each had become a local institution the way these things go in a small, rural area. They both regretted not having any children of their own, but the devotion each felt for the other tended to at least partially fill that emotional cavity.

Jeffrey Martin came trotting along the sidewalk on his way to school. Had his book

backpack and lunch too. "Mornin' Doc!" he said. "Hey Jeff. How's school?" "Just fine. Gotta run. I'm late.

Doc smiled after him.. Third grade this year? Close to that anyway. Jeffrey had been a difficult birth. So had Jeffrey's mother. And Doc had been there for both of them. There's more than one way to have a family, Doc thought, smiling.

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### Virginia gas prices fall once again

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 1.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.48/g Monday, Nov. 7, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 4.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 17.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel rose 3.4 cents last week and stands at \$5.32 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.97/g Monday while the most expensive was

\$4.69/g, a difference of \$1.72/g. The national average price of gasoline rose 6.2 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.78/g Monday. The national average is down 11.5 cents per gallon from a month ago but stands 37.8 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.

"Just over half of the nation's 50 states saw gasoline prices rise last week, pulling the national average back up for the time being due to big jumps in the Great Lakes and continued increases in New England and mid-Atlantic states," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "For now, the rise in the Great Lakes, brought on by tight supply, has already started to ease, and declines should start again. In the northeastern U.S., prices are likely to inch up a bit more," said De Haan.

According to De Haan, "National diesel supply remains tight, but supplies of diesel did see a slight rise last week. The majority of stations, especially away from the East Coast and Northeast, should have very few issues with diesel supply, though some stations in those regions could see diesel delivery times slip. Brief outages at a limited number of stations are possible, but with refineries continuing to churn out product and maintenance wrapping up, I'm optimistic the situation will improve.'

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-todate in the country. GasBuddy data are accessible at http://prices.GasBuddy.com.

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art, literature, and music. Its art and architecture were highly ornate and focused frequently on classical mythology.

Composers, painters, ballets, and storytellers during this time used Greek mythology to enlighten people and to think about," Bernardini said. Capturing this time and its spirit requires attention to detail. For example, modern gestures like pointing fingers or putting

Simultaneously, mu- pernatural child. sical director Amanda Raymond guides the rather flamboyant for-

give them moral tales hear segments of music ilarity still exists. where characters sing by themselves accompanied the operas are completeby harpsichord and cello ly opposite," she said, and also chorus parts "but the presentational joined by the string acting is quite similar. quartet," Raymond said. Baroque acting faces "The more one embraces almost entirely towards

Merriman played a singers in their under- mer showgirl in last standing of the music, year's comedic musical, the lyrics, and the char- The Drowsy Chaperone, acter in a style that's dif- and says that while the ferent from what most characters were written people think of as opera. approximately 400 years "In this opera you'll apart, an important sim-

"The vocal styles of

the public.

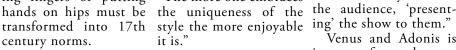
Dr. Meridith Bowen will direct a choral concert of Baroque works today, Wednesday, Nov. 9, and Amanda Raymond will present a Baroque music recital with guest artists from Virginia Tech on Nov. 12. Both are at 7:30 p.m. in the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center on Radford's main campus.

The first performance of the opera will take place between these two events, on Nov. 11, at the same time and location. There will be a matinee Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

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transformed into 17th century norms.

"Women especially were to keep their hands down and close to their body," said Bernadini, who watches carefully to keep the performers focused as they rehearse to ensure authenticity.



daughter, Grace Pfleger, all are free and open to a graduate student in Music Therapy. Pfleger, who plays Venus, said that the production is part of a semester-long preparation in the university's Opera Workshop class. This is her third year in the workshop which she says helped prepare for the rigors of this performance.

Her stage partner, Grant McDonel, is a senior who is pursuing a minor in music while studying cybersecurity. "Learning to sing and act in the Baroque style has been a unique challenge," McDonel said, "but one that I have enjoyed very much."

In addition to the title roles, Ryan Bennett and Cierra Bird play a shepherd and a shepherdess. Patrick Hart and Dylan Jones play huntsmen. Mary Wright plays

Cupid with Jena Nelson and Sarah Lindsay Merriman playing Cupid's rambunctious and somewhat errant children.

