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## Christiansburg to put on Fourth of July celebration Saturday



Christiansburg Parks and Recreation will again host a Fourth of July celebration that will have something for all ages on Saturday, July 3.

From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., a festival will be set up on Main Street with live music, kids' activities, Christiansburg Farmers' Market

vendors, craft vendors, food trucks, and more. The celebration will be capped off at approximately 9:15 p.m. by a fireworks display on the future Regional Park/Truman Wilson Property. The fireworks can be viewed from the Uptown Mall or Walmart parking lots.

The rain date will be Monday, July 5, in which case the festival will not be held, but the fireworks will still go on. Saturday's festival will include performances by Gate 10 at 10:30 a.m., Flannel Jukebox at noon, and Don and the Deltones Plus at 1:30 p.m.

## U.S. senators go to bat for Virginia's minor league baseball teams



WASHINGTON — U.S. Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine (both D-VA), along with Sens. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) have introduced the Minor League Baseball Relief Act to help the nine minor league baseball teams in Virginia who are hurting economically after the COVID-19 crisis.

The nine teams receiving financial help include the Salem Red Sox and the Pulaski River Turtles (formerly the Yankees).

The Minor League Baseball Relief Act would provide up to \$550 million in federal relief funding for minor league teams, which serve as important economic engines in communities across the commonwealth as baseball fans come to attend games and end up patronizing local businesses like restaurants, hotels, and other attractions. Companion legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA) and David McKinley (R-WV).

"For many working families, catching a weekend minor league

baseball game at stadiums across the commonwealth is an affordable and fun family outing," said Sen. Warner. "Baseball isn't just America's pastime; it also represents an economic lifeline for many communities. However, like many small businesses throughout the COVID-19 crisis, our minor league baseball teams in Virginia have struggled mightily to keep the lights on. Since there was no minor league baseball season in 2020 due to the pandemic, many of these teams have sustained heavy financial losses that have not been substantially mitigated by existing small business economic relief programs. I'm pleased to work with my colleagues on this bill that would allow these local treasures access to economic relief."

"Baseball is not only America's favorite pastime, bringing friends and families together, it's also a critical economic engine for the commonwealth," said Sen. Kaine. "Teams in communities across Virginia support our local economy and create jobs. The pan-

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## Blacksburg fireworks set for Sunday



The Town of Blacksburg's fireworks show will begin at 9:30 p.m. Sunday (rain or shine) from the Old Blacksburg High School property on Patrick Henry Drive.

## Mission BBQ opening includes Military Appreciation Night



Mission BBQ will open its 20th location in Virginia Monday, July 5, at 2585 Market St. NE in Christiansburg. The restaurant is inviting the public to come recon the place with Military Appreciation Night on Friday, July 2, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. All sales go to the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation, and the first 100 customers to buy an American Heroes cup will get free barbecue for a year.

## Appalachian Power to begin six-week project Tuesday replacing poles and wires around town



Tuesday, July 6, Appalachian Power will begin a six-week project replacing 23 poles and 26 spans of wire in Christiansburg.

This work will begin near the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Radford Street and proceed west along Radford Street to Harman Drive. Work will

then proceed along Harman Drive to Harkrader Street and from Harkrader Street to approximately the intersection with Kensington Way.

Traffic patterns will be maintained at all times, but minor delays may be experienced during this time.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, June 30:

### Teen Book Club

At the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library Online at 4 p.m. Each month the club will be discussing a new book. To be read and discussed this month is "Children of Blood and Bone" by Toni Adeyemi. Any teen interested in joining the discussion can email mroach@mfrl.org for more information.

### Blacksburg Police Hiring Workshop

The Blacksburg Police Department is hosting a hiring workshop from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center, 615 Patrick Henry Drive. For more information, contact Sgt. K.V. Craver at 540-443-1438.

## Thursday, July 1:

### American Legion meeting

American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at The VFW Post 776 building on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

## Saturday, July 3:

### Teen DnD

At the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library online at 4 p.m. DnD is now virtual on Discord. The library staff suggests downloading Discord for ease of access, but this is not required. Email shodges@mfrl.org for the discord server link.

### Teen Game Night

At the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library online at 5:30 p.m. Join other teens for a live, interactive game night online. The group will play jackbox party night games on family friendly settings. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

### Christiansburg July 4th Celebration

The Town of Christiansburg Fourth of July celebration will be held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on West Main Street.

There will be live music performances by Gate 10, Flannel Jukebox, and Don and the Deltones Plus. Food and vendors will be along Main Street, and a special Kids Zone will be available.

This is a free event. At 9:15 p.m., festival goers can move over to the Uptown Christiansburg or Walmart parking lots to watch the fireworks.

## Sunday, July 4:

### City of Radford "Spirit of America" July 4th Celebration

The City of Radford presents a full day of live music, free kids activities, inflatables and attractions, food and craft vendors, and fireworks to close the event. Music will be headlined by Country Music Association (CMA) Hall of Fame member and member of the Statler Brothers, Jimmy Fortune. Opening for Jimmy Fortune will be country music singer Wade Hayes. The schedule of events is as follows: 1-6 p.m. -

Rides and Games; 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Faithful Praise (gospel); 2:45-3:45 p.m. - Glen Shelton; 4-5 p.m. The Castaways (Beach Music); 5-5:45 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies with Mayor David Horton and the National Anthem to be sung by Glen Shelton, followed by patriotic readings from Dr. Dick Harshberger; 6-7 p.m. - Wade Hayes (country); 7:15-8:45 p.m. - Jimmy Fortune (country); and 9:30 p.m. - fireworks sponsored by Third Security.

### Blacksburg Fireworks Show

The Town of Blacksburg's 2021 fireworks show will take place at 9:30 p.m. rain or shine at the old Blacksburg High School property on Patrick Henry Drive.

### Talking about Books

At the Christiansburg Library from 11 a.m. until noon. To be discussed in person and virtually is "Deacon King Kong" by James McBride.

### Talking About Books

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 6 p.m. To be discussed is "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. Call to reserve a copy.

## Monday, July 5:

### Radford City offices closed

The City of Radford offices will be closed for the July 4th holiday. Solid waste collection normally on Monday will be collected on Tuesday, July 6. The Drop Center and the Radford Public Library will also be closed on July 5.

### Blacksburg City offices closed

All Town of Blacksburg administrative offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the July 4th Holiday. Blacksburg Community and Aquatic Centers are closed Sunday, July 4, and will open regular hours Monday, July 5. There is no refuse/recycling service in the SE Quadrant on Monday, July 5. Make-up service is Wednesday, July 7.

## Tuesday, July 6 - Friday, July 9:

### Archery Clinic

Christiansburg Parks and Recreation is having an archery clinic July 6-9 for ages 7-13 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Triangle Archery Club. Sign up by calling 540-

382-2349 or by visiting www.christiansburg.org/register. The registration deadline is July 2, and the registration fee is \$30.

## Wednesday, July 7:

### Virtual Event: Shadow Puppetry

Matt Sandbank is a nationally touring shadow puppeteer based in Austin, Texas. Via Zoom seminars, he will present a collection of wordless shadow shorts that will surprise and delight audiences with visual storytelling. Come and see the show via Zoom Webinars. Webinar ID: 819 0720 7445 Passcode: 563317.

## Thursday, July 8

### Talking About Books

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmer. Call to reserve a copy.

## Thursday, July 8; Thursday July 15

### DnD One shot

At 1 p.m. at the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library online. Create a level-one character and join in a special teen DnD mini-campaign game. Email shodges@mfrl.org for the discord server link.

## Friday, July 9:

### Blood Drive

The bloodmobile will be at Professional Rehab Associates, 1200 Tyler Ave., Radford, from 1 to 6 p.m. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

## Saturday, July 10:

### New River Valley Garden Tour

The cost is \$15 with the tour from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. rain or shine. Advance tickets, maps, and brochures are now available at each branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

### Mt. Tabor Ruritan Fish Fry

The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its July fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. To be offered are single servings of fish, fries, and slaw, homemade desserts, and beverages. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Children under three eat free. Carry-outs will also be \$8. DJ Gene Broadus will be spinning some music, and the fish fry will be held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information.

## Monday, July 12:

### Break-in Bags

Beginning at 10 a.m. at the Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Jessie Peterman Memorial and Meadowbrook Public Library branches. Solve three puzzles to find the numeric code that will open the lock and free your

loot. Recommended for ages 10 years and up. Supplies are limited.

### STEM Club

At the Christiansburg Library at 1 p.m. Watch the library's virtual STEM club. Pick up the activity materials from July 5 through July 10. Email shodges@mfrl.org with any questions.

## Monday, July 12 - Wednesday, July 14:

### Basketball Clinic

Christiansburg's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a basketball clinic from July 12-14 for ages 5-14 at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The registration fee is \$30. Register by July 9 at 540-382-2349 or www.christiansburg.org/register.

