

# News Journal



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## Massive egg hunt bringing 12,000 eggs to Bisset Park

RADFORD – The City of Radford and the Radford Chamber of Commerce are teaming up for a massive Easter event this Saturday, March 25 in Bisset Park.

Organizers will be hiding 12,000 eggs for children to find, separated by age groups, but that is just the start of the offerings for the day.

“There will be food trucks, lots of sweets, bounce houses and a petting zoo,” the City of Radford announced. “We are so excited to announce there will be two golden eggs per age group for larger prizes! And special thanks to 107.1 PSK, who will be there giving away a free trip to Dollywood. Who will be the lucky one? Come out and enjoy a fun day and get your picture taken free with the Easter Bunny.”

The overall event will be held 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The egg hunt portion will be held as follows:

- Noon – Ages 3- 5
- 12:15 p.m. – Ages 6-8
- 12:30 p.m. – Ages 9-12
- 12:45 p.m. – Under three years old

Sponsors of the event include Ameriprise Financial, Hill Insurance Agency – Radford, Price-Williams Realty, University Tanning, New River Economy Drug, Professional Rehab Associates, Tuck Chiropractic - Fairlawn Clinic, Radford Chamber of Commerce, Radford City Government, Radford City Police Department, Radford City Fire/EMS, and Radford City Sheriff’s Office.

-Radford News Journal staff report



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PHOTO BY KERI ROUSE FOR VIRGINIA TECH  
Fernando Gonçalves (at right) visited oystermen and worked with players at every level of the seafood supply chain to collect survey data for an economic impact assessment.

## Virginia’s oyster population boom driven by complex factors

A recent boom in Virginia’s oyster population can be attributed to a complex interplay of natural and human-driven factors, says a Virginia Tech expert.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission moved to extend the oyster season in portions of waterways where oyster populations are strong, as outlined in Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s 2022 State of the Bay report, which found the commonwealth’s oyster stock at its best condition in a generation. Virginia’s is expecting its largest oyster harvest in over three decades, due to a growing stock and an extended harvesting season.

“While it is impossible to attribute this success to one variable, several anthropogenic factors played a crucial role,” said Fernando Gonçalves, a research scientist at the Virginia Seafood Agricultural Research and Extension Center. “These include a labor shortage and supply chain disruptions during the pandemic, changes in regulations, harvesting closures, and increased production from aquaculture, all of which collectively reduced the pressure on the oyster stocks in the bay.”

Natural factors such as weather, rainfall, salinity, primary productivity of plankton, nutrient levels, and water temperature are vital to the survival and productivity of oysters in Virginia.

Virginia Tech economics and marketing experts at the research and extension center work to provide insights to better understand and support the seafood industry. An economic impact analysis conducted by the center revealed that the Virginia seafood industry contributed over \$1.1 billion to the state’s economy in 2019. The oyster sector is a crucial component of the Virginia seafood industry, providing valuable employment opportunities and supporting other economic sectors within and beyond Virginia.

“It is encouraging to observe the natural stocks recovering, allowing for sustainable management such as extending the oyster harvest season. This will benefit not only the watermen but also the state’s economy and keep its position as the leading oyster producer on the east coast,” Gonçalves said.

-Submitted by Virginia Tech

## Free prom dresses available to local students through library program

Lori Graham  
Contributing writer

Meadowbrook Public Library has been collecting new and gently used prom dresses since 2012, providing a no-cost option to the students of New River Valley and beyond.

The event originally started out as a one-day program where local students could receive a free prom dress. When the pandemic hit, high school proms, along with the library’s prom dress collection program, had to take a hiatus. As school activities began to return to normal, the library decided to have students come on their own by making appointments, which has proved to be a better process for everyone. Students may simply call the Meadowbrook Library and make an appointment with a staff member, allowing for at least 45 minutes to select a gown from the variety of sizes, styles, and colors available.



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

Meadowbrook Library’s free prom dress program includes two rooms of dresses in many sizes, styles and colors.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY  
RUC nursing student Alivia Pinnix (right) receives her DAISY Award nomination from CRMH medical/surgical unit department manager Tami Mitchell.

## RUC nursing student recognized with DAISY Award nomination

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## For success in the vegetable garden, spend money wisely and plant at the right time



Home vegetable gardeners know that the cost of materials for raised beds, plants, soil, and fertilizer can add up quickly, but how much of an investment is necessary to grow a successful garden?

Planning, planting at the correct times, and making strategic spending choices are key to growing a successful garden on a budget, says Shawn Jadrnick, a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent.

Raised beds, which usually consist of a wood or metal frame filled with soil, are a popular choice for home

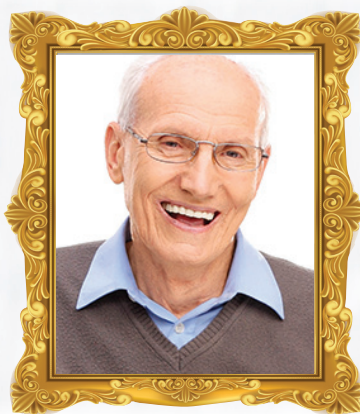
vegetable gardeners. A cheaper option than constructing a frame with purchased materials is to build a mounded raised bed by piling soil into a mound that can be covered with a weed barrier such as mulch or plastic.

“Wooden or metal raised beds are not necessary,” Jadrnick said. “You can build a raised bed with mounded soil. If your site is well-drained, raised beds are not even necessary. You can plant right in the

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## Grandpa’s Coming Out of the Closet....

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, March 22:

**Lunch and Learn**  
At the Blacksburg Library; noon – 1 p.m. Lunch and Learn: Circular Materials Flow in a Living Laboratory. Daniel Heaton, with Envision Charlotte, will speak about zero-waste initiatives and entrepreneurial businesses in the Innovation Barn in Charlotte, NC. Presenter will be virtual. Audience may be in-person or via Zoom. Register to participate via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/CircularFlows>

## Thursday, March 23:

**Get Buggy at the Library**  
At the Radford Public Library; noon – 1 p.m. We're celebrating award-winning author Sue Fliess' upcoming visit with a program all about bugs. We will be handing out copies of "The Bug Book" by Sue Fliess to attendees, while supplies last. Entomology is the study of insects - and students from the Virginia Tech Entomology department will be here to talk about all things BUGS and maybe bring a creepy crawly or two!

## Saturday, March 25:

**Spring Children's Consignment Sale**  
Blacksburg United Methodist Church will hold its spring children's consignment sale on 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Whisner Building at the Church Street campus, accessed through the rear entrance at Lee and Penn Streets. Families will be able to get great deals on seasonal kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, baby gear, sports equipment, maternity clothing and more. Many items are like-new (some even brand-new). Some items will be half-price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. but you will want to shop early for the best selection! Cash or checks only. No card or electronic payments.

**Free Tax Assistance with NRCA**  
At the Christiansburg Library; 1 – 4 p.m. 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.

**Vegetable Gardening**  
At the Meadowbrook Library; 1 -2 p.m. Want to grow your own vegetables but aren't sure where to start? Join Dr. Emma Patterson, VCE Volunteer Master Gardener to find out more about planning a vegetable garden, caring for it, and keeping it going through year's end. Ages 12 and up. Free seeds and soil testing kits will be provided.

