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The school board honors retiring educators at their Tuesday, May 14 meeting. Pictured (from left) Board Vice Chair Dr. Jody Ray, Board Chair Jenny Riffe, retirees Terry Edwards, Suzanne Woolwine, Donita Anderson and Donna Irwin; and board members Jane Swing, Chris Calfee and Gloria Boyd. Retirees not pictured are Assistant Superintendent Ellen Denny and School Psychologist Brenda Bell.

Radford City School Board honors retiring educators

Heather Bell
Editor

RADFORD – The Radford City School Board bid farewell to six staff members at the board’s Tuesday’s May 14 meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Ellen Denny, high school English teacher Donna Irwin, kindergarten teacher Donita Anderson, Belle Heth reading specialist teacher Suzanne Woolwine, Special Education Office Manager Terry Edwards and school psychologist Brenda Bell are all retiring after the end of the school year.

A reception for the retirees was held prior to the meeting, and during the meeting someone spoke on behalf of each retiree.

Dr. Michelle Greene, principal of McHarg Elementary School, has much praise for Anderson, calling her “a remarkable educator.”

“I’m filled with gratitude, admiration and a touch of sadness knowing that her journey with us at McHarg is coming to an end,” said Greene. “Ms. Anderson’s impact on our school community cannot be overstated. For years she’s been a pillar of strength, compassion and wisdom, guiding students through the early stages of their educational journey.”

Cole Wilder, principal of Belle Heth Elementary School described Woolwine as an unflappable teacher who handles anything that comes her way and has

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Radford City Schools announces new Assistant Superintendent

RADFORD - Radford City Schools announced Thursday Dr. Melissa McDaniel has been named as the new Assistant Superintendent for Radford City Schools.

“McDaniel comes to RCPS from Floyd County Schools where she currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent,” RCPS announced. “She brings with her a wealth of experience.”

McDaniel has served as a paraprofessional, special education teacher and assistant principal in Carroll County as well as a high school special education teacher/department chair and elementary principal in Floyd County. She also has experience with gifted education programs and federal Title IX compliance.

“Building positive relationships is a priority for me,” McDaniel said, “and I am dedicated to putting students at the center of every decision.”

She said personalized learning, professional development for educators and data-driven strategies are among her strong educational beliefs.

“I was particularly drawn to Radford City Schools because of its commitment to academic excellence, its diversity and the community involvement,” McDaniel



PHOTO COURTESY OF RCPS
Dr. Melissa McDaniel

said. “As a native of Southwest Virginia, I understand the attributes of a small school division in the New River Valley.”

Radford City Schools Superintendent Dr. Adam Joyce has high praise for McDaniel.

“The experience, compassion and skill set that Dr. McDaniel embodies will help this division move forward by increasing student and staff engagement and achievement,” he said. “We look forward to welcoming her as our newest Bobcat!”

“I am so excited about joining the Radford City Schools family,” said McDaniel. “I cannot wait to meet the students, families, faculty, and staff and begin working together. Radford has a bright future, and I am proud to be a part of it. Go Bobcats!”

McDaniel will officially assume her new role on July 1, 2024. She takes over for Assistant Superintendent Ellen Denny, who will be retiring from RCPS at the end of the school year “with 39 years of dedicated service in education, 26 of those years in Radford devoted to the school division and community,” said Joyce.

Staff report

Emerging educators honored with prestigious Hattie M. Strong scholarships for their determination

RADFORD - Classroom supplies. Rent. Spring tuition. Those are just a few things Caroline Bryant had on her budget list just before beginning 14 weeks of student teaching and her final semester at Radford University in the spring of 2024.

Finding money to make ends meet can be difficult for those entering the teaching profession, but Bryant received some much-needed support. She was one of six students in Radford University’s College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) teacher preparation program who were each awarded \$5,000 in scholarship support from the Hattie M. Strong Foundation.

“I am so proud to be a recipient of this scholarship because it makes my hard work at Radford feel recognized,” said Bryant, who

graduated on May 4.

The Hattie M. Foundation made its first gift to Radford in 2012 and, since then, has generously provided \$350,000 in scholarship support. The support helps alleviate financial burdens students face during their student-teaching semester, when they are working full time in the classroom and are unable to offset

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(From left) Abigail Wilson, Caroline Bryant, Hattie Strong Executive Director Robin Tanner (seated), Justin Meyers, Angela Kinzie and Michael Mangrum. Not pictured is Kayla Witt.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NRV LEADING LIGHTS

NRV Leading Lights Board Vice President Bill King (left) presents Dr. Florence H. Mogen with this year’s Radford Leading Lights award.



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Dr. Richard Harshberger (right), of Radford, is this year’s recipient of the Leading Lights Lifetime Achievement award.

NRV Leading Lights honors 21 local volunteers

New River Valley Leading Lights recently honored 21 community volunteers at a special ceremony held April 23 at the German Club at Virginia Tech.

The New River Valley Leading Lights organization’s mission is to acknowledge and honor volunteers across the New River Valley who are making community changing impacts through volunteerism, culminating in an annual celebratory banquet. Jessica Wirgau, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation of the New River Valley, served as this year’s guest speaker.

High school nominees included Naisha Hudait, Blacksburg High School; and Alexandria Woodward, Floyd County. Sydney Hardwicke, New River Community College student, was the college nominee.

Nominees from Floyd County included Velva and Gordon Groover, Maxine Lewis, Amanda Morgan, and Paul Tremblett. Nominees from Montgomery County included Dr. Wendy Baldwin, Ruth Grene, Gunin Kiran, Marsha Langston Smith, David McEwen & Amy Winkler, Holly McFall, Andrea Muscatello, Clara Taylor, and Anthony Woodyard. Nominees from Pulaski County were Melvin Lester, Sally McCarthy, and Steve Rapp. Radford City nominees included Dr. Florence

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 18:

RE-VISION Concert

At Slusser's Chapel, 1543 Mt. Tabor Rd., Blacksburg. Josh Kaufman, a Blacksburg High School graduate and winner of the VOICE Season 6; Benjy Gaither, singer/songwriter and son of Gloria and Bill Gaither; and Tim Schoepf, singer/musician/producer; have joined their talents to form RE-VISION. This new collaboration has taken them back to sharing songs from the Jesus movement and early days of Christian music. Hear songs from writers such as Andrae Crouch, Mylon LeFevre, Second Chapter of Acts, Love Song and more. You'll be blessed as they share their personal testimonies through song and word. You won't want to miss this. Free admission with a love offering taken during the concert. Tickets are available by calling the church at 540-951-1757. First come, first served.