It's Merriman's arrow that strikes Venus and sets the plot in motion. A sophomore in both Theater and Music, Merriman said the part is energetic and she's having fun playing a su-

Venus and Adonis is The production is just one of several events choreographed by Lezle to explore and celebrate Renee Pfleger, who is Baroque music during getting to work with her the coming week, and

Sean Kotz Radford University



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY Mary Wright plays Cupid, whose children shoot their bows wildly and accidentally strike the Goddess of Love.

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# Virginia Tech Board of Visitors to meet Nov. 13-14

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors will hold its quarterly board meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, at 1:15 p.m. in Room 2100 in Torgersen Hall (620 Drillfield Drive) on the Blacksburg campus.

All other committee meetings held during the two-day session will be held at The Inn at Virginia Tech (901 Prices Fork Road) in Blacksburg unless otherwise noted.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m., all board members will meet in open session and attend an information session in Latham Ballroom A/B.

In addition, on Sunday, Nov. 13, and Monday, Nov. 14, the following committee meetings will be held:

On Monday, the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee will meet over breakfast at 7 a.m. in the 1872 Salon. At 8:30 a.m., its members will meet in closed session, followed by open session, in Latham Ballroom A/B.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet with the Finance and Resource Management Committee on Sunday at 9 a.m. in open session in Latham Ballroom A/B. On Monday, the committee will assemble in the lobby of The Inn at Virginia Tech at 8:30 a.m. for a tour of two capital construction projects - the Corps Leadership and Military Science

Building and the Upper Quad Residence Hall. Following the tour, the committee will meet in open session at approximately 10 a.m. in the Smithfield Room.

On Monday, the Compliance, Audit, and Risk Committee will meet in closed session at 9 a.m., followed by open session, in the Duck Pond Room.

The Finance and Resource Management Committee will meet Monday beginning at 8:30 a.m. in closed session, followed by open session, in the Solitude Room.

The Governance and Administration Committee will meet Sunday at 10 a.m. in open session in Latham Ballroom A/B.

On Monday, committee chairs will meet at 7:45 a.m. in open session in the Cascades Room.

During the two-day meeting, board members will receive a design preview of Mitchell Hall.

The full meeting of the board Monday at 1:15 p.m. and the information session held Sunday afternoon will be livestreamed. To view either meeting, go to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors website.

Public comment will not be received at the meeting. More information may be found at the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors website.



PHOTO BY RAY MEESE FOR VIRGINIA TECH

### Jessie Peterman Memorial Library schedule of November events

Nov. 10: Talking about Books at 2 p.m. To be discussed is "The Sentence" by Louise Erdrich.

Nov. 10: Teen Writing from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens can bring their imagination to life with short stories. Choose a prompt out of a hat.

Nov. 13: from 1 to 3 p.m. Join Floyd artist Kim Woddall using charcoal, pencil, and other media to create drawings. All supplies will be provided. Pumpkin models will have different shapes and appendages. All ages are welcome, and parents of little ones may participate with them.

Nov. 14: from 10 a.m. to noon. Stop by the library, pick up a book, and get a flu shot. The Floyd County Health Department will be on hand to give the flu shot.

11/15: "We Can All Use a Little Help" at 3 p.m. A Certified Peer Recovery Specialist from the 401 Peer Center will lead a group meeting. Certified Peer Recovery Specialists are trained to offer support to individuals who are dealing with

substance use disorder and/or mental health challenges. This meeting will provide a safe, nonjudgmental space that will pro-mote overall wellness. Sign-up is not required.

11.16: Bingo at 2 pm. Fun and prizes.

### Student Tailgate at Hokie Village offers new game-day experience

home football At games this season, fans taking a stroll down Beamer Way will see a familiar sight: a long line of students in Hokie apparel stretching to Washington Street. These students, however, are not waiting to enter Lane Stadium (at least not yet). They're looking forward to joining the newest tradition at Hokie Village, the Student Tailgate.

