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Ride of Silence to honor cyclists killed, injured set for today

RADFORD – This evening, Wednesday, May 15, 2024, cyclists from across the New River Valley will gather for the 17th Annual Ride of Silence.

The Ride of Silence is a silent, slow-paced ride in honor of cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways.

Staging will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Radford City Administrative Services Building, 10 Robertson St., and end at the same location. There will be a police escort along the 6.8-mile route and will ride at a slow pace. There's ample parking available. The ride begins at 7 p.m.

Though solemn, the group ride is inspirational for riders of all ages, experience and ability. Helmets are required.

The Ride of Silence is a solemn and powerful global event that brings attention to the dangers cyclists face on the road and the need for increased awareness and safety measures. The ride is conducted in silence to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives while cycling and to raise awareness of the importance of sharing the road. The ride is also a reminder of the dangers that cyclists face on public roads.

In 2022, there were 825 cyclists killed in the United States.

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FILE PHOTO

The Annual Ride of Silence, a silent, slow-paced ride in honor of cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways, is set for Wednesday, May 15.

Fish Fry this Saturday to benefit Radford family

RADFORD - New Mount Olive United Methodist Church is hosting its latest fish fry this Saturday, May 18 and a portion of proceeds will be helping a local family.

Richard Delaney, who was the owner of Delaney's Kitchen in Fairlawn, died unexpectedly in January after an illness, leaving behind a fiancée and children. There is a memorial fund set up for his children at National Bank in Radford and a portion of the proceeds from the fish fry will be donated to the memorial fund. The fish fry is being held on what would have been Delaney's 52nd birthday.

The New Mount Olive Methodist Church Men's group hosts the fish fry and cooks all the food from scratch. The fry is set for 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the church, located at 309 Russell Ave. in Radford.

The menu and prices are:
Dinners: \$13, includes two pieces of deep-fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw rolls and dessert. Fish sandwiches: \$6, includes one piece of fish on a bun with coleslaw. Extra piece of fish: \$3.50.

For call-in orders call the church at (540)-639-6425. Delivery is also available, only in the Radford area.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH

Richard Delaney, the late owner of Delaney's Kitchen in Fairlawn, is pictured with customers enjoying his food.



Ryan Perry



Dr. Cathy Callahan, MD, MHP



Katelyn Cantrell, DDS



Melisa Loving, APRN, FNP-C

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CHCNRV

Community Health Center of the New River Valley adds three practitioners

The Community Health Center of the New River Valley (CHCNRV) has added three members to its medical and dental staff.

Dr. Cathy Callahan, MD, MHP, returns to the CHCNRV to provide part-time GYN care and medication-assisted treatment at our Christiansburg site. Callahan most recently served as Chair of the Clinical Sciences Department at the Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg.

Her impressive credentials include being the founding medical director, physician, and a board member at CHCNRV, chair of the Department of Obstetrics, and associate dean of postgraduate affairs at VCOM.

Callahan earned her MD and MPH from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was a resident at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. She is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has been certified by the Virginia Board of Medicine and the American Board of Obstetrics and

Gynecology since 2005.

Melisa Loving, APRN, FNP-C, is a Family Nurse Practitioner who strives to provide evidence-based, patient-centered care to people of all ages. FNP Loving has over a decade of experience as a Registered Nurse and Family Nurse Practitioner.

After earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, she received her BSN from WVU. She later completed the Master of Science Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration program at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She comes to the Community Health Center from Mon Health Wedgewood Primary Care & Psychiatry in Morgantown, WV.

Katelyn Cantrell, DDS, joined the Community Health Center from Charlottesville, where she provided general dentistry services as an associate at a private practice. Her wide range of experience also includes working in free clinics and as part of a volunteer team providing dental care to underserved areas.

After graduating from UVA-Wise, she earned her dental degree from VCU and was a resident at the University of Virginia. Cantrell has a strong leadership background as a volunteer and is a member of the American Dental Association.

"We are fortunate to add three exceptional practitioners to our team," Michelle Brauns, MS, APR, CEO of the CHCNRV, said. "Each of them brings a unique skill set to our staff and a strong commitment to community health."

The Community Health Center of the New River Valley provides affordable and high-quality family medical, dental, behavioral, and preventive health care services to people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay. For more information about the Community Health Center's services and programs in Christiansburg, Dublin, Pearisburg, and Pulaski County High School, visit our website at www.chcnrv.org or call 540-381-0820.

Community Health Center of the NRV



Sofie Lynn

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CITY OF RADFORD

Summer concert series kicks off this weekend

RADFORD – The first installment of the Radford Summer Concert series is set for this Saturday, with a two-act country music concert.

Headliner Ryan Perry is making a return to the concert series and Sofie Lynn will be the opening act. Held on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, at 600 Unruh Drive in Radford, the gates open at 6 p.m. with music starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 a person and children 12 and under are free. Alcoholic beverages

will be available for purchase through the Radford Chamber of Commerce. Food trucks will also be available to grab some dinner. Bring a chair and get ready for a party!