## Sunday, March 26:

**Community Quilting Bee - Rotary Cutting Fabric**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 1 -3 p.m. Join fellow quilt enthusiasts. This month we will learn how to use a rotary cutter and ruler to make accurate fabric pieces. Everyone welcome!

## Monday, March 27:

**Radford City Council meeting**  
The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford. See the agenda at [www.radfordva.gov](http://www.radfordva.gov).

**Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting**  
Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

**Book Tasting: Juvenile Chapter Books**  
At the Radford Public Library; 5 – 6 p.m. Come on out to the Rock n' Read Diner at RPL. RPL is hosting its first ever Book Tasting event. A book tasting is an event during which students "taste", or sample, a selection of books that you've chosen ahead of time. They can rotate among tables to sample the books and record notes about the ones that interested them. We'll have tables of middle grade books set up, so make sure your appetite is ready! All books will be pulled from the J-Fiction and J-Nonfiction sections of the library.

## Tuesday, March 28:

**Blacksburg Town Council meeting**  
Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month 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 televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

**Christiansburg Town Council meeting**  
Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

## Wednesday, March 29:

**Radford budget presentation**  
In City Council Chambers; 5:30 p.m. City Staff will present the 2023-24 fiscal year proposed budget to members of Radford City Council and the public.

## Wednesday, April 5:

**Coping Techniques for Caregivers**  
Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will be hosting seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

## Thursday, April 6:

**American Legion meeting**  
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

## Tuesday, April 11:

**Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting**  
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Camp Member James Evans will speak on "Life in a Northern Prison Camp". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

## Wednesday, April 12:

**Coping Techniques for Caregivers**  
Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will be hosting seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

## Thursday, April 13:

**River City Quilt Guild**  
The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. If you are willing to share your knowledge and learn from others, this guild is for you. We welcome all skill levels of quilters. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

**New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists At Radford Library; 6-7:30 p.m.** Join us to learn more about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and our upcoming training program which starts in August 2023.

## On-going:

**Cap and Gown Drive**  
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. Gowns (blue only - from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Main Entrance of Blacksburg High School. It is appreciated if materials are dry-cleaned, but not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or [sustainability@blacksburg.gov](mailto:sustainability@blacksburg.gov).

**Free GED Classes**  
New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. The classes began on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

# OBITUARIES

## Starnes, Sharron Vance

Sharron Vance Starnes, 80, of Radford, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023. Sharron was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Colleen Vance; and brother, Tom Vance. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Tom Starnes; son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Kristen Starnes; daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Kirk Sutphin; grandchildren, Seth Gillespie and wife Kristie, Alex Gillespie, Andrianna Starnes, and Thomas Starnes; great granddaughter, Kennedy; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Neta Vance; nephew, Joel Vance; and many other relatives and friends.

Sharron graduated from Ketron High School in Kingsport in 1960 and attended Radford University.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and recently, a great grandmother. Her family was the greatest joy

of her life as she spent countless enjoyable hours observing her children and grandchildren participate in little league and high school sports and other



activities.

Sharron worked for the athletic department at Virginia Tech and also worked at Radford University. She enjoyed traveling and was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit many countries around the world. She was an excellent cook and thoroughly enjoyed having the family and friends together for a great

meal. She also enjoyed decorating the house, especially the dining room table for special occasions. She was very supportive of her husband and grandson's political activities. She was a long-time member of Central Methodist Church.

She was loved and will be missed.

The family received friends on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Central United Methodist Church in Radford. Funeral services followed visitation with Rev. Don Smith and Pastor Brian Cochram officiating. Interment was private.

Flowers are welcome and other contributions can be sent to Central Methodist Church, PO Box 611, Radford, VA 24143, or The St. Jude's Foundation, 262 Danny Thomas PL, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

## Local finance expert explains Silicon Valley Bank fallout for the banking sector

The rapid collapse of Silicon Valley Bank, the second-largest bank failure in U.S. history, has caused ongoing worries about the stability of the nation's banking system even as federal authorities step in to manage the crisis.

Further anxieties arose with the federal takeover of cryptocurrency-focused Signature Bank — the third largest bank failure in U.S. history.

Virginia Tech finance professor George Morgan explains that Silicon Valley Bank had a distinct business model, not like a typical bank.

"Bank regulation does not need a big overhaul, nor do individual depositors in retail banks need to take any additional action to be safe," he said.

Morgan says the

atypical business model directly contributed to the bank's failure.

"The SVB situation is one of concentrated risks of two types — interest rate risk, due to a duration mismatch between long-term assets and short-term liabilities, and credit risk, through lending to borrowers with a greater chance of payment delays or outright default," he said. "Few other banks have anything similar in scale or concentration."

"The clients of SVB belonged mostly to one industrial sector, tech startups, that were burning through their cash stockpile faster than expected," he continued. "That made the bank vulnerable when those clients withdrew their deposits in response to the bank's unusual 'mid-quarter report' that provided more details on the bank's status while soliciting new equity investors," Morgan said. "The tech startup risks need to be controlled better, but being a bank chartered in California, there was

slack cut for them."

Despite the continuing economic worries, the immediate crisis was quickly resolved. "The typical process to resolve closures has for almost all banks protected all the depositors. The FDIC either takes over or via an 'auction' finds a buyer who assumes all the deposit liabilities. That guarantees the security of deposits, not by some declaration, but by action. The SVB case is really no different," Morgan said.

"The new wrinkle is adding the new emergency term loan facility for them and other banks," Morgan said, noting that the swift federal intervention raises long-term policy questions. "Should the government be pumping money into the system at this point? Is the added layer of action going to create problems in the future, including emboldening banks and companies to take more risk?"

—Mike Allen for Virginia Tech

# PETS OF THE WEEK

These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd.,

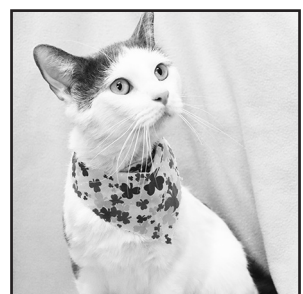
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Oso

Oso is a happy, young pup who can't wait to meet his new human(s)! He is a friendly dog and likes the company of other dogs. This pawsome boy also does well with humans of all ages. He's pretty sharp, too, and knows some basic commands—in Spanish!



Tito

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## Virginia gas prices fall in the last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 3.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.22/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 2.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 88.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 5.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.25 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.75/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.24/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.75/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.24/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 4.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.40/g today. The national average is up 4.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 82.9 cents per gallon lower 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.

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

March 20, 2022: \$4.10/g (U.S. Average: \$4.23/g)  
 March 20, 2021: \$2.76/g (U.S. Average: \$2.88/g)  
 March 20, 2020: \$2.00/g (U.S. Average: \$2.11/g)  
 March 20, 2019: \$2.41/g (U.S. Average: \$2.60/g)  
 March 20, 2018: \$2.38/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g)  
 March 20, 2017: \$2.09/g (U.S. Average: \$2.29/g)  
 March 20, 2016: \$1.83/g (U.S. Average: \$1.98/g)  
 March 20, 2015: \$2.24/g (U.S. Average: \$2.43/g)  
 March 20, 2014: \$3.33/g (U.S. Average: \$3.53/g)

March 20, 2013: \$3.58/g (U.S. Average: \$3.70/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.16/g, down 3.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.19/g.