A joint effort between Student Affairs and Virginia Tech Athletics, the Student Tailgate offers a traditional game day experience in a safe and welcoming environment. While Hokie Village, the Tech and find new ways field of vendors and activities that pops up at each home game across from Lane Stadium, is open to the public, the Student Tailgate provides a more exclusive and intimate experience especially for Virginia Tech students. Önce inside, attendees will find many elements common to football tailgates. They have access to lawn games such as cornhole, kan jam, and spike ball; free treats such as snow cones or hot chocolate; and coupons for vendors offering game day foods. Maya Mahdi, a senior majoring in philosophy, politics, and economics, said the free treat was her favorite part of the tailgate before the Wofford game. "It was starting to get cooler, so it was nice to warm up with a delicious hot chocolate." For checking into the tailgate, students receive Tech-branded Virginia merchandise such as clear drawstring bags suitable for sports events and Tshirts. "There are so many perks you can access from the moment you swipe your Hokie Passport," said Anahi Sanchez-Moya, a sophomore studying international

relations.

There's even a chance to earn one of 100 wristbands that allow access to the North End Zone student section, normally available on a first-come, first-served basis when entering the game.

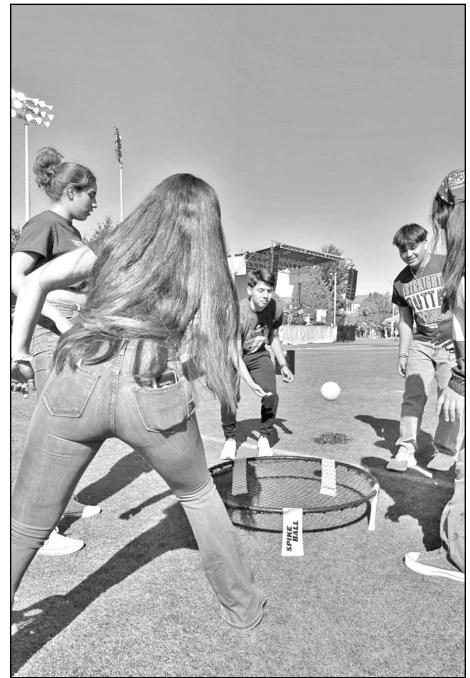
"The Student Tailgate allows students to be a part of our game day experience that is really so unique," said senior Miles Guth, the student project coordinator for the Student Tailgate. He touts the tailgate as not only a new fun option to pass time before the game, but also a way to acclimate to Virginia to socialize with fellow Hokies. We're providing firstyear and other newer students space to experience the same thing everyone else does," he said. "You see two students who show up alone. Then they start talking and walking around with each other. And then we see them going into the game to-gether." James Bridgeforth, assistant vice president for student affairs and ExperienceVT, is part of the team responsible for planning and overseeing the tailgate. Among his priorities: getting student organizations involved to help students socialize and adjust to Virginia Tech. "You'll find that a big part of the tailgate experience is really social networking. It's hard to make friends, and it can feel like the university is so big and intimidating," Bridgeforth said. "Groups such as the Latino Association of Student Organizations,

a recent sponsor, greet students when they enter the tailgate. In addition, their presence alone demonstrates to the attendees that there are groups that represent students like them at Virginia Tech that they can join and interact with.

Why choose the Student Tailgate over other game day activities around Blacksburg? Guth said there are plenty of reasons, the first being convenience.

The location is huge. We're directly across from the west entrance to Lane Stadium, so it couldn't be simpler."

In addition to the



many giveaways, free food, and drinks at the tailgate, Mahdi cites the nearby live music as a benefit. "I love the music at the tailgate. It creates such a loud and fun atmosphere."

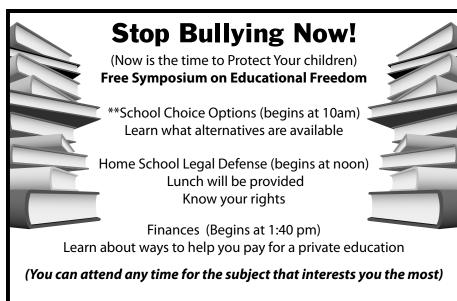
When faced with the sheer volume of activities available on game days, deciding where to spend time before kickoff can be overwhelming. The Student Tailgate aims to solve this by offering a special pre-game experience in a low-pressure, dedicated space.

'In life, you get to decide what is a party," said Sanchez-Moya. "And thankfully, this is a space by students and for students."

The Student Tailgate, located at the rear of Hokie Village, opens 3 1/2 hours before each home game and ends 45 minutes prior to kickoff. Students need to present a Hokie Passport for admission and to receive the week's freebies.