The remaining concerts for the summer include:
Saturday, June 15: The Drifters (soul/doowop)
Saturday, July 20: Chairmen of the Board (beach music)
Saturday, Aug. 17: Cassette Rewind (80's music).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 15:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Gates open at 6 p.m. Ticket \$5 for adults. Kids 12 and under are free. Food trucks and beverages. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Radford Farmer's Market

Every Saturday through October; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, 600 Unruh Dr. Visit weekly for an ever-changing supply of homemade goodies, crafts, plants, meats, produce, and more.

Thursday, May 16:

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 are also invited to attend. Tiffany Lloyd will do a presentation on the Sam Davis Youth Camp. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Celebrate Bike to Work Day

Hop on your bike for your morning commute and take part in National Bike to Work Day! Join event sponsors from 7:30 – 9 a.m. for fun and refreshments at the tent located on Draper Road in downtown Blacksburg before you head to work. Program sponsored by the Town of Blacksburg, NRV Regional Commission, Ride Solutions, the New River Valley Bicycle Association (NRVBA) and Sustainable Transportation at Virginia Tech. May is National Bike Month. Everyone who tracks at least one bike trip to work via the ConnectingVA app (connectingva.agilemile.com) can enter to win an electric bike and helmet. Questions? Visit ridesolutions.org or call 540.639.9313.

Saturday, May 18:

Radford Summer Concert series

Ryan Perry (country music) will perform on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion; 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21:

TRIAD/S.A.L.T. meeting

TRIAD/S.A.L.T. is a cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies (police/sheriffs), senior citizens, and senior organization, focused on reducing crimes against our most vulnerable citizens: our seniors. The speaker for the May TRIAD meeting will be Pam Wade from Christian Travel. She will be talking about safety concerns in regard to traveling and the best options for seniors who are ready to see the world. TRIAD meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Christiansburg Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Thursday, May 23:

Spring into Summer Event

Join the Town of Christiansburg at Christiansburg Huckleberry Park for the park's plaque unveiling at 11 a.m., and a full day of free activities, including: petting zoo, warrior challenge course contest, guided telescope stargazing, ultimate frisbee, 40-yard dash contest, yoga, bingo, dog training demo, fitness programs and horticulture walking tour. Be sure to check the Facebook event discussion

regularly for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/events/4004717339799280/>.

Beach Bash

Join the Christiansburg Aquatic Center at 5:30 p.m. for an evening of music, food, games and swimming. The Beach Bash is a kid friendly event that will feature mermaids, a pirate, corn hole, pirate coin toss and raffles to win membership giveaways. Live music on the patio by Last Chance Duo, also compete in a limbo contest to win prizes. Tickets are now available for purchase with a limited number being sold. Each ticket is \$12 per person (for ages three and up) and will include a meal and drink provided by Simple Fixins. To purchase tickets, visit cacpool.com or call 540-381-7665.

Sunday, May 26:

Vintage Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The market is made up of a carefully chosen group of vendors selling a wide selection of quality vintage items, upcycled crafts, and occasional antiques. For more information, visit blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/

Monday, May 27:

No Radford City Council meeting

Due to Memorial Day, the Radford City Council will NOT hold its regularly scheduled meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10.

Tuesday, May 28:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The 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 the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.). 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.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the BOS will meet Tuesday, May 28. Public meetings are normally held 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.

On-going:

Route 460 Business Corridor Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Study

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking input for the Route 460 Business Corridor Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Study. The study will look at the segment of the corridor, from Industrial Park Road in Blacksburg to the Uptown Christiansburg Mall, for bicycle, pedestrian and transit improvements. Materials are posted online at www.newrivervalleympo.org and will be available for comment until May 9 at 5 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A UNIVERSAL SERVICE FEE TO BE PAID BY RETAIL CUSTOMERS TO FUND THE PIPP CASE NO. PUR-2020-00117

On April 12, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting approval of an updated Universal Service Fee ("USF") to fund the Percentage of Income Payment Program ("PIPP") of \$0.00132 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") effective June 1, 2024.

The PIPP was established as part of the 2020 Virginia Clean Economy Act as a mechanism designed to limit the electric utility payments of persons or households participating in certain, specified public assistance programs, based upon a percentage of their income, for customers of Virginia Electric and Power Company and APCo. The General Assembly further addressed the PIPP, its funding, and implementation, as part of the 2021 legislative session with the passage of Chapter 308 of the 2021 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Special Session I.

The Commission issued an Order on July 29, 2021 ("July 2021 Order") directing, among other things, that (i) APCo begin collecting the USF from statutorily designated customers to fund the estimated start-up costs that the Department of Social Services ("DSS") needed to establish the PIPP; (ii) calculate a USF on a per kilowatt hour basis to recover \$0.6 million on an annual basis, file tariffs reflecting such fee with the Commission; (iii) begin making payments to the state treasury to enable DSS to undertake the actions necessary to establish the PIPP, and (iv) defer its PIPP administrative costs and seek their recovery at a later date. The USF established in the July 2021 Order was directed to be effective on service rendered on and after September 1, 2021, and to remain in place until further order of the Commission. Additionally, the July 2021 Order required the Company to submit certain reporting and filing requirements within 60 days ("60-day Report") after the DSS rules or guidelines are promulgated. On September 9, 2021, the Commission issued an Order on Motion granting APCo's request to have the effective date for USF implementation delayed until September 7, 2021.

On July 14, 2023, the Commission issued an Order which, in part, found that DSS published PIPP guidelines on its website on June 26, 2023, and directed APCo to file its initial 60-day Report by August 25, 2023. APCo filed its 60-day Report on August 25, 2023.