Radford Summer Concert series

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

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.

Wednesday, May 22:

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>.

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.

Saturday, May 25:

Wilderness Road Ride

The 33rd Annual Wilderness Road Ride starts and finishes in Radford's Bisset Park. The Wilderness Road Ride is a scenic and historical adventure that follows part of Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road. This is a recreational ride on paved roads for all cycling levels to enjoy, with something for everyone - five routes to choose from ranging from a 26-mile relaxed journey for novices and e-bikes, to a century challenge for the fittest cyclist. This is a great ride for cyclists of all ages and athletic abilities. Rest stops are fully stocked to fuel the riders. For times and registration information, log onto wildernessroadride.org.

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.

Va. Dept. of Veterans Services Memorial Day ceremony

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) will again host four Memorial Day Ceremonies on Monday, May 27, 2024, including at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Vice Admiral Evan M. Chanik, (U.S. Navy, Retired). The cemetery address is 5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, Va. 24084. Admission is free. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

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.

Student Achievements

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Foster Oduro Kissi, Casey Kellogg, Benjamin Schwab, Michael Whitby, Mary Moore, Fatemeh Ghafouri, Ahmed Meselhy, Toufic Saleh, Chloe Taylor, Sean Chambers, Amal Almalkawi, Hannah Tripoli, Rana Estaleen, Duncan Irvine, Rebecca Martin, Saadia Ali, Atif Ali, Kimia Ehsani, Karah McClafferty, Hamid Hadian, Aditya Narkhede, Alberta Dadeboe, Sadeh Haghghat, Giovanni Mantovani, James McGrath III and Yueyan Gu, all of Blacksburg, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. Also, Mattia Gramuglia and Joshua Heuler, of Christiansburg, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and Katherine Widner, of Christiansburg, at James Madison University.

Also, Ashley Brewster, Sharon Carroll, Jada Conner, Margaret Dent, Mara Duckworth, Hannah Fleanor, Morgan Gibson, Kaylee Golder, Cora Holdren, Alexis Ridgway and Kylie Satterfield, all of Radford, and Kimberly Ford and Caitlyn Pharis, of Christiansburg, at Radford University.

Phi Kappa Phi membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897. Its mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Area students graduate from University of Georgia

Justin Sherod Cousin, of Radford, and Jennifer Rentschler, of Blacksburg, are among the more than 8,000 graduates in the University of Georgia's Class of 2024.

Cousin graduated with an M.A. Nonprofit Management & Leadership degree. Rentschler graduated with a PHD in Education. "We are excited to celebrate the achievements of our University of Georgia students in the Class of 2024," said President Jere W. Morehead. "We look forward to all the ways these students will positively impact their communities and organizations as alumni of the University of Georgia."

Emma Bosman achieves Dean's List at Belmont University

Emma Bosman, of Blacksburg, was named among the students who qualified for Belmont University's spring 2024 Dean's List. "Earning a place on the Dean's List is a testament to the unwavering diligence, tenacity and commitment to scholarly distinction exhibited by Belmont's promising students," said Belmont University

Provost Dr. David Gregory. "The ability to excel both inside and outside the classroom emphasizes these students' exceptional character and drive, and it is an honor for me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one. Whether they are contributing to the arts, pioneering groundbreaking research or championing important causes, they have consistently demonstrated the same level of passion and excellence that has brought them to this momentous academic achievement."

Cameron Earle of Blacksburg completes intensive research project

Cameron Earle, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Robotics Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), recently completed a senior thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience. The project, Autonomous 3D Welding with an Industrial Robotic Manipulator, was Earle's Major Qualifying Project (MQP), one that is usually team-based and often focuses on very specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the student's work.

"It's inspiring to see the creativity and skills that our students bring to these projects, as well as the professionalism with which they present their research," says Arne Gericke, interim dean of undergraduate studies and director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "Their experience managing a major project like this-including identifying a problem and researching all of the implications and possible solutions while also managing team dynamics over an extended period of several months-sets them up well for success not only in their first jobs after graduation but throughout their careers."

Caroline Jones recognized by UNG president for earning 4.0 GPA

Caroline Jones, of Blacksburg, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at the University of North Georgia (UNG) for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during spring 2024. Jones graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from UNG.

Local student named to Bridgewater College's Spring 2024 Dean's List

BRIDGEWATER - The Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester at Bridgewater College has been announced by Dr. Jamie J. Frueh, associate provost. Approximately 560 students were named to the list, including Emelyn Koene, an English and communication, technology and culture major from Blacksburg. Students on the Dean's List have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Katlin Vaught named to SNHU Dean's List

Katlin Vaught of Radford has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2024 Dean's List. The winter terms run from January to May. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

SNHU announces Winter 2024 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2024 President's List: Thomas Floyd and Sherif Mahmoud, both of Radford. The winter terms run from January to May. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

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changed the course of children's lives who needed one-on-one extra help.

"She has been an absolute rock for Belle Heth," said Wilder. "She has a genuine love for kids. Her heart is with those kids."

Ken Keister, principal of Radford High School said he is grateful to Irvin for the impact she has had on countless lives.

"Throughout her career, Donna has embodied the true spirit of an educator," said Keister. "She brought passion and an unwavering commitment to her classroom every day. Her dedication to our students goes far beyond the textbooks and lessons. She instilled in them a love for learning and a belief in their own potential. She didn't just teach, she imparted wisdom, kindness and valuable life lessons that will stay with our students forever."

Special Education Director Daniel Hill spoke on behalf of Edwards and Bell. He described Edwards as "always calm" under pressure and a person who "always takes care of everything."

"She has unwavering dedication," said Hill, who praised Edwards for her "expertise, kindness, dedication and hard work."

Of Bell, Hill said her work helped students navigate through life.

"[Her] expertise and guidance have helped students and families navigate challenges and equipped them with the tools to thrive academically, socially and emotionally," said Hill.

