



VT Class of 2023 ring design to be unveiled at Burruss Auditorium



The Ring Premiere starting at 8 p.m. this evening will feature fireworks.

The ring design of Virginia Tech's Class of 2023 will be unveiled this evening, Oct. 6, at the Ring Premiere in Burruss Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

The Virginia Tech class ring embodies the memories and traditions that link generations of Hokies. Each year, one side of the ring is redesigned to reflect the special mo-

ments shared by an individual class.

A photo montage submitted by students will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Corps Gregory Guard will be on the steps of Burruss.

Here are six things to know about this year's event:

1. Virginia Tech is one of the few colleges and universities that redesigns its ring collection every year.

The Class of 2023's design will be unveiled at the premiere.

2. The tradition is more than 100 years old. The first set of rings was created during the 1911-12 school year when the classes of 1911 through 1914 designed four unique rings.

3. After the premiere, the celebration will continue with a fireworks show over the Drillfield. The Skipper Cannon will be part of the celebration.

4. Each class selects a ring namesake and class sponsor. The Class of 2023 honorees are Irving L. Pedrew, the first Black student admitted to Virginia Tech, and Bevelee Watford, associate dean for equity and engagement.

5. The Highty-Tighty band will play "Tech Triumph," a Ring Premiere tradition since 2006.

6. The Ring Premiere gives the Class of 2023 the chance to check off some bucket list items. No. 36 is attending the Ring Premiere. No. 5 is ordering a class ring. No. 40 is attending the Ring Dance.

The new collection will be on display at the Squires Student Center.

Touchdown in New England: VT School of Communication alumna lands job with Patriots

After trekking all over the country as she sought the next big step in her sports journalism career, VT School of Communications alumna Tamara Brown has scored a touchdown, landing a job as the team reporter and producer for the New England Patriots.

"Through patience and persistence and networking, I've been able to secure this job," Brown said. "You just have to be willing to take those risks to move. I've been moving all over the country since I graduated from Virginia Tech."

Working in the National Football League isn't new for Brown. Upon graduation in 2015, Brown spent two years working as a talent/personality for Fighting Irish Media at the University of Notre Dame. From there, she decided to take a postgraduate internship with the New York Giants as a production assistant.

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Tamara Brown began her career in the sports industry as a student at Virginia Tech. After many stops along the way, she's now the team reporter and producer for the New England Patriots. Photo courtesy of Tamara Brown.

From hatchlings to loggerheads: A Hokie spends the summer aiding and rehabilitating sea turtles

The day starts early for interns at the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center.

"We have a number of chores we do every morning," explained Ben Cotter, a senior majoring in wildlife conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment. "From preparing food for our more injured turtles that are in private tanks, to preparing water and scooping the tanks, there's a lot that has to happen."

That's all before the guests arrive. To help raise funds to protect endangered sea turtles, the center, located in Surf City, North Carolina, offers tours to visitors and collaborates with an area summer camp to foster education about conservation

and rehabilitation efforts.

Kathy Zagzebski, executive director of the Sea Turtle Center, said that the 11 summer interns are responsible for all aspects of the center's mission.

"We have a three-fold mission when it comes to the conservation of sea turtles," she said. "The primary aspect is the rescue and rehabilitation of injured sea turtles. Another is the close monitoring and protection of nest sites from human and predator interference. And the third is education and outreach, where we encourage people to learn more about sea turtles and hopefully get involved in conservation efforts."

Three species of sea turtles are common along the mid-Atlantic

coast: the green sea turtle, the loggerhead, and the Kemp's ridley sea turtle, the most endangered species of sea turtle in the world.

"The injuries we see are seasonally dependent," Cotter said. "In the summer, the majority are sea turtles that have swallowed fishing hooks because they like hanging out under the fishing piers, waiting for free food. The other challenge is boat strikes."

For Cotter, having the chance to interact with wild animals has been a highlight.

"The public is generally who we'll hear from about injured turtles," explained Cotter, who serves as the social media chair for the Virginia Tech student chapter of The Wildlife Society. "They'll call us, and we'll drive out to pick up the turtles. Bringing them in is fun because we are trained to help handle them and can assist in the vet side of caring for the animals."

Cotter has also monitored nest sites, helping to ensure that sea turtle hatchlings make it from the nest into the water. He even participated in the challenging task of moving turtle nests from a threatened location to one that is more secure for hatchlings.

"It's a pretty careful process," he said. "If you jostle an egg or accidentally flip it over, you'll kill the embryo. And it's really important to place the eggs exactly as they were in the first nest. I describe it as a puzzle with high stakes."



Ben Cotter (second from left) and other volunteers move a previously injured loggerhead turtle named Spock. (Photo courtesy of Ben Cotter)

Radford homecoming queen and king crowned



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER

Tyrel Dobson and Anna Turk were named the 2021 Radford High School homecoming king and queen during halftime ceremonies Friday night.

New Montgomery choral group organized



Director Thomas DeBusk leads the Blue Ridge Vocal Connection singers in a voice warm-up exercise Thursday evening. The group is spread out in a church sanctuary to observe social distancing. The group has already given a concert on Labor Day weekend and plans another at Warm Hearth Village on Oct. 24. Plans for several Christmas concerts are in the works.

Pat Brown
Contributing writer

A new choral group in the area, the Blue Ridge Vocal Connection, was organized over the summer despite the pandemic, draws mostly from Montgomery County communities, and has a lawyer for a director.

The group is some 20 people strong

Director Thomas DeBusk, who lives in Blacksburg and practices law in Christiansburg, is the force behind—and in front of—the group. He called his summer organizational rehearsals "Sing for Your Summer." After a summer of practicing and rehearsing, the group made its first public appearance Labor Day weekend at the Blacksburg Farmers Market.

"I really like to teach people to sing," DeBusk said. "Singing is not something we do enough of." He said he staged the Sept. 5 concert outside to "generate some publicity."

DeBusk pointed out that vocal music teaches people discipline and control. Sight-reading music "promotes paying atten-

tion, a skill that carries over everywhere," he said, even with children. He said he could foresee adding family groups to the chorus. "There is no lower age limit."

The choir director said he encourages people to social distance during rehearsals and offers them plenty of space in area church sanctuaries where rehearsals take place. Often the group splits into smaller rooms for "sectionals," rehearsals for small groups with emphasis on their own voice parts. DeBusk acknowledged the small rooms were a less satisfactory setting for social distancing.

Perhaps the director is actually the most exposed participant. The singers, he pointed out, are "all facing forward for a couple of hours." He said he sometimes opens windows.

Blue Ridge Vocal Connection (BRVC) has generated "a steady stream of interest," DeBusk said. The group will present a reprise of their September show at Warm Hearth Village on Oct. 24 and has already begun to work on Christmas

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“Paper Alchemy” on display in RU’s Covington Center

“Paper Alchemy,” an exhibition of jewelry and other objects made from ‘Thurmanite’, a material invented by James Thurman, is now on display at Radford University’s Art Museum at the Covington Center.

Thurman is an artist who teaches at the University of North Texas. His invention, Thurmanite, is a unique composite material made of layers of recycled paper bonded together with an environmentally friendly plant-based resin. “Paper Alchemy” is a dynamic demonstration of the artist’s range of inventive problem-solving and creativity.

A reception for “Paper Alchemy” will be held today, Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m.



Passion for sailing gives master’s student Hugh Dougherty a competitive edge

“So, what did you do over the summer?” Typical fodder for small talk. Most answers to this conversation starter involve tales of travel, summer internships, or periods of rest and relaxation. Not too many students return to campus for a new academic year with Virginia Tech graduate student Hugh Dougherty’s answer: He participated in one of Europe’s most famous and revered events in offshore yachting.

