



LewisGale Hospital Montgomery names new CEO



With 14+ years of experience in the industry, a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University, and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina, Lauren Dudley has been hired as LewisGale Hospital Montgomery's new chief executive officer.

BLACKSBURG – LewisGale Hospital Montgomery has hired Lauren Dudley as chief executive officer for its 146-bed medical and surgical facility. Dudley succeeds Alan Fabian who was recently appointed LewisGale Regional Health System market president.

Dudley is an experienced healthcare executive with over 14 years in the industry. Throughout her career, she has served in a variety of key leadership roles with both large complex and small acute-care hospitals within HCA Healthcare. She currently serves as chief operating officer for HCA Florida Lawnwood Hospital where she is credited with leading facility construction projects totaling more than \$120 million of capital funding and for driving multiple service line technology upgrades.

"Lauren's had tremendous success streamlining operational efficiencies, service line expansion, and capital improvements within several HCA Healthcare facilities," said Fabian. "I'm certain she'll continue to build on a solid foundation and path forward for LewisGale Hospital Montgomery's continued growth and success, anchored by industry-leading quality and colleague engagement."

Dudley is also active in her community. Most recently, she served on the executive committee and the board of directors of the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Florida. She is an alumna of HCA Healthcare's Executive Development Program and has served as keynote speaker for a variety of healthcare summits.

"It's an exciting time for both LewisGale Hospital Montgomery and the community with the current expansion of the hospital's surgery department," said Dudley. "I'm eager to collaborate with the hospital's internal and external stakeholders to collectively increase access to high-quality patient care right here in the New River Valley."

Dudley earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing from Appalachian State University and her master's degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina.



Students, faculty, and staff worked together to plant lavender behind Hillcrest Hall to make the area more pollinator friendly. Photo by Sarah Myers for Virginia Tech.

Virginia Tech earns Bee Campus USA certification for its work with pollinators

For the first time, Virginia Tech earned the Bee Campus USA certification for commitment to sustaining native insect pollinators, a designation that further cements the university's Climate Action Commitment to create a green and sustainable campus. The initiative is sponsored by the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

"Over the next few years, our committee will work toward designing and implementing projects and education opportunities that will help make our world more bee-friendly," said Margaret Couvillon, assistant professor of pollinator biology in the Department of Entomology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, who serves as chair of the

committee that organized the certification.

Bee Campus USA certification requirements serve as a guideline for affiliated campuses such as Virginia Tech to increase their commitment to preserving these native pollinators. This is achieved through a long-term plan to increase native plant habitat, provide pollinator nesting sites, reduce pesticide use on campus, and develop pollinator conservation education and outreach opportunities for the campus community.

"This is another recognition of our efforts in the Division of Campus Planning, Infrastructure, and Facilities and across the university to advance campus sustainability," said Matt Gart, grounds manager. "To support

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Entrepreneurial spirit fuels VT college of business student, pro race car driver Daniel Silvestri



Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business student Daniel Silvestri celebrates a victory at Dominion Raceway in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, in 2021. Photo courtesy of Daniel Silvestri.

To paraphrase the character Pete "Maverick" Mitchell from the quintessential 1980s film "Top Gun," Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business student Daniel Silvestri "feels the need -- the need for speed!"

Or perhaps it would be more appropriate to use a quote from another Tom Cruise movie, "Days of Thunder," which featured the actor in the role of a professional race car driver.

Both films are considerably older than the rising sophomore and professional race car driver, but Silvestri more than appreciates the sentiment.

"I've been a big fan of racing since I was a kid," said Silvestri. "Ever since I could remember, I've loved watching racing."

Growing up in Northern Virginia, Silvestri did not come from a racing family. Rather, his love of racing came about

organically when he discovered the sport at a local go-kart track.

"When I was about six years old, I went to an event with my parents," he said. "There was a go-kart track for the kids to race each other on, and that's when I started driving. Soon after, we found out about leagues where I could race other 6-year-olds, and it kind of escalated from

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Free Blacksburg sustainable garden tours hosted fourth Sundays through September

Free tours of Blacksburg sustainable gardens featuring native plants, wildlife-friendly plantings, edible landscaping, and beauty will be hosted by the Sustainable Blacksburg non-profit community organization on fourth Sunday afternoons through September.

Light refreshments will be served at these drop-in tours.

All tours will be in Blacksburg. Visitors are welcome to drop in anytime during the tour time frame. Tours are rain or shine, but will be halted in the event of thunder or lightning.

The schedule of the tours is as follows:

•July 24, 6 to 8 p.m. Arlean Lambert's garden and Hale Community Garden at 215 Maywood St. highlight edible landscaping and vegetable gardening. Lambert

enjoys figs, strawberries, kiwis, nuts, greens, and other edibles -- including edible flowers -- at her north Blacksburg home.