RCPS Superintendent Dr. Adam Joyce said Denny has been invaluable to the school division and to him personally during his short time in Radford.

"Ms. Denny made sure I didn't mess up a few times that first day, and a lot of times since then," he said. "I haven't known her for long, but I'm a person who got to know her really well, really fast. I appreciate her, and we're going to miss her tremendously."



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RARE Appalachia, now in its second year, is a student-centered, research-focused excursion in which undergraduate and graduate students conduct their own original research that is related to their majors along the way.

RARE Appalachia gives Highlanders a chance to explore and learn

This month, a group of intellectually curious Radford University students will embark on a two-week trek exploring remote areas tucked away in Southwest Virginia's Appalachian Highlands.

They'll kayak scenic rivers, navigate unmapped cave systems, hike through deep forests and discover lost settlements, take a behind-the-scenes peek at a historical theater, dine with real-life cowboys and learn from rangers, scientists, scholars and locals who are reshaping how people live, work and think about the area.

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The research is impactful. Last summer, during the inaugural RARE Appalachia, psychology major and U.S. Navy veteran Nick Beach recorded nature's sights and sounds in order to build a decompression room in McConnell Library. The purpose of the space is to offer

a stress-reducing environment by creating a relaxing indoor space that is reminiscent of the outdoors.

Once again, students will have well-planned projects as they begin their learning adventure.

Leading the way are Radford University faculty, Aysha Bodenhamer, sustainability manager and sociology professor, and Paul Thomas, a professor of religious studies.

The journey begins May 13 with a few days at the Blue Ridge Discovery Center in Troutdale, Virginia, before moving on to explore the trail town of Damascus, Virginia. Later in the week, the group plans to tour of Barter Theatre in Abingdon and visit the Stuart Land and Cattle Company, where they will tent camp and meet with staff.

Throughout the second week, the Highlander explorers will kayak the Clinch River from St. Paul, Virginia, and make their way to Breaks Interstate Park. The group will tour a coal mine before departing for Radford.

Chad Osborne for Radford University



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The deadline for paying REAL ESTATE TAXES (first installment) for 2024 is **JUNE 5, 2024**

All taxes must be paid no later than June 5, 2024 to avoid additional fees, penalty, and interest starting June 6, 2024. All payments made by mail must bear a postmark no later than June 5, 2024 to avoid penalty and interest. Taxes may be paid in person, online or by mail:

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619 Second Street, Rm 164
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Authorized by:
Janet H. Jones, Treasurer
City of Radford, Virginia

Kroontje Center at Warm Hearth Village celebrating five-star achievement

BLACKSBURG - Andy Jones, Administrator, and the staff at Kroontje Health Care Center (KHCC) are celebrating their most recent achievement - receiving a Five-Star rating following their deficiency-free survey.

The Kroontje Center is the only long-term healthcare provider in the New River Valley rated at Five Stars by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The center is home to residents in levels that include assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing care and is part

of Warm Hearth Village, a nonprofit senior living community offering a full-continuum of living options in Blacksburg that is celebrating its 50-year anniversary in 2024.

"We are very fortunate to have a stable, dedicated team of caregivers who are focused on delivering the highest quality of care and services to our residents," said Jones. "I couldn't be more proud of this team and we strive to maintain this standard every day."

The overall rating is based upon CMS measures that include not

only survey compliance but staffing and quality of care as well.

"This is a true testament to the commitment of our dedicated staff and the care provided to those we serve. It is an honor to have such a strong team remaining steadfast to our mission," said President and CEO William Lester said. "We are blessed at Warm Hearth to have a committed team willing to push through all the challenges they face while ensuring the residents come first."

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Legals - Montgomery County

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTION INFORMATION

June 18, 2024
Republican Primary for US Senate

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

In-Person Early Voting at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
1546 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA.
May 3 - June 14, 2024 from 8:30am - 5pm

The office will be closed for the holiday on May 27, 2024.

In addition, we will be open from 9am to 5pm Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Saturday, June 15, 2024

Note: The last day qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot by mail: Friday, June 7, 2024 by 5:00 PM

A Ballot Drop Box will be available inside the Montgomery County Office of Elections from May 3, 2024 - June 18, 2024, during normal business hours.

For this election ONLY, if your polling location is Belview Elementary School, Precinct B-3, you will have a Temporary change. Your polling place will be the Belmont Christian Church, Precinct B-2, located at 1500 Peppers Ferry Rd, NW, Christiansburg. This is due to major HVAC renovations at the school.

Legals - Montgomery County

The Constitution of Virginia requires that in order to be qualified to vote in the General & Primary Election you must be a citizen of the United States, be eighteen years of age on or before the next General Election, have domicile and a place of abode in Montgomery County and that you be registered in the precinct in which you reside.

An acceptable ID will be required when you vote. A voter may show either voter registration confirmation documents, valid Virginia Driver's License, valid United States Passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; any valid employer identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Contact the Montgomery County Office of Elections if you have any questions at 540-382-5741 or the Department of Elections at elections.virginia.gov.

Connie Viar

Director of Elections/General Registrar

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLAN OF FINANCE AND REFUNDING REVENUE BOND REFINANCING BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF PROVIDENT GROUP - RADFORD PROPERTIES LLC

Notice is hereby given that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia (the "Authority"), whose address is 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141, will conduct a public hearing on the application of Provident Group - Radford Properties LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, including any subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns thereof (the "Borrower"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Provident Resources Group Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation ("PRG"), whose address is 5565 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, for the issuance by the Authority of up to \$30,000,000 of its refunding revenue bonds (the "Bonds") at one time or from time to time in one or more series as part of a plan of finance to assist the Borrower in financing or refinancing certain of the costs of (a) refunding the outstanding Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia, Revenue Bonds (Provident