## Tuesday, July 13:

### MCPS public hearing on health, safety plan

Montgomery County Public Schools will hold a public hearing on the 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan on July 13. Online comments will also be accepted. More information is available at https://buff.ly/3zC1J2.

### Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784, will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. The evening will include a discussion on the 50th Virginia Infantry Regiment. For further information, call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

## Wednesday, July 14:

### Radford Library Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club is getting together again. Read "Follow the River" by James Alexander Thom and join the club to discuss this book on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at noon. No formal commitment is needed. Just drop in if the book appeals to you.

## Monday, July 19 - Thursday, July 22:

### CHS Volleyball Camp

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. For ages 9-12. Register by calling 540-382-2349 or visit www.christiansburg.org/register. The registration deadline is Friday, July 16. The registration fee is \$30.

## Ongoing:

### Through June 30:

### "Seeing Sound" Art by Lyndsay LaLonde

At the Blacksburg Library. This art display by local artist Lyndsay LaLonde highlights her unique experience with music and sound. "Synesthesia" or "seeing sound" refers to a way that some people interpret music

as colors and shapes. Explore her visual playlist through the end of the month at the Blacksburg Library.

## Through July 17:

### MFRL Summer Reading Program

Montgomery Floyd Regional Library will again present its summer reading program for kids and teens. Participants may sign up in person or online. They may choose how long they want to read every day, log the days they read, and win a free book when they read for 10 days and a raffle entry ticket for prizes when they read for 15 days. Adults may register online and log their reading to be automatically entered in weekly prize drawings.

## Through July 31:

### Radford Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Through Saturday, July 31, the Radford Public Library is running its annual summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults. The program promotes reading daily to earn prizes and to earn entries to win raffle baskets. The reading program is a fun way to promote literacy, encourage reading as a healthy habit, and help readers experience reading as fun and adventurous.

## Through Aug. 29:

### Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery exhibit "Mountain Rail Trails"

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery is displaying its newest art gallery exhibit, "Mountain Rail Trails," featuring photography by Dale R. Carlson of Bluemoonistic Images.

The exhibit will be on display through August 29 and dovetails nicely with the train observatory platform and exhibit found at the edge of the grounds of Glencoe. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum with no admission charge. Glencoe is located at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford.

## Through September:

### Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021 will continue each Wednesday from 7 - 9 p.m. through September at Market Square Park. This season marks the jam's 10th anniversary.

## Through October:

### Radford Farmers Market

The Radford Farmers Market will be held each Saturday through October 30 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Service parking lot (the old Wade's parking lot) on West Main Street.

### Christiansburg Farmers Market

Every Thursday through October the Christiansburg Farmers Market will be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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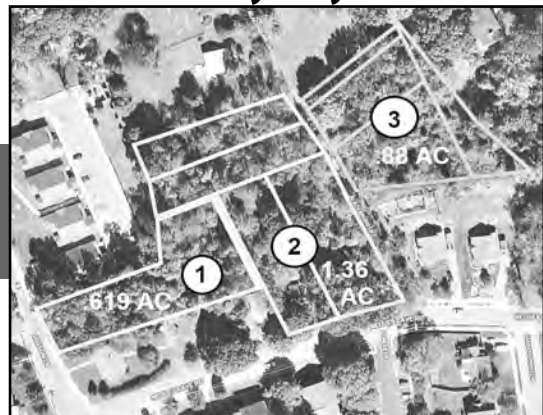



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## Keep Virginia Beautiful awards grant to Warm Hearth Foundation

Keep Virginia Beautiful has awarded the Warm Hearth Foundation a \$500 grant for its litter prevention project as part of the organization's annual 30 in 30 green grants.

In addition to raising funds to support seniors in need of housing and health care, the foundation operates Micah's Program, which assists seniors in need of basic necessities like shelf-stable groceries, prepared meals and personal care items.

As part of the foundation's litter prevention program, food is delivered to residents in reusable, washable shopping bags. While Warm Hearth offers recycling options to residents, the reusable bags reduce waste from any paper or plastic bags that may be disposed.

Amy Slone, Warm Hearth's associate director of development, said, "Our organization is undoubtedly committed to environmental responsibility, but as a nonprofit it can often be expensive to sustain initiatives like these. Thanks to

Keep Virginia Beautiful and others who offer similar funding, we are continuing to make strides in reducing our environmental footprint and doing our part to reduce waste without taking funding away from other vital areas of support."



**On behalf of the Warm Hearth Foundation's litter prevention program, Jody Smiley delivers food to residents in reusable shopping totes.**

# Traveling with pets, avoiding the ER, paying more for seafood, socializing with the non-vaccinated over the holiday weekend



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Hitting the road with the family dog or cat should always include extra planning. Be sure to consider holiday foods that might be unhealthy for pets. Summer heat and travel can always be dangerous, not to mention the fireworks. Dr. Mark D. Freeman is an assistant professor of community practice in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech.

He says, "Every year near the 4th of July, we see a significant increase in the number of traumatic injuries to dogs,

specifically related to the fear response associated with fireworks. Dogs have jumped through glass windows and off decks and balconies, chewed through doors and walls, and gotten hit by cars when they panic and run away from the noise."

### Avoiding the ER while enjoying outdoor activities

For lots of folks, hiking, biking, and tubing or swimming are the highlights of a fun and safe July 4th weekend. A little common sense and the right preparation go a long way, according to Stephanie Lareau, who is an emergency medicine

physician at Carilion Clinic in Roanoke and associate professor at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

"Over the holiday weekend, heat-related illnesses are preventable," Lareau said. "It's especially important to wear cool, breathable clothing and use adequate sun protection. Avoid exercising during the hottest hours of the day. Early symptoms can include lightheadedness, cramps, headache or nausea. Stop the physical activity and move to a cooler place. Heat stroke, which is diagnosed by confusion or change in mental status, is a potentially deadly

consequence of ignoring warning signs of heat related illness.

Water sports are very popular on hot days whether you spend time boating on a lake or floating down a river. Lareau suggests, "If you choose to recreate on the water make sure you wear a personal floatation device. Alcohol use is a significant risk factor for drowning." She says, "If you have children around water, make sure one adult is focused on watching them and isn't distracted by other tasks"

### Research expert: Seafood prices are on the rise as demand continues to grow

Plan to include crab cakes, lobster rolls, or other seafood favorites on your 4th of July party menu? You might think again as U.S. retail prices and demand for seafood are on the rise, according to Virginia Tech research scientist Fernando Goncalves at the Virginia Seafood Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

"The seafood industry has been hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic, including labor availability to the seafood industry, loss of opportunities in sales for restaurants, seasonality of

species, changes in consumption habits, preferences, and market channels," says Goncalves.

According to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), the entity that regulates and controls commercial fisheries production and shellfish aquaculture, Virginia seafood production has dropped almost 90%, but the dockside value, in dollar figures, dropped around 43% compared to 2019.

Jonathan van Senten, from the Seafood Economic Analysis and Marketing Research program, explains that seafood prices are up largely in response to increased production costs and supply chain challenges.

"In some cases this is a function of supply and demand," says van Senten. "For example, where seasonal fisheries had reduced landings and now we have restaurants reopening and the demand for seafood picking up again."

### Follow safety guidelines in groups that may include those who haven't been vaccinated

Before heading out this year to celebrate Independence Day with family and friends at barbecues, parades, and firework shows, Virginia Tech public health ex-

pert and epidemiologist Laura Hungerford says it's important to follow public health safety guidelines for vaccinated and others who may not be at both indoor and outdoor events.

"This is a great time to host a party, since so many great 4th of July traditions take place outside. In many areas of the country, transmission and new cases have been dramatically decreased by vaccination," says Hungerford. "Hopefully, everyone on your invite list who is 12 or older has already been vaccinated. This protects them both from getting really sick and also from spreading it to others."

When it comes to attending large public outdoor events like parades and firework shows, Hungerford says the more people who you are close to at an event, the higher the risk that you will be exposed to someone who is spreading the virus.

"Before COVID-19 vaccines were widely available, large public events were all cancelled. Now, if you are vaccinated, the risk of severe disease is small, but if you are not, then this is a serious concern, even if the event is outdoors," Hungerford says.

# Food City, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Richard Petty partner for fundraising campaign



Radford's Food City is joining the company's support of Paralyzed Veterans of America with an in-store donation drive that begins today, June 30, and runs through July 27.

Paralyzed Veterans of America, the nation's only nonprofit organization dedicated solely to supporting veterans with spinal cord injuries, disorders, and diseases, today kicked off an annual checkout campaign just days before the fourth of July holiday with

long-time partners Food City and champion race-car driver Richard Petty.

