



Potentially toxic algae are blooming in Pandapas Pond

Potentially toxic cyanobacteria have formed a “harmful algal bloom” (HAB) in Pandapas Pond.

This type of blue-green algae may produce a toxin that can cause rashes and other illnesses.

The Virginia Department of Health warns pond visitors to stay out of the water, and to keep their pets out, too. Due to relatively low body weight, children and pets are at greater risk of severe illness if they ingest the water. Pets also can fall ill if they get wet and then lick their fur.

Pandapas Pond is a pastoral, 8-acre pond located just outside Blacksburg. It sits on the Eastern Continental Divide and is surrounded by a forest of hardwoods and rhododendron.

A one-mile wheelchair accessible trail encircles the pond. A wooden boardwalk separates the pond from a small wetland area that is abundant with dragonflies, turtles, songbirds, and waterfowl.

Horses and bicycles are not permitted on the trail around the pond;

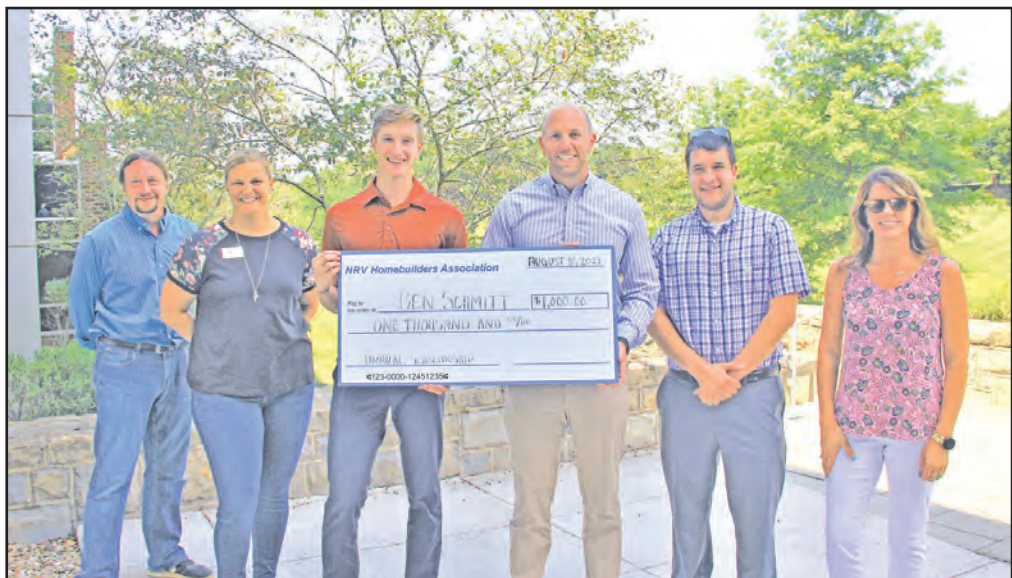
however they may use the 17-mile Poverty Creek Trail system that can be accessed from the upper parking lot.

HABs occur when warm water and nutrients combine to create favorable growing conditions for algae. They can become so dense that they turn the water green or bluish-green and form scummy clumps or glops on the water surface that look like paint.

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The NRV Home Builders Association has awarded its 2021 Rick Whitney Memorial Scholarship to Ben Schmitt of Blacksburg, who became interested in the construction industry after building homes while on a mission trip in Mexico. Pictured above (left to right) are Cat White of Tyriss Homes, Cassidy Jones of Slate Creek Builders, scholarship winner Schmitt, home owners association president Jeff Nosenzo of Brown Insurance, Ian Friend of SAS Builders, and Stephanie Bell of Gay and Neel, Inc.

NRV Home Builders Association awards 2021 memorial scholarship

Christiansburg -- The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) has awarded the 2021 Rick Whitney Memorial Scholarship to Ben Schmitt of Blacksburg.

The mission of the NRVHBA Scholarship Committee is to support the future growth of the construction industry by providing aid to deserving students planning to enroll in construction-related studies at Virginia's colleges, trade schools and within working internships.

The association requests applications from graduating high school students in Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, Floyd, Wythe, and Carroll counties and the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg and the City of Rad-

ford.

According to the association, Schmitt became interested in the construction industry after building homes while on a mission trip in Mexico. He then started his own business doing small construction and renovation projects. He has been accepted to Virginia Tech and plans to major in building construction.

Rick Whitney came to the New River Valley area in 1997 and was employed as Vice President of Construction for SAS Construction, LLC. Whitney was instrumental in developing and constructing Knollwood Townhomes, the Glen, The Meadows at Northside Park, Cedarfield Subdivision, and Cedarfield Apartments.

He became an avid member of the New River Valley Home Builders Association in 1997, the Builder Director in 1997, Vice President in 1998, and President of the association in 1999. As a father, Rick recognized the importance of education to young people. To encourage others to pursue their dreams, this scholarship was established to honor his many accomplishments.

The New River Valley Home Builders Association is a professional trade organization serving the residential and commercial building industry of the New River Valley since 1976. As the voice of the building community, the NRVHBA advocates, educates, and gives back to better homeownership for all.

Hokies return to campus for move-in week

Fall move-in at Virginia Tech is in full swing and continues through Sunday, Aug. 22.

Time slots will last 1.5 hours and are staggered to minimize traffic throughout campus. Students who want to remain on campus after the end of their time slots should move their vehicle to one of the long-term parking lots.

Each student can invite two additional people to assist in the move-in process. These two individuals should be limited to people required to assist with moving items into the residence hall.

Students should be sure to bring their Hokie Passport on move-in day.

Hokie Helpers are on hand to greet students moving in, to give access to moving carts and/or dollies, and to answer students' questions.

Face coverings are required for students and their guests while

indoors during the move-in process. Students and their guests may remain unmasked when they are outdoors. Private spaces within residence halls (i.e. students' rooms) are otherwise exempt from masking requirements. Masking guidelines for lounges and other group spaces within residence halls are posted. Housing and Residence Life has masks available for those who require them.

Due to the university's vaccine requirement, only individuals who receive a religious or medical exemption or reside in an area where vaccines are not readily available will be required to participate in prevalence testing. These individuals will be required to obtain a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of arrival and, subsequently, on a weekly basis. All prevalence testing will be conducted at designated testing locations.



Incoming VT freshmen begin moving into their dorms with the help of family, friends, and Hokie Helpers. Photo by Ryan Young for Virginia Tech.

E-scooters return to Virginia Tech

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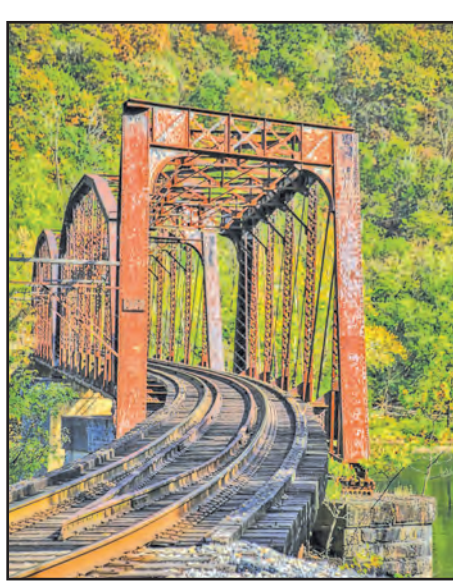
They're orange, they're electric, and they're back. E-scooters have reappeared on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus as a continuation of a naturalistic driving study led by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and Ford-owned micromobility company Spin.

One hundred new e-scooters are available at university ride-share stations

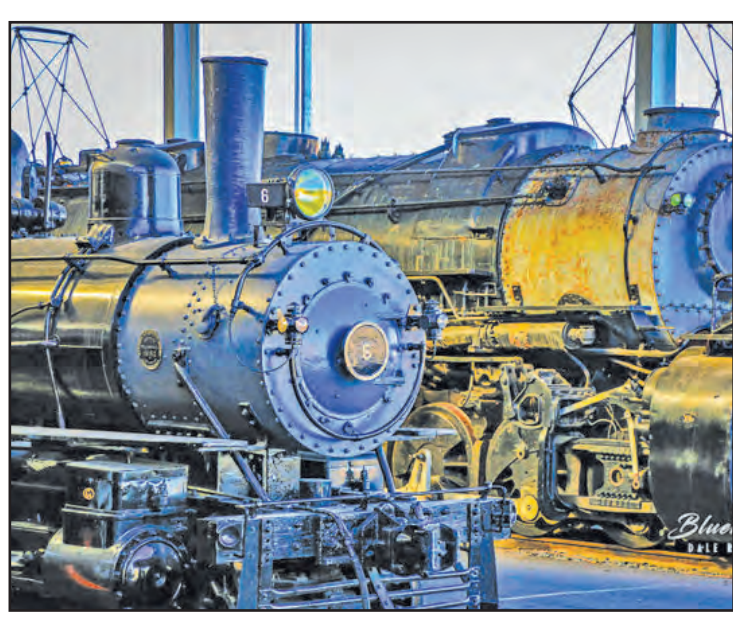
using the Spin app for short commutes across campus. A fleet of approximately 200 e-scooters will be fully deployed beginning Aug. 25. Fifty e-scooters will be outfitted with Virginia Tech Transportation Institute sensors and data collection equipment that allows researchers to study riding behavior.