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Group - Radford University Hotel Project), First-Tier Series 2021A-1 (Taxable), the Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia, Revenue Bonds (Provident Group - Radford University Hotel Project), First-Tier Series 2021A-2, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia, Revenue Bonds (Provident Group - Radford University Hotel Project), Second-Tier Series 2021B (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), which financed a portion of the cost of the acquisition, construction and equipping of an approximately 124-key hotel consisting of approximately 88,000 gross square feet, including approximately 4,000 gross square feet of conference space (the "Hotel Facilities"), and the funding of a debt service reserve fund, capitalized interest fund, operations reserve fund, working capital fund, and costs of issuance fund; and (b) the costs of issuance relating to the Bonds (collectively, the "Refunding Project" and the "Plan of Finance"). The Hotel Facilities are open for business to the public, known as The Highlander Hotel Radford, and located at 600 Tyler Avenue, in the City of Radford, Virginia 24142. The Hotel Facilities are owned, operated and principally used by the Borrower for the benefit of Radford University (the "University") and the Radford University Foundation, Incorporated, a Virginia nonstock corporation, or a wholly owned subsidiary thereof (collectively, the "Foundation") and for the purpose of lessening the burdens of the City of Radford, Virginia (the

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"City"), by fostering economic development and promoting the public good and general welfare of the City. All or a portion of the Bonds are expected to be issued as "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Borrower is a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes, and each of PRG and the Foundation is exempt from the payment of federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code, as an entity organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. When all of the Bonds have been repaid, ownership of the Hotel Facilities will be transferred to the Foundation for the benefit of the University.

The issuance of the Bonds as requested by the Borrower will not constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Radford, Virginia, or any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the Authority, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof will be pledged to the payment of the Bonds. This notice is intended to comply with the public notice requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on May 23, 2024 before the Authority, in the Council Chambers of the City Administrative Building located at 10 Robertson

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Street, Radford, Virginia 24141. Any person interested in the plan of finance, the issuance of the Bonds or the location or nature of the proposed Hotel Facilities may appear at the hearing and present his or her views, or submit written comments prior to the hearing to the attention of the Authority in care of Kim Repass, Economic Development Director, City of Radford, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for the expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for the introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the plan of finance, the issuance of the proposed Bonds and the refunding of the Hotel Facilities.

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In memoriam: Irving L. Peddrew III

BLACKSBURG - L. Peddrew III of Hampton, who integrated Virginia Tech's classrooms in 1953, passed away on May 11. He was 88.

While enrolled, Peddrew was forced to live and eat off campus. Decades later, he became a namesake of a residence hall that now houses over 200 students and a Black-culture-themed living-learning community.

Peddrew was the first Black student admitted to a historically white, four-year public institution in any of the 11 former states of the confederacy. He arrived in Blacksburg more than half-a-year before the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision, and during his first year was the only African American among the university's 3,322 students.

Although Peddrew chose to withdraw from the university before the start of his senior year, his academic performance and character impressed many, helping pave the way for other Black students, including three in 1954. In 2003, Virginia Tech named Peddrew-Yates Hall for him and Charlie L. Yates, who became the university's first Black graduate in 1958.

In 2016, Peddrew became just the ninth person to receive an honorary degree from Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech President Tim Sands conferred a bachelor's of engineering to Peddrew during that year's University Commencement.

"Mr. Peddrew endured unfair and oppressive treatment with dignity and strength, hoping to make a difference for those who would follow him — and he did," Sands said. "It was an honor to know him and present him with the Virginia Tech degree he earned. He will be remembered as a leader among those who laid the foundation for our growth as a diverse and inclusive institution."

Ed Baine, rector of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, said Peddrew was an inspiring figure for generations of Hokies.

"It takes a special person to be a pioneer," said Baine, a member of the Class of 1995. "I'm grateful to Irving Peddrew who opened the door for thousands of Black

students who followed at Virginia Tech. As a student, he chose to leave after three years, but he came back to Virginia Tech, time-after-time, later in life, to help connect our community. He was a dear member of the Hokie family, and we extend our condolences to his family. We will all miss him."

Peddrew grew up in a family where education was a priority but expectations of acceptance in the Jim Crow South were tempered. Both his parents attended what is now Hampton University. Peddrew excelled academically at George P. Phenix High School, in Hampton. He played saxophone and clarinet and was a member of the school's marching and concert bands.

When Peddrew considered where to enroll in college he first leaned toward the University of Southern California. A teacher he admired encouraged him to apply to multiple schools in Virginia that had never admitted Black students.

He listened and submitted several in-state applications. Only Virginia Tech said "yes," but it came with a catch that Peddrew discovered after arriving in Blacksburg. He could not live on campus or eat in the dining facilities. He wound up lodging with a Black couple, Janie and William Hoge, at their home on Clay Street.

"I thought I would be a part of the student body all around," Peddrew said in 2020. "I didn't know about all the restrictions. But since I was there, I said, 'Well, let's make the best of it.'"

Across interviews conducted in 2002, 2020, and 2021, Peddrew described both pleasant and painful moments. He felt like part of a team during Corps of Cadets drills. Multiple classmates told him they would be happy to room with him, if allowed. Johnson Publications, which put out Ebony and Jet magazines, sent a photographer to campus to cover him.

Peddrew recalled Virginia Tech administrators telling him, "Because of my performance and the way I carried myself during my first year, my freshman year, they were convinced that it didn't necessarily have to be a problem accepting more Black students."

He also recalled the painful decision he made, under social pressure, not to attend the Ring Dance, an event that celebrates the transition from junior to senior year. Rumors swirled at the time that nearby women's schools would not allow their students to attend the dance if Peddrew went. While the rumors proved unfounded, Peddrew ultimately decided not to go.

Around that time, through his involvement with the YMCA, Peddrew traveled to the West Coast as part of a project called Students in Vocation, met peers from all over the country, and decided not to return to Virginia Tech.

He continued his education at the University of Southern California and built a career in business, working out of San Francisco, then Los Angeles, in positions that allowed him to travel extensively.

Eventually, he returned to Virginia. He worked at Newport News Shipbuilding and at Hampton University before retiring in 1994.

When Peddrew reconnected with Virginia Tech later in life, he got a very different reception. Fifty years



PHOTO BY LOGAN WALLACE FOR VIRGINIA TECH
Irving L. Peddrew III at the Black Alumni Reunion in 2016.

after his pioneering enrollment, more than 500 people attended the ceremony to dedicate Peddrew-Yates Hall, the university's first building named for African Americans.

"Back then, I wasn't even allowed to live on campus," Peddrew said at the ceremony. "So while this is an ironic honor, it is still a great honor and one that my family and I will cherish."

