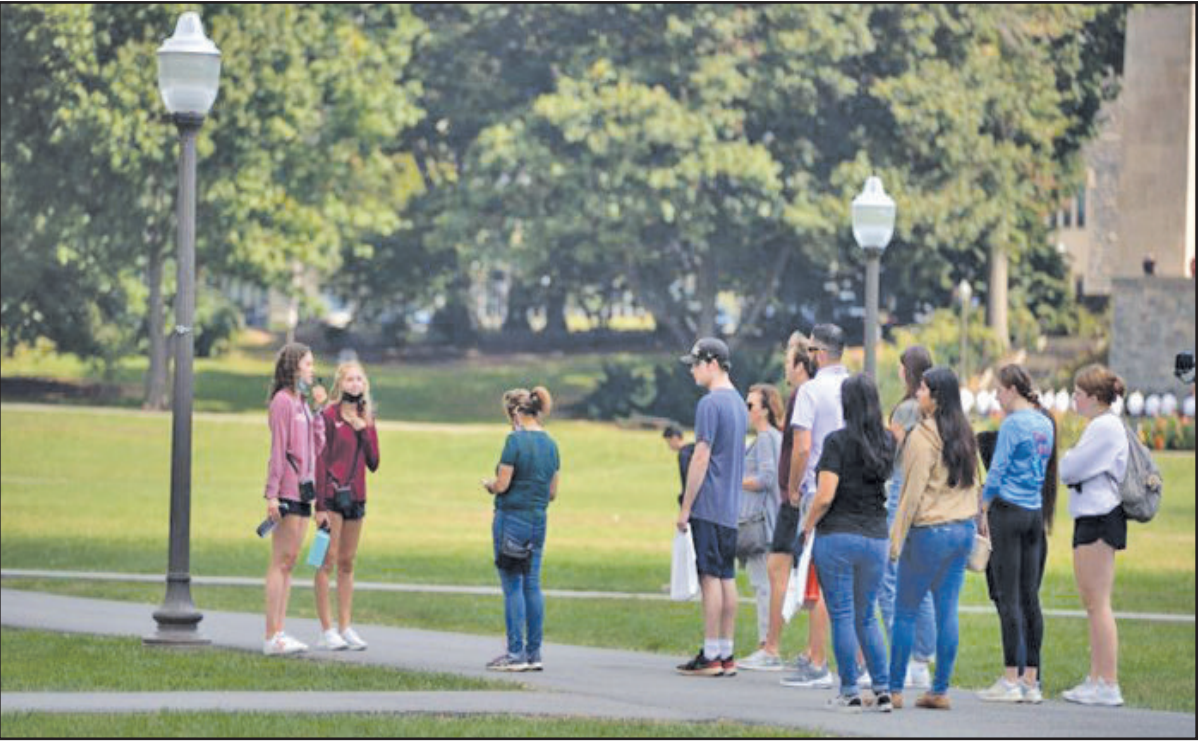




Virginia Tech Fall 2022 entering class takes shape



Hokie Ambassadors take a minute to answer questions from prospective students and their families during a campus tour. Virginia Tech photo.

Virginia Tech's Office of Undergraduate Admissions has achieved its enrollment goals for the 2021-22 cycle and is preparing to welcome another academically strong and diverse entering class for the fall 2022 semester.

First-year students

Based on a June 2 deposit projection, the admissions office will achieve its target of 6,979 first-year students this fall. First-year students are often classified as first time in college (FTIC). After receiving and reviewing a historic-high 45,185 applications during the 2021-22 cycle, Virginia Tech extended offers of admission to 25,799 FTIC students from the highly competitive applicant pool.

The currently deposited group represents 2,178 high schools, 47 states, and 69 countries.

The snapshot reveals the 2022 deposited group is academically strong as measured by its mean GPA of 4.04. Comparatively, the 2021 deposit pool posted a 3.98 GPA.

This is Virginia Tech's second FTIC group to go through a test-optional admissions cycle. It was announced during Tuesday's Board of Visitors' meeting that Virginia Tech would remain test-optional for an additional three years.

"I am pleased about how the class entering this fall is shaping up, and we believe that remaining test-optional has provided access to Virginia Tech for students who have been excluded from the process," said Executive Vice President and Provost Cyril Clarke. "Virginia Tech is extending test-optional admissions for three additional cycles. Doing so will give the university a total of five test-optional admissions cycles to analyze and help determine our path moving forward."

Fall transfer students

Virginia Tech received 3,066 applications from transfer students during the 2021-22 cycle. Offers were made to 1,819 students, a 23 percent increase year-to-year. The June 2 projection shows the Office of Admissions will meet its fall 2022 transfer enrollment goal of 1,060.

Sixty-two percent of the deposited transfers are coming from Virginia Community College System institutions. They represent 420 high schools in 28 states and 20 countries.

Academically, the 2022 transfer deposited group is similar to the 2021 pool as measured by all academic profile metrics tracked by the Office of Admissions. The 2022 group currently holds an average prior college GPA of 3.50. The 2021 group scored

an average prior college GPA of 3.55.

Strategic goals

The June 2 snapshot shows continued gains in underrepresented and underserved populations in the class entering this fall. In the combined FTIC and transfer group, African Americans plus students who identify as two or more races with African American included comprise 8.8 percent of the deposits received. That number was just 4.5 percent in 2017. Hispanic/Latino deposits represent 11.1 percent of the entering class. In 2017, 6.4 percent of the entering class identified as Hispanic/Latino.

The university's strategic plan, "The Virginia Tech Difference: Advancing Beyond Boundaries," challenged the institution to achieve 25 percent representation of underrepresented minority students (URM) and 40 percent representation of underrepresented minority or underserved students (URM/USS) in the entering class by 2022. In the June 2 snapshot of current deposits, those numbers are at 21.4 percent and 40.3 percent respectively. At the 2017 census, the entering class comprised 13.2 percent URM and a 33.1

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN MARSHALL.

Despite having no formal musical training, Dan Marshall, a 2020 graduate of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and a former Virginia Tech football player, was one of the final 14 finalists on "American Idol."

VT alumnus, former football player enjoys successful gig on 'American Idol'

What started out as a fun TikTok hobby ended up striking just the right chord with producers from one of Hollywood's top singing competitions.

And in the span of just a few weeks, Daniel Griffith went from a man who sang as a fun diversion to one with a different name who ultimately became one of America's more popular contestants on this season's "American Idol."

Griffith, Class of 2020, who went by the name "Dan Marshall" while on "American Idol," belted out a series of well-known songs — mostly of the country genre — during a span of approximately a month and made it to the final 14 out of 59 contestants before being eliminated. After his late-April dismissal, he wasn't disappointed but rather was excited.

"I absolutely surprised myself," Marshall said. "My goal was to get the gold ticket," a guaranteed trip to Hollywood after the initial audition. "That's something that was humbling, but everything else was just kind of icing on the cake."

The intro to this "American Idol" solo act almost didn't get

played. A producer for the show found Marshall through the For You page on TikTok. She sent him a message through Instagram, introducing herself as a producer of the show and letting him know of her interest, but he never responded.

"I thought it was fake, so I didn't answer," Marshall said.

Undeterred, the producer contacted the alumni relations office at Virginia Tech, and someone there contacted Marshall's mother, a roundabout path that ultimately led to an invitation for an audition. He discussed the opportunity with his family and girlfriend and decided to try his luck.

"The overall consensus of whether I should or shouldn't do it was, 'What do you got to lose?'" Marshall said. "And the answer is, 'Nothing.' Give it a shot. Country music is something I've always loved and had a passion for, and if I can share that with America, with the world, so be it. It was really neat."

Initially, though some may have been confused when news of a Virginia Tech graduate appearing on "American Idol" leaked on social

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Camp Invention's summer STEM program coming to Radford University

Camp Invention®, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program, is coming to Radford University June 20 through June 24.

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving, and the spirit of invention. Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children entering kindergarten through the sixth grade to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curricula inspired by some of the world's

greatest inventors. Since 1990, Camp Invention's education programs have served more than 1.9 million children, and 210,000 teachers and leadership interns.

This year's Explore program includes the following hands-on activities:

Robotic Aquatics™: Children will dive into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own aquatic animals, design and patent aquatic plants, and take their new friend home in a mini-tank.

National Inventors Hall of Fame's The Attic™: Campers will combine science and art to build

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Marble Arcade™: Campers will experiment with the fun of physics, engineering, and gaming as they design, build, and test their own mega-marble arcades.

