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Radford University students, faculty, and staff attend General Assembly Advocacy Day

education.

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Radford University is the home of the 'American Dream' through higher

Tatiana Tshibuyi, a senior political science major, delivered those words confidently in an opening pitch across 12 different meetings with members of the Virginia General Assembly over a three-hour span on Wednesday, Feb. 1, inside the Pocahontas Building

Tshibuyi wasn't alone in making a bold statement like this on behalf of Radford University. She was flanked on office

in Richmond.

couches and in hallways throughout the building fellow students who delivered similar impassioned monologues to lawmakers in the state

"I'm an introvert by nature," Tshibuyi said. "But my voice matters, and what I have to say is important because I have conviction."

She was part of a collection of 50 students who were joined by faculty and staff representatives, of Visitors members, and President Bret Danilowicz and First Lady Kay Danilowicz for Radford University's annual Advocacy Day.

A tradition that is in its

23rd year, Advocacy Day allows students to share the importance of their state-supported education with General Assembly members, and to ask elected representatives to consider voting for legislation that would benefit the university.

Tshibuyi, a pre-law student who was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and became a naturalized U.S. citizen while growing up in Woodbridge, Virginia, clearly communicated to lawmakers the importance of Radford University in

"Education is the great

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New River Health District warns of door-to-door scam

DUBLIN - The New River Health District is warning area residents to be on the alert about an apparent door-todoor scam that may be targeting people in the New River Valley. Local law enforcement officers in Pulaski County have been made aware of people knocking on doors during evening hours in several Dublin neighborhoods.

The individuals claim to be from the Virginia Department of Health and Human Services. In at least one instance, a solicitor was allowed to enter a home while other members of the group waited in a parked car.



The visitor was equipped with an iPad and asked the resident to participate in a health survey being conducted by the Virginia Department of Health.

employee affiliated with the New River Health District will ever make personal visits to homes in our communities without credentials, including a photo ID and a health department business card," said New River Valley Health District Health Director Noelle Bissell. "Anyone claiming to be with the Virginia Department of Health without official identification never be allowed to enter a home," Bissell said.

Anyone who has been approached by these solicitors on behalf of the Virginia Department of Health should contact the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office by calling (540) 980-7800.

-Submitted by Brookie Crawford; Public Information Officer, Central Virginia Region Office of Communications; New River Health District

NRCC to present Black History Month program



Dr. Abraham Hardee III will speak on "Chasing Purpose while Maximizing Your Boundaries" at NRCC's Black History Month program on Sunday, Feb. 19.



Donna Slaughter and Josiah Williams from Spirit of Life Worship Center will present a musical selection at NRCC's Black History Month program.



COURTESY PHOTOS

From Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church, the group Drumbeat will perform at NRCC's Black History Month program.

In celebration of Black History month, New River Community College (NRCC) and the college's Black History Committee will sponsor a guest speaker and a music program on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 3 p.m. The event will be held in 117 Edwards Hall at

NRCC in Dublin, and admission is free.

Keynote speaker Dr. Abraham Hardee III will present remarks on the topic of "Chasing Purpose While Maximizing your Boundaries." Hardee is a board-certified physician in family medicine. He is Core Faculty with the Family Medicine Graduate Medical Education Clinic at LewisGale Hospital. He also serves as the Rural Medicine and Underserved Primary Care Department Chair at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). Hardee graduated from VCOM and completed his doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) at Virginia Tech in International Health Education.

He is involved with numerous medical committees/ organizations including the Medical Society of Virginia Assistant Board of Directors, the National Reserve Corps, the Faculty Advisors of Gold Humanism

Honor Society, and is a member of the Health Equity Collaborative of Virginia. His other community volunteering opportunities include serving as an NAACP member and lay speaker and elementary teacher at Blue Ridge Church. All of Hardee's efforts aim to improve the living experience in the Appalachian Region for all persons.

He has approximately a decade of professional experience working in a local urgent free care clinic. He has most recently directed his focus towards empowering young learners of all types to pursue the unnatural act of service and commit to legacy building in their immediate surroundings.

Musical performances will be offered by Jami Martin, an NRCC alumna; Donna Slaughter and Josiah Williams from Spirit of Life Worship Center; and Drumbeat from Randolph Avenue United

Methodist Church. The public is invited to the event, and light

refreshments will be served following the program. -Kelly Kaiser; Public Relations Assistant; New River

Community College

Appalachian Power issues warning about water levels downstream of Claytor, Leesville dams

On Thursday, Feb. 2, Appalachian Power issued a warning to recreational users downstream of Claytor and Leesville dams that water levels on the New and Roanoke rivers could rise rapidly..

The National Weather Service has called for cold temperatures and PJM, the independent regional transmission organization that manages the electric grid in 13 states, has notified Appalachian Power it may need to increase power generation at its hydroelectric plants to maintain the reliability of the regional electric grid if called upon to do so.

According to Appalachian Power, below Claytor Dam, water levels could increase up to two feet in a matter of minutes. Water levels below Leesville Dam could increase as much as eight feet over a seven-hour period. Those considering recreating on the rivers should monitor

AEP's website for additional information. Located on the New River in Pulaski County, the Claytor Dam is operated by Appalachian Power. The total installed electric generating capacity of the plant is 76 megawatts. Leesville Dam, with a generating capacity of 50 megawatts, is part of the Smith Mountain Project, a 636-megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric facility on the Roanoke River.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's approximately 16,700 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 224,000 miles of distribution lines to deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.5 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 31,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 7,100

megawatts of renewable energy.
-Submitted by The Friends of Claytor Lake

Curator's Talk to kick off Radford University art exhibition

Guest Curator Dr. Arthur F. Jones, a former Chair of the Art Department Radford University, will give an illustrated talk on Jackson Pollock and other active at Atelier 17, an important center experimentation and innovation in 20th-century art for both male and female artists, at 4 p.m. in the Davis Performance Hall at the Covington Center for the Arts.

reception of the exhibit, Sue Fuller's (1914-2006), Clown, 1945, Intaglio with stencil, 7 7/8 x 6 inches, pictured here, is one of the pieces on display. The



RADFORD UNIVERSITY followed by an opening

"Pollock & the Artists of Atelier 17: Experimental Printers in an Age of World Conflict," from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Scartelli Atrium at the Covington Curator's Talk will be

PCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 9:

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. The guild welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320

Free GED Classes

New River Community College is offering free GED classes at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. through May 11. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

At the Christiansburg Library; 3 to 4 p.m.

Participants will learn fun facts about chocolate and will try different flavors of this tasty treat.

Tasty Thursdays: The wonderful world of chocolate

At the Christiansburg Library; 6 to 7 p.m. Snacks,

Anime club for teens

crafts, taste-tests, and anime are part of this gathering that includes discussing favorite series and/or shows.

Valentine boxes

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants will decoupage a small keepsake box with their favorite pictures, magazine clippings, song lyrics, poems, and/or quotes for themselves or for a special Valentine. Materials will be provided. Participants may bring photos, etc. for a more personal touch.