•Aug. 28, 2 to 5 p.m. Shadowlake Village on Shadowlake Road highlights its new native plant nursery, funded through a grant from Sustainable Blacksburg, and its ambitious invasive species removal program across its 33-acre co-housing community.

•Sept. 25, 3 to 5 p.m. Barbara Griffiths, 2300 Capistrano St., enjoys tucking attractive edibles, such as berries, herbs, fernlike asparagus, and edible flowers into her flower beds. Radford University's former catering manager, Griffiths can create a five-course meal, including wines, from the offerings of her yard.

The two residential gardens

featured Sunday, June 26 will showcase a mix of native and non-native plants that nurture local birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.

The Glaser garden at 901 Mason Drive is a habitat garden with abundant flowers and remarkable

shrubbery that mimics the natural landscape. Pet owners will love the "catio," where furry family members can enjoy the outdoors without threatening wildlife.

Rebekah Paulson's garden at 913 Kentwood Drive in Fiddler's Green is certified as a Monarch waystation and a National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitat. She has planted nearly 20 species of trees and shrubs and 55 native perennials on the 0.2-acre lot.

Blacksburg business acquired by global firm TRC Companies

TRC Companies has announced the expansion of its engineering and design capabilities with the acquisition of Draper Aden Associates ("DAA"), an engineering firm that has had a presence in Blacksburg and Montgomery County for 50 years.

Founded in 1972, DAA has built a reputation of excellence as a full-service consulting and engineering firm with locations in Virginia and North Carolina and long-standing client relationships across the Mid-Atlantic region. DAA works closely with major Utility companies to support resiliency across their operations. Additionally, the company provides engineering, energy-related design and mapping services, water and wastewater design services, construction inspection and materials testing as well as surveying and environmental services across multiple key markets.

"Draper Aden adds strength to our offerings and expands our

ability to support clients in the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.," said Christopher Vincze, Chairman and CEO of TRC. "TRC continues to deliver on our growth strategy of acquiring companies that share our values, support our vision, and bring added value to our clients. DAA fits with our focus on climate solutions, making the Earth a better place to live community by community and project by project as we support the energy transformation."

Jeffrey Lighthiser, President & Chief Executive Officer at Draper Aden Associates said, "We're excited to join TRC. Draper Aden's expertise further complements TRC's deep engineering and environmental skills and cements our team as a leading, full-service engineering and consulting partner. Our clients can expect to see numerous benefits with broadened capabilities, specialized resources and internationally-recognized expertise."

UPCOMING EVENTS

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; 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 employ 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. Join the library staff for 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. Use the library's art 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.blacksburgmuseum.org for more information.

Radford reels
This is a free family movie night series hosted by the City of Radford on the grounds of Glencoe Museum, Mansion

and Gallery from 6 to 10 p.m. A family movie night series on the fields of Glencoe Mansion! Popcorn, drinks, and cotton candy will be available for purchase. Attendees can bring a blanket or a chair and enjoy the movie under the stars.

Saturday, June 25:

Gene Cordova and his puppet friends
At the Radford Public Library from 11 a.m. until noon. Ventriloquist and comedian Gene Cordova will visit the library as part of the RPL's Summer Reading Program to share some laughter and have a rollicking good time.

Board game afternoon
At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. This is an afternoon of board gaming for all ages and skill levels with no experience necessary. Families are welcome and may choose from a variety of games or bring their own to share.

Sunday, June 26:

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Monday, June 27:

Mother & Daughter Book Club
At the Radford Public Library; 6:30-7:30 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 select book of the month and have

a conversation together as a group about the book. Light refreshments are made available. In May, MDBC talked about "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe." The next book selection is "Greenglass House" by Kate Milford and the MDBC will meet on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the youth area. Please contact Morgan at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov with questions or to reserve a copy of the book. Registration is not required.

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.

Pokémon Club
At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Pokémon fans bring your DS or Pokémon cards and get ready to battle, trade and make new friends. All ages.

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.

Tuesday, June 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.

Chess Club for Teens and Pre-Teens
At the Radford Public Library; 6-7 p.m. Test your chess skills! You can play against a friend or the Youth Services

Specialist, Dave! Chess Club takes place in the Teen Area of the library. Ages 8-17.

Shark Attack!
At the Christiansburg Library; 3 p.m. Take a bite out of summer and celebrate sharks. Learn more about these impressive creatures of the deep, create killer crafts and more.

Wednesday, June 29:

Beach Party
At the Blacksburg Library; 3 p.m. Come check out the beach, right here at the library! Dig through the sand, make some ocean slime, and more! Some supplies are limited.

Thursday, July 7:

American Legion meeting
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, July 7, 7p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Tuesday, July 12:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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.