In its current Application, APCo seeks to increase the USF on June 1, 2024, to build the PIPP fund prior to implementation and ensure the program will be properly funded for participants in the future without risk of underfunding while remaining under the statutory cap. APCo states that the current USF is \$0.0000407/kWh, and that the Company is requesting to increase the USF to \$0.00132/kWh to collect its proposed revenue requirement from Virginia jurisdictional customers. The Company states that the increase is intended to recover a revenue requirement of \$19,252,260.69 from Virginia Jurisdictional customers. According to APCo, the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month will increase \$1.28 if the Application is approved.

Additionally, APCo asks for expedited approval of the increased USF by May 15, 2024, and authority to implement new rates effective June 1, 2024. Further, APCo seeks clarification on whether participation in energy efficiency and weatherization programs is optional for PIPP customers and the effect this has on customer participation in the program and APCo reporting requirements. According to APCo, it was determined in a prior Commission order in this proceeding that participation in weatherization and energy efficiency programs is a requirement for customers to participate in the PIPP program, while DSS subsequently has determined that "[f]ailure to have the audit completed or to install the additional energy efficiency measures will not impact PIPP eligibility."

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application, to file a notice of participation and to request a hearing in this matter. Regarding the Company's request for approval to implement the proposed increase to the USF by June 1, 2024 through an Order entered on or before May 15, 2024, the Commission established an expedited procedural schedule, but found that given the timing of the filing of the Application and issues to be considered arising from the proposed USF increase, that a proper review of the Application, with notice to customers and interested parties, cannot be accomplished in the time requested by the Company.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("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: James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com.

On or before June 5, 2024, 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-2020-00117.


On or before June 5, 2024, 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 at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation to counsel for 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-2020-00117.

On or before June 5, 2024, any interested person may file a written request for a hearing by filing such a request at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a request for hearing electronically may file such at the address listed above. Requests for hearing shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy thereof also must be sent to counsel for the Company. 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-2020-00117.

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.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

	Republican Party Primary Election Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Member, U.S. Senate - Republican Party	
AN ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE. POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.	
Tuesday, May 28, 2024: Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election.	
Same Day Registration is now available however, it will be a provisional vote that will be counted <i>after</i> the election, if accepted.	
Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the Radford City Office of Elections postmarked on or before the deadline.	
EARLY VOTING Radford City Office of Elections 619 2 nd St. Room 143, Radford, VA. 24141 Friday, May 3 – Friday, June 14 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, June 8 & June 15, 2024 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. CLOSED: Friday, May 24 & Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day Saturday, June 15, 2024: Last day to vote an In-Person (early) absentee ballot.	
MAIL ABSENTEE VOTING Friday, June 7, 2024: Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Radford City Office of Elections Office by 5 p.m.	
Tuesday, June 18, 2024: Election Day ALL DROPPED OFF Absentee voted ballots must be returned to the Radford City Office of Elections by 7 p.m. (Virginia time) to be counted.	
Friday, June 21, 2024: ALL MAILED Absentee voted ballots must be postmarked on or before election day and returned to the Radford City Office of Elections by NOON (Virginia time) to be counted.	
BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS Friday, May 3 – Tuesday, June 18 by 7 p.m. • Radford City Courthouse (outside front door) 619 2 nd St. Radford, VA. 24141	
Tuesday, June 18, 2024: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. • ALL Radford City Precincts	
Lindsey H. Williams, Director of Elections & General Registrar 619 2 nd St. Room 143, Radford, VA. 24141 TELEPHONE: 540-731-3639 FAX: 540-633-0152	



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Today is Peace Officers' Memorial Day

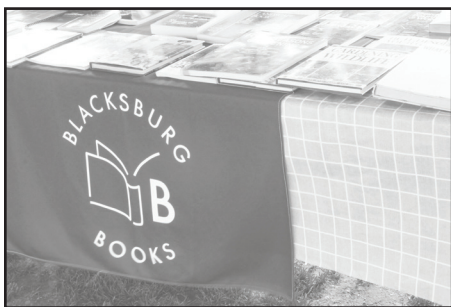
May 13-19, 2024 is National Police Week, which originally began in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which the date falls as National Police Week.

"The week is dedicated to remembering every officer who selflessly gave their lives for others," the Radford Department of Police announced this

week. "It is a time to show honor for their service and sacrifice and a time to say thank you to those who currently serve. During National Police Week we honor and remember all heroes who have given their lives serving communities everywhere and we thank the men and women who continue to put their lives on the line every single day."

Staff report

Blacksburg Books holds Second Annual Book Swap



Blacksburg Books hosts a Book Swap for the second time at the Blacksburg Farmers Market.

Angelica Ramos

Contributing writer

BLACKSBURG- Blacksburg Books hosted a Book Swap at the May 8, 2024 Blacksburg Farmers Market in support of the Virginia Tech Prison Book Project.

May 8, 2024 was the second annual Book Swap Event at the Blacksburg Farmers Market with Blacksburg Books. Blacksburg Books chooses an organization to donate their proceeds to every year. This year they chose to support the Virginia Tech Prison Book Project, an organization they are passionate about and work with often.