Dougherty, who is working toward a master’s degree in ocean engineering, recently arrived on campus after participating in the 49th edition of Rolex Fastnet Race, a yacht race that takes place every two years and is considered to be one of the greatest challenges in sports. First held in 1925, the demanding offshore classic is organized by the Royal Ocean Racing Club and requires the very best in skill, determination, and teamwork to succeed.

A native of Cambridge, Mass., Dougherty has been sailing for over 20 years. Gradually, he progressed to racing more competitive boats and fleets and transitioned to team racing through weekly competitive fleets out of the MIT Sailing Pavilion.

Through a friend — a competitive MIT female sailor — Dougherty was introduced to the world of Oakcliff Sailing in Oyster Bay, N.Y., leading to new opportunities in match racing and offshore sailing. While a trainee at Oakcliff Sailing, he competed in the 2018 Newport Bermuda race and then captained Temptation, a 50-foot race boat, back to Newport, R.I., with a skeleton crew in heavy seas and stormy weather.

This past summer, as Dougherty was working as the boat captain of Temptation, he happened to meet the skipper of the Volvo Open 70 Hypr Ocean Racing. Hypr, formerly known as Camper, was designed for and finished second in the 2011-2012 Volvo Ocean Race, and the crew had a short stay in Newport as they prepped the boat for a transatlantic delivery. Dougherty got to know the crew and asked the skipper to keep him in mind should they ever need more crew members.

“On August 1st, I got a call asking if I could hop on a plane and be in the U.K. in a few days to do the Fastnet Race with Hypr,” said Dougherty. “I booked my flight and flew out Wednesday, landed in the U.K. on Thursday, and the race started on Sunday, Aug. 8. One of the key things that allowed me to do this was that the U.K. lifted their mandatory quarantine period for vaccinated

people coming in from the U.S.”

The 2021 race was composed of around 450 yachts ranging from 30 feet to 125 feet and featured more than 2,000 sailors from 31 countries. Divided into seven starting groups, the competitors were a mix of professional and amateur, experienced and newcomers, young and old. The Hypr crew was made up of 12 international professional and semi-pro sailors.

The race started in The Solent, a strait just off of Cowes in the U.K. Yachts raced out through the English Channel past the Needles, across the Celtic Sea to round Fastnet Rock, just off the southwest coast of Ireland. The crews faced a new twist in the near 100-year-old challenge this year and headed to a new finish line at the breakwater in Cherbourg, France, which extended the race to 695 nautical miles.

Over the course of the race, the 12-person Hypr crew was split up into three watches with three to four people on each watch. This system allowed them all to get a bit of sleep and be semi-rested for their next watch. According to Dougherty, the crew turned out to be a very competitive and cohesive team because of each member’s high level of skilled proficiency, despite never having previously sailed together.

“The race from the start to Fastnet Rock saw very rough sea conditions, as is classic,” said Dougherty. “We saw the current going with us to the west and the wind blowing the opposite direction to the east making for tall, steep waves in a short period. The wind on average was mid 20 knots with gusts seen up to low to mid 40 knots.”

Hypr finished 14th in the IRC Z class, out of a total of 24 vessels. “We would have been far more competitive if it wasn’t for the starboard daggerboard breaking on our practice day prior to the start,” said Dougherty. “We were training out in the Solent just outside of Portsmouth Harbor when we hit an unidentified object. It was suspected to be an old chain, a remnant from World War II, when chains were set in place to prevent the movement of submarines and other vessels. For boats to hit objects like this is supposedly a common occurrence.”

After graduate school, Dougherty hopes to get involved with an Ocean Race team as a sailor and/or support for the 2022-23 Ocean Race, and will later possibly try to sail at a high level while working on a design team for an America’s Cup syndicate.

—By Jama Green

Two new grants will address major threats of pests and weeds to Virginia’s thriving agriculture industry

A pair of grants awarded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension will help tackle two of agriculture’s greatest threats: pests and weeds.

A one-year, \$210,000 grant will support the Virginia Extension Implementation Program, a project that will explore the use of integrated pest management, better known as IPM.

Daniel Frank, director of Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs, is the grant’s principal investigator.

“Major commodity sectors addressed in this project include both field and greenhouse/nursery crops, which when combined comprise nearly one-third of Virginia’s farm cash receipts,” Frank said. “Despite the value and growth of these and other commodity sectors, significant pest management challenges threaten the profitability and sustainability of Virginia agriculture. Problems with a diverse and ever-changing array of invasive and native pests pose a continuing challenge, and educational programs are needed to shift growers away from prophylactic use of pesticides and toward adoption of IPM.”

Activities planned for this fall surrounding the project include:

Creating a digital media library to support Extension programming.

Expanding current pest management guides into digital formats.

Showcasing IPM for the red imported fire ant.

Conducting on-farm demonstrations of IPM and pest management tools in agronomic and specialty crops.

Promoting pollinator health through the creation of Virginia Bee Cooperators.

Providing support for pest diagnostic facilities.

The second grant, at a total of almost \$325,000, will support a farmer

cooperative and on-farm research and Extension project called “Turning the Combine from a Weed Seed Spreader into a Weed Seed Predator.”

Michael Flessner, associate professor and Extension weed science specialist, is the grant’s principal investigator.

“In response to farmers’ needs and growing issues of herbicide resistance, my lab has been looking into managing weed seeds at harvest in Virginia for over five years,” Flessner said. “Our preliminary research into weed seed retention at crop harvest, modeling the weed seedbank, and preliminary on-farm research indicate that so-called harvest weed seed control holds tremendous potential for management of some of our most troublesome weeds in soybean and wheat. I’m excited to continue this research by examining state-of-the-art harvest weed seed control technology called seed impact mills.”

Over the next three years, Virginia Tech will be teaming up with researchers from Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Texas A&M University, North Carolina State University, the University of Delaware, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, and the University of Arizona to examine how effective seed impact mills are at killing weeds seeds during harvest, how many weed seeds make it to the mill in commercial combines, and what the operating costs are to farmers.

“I greatly appreciate the support of this research effort to date from the Virginia Soybean and Small Grains Boards, an integrated, collaborative grant from the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech and NC State University, and USDA ARS Areawide Project Funds,” Flessner said.

—Written by Mary Hardbarger



Combined, the grants from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture total more than \$535,000 and support the important research of weed and pest management.

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music. DeBusk is anticipating several Christmas performances in and around the county, plus a possible visit to perform at a nearby resort.

The director said he looks forward to the day his group can “surpass the rule of two or three.” That is a crowd estimate performers used to determine the size of their anticipated audiences. “That’s

when the audience comes to see the person they know on the platform,” DeBusk said.

He plans to keep offering “uplifting, good music that can inspire people,” he said. The September concert included “Eye of the Tiger” and “Morning After” both of which DeBusk categorized as “about overcoming adversity.” “Pure entertainment”

was the label he gave “Ghostbusters,” another song on the program. And there was “Impossible Dream,” which he called “uplifting.”

DeBusk comes to his avocation as choral director by a surprising path.

“I was a functional monotone as a teenager,” he said. He took piano and organ lessons during

those years and studied music at Appalachian Bible College in Bradley, W.Va.

But he said it wasn’t until he was an adult student of Nancy McDuffie (formerly of Virginia Tech) that he found his vocal stretch. All along, “I had a notion that I could get better,” he said of his early vocal struggles.

His first stint at conducting was

with a bell choir at Cambria Baptist Church for a decade and more recently with the Giles Community Choir for five years.

BRVC rehearses on Thursday evenings at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at the corner of Main and Roanoke streets in Christiansburg.

“I would love to see this develop into a community group that has impact,” DeBusk said.

NRV call

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ing COVID-19 pandemic. Many were happy to have an in-person celebration this year, as the 2020 celebration was canceled.