Downtown Christiansburg Vision Night

Downtown Christiansburg, Inc., hosts a night of visioning, networking, and conversation for everyone in Christiansburg. The evening includes free appetizers. This is a great chance to get involved with local leaders who effect change. At Iron Tree Brewing Company; 5:30- to 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10: Tech Bytes: Online job searching

At the Blacksburg Library; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. This session will cover online classified sites, job search sites, company sites, and avoiding scams. Registration is required. Register at https://mfrl.libcal.com/ event/9981782.

Saturday, Feb. 11:

Free tax assistance with NRCA

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 to 4 p.m. Participants can get free tax prep assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and NRCA. Walk-in only. Income limits may apply. For more information visit https://newrivercommunityaction.org/vita.

Free family movie matinee: "Addams Family 2" At the Radford Public Library at 11 a.m. In this

animated sequel, participants will take a road trip with this quirky family in a haunted camper. Rated PG with a run time of 93 minutes.

Grownup board game club

At the Radford Public Library; 2 to 4:30 p.m. Participants can bring a friend, a board game, or just themselves and spend some quality board-gaming time at the library. A collection of games is available at the library, but gamers are welcome to bring something from home to play.

Monday, Feb. 13:

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St.,

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will

meet at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg with a closed session beginning at 6 p.m. and an open session following at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and will be allowed to address the board with their concerns. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Valentines crafternoon: Valentines cards

At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Participants will make a hearty card for their Valentine's Day love using buttons and creativity. Supplies will be provided.

Tuesday, Feb. 14: 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 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.) The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse

Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. John Winebarger, SCV Virginia 6th Brigade Commander, will speak on "Confederate Surgeons." If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Radford City School Board meeting The Radford City School Board will meet at 6

p.m. at the RCPS Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford.

Legal Notice

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO MODIFY RIDER WWS AND RIDER REC CASE NO. PUR-2022-00212

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF

•Appalachian Power Company has filed an application for approval to modify Rider WWS and Rider REC.

•Rider WWS and Rider REC are voluntary tariffs whereby participating customers can elect to purchase 100 percent of their energy and capacity needs from renewable energy resources or offset their energy usage by purchasing low-cost renewable energy certificates ("RECs").

•The Company proposes to charge a premium above standard service of \$0.0210 per kWh for energy under Rider WWS, and \$0.95 per 100 kWh block for customers participating in Rider REC's Block Purchase Option, and \$0.0095 per kWh for customers participating in Rider REC's All Usage or RPS Purchase options.

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

On December 7, 2022, Appalachian Power Company ("Appalachian" or "Company"), pursuant to § 56-236 and § 56-577 A 5 ("Subsection A 5") of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for approval to modify the pricing applicable to its (1) Rider Wind, Water, and Sunlight ("Rider WWS"), a voluntary rider under which its customers can purchase "electric energy provided 100 percent from renewable energy" under Subsection A 5; and (2) Rider Renewable Energy Certificate ("Rider REC"), another optional rider that allows participating customers to offset their energy usage by purchasing low cost Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs"). Appalachian also proposes methodology for making future changes to the pricing for these riders administratively after investigation by the Staff of the Commission ("Staff").

Specifically, Appalachian proposes to revise the premium above standard service to \$0.0210 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for energy under Rider WWS. The Company proposes charging \$0.95 per 100 kWh block for customers participating in Rider REC's Block Purchase Option, and \$0.0095 per kWh for customers participating in Rider REC's All Usage or RPS Purchase options. The Company proposes that these revisions become effective on July 1, 2023, and that such revisions should be reviewed again in six months.

The Application states Appalachian received Commission approval of Rider REC in 2018 and Rider WWS in 2019. In support of its Application, the Company states that market costs for RECs used to calculate original premiums under Rider REC and Rider WWS have changed significantly, along with Appalachian's resource mix. The Company's methodology in calculating the \$0.0210 per kWh premium averaged the most recent quotes for, and average cost of, RECs in the period in which the rates will be effective.

Appalachian also requests that the Commission approve its proposed methodology for updating the premiums in the future for both Rider WWS and Rider REC, asserting that this methodology results in a premium that reflects both current and anticipated REC values. Under its proposal, the Company will file new premium calculations for both riders on or near the first day of February and August of each year using new market information for Staff administrative review, after which the Company will provide notice of the new rate, and allow customers 30 days to the first than that the formation for Staff administrative review. days to disenroll from the voluntary programs before the new rate becomes effective on each January 1 and July 1 going forward. TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these proposals.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has, among other things, directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. At this time, any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Company's Application 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; C. Dixon Wallace III, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; njcoates@aep.com or dwallace@huntonak.com.

On or before March 15, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions 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 by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00212.

On or before March 15, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00212.

On or before March 15, 2023, any interested person or entity may file a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00212.

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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 Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application, the public version of other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

Feasts and festivals around the world

At the Christiansburg Library; all day. This is a celebration of the feasts and festivals of different countries. Valentine's Day in South Korea will be celebrated this month. Participants may pick up a Valentine's Day craft kit that includes information about the holiday. Supplies are limited.

Wednesday, Feb. 15:

NRCC offering free health screenings

New River Community College's practical nursing students will host a Love Your Health event, where anyone can stop by several free health stations run by NRCC the students for health information, educational games for kids, vitals checks, and COVID-19 vaccine administration. At the Uptown Christiansburg Mall, near NRCC's location; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Misty Rice, associate professor of nursing, at mrice@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext.

Thursday, Feb. 16:

Radford Reads with Stephen Skripak At the Radford Public Library; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Retired business professor and author Stephen Skripak will speak about his book "From the Boardroom to the Classroom." This event is free and is open to the public. Community quilting bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can bring their supplies for quilting, sewing, and lively conversation.

Friday, Feb. 17: NRCC offering free health screenings

New River Community College's practical nursing students will host a Love Your Health Event with free health stations for health information, educational games for kids, vitals checks, and COVID-19 vaccine administration. At the Uptown Christiansburg Mall, near NRCC's location; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Misty Rice, associate professor of nursing, at mrice@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext.

Saturday, Feb. 18:

Free Tax Assistance with NRCA

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 to 4 p.m. Participants can come in for free tax prep assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and NRCA. Income limits may apply. Walk-In Only. For more information, visit https://newrivercommunityaction. org/vita or call 540-320-3217.

Sunday, Feb. 19:

Chess club

At the Blacksburg Library; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants can learn chess with US Federation member Rishi. Ages 8+ with all skill levels welcome. Supplies will be provided.

Tuesday, February 21:

Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine The Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine will perform at Radford University's Bondurant Auditorium in Preston Hall at 7:30 p.m. This concert gives audiences a chance to hear remarkable Ukrainian musicians lead by Theodore Kuchar, one of the world's most recorded and decorated conductors. Tickets are available online, at the Hurlburt Hall Information Desk, or by calling 540-831-5420.

Thursday, March 2:

Crab Creek Watershed Project kick-off meeting Participants will learn how to get involved with

the Crab Creek Watershed Project and how to receive funding to install watershed-friendly landscaping on their property. At the Loft at Great Road on Main (100 W Main St. Christiansburg); 6 to 7 p.m.