The e-scooter research study, launched originally in

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Dale Carlson's "Piney Creek Trestle" is on display as part of the "Mountain Rail Tales" exhibit at Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery.



Dale Carlson's "Big and Little" is featured in his "Mountain Rail Tales" exhibit, which is on display at Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery through Aug. 29.

Glencoe Mansion to host closing reception for gallery exhibit "Mountain Rail Tales"

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery will conclude its summer gallery exhibit "Mountain Rail Tales," featuring the photography of Dale R. Carlson of Bluemoonistic Images with a closing reception on Sunday, August 29, from 2:00

to 4:00 p.m.

All across the Appalachian Mountains, culture has been influenced by railroads, which created new communities like Radford, allowed new industries to flourish, and provided convenient transpor-

tation for residents. When the railroads ceased all passenger service in this region in the 60s and 70s, many depots were abandoned and the rails were removed. Many of

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The Spin e-scooter app features additional safety features for riders. Photo by Sarah Myers for Virginia Tech.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Through Saturday, Aug. 21:

Noise Alert I: Marching Virginians Band Camp

The Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech band camp is scheduled through today, Saturday, Aug. 21. Once classes begin on Aug. 23, the regular rehearsal time will be from 5:30 -7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21:

Legacy Motown Revue

Join the crowd at Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery, 600 Unruh Dr., Radford, from 7 to 9 p.m. for an evening of Motown music featuring the Legacy Motown Revue. Bring a chair or a blanket and join in for this “Evening of Motown.” Food trucks, beer, and sweets will be part of the fun. The gates will open at 6 p.m.

Eastmont Tomato Festival

This free outdoor festival features contests for tomato art and tomato recipes as well as competitions for biggest, ugliest, and best-tasting tomato. Participants can also don their best tomato-themed outfits to compete in the ever-popular tomato pageant and belly up to become the tomato-eating champion. Enjoy great food (including fried green tomatoes, BLTs, pizzas, tomato sandwiches and tomato biscuits), live music, games, music, and arts and crafts. The festival takes place at the Meadowbrook Community Center courtyard, 267 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, from 10 a.m. until 2

p.m. More information can be found at eastmontcf.com, facebook, or eastmonttomatofestival@gmail.com.

Noise Alert: Skipper to be Fired

Skipper, the Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired three times as part of the New Cadet Parade on Virginia Tech’s drill field. The first shot will be around 9:50 a.m., and the final shot will take place around 10:45 a.m.

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons

The Radford Public Library is offering both a virtual and an in-person one-shot session of Library D&D this month. To play virtually or to get help creating a level-four adventurer, email duncan.hall@radfordva.gov. Otherwise, feel free to just show up. All ages are welcome. Virtual via Discord on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 4:30 p.m. and in person on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 23:

Blood Drive

The New River Health District and the American Red Cross are teaming to host a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Blue Ridge Church, 1655 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg.

Radford City Council meeting

The regular meeting of Radford City Council will be held at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Thursday, Aug. 26:

In-person Dungeons and Dragons

The Radford Public Library’s in person one-shot session of Library D&D this month will take place at 4:30 p.m. Feel free to just show up. All ages are welcome.

Saturday, Aug. 28:

Dialogue on Race 2021 Summer Summit

From 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Moose Lodge No. 1470, 115 Fairview Rd. NE, Christiansburg. The theme is Student Voices: Reflections on Race and Racism in our Schools. Register at https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eib8sml7c5bacc8a&oseq=&c=&ch=.

Triwizard Tri-Mile Trail Race

At Bisset Park at 9:30 a.m. This is a fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley. Register for the Triwizard Tri-Mile Trail Race at www.lvnrv.org/potterinthe park. For more information, call (540) 382-7262 or send an “owl” to info@lvnrv.org. Follow https://www.facebook.com/LVN RV/ for race updates.

Through August 29:

Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery exhibit “Mountain Rail Tales”

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery’s latest exhibit, “Mountain Rail Tales,” featuring photography by Dale R. Carl-

son of Bluemoonistic Images, will close on Aug. 29. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum with no admission charge. Glencoe is located at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford.

Wednesday, Sept. 8:

Rent Relief Workshop

Virginia’s Rent Relief Program can provide funds to assist in paying rent, late fees, and other lease-related costs back to April 2020 for those impacted by COVID-19. Learn about the requirements and get help completing online applications at Blacksburg’s Rent Relief Workshop at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Montgomery Floyd Regional Library. For more information, call the library at 540-552-8246.

Brown Bag Book Club

At the Radford Public Library at noon. In September, the Brown Bag Book Club will be discussing Kate Moore’s “Radium Girls.” Bring a lunch if you’d like to make some new friends at the club’s casual book discussion. In October, the Brown Bag Book Club will be discussing the classic Halloween read “Frankenstein” by Mary Shelley.

Saturday, Sept. 11:

NRV Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Document Shredding

Residents served by the New River Resource Authority (NRRA) are invited to partici-

pate in the region’s Hazardous Household Waste and Document Shredding Event. Residents interested in this event will need to call NRRA at 540-674-1677 to schedule an appointment. The event will be held at 7100 Cloyd’s Mountain Road, in Dublin from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. No commercial waste or commercial vehicles will be accepted.

Through September:

Blacksburg’s Market Square Jam 2021

Blacksburg’s Market Square Jam 2021 continues each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. through September at Market Square Park.

Simply Elemental Art Exhibit

The Simply Elemental art exhibit in the Hahn Horticultural Garden (on the Virginia Tech campus) is now on display through Sept. 30.

Through October:

Radford Farmers Market

The Radford Farmers Market is being held each Saturday through Oct.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

The Christiansburg Farmers Market is being held each Thursday through October at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 to 7 p.m.

E-scooters

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the fall of 2019 and paused in March 2020 due to COVID-19, records and analyzes trends in e-scooter rider behavior, interactions with other road users, and other valuable safety data.

Enhanced risks associated with riding on varying topographies and a need for increased safety education on the importance of wearing helmets while riding were among themes that arose from the initial study phase data.

“Data collected showed that transitioning between different surface types —

such as to or from pavement to grass — is 60 times riskier than riding on flat pavement. We also noted that riding on rough or soft surfaces will at least double the risk of a crash or near crash. The risk is also three times as high when riding on grass,” said Michael Mollenhauer, director of the Division for Technology Implementation at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

“We are excited to bring a new, more robust scooter to campus. S-100 7th edition has dual kickstands for increased stability when

parked, three independent braking systems, and dual suspension for smooth riding,” said John Lankford, head of campus partnerships at Spin. “A vast majority of incidents on campus in 2019 and 2020 were not caused by conflicts with pedestrians or other road users and could have been prevented with more safety education or features. This is why we are investing heavily in safety education and additional features for first-time users like our slow ride mode.”

With safety paramount to the riding experience, since

initial launch on the Blacksburg campus, Spin has integrated a host of new safety features in its app. For example, first-time riders will encounter an automatic speed reduction (10 MPH) during their initial ride. Riders will also need to complete a safety quiz on their first ride and every 30 days. Quiz topics range from responsible parking, to scooter curfews and distracted riding.

Another new safety feature is the intoxicated riding test. Riders may need to complete a series of tasks within the app to test their reaction time before checking out the scooter. Bolstered scooter safety operational enhancements like dual kickstands and hand brakes will also help ensure safe scooter riding and parking.

To mitigate the observed risky behavior, the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and the Alternative Transportation Department also offer the following tips for riders:

Never ride on grass or other unpaved surfaces. Use caution when travelling over ramps.

Wear a helmet when riding. Free helmets are provided at the Hokie Bike Hub inside the Perry Street Garage. Clip one to the outside of your backpack so you are ready to ride.

Be aware of your surroundings. Get to know your scooter on a quiet street or paved area at a low speed before taking a longer or faster ride.

E-scooters will be active from 7 a.m. to a half hour after sunset.

E-scooters must stay within campus limits and cannot be ridden in the Town of Blacksburg. Riders can view in the app where the available space to cruise is. If a rider attempts to use a scooter outside of campus limits, the scooter will automatically slow to a stop. The Spin app will continue charging the rider by the minute until the rider returns the scooter back to the geofenced area and closes out the ride in the app.

Both Spin e-scooters and personally owned e-scooters (and other electric personal mobility assisted devices) are not permitted inside uni-

versity buildings. E-scooters and other electric personal mobility assisted devices may not be charged in university buildings or their exterior outlets.