On-going:

United Way Emergency Food Pantry in need
The United Way NRV Emergency Food Pantry supply is critically low. If you are able to donate any of these pantry items, please drop them off at our office at 111 West Main Street in Christiansburg.

Christiansburg Aquatic Center July schedule

Pool depths: Leisure programs: 3-5 feet. therapy programs: 3-4 feet. competition programs: 7+ feet.
The center has transitioned to summer operations so leisure-side programs are being offered before 10:30 a.m. and after 5:30 p.m. to accommodate the busy summer schedule.
In addition to the center's fitness classes, the leisure and therapy pools will be available for fitness swimming and therapeutic needs on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7 to 9 a.m. during the summer.
Rise N' Shine Water Aerobics (Monday/Wednesday)
7 to 7:45 a.m.; July 11-27; \$30 residents/\$40 non-residents

Gear up for this morning class that will get everyone ready for the day. This is an aerobics class for the early risers so they can kick off their day energized. This class will take place on the slide side of the leisure pool.
Warm Water Workout (Monday/Wednesday)
7 to 8 a.m.; July 11-27; \$42 residents/\$52 non-residents
This warm water exercise program is designed for individuals with arthritic and mobility limitations. This class is for those whose goals include increasing strength, flexibility, and range of motion in a relaxing and low-impact atmosphere. The class will be taught in the

therapy pool with a maximum enrollment of 10. Due to limited spacing and class popularity, the center is limiting Warm Water Workout to one session per person per month.
Aqua Yoga (Monday/Wednesday)
8 to 9 a.m.; July 11-25; \$35 residents/\$45 non-residents
Aqua Yoga utilizes the principles and movements of hatha yoga and adapts them to the water. The yoga poses practiced in this class will help participants develop strength and static balance, as well as increase their range of motion. Beginners are welcome. Maximum enrollment is 10.
Morning Fit (Monday/

Wednesday)
8:10 to 9:10 a.m.; July 11-27; \$30 residents/\$40 non-residents
This shallow water workout combines calisthenics style movements with variations of upper and lower body resistance exercises. Participants will jog, kick, march, and jump through the water to improve their cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, and flexibility. The session will be taught in the leisure pool with a maximum enrollment of 18.
Warm Water Workout (Monday/Wednesday)
9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; July 11-27; \$42 residents/\$52 non-residents
This warm water exercise program is designed for individuals with arthritic and mobility limitations. This class is for those whose goals include increasing strength, flexibility, and range of mo-

tion in a relaxing and low impact atmosphere. The class is taught in the therapy pool with a maximum enrollment of 10. Due to limited spacing and class popularity, the center is limiting the Warm Water Workout to one session per person per month.
Rolling in the Deep (Tuesday/Thursday)
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; July 12-28; \$30 residents/\$40 non-residents
Strap on an aqua belt and join in a deep water class in the competition pool. Participants can expect to perform aerobic exercises such as jogging and skiing to develop core strength.
Aqua Fit & Hydro Power (Tuesday/Thursday)
5:45 to 6:30 p.m.; July 12-28; * No class July 19 & 21; \$20 residents/\$30 non-residents
Tuesday: Aqua Tabata is a specific cardio based

HIIT training. This workout consists of eight cycles of work-rest intervals. Each cycle is four minutes consisting of eight exercises (20 seconds each) followed by 10 seconds rest. Additional recovery time is planned in between each cycle of exercises. The instructor provides suggestions for working out in an aquatic environment. Progressions and modifications help make this a suitable workout for all fitness levels.
Thursday: An aqua class guaranteed to get the fitness party started. This class combines cardiovascular training and muscle conditioning through methods of interval training, abdominal work, and muscle enduring activities. These combinations provide a great workout with the use of equipment such as pool noodles and water weights in the leisure pool.

In honor of 4th of July

OUR NEWSPAPER offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th, 2022 And will reopen on Tues., July 5th @ 8:30 a.m.

All ads for July 6th and July 7th papers need to be in our office by Friday, July 1st at 12:00 Noon.

NRCC to offer summer motorcycle safety courses

New River Community College will be offering five beginner motorcycle rider safety weekday and weekend courses throughout June and July.
The Basic Rider Course (BRC) multi-day classes will be held on NRCC's campus in Dublin. The summer session midweek courses are held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays on June 29-30, July 13-14, and July 27-28.
Weekend summer courses will be held Fridays through Sundays July 22-24 and July

29-31. Course hours are Fridays from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The one-credit course includes classroom instruction and on-motorcycle instruction under controlled range conditions. Riders will learn the basic skills of motorcycle operation, effective braking, obstacle avoidance, and safe riding strategies. Tuition is \$156.55 for Virginia residents and \$356.65 for out-of-state residents. Students must provide their own DOT-approved helmets

(nothing less than a ¾ size).
Completion of the BRC prepares riders for state licensing with an exemption of skills and written DMV tests and may qualify for discounts with some motor vehicle insurance companies. The program provides motorcycles (no larger than 500cc) and textbooks for each student.
To register for the course, call (540)674-3613 or visit www.nr.edu/workforce. For more information about the program, visit www.nr.edu/motorcycle/



Virginia farmers expect to harvest 9.45 million bushels of winter wheat in 2022, a projection that comes following the sixth annual Virginia Farm Bureau wheat tour on June 2.