To register for Camp Invention, visit invent.org/camp.

U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine have announced \$1,223,553 in federal funding for Radford University's Professional Accelerated Cyber Education program.

This funding will help secondary education students in Southwest and Southside Virginia access more educational opportunities in the cybersecurity field and prepare them for the needs of the current workforce. It will also help increase the number of students enrolled in the program and provide them with more services like academic advising, financial aid advising, and career counseling.

According to the senators, "As our economy continues to recover from the pandemic, it's important that we're providing educational and job training programs for Virginians in every region of the commonwealth. We're excited to see that Radford University is receiving significant federal funding to develop a high-quality cybersecurity program that will prepare students for jobs that will help us build a 21st-century economy that is strong and safe."

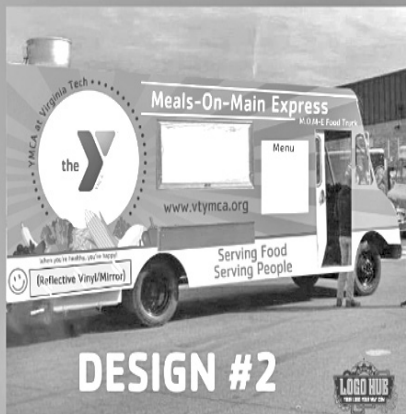
The funding was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education's Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development program.

It's a wrap!

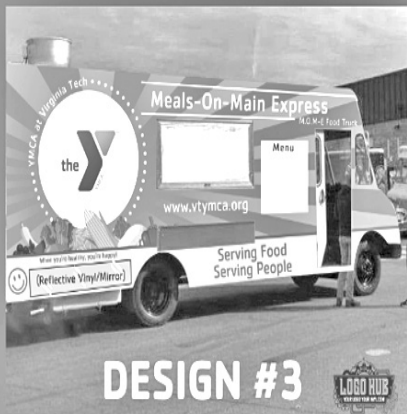
We're so excited about our new Food Truck and we invite you to help us pick your favorite design! VOTE NOW through June 22 at the link below.



DESIGN #1



DESIGN #2



DESIGN #3

With a grant that allowed the purchase of a food truck, the YMCA at Virginia Tech is holding a contest for the public to pick its favorite wrap from among three designs for the truck. Voting will continue through June 22.

YMCA at VT receives grant for food truck to be used as mobile kitchen

The YMCA at Virginia Tech has received a grant from Y-USA to purchase a food truck, which will become the organization's mobile kitchen.

The Y has also been designated as the region's United States Department of Agriculture sponsor. These two developments will help the Y provide youth from low-income families with access to shelf-stable, and soon, fresh, hot meals.

The YMCA at Virginia Tech continues to develop a strong, viable food system to provide food to community youth who are most in need. Each year, for the past three years, the Y has seen incremental growth in its program and capabilities. The Y distributes regular meals and snacks

at several different sites, including after-school programs and communities in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Montgomery County.

The Y has been consistently distributing shelf-stable meals five days a week to more than 300 children for nearly three years, supplemented by fresh bread donated by local bakers and eggs and occasional produce from the NRV Glean Team. With the exciting addition of the new food truck, the Y's goal is to start providing daily fresh cooked meals following USDA and YUSA healthy food guidelines directly to children in the community.

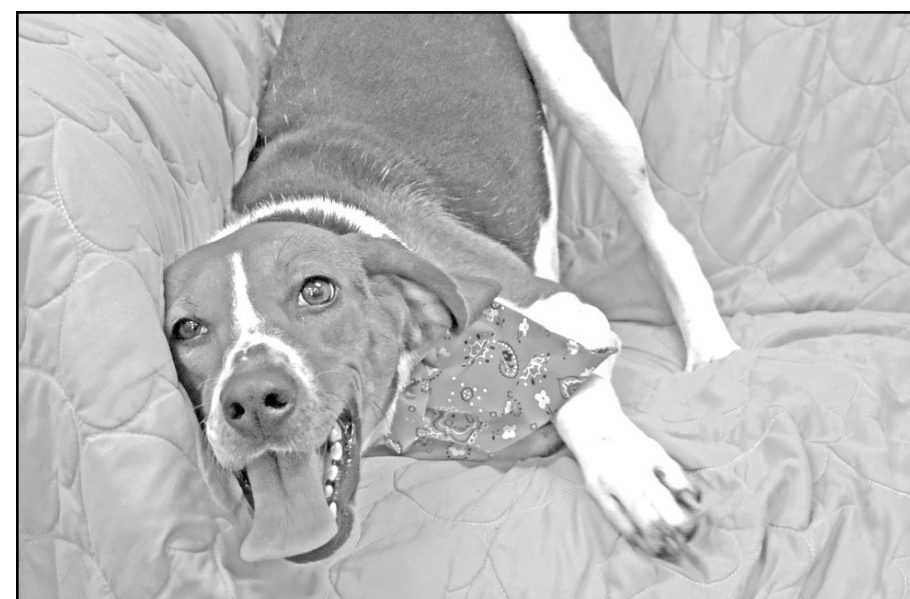
Now that its food truck is on hand and is preparing to operate,

the Y invites the public to help pick the wrap it likes the best. Logo-hub has provided three designs from which the public may choose. Voting is free and is open to all.

VOTE NOW using the form at <https://vtymca.org/its-a-wrap/> through June 21.

On Tuesday June 21 from 4 to 6 p.m., the Y will hold a ribbon cutting for the food truck at 1000 North Main St, Blacksburg, in partnership with the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Everyone is invited to attend this event and celebrate the start of the Y's next chapter in serving the community. The winning food truck wrap design will be announced at this event.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Billie Elfish has been a resident at the Animal Care and Adoption Center for a number of months, and she would love to sniff out a furever home. Billie is a silly hound who likes being with other dogs. When she is comfortable, she also likes to meet people and hang out on the couch.



Myrrah is a love bug! She is very sweet and loves attention from her favorite people. She enjoys a good conversation and chatting it up. She is also litter box trained. Myrrah's adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control.



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July 6 *Casablanca*

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July 13 *Wayne's World*

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July 23 *Wings* (7:30pm) - silent film with live accompaniment

July 30 *The Godfather*

Aug 3 *The Godfather*

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 15:

American Red Cross Blood Drive

At the Christiansburg Library at 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome or sign up at <https://www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

Teen Yoga featuring In Balance Yoga

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to attend a beginner's yoga class at the Blacksburg Public Library, courtesy of In Balance Yoga Studio.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 16:

Radford Photo Club meeting

Edward Rhett of Christiansburg, an experienced photographer and a long-time member of the Radford Photo Club, will demonstrate photo editing software at the club's June meeting. Photographers should bring their laptops, or a thumb drive, and Rhett will hand over a copy of the software plus tutorials. The club meets at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public.

Paint with Pride

At the Blacksburg Library at 6 p.m. Join in painting a masterpiece to celebrate Pride Month. Open to ages 11 and up.

Friday, June 17:

Homeschool science with Dairy Scientist Dave Winston

At the Radford Public Library from 11 a.m. to noon. Dave Winston, an Extension Dairy Specialist at Virginia Tech will teach about dairy science. This event is geared toward families who homeschool.

Lunch and Learn with Kanopy

At the Radford Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. Use Kanopy to watch classics and indie films on your TV, computer, or smart device. Learn about Kanopy for Roku (or other smart TV devices) while enjoying a light lunch, courtesy of the Lamplighters. Reserve a seat and a meal by emailing Duncan.hall@radfordva.gov.

Teen paint fight

At the Radford Public Library from 5 to 6 p.m. Like a water fight, but with PAINT. Space is limited. Registration and a permission slip are required.

Saturday, June 18:

Cooking with Dave . . . and a Movie

At the Radford Public Library from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Watch Dave make Beast Cookies (M&M Oatmeal cookies) and Lemon Thyme Tea. Then stay for "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) on the library's big projection screen. This program is possible thanks to the library Lamplighters. Catch regular episodes of Cooking with Dave online each Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Dyslexia: the basics

At the Radford Public Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vicki Brackett, a pediatric speech-language pathologist and dyslexia consultant, will give a brief overview of the symptoms and cause of dyslexia. Her presentation will include the myths, the symptoms to look for in both young children and adults, and what can be done to help overcome some of the issues associated with dyslexia. Handouts will be available. A light lunch will be offered during the program, so please reserve your seat and meal. Register by mailing elizabeth.sensabaugh@radfordva.gov or call 540 731-3621.