Richmond- \$3.20/g, down 3.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.24/g.

West Virginia- \$3.33/g, down 6.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.40/g.

"The broad concern over recent failures of the U.S. and global banking system has put enough downward pressure on oil prices that we saw a reprieve in rising gasoline prices in the national average last week. But, it may be temporary in nature, and is unlikely to be a long lasting trend," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While California and areas of the West Coast saw some moderation in price, supply challenges amidst the transition to summer gasoline have led to sharp price increases in Arizona, and other markets saw varying impacts at the gas pump over the last week. Should the outlook for the banking sector improve, we could again see gasoline prices race higher, while continued or additional distress could raise the possibility of a broader economic slowdown, keeping gasoline prices in check. Overall, there are a lot of possibilities."

*GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.*



PHOTO COURTESY OF MERIT PAGES  
**Eminent Professor of Anthropological Sciences Donna Boyd, Ph.D. (left), and senior anthropological sciences major Tori Pate at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences' 75th annual meeting, Feb. 12-17 in Orlando, Fla.**

## Radford Anthropological Sciences professor and student present at national conference

RADFORD - Last month, Eminent Professor of Anthropological Sciences Donna Boyd, Ph.D., of Riner, and senior anthropological sciences major Tori Pate, of Winchester, presented their research on skeletal trauma at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences' 75th annual meeting in Orlando.

Their research focuses on the relationship between bone trauma and death mechanisms, or how someone died from blunt force trauma, Boyd said.

"Sometimes in death investigations involving blunt force trauma (BFT), the specific mechanism of death is not known, since BFT mechanisms are often the most difficult to interpret in a medicolegal setting," explained Boyd, who also serves as director of Radford University's Forensic Science Institute (RUFISI). "In these cases, an analysis of skeletal fractures - for example, their type, direction and patterning on the body - becomes very important."

There are no current standards, the professor noted, that relate skeletal fracture patterning to trauma mechanisms. Because of this, evidence is often not challenged in court.

Boyd's and Pate's research examined the past 20 years of RUFISI casework, focusing on cases where the blunt force trauma mechanism was known, such as falls, interpersonal violence, child and domestic abuse, vehicle accidents and aircraft crashes.

The two correlated these known blunt force trauma mechanisms and death contexts with the fracture characteristics they left behind on skeletons to determine whether there were any accurate skeletal "signatures" for BFT mechanisms, Boyd said.

Boyd and Pate found there are predictable relationships between greater skull injuries with increased kinetic energy and recommended that "trauma mechanism interpretations based solely on skeletal fracture data should be made with caution and in consideration of the biomechanical factors that produced the trauma," they said.

They also recommended a multidisciplinary approach as a necessity to enhance the scientific foundation for skeletal trauma analysis. These involve not only forensic anthropology and pathology but also bioengineering, biomechanics and physics.

"In the bigger picture, this research will help us more accurately identify the mechanism of death in death investigations involving blunt force trauma," Boyd said. "This research is reflective of the current trend in forensics pushing for greater standardization and accuracy of forensic methods."

The research stems from the soon-to-be-published national standard on skeletal trauma analysis, "Standard for Analyzing Skeletal Trauma in Forensic Anthropology" from the American Academy of Forensic Anthropology Academy Standards Board, of which Boyd serves as chair. It was also inspired by the professor's current book project, "Forensic Skeletal Trauma Analysis: An Illustrated Guide," which, she said, will serve as the methodological guide for trauma analysis for forensic anthropologists.

*-Submitted by Merit Pages*

## Majority of middle-income houses deal with food insecurity, survey finds

According to new survey findings released by No Kid Hungry, 58% of middle-income households reported experiencing food insecurity over the last year, and of those, 95% reported struggling to afford enough food for their children at least monthly.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that food prices rose 9.5% in February 2023 compared to February 2022. Although families with lower incomes have been hit hardest by rising food prices, food insecurity has become a pressing issue affecting more families with middle incomes across America.

Sarah Steely, Director of No Kid Hungry Virginia, said it is getting harder for families to feed their children.

"Child hunger is in every Virginia community, and unfortunately what we're learning is that it's only getting harder for families to afford food," said Steely. "The tough reality is, we all have a neighbor, a colleague or a friend

struggling to buy groceries and also pay their bills. No parent should have to make those impossible decisions. That's why we're so committed to investing in school meals and expanding nutrition programs that help families put food on the table."

No Kid Hungry's survey findings sheds light on the extent of this problem:

Families with middle incomes who were surveyed are skipping meals to feed their children.

Many parents surveyed are an unexpected expense away from being able to afford enough food for their children.

Surveyed parents are noticing a negative impact on their children's well-being.

The struggle to provide three nutritious meals a day for their children is also taking a toll on surveyed parents' mental health and well-being.

*-Submitted by No Kid Hungry Virginia*

## Epic puppetry and stirring music tell mythical tales

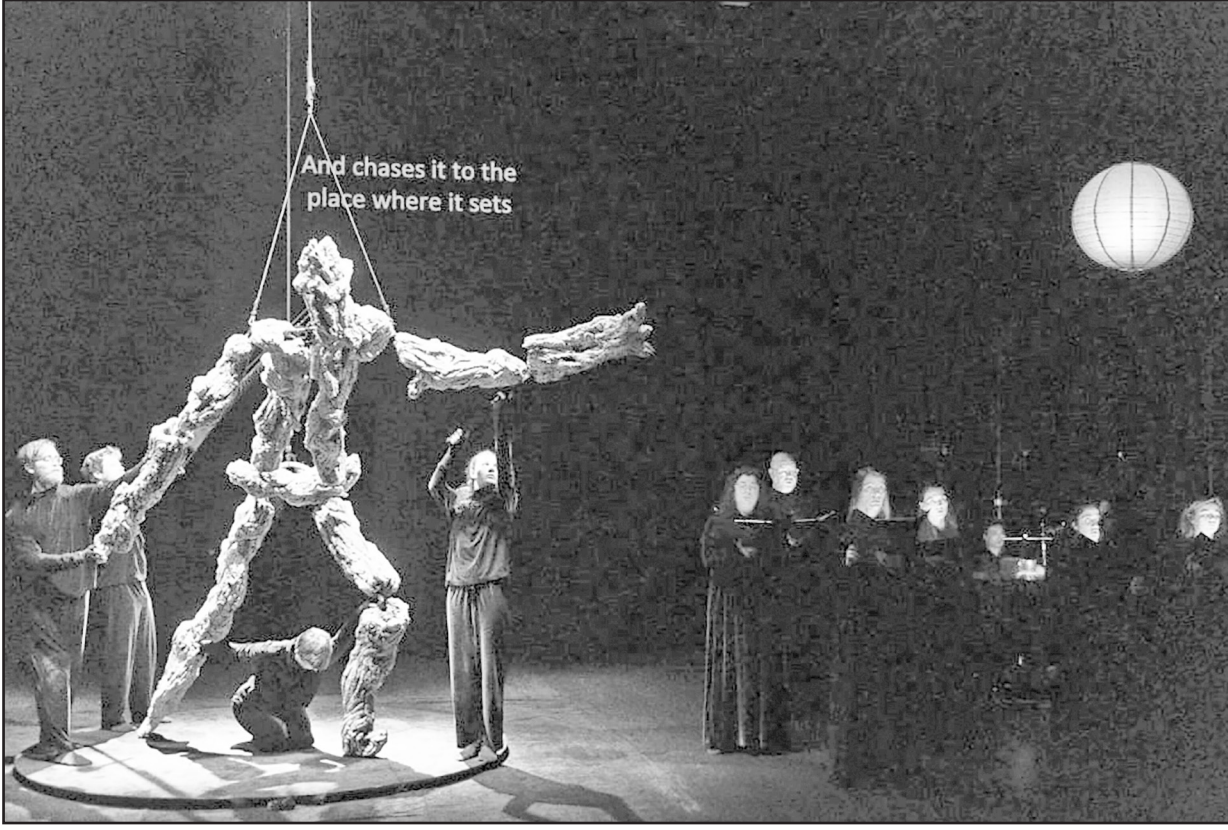


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**Puppeteers perform "Book of Mountains and Seas" on stage alongside singers with the vocal ensemble Ars Nova Copenhagen.**