E-scooters will be disabled and/or removed in the evenings and in advance of high-traffic events including home football games, commencement, and during inclement weather. E-scooter access on campus will be determined by the Virginia Tech Police Department chief and the vice president for enterprise administrative and business services and is subject to change.

For a limited time, Spin is offering an orientation pass for riders to connect with friends and familiarize themselves with campus. Options include a 24-hour pass for \$5 or a 7-day pass for \$20 on e-scooters through Aug. 30.

Regularly, e-scooters will cost \$1 to unlock and 29 cents per minute. Users who finish their ride and park their scooter in a preferred parking zone (as noted in the mobile app) will receive a credit toward their next ride.

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Investment Properties for Sale in Pulaski VA



Ends Tuesday September 7th at 4 PM
919 & 929 Newbern Rd Pulaski VA 24301
Bid Now At VaAuctionPro.com

Features +/- 1.29 acres with a 1,084 sq. ft. salon, a 2 bay car wash, a singlewide mobile home and an additional mobile home space currently rented. All properties have public water and sewer. Properties are on same survey and being sold together.

919 Newbern Rd – This property consists of +/- .398 acres with an owned 2 bedroom, 2 bath 1991 singlewide mobile home which is rented for \$350 / mo. There is space for another mobile home on the lot in which renter pays \$175 / mo. for lot rent only. (2nd mobile home is not included in the sale)


929 Newbern Rd – This property consists of a 1,084 sq. ft. salon, a separate carwash and +/- .9 acres. The salon has 1 bath, shampoo area and plenty of storage space. Has a covered porch area, gas furnace and electric wall heater. The car wash has 2 bays and according to owner, brings in around \$800 / mo.

Preview Date – Thursday August 26th @ 4 PM

Terms – 10% Buyer’s Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$2,500 required on day of sale. Close on or before October 25th 2021. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on September 7th 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. Download Bidder Information Pack at VaAuctionPro.com

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Summit Bank to celebrate first anniversary in Christiansburg

Summit Community Bank and the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce will team up on

Wednesday, Aug. 25, to celebrate the first anniversary of the bank’s branch in Christiansburg with

a ribbon cutting and an open house.

The celebration will take place from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. with the ribbon being cut around 1:00 p.m. Summit’s branch is located at 100 Akers Farm Rd.

Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be provided along with a special gift for the first 100 guests.

Summit Financial Group, Inc., is a \$3.3 billion financial holding company headquartered in Moorefield, W.Va. Summit provides community banking services primarily in the Eastern Panhandle, Southern and North Central regions of West Virginia; the Northern, Shenandoah Valley and Southwestern regions of Virginia; and the central region of Kentucky through its bank subsidiary, Summit Community Bank, Inc., which operates 46 banking locations.



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Inmate dies at Western Virginia Regional Jail

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, Landon Lee Davidson Lockhart, a 22-year-old white male inmate at the Western Virginia Regional Jail, which includes Mont-

gomery County as part of its service area, was found unresponsive in his cell. Jail security and medical staff initiated life-saving measures, including CPR with an automated

external defibrillator, and simultaneously activated 911. Roanoke County Fire and EMS personnel responded to the jail. Inmate Lockhart was pronounced deceased at

10:49 a.m.

All indications were that Lockhart's death was due to suicide by hanging.

The Roanoke County Police Department has initiated an investigation,

and an autopsy by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Roanoke is part of the investigation.

Inmate Lockhart was committed to the jail on Aug. 18, 2021, and was

awaiting trial out of Roanoke County for a hit and run accident, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, and simple assault on law enforcement.

Is it safe to send your child back to school?



With a resurgent pandemic back in force because of the delta variant, many parents are wondering if it is safe to send their children back to school whether it's the Montgomery County Public Schools, Virginia Tech, or Radford University. Linsey Marr, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at VT, the mother of two, and a renowned expert on virus transmission has some advice on questions parents may be asking.

Q: Is it safe to send my child back to school?

A: I'm not a child development expert, but I am a parent of two kids and an expert on virus transmission. Our family talked about this recently and unanimously agreed that if kids are healthy and schools are taking proper

precautions, then the benefits of in-person schooling outweigh the risks to kids, even in the context of what we currently know about the delta variant. Or another way of putting it is that the risks of not attending school in person are greater than the risks of attending.

Proper precautions include mandatory masking of students and staff, keeping windows and doors open whenever possible to improve ventilation, adding a portable HEPA air filtration unit to each classroom, providing an outdoor option for lunch, and removing plexiglass barriers as they have been shown to be linked to higher transmission in schools probably because they block proper ventilation, along with regular handwashing and cleaning.

My kids desperately want to go back to school full-time, in-person because it is much more stimulating for them. I saw them languishing last year intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially during remote schooling. The calculus has changed a bit because of delta, but given that vaccines are available to all those ages 12 and up, I still think the benefits outweigh the risks for my family.

Q: What questions should

I be asking the school?

A: Are masks required? What have you done to improve ventilation? Have you added a portable HEPA air filtration unit to each classroom? Are the staff members vaccinated? How are you handling lunch?

Q: Are there extra precautions I can take to protect my child?

A: Get your child a high-performance mask, something like a KN95, or KF94 made to fit kids, or a cloth mask with a filter layer. My kids wear tight-fitting cloth masks with a filter layer of surgical mask material or HEPA sandwiched in the middle. Make sure the mask fits well with no gaps around the nose, cheeks, and chin. It should have metal around the nose bridge so that you can shape the mask to your child's face. Teach your child that it is very important to wear the mask at all times, except when eating, and to make sure it fits tightly.

Q: Should children wear masks in the classroom?

A: Yes, absolutely. A couple of months ago, I was on the fence, but now that delta has emerged, I am firmly on the side of masking.

Q: What's the risk of sending my child to school if the rest of the family is vaccinated?

A: Much lower than if the rest of the family is not vaccinated. There's still a non-zero risk that your child could get infected, perhaps even asymptotically, and transmit to family members, but if they are vaccinated, the chances of them becoming sick enough to require hospitalization is very low.

Q: What words of reassurance do you have for parents sending unvaccinated kids back to school in the fall?

A: The fact that many of those ages 12 and up have been vaccinated is helpful for unvaccinated kids because it

means that it's harder for the virus to spread throughout the community. While we're waiting for the vaccines to be approved for those under 12, one of the most important things we can do is to help others decide to get vaccinated. We know a lot more about how the virus spreads and how best to control it than we did last year.

Because the virus spreads mainly through the air, masks and good ventilation and filtration can greatly reduce the risk of transmission. Many schools operated in-person last year and avoided large outbreaks if the school had strong precautions. COVID-19 seems scary and unknown, and we would love for there to be zero risk, of course; thankfully the risk for kids is much, much lower than for other age groups. We manage other things that pose risks to kids, such as car accidents, with strong precautions, and we can do the same with COVID-19.

NRCC to offer early childhood development and human services programs

New River Community College will offer several early childhood development and human services programs with classes beginning this fall.

NRCC will offer two career studies certificates in child development and toddler and infant, a certificate in early childhood development, and an associate degree in early childhood development.

The programs are designed to prepare highly skilled graduates for employment in a variety of

early childhood settings and to update and enrich the capacities of those who are presently employed in the child development field. The associate degree prepares students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program in child development, education or related field.

The human services degree is designed to prepare highly skilled graduates for employment in a wide variety of human services settings, to update and enrich the capacities of those

persons presently employed in the human services field, and to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program in human services, social work, psychology, counseling, sociology, or other related fields.

The college also offers a certificate in human services that prepares students for entry-level employment in the helping fields where the primary focus is on human and social services and for the associate degree program.

Students who enroll in this program may be eligible for free tuition through the Virginia Community College's new G3 assistance program, a tuition assistance program for any Virginia resident who qualifies for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold. Eligible students may enroll in designated programs leading to jobs in high-demand fields. For more information on G3 eligibility, visit www.nr.edu/g3.

Classes begin Monday, Aug.

23. Prospective NRCC students may visit www.nr.edu/register for enrollment information. Advisors are available at advising@nr.edu or (540) 674-3609 or in person to assist with registration.

For more information about the early childhood development programs, visit www.nr.edu/ecd. For more information about the human services programs, visit www.nr.edu/hms or email Professor Bonnie Graham at bgraham@nr.edu.

Rail Tales

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these localities then struggled to find a new identity.

Fast forward to today, and many of those same communities have implemented creative ways to reutilize their railroad heritage to benefit their local economies. "Mountain Rail Tales" explores these revitalized aspects of the region's rail heritage through imagery, evoking its former and current power.

Photographer Dale R. Carlson grew up in the waning days of passenger

rail service and retained a strong fondness for that mode of travel with its terminals, and its passenger cars and their rumble over the rails.

Originally from the Midwest, Carlson has practiced his passion for

photography for over 40 years in both his professional and artistic careers.