Ongoing: Cap and gown drive

Support the 2023 Blacksburg High School Senior

Class by donating extra caps and gowns for use during graduation. The Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office is partnering with Blacksburg High School and Sustainable Blacksburg to encourage re-use of previous years' graduate gear for the 2023 senior class. Typically, graduation caps and gowns are used only once; with an average graduating class of 320, which is a lot of waste. The 2023 senior class is looking to the Blacksburg

community to donate graduation gear that can be re-used for 2023 and beyond. Gowns (blue only from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the main entrance of Blacksburg High School. In an effort to keep project costs affordable, materials should be dry-cleaned before donation, though it is not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov. Blacksburg 2023 Citizens Institute

The Town of Blacksburg is sponsoring a 2023

Citizens Institute that will give new residents, retirees, and those who want to get involved in the community, a chance to meet town staff and learn more about the functions of Blacksburg's local government. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and residents of the Town of Blacksburg. To register, call the Community Relations Office at 540-443-1090 or email cro@blacksburg.gov.

visit www.ourvalley.org

Devens, Mary Katharine (Tansey)

Mary Katharine (Tansey) Devens, 93, passed away quietly on Feb. 2, 2023, in Blacksburg.

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Born in 1929 at West Point, N.Y., Mary was the fourth child and the only daughter of Major General and Mrs. Patrick H. Tansey, along with four brothers who later served as field-grade military officers.

Their close-knit, Army family spent her childhood years at various assignments: Waikiki Beach, Hawaii; Washington, DC; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

Mary spent her teen years in Washington, D.C. during WWII as her father planned wartime logistics while the family worried about three of her Army officer brothers who served in combat units.

After the WWII victory in Europe, MG Tansey received orders to join Gen McArthur's Pacific Theater staff, so Mary sailed with her family on the first troop ship to Tokyo, Japan – even as enemy submarines still patrolled. Stories later surfaced about her family's efforts to feed and support destitute Japanese during post-war recovery.

Mary was even deferred to as "Mary-san" by a classmate: the new Empress of Japan. In 1947 Tokyo, Mary Tansey met William George "Bud" Devens, a dashing second lieutenant and West Point graduate. A

lifetime romance of 59 years began.

Their union yielded a grand legacy of eight children, 19 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. They served the US Army at Ft Sill, Oklahoma and Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri, and then Mary and her three small children stayed in Washington D.C. during Bud's Korean War combat duty.

After the war, their reunited Okinawa, Japan, for Bud's assignment there. Next came Champagne, Ill., and then a faculty assignment to West Point. Hardship tours followed with assignments to Paris and then to a perilous, Soviet-surrounded Berlin in 1962. Mary managed her large family and served the Army community wherever they went.

Together, they completed Bud's final military assignment at Fort Belvoir, Va., and then retired from the Army in 1966. During her 39 years of military life, Mary crossed the Pacific Ocean six times in troop ships and moved on 26 occasions. After a brief stay in Norwich, Vt., Mary and Bud moved their family to Blacksburg in 1967.

Mary volunteered for her children's activities and hosted many of Bud's departmental events at Virginia Tech. They attended kids' sporting events and activities, plus countless Hokie games. Mary faithfully served St Mary's Catholic Church as communion minister and as an active member of Church Ladies. She volunteered at the Humane Society Thrift Shop and served in the Trillium Garden Club for

All told, Mary Devens was born and raised in the US Army, served as an Army wife, and raised eight children, six of whom served as military officers. She gladly served her country and faced danger. She endured hard living conditions, endless moves, and many tiresome

journeys.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, LTC William George Devens; her brothers Col. Patrick H Tansey Jr., Col. Hubert E Tansey, Commander Mike Tansey, and Col. Robert Tansey; grandson Derek Devens; and great-grandson James Donnally.

Mary is survived by her sisters-in-law: Mrs. Bob Tansey, and Mrs. Mike Tansey; along with many dear nieces, nephews, and friends.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Blacksburg, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. Interment and a reception will follow. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive, Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a favorite charity or to St. Mary's Church.

Nutter, Kenneth Robert

Kenneth Robert Nutter, 77, of Blacksburg, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at his home.

He was born in Christiansburg on Nov. 8, 1945, to the late Jesse and Cordie Shelor Nutter. He was also preceded in death by twin infant sons.

Kenneth was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Alice S. Nutter; daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Ronnie Turpin, Julie and Danny Hagy, and Tonya Blackwell; grandchildren Dalton, Faith, Caleb, Dylan, Alexis, Kaylee,



Isabella, and Jaxon; sister and brother-in-law Lois and Darrel Semones; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Sue Nutter; aunt Edith Hurt; mother-inlaw, Mary Jane Surface; and several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and other relatives; and his furry companion, Sebastian.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Lee Price officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Long Shop–McCoy Fire and Rescue P.O. Box 489, McCoy, Va. 24111

Marshall, Sylvia Meredith

Sylvia Meredith Marshall, 96, of Radford, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023.

She worked her whole life as a telephone operator. She loved gardening, especially her rose bushes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Eula Haley Meredith; her husband, Walter Howard Marshall; brothers Rudolf Meredith, Kenneth Meredith, and Merle Meredith; and her sister, Elouise Capps.

Survivors include her son, David Howard



Marshall; grandchildren and their spouses Leslie and Anthony Eads, and Abbigail and Raven Cunningham; greatgrandchildren Emma, Avery, and Brenden; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and

friends.

The family received friends on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Services followed with Mr. John Croft officiating. Entombment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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

Dobbins, Pearl Hight

Pearl Hight Dobbins, 103, of Radford, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.W. and Bessie Hight; her husband, Burman Dobbins; and a daughter, Darlene D. Havens.

Pearl and Burman

were married for 43 years until his passing in 1980. Pearl was a devoted member of Compassion Radford (formerly First Pentecostal Holiness Church) from the time she was 11 years old. She continued attending faithfully right up until her very last days.

She enjoyed sewing

and quilting, especially making her personalized baby quilts for new arrivals. Pearl loved being at social events like church activities, senior Bingo games, and day



trips. She loved people, never met a stranger, or missed an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus.
Survivors include

her son-in-law, Frank G. Havens of Radford; grandchildren and their spouses, Larry and Kathy Havens, Sherry Feeny, Tina Edmonds and Cindy and Pat Cahill; seven great-grandchildren and their spouses: April and Josh Tabor, Justin and Katie Havens, Erica Dill, Jesse Edmonds, Joey and Juliana Edmonds, Jenna and Austin Altis, and Becca and Daniel Duncan; 11 great-greatgrandchildren: Preston, Addy, Kennedy, Sophie, Hunter, Gracie, Aiden, Haven, Ella, Caroline, and Liliana; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at Compassion Church in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Chris Blackburn, Pastor Mike Laster, and Pastor Chandler Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Appalachian Conference Cemetery in Dublin.

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

Pets of the week



Handsome boy Ice is ready to make a love connection with a great adult human (or multiple!), ready to share a home. He would love to go on hikes and be able to explore the outdoors. Ice is a onedog kind of guy and would do best as the only pet in the home. His adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control.