"We chose the VT Prison Book Project because it's a cause that we feel passionate about," Ellen Woodall from Blacksburg Books said. "Providing books to people incarcerated in area prisons provides companionship, knowledge, skills, and a positive activity when behind bars. We believe everyone has a right to improve themselves, and that books are a direct path to that. We work with the prison project on a regular basis - we always have a shelf of prisoner requests set up in the



PHOTOS BY ANGELICA RAMOS

This year's Book Swap theme was Gardening and Farming.

store so that customers can select a book to purchase and donate. We've gotten hundreds of books to incarcerated people in Appalachia and we're extremely proud of that."

The Book Swap is an event where community members are encouraged to bring a book and take a book from the table; swap and trade. It is completely free to swap books, but Blacksburg Books does accept donations. If a resident did not bring a book to swap, they are encouraged

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OBITUARIES

Shirah, Janice Lee Shelburne

Janice Lee Shelburne Shirah, 82, of Radford, passed away peacefully at her home Thursday, May 9, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gay Shirah; and her parents, Grover Lee and Gladys Kenley Shelburne.

Survivors left to cherish her sweet memory include her children and their spouses, Clifford Shirah (Donna), Randall Shirah, Rebecca Thompson (Mel) and Melissa Shirah; grandchildren Lee Shirah (Katherine),



Dustin Shirah, Mackenzie Hale (Chase), Holley Blackburn (Ben), Cade Shirah, and Wayne Lucado; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Rudy Shelburne and Don Shelburne (Shelia); sister

Joyce Reese (Dennis); special nephew, Derick Adkins; and numerous other family members and friends.

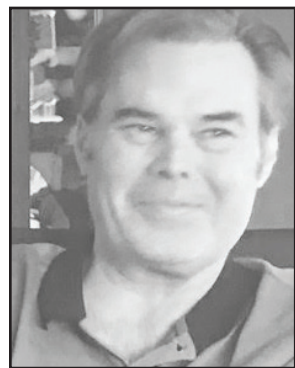
The family will receive friends 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Laurel Hill Church of Christ in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 12 p.m. with Blake Griffith officiating. Burial will follow in Laurel Hill Church of Christ Cemetery in Radford.

The Shirah family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Long, Darel Lynwood

Darel Lynwood Long, of Blacksburg, passed away Friday, May 10, 2024, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 28, 1966, to the late Drexil Long and Phyllis Thomas Long. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy and Marie Long, Frederick and Sarah Thomas, and



his beloved pet "Jen." Darel graduated from Blacksburg High School Class of 1984. He is survived by his brother, David W. Long (Jill), and nephew, Tanner Long.

Graveside services will be held Friday, May 24, 2024, at Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg at 11 a.m. with Pastor Kevin Albert officiating.

Smith, Sherrie Williams

Sherrie Williams Smith, 62, of Blacksburg, passed away surrounded by family May 11, 2024.

Born April 9, 1962 in Giles County, Sherrie was the daughter of William Andrew (W.A.) Williams Jr., and Anida Buckland Williams. Sherrie approached life with a sense of humility, selflessness, kindness and love. She found great joy in simplicity and making a difference in the lives of others. Most dear to her was her family, especially her grandchildren. You could otherwise find her in her flip flops, walking the streets of Williamsburg, shopping for antiques or treasures at the flea market, adding her special touch to any room, in her flower garden, sipping a cup of hot tea, or cuddled up with a warm blanket. She graduated from Giles High School and spent more than 30 years in healthcare at Virginia Tech and Carilion Clinic. Sherrie is reunited in glories of Heaven with her father, W.A. Williams; brothers Barry Williams and Robert Frazier; grandmother Alma Louise Songer Dowdy and step-grandfather Roscoe Dowdy; grandfather William Andrew "John" Williams, Sr.; father in-



law Carmon Smith; and in-laws Terri Smith and Frankie Green.

Sherrie will be deeply missed, but cherished, as her memory lives on in the hearts of her husband, Michael A. Smith (of 45 years); her children Crystal Graham (Travis) and Andrew Smith (Grace); her grandchildren Grady and Maddie Smith; mother Anida Williams; brother James "Bo" Frazier (Trisha); mother-in-law Charlotte Smith; sister in-law Joan Green and brother in-laws Steve Smith and Ridge Smith (Toni); special aunt Betty Jo Reynolds and cousins Kim Meadows and Lisa Shires; and her extended family. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Good Samaritan Hospice.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral

Home Chapel with the Rev. Dewey O. Weaver, Jr., and Rev. Keith Weaver officiating. Interment will follow in the Clover Hollow Cemetery in Newport. The family will receive friends from 12- 2 p.m. before the service. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation, in memory of Sherrie Smith, to Good Samaritan Hospice, Gospel Light Baptist Church (Christiansburg, VA), the American Cancer Society, or another non-profit of your choice. "There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others." - Mandy Hale

FISH DAY

It's Time to Stock Your Pond!