The Blacksburg High School National Honor Society Legacy Scholarship was established in 2015, and members of the National Honor Society at Blacksburg High School have raised money to endow and grow the fund over time. The scholarship benefits a student with strong academic achievement, a strong track record of leadership and service to the school and/or community, and a strong desire to continue that level of service during college.

Katherine Lynde, an English teacher at BHS and the National Honor Society Sponsor, sees the relationship with the CF-NRV as an important way to support graduating

BHS students. “When the Blacksburg High School National Honor Society officers and sponsors decided to create and build an endowed scholarship fund almost a decade ago, we immediately sought the assistance of the CF-NRV,” she said. “We have been so happy that we did. After successfully raising the required balance through various fundraising events, our organization is now proud to say we provide ongoing annual scholarships to graduating Blacksburg High School students, and CF-NRV manages the fund for us, solicits scholarship applications, and selects recipients based on our specific criteria. It’s been an absolutely fantastic partnership.”

Laura Pynn, the administration and programs manager at the community foundation,

said, “Overseeing the scholarships program is my favorite part of my role at the foundation. I’m proud of the diversity that our scholarships offer to students in the New River Valley. Not only do we provide scholarships for students attending a college or university,

but many of our scholarships are focused on trade schools as well.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic,” Pynn said, “the value of trades and trade schools has really come to the forefront, and we want to be sure that those who choose that route also have the oppor-

tunity to apply for scholarships to get their education as well.”

More information about the scholarship program and how to apply is available at <https://cfnrv.org/scholarships/applcants-information/>. Anyone interested in establishing a scholarship fund can contact the foundation at 540-381-8999 or email cfnrv@cfnrv.org.



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OPINION

Buddy King: Significant places from my childhood

Last week I was walking up to my back door on my return from work. I spotted a huge praying mantis clinging to the screen and tried to recall the last time I had seen one of these prehistoric bugs. It caused an immediate flashback to a memorable experience and where I was when I had seen a whole colony of these creepy creatures.

The memory took me back to my second-grade year, Mrs. Page's class, in the basement of what was then called Christiansburg Primary School. Our class was "observing" these weird bugs, I guess, and Mrs. Page had brought in a glass aquarium and put a couple of examples in it for our viewing pleasure. Apparently it was a male and a female because when our class of 7-year-olds returned on Monday morning the next week there seemed to be hundreds of the darn things everywhere. On desks, on the blackboard, on the windows. Jumping, spitting, starting. It's a lasting memory, Mrs. Page apparently not really being a "bug person" when they were in her hair instead of in the nice aquarium she had bought for them.

Mainly this episode

brought back memories of the school building we were in, the one where I attended first- and second-grade (no public kindergarten in those days). It is the dilapidated and wasting away building on Junkin Street, directly across from the house my grandmother and mother and aunt built after my grandfather had died working for the railroad and they were forced to sell their little dairy farm in Riner. It was not in great shape 60 years ago and being abandoned does not appear to have improved its condition. But it made me think about my personal version of the National Historic Register, or perhaps I should call it the "Buddy King Register of Significant Places from my Childhood."

This old schoolhouse certainly holds a cherished spot on my register. Before it became the place kids my age started their school experience, it had been the home of Christiansburg High School. My father and his twin brothers and at least one of his sisters graduated from this building. It was only a few blocks from their home on Craig Street and close to downtown,

perfect for a family of eight kids without a car, all of whom had after-school jobs. Later, while my dad was superintendent of schools, his offices were in this building. Lots of memories.

My recollection (perhaps inexact) of the primary school is of eight classrooms, four on the first floor and four more in the basement (first graders on the first floor, second graders in the basement), oil-treated wooden plank floors (I guess to hold down the dust.), and hideous restrooms (at least for the boys) where you did your business in an open trough in the concrete floor. There was a stage on the first floor and an office for the principal (Willie Sue Stone in my time, a nice lady probably, but one who met the description of the nuns who had taught many of my Catholic friends I met in later life. She "struck fear in the heart," in other words.) There was a little playground on the right-hand side of the building with swings and something called a merry-go-round where we took turns playing marbles and tag and breaking our arms during recess.

Next on my register, chronologically speaking, was the "Christiansburg Annex," a few blocks away on East Main Street, where my contemporaries and I went for the third and fourth grades. I am fairly certain this building was the original high school before the one on Junkin Street. In recent years it was sold and converted

into an apartment building where a few of my friends have lived at different times.

The "annex" had the same charm as the primary with oil soaked floors and concrete urinals in the floor. It had the extra benefit of a cafeteria in the basement with seriously entertaining ladies who fixed our lunches and chattered at us. I also remember that we were not allowed to respond or to talk to each other, strict silence being the order of the day and eating being serious business.

The crown jewel of places on my personal "Register of Significant Places" is, of course, the old high school off College Street. My family history runs deep in that building, my dad having taught and been principal there for 20 years, my Aunt Maggie having taught English and government there for 40, having spent my own high school years there and having numerous cousins and aunts and uncles who walked those halls and graduated from there, not to mention the many dear friends I made during my years. I was practically raised by the faculty of CHS when my dad was principal.

I believe this building served as the high school from 1934 until 1974 and housed grades eight through 12 for many of those years, built for 800 students but having 1100 at times. It was on property next to a more "modern" school next door, built in the 1950's, where my group went for grades five through

seven, Christiansburg Elementary. I happily grew up about a half-mile walk from these schools, so I never rode buses after fourth grade and made the short walk out West Main Street hundreds if not thousands of times.

The old CHS was as charming a school building as any you could find. It is perched on a knoll with a small, shaded campus in front and is just a short walk to old downtown Christiansburg. It is a beautiful brick building with large windows and a circular drive in front. (My dad once forgot to set the parking brake on his car while he was principal, and his Chevy rolled down the beautiful lawn, crossed College Street without accident (thank goodness) and crashed into the storefront of his great friend Icky Pharis's dry cleaners. It made for a great story for years.)

The old schoolhouse had many charms: classic hallways lined with old-style lockers, an auditorium with a stage where the original gym had been, a perfect setting for our "Friday Night Lights" directly on the site behind the school, the legend of the Black Sisters (who had run a boarding school called Montgomery Hall for rich girls from New England, several of whom allegedly were murdered by the sisters and were buried around the grounds, leading generations of CHS students to believe the school was haunted), thousands of interesting kids and hundreds of

memorable teachers and coaches.

I'll end the tour of my Register of Significant Places on a sad note. One of my great friends from CHS days who still lives in the area sent me a photograph of the recent renovation (desecration?) of the gymnasium at our old school. Apparently the gym, which I am guessing was an early 1950's addition, is being converted into a bus garage for the county. This beautiful old gymnasium where so many Christiansburgers took physical education classes and played basketball and volleyball games and danced at sock hops, presumably will henceforth house yellow buses sitting on grease-stained concrete floors. Only the walls will remain I guess. If only they could talk.

I am sure there are lots of old CHS coaches and gym teachers tossing in their graves. In my day, perhaps the worst offense a student could commit was stepping on the highly polished, wooden gym floor in "street shoes." You walked around. Rest assured, ladies and gentlemen, all you former teachers and coaches at CHS, if my register had been created in time, that floor would still be there.

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Virginia gas prices jump by a nickel, up almost a dollar in past year

Virginia gas prices rose five cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.05/g as of Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Gas prices in Virginia are 5.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 95.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports,

the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.77/g Monday while the most expensive was \$3.49/g, a difference of 72.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.18/g. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands \$1.01/g higher than a year ago.