By Joshua Sweeney

PHOTO BY JAMES BRIDGEFORTH FOR VIRGINIA TECH Students play spike ball in front of the live music stage at the Student Tailgate.



### FREE SYMPOSIUM ON EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

Saturday, November 12th **Location: Victory Restoration Church** 190 Bishops Gate Rd. NW, Christiansburg, Va.

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# **CROADWATCH**

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. New information is noted by "NEW" and updates are noted when a current project has had an update added to the listing. 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 RE-PLACEMENT 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.

ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CON-STRUCTION - Construction is underway on road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) for a new entrance to Belview Elementary School. Motorists should expect daily lane closures con-trolled by flagging. Work is expected to be completed by the end of November 2022.

#### **INTERSTATE 81**

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDEN-ING 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 is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wallS can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wallS 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:

WORK ZONE SPEED: With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

o Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141.

0 Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

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 in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE RÉST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will remain closed until before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel. Signage indicating the closure is posted in the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are 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 before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel.

**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.

### Radford University alum Legal Notice keynote speaker at **Veterans Day Ceremony**

New River Community College Veterans Office will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. The event will be held on the NRCC campus in Dublin in Edwards Hall, Room 117.

The program will include presentation of the colors and retiring of the flags by the Pulaski County High School Color Guard. Music will be provided by the Pulaski County High School Freshmen Chorus under the direction of Angela Talbert.

Military veterans Dr. Don Stowers, NRCC Veterans Officer; Ryan Adams, NRCC Veterans and Dependents Student Services Advisor; and Dr. Peter Anderson, NRCC Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, will represent NRCC during the ceremony.

Local Army veteran Jeff Bain, former school board member, real estate appraiser, and United States Army and

featured keynote speaker. Bain attended Ferrum College before being called to serve a three-year tour with the Army in Vietnam.

After serving with a helicopter gunship unit during the Vietnam War, he returned home and completed his education at Radford University while working full time in banking, a career he continued for many years. Bain has served on the Pulaski County School Board, the Pulaski County Industrial Development Authority, and the Pulaski County Planning Commission. He also served as the first chief of the Snowville Fire Department.

The ceremony is free and open to NRCC students, faculty, staff and the public. A reception with light refreshments will follow the ceremony. For more information call the NRCC Veterans Office at (540)674-3693 or (540) 674-3600 ext. 4433 or email veterans@ nr.edu.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION TO ITS RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE, RPS-RAC, TO RECOVER THE INCREMENTAL COSTS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRGINIA RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO PROGRAM PURSUANT TO TITLE 56 OF THE VIRGINIA CODE CASE NO. PUB 2022 00146 CASE NO. PUR-2022-00146

Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") has applied for approval to revise its rate adjustment clause, RPS-RAC, related to its voluntary RPS program.

•APCo requests approval to return approximately \$9.4 million to customers as a sur-credit through its RPS-RAC from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.

•The Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will hold a telephonic hearing on March 8, 2023, at 10 a.m., to receive public witness testimony.

•The Hearing Examiner will hold an evidentiary hearing on March 9, 2023.

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

On September 29, 2022, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed a petition ("Petition") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commis-sion"), pursuant to the Commission's Final Order in Case No. PUR-2021-00048 and the Commission's broad ratemaking authority under Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), for approval to revise the rate adjustment clause ("RAC") that APCo uses to recover the incremental costs of participation in its voluntary renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") program ("RPS-RAC") previously established under the now repealed provisions of Code § 56-585.2. Specifically, the Company seeks approval to return approximately \$9.4 million to customers as a sur-credit through its RPS-RAC from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024. According to the Petition, this update will reduce the current sur-credit that customers receive from the current RPS-RAC from \$0.00116 to \$0.00110 per kilowatt hour.

Citing the repeal of Code § 56-585.2 and the replacement of the voluntary RPS program with a mandatory RPS program by the Virginia Clean Economy Act, APCo also requests that the Commission order that the RPS-RAC be discontinued and no longer applicable to customers as soon as its corresponding sur-credit has been fully depleted. Specifically, the Company asks that the RPS-RAC rate schedule no longer be applicable to customers, effective June 1, 2024, and that any under or over-recovery balance at that point be considered part of the Company's cost of service.