NAACP Juneteenth Commemoration

The local NAACP will celebrate Juneteenth, the traditional African American commemoration of freedom from slavery, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Rosa Peters Playground, 300 Depot St. NE, Christiansburg. Music will be played, and food will be available to purchase. The NAACP Youth Council will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and other snacks. Freedom First Credit Union will be on hand with free ice cream. Proceeds from the event will benefit local youth educational activities and programs. The day will feature speakers, swimming, children's games, a silent auction, and a raffle with door prizes. Various talents will be shared by youth and community members. Information booths from the NAACP and other community organizations will be on site. If an organization wants to have a booth, contact the NAACP at info@mrnaacp.org or call the branch at 540-382-6751. Entry is free.

Caturday

At the Christiansburg Library from noon to 1 p.m. Sign up at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and to socialize shelter cats. For all ages. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

Summer Solstice Fest

Downtown Blacksburg (Main Street and Lee Street); 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. with live music, food, arts, crafts, performances, and more. Circus Stella, a traditional family circus featuring rescued dogs and amazing human feats

like trapeze, aerial silk, rope-walking, and acrobatics, will perform three shows. The children's area will feature a petting zoo, an obstacle course, and water games. Blacksburg's own PanJammers will kick off the music on the Freedom First stage leading a fun-filled musical lineup that will include Root Down, Flight One, Ripe Jive, Annabelle's Curse, and The Jared Stout Band. The festival will also feature hula and silk fan performers, as well as performances by The Mystic Witches of Floyd and the Irish Dance Academy of Southwest Virginia. The festival will go on rain or shine. For more information, visit <https://downtownblacksburg.com/summer-solstice-blacksburg.aspx>.

Monday, June 20:

Crafternoon delight for adults only

At the Radford Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants can bring their supplies and knit, crochet, and needlepoint. Some crafting supplies are provided.

Monday, June 20 and 27:

Nature walk/Library talk

Each Monday in June at 10 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library Courtyard. Walk with babies or children in strollers, slings, or carriers. Participants will get together and walk, make new friends, talk about nutrition and feeding babies and toddlers, and learn more information about the library. Sponsored by the Family Nutrition Program of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service of Montgomery County.

Tuesday, June 21 and 28:

Summer Backpack Program

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 3:30 p.m. The Summer Backpack Program is intended to help families with children and teens stretch their grocery budget. The bags are filled with nutritious food with one bag per child per week. This is a drop-in program with crafts for the kids each week in addition to the bags of food. The program is drive-thru only at the curb side of the library. Open to residents of Eastern Montgomery County only. For more information, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Tuesday, June 21:

Dungeons & Dragons: Dreadskull Reef Level 1

At the Radford Public Library from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Adventure into the world of Dungeons & Dragons. This month will fea-

ture a new nautical adventure on Dreadskull Reef. Email duncan.hall@radfordva.gov or message the library on Facebook, and the staff will set up everything needed to be ready with a Level 1 hero to join the adventure. Registration is not required.

Chess club for teens & pre-teens

At the Radford Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants can play against a friend or Youth Services Specialist, Dave. The chess club takes place in the Teen Area of the library. Ages 8-17.

Resin pour coasters

At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. Each participant will make two unique resin pour coasters. All supplies are provided. Due to limited supplies, registration is recommended. Call or stop by the circulation desk to register. For ages 10 and older.

Wednesday, June 22:

Red Cross blood drive

The New River Health District in partnership with Blue Ridge Church, 1655 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg, will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DMV Connect at the Library

At the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library at 10 a.m.

DMV will be at the library providing most of their services. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sustainable Blacksburg Lunch and Learn: Sustainable transportation

At the Blacksburg Library at noon. Learn about recent and planned improvements to the Huckleberry Trail, Roam NRV bike share, and Blacksburg Transit. Discussion will include how to use the Roam NRV and BT systems as sustainable and active transportation modes.

Tween book club: "Turtle in Paradise"

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants will enjoy snacks, games, and a great discussion. To be read this week is "Turtle in Paradise" by Jennifer Holm.

Thursday, June 23:

Bad art afternoon

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants will use the library's supplies to create a mixed media masterpiece or some really bad art.

Friday, June 24:

Blacksburg Museum Sunset Rhythms 2022

The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center will kick off its summer concert series on the

lawn of the Alexander Black House from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with singer/songwriter Grace Campbell. Spoons' shaved ice truck will have treats for sale. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic or other snacks as well. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children ages 13 and under are free. All proceeds support the work of the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center. Visit www.blacksburg-museum.org for more information.

Saturday, June 25:

Gene Cordova and his Puppet Friends

At the Radford Public Library from 11 a.m. to noon. Ventriloquist and comedian Gene Cordova will visit the library as part of the RPL's Summer Reading Program.

Board game afternoon

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. For all ages and skill levels; no experience is necessary. Families are welcome to choose from a variety of games or bring their own to share.

Monday, June 27:

Mother & Daughter book club

At the Radford Public Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RPL offers a monthly Mother & Daughter Book Club with Youth Services Librarian Morgan. Mother and daughter (ages 8-11 years) duos read the selected book of the month and have a conversation together as a group about the book. Light refreshments are available. In May, the book club talked about "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe." The next book selection is "Greenglass House" by Kate Milford. The club will meet on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the youth area. Contact Morgan at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov with questions or to reserve a copy of the book. Registration is not required.

Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1:

Vacation Bible School

Mystery Island Vacation Bible School will be held at the Fairlawn Church of God from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. each evening with dinner served at 5 p.m. Activities are for all ages.

Thursday, July 14:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

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OPINION

Buddy King: Wedding memories inspired by June 9

It is June 9. I am sitting down and trying to write a column after work.

Sometimes when I'm trying to come up with an idea for something to write about, I think about the date and see where it takes me in time or place. This one was pretty easy.

June 9 brings back memories of my Cousin Joe, about whom I have written several columns before. One of the best athletes ever at Christiansburg High, a football and track star, the inspiration for my becoming a lawyer, a true patriot who served his country in Vietnam, dying too young from the terrible effects of Agent Orange, a caring and committed family law judge for many years.

June 9 stands out as the date of one of my great memories of Cousin Joe. June 9, 1961, to be precise. It was the day he got married to his lovely bride, Martha Shuler, to whom he was married until his death. Fifty-four years of a shared life. They were still in college. I was 8 years old.

The event was in Martha's hometown of Holly Hill, S.C., a small farming town about an hour or so from Charleston. And it truly was an event. As I recall, my parents drove down with Joe's mom (my Aunt Mary Alma), the other "Weaver sister" (my Aunt Maggie), my grandmother, Joe's 15-year-old brother Bobby, and me, all crammed in one of those humongous Pontiacs of the time that probably had been used to haul troops during World War II.

The car was light blue, and it was not my mom and dad's family car. I think it was Aunt Maggie's, and we took it because it was more spacious than the '57 Chevy my folks had. I also remember that it was prone to overheating, and we would have to stop and add water to the radiator every 50 miles or so. I also remember that one time it had died on its own on the way to Holly Hill, and a friendly man stopped while my father stood with the hood up, forlornly staring at the engine. The man

suggested that my father clip some part of the motor open with a clothes pin, which the friendly stranger just happened to have in his pocket. It worked as I recall.

I mainly remember that the car wasn't air conditioned and that there were seven of us crammed in it. Typical of travel of that day: no air conditioning, no reservations at motels, frequent car problems, eating homemade sandwiches at roadside picnic tables while drinking warm coke from the bottle. More fun than it sounds like now.

We eventually made it to "Shuler Belt Road" where Martha's parents and her dad's brother and his family lived and farmed. Wonderful people, small-town southerners who worked from sunup to sundown.

Martha's dad and my father, the patriarch on our side for sure, had met and bonded earlier at an engagement event in Christiansburg. Mr. Shuler (Bryan) and my Dad had much in common: the love of golf, chewing tobacco, their families, and the Methodist Church. As I recall, they played golf the day of the wedding.

I have two more distinct memories of those long-ago days. First are of the groomsmen and the bridesmaids. As you would expect, Martha, born and raised in South Carolina and a student at

the University in Columbia at the time, was "attended" by "Southern girls," pretty, gracious, for the most part unsophisticated. Joe had just finished his third year at UVA where he was attending on a football and track scholarship.