Virginia wheat tour projects increase in 2022 wheat harvest

The sixth annual Virginia Farm Bureau Federation wheat tour on June 2 offered stakeholders a first-hand look at the quality and yield potential of the state's grain crop.

Participants toured 23 grain operations of various sizes.

"That's the most wheat we've ever looked at on the Virginia tour," said Robert Harper, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation grain manager.

Harper said this close-up assessment gives grain traders and mill representatives the information and insight needed to make their purchasing and milling plans for the year.

With guidance from Virginia Cooperative Extension agents, merchandisers scouted wheat stands to estimate yield, test weights and other quality factors,

and looked for signs of disease.

Trent Jones, an Extension agent in Lancaster and Northumberland counties, helped design the tour route. "This is not about who's raising the best wheat," he said. "What we're looking for is a good representative sample of wheat. And our goal is to give folks with less on-farm experience an opportunity to talk to farmers. Growers discuss what they're seeing and expecting, plus their difficulties and successes throughout the year."

The soft red winter wheat is the main wheat class grown in Virginia, mostly processed into crackers and snack cakes, or animal feed.

"It doesn't have the gluten strength to produce bread," Jones said. However, a few farms grow hard red winter

wheat, which is blended into traditional bread grains.

Virginia farmers expect to harvest 9.45 million bushels of winter wheat in 2022 according to the Virginia field office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This year's expected crop would be up almost 18% from 2021's 8.04-million-bushel harvest. With "mostly good" crop conditions and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 63 bushels per acre on about 150,000 acres harvested for grain.

"I'm hopeful," Jones said. "We could certainly use a good year with input prices the way they are. A lot can happen to impact yield a couple weeks from now when it's leaving the field. But we're still hopeful."

PETS OF THE WEEK



Little Lady Bug is ready to head home with her BFF (Best Furry Friend) Zelda. They are a fun, loving pair of pups who are bonded, adore one another, and share a space at the Animal Care and Adoption Center. They would do best in a home where they are the only dogs. Check out the ACAC's Instagram (MCPetAdoption) to see pics of both of these sweet girls.



Missy is a playful cat who will happily bat around some toys with her favorite human. She is also sweet and gentle and doesn't mind being carried. She is a petite gal, weighing under 10 lbs. Stop by the ACAC to see if Missy is your purrfect match.

Bee Campus

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pollinators on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus, we consciously select mostly native plants and shrubs that require minimal maintenance and pesticides. We also allow perimeters of campus — such as the area beyond the grass shoulders along Southgate Drive to Route 460 — to grow as a

meadow with infrequent mowing."

Pollinators are responsible for the reproduction of at least 85 percent of the world's flowering plants. A third of all food humans eat comes from plants that rely on pollinators, with native insect pollinators contributing a large portion of this

pollination. In the United States, native pollinators contribute to the yearly reproduction of an estimated \$3 billion worth of crops.

Unfortunately, research shows these native insect pollinator populations are declining worldwide, due to habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change.

Global efforts are needed to preserve these insects and ensure farms are still able to produce the crops the world needs.

The Virginia Tech Bee Campus Standing Committee is composed of 17 students, faculty, and staff from many

different disciplines across campus.

"I've never seen a program get up and running as fast as Bee Campus at Virginia Tech. In less than a full academic year, we were able to get accepted as a Bee Campus affiliate.

We could not have done it without the support and excitement from all of the students who have gotten involved along the way," said Emily Vollmer, the sustainability coordinator in the Office of Sustainability,



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WalletHub: Virginia unemployment claims are 39.56% lower than pre-COVID levels

Virginia is having a successful recovery from new unemployment claims with last week's claims lower than in the same week in 2019, according to WalletHub's updated rankings of the states whose unemployment claims are recovering the quickest.

According to the personal finance website, that ranked Virginia as the state recovering the fifth fastest in the country from

unemployment claims.

WalletHub declares that in the latest week six million Americans are currently unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in total and 229,000 new unemployment claims were filed nationwide last week. The good news is that, according to WalletHub, that is "a lot fewer" than the 6.1 million filed during the peak of the pandemic, which

represents a 96% reduction in unemployment claims.

The good news, the personal finance website says, is that every state except South Carolina had unemployment claims last week that were better than the same week last year.