When Carlson and his wife Becky moved to the Blue Ridge Mountains, his photography shifted to a focus on this region. His works have been featured

in numerous publications, including Western North Carolina (WNC) and Blue Ridge Country magazines. The Carlsons founded their photography business, Bluemoon-istic Images, in 2008 to offer his fine art photography online.

"Mountain Rail Tales" will conclude Aug. 29. Works are on view now through then. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum and attend the closing reception with no admission charge.

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Activities that may result in accidental ingestion, such as swimming, pose the greatest health due to the potential for this algae to produce toxins. Some activities such as kayaking, canoeing, and fishing may continue with

proper caution to avoid water contact.

"The Department of Environmental Quality will conduct follow-up sampling in September to check on the status of the bloom," said Gary Coggins, environmental health

manager senior, New River Health District. "We also are working with the U.S. Forest Service to coordinate announcements, to post signs, and to inform visitors of the bloom so they may take care to avoid contact with the water."



Radford Army Ammunition Plant Notice of Availability

Environmental Assessment, Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, and Draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative for the Implementation of Master Planning Actions at the Industrial Core District
Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Virginia

The United States Army (Army) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) regarding the Implementation of Master Planning Actions at the Industrial Core District Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP), Virginia. Notice is also made for a Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA), prepared in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

The Draft EA assesses the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects of implementing various real property master planning actions and Area Development Plan actions at RFAAP within the next approximately 5 to 7 years. The Area Development Plan considered long-term mission requirements and fiscal constraints and identified projects for execution over the next 20 years. The Proposed Action focuses on the implementation of the short-term requirements as identified in the Area Development Plan. These repairs are needed to address RFAAP's real property deficiencies and suboptimal conditions. The proposed action is needed to provide safe, flexible, and efficient facilities to meet current and future installation mission requirements effectively and cost efficiently.

In lieu of being posted online (as indicated in the previous public notice run on 8/19/21), this follow up notice is to notify interested parties that the Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA are available for a 30-day public review at the following local library: Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, 125 Sheltnan Street, Christiansburg, VA, 24073. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments on the Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA via e-mail to Mr. Charles Saks, Public Affairs Officer at charles.e.saks3.civ@mail.mil. Alternatively, comments may be sent via US Postal Service to Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Rte. 114, P. O. Box 2, Radford, Virginia 24143-0002. For general questions, Mr. Charles Saks can be reached at (540) 731-5785. All comments must be emailed or postmarked by September 19, 2021. All comments submitted will be reviewed and addressed prior to a final determination by the Army as to whether to issue a Final FNSI and Final FONPA or issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Beautiful Riverfront Property for Sale in Draper VA!

4543 Clarks Ferry Road, Draper, VA 24324



Ends Friday September 3rd at 4 PM

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Home with frontage on the New River, running into Claytor Lake! This property is the ultimate recreational weekend retreat or year-round home! One level living featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and +/- 1,737 sq. ft. Hangout on the patio while overlooking the river flowing by. Very peaceful, country setting with no restrictions! The property has +/- 1.95 acres with a nice yard and frontage on the river. Located on the back side of Claytor Lake, accessed by the New River. You have around 100 ft. of water frontage where you can put in boats, kayaks, jet skis and more! This is a wonderful spot for fishing, camping and hosting family gatherings! Within half an hour to Hillsville VA, Pulaski VA & 45 minutes from Christiansburg VA.

Preview Dates – Saturday August 14th @ 10 AM & Friday August 20th @ 5 PM

Terms – 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required on day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on September 3rd 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. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VaAuctionPro.com

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OPINION

Buddy King: Baseball trivia

I was one of those nerdy kids that you may have read about or seen in movies, the kind who knew (and still knows) the starting lineup of the 1961 Detroit Tigers despite the fact that they were not even a team that I followed. I knew ALL of the starting lineups of ALL of the teams.

Baseball was my summertime passion, my gateway to a larger America. We weren't dragged around by our parents from activity to activity in the summer; we were pretty much left to our own devices (and I don't mean "devices"), and many of us picked baseball. We were at home all summer and we played "ball" in our neighborhoods and followed the major leaguers every day as best we could on the radio and in the newspapers and the occasional blessed television game on the weekends. We dreamed of being Dodgers or Yankees ourselves when we grew up.

I was not and am not a "numbers" guy. I wasn't one of those kids who prided themselves on knowing batting averages and wins or losses or other statistics. I knew the sacred numbers of baseball: 714 (Babe Ruth's home run total), 56 (Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak)

and .406 (Ted Williams's batting average the last time anyone hit .400). I knew a lot of "stats," but I preferred knowing players and teams and who did what to whom, not the numbers.

Here is just a sample of my baseball trivia knowledge:

Where was the Atlanta Braves franchise originally? No, not Milwaukee, like reasonably knowledgeable fans would guess. No, they were the Boston Braves. They moved to Milwaukee in 1954 and on to Atlanta in 1966.

What teams played in the 1944 World Series? Two teams from the same city, but the city wasn't New York or Chicago or any of the other cities with two teams you might think of. Final answer? The St. Louis Cardinals and the St. Louis Browns. An oddity brought about by the impact of the war on MLB rosters. The Browns typically were terrible.

For those stunned by this answer, who were the St. Louis Browns and what became of them? They have been the Baltimore Orioles since 1954. The Browns hold a special place in my heart because my dad often told the story about how, at

the end of WW II (the Big One), while he was on the way to the West Coast to be shipped to the Pacific, the Japanese surrender was announced as his troop train was approaching St. Louis. The train stopped, the soldiers disembarked and rushed into bars and less respectful places and danced in the streets. My dad? He went to Sportsman Park to watch the Browns. My research indicates that they played the Yankees that day. As James Earl Jones says in his famous soliloquy in "Field of Dreams," "the one constant in America has always been baseball."

What was the original name of the Houston Astros? They were the Colt 45's their first two seasons in 1962 and 1963 when they joined the Mets (the Metropolitanans) as the first "expansion teams" in the National League.

Where did the Oakland A's begin? Another trick question. Recent vintage fans might remember them as the Kansas City Athletics, but the correct answer is Philadelphia. They were the better team in Philly for many years.

Until the late 1950's, Major League Baseball consisted of 16 teams, with three in New York (the Yankees, the Dodgers and the Giants), two in Philadelphia (the Phillies and the Athletics), two in St. Louis (the aforesaid Cardinals and the Browns), two in Boston (my dad's and my beloved Red Sox and the soon-to-be-much-traveled Braves), two in Chicago (the Cubs and the White Sox, the latter referred to in the media of my childhood as the "Pale Hose"), and one each in Washington D.C.

(the Senators, sometimes called the Nats or Nationals: "Washington, first in war, first in peace and last in the American League"), Cleveland (the Indians), Detroit (Tigers), Cincinnati (the Reds of course, except briefly during the McCarthy era when "reds" became a dirty word and they were called the "Redlegs"), and Pittsburgh with my "almost hometown team," the Pirates (the Battlin' Bucs, the Buccos). Sixteen teams, ten cities (11 if you count Brooklyn separately), no "West Coast swing," almost exclusively train travel, no long flights. A nostalgic era. A little before my time, but I have read a lot about those days. My baseball book collection just hit 337.

Here's another trivia item that is fascinating to me: Before 1969, there were no playoffs to get into the World Series unless teams ended in a tie after the 154-game regular season. One team from the National League, one team from the American League (the Yankees by rule it seemed). So think about this part of baseball history. From 1946 through 1962, 17 seasons, with the Dodgers playing 154 games each season, they ended in a playoff series four times. A "flat footed tie" four times after 154 games: 1946 (against the Cardinals while still in Brooklyn, "Dem Bums"), 1951 (against the Giants, the most famous playoff ever, the "Shot Heard Round the World," Bobby Thomson's homer in game three that broke the heart of everyone in Brooklyn), 1959 (against the Milwaukee Braves with game three in the L.A. Coliseum, the Dodgers' second season in California), and 1962 (again versus the hated Giants, albeit the San Francisco version, with the last

two games played in brand spanking new Dodger Stadium, Chavez Ravine). As someone famously said, "You can look it up."

So far you might find this piece mildly interesting. For a baseball purist, at least of my vintage, these questions are softballs. Most of my close male friends would be batting 1.000. But now I'd like to tell a cute (to me at least) story about the role sports trivia played in my professional life.

Much of my law practice over the last 30+ years has involved the representation of a wonderful fourth-generation (now fifth) newspaper family. I have handled their acquisition of well over half of their 50-odd daily newspapers, as well as many other publications and other businesses, including ski resorts and the majority interest in a major league team. Great fun, great challenges, great relationships. But if not for my fascination with sports I might not have had this opportunity.

How so? My first "first chair" matter for the family involved an acquisition of several newspapers at a closing in Seattle. Their largest to date. The lady in our firm who had been my mentor and the family lawyer up to then had just taken an early retirement, leaving this deal and my future relationship with the client squarely on my shoulders. No net.