DELIVERY WILL BE:

Thursday, May 30th

Christiansburg 10:45-11:30

@Southern States

Wytheville 12:30-1:15

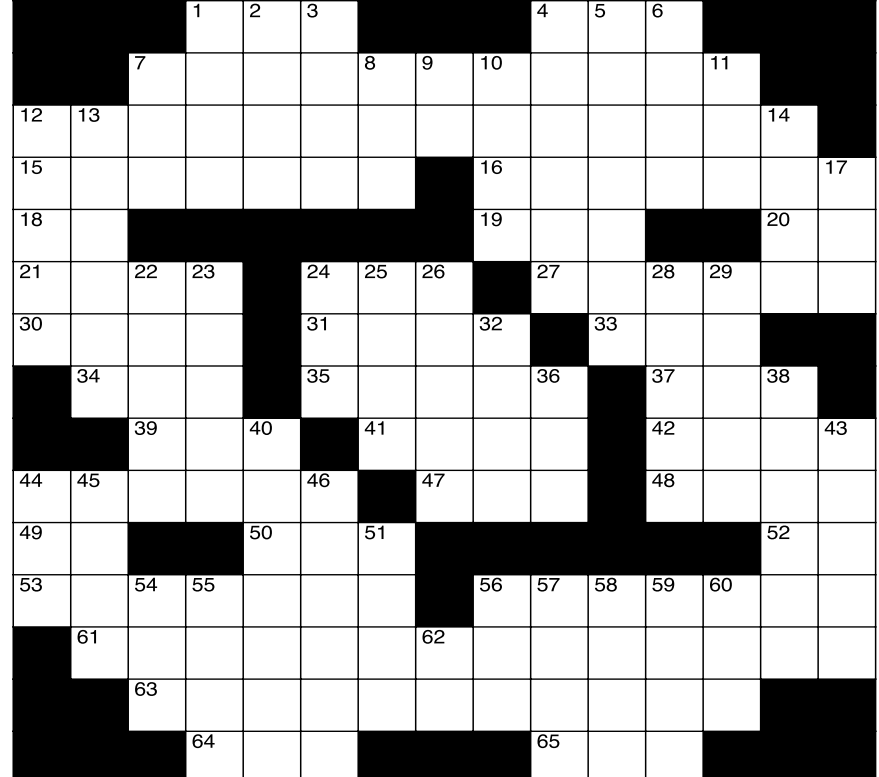
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Small lump
 - 4. Helps little firms
 - 7. A way of performing
 - 12. Lawyers
 - 15. Stirred up
 - 16. Believed in
 - 18. The Bay State (abbr.)
 - 19. Makes computers
 - 20. Sodium
 - 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 - 24. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 27. More compact
 - 30. Ethiopian river
 - 31. Quantitative fact
 - 33. No (Scottish)
 - 34. A concession of no great value
 - 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
 - 37. More (Spanish)
 - 39. Russian space station
 - 41. Helicopter
 - 42. At the peak
 - 44. Makes ecstatically happy
 - 47. Excellent
 - 48. Material body
 - 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
 - 50. A unit of plane angle
 - 52. Argon
 - 53. Fancy
 - 56. Fried mixture of meat & spices
 - 61. How green plants use sunlight
 - 63. Without wills
 - 64. Unhappy
 - 65. Meat from a pig's leg
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mentor
 - 2. Lyric poems
 - 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
 - 4. Trapped
 - 5. Used for road surfacing
 - 6. Cuckoos
 - 7. Prefix "away from"
 - 8. Seth McFarlane comedy
 - 9. Not out
 - 10. "The Simpsons" bus driver
 - 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
 - 13. Removes
 - 14. One-name NBA player
 - 17. Revolutionary women
 - 22. Smell
 - 23. Ground-dwelling songbird
 - 24. Midway between south and southeast
 - 25. American state
 - 26. Keen
 - 28. Khoikhoi peoples
 - 29. Int'l defense organization
 - 32. Samoan money
 - 36. A sign of assent
 - 38. One from Somalia
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OPINION

May is Mental Health Month

Since 1949, Mental Health America and its affiliates across the country have led the observance of May as Mental Health Awareness Month by reaching millions through the media, local events, and screenings. It raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Cities and businesses across the country hold various events to support mental health and open up the lines of communication. Many websites provide ideas for businesses to support their employees during May and beyond.

According to the CDC, suicide rates in our country increased by 36% between 2000-2021. Suicide was responsible for 48,183 deaths in 2021 alone, which is about one death every 11 minutes. We know that many mental health disorders-including depression, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, and PTSD-come with heightened risk of suicidal thoughts

or attempts. While seeking help for suicidal thoughts or behaviors is critical regardless of the cause, securing a specific diagnosis may help the individual receive treatment-especially ongoing treatment -that is best suited to their mental health needs.

Mental Health America says that up to 60% of people who die by suicide have major depression, and research suggests that the majority of suicides are related to a psychiatric condition. If you or someone you know is depressed, there are effective treatments available. Talking to your doctor is a fantastic first step, and you can also visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness to learn more about support groups that you might find helpful.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource. JFI is dedicated to the prevention of the "Silent Epidemic" of suicide through educational and awareness programs. On its website, you will learn about warning

signs and risk factors associated with people who may be struggling with mental health issues and suicidal ideation. JFI's website also has more information about finding a Jason Foundation location near you. We know that four out of five individuals considering suicide give some sign of their intentions, either verbally or behaviorally. In 80% of those considering suicide, we have an opportunity to recognize the warning signs and intervene. Take the time to educate yourselves on the warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide. This knowledge may help you save the life of a friend or loved one.