"We've seen very little overall movement in gas prices over the last week with prices remaining near their 2021 highs as

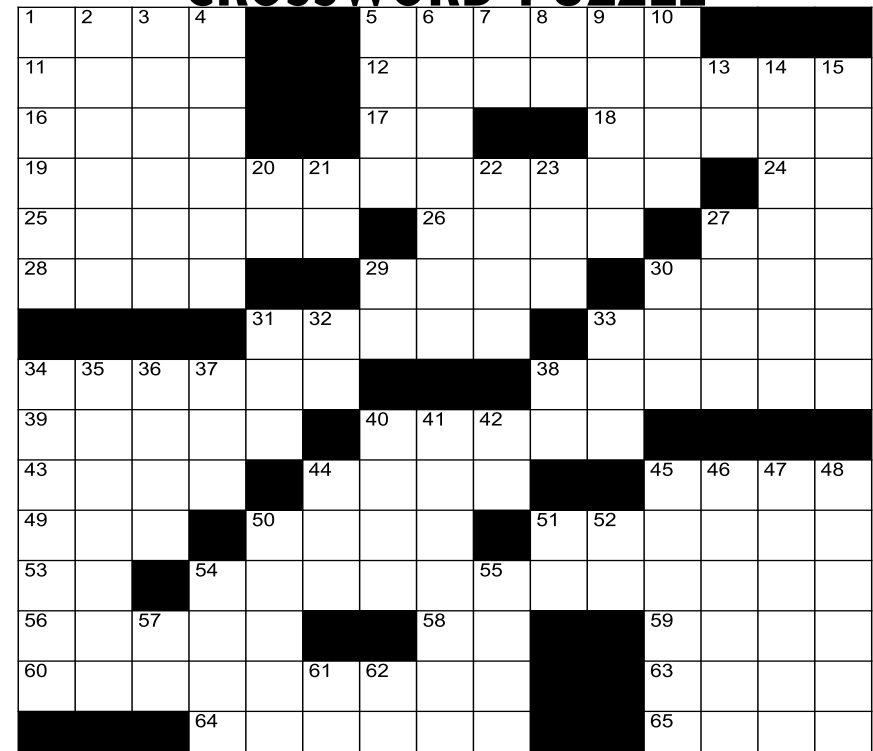
crude oil prices remain well above \$70 on supply concerns and strong global demand," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"With energy in high demand ahead of the winter heating season and a surge in global demand due to COVID-induced imbalances, we're not likely to see a meaningful decline at the pump any time soon, but unfortunately, could see prices holding near these levels for the next

few weeks," according to De Haan.

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11. "VeggieTales" character
12. Getting out of by cunning
16. Mythological mountain
17. Atomic #18
18. Viscous liquid
19. 2010 Denzel film
24. 12th star in a constellation
25. Made better
26. Pouches
27. Nervous twitch
28. This (Spanish)
29. Tennis legend Bjorn
30. Hand (Spanish)
31. Afrikaans
33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
34. Treated with kid gloves
38. Leaseholder
39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
40. Popular dance
43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _
44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
45. Mark
49. Health insurance
50. Custom clothing brand
51. One who makes suits
53. Execute or perform
54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
56. Equal to roughly 5.6
58. Blood group
59. Imaginary line
60. Hopeless
63. Darken
64. Spoke
65. Work units
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1. A way to fit out
2. Football carries
3. Force out
4. Maintaining equilibrium
5. Sealed with a kiss
6. Type of container
7. Hollywood
8. We
9. Small freshwater ducks
10. Norse personification of old age
13. Says who you are
14. Candidate
15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
20. Defunct language (abbr.)
21. Take too much
22. Iranian province
23. Records electric currents
27. _ and feathers
29. Beloved Mr. T character
30. More (Spanish)
31. Beverage
32. Promotional material
33. Green vegetable
34. National capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
37. Anger
38. Pound
40. Popular Yugo
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Millihenry
44. Israeli city _ Aviv
45. Make wider
46. Drink containing medicine
47. Acknowledging
48. Private, romantic rendezvous
50. Calvary sword
51. Disease of the lungs
52. 2001 Spielberg film
54. Fleeshy, watery fruit
55. In one's chambers
57. Set of information (abbr.)
61. Dorm employee
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PETS-OF-THE-WEEK

Each week 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. 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.



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Submit letters to the editor to editor@ourvalley.org

Cole, Bobby Gene

Bobby Gene Cole, 75, passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at his home in Dublin

He was retired from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, William Arthur and Evelyn Smith Cole, and two brothers.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Angela and Steve Kittinger of Blacksburg, and Trina Pennington and Edward Woodlief of Dublin; grandchildren Steven Kittinger, April Smith, Shirley Reed, Brintley Pennington, and



Jaylyn Pennington; great-grandchildren, Paislynn, Braylin, Kashden, Addilyn, and Taylor; five brothers; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services with the Rev. Dr. Paul Lane officiating and entombment followed in Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Dublin.

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

Sheppard, Barry

Barry Sheppard, 66, of Pilot, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 24, 2021, after a long battle with numerous health issues.

He was born and raised in Alleghany Springs, in which he was very proud. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gary Reed Sheppard and Violet Rena Sheppard; a sister, Karen Crawford; and a brother-in-law, Marvin Orange.

He is survived in death by his wife of 47 years, Brenda Sheppard; a son, Curtis Sheppard; daughters Angela Arnold and her husband, Bobby, Cassandra Sheppard and her partner, Shannon Dalton, Melanie Sheppard, Autumn Sheppard and boyfriend, Darius Wayne; grandchildren Brady and Dylan Arnold, Alaina Womack, and Coy Sheppard; siblings Linda Orange, Brenda Lilly and her husband, Stephen, and twin brother Larry Sheppard and his wife, Barbara. He is also survived by special nieces and nephews, Michelle Bender and her husband, Andy, Gary Sheppard and his wife, Jocelyn, Dakota Link and wife, Kayla, Timmy Link and wife, Kristal, T.W. Link, Sierra Link, Jennifer Lilly



and partner, Nichole, and Jon Link; two aunts, Priscilla Atkinson and Ava Cox; a brother-in-law, Jerry Crawford; and a very dear special friend, Robbie Saunders; as well as many special cousins.

Dad was a very hard worker and worked very hard for his family. Whenever you visited him or saw him out and about, he would always have you laughing about something. He enjoyed NASCAR, anything and everything Chevrolet, fishing, hunting, working on cars and lawnmowers, and telling you stories about his crazy experience as a wild teenager and his drag racing days. We would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent food, and cards. Even though we are sad and this will be a rough few months ahead, we are thankful Dad is now pain free and is reunited with his loved ones who are in Heaven.

The family received friends on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Horne Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the Horne Funeral Home Chapel. There was no interment.

Griffith, Diane Trout

Diane Trout Griffith, 65, went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Lynn Griffith.

She leaves behind four children and 10 grandchildren, including sons Rob Trout and daughter Theia, Adam Trout and wife Melissa, and their children Samuel, Lillian, Marilyn, Saxon, and Paulina, and John Griffith and his wife, Tracy, and children Braxton, Madison, Brianna, and Braeden;



and daughter Victoria Lynn Wiley and her boyfriend, Matthew Marshall.

At her request she will be cremated.

Visitation will be held at Mullins Funeral Home, 120 West Main St., Radford, on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. and a memorial will immediately follow at 3:30 p.m. with Pastor Beaver Terry officiating. The Griffith family is

in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Linkous, Basil Lee

Basil Lee Linkous, 90, of Blacksburg, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at LewisGale Hospital, Montgomery.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Isabell K. Linkous; his parents, Evans and Ella Linkous; and his sisters, Betty Jo Dowdy and Shirley Linkous. He was a devoted, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served in the U.S. Army.