At the dinner our first night in the great Northwest were the family patriarch, one of his sons who had just finished his education and was returning to the family business, and I. The conversation of course focused on sports. This was at the height of Michael Jordan's ascendancy to NBA GOAT. The family patriarch (still living and skiing in his mid 80's) was teasing his son, who worshipped Jordan.

He says, "Evans, I think you're a knowledgeable sports guy. My misguided son here thinks some guy named Jordan is the greatest small forward in NBA history. I'm sure you can set him straight."

The pressure was on! I probably shared the son's opinion but I wanted to impress his father. So I began my thought process. The father had been in college in the early to mid-50's, he had grown up in D.C.; we were in Seattle. After mulling this over quickly, I blurted out "Elgin Baylor of course." The patriarch smiles, nods his approval and says, "Evans knows his sports."

For those less informed, Elgin, who passed recently, was one of the NBA all-time greats. I remembered he had been born in D.C., had played his college basketball at Seattle U. and was of the patriarch's generation. In other words, I pulled the answer out of my you know what.

The rest is history. The deal closed, as did many others after that time.

I'll end with my favorite sports trivia question for folks who were kids in the 60's. In 1963, the most valuable player in the American League, the National League, the NFL and the AFL (yes, it was a separate league) each wore the same number. Name them. Don't cheat and google. Email me your answers. The winner gets my hearty congratulations and robust respect. I only got 3 of 4.

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COVID-19 update: FDA authorizes, CDC recommends a third vaccination

As her weekly press briefing Wednesday, Dr. Noelle Bissell, the New River Health District's director, reported that the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized and the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) has recommended a third mRNA vaccine shot — either Moderna or Pfizer only — for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals.

Dr. Bissell said the health center is actively reaching out and partnering with the medical

practices who see these patients, namely the hematology, nephrology and oncology patients. She described moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals as those patients who have been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood; received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system; received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system; moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome and Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome); advanced or untreated HIV infection; active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune response; or asplenia, which is lack of a spleen and chronic renal disease.

Dr. Bissell pointed out to the press that these situations are very specific and represent "a very small percentage of our population — about 2 percent." She also warned, however, that local pharmacies and community providers "are already being overwhelmed" with calls from people wanting a third dose who do not fall under this authorization.

She urged those unsure whether they are authorized for the third shot to talk to their physician. "We're still waiting for data and guidance on additional shots for anyone else who received any of the vaccines," the health district director told the media. "Anyone who has been vaccinated with one shot of Johnson and Johnson or two shots of Moderna or Pfizer is very well protected against severe disease, hospitalization and death amid this Delta surge."

Dr. Bissell presented several mitigation strategies to use in addition to getting vaccinated: wearing a mask and avoiding crowds and closed, confined spaces. These are "good practices with other

communicable disease outbreaks spread by the respiratory route as well," she said.

Dr. Bissell pointed out that the Delta variant is surging in the NRV health district's region. "We expect cases to rise for the next two weeks before subsiding again in the fall. The Delta surge hit this area about the last week of July."

Dr. Bissell reported 26 people hospitalized with COVID with two additional cases under investigation in the New River Valley. "We are seeing case numbers rise in children because they are a significant portion of the unvaccinated. Our younger children, those under 12, are not yet eligible to be vaccinated," Dr. Bissell said.

COVID testing is widely available, according to the health district director. Antigen testing is available at Walgreens in Dublin and Pulaski, and CVS stores offer PCR testing throughout the region as do MedExpress and Alliance Express, she said. "Our pediatricians' offices are also offering testing. The health department is offering testing as well."

Dr. Bissell reported that more than 79,077 individuals have been fully vaccinated in the New River Health District. She cautioned that 95 percent of hospitalizations and deaths in this latest round of COVID-19 infections are among unvaccinated people.

"Our hospitals in Virginia and across the country continue to be under strain," she told the press. "Ballad Health to our south has put elective overnight procedures on hold because of their surge coming out of Tennessee and southwest Virginia. The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association daily dashboard this morning reported 1,137 cases hospitalized with COVID. Their trend graph shows those numbers have been increasing since late July. This is reflective of the Delta surge."

There was a quote shared recently about the growing

sense of fatigue and discouragement, and I'm going to read this quote from a hospital physician, the health district said.

"From the beginning of the pandemic, we got up every day and risked ours and our families' safety because we were trained to care for the humans who needed us. We did our part, week after week, month after month. Then, with the vaccine, science brought us a solution, and we could finally see the end of all those months of fear, exhaustion and sacrifice. But that's not what happened. Delta has taken hold and hospitals are filling up again. Healthcare workers are again strained to the max. This time the suffering is different because it's avoidable."

"We are holding up our end of the bargain, but is society holding up theirs? There are some people who cannot or have very good reasons for not getting the vaccine. But most people refusing the vaccine do not seem to be acting based on data or science. These are the very people who reject science right up until they can't breathe and then show up at our door feeling entitled to our help, which we can provide because of training based on science. Doing this work is harder when some of one's faith in humanity is lost. And we are burning through our most irreplaceable health-care resource: hope. We used to unite, take care of each other, and overcome adversity together, but many of us are left wondering if we really can come together as a society to put an end to this?"

"We have a new crisis intervention center in Radford through New River Community Services that can provide great support to treat people locally," Dr. Bissell reported. "The number for New River Community Services is 540-961-8300 and the crisis hotline is 540-961-8400."

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1. Feminist Lucretia

5. Lacrimal gland fluid

9. Airborne (abbr.)

12. Double-reed instrument

13. De Mille (dancer)

15. Burn plant: ____ vera

16. Represent by drawing

17. Roy Harold Scherer

19. Point that is one point N of due E

20. Causing vexation

21. Belonging to a thing

24. Leg joint

25. Suffragette Anthony

27. Form a sum

28. Point midway between E and SE

31. Convert a hide into leather

32. Radical derived from butane

34. Priest's liturgical vestment

35. Goat and camel hair fabric

36. Sticky

38. Talk

39. Committed information rate

40. Strong twisted cotton thread

42. 331/3 rpms

43. Honey (abbr.)

44. Founding Father Franklin

45. Frees from pain or worry

47. Tennis player Bjorn

48. Not inclined to speak

49. Shoulder blade

53. Express pleasure

56. One week before Easter

60. Attired

62. Chew the fat

63. Weighing device

64. Captain __, British pirate

65. Tropical American cuckoo

66. Any place of bliss or delight

67. Remain as is

CLUES DOWN

1. "Rounders" actress Gretchen

2. Off-Broadway theater award

3. Grave

4. Court game

5. Pitch

6. Sense of self-esteem

7. Mandela's party

8. Lights again

9. Likewise

10. Film set microphone pole

11. "Housewives" Leakes

14. A torn off strip

15. Promotions

18. A. Godfrey's instrument

22. Bill in a restaurant

23. Cozy

24. Knocking out

25. Polio vaccine developer

26. Numeral system

28. Former gold coin worth \$10

29. Swats

30. Flows back or recedes

31. Rotation speed indicator

33. Respect beliefs of others

37. Original matter

41. Cologne

44. Small round soft mass

46. Kisses noisily

47. Large passenger vehicle

49. Prevents harm to creatures

50. Songwriter Sammy

51. Jai __, sport

52. Payment (abbr.)

54. Settled onto

55. Incline from vertical

57. Father

58. Brew

59. Strong desire

61. Insecticide

State Fair of Virginia returns Sept. 24

The State Fair of Virginia is back this fall, running from Sept. 24 through Oct. 3 at The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County, Va.

Online ticket sales will begin Sept. 1. Ticket information and other details are available at StateFairVa.org.

“This event holds a special place in so many hearts across the commonwealth,” said Marlene Jolliffe, the fair’s executive director. “From those planning how to win a blue ribbon for their baking, to our youth working hard to get animals ready for competition and our vendors sharing their wonderful products, the fair is a celebration of tradition and communities.”

Guests can expect several fan favorites this year, including midway rides, racing pigs and chainsaw artist Ben Risney. New attractions include Scott’s Crazy Comedy Magic Show, a mix of magic, illusions and comedy, and the gravity-defying stunts of the Flying Cortes Trapeze Show.

Music lovers can expect to hear a variety of hip-hop, bluegrass, Christian rock, country, and alternative-rock artists as part of this year’s state fair live concert series.

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and are included in the cost of fair admission.

The fair will also host the Revenge Roughstock Rodeo, which will feature two nights of professional bull riding, bronc riding, and barrel racing on Sept. 27 and 28.

For those seeking iconic fair food, everything from funnel cakes to cotton candy and turkey legs will be available.

The event showcases the best of Virginia, and hobbyists can show off their creations in artistic, culinary and horticulture competitions. Updates on competition rules and guidelines also can be found online.