After moving back to Hampton, Peddrew became close friends with Jim Watkins '71, a dentist who also lives in that city. Watkins has been involved in Virginia Tech's Black Alumni Reunion program since its inception and is on the board of the Virginia Tech Black Alumni Society; and often accompanied Peddrew to university events. One such event was the 2016 University Commencement, when Peddrew received his honorary degree.

"I know he appreciated that," Watkins said. "He was really beaming. I won't say it felt as good for him as it would have had he gotten it at age 21, but I know he appreciated it. I, as a Black alum, appreciated it. I felt closer to Virginia Tech that day than I did at my own graduation — more than I ever have, except maybe at my grandson's graduation from Virginia Tech in 2021."

In 2017, a year after receiving his honorary degree, Peddrew returned to campus to give the keynote address at a conference for students, faculty, and staff hosted by the Virginia Tech Black Male Excellence Network.

"It was almost a full-circle moment," recalled graduate degree alumnus Tommy Amal '14, who helped coordinate the event while working for the university's Student Success Center. "We had all these participants, young Black men, many in the Corps of Cadets or who were actually living in Peddrew-Yates Hall at the time and were able to see their lives reflected in his story. It's a tremendous story."

In another full-circle moment Peddrew, who felt so unwelcome at the 1956 Ring Dance that he skipped it, was chosen by the Class of 2023 to be its ring namesake.

"I wasn't fully a student," Peddrew said when the honor was announced. "I wasn't fully accepted, and now I am. I am. I really feel part of the university, and I can say, 'That I May Serve.'"

Mark Owczarski for Virginia Tech

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Peddrew, center, receives an honorary degree from Virginia Tech at the 2016 University Commencement ceremony.

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12. Spanish appetizers
14. Large burrowing rodent of S and C Am.
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16. Sharp narrow mountain ridge
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29. Dreaming eye movement
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35. Japanese apricot

36. ___ Speedwagon band
37. Fish eggs
38. Ethiopian capital
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45. Yemen capital
48. Body fluid circulation tube
49. Actress Lupino
50. Gets up
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57. Dark brownish black
59. Syrian goat hair fabrics
61. One of the Great Lakes
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28. City in north-central Zambia
29. Royal Military Academy
31. Shape of a sphere
32. Earl Grey or Orange Pekoe
33. Fireplace shelf
34. Old world, new
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40. Oceans
41. Determine the court costs of
42. Digressions
46. Form a sum
47. Greek river nymphs
50. Swiss river
51. Laying waste
52. Japanese rice beer
53. Ardor
54. Israel's 1st UN delegate
55. A ___ Honeymoon
56. Vietnamese offensive
58. Slang term for man or boy
60. Point midway between S and SE



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OBITUARIES

Flinchum, Daisy Mae McCoy

Daisy Mae McCoy Flinchum, 84, of Parrott, passed away Monday, May 13, 2024.

She actively served her community, supporting the boy scouts and the local volunteer fire department. Daisy really lived up to her name as an avid gardener, growing her beautiful flowers and being a local florist for many years.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, Ronnie Lefrage Flinchum; her parents, Homer Earl and Evelyn Ford McCoy; her brother, Kenneth Earl McCoy; and her son-in-law, John Yeatts. Survivors include her daughter, Rhonda Ford; sons and daughters-in-



law, Dwight Flinchum (Suzen), Michael Flinchum (Karen) and Monte Flinchum; grandchildren, Meghan, Whitney, Jessica, Jonathan, Chelsey, Connor, Emily and Sarah; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters and brother-in-law, JoAnn Behling, and June Stephens (Patrick); special friend and Pastor Teresa Tolbert; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and special friends.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Brown Cemetery in Belspring, with Pastor Teresa Tolbert officiating.

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

Clemons, Larry Dale

Larry Dale Clemons, 74, of Parrott, passed away on Monday, May 13, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Mary Clemons; and his brothers, Marvin and Don Clemons.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bettie Lee Clemons; daughter, Denise

Clemons; granddaughter, Dawn Haley; great-granddaughter, Alex Haley; sister, Julia Frith; and many other family members and friends.

Per his request, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Clemons family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

St. Thomas Anglican Church- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for mid-week masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C'Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School - 10:00A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night - 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office - 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 Fourth Street Radford. Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years. ALL ARE WELCOME. Grace offers an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist and a 10:30am Eucharist with organ music and a choir, with refreshments served afterwards. The 10:30am service is also available on YouTube for those unable to leave their house. Find us on Facebook and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith

& Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Celebrate Word and Sacrament as we worship with varied liturgy, hymns and music. Join our inclusive community in person or online Sundays at 10:00 am (youtube.com/@OSLCCburg), followed by refreshments and fellowship. Ministries include Bible study, choir, food ministry, and crafters. Little Free Pantry and Library available 24-7 by the parking lot. Parent's Morning Out offers faith-based activities and play for children 16 month - 5 years select weekdays. Wheelchair accessible. Learn how you may contribute to our ministries at www.oslc-cburg.org. 540-382-2223.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where we gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation." A place where all are truly welcome." You'll love our minister, The Rev. Dr. Wes Jamison, who engages us in God's word. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Caring Initiative which includes Micah's Backpack, Soup for Seniors, Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry, with tremendous community impact. Partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3). We sponsor an awesome Scouting program of Scouts Boy & Girl Troop, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade, amongst many other programs. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road St. Michael is ~quarter mile on the left. For more information: Phone 540.951.8951; Email hope@stmcl.us; Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. www.cen-

tralmethodistchurch.com.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday Service 11:00a.m. Morgan Whitfield Jr., Pastor will be leading worship. Phone 540-639-2585, Email pcofradford@gmail.com, Website www.pcradford.org. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and beyond.

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 West Main Street, Christiansburg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship at 10a.m. with Children's Church at the same time, Sunday School at 9 a.m. Worship is in-person and Live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA. All are welcome. Website: www.stpaulvaumc.org

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After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Uzziah became king in Judah at sixteen years of age. During his reign, he fortified towers, dug wells, increased agriculture, invented weapons, and raised an impressive army. However, after forty blessed and prosperous years as king, he made a monumental mistake in judgment. He let pride settle in.