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 March 8, 2023, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this case 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 March 1, 2023, 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 filling out a form on the Commission's website at <u>scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting</u>; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to <u>SCCinfo@scc.virginia.gov</u>; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On March 9, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff ("Staff").

sion has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. Ir

Vietnam Veteran, will be the



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pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall 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 Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <u>nicoates@aep.com</u>.

On or before March 1, 2023, 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. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00146.

On or before December 7, 2022, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. A copy thereof also must be sent to counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 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-2022-00146.

On or before January 4, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be sent to the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. 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-2022-00146.

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 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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adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/02/2022 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, clerk 09/08/2022

Virginia a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff V JESSICA DAWN ADKINS, JONATHAN STILTNER, JR., JONATHAN MICHAEL OWENS, MELISSA JAYDE ADKINS, HANNAH CANTRELL, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s) Case No. CI 22-189 Order of Publication I he object of this suit is to

deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the

bids, and to cancel the auction at any time for any reason. To settle this claim please call (866) 300-2658



### Presbyterian Church

The Fincastle Presbyterian Church is seeking a musician to play for its Sunday service. The church has both a pipe organ and a parlor grand piano, so the ability to play either one of those or both of those would be just fine. The church service is from 10:30 11:30 each Sunday.

interested, please lf contact the church at: (540) 473-2042 or email: fincastlepresbyterianchurc h@gmail.com

### Legals - Botetourt County

### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316. -317. 20-104 **Botetourt County Circuit** Court 1 West Main Street P.O. Box 219, Fincastle, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re WILLIAM P ARNEY, THEASURER OF BOTETOURT COUNTY Case No. CL22000461-00 Civil Action No. 22-461 The object of this suit is to: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE THIS CAUSE came to be heard upon the Petition of William P. Arney, that he be released and fully discharged from liability as Treasurer of Botetourt County, Virginia, pursuant to §58.1-3145 et seq. of the Virginia Code. That in the aforesaid Petition, the Petitioner, William P. Arney, states that he has filed certificates from the Comptroller of the Commonwealth, the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt County, Virginia and the School Board of Botetourt County, Virginia showing the final settlement of his accounts, that he has turned over to his successor in office, Donna Boothe, all books and papers in his possession as Treasurer and that he is requesting that he be discharged of his liability as Treasurer of Botetourt County, Virginia. It appearing proper in all

Legals - City of Salem

### Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on November 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. The request of Jefferson Bennett Development Group, LLC, contract purchaser, and Layman Candy Co, Inc, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow for personal storage on the property located at 1630 West Main Street, (Tax Map # 139-4-6) and 1700 blk West Main Street (Tax Map # 139-4-7). 2. The request of DBMB, LLC, property owner, to replace the zoning and use permit, with conditions, issued May 1987, to store scrap metal on the properties located at 1108 Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-2), 1112 Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-3), 1100 blk. Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-6), 1100 blk. Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-7), and 1100 blk. Indiana St. (T/M# 198-3-11) with a special exception permit to allow scrap and salvage services. This updated special exception permit would include the addition of the properties located at 600 9th St. (T/M# 198-3-1) 1116 Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-4), 1120 Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-5), 1103 Indiana St. (T/M# 198-3-8), 1100 blk Indiana St. (T/M# 198-3-9) and 1115 Indiana St. (T/M# 198-3-10). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances

or amendments may be

Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light, Clerk of Council

Bruffey Street, Salem,



### FORMER OWNER NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISPOSE

FORMER OWNER'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO **DISPOSE IS HEREBY** GIVEN pursuant to the Provisions of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, §33.2-1005A, (formerly §33.1-90A). This is to notify the last known owners, heirs or assigns of the William H. Young and Beulah F. Young Estate, City of Salem, VA, of the opportunity to purchase property located in the 600 Block of Dalewood Avenue, containing approximately 5.750 acres. Contact Amanda Newhouse, amanda.newhouse@vdot.vi rginia.gov, 540-387-5572, Right of Way and Utilities Division, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153, by November 16, 2022.