Centered around celebrating PVA's 75th anniversary and helping America's heroes, all donations made at Food City supermarkets will go directly to PVA to provide life-changing pro-

grams and services to support America's veterans free of charge so that they can live full, productive lives after injury.

"2021 is a big year for PVA," said U.S. Air Force veteran and national president of Paralyzed Veterans of America David Zurfluh.

"In addition to celebrating our 75th year of supporting veterans, we are also kicking off our 11-year partnership with Food City. That's more than 4,000 days of working together to help veterans gain access to quality care, benefits, and career opportunities they deserve.

Thanks to Food City, their generous customers, and long-time supporter Richard Petty, PVA can support more veterans and their families around the nation just like mine."

During the fundraising campaign, Food City customers can select \$1, \$3, and \$5 donations at Food City checkouts, and their gift amount will be added to their order total.

"I am honored to support PVA and their partnership with Food City," said Petty. "PVA has been around for a long time, empowering veterans through adaptive sports, fighting for greater accessibility, searching for a cure for paralysis, and so much more. Aligning my-

self with this important campaign is my way of not only relaying my gratitude to veterans for their service and sacrifice but also encouraging others to do the same."

"We are grateful to our hardworking staff and loyal customers, said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer. "With their help, we raised over \$560,000 last year to help PVA fulfill its mission of empowering America's veterans to regain what they fought for: their freedom and independence. We look forward to working alongside PVA and Richard Petty again this year and many more record-breaking years yet to come."

# Backyard grilling, picnic safety tips for Fourth of July weekend

As Americans observe July 4th traditions, Virginia Tech food safety expert Joell Eifert has advice for those grilling at backyard cookouts and for outdoor picnics. Even in this period of post-pandemic recovery, good handwashing before preparing, handling, and cooking food remains important for protection from foodborne illness during warm-weather months.

In addition, safe food handling when eating outdoors is critical.

**Wash Your Hands.** Food safety begins with proper hand cleaning including outdoor settings. Before you begin setting out your picnic feast, make sure hands and surfaces are clean. If you are outside and don't have access to running water, simply use a water jug, some soap, and paper towels. Or consider using

moist disposable towels for cleaning your hands.

### Pack and Transport Food Safely.

Keep cold food cold. Place cold food in a cooler with ice or frozen gel packs. Cold food should be stored at 40°F or below to prevent bacterial growth. Meat, poultry, and seafood may be packed while still frozen so that they stay colder longer. Coolers with white lids can cool bet-

ter than those with dark lids since the white lid reflects light and heat rather than absorbing it. Keep the cooler in the shade as much as possible.

### Organize cooler contents.

Consider packing beverages in one cooler and perishable food in another. That way, as picnickers open and reopen the beverage cooler to replenish their drinks, the perishable foods won't be

exposed to warm outdoor air temperatures.

Once at the picnic site,

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# OPINION

## Seven Virginia ABC-related laws go into effect Thursday

Starting Thursday, July 1, seven laws impacting the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC), its licensees, and applicants for ABC licenses will take effect.

The Virginia General Assembly passed the following Virginia ABC-related legislative proposals during the 2021 session, and Governor Ralph Northam signed them into law.

### Cocktails-To-Go Extension (HB1879 and SB1299)

Both bills allow the continuation of a practice first conceived and initiated by ABC to allow restaurants to sell cocktails to go. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many restaurants were shuttered, ABC created a safe and secure way for restaurants to offer cocktails to go with a meal. The general assembly has now continued this practice in statute for one year. ABC is currently conducting a study, as requested by the

general assembly, of cocktails-to-go as this relates to public safety concerns. More than 40 stakeholders are participating in the study.

### ABC License Reform and Off-Premises Beer/Wine (HB1845)

This bill extends the effective date of Virginia ABC's major license reform legislation to Jan. 1, 2022. Additionally, the bill allows on-premise wine and beer licensees to sell wine or beer for off-premise consumption and to allow those licensees to deliver wine and beer that the licensee is authorized to sell without a delivery permit.

### Virtual Fundraising Events (HB1973)

This bill allows a nonprofit corporation or association conducting virtual fundraising events to exercise the privilege of the license during the virtual fundraising event, including the sale and shipment of wine in closed containers.

### Locality for Pending ABC Licenses (HB2131)

This bill requires ABC to notify the local chief administrative officer of a pending ABC license in their locality. The bill also amends certain provisions as to what constitutes "blight" for purposes of local action relative to activities at ABC-licensed establishments.

### Special Event Licenses (HB2266 and SB1471)

Both bills authorize ABC, after the adoption of a local ordinance, to increase the frequency and duration of what are currently known as special event licenses. The new legislation renames this license a "designated outdoor refreshment area" license. The legislation will allow localities to work with ABC to create consumption areas in portions of the jurisdiction that are likely to be entertainment or walking districts. ABC licensees in the designated districts will

be able to sell alcohol to patrons who can consume the beverages outside the licensed establishment so long as they remain in the designated outdoor area, which could consist of several blocks.

### Low Alcohol Beverages in ABC Retail Stores (SB1428)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, ABC will cease to sell low alcohol beverages in its retail stores unless they were manufactured by a Virginia distiller. Low alcohol beverages are spirits-based drinks consisting of 7.5% or less alcohol by volume. ABC retail stores will market Virginia-based low alcohol beverages and those products over 7.5% alcohol by volume. Low alcohol beverages are statutorily treated as wine for all purposes, and this change is consistent with the treatment of Virginia wines in ABC's retail stores.

### Enforcing Unlawful Games of Skill (HB2168 and SB1465)

This bill makes it clear that a local county or city attorney, a commonwealth's attorney, and the attorney general can enforce against unlawful games of skill. Beginning July 1, 2021, games of skill will be unlawful in Virginia.

On June 30, 2021, Virginia's state of emergency (Executive Order 51) brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic will come to an end. This will result in changes to many of the 16 ABC regulatory actions taken in 2020 to provide relief to licensees impacted by the pandemic. Virginia ABC's Bureau of Law Enforcement has provided updated guidance regarding procedural and regulatory matters to assist businesses with these transitions effective July 1. Licensees are encouraged to contact their ABC special agent directly or email enforcement@virginiaabc.com if they have questions.

## Adult Medicaid dental benefit begins July 1 in Virginia

An estimated 750,000 more Virginians will have access to dental providers and services thanks to a new adult Medicaid benefit beginning July 1.

Lawmakers approved the funding in last year's general assembly.

"The new adult Medicaid benefit is an important step for connecting underserved Virginians with critical preventative, restorative, and surgical dental care," said Dr. Frank Iuorno, Jr., president of the Virginia Dental Association. "Expanding access to oral healthcare is important

for all Virginians. No person should have to go weeks or months in pain waiting for treatment. We've been working to educate our member dentists about how to participate and look forward to providing quality care to new patients this year."

Virginia currently offers a comprehensive dental coverage benefit to children under 20 and pregnant women.

The new coverage includes preventative and diagnostic treatment such as X-rays and exams, and oral surgery and prosthodontics, which includes items

like dentures. "Oral health is health," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Daniel Carey. "We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all areas of health, including oral/dental health. With this new benefit, Virginians will be able to receive the care they so rightly deserve. I am grateful to the dental community, the Virginia Dental Association, the General Assembly, and the Department for Medical Assistance Services for all of their work to make this happen. Together, we can make Virginia

the healthiest state in the nation." Since 2000, the Virginia Dental Association Foundation (VDAF) has worked to increase accessibility to dental care through its Mission of Mercy (MOM) clinics. The clinics address oral health needs in underserved communities and areas throughout Virginia by providing free dental care. VDAF programs serve an average of about 6,500 individuals annually. "Helping more people in Virginia access dental services is especially important this year with national reports point-

ing to the pandemic's negative impact on oral health," added Iuorno. A Health Policy Institute survey released in the spring revealed that more than 70% of dentists nationwide saw an increase of patients experiencing teeth grinding and clenching, conditions often associated with stress. The survey also found that just more than 60% of dentists reported an increase in other stress-related dental conditions, including chipped and cracked teeth and TMD (temporomandibular joint disorder) symptoms such as headaches and jaw pain.