He leaves to cherish his memory daughters and sons-in-law, Dana L. Sutphin (Sheryl), Kay L. Allen (Tim), Joy L. Palmer (Mark), and Michelle L. Wooddell (Larry); grandchildren and spouses, April S. Clark (Brad), Holly S. Gray (John), Samuel J. Bostwick, Jr. (Lori), Amanda K. McFalls (Luke), Marcus H. Moore, Jr. (Stacy), Rusty M. Moore, Trenton J. W. Wooddell, and



Taylor L. Wooddell; great-grandchildren Morgan and Aniston Clark, Addison and Cruz Gray, Cooper and Carson Bostwick, Trinity M. Thomas (Jesse), Dustin and Caleigh Sheppard, Paisley and Maverick Moore, and Ashton Moore; a great-great grandchild, Kaiden Thomas; a sister, Marie L. Woolwine; a brother-in-law, Curtis Linkous; a special nephew and his wife, Chester and Debbie Linkous; as well as numerous other nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Richard Hall officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg. The family is requesting that masks be worn during services.

Owens, Sherry Bell

Sherry Bell Owens, 56 of Dublin, passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021.

Born on April 1, 1965, she was a daughter of the late Gerald and Edna Haynes Bell. In addition to her parents, Sherry was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Wallace Owens.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 36 years Mark Owens; a son, Joshua Owens, and his wife Brittany; a daughter, Haley Owens; a grandson, Nolan; a sister Stacy DeBella and her husband Chris and their children Arianna and Hayden; and her mother-in-law, Hilda



Owens. She is also survived by many friends and her several fur children.

The family will celebrate and remember Sherry's life privately.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make memorial contributions in Sherry's memory to the Pulaski County Animal Shelter, 80 Dublin Park Rd, Dublin, VA 24084.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.mullinsfuneralhome.com. Mullins Funeral Home in Radford is caring for the Owens family.

Patrick, Mark S.

Mark S. Patrick, 64, of Christiansburg, went to meet his Heavenly Father on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, at Carilion NRV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Evelyn Patrick; and his two four-legged best friends, Bud and Lucky.

Mark is survived by the love of his life for 36 years, Teresa H. Patrick; a daughter, Ashley Patrick, and her fiancé, Aaron Johnston; a son, Stephen Patrick, and his girlfriend, Lindsey Graybill, all of Christiansburg; and his fur baby, Bingo.

Also surviving are siblings Connie P. Simmons of Christiansburg, Donald Patrick, Jr., (Brenda) of Mechanicsville, Va.; nephew and niece Josh Patrick (Ashley) of Mosley, Va. and Erin Stacy (Luke) of Ashland, Va.; three great-nieces and three great-nephews; a special father and mother-in-law, Raymond and Joyce Harris of Christiansburg; a brother-in-law, Randy Harris (Roberta) who was like a brother; a step-nephew, Toby Early of Salem, and a step-grandmother, Joyce Light, of Christiansburg.

Mark was a 1975 graduate of Christiansburg High School and a longtime employee of Radford Arsenal/BAE. He was a longtime member of Open Door Baptist Church. He loved the Lord and loved telling oth-



ers about how the Lord had blessed him and his family. He loved the week of Vacation Bible School so he could help participate in the penny parade.

Mark really enjoyed family time with his wife and kids. He was a very loving and attentive husband and was a very active and very giving dad in the lives of his children. He was a hard worker and was always willing to help others no matter what their need.

Mark enjoyed going to the races with his special friends, Steve Akers and Tommy Harris, but his most favorite was the Father's Day Weekend Race in Bristol Va., that he and his son attended together. Mark was a big football and race fan. He loved watching the Virginia Tech Hokies, the Washington Redskins, and the Pittsburgh Steelers on game day. He was loved by all who knew him, and will be deeply missed by his family.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021, at Open Door Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the church, with Pastor Michael Johnston officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Brown

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After two more stops in Colorado Springs as the on-air host for the Mountain West Conference and in Miami as a social media correspondent for the University of Miami Athletics, Brown's New York connection paid off.

A friend from Brown's time with the Giants notified her that the job with the Patriots had opened and asked whether she would be interested. It was a no-brainer for Brown. She passed her résumé along and three rounds of interviews later found her next landing spot in New England.

"Through my journey I've been able to build a network," Brown said. "It's so important when you're networking not just try to meet as many people as possible, but to keep up with those people and build relationships with them. Frankly, that's how I got to where I am now."

It was Brown's four years at Virginia Tech studying multimedia journalism that shaped and molded her into the professional she is today. Her role as manager of Virginia Tech's women's basketball team, for example, enabled her to network with the strategic communications staff and HokieVision, the production unit of Virginia Tech Athletics.

"It was such a blessing to go to a school like Virginia Tech and have resources readily available to me. I tell people all the time when they reach out to me that Tech has a great athletics department," Brown said.

"I had access to people like April Goode, who traveled with the team, and Andrew Allegretta, who was our radio play-by-play guy for Learfield IMG. Having those people and being able to build those relationships as you're traveling was awesome. That started early at Virginia Tech. Then, I was able to start working men's basketball games and I was able to get involved with HokieVision."

Not only has Brown made Virginia Tech proud, but she's opening the door and carving out the path for other women to land jobs in sports careers. Her passion for female empowerment in the sports industry is hard to go unnoticed.

"Having women in this field is so important," Brown said. "If there's one thing I learned through my five-year journey working in sports, it's that we have to pull up chairs for each other at the table. Often when you look around the table, when you look around the room, there's only one or two of us there."

It's why Brown makes herself available on a daily basis to connect with aspiring female sports journalists. She'll have honest conversations with these women to guide them on their journey as they chart their own path. It can even be as simple as Brown passing along job opportunities and looking over a résumé or reel.

"For me, we're a sisterhood," Brown said. "We're not competing against each other. There are opportunities for everyone. It's my job to make more seats at the table for women in sports because I feel like the sky is the limit for us. We bring such unique viewpoints and perspectives to this industry, and there needs to be more of us in it."

"Right now, as I'm sitting in this position, I'm so grateful I took all those production internships, social media jobs, and sponsorship jobs because they all ultimately helped me get to where I am today," Brown said. "I look back and I'm like, 'Wow, if I had gotten this job three years ago I wouldn't have been ready.' Appreciate the process because you are gaining the skills and the knowledge and the resources you need to ultimately land your dream job."

—Written by Cory Van Dyke

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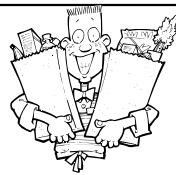
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Legals - City of Radford

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ003213-14-00
Radford City
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Radford City DSS v.
Alyssa Parris
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Alyssa Parris, legal parent of Zyan Parris a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will

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permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.
It is ORDERED that Alyssa Parris appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6, 2021.

9/14/21
Melinda D. Bishop
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ003213-15-00
Radford City
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Radford City DSS v.
Dante Larnell Hayes
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Dante L. Hayes, legal parent of Zyan Parris a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.

It is ORDERED that Dante Larnell Hayes appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6, 2021.

9/15/21
Melinda D. Bishop
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Radford
Appropriation Ordinance for F.Y. 2021 Radford City Budget

Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street for the purpose of receiving public comments on the City's proposed appropriation ordinance of \$4,114,196 to the F.Y. 2021 City Budget for the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

BY ORDER OF THE
RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on October 13, 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 .Com Properties 8, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1796 Apperson Drive (a portion of Tax Map # 257-2-1.1) from HBD Highway Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or

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amendments may be examined in the Office of 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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121-Sherrie Robey-household goods:
152-Randall Mcdaniel-household goods:
103-Ray Ortega-household goods.

Notice is hereby given to

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 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(known as the Marketplace shopping center) to allow multi-family residential uses as part of the overall site masterplan, increased building heights and reduced onsite greenspace from the B-3, General Business standards, and a reduced residential parking requirement for the independent living multifamily use on Tax Parcel 436 – ((5)) – 1. The Planned Commercial District also includes Tax Parcels 436 – ((5)) – B, F, I, L, and M and Tax Parcels 406 – ((7)) – E and K. The overall site is approximately 28.9 acres. This Planned Commercial Development was originally approved by Town Council on September 24, 2019. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and public comment can be made in-person. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

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.