### Legals - Craig County

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED **COURT-JUVENILE** Case No JJ002184-18-00 Juvenile and Domestic **Relations District Court** Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, MASON GRAY The object of this suit is to: terminate. the residual parental Rights of the father of Mason Gray Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, James Cook, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is seven (7) years of age and was born

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT-JUVENILE Case No JJ002185-16-00 Juvenile and Domestic **Relations District Court** Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, JACOB LUCAS The object of this suit is to: terminate, the residual parental Rights of the father of Jacob Lucas Evans thought to be either Ryan

Quinlin, Mark Evans, Kevin Scott Minnix, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is six (6) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/02/2022 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, clerk

### **VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT** FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG

09/08/2022

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG,

enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 37-A-49B (on Barbours Creek). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be nonresidents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before December 2, 2022, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered 10/24/2022 by: Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk I Ask For This: N. Reid Broughton VBS No. 38899 Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 phone: (540)260-9011 fax: (540)260-0022

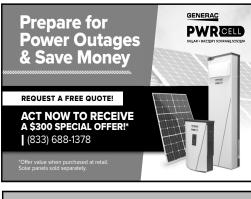
### VIRGINIA: IN THE **CIRCUIT COURT** FOR THE COUNTY **OF CRAIG**

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG. Virginia a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff V. BRIANNA LYNN JUSTUS aka BRIANNA **KEEN aka BRIANNA** STILTNER, individually and as guardian of her minor children, ELIJAH BENNETT ABEL STILTNER, SIERRA GRACE JUSTUS, KAYLEE MARIE FAYE JUSTUS, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s). Case No. CL22-190 Order of Publication The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent

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# **Radford Sports**

# **Radford, Christiansburg begin playoffs at home Friday**

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Radford High School will open as the top seed in Region 2C when the playoffs open this

Friday, hosting eighth-seeded (5-5) Dan River. Glenvar is #3 and Floyd #6 in the regional points, looking up at the Bobcats.

At 9-1, Radford is rolling into the playoffs after a Thursday night win over James River.

Junior QB Landon Clark has had a sensational year with 130 for 192 passing with 2,396 yards and 36 touchdowns. He has also rushed 97 times for 404 yards with another six touchdowns.

His favorite receivers have been Parker Prioleau (48 catches for 811 yards with 11 touchdowns), Marcell Baylor (36 receptions for 778 yards with 15 touchdowns), and Max Kanipe (24 catches for 483 yards with five touchdowns).

For the season, David Woodward added 76 rushes for 360 yards with seven touchdowns.

On defense, Baylor leads the team with 44 tackles, and Prioleau is second on the team with 33 stops.

As long as they keep winning, Radford will continue to host the regionals.

Christiansburg will also open the Class 3 playoffs with a region D matchup with a familiar foe in Abingdon.

Last week, Tanner Evans and Curtis Altizer combined for 302 yards on the ground as the Blue Demons held off a late comeback by Pulaski for a 34-31 win. Altizer finished the night with 172 yards on 11 carries with touchdown runs of 79 and 65 yards. Evans added 130 yards on 12 carries that included a 66-yard score in the first quarter. Evans also threw for two touchdowns to Jayron Thompson and Dishon Garrison.

The key for Christians-burg will be how the defense responds after giving up 31 points in the season finale against Pulaski including two scores in the last three minutes.

Abingdon will enter the contest with a 5-5 record, including a 22-13 loss to Christiansburg in Week #2. Last week, they pulled out a 21-20 thriller over Lee County.

Alex Hawkins piled up 153 rushing yards on 20 carries and scored two touchdowns for Abingdon while Luke Honaker gained 81 yards on the ground and scored the other touchdown for the Falcons.

In the earlier game this season, Thaxton Henley picked off two passes as the Blue Demon defense produced three Abingdon turnovers and two sacks. Cam Cooper led the Blue Demons with 85 yards rushing on nine carries with a 68-yard touchdown. He was also two-of-three through the air for 36 yards with a 28-yard completion to Evans, who added 79 yards on the ground on 15 carries.

Since then, Cooper has been benched and the Blue Demons have used three other players at quarterback. Evans has the most starts with six and is expected to start this Friday night

Abingdon, which stopped a Lee County two-point conversion in the final regular season contest, slipped in at number six. Their losses have come 24-7 to Gate City, 34-14 to Tennessee High, 20-13 to River View and 37-0 to Union.

In the region points, a win by Christiansburg might not mean another home game. Magna Vista is second and would have to lose for that to happen. The winner of the Christiansburg-Abingdon game will play the winner of Magna Vista-Staunton River.