Every state had unemployment claims last week that were lower than before the pandemic except for Wisconsin, North Dakota, Illinois, Georgia, Cali-

fornia, Michigan, Colorado, Utah, Indiana, and Ohio.

To identify which states' workforces are experiencing the quickest recovery from COVID-19, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on changes in unemployment claims for several key benchmark weeks.

The ten places recovering the fastest from unemployment claims are 1) Delaware 2)

Kentucky 3) Pennsylvania 4) Maryland 5) Virginia 6) District of Columbia 7) Maine 8) Arkansas 9) South Dakota 10) Kansas.

The ten states recovering the slowest from unemployment claims are 42) Florida 43) Illinois 44) Mississippi 45) Texas 46) Michigan 47) Utah 48) California 49) Colorado 50) Indian 51) Ohio.

Virginia's gas prices fell by nickel last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 5.1 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.83/g as of Monday, June 20, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 35.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.90/g higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has risen 2.6 cents nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.80 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$4.29/g Monday while the most expensive was \$5.99/g, a difference of \$1.70/g.

The national average price of gasoline fell 4.2 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.97/g Monday. The national average is up 37.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.92/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled

from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"Finally some relief," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "For the first time in nine weeks, gasoline prices have fallen, following a broad sell-off in oil markets last week, pushing the national average back under the \$5 level with most states seeing relief at the pump. I'm hopeful the

trend may continue this week, especially as concerns appear to be mounting that we may be on the cusp of an economic slowdown, putting downward pressure on oil," according to De Haan. "But the coast isn't yet entirely clear. We could see the national average fall another 15 to 30 cents, if we're lucky, by the time fireworks are flying, barring any unexpected shutdowns at a time when the market is extremely sensitive to such."

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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WalletHub: Virginia is America's third most patriotic state

With the Fourth of July approaching but America troubled by issues like a 44% rise in hate crimes in major cities last year, the personal-finance website WalletHub Monday released its report on 2022's Most Patriotic States in America and determined that Virginia landed as the nation's third-most patriotic state.

To determine where Americans have the most red, white and blue pride, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 13 key indicators of patriotism. The website's data set ranges from the state's military enlistees and

veterans to the share of adults who voted in the 2020 presidential election to AmeriCorps volunteers per capita.

The highlights from Virginia's rankings include

Average number of military enlistees per 1,000 civilian adults: 10

Active-duty military personnel per 100,000 civilian adults: 1

Peace Corps volunteers per capita: 4

% of adults who voted in the 2020 presidential election: 9

Volunteer rate: 14

Veterans per 1,000 civilian adults: 2

U.S. history or civics education re-

quirement: 1
Volunteer hours per resident: 9

The top 10 most patriotic states in America, according to WalletHub's survey are 1. Alaska 2. Montana 3. Virginia 4. North Dakota 5. Oregon 6. Maryland 7. Hawaii 8. Vermont 9. New Hampshire 10. Iowa

The 10 least patriotic states in the country, according to WalletHub's survey are 41. Louisiana 42. Pennsylvania 43. Alabama 44. Indiana 45. Connecticut 46. Massachusetts 47. Florida 48. Rhode Island 49. New York 50. Arkansas

Daniel Silvestri

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there. Fast forward 12 years, and racing is now something that is a full-time part of my life."

Racing is not just a hobby for Silvestri; it is his job. For over a decade, he has been moving up the professional racing ladder, much like how a baseball player moves through the minor leagues on the way to the majors.

After his introduction to racing with go-karts, Silvestri began racing

bandolero cars when he was eight years old. These vehicles feature 30-horsepower engines and can reach speeds of more than 70 miles per hour. Finding success with bandolero cars, Silvestri moved on to Legends cars (think 1930s-style cars) at 14 and was racing a stock car by the age of 16.

Silvestri currently races in the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series, which is a NASCAR-sanctioned local short-track series held throughout the United States and Canada. He considers Dominion Raceway in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, to be his home track.

"I've had a lot of success racing, and I've built confidence in my ability to be a good race car driver," Silvestri said. "There are many moments in my career when I've confirmed to myself that, 'Hey, you know you can do this. You're good at this.'"

His accomplishments on the track include finishing the 2018 season second overall in the Legends Series, being named the 2019 Virginia Rookie of the Year by NASCAR, finishing the 2020 season second in NASCAR U18 points, and achieving the pole position and the track record for the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 at Martinsville Speedway.

But, Silvestri said, being a good race car driver is more than just what one can do on the racetrack.

"The racing is the fun part of the job, but the real work is making sure I can afford to race the next weekend," he said.

That's where Silvestri draws a parallel between his life on the track and his life at Pamplin.