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## Virginia gas prices on the rise again; national average reaches record level

Virginia gas prices rose 0.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.93/g according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Gas prices in Virginia are 1.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 94.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

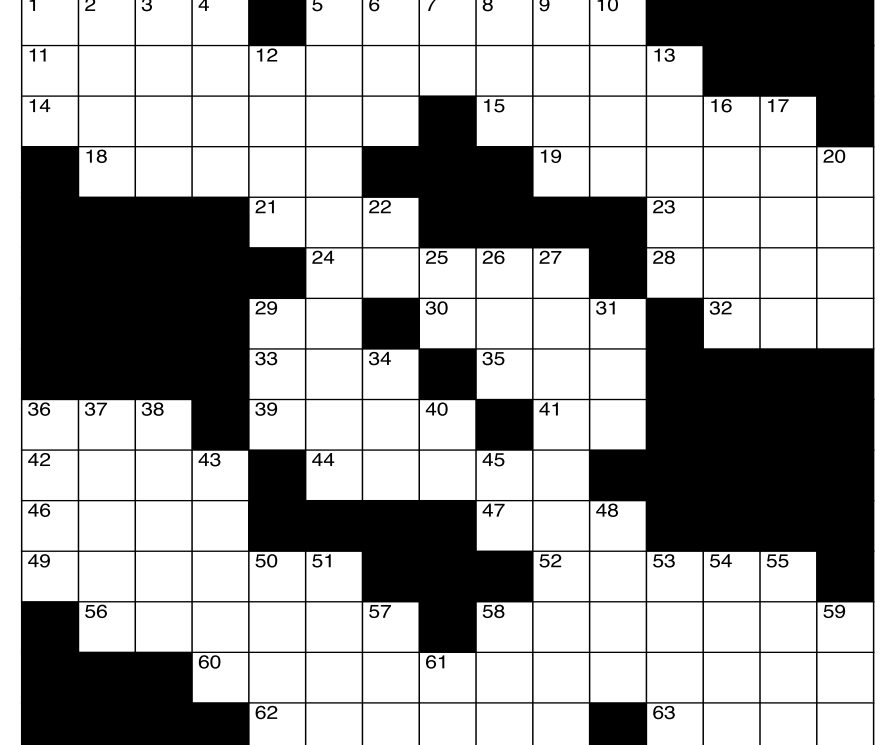
According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia is priced at \$2.64/g today while the most expensive is \$3.49/g, a difference of 85.0 cents per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week to an average of \$3.09/g. The national average is up 4.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 92.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"With oil's continued push higher, fueled by continued strong demand globally and production only slowly answering, gasoline prices

have had no choice but following the national average last week setting a new 2021 high," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "As we approach July 4, it appears the only way forward is for gas prices to continue their rise as Americans' insatiable demand for gasoline continues to be the catalyst for the rise in price. With hurricane season soon coming into its prime, we have plenty of catalysts for a rise in price, and few that could restrain the situation. Motorists should prepare to dig deeper for the second half of the summer, unfortunately."

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

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Absence of difficulty
  - Preserve a dead body
  - Gratitude
  - The act of coming together again
  - More cushy
  - Visionaries
  - Fish-eating bird
  - Indicates near
  - NY Mets legend Tommie
  - Icelandic poems
  - Pop
  - Hammer is one
  - Senses of self-esteem
  - Trigraph
  - Not around
  - Electronic data processing
  - Driver's licenses and
  - passports
  - Snake-like fishes
  - Military flyers
  - Raincoats
  - Type of community
  - Feature of worm's anatomy
  - In the center
  - Laid back
  - Jewelled headdress
  - In slow tempo
  - \_\_\_ Falls
  - Saying things again
  - Periods in history
  - Hyphen
  - Sea eagle
  - Subdivision of cenosespecies
  - Dialect of Chinese
  - Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
  - Consumed
  - Chinese dynasty
  - NFL great Randy
  - Ireland
  - Palm trees
  - Fungal disease
  - Willis and Jerry are two
  - Affirmative!
  - Potato state
  - "The First State"
  - A way to develop
  - Associations
  - Woman (French)
  - Sunscreen rating
  - Brew
  - Mosque prayer leader
  - Indigo bush
  - Burn with a hot liquid
  - Jr.'s father
  - Scad genus
  - Morning
  - Length of a straight line (abbr.)
  - Double curve
  - Small thin bunch
  - Worn by exposure to the weather
  - Mars crater
  - Humanities
  - Of the ears
  - "To the \_\_\_ degree"
  - Residue
  - It keeps you cool

## PETS-OF-THE-WEEK

Each Saturday the paper features pets from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center (480 Cinnabar Road, Christiansburg). Those interested in adopting a pet can call 382-5795 or visit [www.montgomerycountyva.gov/acac](http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/acac). Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Walk-ins are welcome.



**Staff at the Animal Care and Adoption Center think Rocket may have been a Parkour champion in one of his previous lives. This boy is very athletic and quick moving. He'll nuzzle your legs before you even realize he's there. Rocket is a food-motivated feline. He would likely do best in a home without other cats or smaller children as he tends to protect his food. He is currently on a special diet and taking some medication to resolve a skin condition.**



**If there ever were a dog to live up to her name, it would be Happy. This gal is sweet and friendly. She loves to play with toy balls and even knows to "leave it" with her human when a round of fetch has ensued. She also knows other basic commands, such as "sit" and "down." Happy is dog-selective, and, as a result, would require a meet-and-greet with any future doggie companions.**

# VT professor: 'Too early to tell' what caused condominium collapse



Part of a 12-story condominium that collapsed early Thursday morning in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Photo courtesy of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

An expert in forensic structural engineering says it's "pure speculation" at this point to guess what might have led to the partial collapse Thursday morning of a 12-story condominium complex in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

"It is entirely too early to tell what happened," says Roberto Leon, the D.H. Burrows Professor of Construction Engineering in The Charles Edward Via, Jr., Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech. "This is going to require quite a bit of investigation, and in the end, we might not come to a complete understanding of what happened here."

Leon studies structural failures and has experience investigating structural collapses.

"By itself you can't begin to draw any conclusions from a video," he said. "We have all of these surveillance cameras now, so we get to see what happened. But it takes very careful examination of these videos — almost on a pixel-by-pixel basis — to determine the collapse initiation. What you can see in the video and what a careful analysis of the video might show later on are entirely different things. So, it is useful, but we're not going to establish the cause

of the collapse based on a video alone."

About the building's design and its 1981 construction, Leon said, "It was probably designed to the standards of the time. But our standards have changed quite drastically over the last 40 years or so. With the benefit of modern computer analysis, there could be some design issues that we see today that weren't clear then."

About the way the building partially collapsed, the professor said. "The kind of remnants that you have in this pancake type collapse unfortunately destroy a lot of the evidence. The columns and walls — all the vertical elements that stabilize a structure — appear to have been damaged or destroyed. The lack of intact structural elements will likely affect the pace of the investigation."

*Roberto Leon is the D.H. Burrows Professor of Construction Engineering in The Charles Edward Via, Jr., Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech. His expertise includes forensic structural engineering, reinforced concrete structures, and behavior and design of building material. He has experience investigating the causes of structural collapses.*

## Baseball

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demarc has taken a toll on this beloved sport, and I'm proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation to help minor league baseball teams through this economic crisis."

Nine Virginia minor league baseball teams are eligible for financial relief under the Minor League Baseball Relief Act: the Fredericksburg Nationals (formerly Potomac), the Norfolk Tides, the Richmond

Flying Squirrels, the Lynchburg Hillcats, the Danville Otterbots (formerly Braves), the Pulaski River Turtles (formerly Yankees), the Salem Red Sox, the Bluefield Ridge Runners (formerly Blue Jays), and the Bristol State Liners (formerly Pirates).

The Minor League Baseball Relief Act is modeled after the successful Shuttered Venue Operator Grants (SVOG)

program, which provided needed assistance to venues like theatres, museums, or concert halls that were forced to shut due to necessary COVID-19 safety measures.

Specifically, the act would repurpose up to \$550 million in COVID-19 relief funding for an emergency grant program to be administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA) that would

otherwise be returned to the U.S. Treasury; provide eligible clubs grants up to a maximum of \$10 million with allowable expenses including payroll costs, regular business expenses (e.g., rent, utilities), worker protection expenditures, and payments made to independent contractors; provide an opportunity for a second grant at 50 percent of the first if a club's revenue does not recover

and does not significantly exceed its 2019 total; and require strict oversight from SBA through documentation, review of use, and an audit on grant funding. This provision applies to any minor league baseball team previously part of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues but not to any club that is majority-owned by Major League Baseball.

## Grilling

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limit the number of times the cooler is opened as much as you can. This helps to keep the contents cold longer.

Don't cross-contaminate. Be sure to keep raw meat, poultry, and seafood securely wrapped and separated from other foods. This keeps their juices from contaminating prepared/cooked foods or foods that will be eaten raw, such as fruits and vegetables.

**Clean your produce.** Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water before packing them in the cooler including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Rub firm-skinned fruits and vegetables under running tap water or scrub them with a clean vegetable brush while rinsing with running tap water. Dry fruits and vegetables

with a clean cloth towel or paper towel before packing.

**Follow Safe Grilling Tips.** Grilling and picnicking often go hand-in-hand. And just as with cooking indoors, there are important guidelines that should be followed to ensure that your grilled food reaches the table safely.

**Marinate safely.** Marinate foods in the refrigerator, never on the kitchen counter or outdoors. In addition, if you plan to use some of the marinade as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion separately before adding the raw meat, poultry, or seafood. Don't reuse marinade that has touched raw meat or poultry.