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

The Town of Christiansburg, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is an evaluation and performance report detailing accomplishments toward meeting the goals outlined in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER compares the actual

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performance measures with those measures listed in the 2020 Annual Action Plan. Public Comments will be received through October 28, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING
Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on Council's intention to adopt the 2020 CDBG CAPER. A draft copy of the 2020 CDBG CAPER is available for review ending October 28, 2021 and may be viewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, a draft electronic copy is available on the Town's Web Site at <https://www.christiansburg.org/729/Community-Development-Block-Grant>. Any interested party whose participation in this meeting would require reasonable accommodation of a handicap or language services should contact Andrew Warren at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by e-mail at awarren@christiansburg.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project From: W. Lee Avenue To: 1st Street Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing
Find out about a proposal to provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along Walnut Avenue from W. Lee Avenue to 1st Street as identified in the 2010 Vinton Area Corridors Plan and approved by the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) in March 2018 and May 2021. The Project will improve bicycle and pedestrian access and safety along Walnut Avenue and provide connections to and from Tinker Creek and Glade Creek Greenways.

You may view the Project information on the web at www.vintonva.gov/walnut2, or by visiting to the Town of Vinton Municipal Building, Planning and Zoning Department, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179. Please call 540-983-0605 in advance of your visit to assure that staff is available to meet with you and answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied through informal discussion, the Town of Vinton is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a request in writing to Anita McMillan, Planning and Zoning Director, Town of Vinton Municipal Building, Planning and Zoning Department, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179. Your request must be received on or prior to October 28, 2021. If a request for a public hearing is received, a notice of date, time, and place of the hearing will be publicly posted.

Town of Vinton ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this Project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact Anita McMillan at the phone number listed above.

State Project: RSTP-U000-149-253, UPC: 113565

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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, Botsford, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

MENT 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.

LANE CLOSURES:

From Sunday, October 10 through Friday, October 16, alternating lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

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 Interstate 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 fall 2021.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating lane closures may be in place for milling and paving on I-81 southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning.

RAMP CLOSURES: Weather permitting, the I-81 southbound exit 114 on and off ramps may be closed during nighttime hours for milling and paving from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Message boards will update drivers. Only one ramp will be closed at a time.

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 643 PAVING PROJECT - Beginning soon, exact date to be determined, a project is being scheduled to resurface an unpaved portion of Route 643 (Yellow Sulfur Road). The work area begins .7 mile south of the intersection with Route 642 (Jennelle Road) and ends 1.7 miles north of the bridge over Route 460. Traffic impacts will include intermittent flagging operations between these intersections. This project has an estimated completion date of May 2022.

LANE CLOSURES: Intermittent single lane closures utilizing flagging operations will be in place between the intersection of Teaberry Road and Jennelle Road.

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 northbound 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. A road closure with a detour is in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. 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 Fall 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 working 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 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. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

Drivers should expect delays. 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. Message boards will alert drivers.

Daytime lane closures with flagging operations may be in place on Green Ridge Road due to installation of shoulder stone.

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, p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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 POT HOLE 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

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

High school football: Topsy-turvy season continues

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The COVID pandemic continues to turn the area's high school football season upside down with changes on a weekly basis.

Schedules and games change weekly, and teams are hoping theirs is not the one to receive that phone call on Wednesday.

Auburn is still facing the lack of numbers game, having to cancel another game this past week, but Athletic Director Paul Dominy remains optimistic for the future.

"We are taking the numbers week-to-week. When we have enough players to field a team and play a game we will do so. When the numbers fall too low, we are unable to play," Dominy said.

"We believe that we have a bright future in football. We have had decreasing numbers for several years now, but we think that the new offense will energize the student body to come out for the team," the AD said. "We got a late start with a July coaching change, which has affected this year, but with a full year to work on the roster we do not expect to be in this situation again."

That lack of numbers has also affected the wrestling program at Auburn, which the school has decided to cancel for this year. Dominy said there had been a lack of interest on the part of the students. "Part of this has been due to the nature of wrestling and the potentially increased likelihood of catching COVID," he said.

The school would like to restart it somewhere down the road if and only if the interest picks back up.

But Auburn is adding another sport to its list. This past week, the school advertised for a swimming coach. There has been considerable interest, according to Dominy, on the part of the student body as 15 athletes have signed up for the sport. "Everyone is quite positive about starting the program and there is a level of excitement as we prepare for the season," he said.

This week in football, we will see the "Battle of the Bargs" between Blacksburg and Christiansburg. Blacksburg leads the series, which dates to 1914, 56-37-6, but Christiansburg has taken the last two, 57-0 in the spring and 21-14 in 2019.

Over the history of the rivalry, Blacksburg has outscored their cross-country rivals 1,684 to 1,126.

In the early years, six games between the two schools were played at Miles Stadium on the campus of Virginia Tech.

On a side note, a former Radford football player is getting his kicks in at Boston University. Connor Lytton began training camp back as the third option for the Boston Terriers, but he has been elevated to the top of the depth chart since the Temple game. Incumbent Aaron Boumerhi suffered a season-ending hip injury in camp and was replaced by Danny Longman, who started against Colgate and UMass.

Lytton had four PAT kicks against Temple and solidified his claim to the top spot with field goals of 49 and 31 yards against Missouri. He was also 5-for-5 on PATs.

Area Top Five: 1) Salem, 2) Christiansburg, 3) Hidden Valley, 4) Glenvar, 5) Giles.

Football game previews this week:
 Eastern Montgomery (2-2) at Craig (2-2)

Last week: Craig rolled over a winless Roanoke Catholic squad 34-18. Pudge Peters scored three touchdowns as Craig racked up 279 yards rushing.

Prediction: Eastern Montgomery 27, Craig 20.

Carroll County (0-4) at Radford (4-2)

Last week: Carroll took a game against Floyd to overtime but fell short 20-18. Elijah Cox did toss for 204 yards for Carroll while Bryce Smoot had seven catches for 106 yards.

Radford rebounded from its loss to Christiansburg by downing Alleghany 42-6. Marcell Baylor threw two touchdown passes while Darius Wesley-Brubeck scored on a 49-yard run. Baylor also added 100 yards rushing on four carries. Tyrel Dobson added 102 yards with three touchdowns.

Prediction: Radford 34, Carroll County 20.

Grayson County (3-2) at Auburn (0-3)

Last week: Grayson slid by Ft. Chiswell 18-7. Canaan Jones finished 11 of 18 passing for 200 yards. Auburn spent another week watching from the sidelines.

By the time this game is scheduled to play, the numbers game or the lack of numbers could force a cancellation.

Prediction: Grayson 40, Auburn 7.

Blacksburg (0-4) at Christiansburg (4-1)

Last week: Christiansburg fell to Salem 24-7, while Patrick Henry routed Blacksburg 42-0 in a game that saw the Bruins produce only three first downs and 32 yards in total offense.

Prediction: Christiansburg 33, Blacksburg 21.

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Another member of the Christiansburg High School baseball team has committed to play at the college level. Outfielder, first-baseman Dawson Gragg announced Sunday he would join MJ Hunter and Ty Dunkleman at Concord University in Athens, W.Va.

"I chose Concord because they made me feel like I could come in and start early in my career, and I loved the campus," Gragg said.

He finished his junior year with a .326 batting average at CHS with a .531 on-base percentage. Playing in a summer league this year with the NRV Tigers, he hit .349.

Gragg is eager to join his former

teammates at Concord. "We were super close when we played high school ball together, and we know how each other plays. I think we will have that same chemistry at Concord," he said.

Gragg also wrestles at CHS where he has been a two-time state placer. He loves to hunt and fish and enjoys working on the family farm.

Concord University is an NCAA Division II school and is a member of the Mountain East Conference.

2021-22 marks Kevin Garrett's 22nd season as the Mountain Lions' baseball head coach. He has 486 career wins. Concord is a public university with 1,644 students.