Several of the guys "who stood up with him" were his football teammates at Virginia, from the Northeast: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, private or parochial school products. Sophisticated, worldly. To say there was a cultural divide in the wedding party would severely understate the scene. Several of Joe's teammates had never before been that far South. It was also truly as if the two groups spoke completely different languages, a battle between the "y'all's" and the "you guys."

No problems, but awkward. My other vivid memory of this wonderful wedding weekend is a story that my father told until his dying day. I still cringe when I think of it. A childhood moment worthy of Beaver Cleaver.

The rehearsal dinner was in the front hall of the Shuler's beautiful, rambling farmhouse. My father was Joe's dad in many ways. Joe's parents were divorced and his own father was not in attendance, typical of divorce in those days. So my mom and dad and Aunt Mary Alma and I sat at the head

table with Joe.

The unchallenged patriarch on the bride's side was a wonderful man called "Uncle Rennie," Martha's mom's brother, I think. A true Southern gentleman and, as I recall, a state senator. I do not remember his last name; he was simply "Uncle Rennie" to all.

Uncle Rennie presided of course and opened the dinner with a prayer that could be described only as "Southern Baptist on crack," like Jerry Falwell meeting Al Sharpton. It must have gone on for five minutes, and while the blessed word "amen" was still echoing through the hall, Rennie yells "that was one hell of a prayer wasn't it?"

Now to my moment of shame, perhaps the most embarrassing event of my young life. For context, please realize that I was shy, beyond shy, timid, beyond timid. I usually turned my back when introduced to adults. Attention was my mortal enemy.

So what do I do, sitting at the head table of a "big adult thing," wanting to crawl under the table and hide from the beginning? I reach for my glass of iced tea (sweet tea I'm sure) and knock it over! The entire 100 ounces of tea and several pounds of ice, or so it seemed, cascading over the beautiful lace tablecloth that had probably been in the Shuler family

forever.

What happened next was unusual for my Dad. He yelled at me. He was a kind and patient man, but he was also one who set high standards for every part of his life and those around him. You did not embarrass yourself in public.

I will add that my parents were not social butterflies. My Dad was probably already a little uncomfortable at the dinner. And I'm sure my performance up to that moment had already been less than stellar. So he yelled and I started bawling. The most uncomfortable of scenes.

Uncle Rennie came to the rescue. He had already befriended me and made me feel as much a part of their family as he could. So what does he do? In his stentorian "floor of the state senate" voice, he yells "Son, that's no big deal, we're here to have fun!" And he threw his entire glass of iced tea out on the table too.

One of the greatest acts of kindness I have witnessed in my lifetime.

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Financial Focus: Retiring early? Know your health care choices

Life doesn't always go as planned. For example, you might think you'll retire at 65 or later when you'll be eligible for Medicare. But if you retire before then, how will you pay for your health care?

Without insurance, you risk incurring thousands of dollars of expenses if you are injured or become seriously ill. And if you must pay for these costs out of pocket, you might have to dip into your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts earlier than you had planned, which could result in a less desirable retirement lifestyle than you had envisioned.

What, then, are your options? It depends on your situation, but here are four

possibilities:

Employer retiree health benefits – If your former employer offers health coverage to retirees, it could well be your best choice, especially if the employer continues to pay a share of the premiums. However, fewer employers are offering continuing health coverage to former employees, and among those who do, they may use certain criteria such as length of service and position within the company to limit eligibility.

Spouse's plan – If you're married and your spouse still has employer-provided insurance, you may be able to get coverage under this plan or continue this coverage if you have it already. If the employer subsidizes premiums for spouses, this plan could be an affordable choice. If not, though, it might be more expensive than other options.

COBRA – The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) allows you to maintain your existing coverage with the same benefits and

provider network. However, COBRA is typically available only for a specific time – usually 18 months – after you leave your employer, and coverage can be expensive. Your previous employer subsidized a portion of the premium as a benefit, but once you've retired, you'll likely have to pay the entire premium plus an additional charge.

ACA Marketplace plan – Through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, you can find a variety of plans from which to choose, possibly including ones that include your existing network. If you qualify for subsidies, the premiums for your coverage may be similar to employer-sponsored coverage. If not, though, they can be more expensive. For information on ACA Marketplace plans, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you have options for health insurance, you'll want to take into account differences in coverage and cost. Check whether your desired health care providers are in-network and try

to determine if your current medications and the benefits you rely on are covered. You may also want to consider a plan that allows you to open a health savings account (HSA), which offers potential tax benefits. To contribute to an HSA, you must be covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), so there's that cost to consider, but if you're in generally good health and you don't expect to depend heavily on your health insurance until you're eligible for Medicare, you might want to consider an HDHP.

One final note: Even when you do enroll in Medicare, you will still incur expenses for premiums, deductibles and co-pays, so you'll want to budget for these costs in your overall financial strategy.

In the meantime, explore your health insurance options. The future is not ours to see so you'll want to be prepared for anything.

Submitted by Marquise Francis, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Virginia gas prices soared by 24.2 cents per gallon last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia rose 24.2 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.88/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 60.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.95/g higher than a year ago. The price of diesel fell four cents nationally in the past week and stood at \$5.50 per gallon Monday.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$4.31/g Monday while the most expensive was \$6.35/g, a difference of \$2.04/g.

The national average price of gasoline rose 15.7 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$5.01/g Mon-

day. The national average is up 57.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stood \$1.94/g higher than a year ago Monday, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"For the first time ever, last week saw the national average reach the \$5-per-gallon mark as nearly every one of the nation's 50 states saw prices jump," said Patrick De Haan, GasBuddy's head of petroleum analysis. "For now, the upward momentum may slow down, but prices are still just one potential supply jolt away from heading even higher. Gasoline demand, while rising seasonally,

is still well below previous records but remains impressive with prices in all states at record levels. Should the rise in price finally start to slow demand, we could see some breathing room, but for now, it seems like Americans are proving resilient to record highs."

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

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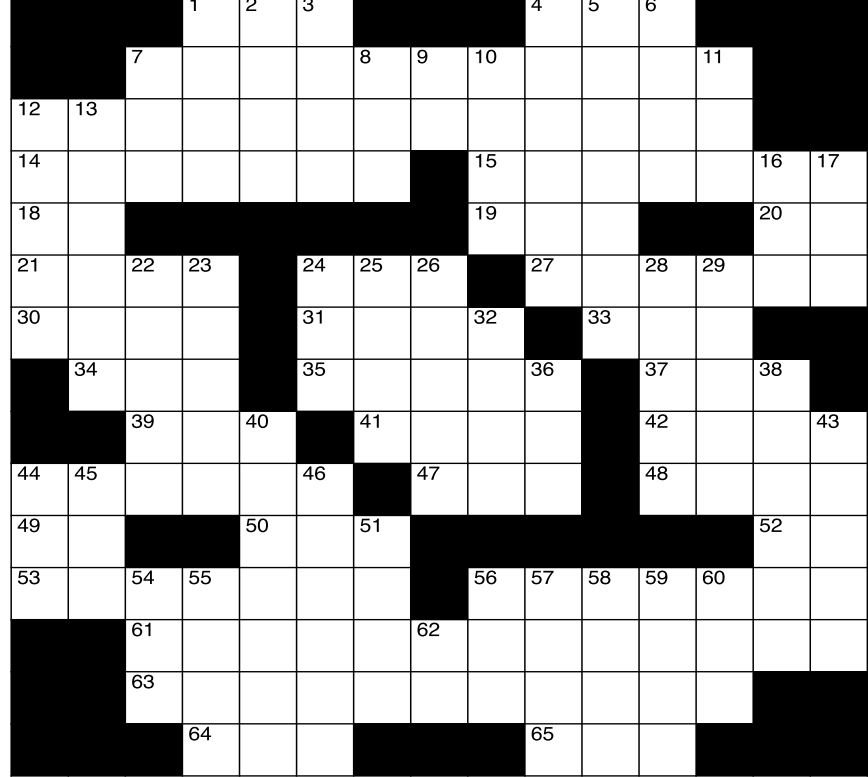
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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Formed by burning tobacco