**Cook food thoroughly.** When it's time to cook the food, have your food thermometer ready. Always use it to be

sure your food is cooked thoroughly. That means grilling the following foods to achieve the recommended internal temperatures: whole steaks, roasts, pork and fish: 145°F; ground meat: 160°F; poultry (ground or whole): 165°F.

Grilled food can be kept hot until served by moving it to the side of the grill rack, just away from the coals. This keeps it hot but prevents overcooking.

Don't reuse platters or utensils that held raw meat, poultry, or seafood for serving unless they have been washed first in hot, soapy water. Using the same platter or utensils that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood allows bacteria from the raw food's juices to spread to the cooked food. Instead, have a clean platter

and utensils ready at grill-side to serve your food.

**Keep picnic food at the proper cold and hot temperatures.**

Keeping food at proper temperatures - indoor and out - is critical in preventing the growth of foodborne bacteria. The key is to never let your picnic food remain in the "Danger Zone," between 40° F and 140° F, for more than two hours, or one hour if outdoor temperatures are above 90° F. This is when bacteria in food can multiply rapidly and lead to foodborne illness.

Cold perishable food should be kept in the cooler at 40° F or below until serving time.

Once you've served it, it should not sit out for longer than two hours, or one hour if the outdoor temperature is

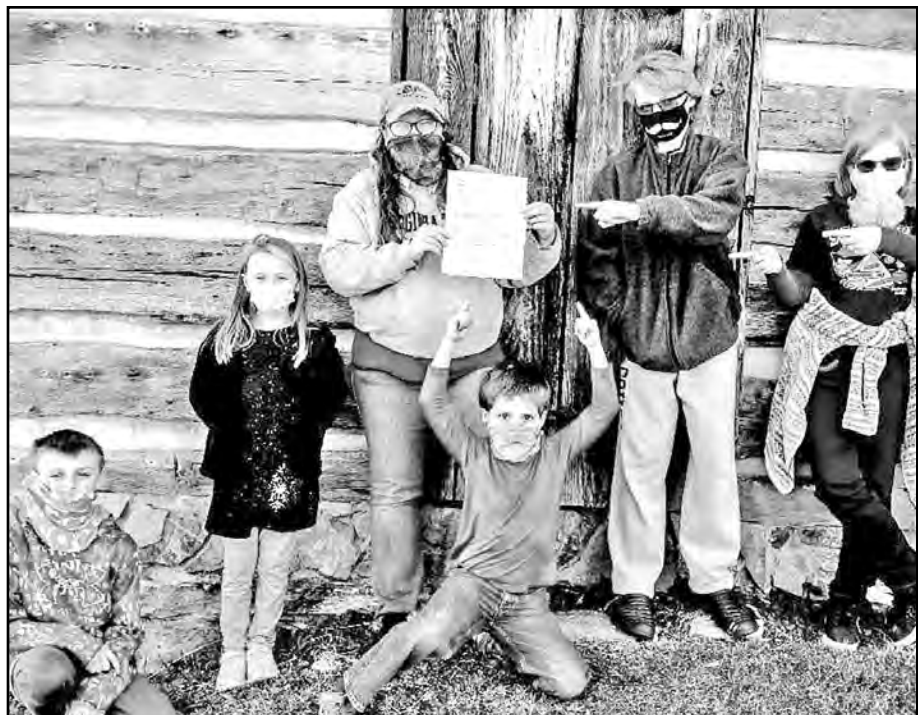
above 90° F.

Cold foods like chicken salad and desserts in individual serving dishes can be placed directly on ice on your picnic table, or in a shallow container set in a deep pan filled with ice. Drain off water as ice melts and replace ice frequently.

Hot food should be kept hot, at or above 140° F. Wrap it well and place it in an insulated container until serving. Just as with cold food, these foods should not sit out for more than two hours, or one hour in temperatures above 90° F. If food is left out longer, throw it away to be safe.

*Joell Eifert is director of the food innovations program in the Department of Food Science and Technology at Virginia Tech.*

# NRV Community Foundation accepting 2021 grant applications



2020 Community Foundation Responsive Grant Program recipient

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley is accepting applications for its 2021 Responsive Grant Program through Friday, July 23, at 5 p.m.

This program responds to ongoing and emergent community needs as recognized by the area nonprofits serving those needs directly. The 2021 Respon-

sive Grant Program will offer only general operating support grants of up to \$4,000 to be used at the grantee's discretion.

Any registered 501c(3) organization serving the NRV or a unit of local government, such as a school or a library, may apply.

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# Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, and Roanoke counties.

## FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will suspend many highway work zones and lift most lane closures on interstates and other major roads in Virginia from noon on Friday, July 2, until noon on Tuesday, July 6.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 104 to 106 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by June 2022.

Alternating lane closures will be in place southbound between mile marker 105-104 from 9 p.m. on Monday, June 28, through 5 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29 and if needed, on Tuesday, June 29, through 5 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30.

**SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

**I-81 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT EXIT 114 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – The bridge replacement of the two Inter-

state 81 bridges over Route 8, northbound and southbound, is underway. Drivers can expect alternating lane and shoulder closures, northbound and southbound, from mile marker 114 to 115. Exit 114 ramp shoulder closures will be ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 mph in the work zone. Route 8 will have alternating northbound and southbound shoulder and lane closures, day or night, as needed between the I-81 on and off ramps. A temporary traffic signal will direct traffic on Route 8 throughout the duration of the project. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Estimated completion is summer 2021.

Nighttime lane closures may be in place periodically on I-81 southbound from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

**DMV Notice:** The bridge on I-81 northbound at mile marker 114 currently has a restricted width for wide loads of 26 feet or larger.

**ROUTE 669 CLOSURE** - Route 669 (Fairview Church Road) is closed for a low water slab replacement between Route 606 (Sidney Church Road) and Route 670 (Dairy Road) through Wednesday, Aug. 11. Detours will be in place and signs will be posted to assist drivers in the area.

**ROUTE 11 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT** - Work is underway on Route 11 southbound to replace the bridge deck over the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The bridge is located .4 miles north of the intersection with Route 748 (Big Spring Drive) and .4 mile south of the intersection with Route 603 (North Fork Road). The left lane of both Route 11 north and south is closed with a detour in place until the completion of the project. Once in place, the detour will re-route Route 11 south traffic through the left lane of Route 11 north, limiting each direction to a single lane. The expected completion date is November 2021.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH:** A new traffic pattern is in place detouring Route 11 southbound traffic through the left lane of Route 11 north-

bound between the intersections above, limiting each direction to a single lane.

**ROUTE 636 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HOLLOW** - Work has begun replacing the bridge on Route 636 over the Roanoke River at Seneca Hollow. Beginning August 3, a road closure will be in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. A detour will be in place. The detour will restrict access to Route 460 at Seneca Hollow and will require travelers to enter/exit Route 460 at Friendship Road near Wheeling Hollow. The project is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2021.

**40th Annual Shawsville 5K Race** – Beginning at 8 a.m. on July 3, 2021, the 40th Annual Shawsville 5K Race will take place. The course will start near the Shawsville Middle School and proceed west along Oldtown Road. At the intersection with Route 460, the runners will swing left and run along the shoulder of 460 until they reach BB&T Bank where they will again turn left onto Stewart Lane. At the top of the hill, the runners will return to Oldtown Road and finish the race just past the school.

**ROUTE 685 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION** – Contractors are constructing several turn lane and road improvements on Route 685 (Prices Fork Road) between Route 1145 (Stratford View Drive) and Route 654 (Brookfield Road). Motorists should expect daily shoulder closures with intermittent lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Current work hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., but are subject to change as construction progresses. Work is expected to last through Summer 2021.

**UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460** - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

**VARIOUS ROADS FOR UTILITY WORK** - Utility crews will be work-

ing on overhead lines along a general corridor alignment following Route 114 (Peppers Ferry), Route 460 Business (Franklin Street) and Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road). The work zone will span from the Pulaski/Montgomery county line to the Montgomery/Roanoke county line. In addition, various side roads will be impacted by intermittent closures for crossings. Motorists should expect shoulder closures and lane closures for travel in both directions. Intermittent full closures of the roads will be required for periods lasting no longer than 15 minutes. Work hours are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Advance warning for weekend work involving closures of primary highways on weekend mornings from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. will be provided via message boards once scheduled. Work is scheduled to last until Fall 2021.

## INTERSTATE 81 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT S-CURVES IN BOTETOURT COUNTY

A project to improve the S-curves along southbound I-81 in Botetourt County between mile markers 167.4 and 169.5 is underway. This project will enhance safety and improve vehicle traction. Work includes repaving the travel lanes, applying new pavement markers and installing underground pavement drains. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and the speed limit will be reduced to 60 mph in the work zone. This project also includes permanently closing and removing the southbound off ramp at exit 167 (Buchanan) to reduce speed differentials, conflict points and lane changes associated with exiting vehicles. The estimated completion date is Summer 2021.