Gragg hopes to major in either criminal justice or biological science with the long-term goal of becoming a police officer or biologist.



FILE PHOTO

Christiansburg's Dawson Gragg will continue his baseball playing career in the fall at Concord University in Athens, West Virginia.

Hokie 5K, Half-Marathon held Sunday



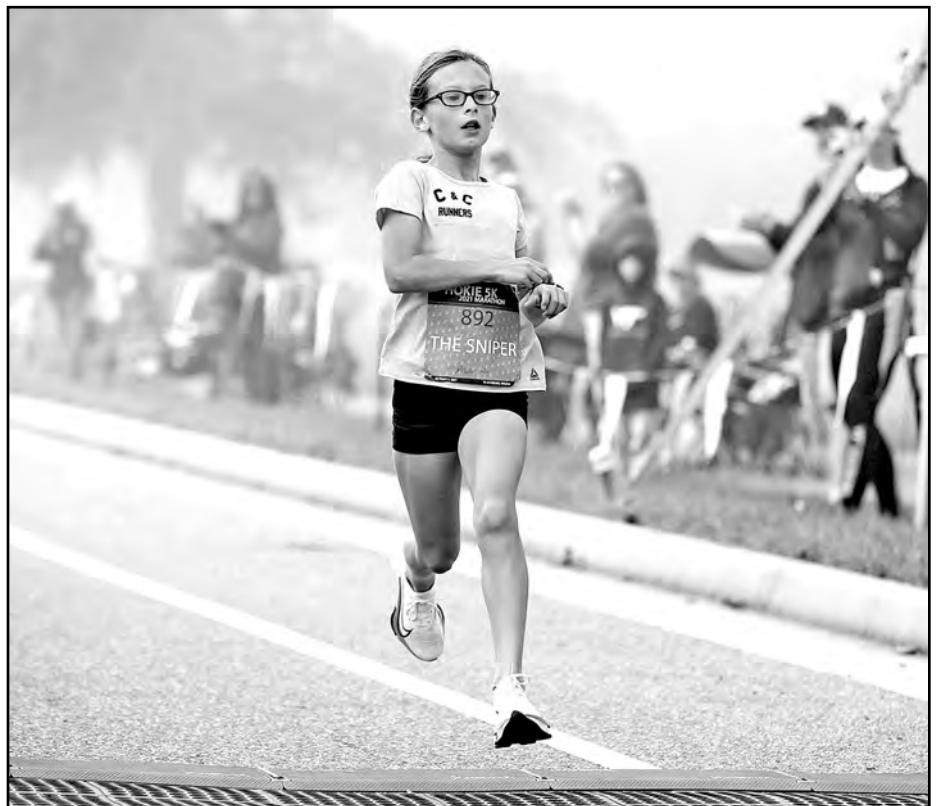
The Hokie Half-Marathon field leaves the starting line Sunday morning at the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center. The top men's finishers were first place, Sila Kiptoo (right), second place, Shadrack Keter (center left), third place Jason Putnam (left), fourth place, Ethan Edwards (center), and fifth place, Tyler Krickovic (center right). Kiptoo set a new record of 1:03:47.11 for the 13.1-mile course.



Sarah Naibei was the Hokie Half-Marathon women's winner with a time of 1:14:30.99.



Andrew Lightner was the men's 5k winner Sunday with a time of 19:22.93.



Only 11 years old, Mariah Reed was the women's overall winner in the Hokie 5k race with a time of 20:32.04.

Lady Hokies hit the floor running

The Virginia Tech women's basketball team held its first official practices of the 2021-22 season last week at the Hahn Hurst Practice Facility.

The Hokies are looking to build on a strong campaign last season that included a program record six straight ACC wins, the highest ever win over a ranked team (over No. 2 NC State) and a second-round appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Head coach Kenny Brooks enters his sixth season at Virginia Tech with a 101-59 record during his tenure and a career record of 438-181.

Brooks will have plenty of experience at his disposal with nine upperclassmen on the roster. Two of those, Aisha Sheppard and Elizabeth Kitley each earned First Team All-ACC honors a season ago, the first VT duo to do so in the same season.

Sheppard will go down as one of the best to ever play for the maroon and orange. The Alexandria, Va., native ranks first in Virginia Tech history for threes made (306) and is seventh in points scored with 1,445. She was named an honorable mention AP All-American after averaging 17.7 points per game and finishing fifth



Head coach Kenny Brooks led the VT women's basketball team through their first practices of the 2021-22 season last week.

nationally with a school record 87 3-pointers.

The 6-foot-6 Kitley was the only Power Five sophomore to average 18 points and 10 rebounds last season. She recorded 13 double-doubles and topped 30 points twice. Kitley was a finalist for the Lisa Leslie Award, recognizing the best center in college basketball.

That dynamic duo combined to score 30 or more points in 80% of Tech's games last season and was the highest scoring tandem in the ACC.

During the off-season, the Hokies added a 1,000-point scorer in grad student Emily Lytle, who starred at Liberty for the past three seasons, scoring 1,153 points and

shooting better than 42% from the field. Adept at the long ball, Lytle nailed 171 threes during her time with the Flames. A 5-foot-11 guard/forward from Memphis, Lytle led the Flames to a 19-8 record in 2020-21, earning First Team All-Conference honors after averaging 14.7 points and five rebounds per game, both

career highs.

Tech also bolstered its roster by adding Kayana Traylor, a 5-foot-9 point guard from Martinsville, Ind., who spent the last three seasons at Purdue. Traylor led the Boiler-makers in scoring last season, averaging 15.0 points while shooting 38.7% from the field. She made 26 3-pointers and

averaged 3.9 assists and 2.8 rebounds per game. Her career-high in scoring came on Feb. 21 at Michigan State when she scored 31 points on 10 of 20 shooting from the field. She was named to the Big Ten Coaches Second Team in 2021 and was the 18th player in Purdue history to dish out 300 career assists.

Hokie 5K, Half-Marathon Top 50 finishers

The top 50 finishers in the Hokie 5K run Sunday were 1) Andrew Lightner, 19: 22.93, 2) Ryan Hamrick, 3) Ryan Bagchi, 4) Mariah Reed, 5) Joshua Wolfe, 6) Connor Szwetkowski, 7) Gavin Diggs, 8) Bill Collins, 9) Rob Semntner, 10) Kendall Schlueter, 11) John Fiorini, 12) Patrick Dickens, 13) Colin Googan, 14) Christian Walkup, 15) Justin Grady, 16) Stephanie Vaccaro, 17) Keely Semtner, 18) Grant Talbott, 19) Jason Lancaster,

20) Todd Ramboldt, 21) Felix Lopez, 22) Matthew Enzinnia, 23) Leah Santos, 24) Lynne Still, 25) Serena Miller, 26) Braxton Lee, 27) Ian Stanley, 28) Brian Shelor, 29) Harrison Lancaster, 30) Ryan Lancaster, 31) Eddie Harmon, 32) William Poland, 33) Ben Norris, 34) Ashley Harris, 35) Erik Lewis, 36) Ellen Hamrick, 37) William Starkey, 38) Melissa Vaden, 39) Luke Weiler, 40) Samantha Brooks, 41) Sarah Soto, 42) Nick Buchbinder,

43) Robert Kendall, 44) Patrick Miller, 45) Elly Haden, 46) Emma Larkin, 47) Brad McCumsey, 48) Jonathan Crewe, 49) Kevin McGhee, 50) Morgan Velez.