Submitted by Falon Mansfield, Division Director at The Jason Foundation

Written by Scott Knight, Education Specialist and Division Director at The Jason Foundation

Seven ways to build financial literacy in your children

Children often learn their first lessons about money from the adults they're closest to. Whether it's listening to parents discuss a purchase or watching them pay bills online, kids are observant and their relationship with money is often shaped by what surrounds them. If you are a parent looking to instill financial wisdom in your children, here are some ways to get started.

Set a good example. Kids often model what they see. Be intentional about the example you're setting.



Josh Smith, CRPC
Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC

Proactively discuss money with your children. Talk about what's important to you money-wise and use everyday moments to bring it to life such as bringing them along when you speak to a financial advisor or consider an expenditure.

Share knowledge. You can give your kids important life skills by building their foundation of financial knowledge. Shape good habits with simple lessons about how to track spending or saving up for something special. Why wait until they're on their own to talk about the value of good credit or to explain how compound interest can make savings grow? Talk about the rewards (and challenges) of delayed gratification and the perils of debt. As they get older, emphasize the importance of financial security and the value of professional guidance.

Encourage goal setting. Instill the habit of goal setting early. Discuss your own goals – such as paying for a family vacation or saving for a new car – and how you follow through on them. Encourage your children to set a goal or two of their own.

Reinforce the value of work. Children learn the value of a dollar sooner when they are exposed to the

effort that goes into earning each one. Consider whether you want to provide an allowance or pay them for helping with chores. When they start a part-time job, talk through the various ways they can allocate the money earned. It's human nature to be more careful when spending your own versus someone else's money.

Introduce the concept of budgeting. Budgeting doesn't have to be a negative concept. Having a spending plan can be empowering because you know exactly what money is going to meet each need and goal. Start explaining this concept early on. Kids should understand that you impose limits on your own spending, and why it's important to live within your means. For example, a trip to the grocery store can be an opportunity to share why you make the choices you do.

Model philanthropy. If giving back to the causes you care about is important to you as an investor, it can be impactful to show your children the power of giving. You might suggest they apply a save-spend-share philosophy toward their own money. The idea is to set aside a portion of their allowance or earnings for future wants or needs, spend another portion on today's wants or needs, and give a portion to causes they care about. Whether it's enacting a spending philosophy or having a conversation with your child about how you use your money to give back, passing down your philanthropic values can be a rewarding experience for both parties.

Be a resource. Most kids make a few financial mistakes as they mature into adults. Let them know they can turn to you for guidance. Encourage them to continue to build smart money habits and remind them they don't have to navigate their financial journey alone.

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Delegate disagrees with pro-Palestinian protests



Delegate Jason Ballard
Virginia General Assembly

and other semi-permanent structures. To date, many of the campus protests that we have witnessed have refused to comply with these rules, setting up "encampments" and sometimes barricades.

The purpose of these "liberated zones" is simple – students plan to hold the area for ransom. Until their demands are met, they will prevent others from lawfully using the space. So far, in Virginia, those actions have been limited to public green spaces outdoors. At Columbia University and UCLA, entire buildings have been taken and sections of their campuses closed to Jews. There is no place for this behavior in a civilized society and it will not be tolerated. Governor Youngkin has made this clear, and our local law enforcement have handled these protests with professionalism.

It's important to remember how we got to this point. On Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists flooded into southern Israel and began killing and kidnapping anyone they could. By the time that the Israeli military could secure the area, more than 1,100 innocent people had been killed. Israel rightly responded and moved into Gaza to eliminate the

ongoing threat that Hamas poses to Israel's survival.

Protestors at these college encampments are calling for the end of the Jewish state – the only homeland Jews have – and have told Jews on campus to "go back to Poland," or worse. Anti-Semitic bile may be protected speech, but we are not required to let it go unchallenged. There are those that seek nothing short of the expulsion of Jews from Israel, and in some cases, the expulsion of Jews from college campuses. Every student has a right to learn free from fear and intimidation, and Republicans will continue to work to ensure that they have it.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @ JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

Over the past couple of weeks, approximately 100 protestors have been arrested on Virginia college campuses as local law enforcement move in to retake public spaces being held for ransom by pro-Palestinian "encampments." Many Virginia Democrats have either remained silent, or in some cases, have sided with the protestors.

Democrats have framed the arrests and disruption of protests as the quashing of students' free speech rights. But in all reality, nothing could be further from the truth. Even the most horrendous speech is protected by the First Amendment, and protestors are free to express those ideas as long as they abide by the rules governing campus gatherings. Students are free to protest on campus as long as they comply with the rules for public assembly, which in most cases bans the use of tents

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to donate any amount they like, via cash of Venmo, and take a book home with them. Donating is optional.

Each annual Book Swap has a theme. This year's theme was Gardening and Farming, so when residents perused the tables, every book fell into those categories, from books on Bonsais and their history to how to make your home garden produce a fuller harvest to specific plants' histories and genealogies.

"We try to host events that have a broad appeal," Woodall said, "For example, with the book swap we had books about creating a homestead, vegetable gardening, and landscaping, but also container gardening, cooking with fresh ingredients, and caring for houseplants – so whether you live on a farm or in a dorm, there's something for you. And we make sure that all of our events are free and open to everybody!"