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belonging to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

Pride can slip into a believer's life almost unnoticed. The consequences are never good. If pride ever raises its ugly head, deal with it immediately. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

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Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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Appalachian Power seeks proposals for renewable energy and battery energy storage resources

Appalachian Power is seeking proposals for renewable energy and battery energy storage resources that will help the company meet its future clean energy needs.

The three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were issued today for wind, solar, battery energy storage systems and renewable energy certificates.

Under the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA), Appalachian Power must meet annual escalating Renewable Energy Portfolio (RPS) requirements enroute to delivering 100 percent carbon-free energy to its Virginia customers by 2050. In addition to complying with the requirements in the VCEA, the company is soliciting bids for West Virginia-sited solar and battery energy storage resources in support of West Virginia Senate Bill 583.

“The advertised RFPs play an important role in helping us meet our clean energy commitments,” said Aaron Walker, Appalachian Power president and chief operating officer. “These projects will also support local communities by generating jobs and tax base.”

The first RFP requests bids for up to 800 megawatts (MW) of wind and/or solar resources, as

well as co-located and standalone battery energy storage systems. The company seeks to acquire completed or development stage projects through one or more purchase and sale agreements (PSAs) with a preference for projects located in Virginia or on eligible sites in West Virginia as defined in Senate Bill 583. Eligible sites in West Virginia are those previously used in electric generation, industrial, manufacturing or mining operations, including, but not limited to, brownfields, closed landfills, hazardous waste sites, former industrial sites, and former mining sites. Facilities must achieve a commercial operation date of no later than Dec. 15, 2028, and be within the PJM region and/or interconnected to the Appalachian Power distribution system. To qualify for consideration, resources that interconnect to PJM must be at least 50 MW in size for wind and solar and 10 MW in size for standalone battery energy storage systems. Resources that interconnect to the Appalachian Power Appalachian Power distribution system must be at least 10 MW in size. The company is requesting proposals for both new and operational projects.

The second RFP requests bids for up to 300 MW of solar and/or wind resources via one or more long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs). With a PPA, the company enters into an agreement for the energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental attributes including renewable energy certificates (RECs) from facilities located within the PJM region and/or interconnected to the Appalachian Power distribution system. To qualify for consideration, resources must be at least 50 MW in size for wind and 5 MW in size for solar and be operational by Dec. 31, 2028.

The third RFP centers on renewable energy certificates (RECs). A REC is a market-based

instrument issued when one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity is generated and delivered to the electricity grid from a renewable energy resource. Under the RFP, all RECs purchased must be produced from eligible energy resources as defined in Section 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia. Bidders may submit proposals for contract terms between five-and-30-years beginning Jan. 1, 2027; however, alternative terms will also be considered.

Businesses seeking to submit a proposal may access RFP participation criteria, required forms, and other specifics online at www.appalachianpower.com/rfp. Proposals must be submitted by July 16, 2024. Any project selected by Appalachian Power through the RFP

process is conditional upon and subject to approval by the required regulatory authorities.

Appalachian Power has one million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's nearly 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.6 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 29,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including nearly 6,000 megawatts of renewable energy.

Appalachian Power

New Virginia Department of Forestry program provides free riparian buffers

Improving Virginia's water resources with free assistance to landowners

CHARLOTTESVILLE – The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) is announcing a new program that provides landowners free, flexible riparian forest buffer installation plus one year of maintenance. The Riparian Forests for Landowners (RFFL) program is a unique watershed-based partnership including DOF, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Friends of the Rappahannock, James River Association, Terra Habitats LLC, and York River Steward.

Riparian forest buffers are transition areas that protect streams, creeks or other water features by capturing sediment, nutrients and pollutants in the soil before they reach the water.

This program is open to all Virginia private property owners including homeowner associations and civic leagues in rural, urban and suburban areas. Funding is provided by the Inflation Reduction Act through the USDA Forest Service and the Commonwealth of Virginia's Water Quality Improvement Fund Act. Complete this survey-style Landowner Interest Form and a DOF forester or partner organization representative will contact you.

“This turnkey program covers free services including planning, site preparation and planting of buffers, as well as one year of maintenance,” said RFFL Program Coordinator Deya Ramsden. “Trees established in these buffers will act as filters to provide cleaner water, reduce erosion and flooding, and help replenish underground aquifers.”

DOF is accepting continuous sign-ups for this program until funding depletes. Eligible projects will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with planned buffer establishment from fall 2024 to spring 2025, with follow-up maintenance support through 2026.

Buffer installation details:

Buffers can be installed on open land adjacent to a water feature where a forested buffer of at least 35 feet in width from the water's edge can be planted.

Existing buffers may be expanded up to 300 feet from the water's edge.

Buffers may be planted with pine seedlings, hardwood seedlings or a mix of both.

Buffers must be at least 35 feet wide and no greater than 300 feet wide per side from the water's edge.

Land must have less than 20% coverage by invasive plant species to qualify for this program.

Landowners must agree to retain the buffer as forest for 15 years.

The water feature may be any of the following bodies of water, including streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and reservoirs/municipal water supplies, seeps and springs, karst features, sloughs, wetlands, water features within wetlands, fresh and saltwater marshes and irrigation ditches, canals and other man-made water features.

For more information, visit the DOF website at <https://dof.virginia.gov/>.

Virginia Department of Forestry

Honors

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H. Mogen. Dr. Richard Harshberger of Radford was nominated in the Lifetime Achievement category.

From the 21 nominees, nine were chosen as Distinguished Recipients.

The 2024 Leading Lights Distinguished Recipients honored included Alexandra Woodward (High School Award), Naisha Hudait (High School Award - Robert “Bob” Job III Memorial Award), Sydney Hardwicke (College Award), Amanda Morgan (Floyd Community Award), Ruth Grene (Montgomery Community Award), Dr. Wendy Baldwin (Montgomery Community Award - Jim and Lenna Moore Memorial Award),

Sally McCarthy (Pulaski Community Award), and Dr. Florence H. Mogen (Radford Community Award). Dr. Richard Harshberger of Radford was named as the German Club Alumni Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

The community Distinguished Recipients receive \$500 to direct to a non-profit of their choice, and the Lifetime Achievement recipient receives \$1,000 to direct. The nominees' volunteer efforts include work with food pantries, the Free Clinic, afterschool programs, community groups, retirement communities, schools, literacy groups, history groups, and many

more.