Area Top Five: 1) Radford, 2) Salem, 3) Narrows, 4) Christiansburg, 5) Glenvar.

# Christiansburg slips by Pulaski 34-31



Curtis Altizer breaks away for a big touchdown run in Christiansburg's 34-31 win Friday night over Pulaski.



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J.T. Thompson makes a flying tackle to stop a Pulaski runner in Friday's contest. With the win, Christiansburg will host a regional playoff game this Friday versus Abinadon.



# **Radford closes out season with win**





Parker Prioleau had six catches for 87 yards with a touchdown as Radford downed James River 42-7 Thursday night. Prioleau broke the Radford singleseason record for receptions (48). The previous record had been held since 2009 by D.J. Palmer (46). Prioleau also broke the school record for the most receiving yards (811) in a season. Donald Snell held that record (795 yards) since 1982.

Radford's Ricky Bailey recovers a fumble in the end zone to score a defensive touchdown against James River.

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Landen Clark crosses the goal line for a defensive touchdown after an interception.

# Examining COVID's impact on home-court advantages

Virginia Tech economics expert Jadrian Wooten and two colleagues recently concluded research to determine whether fan restrictions during the 2020-21 basketball season impacted traditional home-court advantages often enjoyed by teams playing in home venues.

'Fans definitely matter. I think almost any sports fan is going to tell you that fans matter, especially once they go, and so what we were really curious about was how much they matter," said Jadrian Wooten, an associate professor in the Virginia Tech's Department of Economics, about the motivation behind researching whether COVID-19 restrictions reduced homecourt advantages for college basketball teams.

Several months ago, Wooden, Emily Marshall, an associate professor of economics and data analytics at Dickinson College, and Stephen Locke, an associate professor of economics at Western Kentucky University combed through two seasons of data to determine COVID's impact on college basketball.

Wooten said the group feels that three factors imhome-court pacted or home-field advantage: fans, familiarity with the venue (for example, playing baseball in Denver with its high elevation that allows balls to travel farther versus playing in Miami), and travel-related issues (for example, NBA teams playing on back-toback nights in different cities).

According to Wooten, prior to the pandemic, separating the influences of those three was hard, though many studies have made attempts.

The pandemic offered this trio of researchers a rare opportunity to take an indepth look at the fan aspect.

'We've never really had a situation where fans just completely disappear," Wooten said. "And it happened for almost everybody, and so this was slightly different. It took us a while to think about how to frame it because we normally think about the more fans, the better, and so we were looking at it as if you lose a lot of fans, what's the impact?

We're kind of doing the

reverse of, if I have a lot of home team won by a marfans versus losing a lot of fans," Wooten said. "It was really the first chance to isolate the fan side of it across a the pandemic season. wide variety of teams."

The group analyzed data from all 358 Division I teams that play college basketball. To be able to make a comparison, the group looked at game-level data from the 2019-20 season and the season right after pandemic-induced with restrictions, 2020-21. The data encompassed more than 7,300 games.

The group focused its attention on four main categories: who won or lost the game, the scoring margin, field-goal percentage, and free-throw percentage. Typically, a team wins and shoots better both from the field and the free-throw line when playing at home.

Behind Marshall, the point guard of the research team, the group found that the home team won 63.2 percent of the time in the season before the pandemic but won only 58.9 percent of the time during the pandemic season. In the season before the pandemic, the

gin of 4.29 points per game, but that margin dropped to 3.1 points per game during

From a Virginia Tech perspective, the Hokies, who opened their 2022-23 season on Nov. 7, won 16 games during the pandemic season and 15 the following season, a season in which they played fewer games. Because of that, analyzing data on individual teams was a bit tricky.

Overall, the numbers supported the group's hypothesis that fans matter.

"That effect was even stronger in games played between two what we're calling 'Power 6' teams," Marshall said, referring to teams from the ACC, the BIG EAST, the Pac-12, the Big Ten, the SEC, and the Big 12. "Those teams are used to playing in front of more fans," Marshall said. "So the impact of taking away fans is stronger for those teams."

"I think the biggest surprise to me is the free-throw percentage differential," Marshall said. "I would have expected the fans behind the baskets to be doing a little

bit more."