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Tori would spend the bulk of her time in a cat cubby, if she could. She enjoys getting cuddled up into a little ball and watching the world go by. She currently resides in a cat community room at the Animal Care and Adoption Center and hangs out with a few other felines friends. Stop by to meet Tori. She could be your purrfect match.



Tori

Police report

Radford City Police Department Report Jan. 23 - 29, 2023

Monday, Jan. 23: 9:28 a.m. Cruelty to animals, 100 block of

Bolling St. 3 p.m. Vehicle/ aircraft/boat/etc.: destroy/injure, Petit larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, 1600 block of West Main St.

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

8 a.m. Contribute to delinquency of minor, Purchase/Possession of Nicotine under the age of 21, Dalton Dr.

of 21, Dalton Dr. 11:56 a.m. Petit larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, Monument: intentional damage, value greater than or equal to \$1000, 200 block of Allen Ave.

2:20 p.m. Assault and battery of a family member, 300 block of Seventh Ave.

Wednesday, Jan. 25: 2:25 a.m. Reckles

2:25 a.m. Reckless driving: generally, plus revoked license and cause death, Driving while license revoked/suspended, Possession of marijuana – civil, Failure to carry concealed weapon permit, 500 block of Davis St.

8:33 a.m. Grand larceny, false identify self to law enforcement, 700 block of Auburn Ave.

1:30 p.m. Petit larceny, 1700 block of

Second St.

2:18 p.m. Monument: unlawful damage, no intent to steal, 1700 block of West St.

5:56 p.m. Disorderly conduct, West Main St.

Thursday, Jan. 26: 2:20 p.m. Petit larceny, 300 block of Berkley Williams Dr.

12:45 a.m. Disabled vehicle, I-81 Exit 105

4:25 a.m. Assault: (Misdemeanor) 300 block of Tyler Ave.

Friday, Jan. 27:

1:52 a.m. Medical emergency, 1100 block of Clement St.

11:23 a.m. Dog: fail to register w/dangerous

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equalizer," she said during a meeting. "Our institution has helped first-generation students like me be able to afford Radford while getting a first-class education, which should be important to everyone."

The goal of Advocacy Day is to create a mutually beneficial experience.

"Advocacy Day is a wonderful leadership opportunity for our students," said Dr. Susan Trageser, Vice President for Student Affairs. "For members of the General Assembly, it's impactful to actually hear what the opportunity for an education at Radford University means to students."

Trageser, who coordinates Advocacy Day activities, led preparation meetings that began during the fall semester for interested students. The meetings covered topics including the legislative process, university funding and support priorities, and communication tactics.

Advocacy Day also allowed students to have meetings with elected officials from their home districts.

Jamori Harris, an aspiring vocalist and a criminal justice major, met with his representative, Delegate John McGuire (R-Glen Allen). Harris, a Louisa native, crossed paths with McGuire during an internship with his brother, Louisa County Commonwealth's Attorney Rusty McGuire. Advocacy Day gave Harris the opportunity to have a conversation with the delegate about why supporting Radford University is important.

"I'm proud of Radford because of the opportunities

it's given me," Harris said. "Hearing feedback from people (like John McGuire) is beneficial and I'm glad that I was afforded the chance to be a representative for myself and my peers."

Some connections between students and legislators ran deeper.

Troy Stallard, a senior at Radford University Carilion and an Air Force veteran, spent part of his Advocacy Day attending a meeting of the General Assembly's Military and Veterans Caucus. Stallard also met with Delegate Jason Ballard (R-Giles), Radford University's representative and an Army veteran, who is sponsoring legislation aimed at establishing new behavioral health treatments for former armed service members. Stallard, who plans on attending medical school and

practicing in the VA medical system, saw the Advocacy Day exercise as one that deepened his own connection to Radford University. "Being in a science-heavy academic program, this has

been a good way for me to be part of the overall college experience," Stallard said. "Advocating and supporting the university is beneficial for current students and will help us continue to do that as alumni." Advocacy Day allows students to speak about issues

important to them, like access and affordability. Some also share how the university's academic programs and their career choices can support state legislative priorities.

Katrina Sainovich, a second-year occupational therapy graduate student at RUC, advocated for how lawmakers can support healthcare workers through education.

"By making sure that our education stays affordable, we can help fill the shortage gaps in the industry," she said during one meeting. "Radford does an amazing job with its healthcare focus, and by supporting the university, we can support the commonwealth."

For Sainovich, advocacy for her profession goes beyond one day of meetings in Richmond. Throughout her RUC education, she's been encouraged to be vocal

about the benefits of occupational therapy. Being able to do this, get out of your comfort zone and tell people why occupational therapy is important is a great experience," she said.

For all students, the day gave them a new perspective about elected officials.

"They're human," Harris said. "To get into a one-on-

one conversation with people that you see in the media and know that we're dealing with authentic people is They also saw how advocacy is an opportunity for

lawmakers to understand what's important to their

"I learned that a lot of legislators have become more open-minded and more focused on the policy than the politics," Tshibuyi said. "We all need to focus on doing the real-world work."

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week for \$45 a year in the City of Radford, \$54 elsewhere in

dog registry, 400 block of Sanford St. 2:30 p.m. Possession of marijuana – civil, Dalton

4:01 p.m. Possession of controlled substance, Tyler Ave. 7:53 p.m. Petit larceny: less than \$200 not from a

person, Dalton Dr. 8:36 p.m. Medical emergency, 600 block of

Clement St. Saturday, Jan. 28:

1:48 a.m. Petit larceny: less than \$200, not from a

person, 1100 block of Clement St. 7:38 p.m. Monument: intentional damage, value

less than \$1000, Strangulation: results in wounding/ bodily injury, Phone: injure/tap line; copy/obstruct

11:26 p.m. Weapon: fail to carry concealed weapon permit, 100 block of Third Ave. Sunday, Jan. 29:

12:08 a.m. Identity theft: possession fictitious

under 21 years old, Profane swearing or intoxication in public, no address given 2:37 p.m. Profane swearing or intoxication in

I.D. card, Alcohol: Purchase/Possession By Person

public, 300 block of West Main St. 10:43 p.m. Suspicious person, 1200 block of Second Ave.

Alcohol round-up

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New spherical antennas enable clear, reliable cell service at Lane Stadium When you come to Lane Stadium for commencement,

Hokie football, or another activity, you might have experienced that cell service can vary dramatically depending on where you are in the stadium. The next time you are there, look for the distinctive new antennas above the west side press box that have been added to improve cellular performance. Demands for cellular bandwidth are ever-increasing, and Lane Stadium itself presents a challenge for cellular service providers. Its monolithic concrete and steel

construction impacts the signal and makes it challenging to mount antennas. This effect has been especially noticeable in the lower East stands. Mounted on the west side, the new spherical MatSing Lens antennas direct the signals across the field to the East stands, delivering greater capacity to fans, greatly improving

signal quality throughout the stadium, and making it

possible to enhance service at other campus locations.

During the past two years, the Virginia Tech Foundation has worked with the university and wireless carriers to expand the capabilities of the cellular network. Through its subsidiary, Virginia Tech Technology Assets, the foundation worked with specialists from Mobile Communications America, and cellular carriers Verizon and AT&T to install the new lens antennas on Lane Stadium. The foundation also worked with AT&T to make other improvements to its equipment on the main distributed antenna system (DAS) structure, located behind Lane Stadium.