The fair’s many competitions provide valuable opportunities for youth involved in agriculture and allow them to benefit from the State Fair Youth Scholarship Program. Since 2013 the fair’s scholarship program has awarded nearly 1,500 scholarships and has given over \$570,000 to support youth education in agriculture.

The fair offers more than \$80,000 each year in scholarship funds through 4-H, FFA, and vocational competitions as well as



specific equine, fine arts, and horticulture competitions.

“The state fair, along with county and regional fairs, remains committed to giving back and supporting Virginia’s youth,”

Jolliffe said. “Many young competitors often begin in livestock competitions at local fairs across Virginia, whose volunteers work hard to host events and create a positive impact in their commu-

nities.”

The fair will operate with safety guidelines in place, including a more spread-out footprint to allow some social distancing for a fun and safe experience.

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“You said, ‘Woe to me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am worn out with groaning and find no rest’” (Jeremiah 45:3).

Sometimes it feels like God

adds sorrow to pain. But just as God gave Baruch a word of comfort, we can be sure that God’s heart is to comfort us when we find ourselves in sorrow and pain.

In verse 5, God promised Baruch that He would personally protect him. Even though trouble seemed to follow him through life, the presence of the Lord would protect him wherever he went. This same promise of protection is also for us in our times of grief.

Thought for Today: God will comfort us.

Quicklook: Jeremiah 45:1–5

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OBITUARIES

Simpkins, Teresa Ann Dobbins

Teresa Ann Dobbins Simpkins, 65, passed away Monday, Aug. 16, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mavis and Joan Dobbins, and a sister, Dolly Cochran.

Survivors include her husband, Bentley S. Simpkins; daughters Guinevere Wiggs, Kellie Simpkins, and Melissa Bolling; sons Aaron Bolling, Jr., and Chris Simpkins; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a special daughter, Chee Chee Sixbey; a special niece, Natalie Brown; and many other relatives and friends.



The family would like to thank Dr. Brooks and the staff of Blue Ridge Cancer Care for all their kindness.

The family received friends on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by funeral services with the Rev. Dennis Martin officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Clark, Peter J.

Even though he insisted he would live to be 100, Peter J. Clark, 83, died August 15, 2021. During the final years of his life he joked and teased, as he always did, even while traversing the “long goodbye” associated with Alzheimer’s disease. Until almost the end, he continued to charm anyone susceptible to his wit and pranks.



Peter was born to John A. Clarke and Mable D. Walsh Clarke in London, England, on Feb. 26, 1938. He was one of thousands of children evacuated from London with his mother at the start of World War II.

For more than 40 years, Peter was an electrical engineer with “Generous Electric,” as he liked to call GE. He was known for his dogged determination at solving problems and, always, for his love of a “good pint” and a few laughs with his mates after work.

He is survived by his wife, Judith, who convinced him to marry her 40 years ago after a seven-year courtship. With the marriage, Peter gained two daughters, Carolyn and Leslie. He won their hearts when they were very young with Fig Newtons, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Pepsi. Carolyn and husband Bill Lyman, and Leslie and husband Mar-

tin Daniel, and their children, Samantha and Jeremiah, survive.

The family sends thanks to the staff at Warm Hearth Kroontje Center, notably nurses Tasha, JoBeth, Janey, Robin, and Cassidy and to longtime companions Mark and Bill.

There will be no formal service, but a gathering for friends and former colleagues will be arranged for a later date. There will be beer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Wright, Frances Bugg

Frances Bugg Wright, 93, of Radford, passed away Friday, Aug. 6, 2021.

She was retired from Kroger Company with 32 years as a cashier. She was preceded in death by her parents, John W. and Laura Roop Bugg; her first husband, Jessie Wilbert Wright; brothers Robert and Eugene Bugg; and sisters Ruth DeHart and Lillian Thomas.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry T. Weaver; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Edward Sams; grandchildren Derek



Sams, and Larry (Donna) Sams; five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Ophelia Roop; a brother, Bill Bugg; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, at Gethsemane Baptist Church with Pastor Brent Strouf officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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

McCoy, II, Harry Thomas (Tom)

Harry Thomas (Tom) McCoy, II, 74, of McCoy, died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021.

He was born in Roanoke on Sept. 10, 1946, to the late Harry Thomas and Kathleen Snider McCoy. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the Vietnam War.

He graduated from Marshall University and was a paramedic for most of his career. Tom loved to play music in beach bands. A dream of his was to come home to McCoy, which he achieved in 2008. Great thanks go to Bobby and Robin Carner for their support and help



during this difficult time.

Tom is survived by his wife of 23 years, Terry; and a sister, Sara Katherine McCoy; as well as several cousins and other relatives.

A graveside service with military honors was held on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Centennial Christian Church Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Allen officiating. The family received friends

immediately following the service at the church.

Donations may be made to Centennial Christian Church. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Mitchell, Frederick “Fred” D.

Frederick “Fred” D. Mitchell was born in New River, Va., on Aug. 20, 1932, and left this earthly world on Aug. 8, 2021, peacefully at his home in Philadelphia, Penn.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Melita Mitchell, of New River, Va., his sister, Othello Young, of Washington D. C., and the love of his life, his wife, Betty Ann Black.

Through this union four children were left to mourn: Ernest Mitchell (Julia) of Radford, Anthony Mitchell of Long Beach, Calif., Faye Lee (Kelvin) of Radford, and Larry Mitchell (Debbie) of Pennsauken, N.J. Fred also leaves to mourn two sisters, Gloria Jean Austin of Southfield, Mich., and Helen Jo Mitchell Hillman of Albuquerque, N.M.; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

So many stories are told about Fred that when he gave his own children an allowance, he also gave an allowance to the nieces and nephews that looked up to him as a father figure.

Fred served his country in the U. S. Army from February 1951 until his honorable discharge in January 1954.



He often through the years told stories of how he parachuted out of planes and of his many other adventures while serving.

After his union to Betty, they moved and started a life in Philadelphia where Fred started his own business of window and rug cleaning until he retired.

He was an avid fisherman, often going deep sea fishing from a boat or just from a bank.

Fred was very involved with his community. He was loved by many friends and neighbors. He never met a stranger, and was always willing to give a hand. His door was always open.

He will be sadly missed, but we are comforted in knowing that he lived the life he loved.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until noon today, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A celebration of Fred’s life will begin at noon with the Rev. Tommie Page officiating. Interment will follow in the New River Cemetery.

The Mitchell family is in the care of the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory of Radford. www.mullinsfuneral-home.com.

Cox, Joseph Lee

Joseph Lee Cox, 60, of Blacksburg, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2021.

He was born in Christiansburg on April 3, 1961, to the late Royster Lee and Ardella Price Cox. He was preceded in death by his brother, Randy Dale (Snapper) Cox; and sisters Josie Mae Cox and Brenda Faye Price Bland.

He is survived by his sisters, Ruth Marlene Cox Coulter and Nancy Dean Potter; an aunt, Ellie Spradlin; a niece,

Sandy Davis; great-nieces Amanda and April Davis; cousins George William Spradlin and Norma Jean Spradlin, and Tom Price; special friends Kathy Trump and Debbie Linkous; and special family pet, Jazz.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Jim Krouscas officiating. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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Friends of fleece flock together

A longstanding partnership between Bernie and Lynn Cosell's Fantasy Farm in Pearisburg -- home to some 100-odd sheep -- and Virginia Tech's veterinary college has helped advance student learning and animal health.

On a recent cloudy, chilly spring day, for instance, bundled in winter coats, fourth-year DVM

students in a production management medicine class worked alongside Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences clinicians and the Cosells themselves to examine the farm's sheep, give them each a hoof trim, and move them on to their shearing. Rolling mountain peaks behind them, freshly shorn sheep trotted away, freed of their fleece's burden in anticipation of the warmer weather to come.

The Cosells' interest in farming was ignited during a trip to New Zealand where they fell in love with idyllic scenes of sheep dotting gently curving green hills. Wanting to re-create those vistas, the couple moved to Pearisburg after careers on the cutting edge of computer science, tran-

sitioning from harsh Boston winters to the more agreeable climate of Giles County.

On Valentine's Day in 1992, they purchased 82 acres of farmland and filled them with Merino sheep, a breed known for its high-quality fleece. In light of Lynn's passion for weaving and fiber arts, the decision was an easy one.

Although the Cosells initially aspired to run a working farm, nowadays the sheep are kept mostly as pets. And the proximity of the veterinary college and its large animal service has proven to be a godsend.

"Discovering that we were in Virginia Tech's area was a wonderful thing," said Bernie. "It's amazing to have trouble at two



Bernie Cosell and VT vet students gather sheared wool from the Cosells' flock of 100 or so sheep at Fantasy Farm in Pearisburg.

o'clock in the morning and be able to get a vet."

When the Cosells first settled in at Fantasy Farm, one of their ewes had a medical emergency on a Saturday. Unable to find a local veterinarian who would make a farm visit on the weekend, they ended up losing the ewe. Now, to ensure around-the-clock, quality care for their flock, they depend on the Veterinary Teaching Hospital's large animal service, which offers 24/7 emergency support.