4. Luxury automaker

7. Religious residences

12. Crusaders

14. Puzzled

15. In a curt way

18. Selling tool

19. Solid material

20. Gold

21. Thick piece of something

24. Pouch

27. "Wonder Years" actor Fred

30. Strong and healthy

31. Waste matter

33. Apply lightly

34. Type of squad

35. Secret political faction
37. Mock

39. Immoral act

41. Early Syrian kingdom

42. Neutralizes alkalis

44. Loud, confused noise

47. Sweet potato

48. Yemen's largest city

49. Farm state

50. Bird's beak

52. Measures distance

53. Pacify

56. Spanish noble

61. Lodging supplied for public convenience

63. Womanized

64. Not divisible by two

65. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Used in perfumery

2. Arabic man's name

3. Assess

4. Prickly plants

5. Falsely assess

6. "___ the whistle"

7. Mama

8. Rocker ___ Vicious

9. Toward

10. Prefix meaning within

11. Midway between south and southeast

12. Cause to be embarrassed

13. Pandemonium

16. Fall behind

17. Cantonese

22. Shad

23. A way to make dark

24. Specialized systems consultant

25. Wings

26. Taxi driver

28. Linear units

29. Large Philippine plant

32. Celebration

36. Fugitives are on this

38. Chinese tree

40. Not sour

43. "Bourne" actor Matt

44. Former OSS

45. Runners run this

46. Offered again

51. Sanctuary

54. Food suitable for babies

55. Caused by a reflection of sound

56. Mortar trough

57. Days in mid-month

58. Exhibit the courage to do

59. Disk of the sun in Egyptian mythology

60. Protects from weather

62. Manganese

OBITUARIES

Charlton, Elsie Thornton

Elsie Thornton Charlton, 95, of Christiansburg, passed away on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at home with her daughter by her side.

She was born in Giles County on March 22, 1927, to the late Paul and Grace Minnick Thornton. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Dudley Charlton; a daughter, Carrie Charlton McCoy; and her sisters, Sybil (Jane) Davis, Elizabeth J. Johnson.

She was baptized at Cambria Baptist Church on April 13, 1952, and has been a faithful member ever since until her health limited her from attending. Elsie was a sales clerk and buying agent for Leggett's Department Store in downtown Christiansburg for many years.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Johnny Bartlett;

grandsons C. Ross Blount and his wife, Elizabeth; Charlton L. McCoy, Jonathan B. Bartlett and his wife, Krista; great-grandsons C. Brody Blount, Hunter W. Blount, Bryce L. Bartlett, and Chase A. Bartlett; a brother, Raymond Thornton and his wife, Glenda; several nieces and nephews and special dog companion, Sassy. The family would like to thank special friends Jean Britt and Diane Matthews and her caregivers.

A graveside service was held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg with Pastor Keith Crowley officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cambria Baptist Church, 1310 Cambria Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 or Trinity Methodist Church, Ellett, VA.

Gallaher, Jerry Douglas

Jerry Douglas Gallaher, 79, of Christiansburg, passed away Friday, June 10, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Douglas Gallaher, and his parents, Janet and Jerry Gallaher. He retired from Virginia Tech where he was supervisor of computer operations, and he attended Auburn United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Phyllis Thompson Gallaher; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Linda

Gallaher; a niece and her husband, Melissa and Wayne Pannell; godsons Jason Grubb and Hayden Douglas Burch; and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Auburn United Methodist Church Building Fund, PO Box 74, Riner, VA 24149.

He was buried in a private service. The Gallaher family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Kirk, Donna

Victoria Pennington

Donna Victoria Pennington Kirk, 67, passed away at her home in Blacksburg on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

She was born in Pulaski, the daughter of Ruth Mozella Denny Pennington and the late Robert Lee Pennington, Sr.

Donna was a member of the Dublin High School Class of 1972. After high school, she attended college at New River Community College where she received an associates degree in business. After college, she spent time in many different fields of work including the local utilities office, Jefferson Mills, and AT&T. After having her son, Martin, Donna stayed at home to raise her two children but was still involved in managing many different projects.

She managed a farm for several years including horses and a large herd of angus cattle and then managed rental property. She was a lover of art and even opened her own art business, Baterby's, in Florida, that sold art from world renowned artists to locally created pieces. Her final projects involved managing her father's real estate portfolio with her siblings and remodeling her home in Blacksburg.

She loved going to music concerts and theatrical plays and dancing the



night away under the stars with friends. Donna was coined "Mama D" by her son, Adam, and the nickname was quickly adopted by her children's friends. She was so thankful for Adam's sense of humor, which made the difficult times so much easier for her to bear. She fought her disease with dignity and grace, never letting on how much pain and suffering

she endured and was forever concerned about those around her being inconvenienced or hurt.

She was preceded in death by her father and her son, Martin Gregory Kirk.

Survivors include her mother, Ruth Pennington; a daughter, Kellie Banks Artrip (Adam); grandchildren Olivia and Elijah Artrip; a stepson, Julian Kirk (Kristin) and their children, Tennyson, Siske Mae, Ever, and Estella; a sister, Patricia Lindsey (Allan); a brother, Bobby Pennington, Jr. (Vicky); and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. with Larry Ferguson officiating. The Artrip family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

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percent URM/USS representation.

"We can't help but be encouraged by the strides we've made to

reach these marks," said Juan Espinoza, associate vice provost for enrollment and degree management and direc-

tor of undergraduate admissions. "While the official count will not be released until the fall census is conducted,

it feels great to see the URM/USS number surpassing the 40 percent URM/USS goal. However, we know there is

still work to be done, and we will continue these efforts to attract and yield academically strong and well-rounded

students to be a part of Hokie Nation."

Fall census is expected to be released on Sept. 19.

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media channels. His friend knew him as Daniel Griffith, and so, too, did fans of the Virginia Tech football team, where he played as a reserve linebacker for four years.

Those wanting a good explanation as to why he instead went by his middle name – Marshall – on the show probably will be disappointed.

"I thought it sounded cooler," Marshall said, laughing. "I don't know, man. It was actually something I talked with like a lot of friends, family, and they're just like, 'Yeah, dude, Marshall sounds cooler.' And I was like, 'Yeah,

I guess it does.' And so, before I went on the show, it's like, 'Yeah, we're gonna switch it up. See what happens.'"

Marshall, who graduated with a degree in agribusiness from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, had no formal training in music before participating in the show. He never had voice lessons, taught himself to play the guitar, and wrote many of the songs that he loaded on TikTok.

His first musical appearance in public came early last summer when he performed at his grandfather's memorial service. After that, he started

posting more videos, which led to a gig at a local brewery last July in his hometown of Chesapeake. He said he had played in four or five gigs before receiving the invitation to audition for "American Idol."

During his audition, Marshall delivered a performance that was on key, using his deep pipes to sing "The Dance" by Garth Brooks, one of the most iconic songs in country music history. He impressed judges Luke Bryan, Lionel Richie, and Katy Perry, who advanced him to Hollywood.

During his time on the show, Marshall belted out

songs that he knew well, like "Friends in Low Places" by Brooks and "She's Got It All" by Kenny Chesney. But he branched beyond his familiar country roots, performing "Heaven" by Bryan Adams and paying homage to the soulful Richie with "Stuck on You," the 1984 smash hit that reached No. 1 on the adult contemporary chart.

Marshall had been working as a land surveyor in the Tidewater area before the "American Idol" opportunity.

"I was at a crossroads in my life," he said. "I just kind of wasn't sure what I was going to do. I was thinking about

maybe going into the military or going and using my degree. Obviously, either one would have been a fine choice, and I would have been cool with either. But this opportunity kind of happened, and I think it's an opportunity that anybody would have stopped and said, 'Hey, I'm gonna give this a try. I'm going to give this an honest shot.'"

Now armed with valuable name recognition, Marshall plans on moving to Nashville by the end of this summer and seeing where his deep, dulcet tones take him.

By Jimmy Robertson

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. 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 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place through the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 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.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Lane closures on Route 615 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals will be in place through August 2022. Flagging operations may be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 641 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Route 641 (Wayside Drive) will be closed at 8 a.m. on June 21 for a culvert replacement over Spring Branch. Drivers should watch for signage.

The road will reopen on July 22 at 5 p.m., weather permitting.

ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION - Road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) have begun for the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last until August 2022.

PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Route 765, both east and west lanes, will have a flagging operation in place for paving from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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Virginia Tech researchers find potential roadmap to removing mosquitoes’ ability to transmit malaria

Researchers in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech have found unique interactions in the cells of five mosquito species that could be a roadmap to removing the ability to transmit malaria and other diseases in the future. The findings were recently published in Nature Communications.