NRV Leading Lights was established in 2007, prompted by the outpouring of voluntary service after the April 16 events at Virginia Tech. The first Leading Lights Recognition Event was held in April 2009. These annual events highlight the extraordinary compassion of ordinary citizens who united in service to others. To learn more about NRV Leading lights, visit www.leadinglightsnr.org. NRV Leading Lights will be seeking volunteer nominations at a later date for the 2025 awards.

New River Valley Leading Lights



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This year's NRV Leading Lights winners from throughout the NRV include (First row from left) Gunin Kiran, Amanda Morgan, Dr. Florence H. Mogen, Dr. Wendy Baldwin, Naisha Hudait, Clara Taylor, Dr. Richard Harshberger, and Velve Groover and (Second row from left) Steve Rapp, Melvin Lester, Holly McFall, David McEwen, Amy Winkler, Marsha Langston Smith, and Gordon Groover.

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RADFORD SPORTS

RU adds two to basketball rosters

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The Radford University men's and women's basketball teams continue to add to their roster for this upcoming season.

The Radford men have picked up another player thanks to the transfer portal. Florida Atlantic's Isaiah Gaines is coming to the New River Valley.

Coach Darris Nichols expressed excitement over Gaines.

"He is a very talented player and versatile," said Nichols. "He is a worker and has been a part of an amazing run at FAU, he brings a winning pedigree and mindset. He will make an impact right away."

The Pensacola, Fla. native appeared in 25 games with the Owls and was a member of the 2022-23 team

that made an appearance in the Final Four at the 2023 NCAA Tournament. Gaines earned a season-high six rebounds against Detroit Mercy during the 2023-24 season. Additionally, he scored a season-high seven points in win against Eastern Michigan.

The women's team has added Angelina Nice, a 6-1 guard from Woodgrove, Va.

Radford Women's Basketball Head Coach Mike McGuire announced the addition of Nice, an incoming freshman, to the Highlanders for the upcoming 2024-25 season.

She was a member of the VHSL 4A State Championship team, scoring 17 points and 12 rebounds in the state final against 2023 champion Hampton and averaged 18.6 points, 4.7 assists, 7.9 rebounds and 4.8 steals per game during her senior season.

Nice recorded a 40-point game during her senior

campaign against Surrattsville (MD) at the Oakton HS Cougar Holiday Tournament and was a McDonald's All-American Nominee, VHSL 4A State Player of the Year and VHSL 4C Regional Player of the Year and the Catactin District Player of the Year.

McGuire said Nice caught his staff's eyes at their elite camp.

"Her effort, athleticism, and upside really stood out to us," he said. "She is a versatile player that has a strong motor and can make things happen on both ends of the floor. We think she will take off and flourish in a Radford uniform. Angelina is a winner and played for a state championship program at Woodgrove under Derek Fisher, one of the best high school coaches in the Commonwealth. We are excited that Angelina has chosen Radford and look forward to her impact for years to come."

Chick receives Big South's Christenberry award

Radford University's Kristen Chick (women's soccer) has been awarded the 2024 Big South Conference Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence, the league office announced Wednesday afternoon. The prestigious honor is given to the male and female student-athletes who attain the highest GPA during their undergraduate collegiate careers. Big South member institutions nominate one male and one female undergraduate student-athlete for the annual Christenberry Award. The honor is named for George A. Christenberry, the former President of Augusta College (now Augusta University) and one of the founders of the Big South Conference. A member of the Big South Hall of Fame, Christenberry served as the league's first President from 1983-86. Chick has been a valuable



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member of the Highlanders women's soccer team in her three seasons. The senior was a team-first teammate filling whatever

role needed. Her positive attitude and mentorship have been a shining example to many young players. In 2023, she suffered a

season-ending injury that kept her off the field, but she came back for her senior day to make her first career start. Off the

field, she achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA majoring in Allied Health Sciences while participating in the school's FCA program and volunteering countless hours at her former high school. The Roanoke native becomes the 19th Highlander to ever receive the distinction. Radford has now had at least one student-athlete earn the award in each of the last four years. 2024 Christenberry Award Recipients

Alexandra Haasser, Gardner-Webb (Women's Swimming)

William Johnson, Presbyterian (Men's Cross Country)

Lorenzo Nagy, Presbyterian (Men's Soccer)

Kristen Chick, Radford (Women's Soccer)

Jon Brann Reid, UNC Asheville (Men's Tennis)

Ariona Elkins, UNC Asheville (Volleyball)

Radford University Athletics

TV designations announced for five ACC football contests

Television designations for five premier Atlantic Coast Conference football games were announced Tuesday, May 14 as part of the ESPN Up Front presentation.

The 2024 fall season will be the first to feature 17 ACC football programs with the addition of Cal, SMU and Stanford. The 17-team conference scheduling model was announced last October.

Week 0 – Saturday, Aug. 24

2024 Aer Lingus College Football Classic (Dublin, Ireland) – Florida State vs. Georgia Tech, noon ET on ESPN

Week 1 – Friday, Aug. 30

TCU at Stanford, 10:30 p.m. ET on ESPN

Week 1 – Saturday, Aug. 31

2024 Aflac Kickoff Game – Clemson vs. Georgia, noon ET on ABC

Miami at Florida, 3:30 p.m. ET on ABC

Week 1 – Monday, Sept. 2

Boston College at Florida State, 7:30 p.m. on ESPN

"We look forward to the upcoming football season that will feature 17 league football members competing on a national stage," said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. "We appreciate our Disney and ESPN partners and look forward to kicking off the season on August 24, with ESPN's College GameDay making its first trip outside of the United States to feature Florida State and Georgia Tech in the 2024 Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin, Ireland."

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ESPN's College GameDay Built by The Home Depot will broadcast live for the first time from Dublin, Ireland, for the Week 0 ACC matchup between Florida State and Georgia Tech to kick off the 2024 season. This will mark the first time that ESPN's College GameDay Built by The Home Depot will emanate from outside the United States.

The ACC's non-conference schedule continues to be among the most challenging in the country. In addition to 27 games against Power 4 opponents, including Notre Dame, the ACC will play nine non-conference games against teams ranked in the final 2023 Associated Press Top 25 Poll and 10 non-conference games against teams in ESPN's 2024 Way-Too-Early Top 25.