"That sold us. We slept a whole lot better after that," said Lynn. "And it's been a great friendship, really — the vets are wonderful people. It's always been a positive experience, and we've learned a lot from them, and we've helped them learn from us."

Not only do the Cosells view the college's faculty and clinicians as true partners, their relationship with the veterinary school has benefited all involved. The couple's flock receives medical care, both at the hospital and on the farm, and the college's veterinary students gain experience in the field on their yearly visits.

"Most of the sheep on the Cosells' farm die on the farm, resulting in a very geriatric population of sheep. This situation provides the students occasion to observe clinical conditions, such as arthri-

tis, a variety of tumors, congestive heart failure, and dental issues, not normally encountered because the sheep on most farms are sent to market prior to development of these conditions," said Kevin Pelzer, professor of production management medicine and epidemiology in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

Pelzer, who has worked with the Cosells for many years, knows that this hands-on experience is crucial for students preparing to practice veterinary medicine.

"Although a clinician is always present on a farm visit, the students get to be the 'vet' and ask the Cosells all the questions. Lynn is really good at providing information, but also asks the students a lot of questions, and she is never critical of the students' answers," Pelzer said.

"Also, once a plan of treatment is made, the students perform the actual treatments 95 percent of the time, and the Cosells are very comfortable with that," he said. "On some farms, clients are very hesitant or resistant to let students actually perform the treatments and let the clinician perform only the various tasks at hand. This is invaluable for student learning, as it allows the student to develop confidence, as well as technical

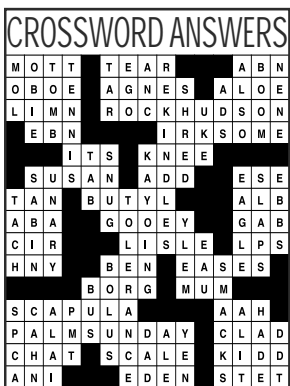
skills."

The mutual advantages afforded by the partnership run deep. The Cosells believe that their work with the college's veterinarians and students has resulted in more-personalized care. "The vets get to know our sheep, so when we call with a problem, we can say which sheep it is. They know our abilities, so they can tell us what we can try to do," Bernie said.

"The college benefits from working with our local clientele and their unique goals for owning animals," said Sherie Clark, '92, D.V.M. '96, and interim head of the Department of Large Animal Clinic Sciences at Virginia Tech. "Many of our clients have been working with the college for over 20 years and have built strong relationships with our clinicians and the veterinary school community."

A shining example of the power of collaboration, the Cosells have moved their support of future veterinarians beyond just field training: Their gift of nearly a half-million dollars to the college will create an endowed scholarship benefiting large animal veterinary students for years to come.

— Written by Sarah Boudreau M.F.A. '21, a writer with the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Amendments to the Planned Commercial Development in the B-3, General Business zoning district at 2705 Market Street NE by NRV Marketplace LLC to allow multi-family residential uses, increased building height, reduced onsite greenspace, and reduced residential parking requirement on Tax

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Parcel 436 – ((5)) – 1. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Major Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit for a single-chair salon in the Agricultural zoning district at 725 Stafford Drive on Tax Parcel 405-((A))-8. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

C. Rezoning from R-3, Multi-Family Residential and B-3, General Business to the Montgomery Museum & Lewis Miller Regional Art Center(Montgomery Museum of Art and History) at 300 Pepper Street SE on Tax Parcel 527 – ((A)) – 235. The property is designated as Business/Commercial and Parks/Open Space.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Public Notice

The Christiansburg Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on the following:

An Appeal of the Zoning Administrator Determination by Kevin D. Conner, L.A. on behalf of SHAH Development LLC for Thomas Circle Mobile Home Park located adjacent to Thomas Circle, N.W. and Badger Street, N.W., [tax map 525 – ((1)) – 98, 99 and 525 – ((A)) – 44A, 44D] including 140, 170, 190-220 Badger Street, N.W., 875-897 Thomas Circle, N.W., and undeveloped property east of the intersection of Badger Street, N.W., and Elk Drive, N.W. (south of the existing mobile home park) in the B-3, General Business zoning district [the "Property"].

The determination stated that the Town Code does not permit the Subdivision of the mobile home areas in the Thomas Circle mobile home park based on the number of mobile homes permitted per the latest Conditional Use Permit approval on August 13, 2021 in order to for each mobile home unit to be located on a fee simple subdivided lot separate from other mobile homes or areas such as common areas, private drives, or stormwater facilities. A copy of the letter of appeal, the Town's Zoning

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Map, and Zoning Ordinance may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

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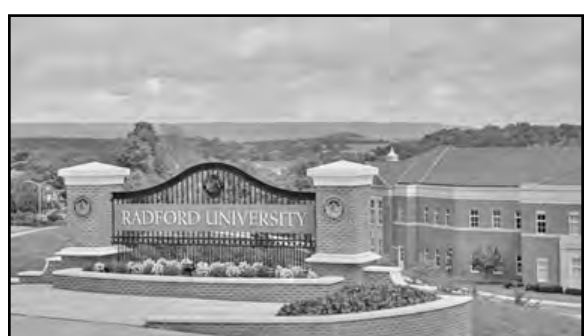
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RU sets fall attendance policy

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The policy calls for spectators attending men's and women's soccer matches (outdoor) at Cupp Stadium will not be required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are strongly encouraged for those who wish to wear them. The same goes for fall exhibition baseball games at Sherman Carter Memorial Stadium.

There will not be a limit to how many spectators may attend, nor will there be mandatory social distancing.

Spectators attending volleyball matches in the Dedmon Center will be required to wear a mask at all times while inside the facility, regardless of vaccination status. There will not be a limit to how many spectators may attend, nor will there be mandatory social distancing.

Radford Athletics said when attending away venues, please be sure to check the host institution's website and/or social media for their most up-to-date attendance policies.

Tech inducts 2021 HOF



PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

Four All-Americans, including two Olympians, and one Super Bowl champion comprise the 2021 Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame seven-member class as announced Tuesday.

The 2021 class of inductees includes:

Queen Harrison Claye, a three-time NCAA women's track and field champion, a six-time All-American, 2010 Bowerman Award winner and a 2008 Olympian;

Kristi Castlin, a seven-time All-American in women's track and field, a three-time ACC champion and the

bronze medalist at the 2016 Olympics;

Xavier Adibi, a football All-American and a two-time All-ACC player who helped the Hokies to two ACC championships during his career in the mid-2000s;

Jamon Gordon, the 2006-07 ACC Defensive Player of the Year who guided Tech back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1996;

Macho Harris, a first team All-American at cornerback as a senior who led the Hokies to back-to-back ACC football titles in 2007 and

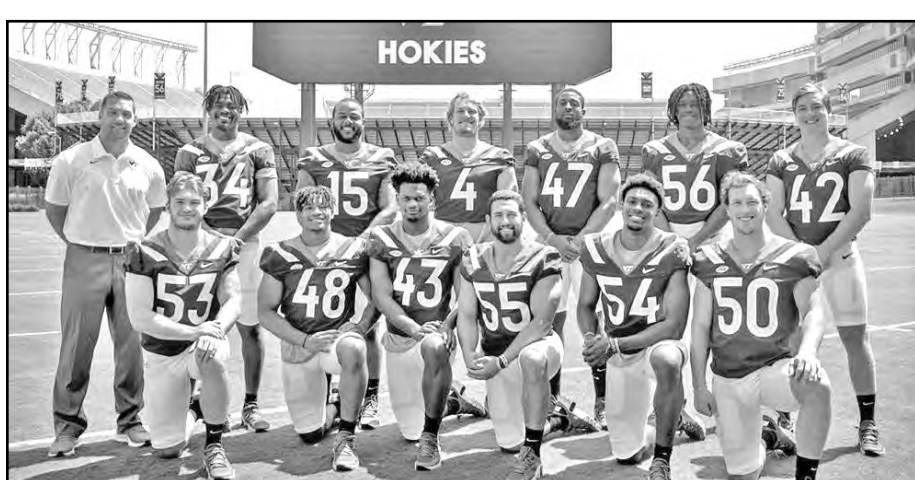
2008;

Jackie Davoud Hendrick, the Atlantic 10's Most Outstanding Diver in 1998 and 1999, a five-time conference champion; and

Tyronne Drakeford, a three-time All-BIG EAST selection who won Super Bowl XXIX with the San Francisco 49ers.

The seven new inductees bring the total number enshrined to 211. The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame, which is located at the south end of the Cassell Coliseum ambulatory, was established in 1982.

VT 2021 position preview: linebackers



Player to Watch

Dax Hollifield finally moves to his natural middle linebacker post after Rayshard Ashby piled up triple-digit tackle numbers at that spot two of the past three seasons.