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143** – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has begun. Work will continue to be conducted within the median and shoulder within the barrier walls. Sound wall installation is underway. Weekday and weekend lane and shoulder closures may be in place. A left lane closure will be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound during nighttime hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while equipment and materials are brought into and out of the median. Estimated completion date of the project is Summer 2022.

**I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**Botetourt County:** Milling and paving will take place on I-81 northbound between mile marker 171.5 in Botetourt County to the Rockbridge County Line between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday night through Friday morning.

**I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 141 and 143, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

**INTERSTATE 581 I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD** – Work is underway to rehab the bridge on I-581 that crosses over Route 11 (Williamson Road) in Downtown Roanoke. On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete at the end of 2021.

**I-581 BRIDGE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581 between exit 6 and exit 4W and exit 3C to exit 6, northbound and southbound. Right, center and left lane closures may be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Single lane closures may be in place during daytime hours, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Estimated completion date is July 2021.

**I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY** – Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

**I-581 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)** **I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

**I-77 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**I-77 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN CARROLL COUNTY** – Weather permitting, crews will be milling, paving and performing maintenance along Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should

expect possible delays. **BRUSH REMOVAL & SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will remove and clear brush and work on shoulders and slopes along I-77 northbound and southbound from mile marker 17 to 14 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

**ROANOKE CITY ROUTE 460 (ORANGE AVENUE) INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** – Intersection improvements on Orange Avenue and Hollins Road are underway. Turn lanes will be extended on Orange Avenue and the traffic signal will be replaced at the intersection. Hollins Road will be widened from Orange Avenue to McDowell Avenue. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic at the intersection of Orange and Hollins during daytime hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Estimated completion is October 2021.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH:** During nighttime hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning, the travel lanes of eastbound Route 460 (Orange Avenue) will be resurfaced at the intersection of Hollins Road, east of the intersection with Kimball Avenue and west of the intersection of 11th Street. Drivers should expect various lane closures in the area during this time. Once the resurfacing of eastbound Route 460 is completed, the left lane of eastbound Route 460 and the left lane of westbound Route 460 will both be closed for the reconstruction of the median and the turn lanes along Hollins Road.

**ROANOKE COUNTY ROUTE 649 (Dry Hollow Road) CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, from Monday, July 12 through Wednesday, July 14, Route 649 (Dry Hollow Road) will be closed during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. for geotechnical testing. During this investigation, equipment must be placed in the roadway such that there may not be adequate room for vehicles to pass. Therefore, the roadway will be closed during the investigative activities but there will be pedestrian access through the work area. The anticipated work area and roadway closure is within the vicinity of the Norfolk Southern Railroad overpass on Dry Hollow Road near the intersection of West River Road.


**ROUTE 11 & ROUTE 117 INTERSECTION:** Pedestrian Improvements - Construction has begun on a pedestrian improvement project on Route 11 (Williamson Road). Work will take place .45 miles south of the intersection with Route 117 (Peters Creek Road) and will end at the intersection. The majority of the construction, phase one and two, will take place during daytime hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The southbound lane of Williamson Road will be closed and traffic will be shifted into the center turn lane. The northbound lane will remain open. In addition, left turns will not be permitted into entrances from both southbound and northbound lanes within the work zone on Williamson Road. This pattern will remain in place through the first two phases of the project. During the third phase of the project, work will be performed with lane closures in place during night hours only, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Shoulder closures will be in place throughout the project with message boards to alert drivers. Expected to be completed in December 2021.

**TRAFFIC SHIFT:** Southbound traffic within the work zone on Williamson Road, south of the intersection with Peters Creek Road, will be shifted through the center lane during the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

## ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

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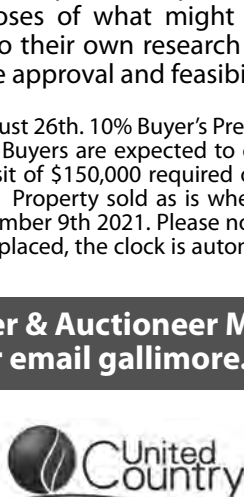
26.7 acres of open development land in the Town of Blacksburg VA. Within walking distance to downtown Blacksburg & VA Tech. Property has ideal topography for development with 1,365 +/- ft of road frontage on Harding Road. Town water & sewer at site and readily available along with Natural Gas & Gigabit Internet Connectivity. Property is gently sloping and allows for potentially unblocked mountain views from every lot. Property is equally suited for Single or Multi-Family Development, Student Housing, 55+ Active Adult or Retirement Community and/or Private Estate.

There is extensive local & regional public transportation network (Blacksburg Transit) & Smart Way Commuter Bus with direct links to Airport, & Northern VA. Newly approved rail service and Amtrak Station scheduled for 2024. Existing Bus Stop within 100 ft of property. Walkable Community to all convenient amenities.

Download Bidder Pack for Maps, Terms, Zoning, Sample Purchase Contract, sample development plan. Sample Development is not approved & is shown only for illustration purposes of what might possibly be accomplished. Bidders are expected to do their own research and due diligence for their own ideas for intended use approval and feasibility.

**Terms** – Bidding opens on August 26th. 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Buyers are expected to complete due diligence prior to bidding. Earnest Money Deposit of \$150,000 required on day of sale. Close in 60 Days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is where is any and all faults. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on September 9th 2021. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes.

**Contact – Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Asbury, Michael Anthony "Tony"

Michael Anthony "Tony" Asbury, 59, of Elliston, Va. died peacefully Tuesday night, June 22, 2021, at LewisGale Medical Center in Salem.

Born March 23, 1962, Tony was the son of the late Raymond Eugene Asbury and Shirley Richardson Asbury. He was a graduate of Princeton High School and the Little French Beauty Academy. He was of the Christian faith.

All of his life, Tony worked in helping professions where he served and cared about people: first, at group homes where he worked with the mentally handicapped and disabled; then a Catawba State Hospital in Catawba, Va., before finishing his career with the Good Samaritan Hospice of the New River Valley.

Tony enjoyed cooking, traveling, and being with family and friends. He loved his many pets over the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Dana Scott Asbury and Timothy Eugene Asbury.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 30 years, Janice Asbury of the home; stepsons Matt Carter of the home and Mark Carter of Bluefield,



W.Va.; granddaughter Hannah Carter of Bluefield, W.Va.; nephews Chris Asbury of Christiansburg, John Asbury of Radford, and Josh Asbury of Princeton, W.Va.; brother-in-laws Ivan Marshall of Elliston and Kenneth Widener of Bluefield; sister-in-law Jo Ann Henry and husband Claude of Botetourt, Va.; dear friends Clayton

Hall and Eddie Smith of Princeton, W.Va.; and his beloved dog, Dusty, of the home.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at Seneca Baptist Church in Elliston on Monday, June 28, 2021. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Bluefield. Pallbearers were Chris Asbury, John Asbury, Matt Carter, Mark Carter, Clayton Hall, and Kenneth Widener.

The family would like to thank Dr. Richard Prokopchak, Dr. Michael Davis, Dr. Laflam and the Davita Dialysis Center, Intrepid Home Healthcare, and the Shawsville and Christiansburg Ambulance Service.

McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at their website.

## Dyer, Reva Emmalene

Reva Emmalene Dyer passed away on June 26, 2021, at her home in Blacksburg with her loving children by her side.

Emmalene was born in Big Isaac, W.Va., on Sept. 13, 1933, and grew up in Salem, W.Va. She graduated from Salem High School in 1951 and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing, Richmond, with a RN degree in 1954. She met Ray Dyer Jr., and was married 50 years.

Emmalene was preceded in death by her husband; her parents Lena and Raymond Goldsmith; her brother, Jennings Goldsmith; her sister-in-law, Marion Goldsmith; her brother-in-law, Dennis Gloeckner; and her nephew, Buster Goldsmith.

She is survived by her sister, Shirley Goldsmith Gloeckner, her children, Ray Dyer III and daughter-in-law Vincent Rawlings Dyer; Charlotte Dyer Dooley and son-in-law, Kirk Dooley; Scott Dyer and daughter-in-law Stacey Holland Dyer; grandchildren Doug Dyer, Hayley Dyer, Catherine Dyer, Taylor Dyer Dressler and husband Al Dressler, Connor Dyer, Maggie Doolley, and Kellis Doolley.

Emmalene is also survived by nieces Cheryl Goldsmith and husband, Jack Plotkin; Denise Gloeckner Bryson and husband, Phil Bryson; Emily Gloeckner and son, Jackson Price; Heather Juarez and children Thomas Juarez and Aiden Juarez.