BLACKSBURG — Mystical and magnificent, a new music theatre work brings an international vocal ensemble and percussionists to the stage alongside giant puppets and striking lanterns, delivering four mythological tales inspired by ancient Chinese myths.

Co-commissioned by the Moss Arts Center, "Book of Mountains and Seas" comes to the center's Anne and Ellen Fine Theatre, located within the Street and Davis Performance Hall at 190 Alumni Mall, on Friday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Created by composer Huang Ruo and puppeteer, designer, and director Basil Twist, the work is sung in Mandarin with English supertitles.

"Book of Mountains and Seas" is based on a Chinese compilation of early myths of the same title that was first transcribed in the fourth century B.C. Over the years, these mythological stories have become part of Chinese written and oral history. The vocal-theatre production is a 21st century adaptation and expansion of these abstract tales, shifted and reshaped with a contemporary lens. With lyrics based on the original Chinese texts from the book, additional text completes the soundscape and symbolic drama.

The four stories contain timeless codes about the universe, creation, planet, nature, life, human ambition and fate, and the relationship and interaction between humans and the planet. The fables explore the creation of Earth, as well as individual struggles with the environment – exploring the meaning of revenge and the relationship between humans and the forces of nature.

Ruo's vibrant and inventive musical voice draws equal inspiration from Chinese ancient and folk music, Western avant-garde, experimental, noise, and natural and processed sound, to create a seamless, organic integration using a compositional technique he calls "dimensionalism." His diverse compositional works

span from orchestra, chamber music, opera, theatre, and dance, to cross-genre, sound installation, architectural installation, multimedia, experimental improvisation, folk rock, and film.

Twist is a third-generation puppeteer. A Guggenheim and MacArthur Fellowship recipient, Twist is the sole American to graduate from the École Supérieure Nationale des Arts de la Marionnette in Charleville-Mezieres, France. His showmanship was spotlighted in New York by the Jim Henson International Festival of Puppetry, and he has created over 20 original full-length works for the stage. He was recently nominated for an Olivier Award for Best Theatre Choreographer for his work on the theatrical production "My Friend Totoro," currently running in London's West End.

Ars Nova Copenhagen is a 12-piece Grammy-winning vocal ensemble founded in 1979 that is widely recognized as one of the world's finest of its kind. The ensemble specializes in the interpretation of the polyphonic choral music of the Renaissance and new vocal music.

In addition to the Moss Arts Center, "Book of Mountains and Seas" is commissioned by Beth Morrison Projects, Ars Nova Copenhagen, Toronto Soundstreams, Koobiennale, Hong Kong New Vision Festival, and Linda and Stuart Nelson. The Moss engagement is its first presentation in the United States outside of New York.

### Ticket information

Tickets for the performance are \$25-\$55 for general public and \$10 for students and youth 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased online; at the Moss Arts Center's box office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; or by calling 540-231-5300 during box office hours.

*-Submitted by Virginia Tech*

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# Nursing Student from page 1

RADFORD - Alivia Pinnix, a junior in the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Radford University Carilion (RUC), was recognized earlier this month with a nomination for a DAISY Award - an international honor recognizing skillful and compassionate care provision for patients and families.

Pinnix was completing the final day of her adult health clinical rotation in the medical/surgical unit at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital (CRMH) when she took extra time to ensure a patient felt heard throughout the day and had a safe space to allow a therapeutic conversation. Pinnix also said she made sure the patient was comfortable and properly taken care of for the entire clinical day. As a result, the patient nominated Pinnix for the award.

The Martinsville native was presented with the nomination by CRMH Medical/Surgical unit department manager Tami Mitchell, who is also an adjunct faculty instructor for RUC.

"This nomination means everything to me because it is such a significant accomplishment," Pinnix said.

"I am so honored to receive this recognition, and knowing that the patient felt well cared for makes it even better."

Stacey Rorie, D.N.P., an assistant professor in the RUC nursing program, said making these kinds of connections with patients during experiential learning experiences is essential for nursing students as they develop compassion and empathy along with their clinical skills.

"As faculty, we teach, model and train extraordinary students like Alivia to provide exemplary care for our patients," Rorie said. "The nomination stated Alivia went above and beyond to make sure all needs were met and took time out to talk - something busy nurses often don't have time to do. This nomination shows our students are taking the initiative to connect with patients in addition to providing for their healthcare needs."

Rorie added that she is very proud of Pinnix and is excited to see where she goes in her career, saying, "she will do amazing things."

Wendy Downey, D.N.P., interim dean of the Radford University School of Nursing, said the nomination demonstrates Pinnix's commitment to patient care and outstanding service.

"I told her that she should be incredibly proud of the nurse she is becoming," Downey said. "I am so proud of the care that Alivia is providing, and she truly represents the best of Radford University School of Nursing."

Pinnix said she is grateful for the chance to participate in practical clinical experiences like the ones offered through the RUC nursing program because they will help her become a better nurse.

"RUC is known for providing education through hands-on experiences, which are beneficial to bedside nursing," Pinnix said. "The nursing professors at RUC want the best for each student and put forth effort to help students flourish in the program. I couldn't imagine a better place to be preparing for my nursing career."

-Mark Lambert for Radford University

# Vegetable Garden from page 1

ground."

For new gardeners or those wishing to expand by creating a new bed, Jadrnicek recommends preparing the location for a new bed by using a light-excluding tarp to kill turfgrass.

"You need a UV-resistant tarp or landscape fabric to cover the area, then you can pin down the edges with staples or use weight bags filled with rocks or sand to keep the material in place," Jadrnicek said. "In winter, it can take five weeks to kill everything underneath, but in the summer when it is hot, you can kill everything in a week depending on the vegetation growing underneath."

When they're actively growing during the summer, perennial weeds like wiregrass may take six weeks or longer completely kill.

After tarping, the soil is usually loose from increased earthworm activity as the sod or vegetation decomposes, so tilling the area may not be necessary. If your soil test indicates you need to change the pH by adding lime or Sulphur, or if you need phosphorous, those materials

should be mixed into the soil to make them effective.

Purchasing expensive bagged soil or other amendments may not be necessary either. To determine what amendments your soil needs, get a soil test by contacting your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office.