MatSing Lens antennas use a proprietary dielectric polymer that mirrors the human eye's capacity to refract light and apply it to radio frequency transmissions. The antennas are typically installed in elevated locations where signal can be targeted to serve specific needs within the venue. The antennas can be customized to fit the needs of cellular carriers, making it possible to optimize the venue for their customers.

In addition to improving the user experience, this new technology will position the system for 5G services The current round of improvements is nearly

complete. AT&T began using the new antennas at the end of the 2022 football season, and in the coming months, Verizon will start using them.



in the fall, significantly improving cell service for Hokie fans during events.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 304 Goad Road, Fincastle, VA Tax Map No. 62-155

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 110003218, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below. All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 1.375 acres, more or less, as shown on that certain plat of survey made by Charles R. McMurry, CLS, dated March 12, 1996, recorded in the Clerk's

of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 17, at Page 27. Date of Sale: March 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Location: outside the **Botetourt County Circuit** Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is

Office for the Circuit Court

of the essence. OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser 2.The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey

title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind

regarding the title to said property. John K. Prillaman, Esq.Substitute Trustee For Information Contact John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia

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ORDER OF **PUBLICATION** Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE §§ 1-211.1;8.01-316,-317,20-104 CASE No.CWF210000261

BOTETORT Circuit Court 1 W.Main Street, Fincastle VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ARTHUR BERNHARDT HENSLEY, JR., DECEASED. The object of this suit is to: authorize the Administer of the Estate of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. to distribute the entire estate to the descendants of the decedent's mother. It is ORDERED that any unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. appear at the above named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 6, 2023. January 13, 2023 TOMMY L. MOORE;

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CLERK

Order of **Publication**

VA Code Ann. §§8.01-316, -317 Commonwealth of Virginia City of Radford Circuit Court located at 619 2nd Street # 149 Radford, VA 24141 Case no. CL22-6839 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Estate of Charles Preston Hall. **DECEASED**. The object of this suit is to: Establish a copy of a will as the true Last Will of Charles Preston Hall. It is ORDERED that any interested children/

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descendants of Charles Preston Hall appear in the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 28, 2023 Entered: 12/20/22 by: Melissa White, Deputy Clerk

Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 8.01-316,-317 Case No.CL23-6883 City of Radford Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Robert A Jones, Jr. V. Victor Carter, et al. The object of this suit is to: Quiet the title to 530 W. Rock Road, Radford. VA 24141. It is ORDERED that heirs of Charles Jones. deceased appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 15, 2023. JANUARY 27, 2023 REBECCA PRICE Deputy Clerk

of a Supplemental Environmental Assessment

Notice of Availability

(SEA) at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) for Construction and Operation of an Energetic Waste Incinerator/Contaminated Waste Processor RFAAP announces the

availability of an SEA and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the construction and operation of an Energetic Waste Incinerator/Contaminated Waste Processor, as required by the National **Environmental Policy Act** (NEPA). The SEA proposed action is not expected to have any significant environmental effects. Therefore, preparation of an **Environmental Impact** Statement is not anticipated. The SEA and draft FNSI are available for public review at: Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, 125 Sheltman Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. All comments must be submitted by March 10, 2023. Comments can be submitted in hard copy to: RFAAP, C/O Ms. Pamela Diloia, acting Public Affairs Officer, Route 114, P.O. Box 2. Radford, VA 24143-0002 or by email to: Pamela.j.diioia.civ

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PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE§§1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CL23-40 **ROANOKE COUNTY** CIRCUIT COURT 305 E MAIN STREET, SALEM. VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CHLOE GRACE DUNN v. The object of this suit is to: change the minor's name. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL MATTHEW DUNN appear at the abovenamed court and protect his/her interests on or before March 14, 2023 @2:30pm. JANUARY 11, 2023 STEVEN A MCGRAW, clerk

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING TO: CITY OF SALEM REAL **ESTATE OWNERS**

The Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments in the City of Salem will meet on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center located at 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, Virginia. The Board will continue its meeting from time to time thereafter, by adjournments, at and for such time or times, at the same place or such other place or places, as may be designated and deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish and complete its task of equalization of real estate assessments and to discharge the duties imposed by law upon the Board. Said meeting will be adjourned on April 25, 2023, unless the powers of the Board are extended by order of the Circuit Court for

the City of Salem. The

purpose of the Board

meeting is to equalize

consideration to all

inequalities in such

assessment so that the

complaints of any

property assessments in the

City and to hear and give

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burden of real estate taxation shall rest equally upon all owners. At its meeting, the Board will hear and decide all inequality protest complaints, whether made by property owners, the City, or any taxpayer, on appeal to this Board by property owners. The Board may equalize any assessment by raising, or lowering assessments fixed by the Assessor, in proper assessments uniform in the City as far as practicable. If you wish to discuss the assessment with the Board, call (540) 375-3058 for an appointment by February 24, 2023. The Assessor is required by law to prepare necessary papers for the Board and for the property owner who wants to appeal to the Board of Equalization. Information pertaining to the Assessor's valuations. along with forms for appeal to the Board of Equalization may be obtained from the Assessor's office by calling (540) 375-3058, or online at www.salemva.gov. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF **REAL ESTATE** ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SALEM Norman J. Beamer Kathy Fitzgerald Wendel Ingram Jr.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

David Prosser

Janie Whitlow

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on February 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem. Virginia, will hold a public hearing to consider the sale of the property located at the 1900 block of Mill Lane, Salem, Virginia, Tax Map # 179-2-1.1 consisting of 12.2807 acres. Questions concerning the proposed sale may be addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, at 375-3016. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

heard relative to the said

request.

Zoning Administration NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended on February 23 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications. Request of the City of Salem, property owner, and Roanoke County, project administrator, for a variance from Section 106-226.7 of the Code of the City of Salem. to allow construction of the greenway trail, extending from the existing trail on Salem City owned property (Tax Map # 178-4-1) near Kingsmill Drive to the Roanoke County owned property (Parcel ID # 056.01-01-17.00-0000)near Riverside Nursery. Section 106-226.7(A) states that no new construction shall be permitted, except where the effect of such development on flood heights is fully offset.

Request of the City of Salem, property owner. for a variance from Section 106-226.7 of the Code of the City of Salem, to allow the bridge widening of Apperson Drive Bridge along with incidental greenway trail work on and near the 1600 block East Riverside Drive (Tax Map # 259-2-1). Section 106-226.7(A) states that no new construction shall be permitted, except where the effect of such development on flood heights is fully offset. At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard. present evidence, and show cause why such requests

should or should not be

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granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zonina Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3032).THE BOARD OF **ZONING APPEALS OF** THE CITY OF SALEM BY:Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Zoning Administrator Legals - Craig

County

TRUSTEES SALE OF **146 HANNAH CIR AKA RR 2 BOX** 1482, NEW

CASTLE, VA 24127 In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$165,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% dated March 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the

COUNTY OF CRAIG as

Deed Book 154, Page 537 the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on March 14, 2023 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: 5.00 ACRE AS DESCRIBED ON PLAT RECORDED IN CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 135, PAGE 266 Tax Map No. 35-2-2 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 17-265489 PROFESSIONAL **FORECLOSURE** CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021

ORDER OF **PUBLICATION**

Balls Ford Road, Suite 200,

Manassas, Virginia 20109

(703) 449-5800.