Eleven schools – Boston College, California, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Pitt, SMU, Stanford, Virginia and Virginia Tech – are scheduled to play two Power 4 conference opponents (including Notre Dame) this season.

All 17 ACC teams are

scheduled to play at least six games versus bowl teams from last season, highlighted by Georgia Tech slated to play 11 games against a team that played in a bowl game last season.

In partnership with Disney/ESPN, the ACC experienced its most-watched football season in the College Football Playoff (CFP) era.

ACC Notes

In ESPN's updated 2024 Way Too Early College Football Top 25 rankings, the ACC has five teams ranked.

Last season, four ACC teams finished in the top 25 of both the Associated Press (AP) and AFCA Coaches Polls.

In the AP poll, Florida State finished tied for No. 6, while Louisville was No. 19, Clemson was No. 20, and NC State was ranked No. 21.

In the AFCA Coaches poll, Florida State was No. 6, Louisville was No. 18, and Clemson and NC State were No. 20 and No. 21, respectively.

Four teams were ranked in

last year's final College Football Playoff (CFP) Top 25 rankings.

The four ACC teams were tied for the second-most among all FBS conferences.

Florida State (No. 5), Louisville (No. 15), NC State (No. 18), and Clemson (No. 22).

Over two-thirds of the ACC was bowl-eligible last year, as 11 of the 14 conference teams made a bowl game.

The 11 ACC bowl-eligible teams were the most among all Power 5 conferences.

The 11 teams also matched a conference-high from 2018.

Not including the pandemic-affected 2020 season, the ACC has sent at least nine teams to a bowl every year since 2016. Since 2013, the ACC ranks second among all conferences with 111 postseason appearances.

Six different ACC teams started the 2023 season a year ago at 4-0, which tied the SEC in 2012 for the most teams in a

Power 5 conference to start 4-0 in a single season in the AP Poll Era (since 1936).

The ACC finished with 10 teams posting a winning record, only the second time in the playoff era (11 – 2016) that the conference has achieved that feat.

ACC teams totaled a combined 43 wins over teams with a record over .500 last season, the most among all FBS conferences.

The ACC again posted a solid record in non-conference play last season, going 44-23 (.657) overall. The ACC's 44 non-conference wins were the second-most among all FBS conferences.

In 2023, the ACC was a combined 7-5 versus the SEC, which marked the ACC's third winning season versus the SEC and its second-most wins versus the SEC in the past 20 years (5-3 – 2014; 10-4 – 2016; 7-5 – 2023).

Atlantic Coast Conference

Blacksburg girls takes win over Christiansburg

Blacksburg High School girls' soccer team traveled to Christiansburg Tuesday night and came home with a 3-1 win. Erin Bishop scored two goals and Kallan Malabad scored as well. Bishop, Abby Whaley and Tea Bissell each

contributed an assist.

Lyla Thurman scored for Christiansburg.

Blacksburg improves to 14-0-2 on the season and Christiansburg drops to 7-7-2.

Staff report

Scholarships

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expenses with outside employment.

Recipients of the Hattie M. Strong scholarship must have a 3.0 GPA or better for the two semesters prior to student teaching, exhibit outstanding success and enthusiasm in previous field experiences, show strong leadership skills and demonstrate financial need. Recipients must intend to pursue a career in teaching. Preference is provided to applicants with a demonstrated record of helping others help themselves.

Radford University is one of 24 institutions whose teacher candidates are supported through

this program.

This year's Radford recipients are:

- Michael Mangrum of Gretna, Virginia. (Music education)

- Caroline Bryant of Radford, Virginia. (Elementary education)

- Abigail Wilson of Riner, Virginia. (Special education)

- Justin Meyers of Salem, Virginia. (Elementary education)

- Angela Kinzie of Newport News, Virginia. (Middle grades social studies education)

- Kayla Witt of Roanoke, Virginia. (Elementary education)

On April 18, the university's College of

Education and Human Development hosted a dinner to celebrate the scholarship recipients. It was an opportunity for the students to meet Hattie M. Strong Foundation Executive Director Robin Tanner and share with her their student-teaching experiences, the scholarships' impact on their lives and their plans following graduation.

Recipients were introduced by faculty members Melissa Lisanti, Carol Bland, Jennifer McDonel, Darren Minarik and Mary Evans.

"This is always a special time, and it is clear how invested our faculty members are in the

success of their student teachers," said CEHD Associate Dean Debora Bays Wilbon. "The pride is palpable in the room!"

The scholarships are intended to allow the students to "focus on becoming the best educator they can be," Wilbon said. For many of the scholars, the scholarship allows them to cover living expenses such as rent, food and transportation while reducing or eliminating part-time employment during the semester.

"The student-teaching semester is a full-time, intensive experience, leaving little time for extra employment,"

Wilbon explained. "The students may be student-teaching up to an hour's drive away from Radford, so there may be extra travel expenses added on to the typical semester costs. The scholarships are impactful!"

For Meyers, the Hattie Strong scholarship meant he could apply more focus to his Radford education. "I did not have to stress about my finances," he said. "This was also a relief for my wife, who is also an educator."

Bryant added that she is "very appreciative of the Hattie M. Strong committee for looking after the teachers going into a field in need of

educators and who are dedicated to creating a safe and joyful learning environment. This scholarship helps put me on my way to doing that myself!"

Chad Osborne
for Radford University

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RADFORD SPORTS

Blacksburg, Christiansburg soccer finish in tie



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Blacksburg's Esteban Carvajal takes a shot in the middle of the Christiansburg defense early in the first half during Tuesday night's "Battle of the Burgs" at Blacksburg High School.



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Teammates congratulate Blacksburg senior Sean DeLorenzo after he scores his second goal of the night against Christiansburg to put the Bruins up 2-1 at halftime.



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Midway through the second half, Christiansburg's Luca Pickeral celebrates his second goal to force a 2-2 tie against Blacksburg in the Tuesday, May 14 evening match.



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With the score knotted at 2-2, Christiansburg defender Brady Rasor clears the ball away from Blacksburg's David Oliver during the second half. The game would finish in a 2-2 draw after neither team scored in the two overtime periods.



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