"It almost always helps to bring in compost or good quality bagged soil to increase organic matter, but may not be necessary, especially if you're on a budget," said Jadrnicek. "If you think of a large farm, they don't bring in soil amendments on that scale. Even a quarter inch of compost makes a big difference."

Good-quality seeds do make a difference, especially for gardeners who want to save money and labor by avoiding disease problems.

"A lot of people want to grow heirlooms, which can be susceptible to pest and disease problems that make them less likely to succeed," Jadrnicek said. "Hybrid varieties can have disease and pest-resistant genetics and can produce a higher yield."

If your crops struggle with a specific disease, for example, cucurbit downy mildew or bacterial leaf spot, look for hybrid seed varieties bred for resistance to this disease.

Make sure you are planting crops at the correct time to maximize the length of time vegetables are productive and ensure good plant establishment amid changing seasons. This is especially important for spring and fall crops which need to be started early in the spring or late in the summer when many people aren't yet thinking about cool-weather gardening.

Finally, good irrigation is critical for success in the

vegetable garden, according to Jadrnicek.

"Irrigation can make a big difference in yields," he said. "Giving the plants the right amount of water by hand can take a lot of time, and growers hand-watering typically don't give enough. If you do not water enough, you are not going to maximize yields, and if a plant is stressed by lack of water, you are going to have more pest/disease problems."

"If you must prioritize, spend your money on an automated drip-irrigation system rather than a raised bed. Irrigation will make gardening much easier and much more productive. If you've got to choose, spend on irrigation and good quality seeds," Jadrnicek said.

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To help connect your community with research-based horticulture education and participate in volunteer projects related to emerging pests, environmental stewardship, and community resilience, become an Extension Master Gardener by contacting your local Extension Office.

For information on selecting the raised bed option that suits your budget, check out the Virginia Cooperative Extension publication, "Comparison of Raised Bed Methods, Materials, and Costs." For planting time advice, use "Virginia's Home Vegetable Planting Guide."

-Devon Johnson

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# Prom Dresses from page 1

"The staff and community here are just wonderful and it is for all of the New River Valley, and even some people come from outside of the NRV," said Director of Meadowbrook Library, Cindy Minnick. "If they want to make the trek here, we will show them the dresses we have."

Interested students that arrive for their appointments will find dresses neatly arranged on rolling racks and identified with their sizes. There are closed rooms provided for trying on dresses, and if a student has dress shoes that they want to try on with the dress, they are encouraged to bring them.

"The community has been so wonderful about donating the dresses," said Minnick. "We have gone out in the past and purchased some at consignment stores. Last year we had A Little Bit Hippie and Paparazzi Bling that donated jewelry."

The cost-free program is not based on income.

"We feel if the young ladies want to come and they need a dress, they can spend their money on something else," said Minnick.

Collections are accepted all year long, not only during prom season. The library is hoping to expand their options for men's suit coats, dress pants, and other men's formal wear as well. All donations should be new, gently used, and preferably match with recent clothing trends.

Students can make appointments by calling (540) 268-1964 until the end of April, but as there might be a few proms into May, students should contact the library if they are still in need of a dress. Monday-Sunday appointments can be made during library hours; Monday-Thursday, 10

a.m.- 6:30 p.m., Friday 10- 4:30 p.m., Saturday 10- 4 p.m., and Sunday 1- 5 p.m.



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**Free dresses are available to any high school prom-goer who needs one.**

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. One who regrets
5. Time zone
8. Subway dweller
11. Bend in a river
13. Alias
14. Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
15. Very (music)
16. Zero
17. Phil \_\_, former CIA
18. Competitions
20. Unwell
21. Puts in place
22. Gets rid of
25. Allows light to pass through
30. Climbed quickly
31. We all have it
32. There's a North & South
33. Emaciation
38. Supervises flying

41. Very dark colors
43. Unwanted
45. Grants
48. Three visited Jesus
49. Wife of Amun
50. Broadway actress Daisy
55. A Spanish river
56. I (German)
57. French opera composer
59. Six (Spanish)
60. Last letter
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. A curved shape
63. Make a mistake
64. Tall plant


**CLUES DOWN**

1. Computer memory
2. "Et \_\_": "And wife" (Latin)
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. College army

5. Cassava
6. Talented
7. Capital of Estonia
8. Finger millet
9. In a way, assists
10. Men's fashion accessories
12. Misery
14. Skin disorder
19. Selling at specially reduced prices
23. Good friend
24. Stationary portion of a generator
25. Expression of disappointment
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Where birds fly
28. Midway between north and northeast
29. Chaotic states

34. Comedic actress Gasteroy
35. Kids' dining accessory
36. Snake-like fish
37. Midway between south and southeast
39. Assign lifelike qualities to
40. One who cites
41. Midway between east and southeast
42. North wind
44. One or the other
45. Cavalry sword
46. Of the Hungarian language
47. Life stories
48. Flat tableland with steep edges
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. French cleric
54. One point east of northeast
58. Free from

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**Chief System Design Specialist - Energy Storage System sought by TMEIC CORPORATION AMERICAS**  
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**DD Kerns Construction Co., Inc.**  
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### Positions Wanted

**Quality Inn**  
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### Auctions

**STORAGE AUCTION Salem Storage**  
 736 Roanoke Street Salem, VA. 24153 March 30, 2023 at 11:30 AM  
 Salem Storage will conduct a public sale of merchandise to collect liens from the following delinquent building.

### Auctions

Owner: Christie Key  
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### Lost & Found

**ISO: Looking for family or friends of Edward Shanklin,** formerly from Radford, VA. His mother's name was Ruth, sisters name Barbara, previously married to Deuncan family. I am in possession of documents and photos that belong with his family. Contact Steve: after 5pm. Cell 540-246-2963 Home 540-298-8054 Collect calls will be accepted.

### Legals - City of Radford

### City of Radford Community Development Block Grant 2023 Action Plan

Public Input Meetings  
 The City of Radford invites you to public input sessions that give citizens an opportunity to offer suggestions for projects that they see a need for in the community that are related to decent housing, suitable living environment and economic opportunity. The Action Plan serves as the City's grant application for Community Development Block Grant Funds and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds from the program. The public input meetings have been scheduled as follows:  
 Friday, March 24, 2023 - City Council Chamber, 11:00 am Questions should be directed to Ms. Melissa Skelton, at [Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov](mailto:Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov) or at (540) 267-3188.