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 scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 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 five (5) 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

02/17/2023 10:30AM signed

Public Notice

Environmental

Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To

seek public comment on a

interests on or before

by Patty Taylor, Clerk

12/19/2022

Windows, Doors and Roofing not included

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draft Virginia Pollutant

Discharge Elimination System permit from the Department of **Environmental Quality that** will allow the release of treated wastewater into a waterbody in Craig County. Virginia.PERMIT NO. VA0091324 NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Department of Wildlife Resources - Paint Bank Fish Cultural Station, 14505 Paint Bank Road, Paint Bank, VA 24131 DEQ CONTACT: Lynn V. Wise, (540) 597-0300, lynn.wise@deq.virginia.gov, 901 Russell Dr, Salem, VA 24153 The full public notice is available at https://www.deg.virginia.gov /permits-regulations/publicnotices/water/virginiapollution-discharge-

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elimination-system-vpdes

Public Notice **Environmental Permit**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the continued release of treated wastewater into a water body in Roanoke County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 9, 2023 to March 11. 2023 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit -Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME. ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Roanoke Moose Lodge #284, PO Box 538, Salem, VA 24153; VA0077895 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Roanoke Moose Lodge #284 STP; 3233 Catawba Valley Drive. Roanoke County, PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Roanoke Moose Lodge #284 has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Roanoke Moose Lodge #284 STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from the Lodge at a maximum rate of four-thousand sevenhundred gallons-per-day into a water body. Septage from the treatment process septic tank will be disposed by transfer and further treatment at the Roanoke Regional Water Pollution Control Plant. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters in Masons Creek in Roanoke County in the Roanoke River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, organic matter, solids, and bacteria. HOW TO

County COMMENT AND/OR

REQUEST A PUBLIC

HEARING: DEQ accepts

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for public hearing on the

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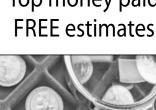
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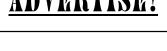
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Eighth graders commit to play baseball at Tech

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When is too early to offer student-athletes scholarships and when is it too early to announce their commitment to particular college? This question has haunted area sports fans ever since an Auburn High School softball player made her commitment to Georgia as an eighth grader.

She later changed it as a senior to now attend James Now the news comes from Northern Virginia where

five eighth graders who play on the same travel team have announced their commitment to play baseball at Virginia National media outlets are reporting that as of January, 28 members of the class of 2027 across the country had

already made non-binding, verbal agreements to attend Prince William County teenagers Chase Colangelo,

Teagan Leach, Yogi Colangelo, Ğavin Knox and Nico Moritz-Toledo say they will play baseball in Blacksburg. Of course, they cannot sign any letter of intent until

their senior year in high school. Colangelo is a middle infielder; his brother, Chase, is a shortstop. Knox is a pitcher; Leach a first baseman and pitcher; and Toledo is One of the coaches who keeps pushing this early

envelope is Ole Miss football coach Lane Kiffin. This past fall, he offered a scholarship to Trent Seaborn, an eighthgrade quarterback sensation in Alabama.

A quarterback in the '27 class, Seaborn led his team to a state championship in November.

The 14-year-old, who stepped in for quarterback Zach Sims late in the '22 season, posted a huge performance n the championship game that went viral, throwing for 207 yards on 12-for-14 passes and five touchdowns in the Warriors' 49–24 victory over Auburn.

Auburn's Kirsten Fleet received a scholarship from the University of Georgia when she was a seventh grader. The

softball pitcher had been heavily leaning that way as she finished her junior year, but a coaching change had her rethinking that decision. She eventually made it official, becoming the newest pitching recruit for James Madison University by signing a national letter of intent in front of family, friends, teammates and coaches in the Auburn High School library.

As a sophomore, Fleet led Auburn to the Class 1 state title, notching 260 strikeouts in 120 innings and compiling a 16-2 record and a 0.29 earned run average.

This past spring, she hit for a .538 batting average with 14 hits, two home runs and 14 RBI. On the mound, she had six wins and one loss with 98 strikeouts and an earned run average of 0.525. She was named the Mt. Empire District and Region C pitcher of the year.

When the Virginia High School League announced its 2022 Class 1 All-State softball team, Fleet was the Class 1

During Auburn's tournament run to a state championship, Fleet went 8-0 with a 2.92 ERA in 48 innings, with 116 strikeouts, three one-hitters and two no-hitters, including a no-hitter in the Eagles' 10-0 win over Riverheads in the state finals. She tossed a perfect game in the 3-0 win over Buffalo Gap in the state semifinals.

She missed 10 games due to injury, but Fleet still finished the year with a 14-1 record, 203 strikeouts, a 0.417 ERA. She allowed only 14 hits and five earned runs. She also batted .500 with four home runs, 25 RBI and an 820 slugging percentage.

Auburn claimed its third straight state title, finishing the 2022 season with a 22-5 record.

Fleet had reopened her recruitment shortly after the College World Series when the head softball coach at Georgia announced her retirement. James Madison grabbed everyone's attention with its outstanding play in the CWS two years ago.

Fleet's early recruitment as an underclassman drew national attention, resulting in a push for the NCAA to institute a rule forbidding this action.

H20kies make final push before ACC championships

The Virginia Tech swim team finished the regular season at the Virginia Tech Invitational Friday, Feb. 3, through Sunday, Feb. 5, in the pool at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center by racking up 11 total pool records and

"The past few days have been good for the team, said head coach Sergio Lopez Miro. "We still have some work to do before the ACC's, but we're all very proud of the team. We've decided the rest of the team for the ACC's so that's exciting for everyone. To break this number of pool records just shows how much faster everyone is getting. Now it's time for the team to rest up."

Distance swimmer Chase Travis finished the 1650 free with an impressive 16:23.87, and following behind her was teammate Maddy Grafmiller with a time of 17:00.27. The Hokie women always dominate backstroke

Emma Atkinson finished with a time of 1:52.46, and behind her was Carmen Weiler Sastre, completing her swim at 1:57.21, and following was Sydney DeBaecke with a time of 1:59.10.

The women continued to persevere as they stepped into the 100 free led by Emily Claesson who finished first with a time of 49.61. Closely behind her was Caroline Bentz with a time of 49.76, and helping the team hold the top three times was Anna Summers with a time of 49.83.

Charlotte Rigg finished the 200 breast with a time of 2:16.49. She was followed by teammates Allison Henry, who finished at 2:18.02, and Lauren Barakey, who finished at 2:19.03.

Morgan Miller took first in the 200 fly with a time of 2:00.18, and close behind her was her teammate, Karisa Franz, who finished with a time of 2:00.57.

Wrapping up the women's portion of the competition was the 400 free relay completed at 3:16.13, a new pool record set by Weiler Sastre, Claesson, Atkinson, and

The men's team started the day off with the 1650 free where Lee Naber completed the race at 15:35.60. Right behind him was Nikolas Lee-Bishop with a time of 15:39.23.