In 36 games (25 starts) with the Hokies, Hollifield has amassed 181 tackles (69 solo), 14.5 tackles for loss, and 5.5 sacks. The Shelby, N.C., native posted a season-high 13 tackles and sacks last season vs. Miami.

The high-energy Hollifield should feel right at home playing the Mike position previously mastered by his position coach Jack Tyler, who led Tech in tackles in 2012 and 2013.

Others in the mix

Hollifield's move inside should bode well for Alan Tisdale, who is expected

to anchor the outside linebacker post. Tisdale finished third on the squad with 59 tackles (21 solo) after splitting time at the position with Hollifield in 2020.

The Greensboro, N.C., product has played in 22 games (five starts) the past two seasons, racking up 111 tackles with three sacks. Long and athletic, Tisdale is able to drop into coverage or pick up backs out of the backfield.

Dean Ferguson, Keshon Artis, and Lakeem Rudolph are also players to keep an eye on during camp.

Position notes

Hollifield and Tisdale combined for 111 total tackles in 2020 and 6.0 TFL.

Hollifield's career-high 13 tackles vs. Miami were the top single-game to-

tal of any Tech defensive player in 2020.

Tisdale has racked up at least 50 tackles and four tackles for loss in each of his first two seasons for the Hokies.

Position outlook

Hollifield and Tisdale give the Hokies an experienced duo in the linebacker corps while Artis, Ferguson and Rudolph have played primarily on special teams and have relatively small bodies of work on defense. No doubt, 15 full practices during the spring were beneficial for that trio. A wild card could be C.J. McCray, who joined Tech after originally signing with Marshall. A former walk-on himself, don't be surprised if Coach Tyler develops a player not on this list who is able to contribute for Tech in 2021.

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RU women picked third, men fourth in Big South cross-country preseason poll

The Radford University women's cross-country team was picked to finish third and the men's team fourth in the Big South Conference's 2021 cross-country preseason poll.

Twelve institutions in the conference compete in cross country.

High Point was selected to win the women's conference championship with Campbell second. On the men's side, Campbell finished atop the poll with Charleston Southern second and High Point third.

The Radford women did get one vote to win the conference title and three votes for second place. Their 121 total points left them only seven points behind second-place Campbell.

The RU men finished with 101 total points in the preseason poll with most of their votes landing them in fourth place. Only two voters selected

the team to finish lower than fourth.

This preseason poll marks the first time the women's program has received a first-place vote since the Big South started tracking preseason polls in 2002. This was also the team's highest preseason ranking since 2002.

The men's fourth-place ranking tied the team for its highest selection since 2017. The 2021 fall preseason poll was the third straight season the women have been picked to finish in the top five and the second straight season the men have been voted in the top five.

Radford is scheduled to open its fall season on Sept.1 at the Virginia Tech Invitational with eight meets scheduled overall. The Big South Championships will be hosted by High Point on Oct. 29.

The poll results for the women's teams with the first-place votes in parentheses and the total points accumulated were as follows: 1. High Point (9) 139 2. Campbell (2) 128 3. Radford (1) 121 4. Charleston Southern 97 5. UNC Asheville 92 6. USC Upstate 80 7. Winthrop 75 8. North Carolina A&T 53 9. Longwood 44 10. Gardner-Webb 43 11. Hampton 33 12. Presbyterian 31.

The poll results for the men's teams with the first-place votes in parentheses and the total points accumulated were as follows: 1. Campbell (8) 140 2. Charleston Southern (4) 128 3. High Point 124 4. Radford 101 5. UNC Asheville 94 6. USC Upstate 78 7. Winthrop 68 8. North Carolina A&T 57 9. Longwood 52 10. Presbyterian 43 11. Hampton 29 12. Gardner-Webb 22.

VT to appear on ACCN's Olympic broadcasts



The broadcast of the Olympics by ACC Network (ACCN) will include several appearances by Virginia Tech. The network will broadcast two of the VT men's soccer team's

matches: Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. vs. Virginia and Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. vs. Davidson. On Sunday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m., ACCN will broadcast the women's soccer match between the

Hokies and Duke. The network will also feature the VT women's soccer team against Clemson on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. Then on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 5 p.m. the Hokies will appear on

the network against Wake Forest. The final VT appearance during the Olympics will be the volleyball team on Friday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. against Boston College.

Hokies unveil non-conference schedule

Virginia Tech head men's basketball coach Mike Young Wednesday revealed the Hokies' non-conference slate for the upcoming 2021-22 season.

Tech will play 12 out-of-conference games with five of those contests taking place at Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum, including the season opener against Maine on Nov. 9.

Game times and television designations will be announced at a later date.

As previously announced, the Hokies will take part in the NIT Season Tip-Off during Thanksgiving Week, facing Memphis on Nov. 24 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. The championship and third-place games will be played on Friday, Nov. 26.

Tech will also compete in the Veterans Classic (Nov. 12 at Navy), the Big Ten/ACC Challenge (Dec. 1 at Maryland) and the Basketball Hall of Fame Shootout (Dec. 17 vs. St. Bonaventure in Charlotte, N.C.).

The ACC portion of the 2021-22 men's basketball schedule should be announced in the coming weeks.

Game No. 1: Nov. 9 vs. Maine

Tech is 1-0 all-time vs. the Black Bears. The Hokies won that game 80-67 in Blacksburg on

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VETERANS CLASSIC (ANNAPOLIS, MD)
NOV 12 AT NAVY
NOV 15 RADFORD
NOV 18 ST. FRANCIS (PA)
NOV 21 MERRIMACK
NIT SEASON TIP-OFF (BROOKLYN, NY)
NOV 24 MEMPHIS
NOV 26 IOWA STATE/XAVIER
BIG 10/ACC CHALLENGE
DEC 1 AT MARYLAND
DEC 8 CORNELL
DEC 12 AT DAYTON
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME SHOOTOUT (CHARLOTTE, NC)
DEC 17 ST. BONAVENTURE

ACC VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

Nov. 11, 2016. Maine was 2-7 (2-6 America East) last season.

Game No. 2: Nov. 12 at Navy (Veterans Classic)

Tech is 3-3 all-time vs. the Midshipmen. The last meeting was Dec. 7, 2008, won by the Hokies 79-70. Navy was 15-3 (12-1 Patriot League) last season.

Game No. 3: Nov. 15 vs. Radford

Tech is 9-2 all-time vs. the Highlanders. The Hokies won the last matchup 77-62 in Blacksburg on Nov. 25, 2020. Radford was 15-

12 (12-6 Big South) last season.

Game No. 4: Nov. 18 vs. St. Francis

Tech is 1-0 all-time vs. the Red Flash. The Hokies won 75-37 in Blacksburg on Nov. 24, 2018. St. Francis was 6-16 (5-13 Northeast) last season.

Game No. 5: Nov. 21 vs. Merrimack

This is the first meeting between the two schools. Merrimack was 9-9 (9-9 Northeast) last season.

Game No. 6: Nov. 24 vs. Memphis (NIT Season Tip-Off)

Tech is 12-18 all-time vs. the Tigers. The Hokies lost the last meeting to Memphis 82-63. Memphis was 20-8 (11-4 American) last season.

Games No. 7, 8: Nov. 26 vs. Iowa State/Xavier (NIT Season Tip-Off)

Tech is 1-1 all-time vs. the Iowa State Cyclones. The Hokies lost the last meeting 99-77 on Nov. 27, 2015. Iowa State was 2-22 (0-18 Big 12) last season.

Tech is 4-9 all-time vs. the Xavier Musketeers. The Hokies lost the last meeting 63-62 in overtime in San Juan, Puerto

Rico on Nov. 21, 2008) Xavier was 13-8 (6-7 Big East) last season.

Game No. 9: Dec. 1 at Maryland (Big Ten/ACC Challenge)

Tech is 10-32 all-time vs. the Terrapins. The Hokies lost the last meeting 64-47 on March 4, 2014. Maryland was 17-14 (9-11 Big Ten) last season.

Game No. 10: Dec. 8 vs. Cornell

This is the first meeting between the two schools. Cornell did not play last season.

Game No. 11: Dec. 12 at Dayton

Tech is 8-6 all-time vs. the Flyers. VT lost the last meeting 89-62 at the Maui Invitational on Nov. 26, 2019. Dayton was 14-10 (9-6 Atlantic 10) last season.

Game No. 12: Dec. 17 vs. St. Bonaventure (Basketball Hall of Fame Shootout in Charlotte, N.C.)

Tech is 11-5 all-time vs. the Bonnies. The Hokies won the last matchup 73-64 in Blacksburg on Nov. 27, 2011.

St. Bonaventure was 16-5 (11-4 Atlantic 10) last season.



On behalf of Summit, we cordially invite you to join us for our

Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on
Wednesday, August 25th from 1:00pm - 5:00pm.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided along with a special gift for the first 100 guests.

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