"Racing is very entrepreneurial in and of itself," he said. "In racing, you need to be able to fund your operation, meaning you need to raise thousands and thousands of dollars. That means working with sponsors and really marketing yourself."

According to Silvestri, much of that marketing is done via different social media platforms.

"I'm always trying to build my brand across social media," said Silvestri. "I spend a lot of time reaching out, messaging people and businesses. Cold calling is rough, and you knock on doors not knowing who, or what, you'll find. It's a lot of no's, but sometimes you get a yes. And that makes all the work worth it."

Balancing college with a budding career in racing is a lot for Silvestri — or any 19-year-old, for that matter. However, he credits the support and flexibility of the Pamplin faculty for enabling him to continue to pursue his passion.

"It's actually not too bad balancing the two, as I've been doing it for a while now," he said. "When I was in middle school and high school, I was missing a lot of

Fridays, having to move tests and assignments around. If anything, being in college made everything a little easier because my classes were not every day, and the faculty were accommodating. It is all about establishing open lines of communication."

This summer, Silvestri plans on racing every other weekend while also working as a driver coach at his home track for the younger generation looking to follow in his footsteps.

"I'll be at the race-track pretty much every weekend this summer," he said. "Which is pretty normal for me by now."

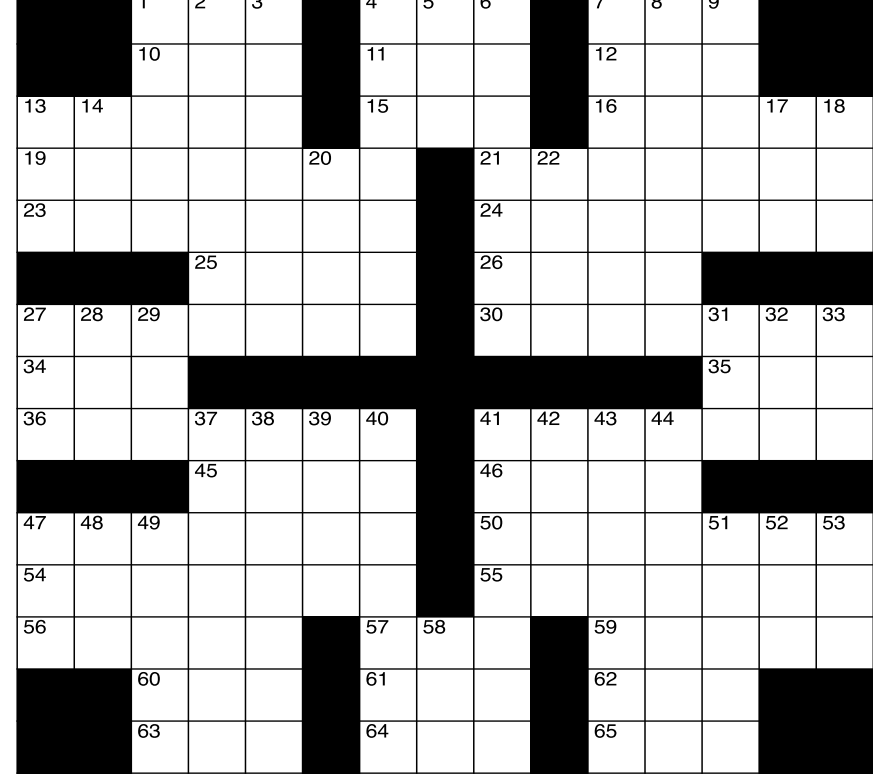
"The next step is to move into one of the top three racing divisions of NASCAR," he said. "I'm currently in the fifth division with the Weekly Racing Series."

Making the move to a higher division will utilize as much of Silvestri's skills off the track as on it. But he has his Pamplin business education to assist him along the way.

"Because of how much racing operations cost, it's more about how much money you can bring in to fund a team," he said. "I check all the boxes already on the racetrack. Now it is about, 'Can I foot this bill the team needs me to pay to go and race?' That's kind of where I'm at right now, working toward 2023."