The Hokies continued to push hard when they competed in the 200 back when Nico Garcia Saiz finished in first place with a time of 1:41.08. Behind him were teammates Will Koeppen with a time of 1:43.09, and Forest Webb, who finished third with a time of 1:43.35.

The 100 free was a sight to see when Luis Dominguez completed the race at 43.20, taking first place.

The momentum did not die out, especially in the men's 200 breast completed by Carles Coll Marti who dominated the pool. He finished the event at 1:52.82 and beat the pool record. His teammates were right there behind him. Keith Myburgh finished with a time of 1:57.58, and Joseph Hong completed the event in third place with a time of 1:57.84.

Continuing the fight in the 200 fly was Youssef Ramadan, who took first place with a time of 1:42.96. Backing him up were his teammates Landon Gentry, who finished second with a time of 1:44.07, and Tanish George Matthew completing the top three times at 1:46.83.

To finish off the weekend, Youssef Ramadan, Carles Coll Marti, Luis Dominguez, and Mario Molla Yanes placed first in the 400 free relay at 2:51.77.

NEW POOL RECORDS

Youssef Ramadan: 45.48 Emma Atkinson: 52.19

100 fly Youssef Ramadan: 44.42

100 breast Carles Coll Marti: 51.50

200 breast

Carles Coll Marti: 1:52.82

200 IM

Carles Coll Marti: 1:43.56

200 free relay

Women: Madelyn Moore, Carmen Weiler Sastre, Emily Claesson and Caroline Bentz – 1:28.97

Men: Youssef Ramadan, Carles Coll Marti, Luis Dominguez and William Kayon – 1:16.75 400 free relay

Women: Carmen Weiler Sastre, Emma Atkinson, Emily Claesson and Madelyn Moore – 3:16.13 200 medley relay

Women: Emma Atkinson, Fanni Gyurinovics, Karisa Franz and Madelyn Moore – 1:37.82 400 medley relay

Men: Forest Webb, Carles Coll Marti, Youssef Ramadan and Luis Dominguez

NEW TOP 10 TIMES

#5 Madelyn Moore – 22.37

200 free relay

#3 Women: Madelyn Moore, Carmen Weiler Sastre, Emily Claesson and Caroline Bentz – 1:28.97

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200 medley relay #2 Women: Emma Atkinson, Fanni Gyurinovics,

Karisa Franz and Madelyn Moore - 1:37.82 #9 Men: Forest Webb, Cobi Lopez Miro, Youssef Ramadan and Carles Coll Marti – 1:25.29

400 medley relay

#10 Women: Emma Atkinson, Fanni Gyrunovics, Karisa Franz and Carmen Weiler Sastre – 3:36.07 The Hokies will head to Greensboro, N.C., to compete

in the 2023 ACC Championships beginning Tuesday, Feb 14, and concluding Saturday, Feb 18. --VT Athletics

RU game part of **ESPNU** broadcast

men's basketball contest as its fifth Big South wild card broadcast of the 2022-23 season, the Big South Conference office has announced. The game will move from its current Wednesday, Feb. 15, date to Thursday, Feb. 16, and will tip at 7 p.m. inside the Dedmon Center UNC Asheville defeated Radford, 62-58 on Dec.

ESPNU has selected the UNC Asheville at Radford

29 in the Big South opener for both teams. The Feb. 16 match-up will mark the fourth meeting between the squads as part of the league's wild card series on the network with the Highlanders holding a 3-0 advantage. The broadcast will be the third wild card appearance for both schools this season.

Asheville enters this week in first place in the Big South standings at 9-1 and has won eight consecutive games. The Bulldogs are 17-6 overall and rank first in the conference in overall field goal percentage (47.2), overall three-point percentage (38.8) and overall threepoint defense (30.0 percent allowed). Drew Pember paces the Big South in scoring (20.2), rebounding (9.6) and blocked shots (2.5) while Tajion Jones is the conference leader in three-point percentage (46.2) and three-pointers made per game (2.9). UNC Asheville is hosting High Point this Thursday night on ESPNU.

Radford enters this week's action tied for first place with Asheville in the Big South standings with an 8-2 league record. The Highlanders have also won seven straight games. RU has already exceeded its win totals from last season (seven Big South and 11 overall).

Radford is the conference leader in overall scoring defense (64.1 points allowed) and overall turnover margin (+2.35), while ranking second in overall threepoint shooting (36.7 percent). Justin Archer is the Big South's top offensive rebounder (3.2 per game) while DaQuan Smith leads a trio of double-figure scorers with 12.9 points per game.

This is the tenth year of the Big South's ESPNU wild card series, which again features six Thursday broadcasts: Jan. 12 (at UNC Asheville 54, Longwood 46), Jan. 26 (at Radford 63, Longwood 59), Feb. 2 (High Point at UNC Asheville), Feb. 9 (Gardner-Webb at Radford), Feb. 16 (UNC Asheville at Radford) and Feb. 23. The broadcasts are selected 14 to 21 days in advance.

A total of 43 games have been played in the series that began in 2013-14, and while the home teams are 30-13, the 43 games have been decided by an average of 8.77 points, with 27 of those being decided by single-digits (4.67 average margin in those contests).

Higgins named Hokies' fourth preseason All-American

Asserting the depth of national talent on its roster, the Virginia lech baseball team proudly bumped its contingent of 2023 Preseason All-Americans from three to four this week when sixth-year graduate pitcher Kiernan Higgins received his first such honor on Thursday from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA).

Among the 2023 NCBWA Preseason All-American mentions, only junior outfielder Jack Hurley and sophomore pitcher Drue Hackenberg joined Higgins while sophomore infielder Carson DeMartini was omitted. Hackenberg and Hurley placed on the Second Team while Higgins collected Third Team praise.

Considering college baseball's five leading Preseason All-American presentations this season, Hurley led the Hokies as a consensus selection while Hackenberg was named by four of five outlets (all but Baseball America). Both DeMartini and Higgins scored one mention apiece, earning nods from Perfect Game and the NCBWA, respectively.

KIERNAN HĪGGINS Third Team: NCBWA

The eldest student-athlete on Tech's 2023 roster, Higgins arrived at Virginia Tech in 2022 by way of Coastal Carolina (2018-19) and Shippensburg University (2020-21), making 21 relief appearances and stamping five saves for the Hokies during last season's run to NCAA Super Regional weekend. Tech's 6-foot-4 right-hander led the Hokies' arms in ERA (1.99) and opposing batting average (.202), toeing a 3-0 record while racking up 38 strikeouts through 31 and twothirds innings on the mound.

From April 19 until game two of the 2022 NCAA Blacksburg Super Regional (June 11), Higgins logged nine consecutive scoreless outings, including three during the postseason. Together with Jonah Hurney and Henry Weycker, he is one of three returning Tech relievers who made 20 or more appearances and threw 30 or more innings during the 2022 campaign.

--VT Athletics

Think you found a bear den? Please leave it alone.