People often use insecticides to spray as much as possible to kill mosquitos. But this form of control doesn't discriminate between good and bad insects and also builds resistance among mosquitos and insects that survive through natural selection and mutations.

After years of relative success controlling mosquito populations in this manner, it is now being reevaluated due to a significantly decreasing effectiveness and not being ecologically friendly.

“We have to constantly invent new insecticides,” said Igor Sharakhov, one of the researchers on the project,

a professor of entomology and an affiliated faculty with the Fralin Life Sciences Institute. “With genomic approaches showing more promise, we can generate so-called gene drives and create a construct that could either suppress the mosquito population or render it incapable of transmitting disease.”

But for the practical applications to work, scientists need to have an understanding of how the genome — the complete set of genes in a cell — is organized. To get a good picture of this, Varvara Lukyanchikova, the lead researcher of the international team and a visiting scholar in the Department of Entomology, and the other members of the project studied five species of mosquitos with more than 100 million years of evolution between them — about the same as the evolutionary time between a mouse and a human.

The researchers wanted to check the genome organization in malarial mos-



Virginia Tech researchers Igor Sharakhov and Varvara Lukyanchikova are the first to study three-dimensional genome organization in mosquitos. Photo by Max Esterhuizen for Virginia Tech.

quitos using a method not previously applied to these insects to see if there are any unique features at the cellular level.

“What we also discovered is that while the mos-

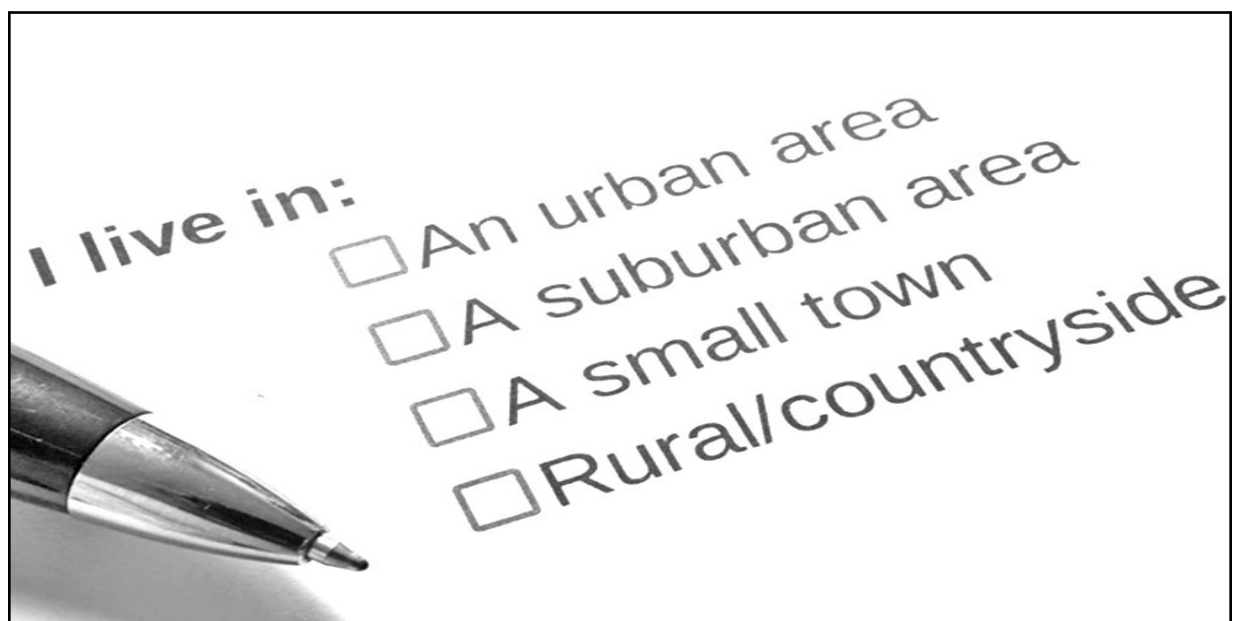
quito genome is organized similarly to other genomes, it has active and inactive compartments. Now we can see exactly which part of the genome is functioning, expresses genes, and

which does not,” said Lukyanchikova, who also works at Sharakhov Lab and is affiliated with the Fralin Life Sciences Institute. “This can help with how we use gene-drives systems in particular

and is one way we can use the knowledge we gained from this research.”

The project was funded by a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation.

Deadline for farmers to request a 2022 census form fast approaching



The nation’s farmers have until June 30 to request and receive the 2022 Census of Agriculture. The request may be made at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.

WASHINGTON—Agricultural producers who didn't receive the 2017 Census of Agriculture have until June 30 to sign up to receive the 2022 Census of Agriculture at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will mail secure online census survey codes to every known U.S. farmer this November. Hard copy questionnaires will follow in December.

The ag census, conducted for over 180 years, remains the only source of comprehensive and impartial agricultural data for every state and county in the nation. It includes every

operation—large or small, urban or rural—from which \$1,000 or more agricultural products are produced and sold, or would normally be produced and sold, in the ag census year.

“The Census of Agriculture data influence action and inform policy and program decisions that directly impact producers, their operations, and everyone they touch and that’s all of us,” said Barbara Rater, NASS Census and Survey Division director. “This is why a complete count, with every producer getting and taking the opportunity to be represented in these data, is so important.”

It’s never too soon to prepare for hurricane season

With unpredictable weather and hurricane season approaching, now is the time to start planning for storm emergencies.

Hurricanes wreak havoc along the East Coast dumping rain, causing power outages and creating high winds and tornadoes that can lead to life-threatening situations and millions of dollars in property damage.

Last year’s Hurricane Ida was one of the most devastating and costliest on record. Fifty-five deaths were directly attributed to Ida’s flooding, high winds and tornadoes. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimated damages to be \$76.5 billion, the fifth highest following hurricanes Katrina, Harvey, Maria and Sandy.

And this year’s hurricane season is expected to be another busy one with The Weather Channel forecasting 20 tropical storms, eight hurricanes and four major hurricanes expected to reach at least Category 3.

“Preparing and having a plan beforehand can minimize a storm’s impact to your family, farm or business,” said Scott DeNoon, senior farm product and underwriting manager for Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. “Invest the time now to make sure you and your family are properly prepared to face this hurricane season.”

Residents can be proactive and take steps to protect their home and property by cutting and removing overhanging trees and branches that

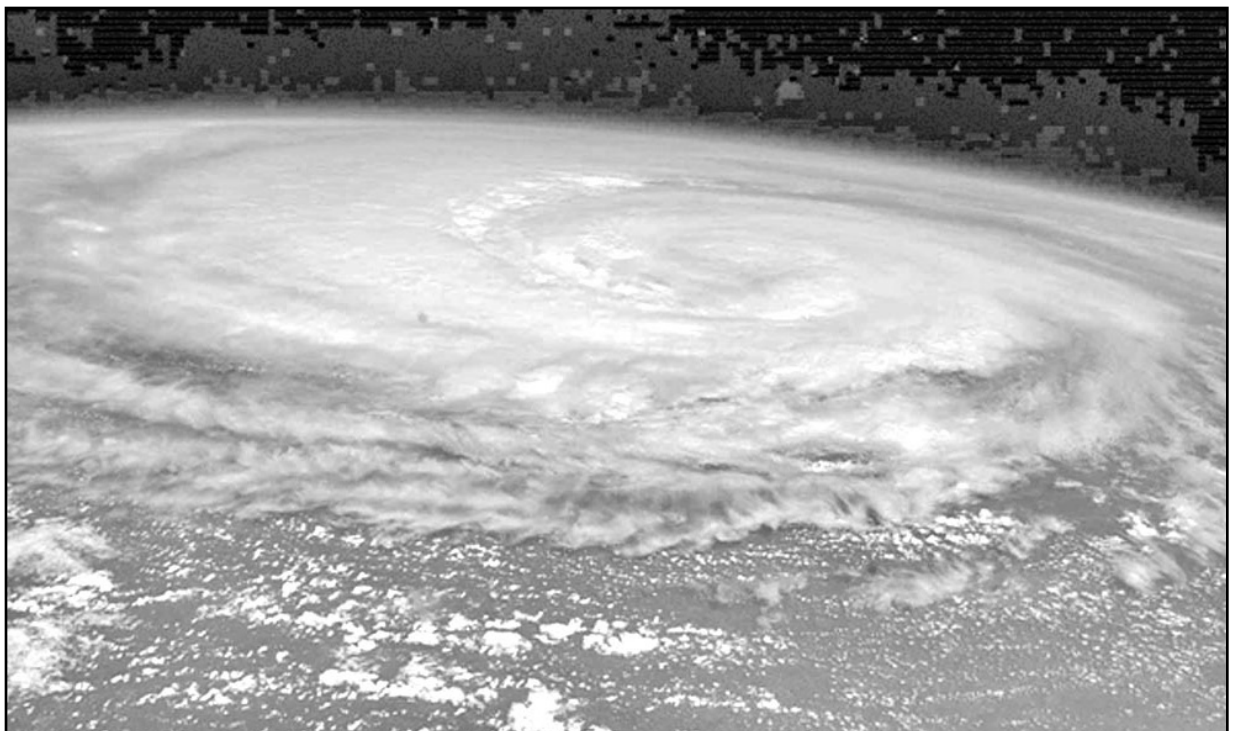
pose a threat to buildings. It’s also important to inspect roof conditions, and make necessary repairs to prevent and minimize storm damage. Clear gutters to avoid unnecessary water damage, board up windows with cut-to-fit plywood, and secure any objects that may become airborne in strong winds.