After Locke collected the data for analysis, Wooten and Marshall collaborated on a 33-page paper of their results. They have submitted the paper for peer review in hopes of having it published.

They admitted that they started this project because of their interests in sports and because of a fun curiosity. But their research also serves as an incentive to get students interested in economics and analytics.

--Jimmy Robertson, VT



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The home court/home field advantage was affected thanks to COVID but will be back into play as action gets underway at Cassell Coliseum.

# Rusty Wallace group purchases Lonesome Pine Raceway

Mark Ebert, owner of the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience, has entered into an agreement with Bobby Hill and the ownership group of Lonesome Pine Raceway to purchase the raceway.

The parties have agreed to a brief lease period with a closing date in the first quarter of 2023.

"We are really excited to get to work at Lonesome Pine Raceway," Ebert said. "This came together fast. We've only been working on this for a little over a week with Bobby and his group. I have to say that when we first came to LPR we were really impressed by the condition of the track and the work that Bobby and his team have put into the speedway." Concessions have been redone, the restrooms and VIP area are first-rate. With a little investment and some elbow grease, the racing surface is going to be outstanding.

Ebert and the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience will now manage Lonesome Pine Raceway and Motor Mile Speedway.

"When we started at Motor Mile Speedway two years ago, we inherited an amazing facility with so much potential, and we see that same potential here at Lonesome Pine," Rusty Wallace said.

"I've learned so much at Motor Mile the last two years. There were certainly a few missteps along the way, but the experience and growth has been invaluable to me. The staff here at MMS is top notch. I've learned to trust them to bring MMS back to where it belongs. We have fallen in love with this area and the community here. The support we've received has us really encouraged for the future."

"Although I still have plenty to improve on, we feel like we have great momentum going into 2023. Adding Lonesome Pine is going to make us better at both tracks," Wallace said. "When Mark and I first got together with the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience over ten years ago, we talked short-track racing before we ever talked business. It's a passion that runs deep for us both and through our whole team. You see that passion in our short track Late Model program and you'll soon see it at Lonesome Pine. I'm excited for the racetrack and Rusty Wallace Racing Experience. It's going to be great watching Lonesome Pine come back to life in 2023."

Incoming Lonesome Pine Raceway track President Jeff Roark said, "First of all, I'm really happy to be coming home to 'The Pine." There's a great foundation here, but there's a lot of work to do to be ready for spring. We plan to run a full slate of asphalt racing on the oval and continue with the dirt go-kart track. Rusty Wallace Racing Experience will be moving into the race shop, and we'll have a full schedule for the driving experiences here. We're also working on a bunch of new ideas, and we would encourage fans to watch FaceBook for some exciting announcements," Roark said.

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Bobby Hill said the decision to sell Lonesome Pine was difficult for his entire family.

"We put a lot of time, effort, and money into the track. When Mark and the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience team came to us with their plans and vision, we knew this was the future for the track and the community that we were looking for. We're excited for the future of Lonesome Pine, and we'll be in the stands next year to watch the races," Hill said.

The Rusty Wallace Racing Experience runs at over 70 racetracks nationwide.

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# Big South and ESPN3 reach broadcast agreement

The Big South Conference has announced it has obtained exclusive regular-season basketball broadcasts on ESPN3, which will be among the nearly 415 total broadcasts featuring Big South men's and women's basketball programs during the 2022-23 campaign.

Five men's basketball league matchups and five women's basketball conference contests will make up the exclusive ESPN3 "Game of the Week" package beginning in January. An additional six men's conference games will be televised on ESPNU, while all remaining home Big South contests will be carried on ESPN+.

Meanwhile, coverage of the preliminary rounds of the 2023 Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championships are slated to be carried on ESPN+. The men's and women's championship games on Sunday, March 5, will be telecast on an ESPN linear network. Six regular-season Big South men's games will be televised on ESPNU for the tenth consecutive year,with all six being "Wild Card" selections that will be determined two weeks in advance. ESPNU will televise a Big South game on Thursday, Jan. 12 (7:00 p.m.), Thursday, Jan. 26 (7:00 p.m.), Thursday, Feb. 2 (7:00 p.m.), Thursday, Feb. 9 (7:00 p.m.), Thursday, Feb. 16 (7:00 p.m.) and Thursday, Feb. 23 (7:00 p.m.).

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