By Jeremy Norman

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. ___ fi (slang)
 4. Anecdotes about a person
 7. Central Standard Time
 10. Beverage receptacle
 11. Football's Newton
 12. Be in debt
 13. Tattles
 15. Musician ___ Lo
 16. Arrange again
 19. A binary compound of carbon with a metal
 21. Brazilian futbol great
 23. Feared
 24. Annoy
 25. Unit of heredity
 26. Small freshwater fish
 27. Muscular weaknesses
 30. Fined
 34. One-time EU currency
 35. Egyptian unit of weight
 36. Winged horse
 41. Increments
 45. Abnormal rattling sound
 46. Middle Eastern country
 47. A type of greeter
 50. ___ inning stretch
 54. Reaches
 55. More gray
 56. Football term
 57. Swiss river
 59. Ninth day before the ides
 60. Grow old
 61. Don't know when yet
 62. College hoops tournament
 63. Japanese monetary unit
 64. Medical device
 65. Antidiuretic hormone
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Put fear into
 2. Partner to corned beef
 3. Interiors
 4. Agrees to a demand
 5. No (Scottish)
 6. ___ Hess Corp.
 7. Ornamental molding
 8. Garment
 9. Electric car company
 13. Decimal digits in binary (abbr.)
 14. Gibbon
 17. Sun up in New York
 18. ___ the line
 20. A vale
 22. Old Irish alphabet
 27. A type of band
 28. A team's best pitcher
 29. Floor covering
 31. A ___ in the machine
 32. Supplement with difficulty
 33. Prosecutors
 37. Place in order
 38. Japanese lute
 39. Mongolian city ___ Bator
 40. Perceived
 41. A cloth for washing dishes
 42. Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
 43. Grassy plain
 44. Barometer
 47. Father
 48. Of the ear
 49. Thomas ___, British dramatist 1652-85
 51. After eighth
 52. Where golfers begin
 53. Time units (abbr.)
 58. Basics

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OBITUARIES

Bowling, Joyce Anne Schad

Joyce Anne Schad Bowling passed away at Westminster-Canterbury Retirement Community in Lynchburg on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. She suffered from dementia and related health problems that necessitated nursing care assistance.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1940, in Richmond to Joseph A. Schad and Eleanor Anne Jewett, both of Syracuse, NY. She was the older sister of Joan Schad Lewis Marshall. Joyce was married to Carmen R. Bowling until his death in 1977.

She is survived by her sister, Joan; a stepdaughter, Lyn Bowling Nutt (Luke); a grandson, Rick; nieces Anne Arrington Jones and Sandra Nelson Morgan; great-nieces and great-nephews Hayley and Bryce Jones, Nelson A. Morgan (Arielle), Rachael Morgan, and Easton Morgan-Moomaw, along with many cousins and friends and her lifelong (since third grade) friend, Peggy Skinner Morgan. Two new family members, Rick Marshall and Sheryl Melanbacher, also survive. Joyce had no children.

She grew up in Blacksburg where she attended public schools, graduating high school in 1957. She also attended Virginia Tech as a special student (students who were taking classes as non-degree). She earned all A's. A veteran, she served in



the United States Navy for two years. She received an honorable discharge and returned to the Blacksburg area where she lived the remainder of her life except for the past few months.

In the early 70's, Joyce worked for Rivendell, a place for troubled youth. She managed the Piedmont Condominiums in Blacksburg for many years. She also volunteered at a

suicide hot line and volunteered as a poll worker for the Democrat Party.

Her longest period of service was for the Humane Society of Montgomery County. Anyone who knew Joyce knew she loved cats. It was said she rescued half the cats in Blacksburg and fed the other half. She loved playing sports and played on softball, soccer, and rugby teams in Blacksburg. She also loved to run marathons and 10K's. Even though she did not start running until she was 40 years old, she brought home several ribbons and trophies. She was a voracious reader.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive S.W., Blacksburg. A reception will be held following the service at Lefty's Main Street Grille, 1410 S. Main St., Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Montgomery County.

Loria, Elvira Loveres

Elvira Loveres Loria, 71, passed away Friday, June 17, 2022, at her home in Dublin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and a sister.

Survivors include her husband, Apollo M. Arenas; six sisters; various nieces and nephews, and other family members and friends.

The family received friends from 5 Home & Crematory in Radford.



until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Mass will be held today, Wednesday, June 22, at noon at St. Jude Catholic Church in Christiansburg.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to St. Jude Catholic Church.

The family is in the care of Mullins Funeral

Robinson, David Taylor

David Taylor Robinson, 68, of Bluefield, W Va., left this earth for his heavenly home on June 13, 2022.

David was born March 13, 1954, to Rudolph Taylor Robinson and Lois Jane Whittaker and grew up in Blacksburg. He was a 1973 graduate of Blacksburg High School and was a long-time employee of Dining Services at Va Tech.

In 2006, he moved to Littleton, Colo., where he was employed by Dish Network. He retired to Bluefield in 2015.

David was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, Kimberly Adkins. He is survived by his brothers, Dale of Baker, Fla., Danny of Shawsville, Daryl



of Blacksburg; his sister Debra Williams, also of Blacksburg, and a beloved niece, Patti Cooke of Waynesboro.

He is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews, and 12 grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

He loved his roommate, William Myers, and his ward, Chris Ross, who was like a son to him.

Their four dogs Achilles, Hades, Shadow, and Bandit also had a special place in his heart.

Cravens-Shires Funeral Home in Bluefield is serving the Robinson family.