Additionally, “insurance policies should be reviewed to determine that the proper type and amount of coverage are in place,” DeNoon shared.

Keep your family safe by establishing a communications plan, and have emergency items ready in case of an evacuation. Virginia Farm Bureau’s Hurricane Preparedness Central provides a free family communications plan for download, as well as tools for determining your risk for severe weather disasters and items to include in an emergency kit.

The site also includes tips about what to do during and after storms, such as monitoring the news, avoiding floodwaters, keeping your phone charged and pets safe, and avoiding using or drinking tap water.

While hurricane season officially began on June 1 and lasts through Nov. 30, weather experts caution that tropical storms could develop earlier. Eight of the past 10 hurricane seasons have begun before June 1, and officials at the National Hurricane Center are discussing whether to move the start of hurricane season up to mid-May.



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Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code §1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000744-00
Botetourt County Circuit Court 1 West Main Street/ P.O. Box 219, Fincastle, VA 24090

Legals - Botetourt County

Commonwealth of Virginia, **in re Jimmie Lois Williams**
The object of this suit is to: Appoint guardian and conservator for Jimmie Lois Williams. It is ordered that unknown relatives of Jimmie Lois Williams and Samuel Jones appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests **on or before July 13,2022**
Signed by: Judge Joel R. Branscom June 6, 2022

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY
290 White Oak Drive, Blue Ridge, VA 24064
Tax Map No. 103-59B
Parcel ID 12202

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated September 26, 2002, in the principal amount of \$59,850.89, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 0207122, Woods Rogers PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on **June 21, 2022 at 12:00 noon**, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and more fully described as follows:

All of the following tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, near Blue Ridge Springs being a portion of the original tract which contained 7 acres, more or less, on the northeast side of the Grubb Railroad, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a southwest corner of the property now or formerly owned by Blue Ridge Heights Corporation recorded at Deed Book 159, page 352, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, S. 74 degs. 19' 07" for a distance of 243.87' and along a curve to the right along an arc at 198.30' as set out on the recorded plat of Buford T. Lumsden and recorded at Deed Book 290, page 161, to the point of BEGINNING, thence S. 74 degs. 19' 07" E. on a curve to the right along an arc at 616.49' to an iron pin set thence; S. 34 degs. 37' 07" E. for a distance of 210.60' to an iron pin set; thence N. 55 degs. 22' 53" E. for a distance of 25.25' to an iron pin set; thence N. 21 degs. 15' 07" W. for a distance of 819.30' to a point; thence S. 55 degs. 38' 0" W. for a distance of 372.71' to the point of BEGINNING, being 2.89 acres.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

WOODS ROGERS PLC, Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact:
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P.O. Box 14125
Roanoke, VA 24038-4125
Telephone: 540-983-7729

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

Sree Murli LLC, trading as H.K. Market, 5383 West Main Street Salem, Roanoke County, VA 24153..

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Dilip Patel, Owner.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL

Legals - City of Salem

COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF AVERY
FILE NO. 22-CVD-105

TINA MARIE JACKSON, Plaintiff,
-v-
CHARLES MARTIN JACKSON, Defendant.

TAKE NOTICE that a Complaint seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled proceeding. The nature of the relief sought is: **JUDGMENT OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.** You are required to Answer this Complaint not later than July 27, 2022, that being 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff herein will seek the relief sought by the action. This, the 16th day of June, 2022.
Thomas G. McMurray, Esq. Attorney for the Plaintiff
756 West King St.
Boone, NC 28607
(828) 386-1116

Legals - Craig County

LAND FOR SALE

The Craig County Board of Supervisors is offering land for sale: Tax Parcel 47A3-3-1536-A-22, A portion of the Craig County Landfill Property located near State Route 609 and Landfill Road. The 53.324-acre parcel located at the Craig County Landfill site includes a 6.473 acre "Closed Area" tract from the previous landfill. The County will retain approximately 11.5 acres. The County of Craig will receive sealed bids for the remaining parcel consisting of approximately 41 Acres. The "Closed Area" and all Ground Water Monitoring Wells will be maintained in accordance with DEQ regulations by the purchaser. All bids must be submitted on a per acre basis. The County reserves the right to reject any bids and reserves the right to engage in negotiations with any offerors or other interested parties.

Please submit sealed bids to:
R.R. Dan Collins
County Administrator
County of Craig
P.O. Box 308
108 Court Street
New Castle, VA 24127
Submit all Bids by: Noon, June 30th, 2022
Requests for additional information, please contact the County Administration Office by calling (540)864-5010 or in writing to P. O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127.

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000837-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073
Adkins, Shay Marie v. Commonwealth of Virginia
The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor
It is ordered that Billy Baxter Mullins appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 29, 2022.

May 25, 2022
Erica W. Conner, Clerk

ABC NOTICE

Ghaly INC, trading as The Black Hen Bar & Blue, 126 Jackson St NW Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24073.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer ON Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Magdy Ghaly, Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE
Roanoke Commons Inc., trading as Sheetz #750, 2390 Roanoke Street Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24073.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Thomas Luciano, President

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL22-447**
Complainant, v. ARCHIE E. CROMER, JR., ET AL., Respondent(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce he lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 091-A35 Account No. 004387.
All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto, lying and being in the Riner District, Montgomery County, Virginia, lying on the waters of Plum Creek, located south of (now or formerly) Lee Highway, about five miles west of the Town of Christiansburg, to-wit:
BEGINNNING at an iron in a line of (now or formerly)Charlton's land; thence with a line of said Charlton land and with the line of the land of Ruth C. and Archie E. Cromer, Jr. (now or formerly) S 55 degrees 45 minutes E (passing said Cromer's corner at 79 feet) 1000 feet to a chestnut snag at a corner in said Cromer's lines; thence with another line of the land of said Ruth C. and Archie E. Cromer, Jr., S 35 degrees 10 minutes W 400 feet to an iron; thence running two new lines with P.H. and Beulah Mae Wright as follows: N 55 degrees 45 W 1000 feet to an iron and thence N 35 degrees 10 minutes E 400 to the BEGINNING, containing an area of 9.1815 acres, according to a survey and plat, dated June 14, 1955, made by John W. McNair, Jr., Certified Land Surveyor, plat of which was recorded in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Court's Office on July 8, 1955 in Deed Book 194 at Page 160B, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.
And being the same property conveyed to Archie E. Cromer and Ruth Charlton Cromer, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from P.H. Wright and Beulah Mae Wright, husband and wife, by Deed, dated July 1, 1955 and recorded July 8, 1955 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 194 at page 160.
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 194 at Page 160B, Deed Book 566 at Page 810, Deed Book 861 at Page 269, Deed Book 458 at Page 232.
IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identities and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows: Archie E. Cromer, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Ruth Charlton Cromer, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Archie E.

Legals - Montgomery County

Cromer, III, whose last known address is 2809 Plum Creek Rd, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Charlton Cromer, whose last known address is 1725 Gate Rd #6, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before July 7, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered on the 8th day of June, 2022.
Erica W. Conner, Clerk
I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)
Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC
P.O. Box 31800
Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800
Phone:(804)545-2500
Facsimile: (804)545-2378
TACS No.: 647066

Public Auction

To enforce our owner's lien(s) by Craft Self Storage, 540-260-9563, 100 Roger St. Christiansburg VA, per 55-416 Code of Virginia, Virginia Self Storage Act; the following units will be sold by absolute auction unless payment in full is made to Craft Self Storage prior to auction start:

Units G60 and G16 both are 10 x 10 units. Auction date June 19th, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. Only registered bidders will be allowed into facility. Register at main office beginning at 9:30 am. No Parking in Bank or B&K lots allowed. Call for make-up date in case of bad weather.