As temperatures fall and food sources become less abundant, many bears in Virginia will enter a winter den. Other bears will greatly reduce their movements during but may remain active throughout the season. Movements and denning behavior vary greatly across regions of the state depending on weather and available food resources. With the abundant hard mast crop (acorns) across much of the state, many bears will likely delay den entry this year until few acorns can be found.

Black bears in Virginia will den in a variety of places including brush piles, trees (cavities within tree), rock outcroppings, ground nests, debris piles, and occasionally under porches or unsecured crawl spaces. Not all black bears den for the full winter season. Often, black bears that enter a winter den are females who will

birth their cubs in the den or females with yearlings. Male black bears may den, but generally do not stay in a den for the entire winter due to the lack of extreme cold weather and snow across much of Virginia. While many of us also slow down for the winter,

ample opportunities abound to take us afield in bear country. Whether enjoying a hike, cutting firewood, clearing brush, hunting, or doing other activities, hunters and trappers may inadvertently stumble upon a black bear den. A female black bear, particularly one who has had cubs, will likely remain at the den unless she feels pressured to leave.

Here are a few tips to avoid disturbing a bear den and

what to do should a female leave her den. Tips to avoid a den

cutover timber stands. Be mindful of brush piles, gullies with debris piles, or storm damage areas with thickets of limbs/root balls. Always maintain your dog on a leash to avoid a dogbear encounter at a den site.

Avoid hiking in dense brushy thickets or young

When burning a brush or debris pile, look around

the entire pile for signs of digging (fresh dirt, holes) or entry routes into the pile. If you notice large, excavated holes or fresh trails into debris or brush piles, listen closely for the sound of cubs from a distance of at least 30 feet away. To prevent a bear from denning under an occupied dwelling, ensure that crawl spaces, mobile

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home underpinnings and porches are closed and secured prior to Dec. 1 each year.

Tips if you find a den

If you find a den on your property or while recreating, do not disturb it or approach the area. Leave the area and if it's on public property, alert an employee of the If you inadvertently flush a female bear from a den,

DO NOT approach the den. Take a GPS point of the location (or mark a nearby area with flagging) and leave the area immediately. If you have a dog with you, leash it and keep it maintained on a leash as you leave the area. Contact the Wildlife Helpline (1-855-571-9003) to report the den location.

Most often when left alone, the female will return to the den, although she may not return until night. Do not go back to the den area as additional disturbance may cause the bear to leave again and not return.

-Submitted by Paige Pearson, Public Information Officer, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Special Olympics Unified Basketball to rock Cassell Coliseum Sunday Feb. 12

Sunday, Feb. 12, Special Olympics Virginia will host the Special Southwest Olympics basketball tournament in Cassell Coliseum at Virginia Tech.

Seventeen Special Olympics teams from around Virginia will be competing for a chance to go to the state championships. The teams will Run the Court while they Play Unified. Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. The idea was inspired

by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and

Virginia Tech's Head Men's Basketball Coach Mike Young will speak to the Special Olympics teams during the midday ceremony. Dozens of Virginia Tech student-athletes and local law enforcement officers will greet the Special Olympians, present awards, and help run the games. The ceremonies' recognition of teams and torch lighting will occur



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around 1 p.m.

Nancy Morehouse, Sr. Director with Special Olympics, Virginia Southwest Region, said "The fans are the key to a great game-day atmosphere, so we want to fill the stands with SUPER fans.

Fans and groups can pre-register at https://tinyurl. com/volunteer2cheerSWVA or just show up at the coliseum, pick a team, and rock the Cassell. Games begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end around 4:00 p.m.

-Submitted by Nancy Morehouse, Director Southwest Section, Special Olympics Virginia

Blacksburg Bruin boys defeat Pulaski County 71-61



County's Lane Nester during a first-quarter drive to the basket.



during a Tuesday night home game against Pulaski County.



Marcus Reed. Campbell scored 15 points on Senior Night to help the Bruins

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Virginia Tech students' prison book project enriches lives of incarcerated persons



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Students write notes to recipients of donated books at a book wrapping party for the Virginia Tech Prison Book Project.

Mary Crawford Contributing writer

When students come together to package books for the Virginia Tech Prison Book Project, they start with a reminder of why they do what they At these book wrapping

parties, hosted different campus service organizations throughout the semester, students respond to requests for books from incarcerated people across Virginia. The students match a book from the project's collection to each request. But they stop to read

each letter aloud before the wrapping begins. The letters are a

window into the lives and the thoughts of the people they're helping.

"I would like to thank you for such a wonderful service to prisoners during the pandemic," one book recipient wrote. "It was difficult to get books unless they came in the mail. Being locked down for two years was rough, but thankfully, books brought us through." The requests span a

wide range of interests. Some requesters want to read fiction, from classics such as Dante's "Inferno" and the works of H.G. Wells to modern-day legal thrillers and graphic novels. Others ask for

nonfiction, wanting to learn more about topics such as auto mechanics, quantum physics, local history, languages, law, and even chess. "Those letters are the best evidence of how these books and this project impact the recipients," said Brian Britt, a professor

in the Department of

Religion and Culture

and the director of the

Prison Book Project.

"We get letters making

comments on how those books have really made a big difference in their frame of mind and their gratitude for contact with books about a particular people on the outside."

After the reading, the room is filled with the sound of packing tape as the students begin their job of selecting and wrapping the books, carefully packaging each in white paper with a handwritten note. They are limited to

books they have on hand in their growing library of donations, which means niche requests are often hard to fulfill — but when someone does find a match for something specific, it's a celebratory moment. The Prison Book

Project is one of several recent efforts by the Department of Religion and Culture faculty in support of prison education programs. In September, Professor Sylvester Johnson piloted a humanities course for inmates at a Virginia correctional facility, and in 2021, Britt hosted a panel called "Interfaith Perspectives on American Prisons." "The purpose of this

university is to serve the learning and educational needs of the people in Virginia, and this is one very important area of learning and educational need," said Britt.

However, the first connection that led to the partnership happened even earlier. While Britt was serving as chair of the department, an activist wrote to him on behalf of the Appalachian Prison Book Project, a nonprofit organization that has been sending books to

prisoners throughout the

Appalachian region since

2006. Religious books are

one of the most commonly

requested genres through the project, and the organization Britt's help to identify religious tradition.

"They've built a really wonderful presence in this area," said Britt of the organization. "They have established relations with facilities all around the region, so a package with their return address on it is guaranteed to get through.

After that relationship was established, Britt realized that starting a satellite program for the Virginia Tech community could be a perfect fit for the department's interest in prison education. The Prison Book

Project began hosting wrapping parties on campus in November 2021. Since then, it's sent out almost 800 packages of books donated by the community, some containing more than one The project has received

an enthusiastic response from students, and its events frequently attract student organizations looking for a service project. This particular wrapping party included students representing Lambda Phi Epsilon and the Society of Women Engineers, and Britt also has hosted events through VT Engage and the Meraki Living-Learning Community. "I think the culture

among Virginia Tech students is unusual for their desire to provide meaningful outreach and service to communities they live in," said Britt. "There's also a much higher level of awareness among young people these days about issues of mass incarceration, so they're very excited about this work.