### Legals - City of Salem

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

321 South Market Street, Salem, VA 24153. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated May 18, 2015 and recorded at Instrument Number 150001592 in the Clerk's Office for the City of Salem Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$57,400.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps for the Circuit Court for the City of Salem located at 2 E Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153-7933. April 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT, WHICH POINT IS ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF SOUTH MARKET STREET, SAID POINT BEING 137.5 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SECOND STREET AND SOUTH MARKET STREET; THENCE S. 78 DEGREES 00'00" W. 84.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, N. 12 DEGREES 00'00" W. 37.50 FEET TO A POINT; thence N. 78 DEGREES 00'00" E. 84.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 12 DEGREES 00'00" E. 37.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 0.723 ACRE AS IS MORE SPECIFICALLY SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED FOR ANTOINE B. STALLINGS BY ROBERT S. LANG, LAND SURVEYOR AND BALZER AND ASSOCIATES, SAID PLAT BEING DATED APRIL 2, 1990. AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's

### Legals - City of Salem

check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustees fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 [www.rosenberg-assoc.com](http://www.rosenberg-assoc.com)

### Legals - Montgomery County

### TRUSTEE SALE OF 1801 4th Street, Radford, VA 24141

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated March 20, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$124,019.00, recorded as Inst. 0600326, modified to the amount of \$108,447.79 as Inst. 1600936, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, any of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford on March 29, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., the property located at the above address and described as Lot 8, Section 13, Plan D, as shown in Deed Book 42, page 7, County of Radford. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$9,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale

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immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at [dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales](http://dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales). THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s) 12610 Patrick Henry Dr., Ste. C, Newport News, VA 23602; (757) 320-0255

### Public Notice EBI Project #6123000081

AT&T Mobility LLC is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an existing monopole located at T-3 Roanoke Street (37 8 20.8N, 80 23 6.85W), Christiansburg, Montgomery County, VA 24073. The modifications will consist of the collocation of antennas at a centerline height of approximately 97 feet above ground level on the 99.5-foot-tall monopole. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6123000081 - JLD EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at (203) 231-6643.

### Legals - Town of Vinton

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**The Town of Vinton** is accepting SEALED BIDS from interested landscaping contractors to perform mowing, general landscaping and snow removal services for the Vinton War Memorial. The term of the mowing contract shall be for one year, with the option to renew for an additional four (4) one-year term. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Vinton War Memorial, C/O Chasity Barbour, 814 E. Washington Ave, Vinton, VA 24179, on or before Monday, April 3, 2023, at 3 p.m. Bids must contain the Bidder's company name and address, and be signed by the appropriate company representative. No bids will be accepted after said time and date. Bid opening will occur after 3 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial, 814 East Washington Ave, Vinton, VA. Bid information can be acquired by contacting the Town Manager at (540) 343-1508. The Town of Vinton reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Town also reserves the right to award an individual or company who is not the low bidder if in its judgment, it would be in the best interest of the Town to do so.

### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. **CL23000348-00** ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MAILEIGH MCKENNA REDMOND v. MAILEIGH MCKENNA CULVER  
 The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR IT IS ORDERED that RANDOLPH ALLEN REDMOND JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 27, 2023 @ 11:00 AM.  
 MARCH 15, 2023 Benjamin Guerrant, DEPUTY CLERK

### Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. **CL23-344** ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Elizabeth Paige Lyles v. Cody Chandler Lyles The object of this suit is to: obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 20-91(9)(A). It is

### Legals - Town of Vinton

ORDERED that Cody Chandler Lyles appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 9, 2023. March 15, 2023 Jennifer Vest, Deputy Clerk

### LEGAL NOTICE Town of Vinton:

### Gus Nicks Boulevard Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk Project Between: Glade Creek Greenway Trailhead Parking And: West Madison Avenue

Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing Find out about a proposal to provide a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk on Gus Nicks Boulevard, to connect the Glade Creek Greenway to the Gish Mill Property (formerly Holdren's Country Store), as approved by the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) on July 2, 2020, and again on May 27, 2021, and by Vinton Town Council on March 1, 2022, respectively. The Project will reduce the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians attempting to cross Gus Nicks Boulevard, a very heavily-traveled right-of-way. The Project will provide a safer connection for pedestrians and/or greenway users from Glade Creek Greenway, located to the south of Gus Nicks Boulevard to the Gish Mill Property, located to the north of Gus Nicks Boulevard. You may view the Project information on the web at <https://www.vintonva.gov/509> or by visiting the Town of Vinton Municipal Building, Planning and Zoning Department, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, between 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM local time. Please call 540-983-0605 in advance of your visit to ensure that staff is available to meet with you and answer your questions. If your concerns cannot be satisfied through informal discussion via a call, email or a meeting, the Town of Vinton is willing to hold a public hearing. You may ask that a public hearing be held by sending a request in writing to Anita McMillan, Planning and Zoning Director, Town of Vinton Municipal Building, Planning and Zoning Department, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179. Your request must be received on or prior to April 20, 2023.

### LEGAL NOTICE Town of Vinton Hardy Road Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk Project 1200 Block of Hardy Road

Between: Dillon Drive And: McDonald Street Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing Find out about a proposal to provide a midblock pedestrian crosswalk in the 1200 block of Hardy Road, as approved by the Vinton Town Council at a meeting held on October 17, 2017, and by the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) on June 24, 2021, respectively. The Project will improve the lives of the residents in the area and reduce the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians attempting to cross a very heavily-traveled street. The Project will provide a safer connection for the neighborhoods to the south of Hardy Road to W. E. Cundiff Elementary School and to Wolf Creek Greenway located to the north of Hardy Road. You may view the Project information on the web at <https://www.vintonva.gov/510>, or by visiting the Town of

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### LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the proposed amendment to the Town of Vinton's FY 2022-2023 budget to appropriate funding for the Grant Fund and the Woodland Place Stream Restoration Project in the total amount of \$285,000. Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Antonia Arias-Magallon  
 Administrative Manager

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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Kelly Three Rivers, Millirons MED players of year

**Marty Gordon**

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Radford's Elijah Kelly and Auburn's Nick Millirons led their respective schools to the state playoffs.

Monday, each received player of the year honors. Kelly was named the player of the year in the Three Rivers Districts, while Millirons was the boys' player of the year in the Mt. Empire District. Millirons was joined on the first team by Coahan Gordon. Radford also placed Gavin Cormany on the first team of the TRD.

Floyd's Brian Harman shared coach of the year honors in the TRD with Radford's Rick Cormany.

Parker Prioleau gave Radford a second-team all-TRD.

Auburn's Sam Duncan and Bryce Gill were named to the MED boys' second team. Their teammates, Drew Royal and Michael Wilson were named to the honorable mention list.

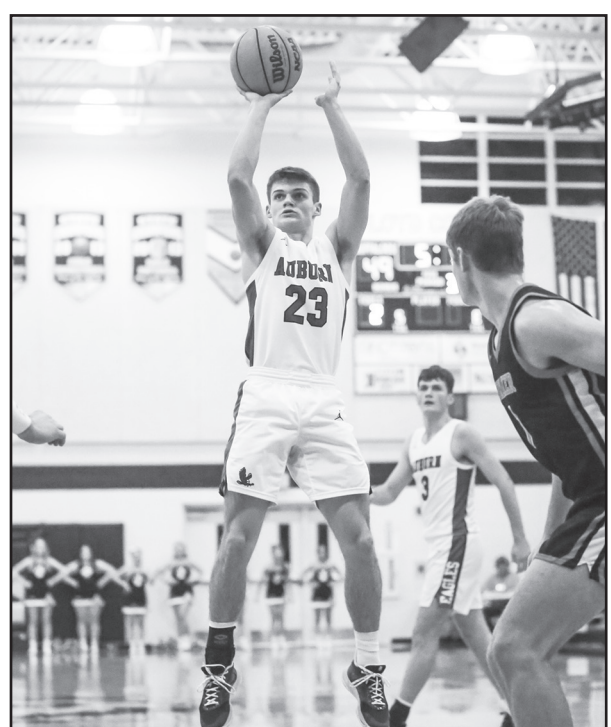
Eastern Montgomery had two players named to the Pioneer District honorable mention boys' list in Grayson Caldwell and Talan Bruce.