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE
Located at: 1011 Sutton Street, Radford, VA 24141, City of Radford, Tax Map No: 15-(8) 2-23-24

IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$143,000.00, DATED THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201301396, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, LOCATED AT: 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON JUNE 17, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Being that certain 0.3665 acre parcel designated as Lot B on a certain plat of survey entitled "PHYSICAL SURVEY OF LOT B BEING THE EASTERLY PORTION OF LOT 24 AND THE WESTERLY PORTION OF LOT 23, SEC. 2, FOREST PARK SUBDIVISION, CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, FOR THOMAS A. & CYNTHIA L. PAREDES " dated October 7,1993, prepared by Matthews & Henegar, PLS, a copy of which survey appears of record in the Radford City Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 176, Page 747.

TAX MAP #: 15-(8)-Sec 2-23-24 / ACCOUNT #: 0000321
Address: 1011 Sutton Street, Radford, VA 24141

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY

Legals - City of Radford

AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.

TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE.

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF RADFORD CITY

Legals - City of Radford

COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT: 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141

DATE OF SALE: JUNE 17, 2022

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

Daniel D. Hamrick, PC
Substitute Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Substitute Trustee
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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Auburn softball wins third straight state championship



Softball teams around the commonwealth are learning that the state championship runs through Riner. Saturday, Auburn High School won its third straight trophy with a 10-0 win over Riverheads.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY AKERS

First-year Auburn head coach Tim Smoot receives a championship ice bath from his team.



PHOTO BY VT ATHLETICS

After every home run this season, Virginia Tech batters slammed a sledgehammer into the ground after rounding the bases.

'Free the Hammer' became the VT baseball rallying cry at weekend's super regional



From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon

Despite an early, game-tying home run from freshman Carson DeMartini Sunday afternoon, the No. 4 nationally-seeded Virginia Tech baseball team witnessed its incredible 2022 season come to a conclusion as the Hokies were defeated by the Oklahoma Sooners, 11-2, in Game 3 of the NCAA Blacksburg Super Regional at English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park.

Known for its iconic "Hammerin' Hokies" style of offense, Virginia Tech (45-14) was surprisingly held to a season low of two hits.

This past season, the Hokies became known for home runs, which were followed by a player slamming a hammer onto the ground. But the hammer was missing in action during the team's super regional against Oklahoma.

The NCAA ruled between regional

weekend and super regional weekend that excessive celebrations would be punishable by a warning for the first offense and ejection of the coach and the offending student-athlete for the second offense.

The ruling was brought up in conversation with the NCAA's sportsmanship clause and was intended to ban the use of props outside of the dugout space. A celebration of sorts would still be permissible inside the dugout area.

Many fans at this past week's super regional held signs that read "free the hammer."

Tech's home run hammer was started a few seasons ago by volunteer assistant coach Tyler Hanson (and members of the coaching staff) as part of the team's offensive approach to 'keep hammering' baseballs.

According to Tech sources, Hanson was the person who actually purchased the first hammer from Lowe's. It soon became a tradition that the players would sign the hammer and the champion of the hammer would be named at the end of the season for whoever hit the most home runs.

Last year's signed hammer was sold at auction for an estimated \$1,300.

Eastern Montgomery girls soccer team wins 2022 state championship



The Eastern Montgomery girls soccer team, pictured above, Saturday won the VHSL state championship, their second straight Class 1 state soccer championship. The Mustangs won 5-0 over in-county rival Auburn on the turf at Roanoke College. Single goals were scored by Aija McHone, Lilly Underwood, and Madeline Minolli. Madison Bruce scored a pair of goals in the win.



Mustang junior Lilly Underwood scores a goal off a free kick.



Freshman Aija McHone kicks the ball to the goal.



PHOTOS BY LAUREN TATE

Junior Madison Bruce runs past her defender and dribbles the ball downfield. Bruce scored twice in the East Mont win over Auburn.

Big South changes transfer policy

The Big South Conference has reversed course on a policy that directly affected Radford University earlier this year.

The Big South Council of Chief Executive Officers announced Thursday the elimination of the league's Intraconference Transfer Policy, effective immediately. Big South student-athletes will now be governed solely by NCAA transfer policies in regards to transferring from one Big South institution to another in all sports.

The decision was made by the council following ongoing reviews and discussions with the Big South's Council of Athletics Directors, coaches, and student-athletes.

This past May, Radford University was the center of this controversial issue when a basketball recruit from Campbell asked to transfer to the school.

In the past, a player had to sit out a season if he transferred to another school, but last year the NCAA started allowing players

to be eligible immediately. The Big South held tight and said it would not change the transfer rule.

Messiah Thompson said he would leave Campbell and join the RU program. As a sophomore, Thompson, a 5-foot-8 point guard, averaged 8.4 points and 2.1 assists on 40% 3-point shooting.

Earlier this week, the Big South told Thompson he would not be eligible to play immediately.

The conference also turned down as many as three other eligibility requests.

At the time, Big South Commissioner Kyle Kallander told members of the media, "We (the Big South) are looking at it in a different light than we have in the past. We obviously evaluated this very closely and had a lot of discussions about this last year when the NCAA changed the transfer rule."

Thompson's current status is not known.

Tim Schumeyer lands hole in one at Auburn Hills



PHOTO COURTESY OF AUBURN HILLS
Tim Schumeyer recently collected a hole in one at Auburn Hills Golf Course on hole number seven.

Auburn girls win state tennis title

Auburn High School has won this year's 1A girls state tennis championship. The team is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Anna McGuire, Hannah Rutledge and Sara Albert; second row, left to right: Head Coach Conrad Nester, Allyson Martin, Rae-Anna Weeks, Ashley Parsons, Hannah Huffman, and assistant coach Paul de Gastyne.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A FILING BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY OF ITS INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN CASE NO. PUR-2022-00051

On April 29, 2022, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") the Company's 2022 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") pursuant to § 56-599 of the Code of Virginia ("Code").

An IRP, as defined by § 56-597 of the Code, is "a document developed by an electric utility that provides a forecast of its load obligations and a plan to meet those obligations by supply side and demand side resources over the ensuing 15 years to promote reasonable prices, reliable service, energy independence, and environmental responsibility." Pursuant to § 56-599 D of the Code, the Commission determines whether an IRP is reasonable and in the public interest and must make such determination within nine months of the date of filing.

APCo states that it serves both retail and wholesale customers located in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee, including approximately 542,000 retail electric customers in Virginia. APCo further states that the peak load requirement of its total retail and wholesale customers is seasonal in nature, with distinctive peaks occurring in the summer and winter seasons.

APCo states that its IRP, based upon various assumptions, provides an optimized selection of resources that balances the Company's obligations for capacity and renewable energy requirements under the Virginia Clean Economy Act, while also meeting ongoing PJM reliability and capacity obligations. According to the Company, the IRP encompasses the 15 year planning period from 2022 to 2036 and is based on the Company's current long-term assumptions regarding customer load requirements, commodity prices, supply-side alternative costs, transmission and distribution planning, and demand side management program costs and impacts. In addition, the Company considered the effect of environmental rules.

Section 56-599 B of the Code requires, among other things, that an IRP evaluate: (i) the effect of current and pending environmental regulations upon the continued operation of existing electric generation facilities or options for construction of new electric generation facilities; and (ii) the most cost-effective means of complying with current and pending environmental regulations. APCo states that the IRP "considers the potential cost associated with some form of future regulation of carbon emissions, during the planning period, even though there is uncertainty as to the timing and form future carbon regulation may take."

APCo also notes that it has complied with directives in recent Commission Orders.

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

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's IRP. On October 24, 2022, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before October 19, 2022, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@sec.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On October 25, 2022, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, a hearing will be convened to receive testimony and evidence from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's IRP may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or njcoates@aep.com.

On or before October 19, 2022, any interested person may submit comments on the IRP electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00051.

On or before August 5, 2022, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00051.

On or before September 2, 2022, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00051.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice, APCo's IRP, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission's website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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