Emmalene and Ray moved to Blacksburg in 1960, and she helped her husband through 35 years in various roles at times, including office

manager and nurse of his medical practice. Emmalene also volunteered in the community with various organizations and through donations helped support various local charities.

She was a member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church and Blacksburg Country Club. Emmalene was active in four bridge clubs and was an avid supporter of the Hokies. She loved raising her children and told them, "Always be kind to one another and no bickering." Her favorites included family gatherings and visits, annual beach trips, red roses, and her Weimaraner and dachshund dogs.

In Emmalene's later years, she focused on family, long-time friends, faith, and her church, supporting favorite charities, watching all the Hokie football and basketball games, playing bridge and reading several books each week and the daily newspaper. Emmalene's family is very thankful for the wonderful care given at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery, Carilion Clinic Hospice, and Traci's Caregivers.

A memorial service for Emmalene was held at Blacksburg United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on June 29, 2021, with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful if donations are offered to Carilion Clinic Hospice - NRV (give.carilionfoundation.org/donate-now - designate New River Valley Hospice) or Blacksburg United Methodist Church (www.blacksburgumc.org). Online condolences may be made by visiting McCoy Funeral Home website, mccoymfuneralhome.com.

## Teates, H. Bennett

H. Bennett Teates, 79, of Blacksburg, died on June 23, 2021, surrounded by family. He was born in Fauquier County, Va., on February 22, 1942, to the late Bryan W. Teates and Mae Afton Bennett Teates.

His 'Love until the End of Time' was Judith Keister Teates.

He is survived by his children, Andrea Teates Robinson and her husband, J. D., Andrew Bennett Teates and his wife, Shelby, and Jennifer Teates Niemiera and her husband, Jesse Overcash; and his grandchildren, William Sharpe, Matthew Sharpe, Alexis Niemiera, Olivia Niemiera, and Bennett Niemiera.

Bennett earned his Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech in 1964 and was also a distinguished military graduate. He held advanced degrees from George Washington and Johns Hopkins universities. He was a member of the Highty Tights and the Old Guard.

Bennett worked in the national security arena. His experience included serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, being a director of command and control programs at the Georgia Tech Research Institute, and serving as a program manager at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. He founded and was president of Command Control, Inc. in Atlanta, which did research and prototype development for the Department of Defense and the power



industry. He served as executive director for the Virginia Tech Applied Research Corporation (VT-ARC) Blacksburg operations.

Bennett was always interested in adventures, be it training and riding his horse, Gem, or riding his motorcycle cross country and achieving the motorcycle accolade "Iron Butt" from the world's toughest motorcycle riders by visiting all four corners of the U.S. He was always trying to improve his golf game on The Hill and Tech's Golf Course.

He served the communities where he lived. Such work included EquiTrails in Cherokee, Ga., to establish and preserve horse trails, and helping to recognize Prices Fork's historical significance, working to preserve the village and surrounding communities. He was a member of Blacksburg Rotary and the Price Family Historical Society.

The family would like to thank the team at the Blue Ridge Cancer Center and LewisGale Montgomery Hospital nurses and doctors.

Graveside services will be conducted today, Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. To attend the services, please arrive at the cemetery by 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Prices Fork United Methodist Church, 4236 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA, 24060.

Services are being provided by McCoy Funeral Home.

## Harder, Embree Newton Prater

Embree Newton Prater Harder, of Blacksburg, passed away on June 17, 2021, at Heritage Hall. She was born in Bristol on March 9, 1936, a daughter of the late Price and Lena Newton Prater. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Lloyd "Doc" Harder, a much beloved pharmacist in Blacksburg; and her two cherished sisters, Elizabeth Prater Carter of Bristol, Va., and Mary Gene Barnhill of Boston, Mass.

Embree was a devoted family member. Left to cherish her memory are her two sons, David Lloyd Harder and his wife, Mary, of Blacksburg, and Michael Harder of Christiansburg; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, all whom she loved dearly.

Embree was an avid reader and loved



to collect cookbooks and family photographs.

Lloyd and Embree spent the early part of their marriage in Bristol, Tenn., where Lloyd worked for Embree's uncle at Buntings Drug Store. Later they lived in Bassett, Va., before settling in Blacksburg in 1969 where Lloyd owned Center Drug, which later sold out to People's Pharmacy

Embree was buried with Lloyd at the Southwestern Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, where there was a graveside service on Tuesday, June 29 at 11 a.m.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff of Heritage Hall-Blacksburg, who provided such love and care for Embree during her last years of life. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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to [communitynews@ourvalley.org](mailto:communitynews@ourvalley.org)

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A 2021 SAVE RIDER PROJECTED FACTOR AND TRUE-UP FACTOR CASE NO. PUR-2021-00121

On June 1, 2021, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), for approval of a revised Infrastructure Replacement Current Rate ("Projected Factor") in addition to an Infrastructure Replacement Reconciliation Rate ("True-up Factor") under the Company's Commission-approved Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan ("SAVE Plan"). The Company filed this Application in accordance with the Commission's August 21, 2020 Order Approving SAVE Rider Projected Factor and True-Up Factor in Case No. PUR-2020-00107.

The Company's total proposed SAVE Plan investment for fiscal year 2022 is approximately \$4,149,889. Based on the proposed SAVE investment for fiscal year 2022, Atmos requests a Projected Factor revenue requirement of \$738,222. A proposed True-Up Factor credit of \$5,183 reduces the overall 2021 SAVE Factor Revenue Requirement to \$733,039. The Company proposes that the SAVE Rider rate become effective with the first billing cycle in October 2021. As proposed, the combined 2021 SAVE Rider Rate for residential customers will be \$0.90 per month, an increase of \$0.41 over the current rate of \$0.49 for such customers.

Further details are set forth in the Company's Application and supporting exhibits, and interested persons are encouraged to review these documents. While the total revenue requirement that may be approved by the Commission is limited to the amount produced by the Company's proposed rates, TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may approve revenues, and adopt rates, fees, charges, tariff revisions, and terms and conditions of service that differ from those appearing in the Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the 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.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [tbiller@huntonAK.com](mailto:tbiller@huntonAK.com).

On or before July 23, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments) or by filing such comments with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00121.

On or before July 23, 2021, any interested person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, with the Clerk of the Commission, at the address set forth above or at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/), a notice of participation in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 52030, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00121. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment.

On or before July 23, 2021 any interested person or entity may file, with the Clerk of the Commission, at the address set forth above or at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/), a request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application. Requests for hearing must include the email address of the filer or its counsel along with: (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 the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be addressed adequately without a hearing. All such filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00121, and copies thereof simultaneously shall be served on counsel for the Company.

The public version of the Company's Application, 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](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION



# Marketplace















**Yard Sales - Botetourt County**

**Yard & Craft Sale**  
(Inside & Out)  
July 10, 2021  
VFW 220 N. of Daleville VA  
8-2 or later  
Food-Homemade  
Hot Dogs, B.B.Q., Potato Salad, Mac. Salad  
Some Antiques  
1990 Chevrolet Scottsdale 4x4 for Sale  
Call: 540-473-3569 or 540-293-8314  
Set up available (Outside) \$10.00 to set up. Bring own tables.  
Looking forward to seeing you all. Thank you

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July 3rd  
8am-2pm  
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Women's clothing (Extra Large & 1X)  
Household goods  
Rain or Shine

**Acreage & Lots**

**1.2 Acre Lot**  
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**Subsidized Apartments for Seniors**

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The following position is open with TAP:

**Family Development Specialist- Craig County/Giles**

The Family Development Specialist shall assist the Family Development Coordinator in the planning and implementation of the Health Services and Family and Community Partnership services area.

□ Demonstrate ability to

**Help Wanted - General**

communicate both orally and in writing with staff, parents, and the community  
□ Demonstrates ability to develop trusting professional relationships with families.  
□ AS or AA degree in Social Work, Psychology or Health Science or related fields preferred.  
□ 2 years' experience in a social services agency.  
□ Experience working with families.

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This person will perform task on dwellings to enhance the fuel conservation and reduce heating cost in accordance with the DHCD Weatherization Installation Standards

- Must be knowledgeable in Heating and Cooling Systems, Construction and Carpentry
- Must have experience using various tools and diagnostic equipment, read a tape measure, have basic mathematical skills
- Must possess the ability to understand and follow directions
- Must be able to read and speak English
- High school graduate or equivalent required
- Must have completed all Crew Technician classes and have a minimum of 6 months Field Experience

Must be able to adjust

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**Home Based Coordinator**

Responsible for the supervision of all Home Based staff. Provide direction, support and reinforcement to the Home Visitors. Ensure the Home Base Program exemplifies the Head Start philosophy of supporting and encouraging family goals and objectives, involving parents in the development and education of their children, and strengthening the capacity of parents and families to become self-sufficient and to support the general development of their own children. Serve as a resource person to Home Visitors and as the liaison between the Home Visitors and the Head Start Services Area staff.