Gordon and Millirons were also named to the Class Region C all-region first team.

Kelly and Cormany were named to the Region 2C first-team with Kelly being named player of year and their coach, Ricky Cormany, the coach of the year.



**Radford's Elijah Kelly is the Three Rivers District boys' player of the year and Region C player of the year.**



**Nick Millirons of Auburn was named the boys' player of the year in the Mt. Empire District.**

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## Lady Hokies dance into Sweet 16



**Georgia Amooore hit her 100th triple of the season to open Sunday's game and win over South Dakota State.**



**A sellout crowd at Cassell Coliseum cheered for the Lady Hokies in two games this past weekend.**

PHOTOS COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH ATHLETICS

Behind four Hokies in double figures, Virginia Tech defeated South Dakota State 72-60 in the second round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament inside Cassell Coliseum Sunday evening.

With the win, the Hokies (29-4) advance to the Sweet 16 for the second time in program history (1999) and earn their program-record 29th victory of the season. South Dakota State, the Summit League champion, had its 22-game winning streak snapped, which was the second-longest active streak in the country.

Tech will await the winner between No. 4 seed Tennessee and No. 12 seed Toledo on March 25 in Seattle, Wash.

Georgia Amooore drained a career-high seven treys on her way to a game-high 21 points – her 12th game of 20 or more points on the season. Amooore was joined in double-figure scoring by Elizabeth Kitley, who notched her 21st double-double with 14 points and a game-high 14 rebounds. The two-time ACC player of the year also registered a game-high five blocks to set the program record for career blocks at 261.

The Hokies came out clicking on all cylinders, shooting 52.8% in the first half. They finished at 41.8% shooting for the game, while holding the Jackrabbits to 37.3%. Tech out-rebounded South Dakota State, 43-36.

Myah Selland paced three Jackrabbits in double-figure scoring with 17 points. Paige Meyer and Haleigh Timmer chipped in 12 points apiece.

**How it Happened**

» Amooore hit her 100th triple of the season to open the game, one of five triples by the Hokies in the opening stanza

» Tech was dialed from downtown in the first quarter, converting 5 of 9 (55.6%) from beyond the arc to build a 19-7 advantage; Amooore was 3 for 6 from deep in the period

» Once down by 20, South Dakota State trimmed its deficit to 13 (33-20) with 3:03 left following a 9-2 surge by the Summit League champion

» The Hokies ended the second quarter on a 10-0 run highlighted by back-to-back triples from Taylor Geiman and Cayla King for a 46-23 halftime lead – the most first-half points by Tech since scoring 47 vs. NC State on Feb. 19

» VT shot 75% in the second stanza, connecting on 12 of 16 field goals

» The Jacks answered out of intermission with a 10-2 spurt to get within 15 (48-33) with 5:44 remaining in the third quarter

» South Dakota State went 10 for 13 (76.9%) from the free-throw line in the third quarter as the Jacks outscored Tech, 20-13, in the frame

» With the Hokies' lead cut to 10, Amooore sank her fifth three of the game off a baseline out of bounds play to push Tech's lead to 69-56 with 1:50 remaining

The road to Sweet 16 paved with success.

After years of climbing and looking up at the ACC's mountaintop, Virginia Tech's women's basketball program reached the summit after the Hokies clinched the program's first ACC title. They did so by winning three straight games en route to the 2023 ACC Tournament Championship at the Greensboro Coliseum last week. The run included victories over Miami, Duke and Louisville and personified the athletic department's mantra of being a challenger and ascending to being a champion.

"Whit [Babcock] talks about going from a challenger brand to a champion brand," head coach Kenny Brooks said following the selection show ceremony. "That's what we've done. It's what we talked about earlier this year, it's what we went out and accomplished."

When Brooks took over the program in 2016, the Hokies hadn't seen a 20-win season since 2006. Now, Tech has seen six 20-win seasons in his seven-year tenure in Blacksburg. For the first time ever, Tech earned a coveted number one seed for the NCAA Tournament.

"You don't set out to be a number one seed, you take baby steps first. Try to go from a five to a four so you can host," Brooks said. "But now you have that seed and there's responsibility with that. You have to go out there and play like a number one seed."

The Hokies are riding an 11-game win streak and haven't lost since January 26, when they fell on the road to Duke. That loss, along with others on the road against Clemson and Miami provided the Hokies with fuel and motivation to reinvent themselves to find success.

"After those games, we didn't even get to shake their hand because they were in the middle of the court celebrating. You have to go out there and handle that responsibility because people want to take you down with a number beside your name," Brooks said. "They

responded beautifully ever since and that's what has helped us transition from that challenger brand to a champion brand nicely."

One lesson absorbed from the losses and over the course of the year has been to take each part of the journey one step at a time. Tech's laser-focused mentality on the one game at a time approach was a catalyst for the late season success on the hardwood.

"This group is locked in and focused, they've done that for the last month and a half where they focus only on the task at hand," Brooks said. "The only thing we can control is what happens today and that's to go 1-0."

Tech learned from its earlier losses when it beat Miami in the ACC Tournament quarterfinals and beat Duke twice, the latter of which was in the semifinals to advance to the title game. Like Brooks, the players too have adopted the 'control what you can control today' mentality.

"Focusing on us, you can't always control what another team does, you can only control what you do," Taylor Soule told reporters after the ceremony.

Soule earned All-ACC Second Team honors this season, the fourth All-ACC selection of her career. The Hokies placed two student-athletes: Elizabeth Kitley and Georgia Amooore on the league's First Team. That trio may have been the catalysts for this team, but the unwavering support of Hokie Nation filling the seats in Cassell has added an element not only to this year's team but the program.

"I knew the community was really passionate about Virginia Tech and that's something that I wanted," Soule said. "My expectations were way exceeded, and I love Hokie Nation."

Indeed, the support this team has garnered from Virginia Tech fans in Blacksburg has been paramount to the Hokies' success this season. Tech went 14-1 inside the confines of Cassell Coliseum, losing just a single ACC game for the second consecutive season.

"Give Hokie Nation an opportunity to come out and represent. Our fans are great, they've been great all year, just look at the turnout today," Brooks said on the floor of Cassell following his team's selection. "Just to reward them and to reward our kids and seniors with another game in here is something special."

*Virginia Tech Athletics*

## NCAA tried to silence Hokie celebrations



**From the Sidelines**

Marty Gordon

The long-arm of the law, in this case the NCAA, told Virginia Tech there would be no playing of "Enter Sandman" as part of this weekend's women's tournament action. But the student body and other fans picked up the flag and ran with it, singing the opening verse we have all been accustomed to at the start of the game.

Many people were scratching their heads on whether the basketball games were being held on a neutral site or in Blacksburg. Somewhere, an official said we can't have that—no home court advantage.

With the victory, the team is headed to the Sweet 16. But "Enter Sandman" will remain quiet and will have to wait to be played at a "national championship" celebration or next basketball season.

Enter darkness.

This comes on the heels of the NCAA telling the Hokies baseball team that could not use a sledgehammer to demonstrate after each homerun. But again, the team has found a temporary way around the ruling—the hammer is slammed into the ground only after homerun number 1.