Community members had a variety of literature to choose from at this event. With residents swapping books, there were books from many genres and topics, including Astronomy and Art.

"We plan to continue it [The Book Swap] for as many years as we're around,"

Woodall said, "I think the most interesting thing is seeing the delight that people take in finding the perfect book for them among the books that other people have donated or swapped out. The idea that someone can enjoy a book and then pass it along to someone else is the most delightful form of recycling. I love to see books circulating through the community, giving knowledge and then being passed on."

Blacksburg Books is a staple in the community and tries to host events throughout the year that not only support their community but bring new faces into Blacksburg. Blacksburg Books tries to host events on a weekly basis from having authors speak and read, to having Open Mic Nights and other events for residents to enjoy.

"Our goal since the beginning was to be IN Blacksburg and FOR Blacksburg, so we try to engage with other businesses and organizations as much as possible," Woodall said, "Blacksburg always has really great stuff going on – cool shops, great charities, unique experiences – and if we can support those or call attention to them, then that's something we definitely want to do."

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THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM
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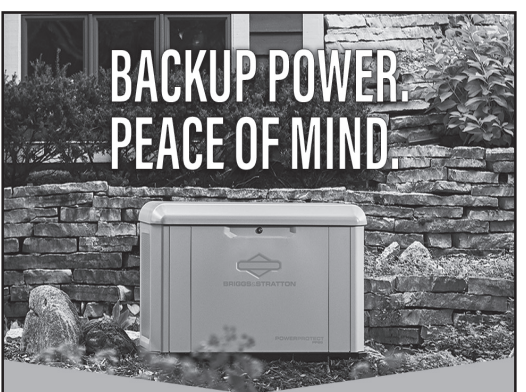
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RADFORD SPORTS

Millirons steps down at Auburn

Marty Gordon
NRVsports@ourvalley.org

Auburn High School is advertising for a new boys' head basketball coach after Terry Millirons announced he was stepping down after 19 years on the sidelines.

Millirons led the team to another state championship game this past year and is 195-125 in 13 seasons in charge of the boy's program. He is also 81-57 after six years on the girls' side of the court.

In his time coaching the boys, Millirons captured seven Mt. Empire District regular season and tournament titles, four Region C championships including the last three in a row, and two state titles in 2020 and 2022.

Over those years, he was also privileged to coach both his sons.

This weekend, Millirons said the decision to step down was a tough one.

"This was my youngest son Nick's senior season, and he is heading off to UVA for college," he said. "My oldest son, Ethan, is still in college and playing basketball for East Stroudsburg the next two seasons. With both kids in college, I wanted to be able to

have the flexibility to go and see them when we wanted and to catch as many of Ethan's games as possible."

Coaching those two, according to Millirons, has been the most rewarding experience he has ever had.

"A lot of times you hear of that being a strain on the father/son relationship, but I will always look back at that as great times," he said. "It has helped that we have had so much success the last six seasons with one or both of them in the program. The state championship win in 2022 will always be special to me because they were both on the team."

He admits there is not really one thing that stands out in his memory on the sidelines.

"The thing you remember the most are all the fun times we had together," he said.

"The teams hanging out at the house for pregame meals, trips to Orlando to play in the KSA Tournament and bus rides back after big wins."

He doesn't plan to change much of his life after coaching. He owns Hall's Garage Doors but knows he will have a little bit more time in the afternoons.



FILE PHOTO

Terry Millirons is retiring as the head boys' basketball coach at Auburn High School.

Weekly reports: Radford softball takes win over Floyd



Senior Addie Saunders scores to put the Bobcats up 3-1 in the fifth inning of a 5-2 win over Floyd.



Senior Kira Rollins blasts a home run to increase Radford's lead to 4-1.



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Senior shortstop Kathryn Price throws to first for the out as Radford closes out the last home game of the season with a win over the Lady Buffs of Floyd County.

A home run from Radford High School senior Kira Rollins sealed the win for the Bobcats this past week in their final home game of the season.

Radford tied the game in the bottom of the second after Kathryn Price singled, stole second base, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on an error. Radford added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth with Kira Rollins solo homerun and

exceptional base running from Addie Saunders who stole both second and third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice fly.

Quinn Burton finished seven innings for the win, only allowing five hits on the night.

Blacksburg claims win over Hidden Valley

This past Friday, Blacksburg held on for a 13-9 victory over Hidden Valley. Katey Mathena led the

way with four hits including a HR.

Maddie Williams and Brynn Ferguson followed up with three hits of their own. Evelyn Rhoads hit a home run as well. Aubrey Hudgins, Lindsey Polan and Natalie Green added two hits each. Evelyn Rhoads pitched 4 1/3 innings striking out seven.

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RU signs six transfers for women

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Just six months ago, at least seven players announced they were leaving the Radford University women's basketball team.

Now, the school is welcoming six transfers to its roster.

Coach Mike McGuire is welcoming transfers from St. Bonaventure, North Carolina A&T, Rider, Longwood and William & Mary.