- Through experience and/or training with established organizational skills which will ensure the proper operation of the program.
- Models respect and acceptance with staff and holds self just as responsible for the outcome of the program as anyone else.
- Shows loyalty to staff for their dedicated work and acknowledges their success to the agency.
- Demonstrated knowledge of preschool development, community resources and agencies that work with families.
- Seeks opportunities to provide training for professional development within the agency, the state and the region.

Capable of working independently with staff or in tandem with other agencies/institutions.

- Represents the Home Based program to the community, volunteers and patrons in a professional manner.
- A Bachelor's Degree with concentration in early childhood development or related field.
- Four years' experience working with families and young children.
- Three years' experience in a supervisory capacity.

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Send resume: mhurd.fincastleumc@gmail.com

**Legals - City of Salem**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on The Public Input on Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan and American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER Plan on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. The hearing will begin at 5:30 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, July 7, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
- address their remarks to the Board,
- be brief and address all stated concerns to the chair,
- A time limit of three minutes per speaker is allotted,
- Provide 8 copies of their remarks for the record, and
- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
- In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

**Notice is hereby given to**

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of the Salem Historical Society, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1936 West Main Street (Tax Map # 138-2-7) from CBD Community Business District with proffered conditions to CBD Community Business District without conditions.

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant, and Layman Candy Company, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1637 East Main Street (Tax Map #77-3-13) from LM Light Manufacturing with proffered conditions, to HBD Highway Business District without conditions.

3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant, and Layman Candy Company, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 23 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #77-3-12) from HBD Highway Business District with proffered conditions, to HBD Highway Business District without conditions.

4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant and Layman Candy Company, Inc. and George W. Givens Jr. & Susan K. Givens, property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow personal storage on the properties located at 1637 & 1641-1647 East Main Street, and 11, 15, & 23 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #s 77-3-13, 77-3-16, 77-3-15, 77-3-14, and 77-3-12).

**Legals - City of Salem**

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA**  
BY  
James E. Taliaferro, II  
Executive Secretary

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# MONTGOMERY SPORTS

## Auburn softball wins Class 1 state championship



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Units from Riner Rescue and the Riner Fire Department lead the way in welcoming the Auburn High School softball team home Saturday after they won the Class 1 state title. Waiting for the girls were the state baseball champions, also from Auburn High School.



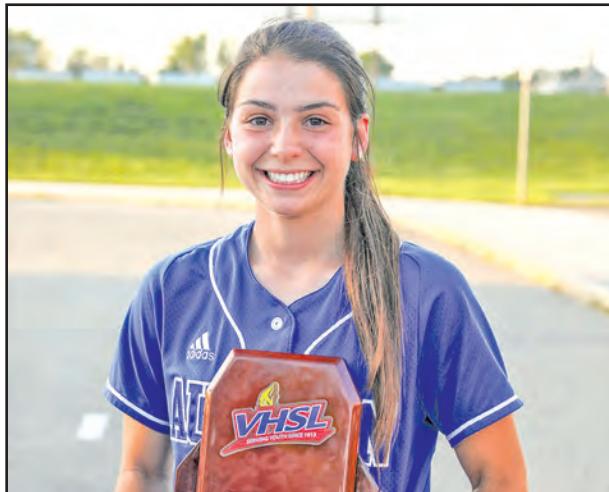
The state champion Auburn Eagles hold the trophy through the sunroof as they pull up to the parking lot at Auburn High School.



The Auburn baseball and softball teams get together to recreate a similar photo in 2019 after both teams had won the state championships.



The state championship Auburn High Eagles: (front row, left to right) Kendra Scaggs, Jordan Coutant, Emily Coe, Kylie Smith, Grace Wilson, and Corinna Hoese; (back row, left to right) Avery Zuckerwar, Kirsten Fleet, Emma Greenhalgh, Rachel Brotherton, Hannah Shepherd, and Harley Hurd.



The Auburn softball team's lone senior, Emily Coe, is all smiles as she holds up the state championship trophy.



Auburn baseball head coach Eric Altizer (left) and Eagle softball head coach David Hurd pose with their state championship trophies.

## Former VT swimmer Ian Ho qualifies for Tokyo Olympics

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Ian Ho, a member of the Virginia Tech swim and dive team from 2015-2019, has qualified for next month's Tokyo Olympics in the 50-meter freestyle event as a representative on the Hong Kong National Team.

While at Tech, Ho qualified for the ACC championships all four years and competed in high level collegiate meets including the NCAA championships and the Toyota U.S. Open. As a Hokie, he was a member of several team relays and competed in his own sprint events at the top collegiate level.

In the summer after his freshman year, Ho competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials and finished 36th overall in the 50-meter freestyle. After graduation, he continued his training within the states and internationally in pursuit of his Olympic dream, which has now come to be a reality.

The 2020 Olympic Games will begin July 23.

Ho grew up in Blacksburg, started swimming at the Blacksburg Aquatic Center, and swam competitively for Blacksburg's club team, the H20kies. He also spent time in the summers at Virginia Tech's Maroon and Orange Camp where college swimmers counsel and coach high schoolers.

From there, Ho started swimming at Virginia Tech in what is called the sprint freestyle in the 50- and 100-meter events.

Ho was named to the All-ACC Academic Team and the ACC Academic Honor Roll as a mechanical engineering major and took his training to the pool at the Christiansburg Aquatics Center.

Racing by himself at the Hong Kong LC Swimming Time Trial IV, Ho became the first man from his nation ever to get under the 22-second threshold in the 50m freestyle. In the final heat, he set a 21.97 mark, making him just the sixth Asian man in history to break the 22-second mark.



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Ian Ho, who swam for the Hokies from 2015-2019, has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in the 50-meter freestyle event.

## RU baseball hires new pitching coach

The Radford baseball program has announced the hiring of Damian Stambersky as its next pitching coach.

Stambersky has more than 20 years of coaching experience as both a championship pitching coach and most recently serving as a head coach at CSU-Pueblo.

"It is important to me that we surround our players and baseball program with a championship pedigree," commented RU head baseball coach Karl Kuhn. "Damian has taken two pitching staffs to the Division II College World Series. He has competed for championships at the division one level as a player and has coached in championship settings on Division II's grandest stage."

"Our players and our program will be better for the addition of Damian into our fold," Kuhn said. "I am honored and

humbled that Damian, his wife Valerie, and their two children will be joining our Radford baseball family."

In just his first season at CSU-Pueblo fighting the COVID-19 pandemic Stambersky posted a 15-24 overall record. While Stambersky was at the helm, the Thunderwolves recorded victories over the 25th ranked, 21st ranked, 18th ranked, and 1st ranked teams in Division II. The team's highlight of the season came when they handed the top-team in Division II, Colorado Mesa, just their third regular season loss of the season and snapped their 21-game winning streak.

Before his time at CSU-Pueblo, Stambersky spent six seasons as the pitching coach at the University of Central Missouri. While there, the Mules made two NCAA Divi-

sion II College World Series appearances (2016 and 2019) and compiled a 210-91 record. The Mules captured two Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) regular season championships, made three NCAA Regionals appearances, and won three MIAA Tournament championships while he was an assistant coach with the program.

In 2020 before the season was shortened due to COVID-19, Stambersky coached three pitchers who would eventually sign with the Philadelphia Phillies, the Milwaukee Brewers, and the Houston Astros, which brought his total to seven players signed by MLB teams during his career.

Stambersky's pitching staff ranked in the top two in the MIAA in ERA during all six of his seasons at Central Mis-

souri. In 2019, the team posted a 46-16 record with a 3.86 ERA, which included striking out an MIAA-best 562 batters. Opponents were held to a .227 batting average that season, and in the postseason the program posted a 2.70 ERA on the way to a third-place finish in Division II.

Stambersky also coached 17 pitchers to All-MIAA honors and another two to All-American honors. Among his primary duties as top assistant coach were the coordination and implementation of all recruiting efforts. He was responsible for all advanced scouting and defensive game planning and ran all prospect and youth baseball camps. As the pitching coach, he designed individual pitching development plans, managed pitching staff usage, and created individual strength and conditioning plans for the pitchers.

Before his time at Central Missouri, he spent 11 seasons coaching at Kansas City Community College as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. While there he coached nine players to Division I opportunities and four players who would move on to play professionally.

Stambersky got his coaching start with four seasons as an assistant at his alma mater, the University of Arkansas Little Rock. The Trojans won 109 games during his tenure there with a school-record 33 wins in 2000.

Stambersky earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and entrepreneurship from the University of Arkansas Little Rock in 2000. He obtained a master's degree in exercise science in 2007 from California University of Pennsylvania.

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## Montgomery Co. team wins district softball tourney



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