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10) Garrett Pitt, 11) Jack Bosley, 12) Anderson Norton, 13) Pamela Cherotich, 14) Todd Musher, 15) English Jackson, 16) Ignacio Moore, 17) Liam Davis-Wallace, 18) Joy Miller, 19) Nathan Vollbrecht, 20) Sam Forsyth, 21) Scott Huxtable, 22) Kevin Byrd, 23) Kyler Stanley, 24) Brandon Herndon, 25) Paul Rhodes, 26) Robert Sherfy, 27) Max Stallkamp, 28) Will Christman, 29) Drew Ayers, 30) Nicholas Conte, 31) Luke

Vest, 32) Kyle Weatherholtz, 33) David Woodson, 34) Arindam Faikdar, 35) Thomas Davis, 36) Konnor Rafferty, 37) Ken Mallory, 38) Erik Bowman, 39) Adam McNeeley, 40)

Mitchell Parvin, 41) Sean O'Mara, 42) Brad Soucy, 43) Andrew Murley, 44) Marc Edwards, 45)

Jacob Brummond, 46) Hunter Varner, 47) Hannah Varnell, 48) Jimmy Moore, 49) Jack Stipe, 50) Gary Buss.

VT athletics launches Hokie Network

Virginia Tech athletics has announced the launch of the Hokie Network, the new official home for Virginia Tech alumni athletes, managers, video teams, and trainers.

Former student-athletes

now have access to all of the alumni services provided by the Monogram Club in one centralized location.

"Virginia Tech is committed to providing a first-class experience for our student-

athletes throughout their time in Blacksburg and beyond," Director of athletics Whit Babcock said. "We are thrilled to announce this new partnership with Athlete Network, as it will provide endless op-

portunities to improve communication, increase engagement, and provide a lifelong networking hub.

"Both the current and former student-athlete experience is of the utmost impor-

tance to us and our goal is to ensure the latter always feel connected to the place they once called home," Babcock said. "This partnership allows us to reach for excellence in our engagement efforts."

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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.

LANE CLOSURES:

A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and

southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5

p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

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 6 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.

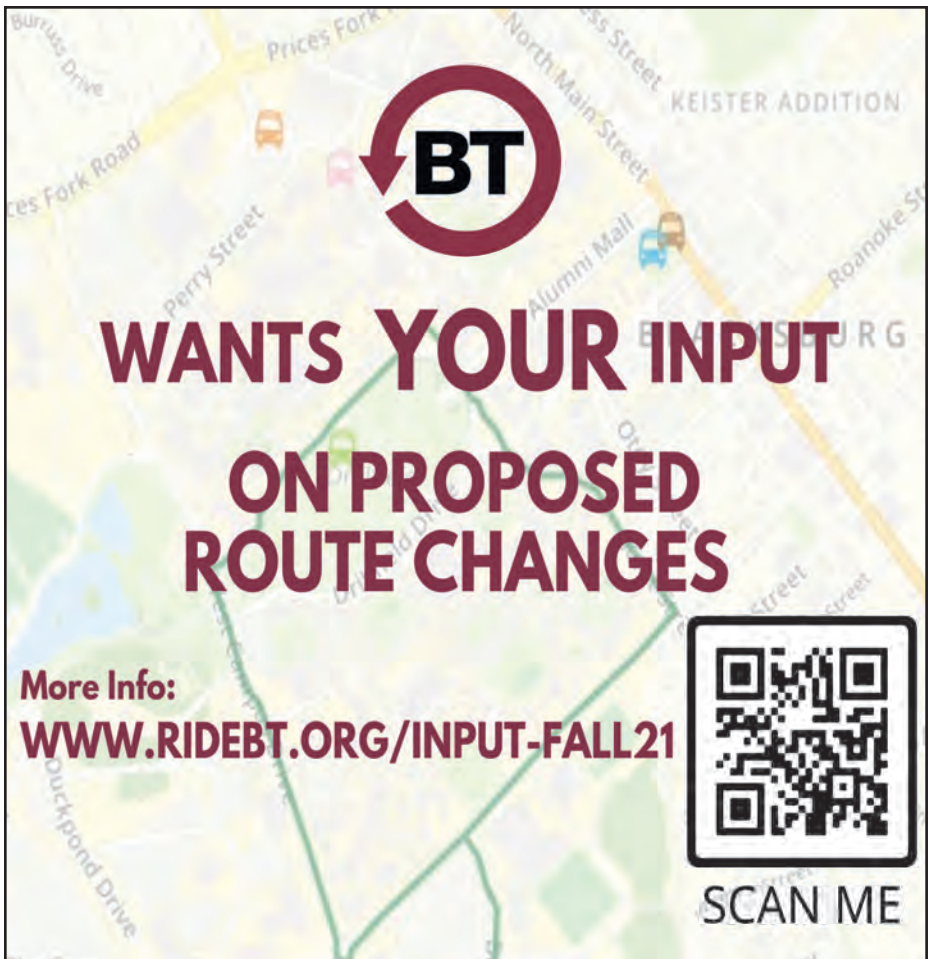
I-77 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN CARROLL COUNTY- Weather permitting, crews will be milling, paving and performing maintenance along Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible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

I-77 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 COUNTY

ROUTE 220 SLOPE REPAIRS TO BEGIN IN ROANOKE COUNTY NEAR CROSSBOW CIRCLE INTERSECTION - Work to repair a slope along southbound Route 220 just south of its intersection with Route 1290 (Crossbow Circle) in Roanoke County has begun. Heavy rains in recent years have caused debris and soil along this slope to move. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on Crossbow Circle when construction equipment is being moved into the site. A shoulder closure along southbound Route 220 will be installed in the months ahead as work progresses. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed Fall 2021.



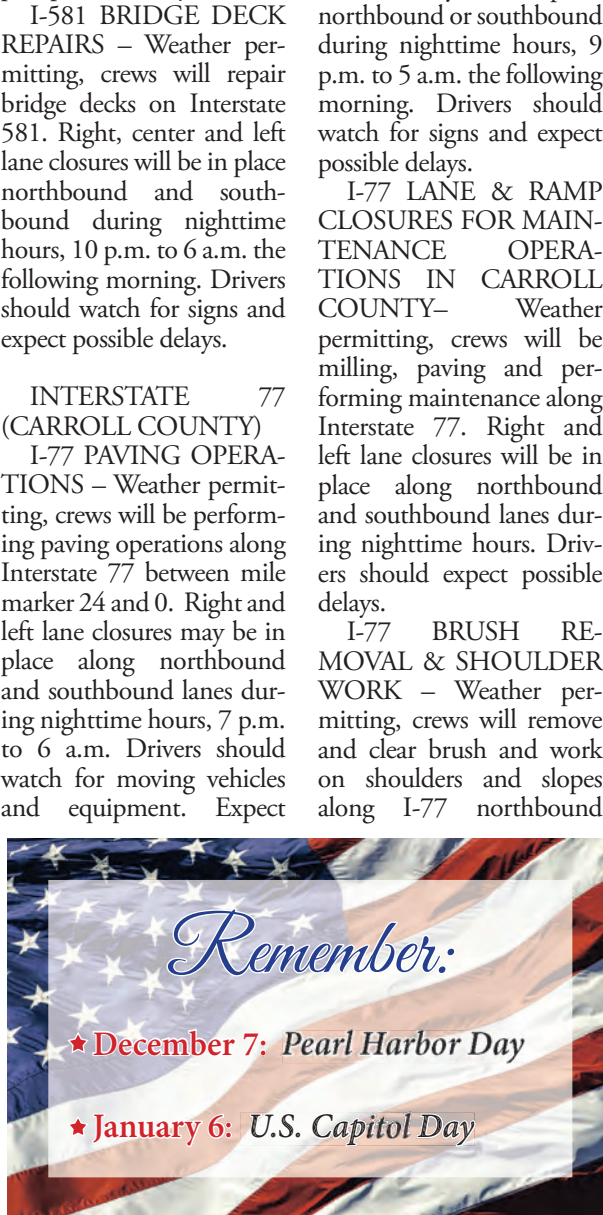
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