Taylor Napper, a 6'0 forward transferring from St. Bonaventure; Laila Acox, a 6'0 forward transferring from North Carolina A&T; Makayla Firebaugh, a 5'10 guard transferring from Rider; Cate Carlson, a 5'10 forward transferring from William & Mary; Adriana Shipp-Davis, a 5'10 guard from Longwood; and Kirah Dandridge, a 5'10 guard from St. Bonaventure round out

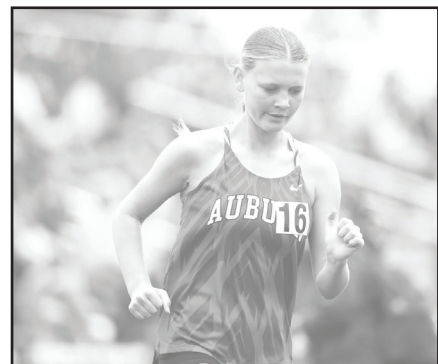
the six new Highlanders who will be making their red and white debuts next season.

"Overall, I am thrilled with the spring additions to our women's basketball program," said McGuire. "We had specific needs on our roster, and I believe our coaching staff did an outstanding job of identifying young ladies that will have the opportunity to impact our program on and off the court right away. We wanted experience, versatility, size, and scoring. We addressed those areas. We also have quite a few signees from the Commonwealth of Virginia, so it is great to have some in-state talent on our roster as well as one of the best players from South Carolina. We have talked to each one of our signees about what we are looking for, what we expect, and our expectation to be at Radford is exciting to say the least."

Area athletes compete at Blue Demon Invitational track meet



Eastern Montgomery's Spencer Sisson finished 11th in the 1600-meter race with a time of 4:42.16.



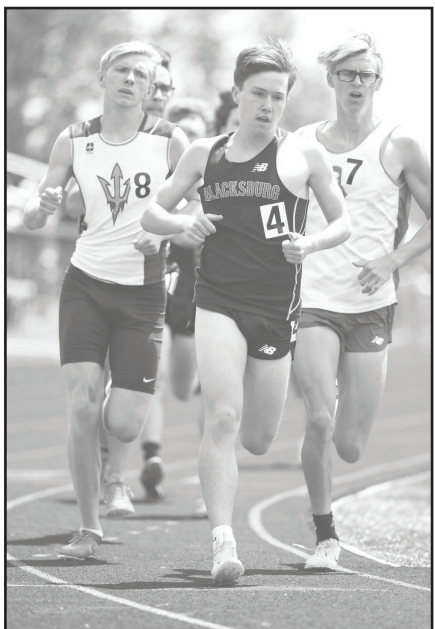
Auburn's Lucy George races in the 1600-meter event at the Blue Demon Invitational on Saturday, May 11.



Sand flies as Christiansburg freshman Adeline Daby competes in the triple jump at the Blue Demon Invitational.



Blacksburg's Mia Littlejohn won the high jump at Saturday's Blue Demon Invitational with a clearance of five feet, four inches. Littlejohn also won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.08.



Blacksburg's Henry Strahm (center) leads Christiansburg's Noah Jones (left) and teammate Harrison Whitfield during the 1600-meter race at the Blue Demon Invitational.



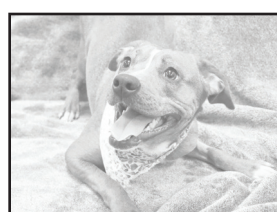
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Radford freshman Lily Hyatt won her heat in the 1600-meter event and placed ninth overall with a time of 6:01.24 at the Blue Demon Invitational.

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., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.

Dysus is a love bug! She enjoys nuzzling up to human hands and getting pets on her head and under her chin. Dysus is playful and curious, too. She could be your purrfect match!



Moon Pie is a classic, fun "wiggly butt" dog. She's a younger gal who loves to romp around and act silly. She also enjoys play time with rope toys and things that squeak. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet her.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

Radford Reads with Rick Van Noy set for tomorrow, Thursday, May 16



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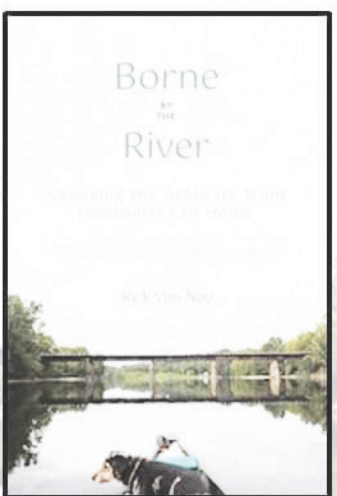
Thursday, May 16 @ 7:00 pm




Join local author Rick Van Noy and hear about his new book, *Borne by the River: Canoeing the Delaware from Headwaters to Home*.

Take part in this exciting book launch and enjoy an evening of storytelling about discovery and healing that resulted from a solo canoe journey. Author Van Noy paddled two hundred miles with his dog, Sully – who will also be making an appearance.

Rick Van Noy is a Professor of English at Radford University. His books include *Sudden Spring*, *A Natural Sense of Wonder*, and *Surveying the Interior* – all are available for checkout at RPL.



Copies of Rick Van Noy's books will be available for purchase and signing after the event courtesy of Blacksburg Books.



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“Mark your calendar for Radford Reads with Rick Van Noy,” the Radford Public Library announced. “He’ll be speaking about his new book, ‘Borne by the River: Canoeing the Delaware from Headwaters to Home.’ Take part in this exciting book launch and enjoy an evening of storytelling about discovery and healing that resulted from a solo canoe journey.”

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