The umpire then warns the team about the "no-no",

and it is pulled out of the equation. From the point on, homeruns mean an imaginary bat is driven into the ground.

The NCAA says props cannot be used. The question is whether the collegiate athletic body is enforcing similar things across the board and across the country.

In no way does this affect the other team, but the NCAA in their infamous wisdom says there will be no emotion, no celebration belongs in college athletics.

Athletes will have to be told this on Day 1 so no one will get in trouble in Blacksburg and other college communities.

Celebrations and Enter Sandman are both just a part of the history of college athletics. Somewhere else in the country, the War Eagle has been silenced.

Hokies fans keep singing.

# Local gymnast named one of top in nation

University of Kentucky Senior Raena Worley has been named a finalist for the 2023 American Athletic, Inc. (AAI) Award which honors the top senior gymnast in the nation.

Worley is one of six finalists for the prestigious award, the organization announced on Wednesday.

The Christiansburg native is one of the most accomplished gymnasts in program history. She has tallied 19 all-around victories in her four years at Kentucky with her highest total earned, 39.775. In her senior season alone, Worley has won the all-around title six times.

“Raena being named an AAI Award finalist is an incredible honor,” Head Coach Tim Garrison said. “But not a surprise to me or anyone in our program. She genuinely loves gymnastics and thrives

doing what she loves.”

In addition to her 19 all-around wins, the gymnast has also earned a first-place finish 10 times on vault, with eight on the uneven bars, nine on the balance beam and 15 on the floor exercise.

Her career-best scores include a 9.950 on vault, which she has earned three times, 9.950 on bars eight times, a near-perfect 9.975 on beam in the most recent meet at Illinois and a 9.975 on floor four times.

Competing in nearly every meet of her collegiate career, she also represented the University of Kentucky gymnastics program at the 2022 NCAA Championships finishing the all-around competition in 12th place.

Throughout her collegiate career, Worley has been named a Women’s

Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) All-American four times with three second team appearances and one first team honor. She has also received numerous Southeastern Conference awards including All-SEC, six SEC weekly honors and three Winter Sports Honor Roll nods. In addition to academic and athletic success, the senior has also been named to the SEC Community Service Team.

“Whether she’s winking through a floor routine, or singing on beam, her genuine joy is easy to see,” Garrison said. “She never seeks the spotlight; it finds her and highlights what those around her already know – she’s a star.”

Worley will graduate with a dual degree in both Communication and Kinesiology.



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Christiansburg native Raena Worley, a junior, is a first team WCGA Regular Season All-American all-around as a member of the University of Kentucky gymnastics team.

# Salem Red Sox under new ownership

The Salem Red Sox recently announced the club has entered into an agreement to sell the team to Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), an organization that owns and operates select Minor League clubs affiliated with Major League Baseball (MLB).

The team will remain in Salem as the Single-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and current staff will continue to be led by General Manager Allen Lawrence.

“We anticipate a smooth transition in the coming weeks and know that DBH puts fans and community first,” said Salem Red Sox General Manager Allen Lawrence. “Our day-to-day operations will not change, and our entire organization remains focused on creating an exceptional player development program for Red Sox players, and a positive experience for our fans in the Roanoke Valley.”

“For 16 years, Allen and the entire team in Salem have been incredible partners who have made the entry point into the Red Sox Minor League system one that is welcoming and sets the standard for our culture,” said Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy. “Our connection to Allen and the entire player development team in Salem will remain intact and I know the organization is in good hands with

DBH leaders like Pat Battle and Peter Freund at the helm. What they are doing to enhance the Minor Leagues through investment and technology will benefit Salem greatly and I have no doubt they will continue to build on what has been established in Salem under Allen’s capable guidance.”

Throughout its long history in the Roanoke Valley, the Salem Red Sox have fostered a devoted community of supporters and DBH plans to continue building on the club’s success and connectivity with the fans and city of Salem. DBH is an experienced leader with a growing portfolio of Minor League Baseball clubs in markets across the country including the Double-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, the Portland Sea Dogs. Focused on creating highest-quality baseball experiences, DBH prioritizes fan and community engagement while driving additional growth and value for each club by investing in best-in-class facilities and technological innovation and through direct partnerships with MLB on opportunities like sponsorship and merchandising.

“I want to thank both Sam Kennedy and Dave Beeston of the Red Sox for their continued support and partnership in Salem as DBH now builds on what they have already been so successful in doing in the community,” said Peter Freund, CEO of Diamond Baseball Holdings. “In this next chapter, we will work together to promote Salem’s longstanding success and cultivate value-driven opportunities to reach the club’s long-term goals and

vision.” Professional baseball debuted in Salem in 1939 with the Salem Friends. Minor league teams have made the city their summer home every season since 1955 with no less than seven different teams earning championships in Salem. Whether it has been the Appalachian League or the Carolina League, the players and coaches have ingrained themselves in the community and worked hard to turn game nights into family events.

“We expect that the Salem Red Sox will continue to deliver the same quality product on and off the field under the ownership of DBH, and fans will not notice anything different this season,” says Wendy Delano, Salem’s Director of Civic Facilities. “Our ultimate goal is to make sure our teams and patrons are taken care of on all levels. Providing a first-class facility and a consistently entertaining game day experience continue to be our priority, which we share with DBH.”

Subject to obtaining the consent of the league and satisfying standard closing conditions, the transaction is expected to be completed promptly.

The Salem Red Sox are the Single-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and call Carilion Clinic Field in Salem, Virginia home. The Salem Red Sox are in the Northern Division of the Carolina League.

Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH) was formed in 2021 to support, promote and enhance Minor League Baseball Clubs affiliated with Major League Baseball through professional management, best practices, innovation and investment.

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“Everyone deserves to know if the air they breathe is clean,” said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz. “The Air Sensor Loan Program will help its users learn about air quality in their communities and what actions they can take to protect their health.”

The program will assist community groups, schools, state agencies, local agencies, and tribes with conducting small-scale,

localized air monitoring projects, as well as provide information and education on local air quality impacts. The air quality sensors can be used to gather pertinent air quality informational data, which loanees can use to assess local air quality.

EPA will not be collecting the data from these sensors, nor will the data be used for regulatory decision making. Additionally, this equipment is not to be used for confined space evaluations or to meet any other health and safety requirement.

More information can be found at EPA’s Air Sensor Loan Program.

Equipment available for loan:

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Cairsens – stationary sensor that measures nitrogen dioxide (NO2), sulfur dioxide (SO2), or non-methane volatile organic compounds (nmVOC); for outdoor

and indoor use; plug-in powered.

Eligibility: State agencies, local agencies, tribes, community groups, schools, and other interested organizations in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Training: Links to virtual training from non-EPA sources are available. The EPA Air Sensor Toolbox website for resources can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/air-sensor-toolbox>.

Information for Shipping of Equipment: Sensors can be shipped to any location within the Mid-Atlantic Region at the loanee’s expense or picked up at the EPA Regional office in Philadelphia. EPA will coordinate with loanees on a situational basis for shipment logistics.

Application Submittal: The Mid-Atlantic Region prefers to receive applications through the website, but applications may also be emailed to the Sensor Loan Contacts found at EPA’s Air Sensor Loan Program.

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