A celebration of David's life will be held at Nellie's Cave Park, 1900 Grisom Lane, Blacksburg, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

Church, Jr., Charles Dennis

Charles Dennis Church Jr, age 84, of Blacksburg, died Friday, June 17, 2022, at Heritage Hall Blacksburg.

He was born in Kentucky on Jan. 1, 1938, to the late Dennis and Artie Belle Mullins Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Sue Hunter Church, and a son, Philip Kent Church. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law; Jennifer

and Wesley Jarels; grandsons John Wesley and Jesse Lee Jarels; a sister and brother-in-law; Ramona and Jackie Vaught; an aunt; Faye Scott, and numerous family relatives.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W., Blacksburg, Virginia.

Just, Jerome "Jerry"

Jerome "Jerry" Just, 77, of Dublin, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Survivors include his loving wife of 34 years, Betty Canode Just; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and James Hopkins; grandchildren Luke and his wife Jessica, and Paige; a great-granddaughter, Clara; a sister, Karen; and many other family members and special friends.

Services will be private.

The Just family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



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Local college students graduate

Three local students receive degrees from Ohio University

Three local college students were among the more than 4,400 students who received degrees from Ohio University's College of Business in spring graduation ceremonies.

Blacksburg's Brandon DeLorenzo graduated with a BSM in sports management and a BBA in marketing.

Christiansburg's Chris Marks also graduated with a BSM in sports management and a BBA in marketing.

Blacksburg's Henry Skutt graduated with an MSA in sports management.

The graduates represented many areas of the United States and an abundance of countries, including China,

Belarus, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Mexico.

Two Christiansburg students graduate from Coastal Carolina University

A universitywide ceremony recognizing all Coastal Carolina University graduates was held on Saturday, May 7, at 9 a.m. in Brooks Stadium and featured a keynote address by Vanessa Wyche, a Conway, S.C., native and director of NASA's Johnson Space Center.

This year's graduates included a pair of students from Christiansburg. Haileigh Hale received her degree in exercise and sport science. Justin Cerv received his degree in marine science.

Laura Freeman named deputy director of the VT National Security Institute

Laura Freeman has been named the inaugural deputy director of the Virginia Tech National Security Institute. As deputy director, Freeman assists Eric Paterson, executive director of the institute, in continuing the institute's trajectory for growth and maximizing its impact on the university and the country.

"As a data scientist with deep experience in the defense and intelligence communities, Laura Freeman brings extensive technical expertise to the executive leadership team of the institute," Paterson said. "Dr. Freeman is an immediate asset as we continue growing the institute and work broadly across the university. With Arlington and Blacksburg facilities, I am excited that we have a leadership team that can effectively support the university and our employees, students, and sponsors in both locations."

Freeman has been the director of the Intelligent Systems Division of the National Security Institute since its inception, where she led research addressing critical challenges in national security by leveraging data science, artificial intelligence, and machine learning.

"Hearing about the concept of a new national security institute at Virginia Tech was what encouraged me to take the leap from my previous role at the Institute for Defense Analyses in the first place," Freeman said. "Now, I am extremely excited for the opportunity to

serve as the deputy director."

Virginia Tech announced the formation of the Virginia Tech National Security Institute in 2021, aspiring to become the nation's preeminent academic organization at the nexus of interdisciplinary research, technology, policy, and talent development to advance national security. The institute houses the Ted and Karyn Hume Center for National Security and Technology, which serves as the hub for national security-focused experiential student learning and workforce development at the university.

"Today's national security challenges require a just, inclusive, and diverse workforce," Freeman said. "Encouraging diversity increases the perspectives that we can leverage to solve the problems faced by a modern national security apparatus. To do that, the institute actively engages and supports equality, inclusion, and diversity, while providing a work environment that accommodates all types of employee circumstances and recruits from a diverse range of backgrounds."

The National Security Institute is one of the many vessels of which Virginia Tech prepares students for future careers in the intelligence and defense communities, and Freeman has been a longtime leader in the space.

By Aubrey Medina

Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

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

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 though 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) for the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School are underway. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last until August

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FREDERICKSBURG VS. SALEM

JUNE 21 7:05
SERIES OPENER - GATES OPEN 6:00 PM

JUNE 22 7:05
FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT, BARK IN THE PARK - GATES OPEN 6:00 PM

JUNE 23 7:05
BEACH NIGHT & THIRSTY THURSDAY - GATES OPEN 6:00 PM

JUNE 24 7:05
COPA DE LA DIVERSION & FIREWORKS - GATES OPEN 6:00 PM

JUNE 25 6:05
MARVEL'S DEFENDERS OF THE DIAMOND - GATES OPEN 5:00 PM

JUNE 26 5:05
KIDS RUN THE BASES - GATES OPEN 4:00 PM

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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.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside

shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. A barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

BARRIER WALLS: Barrier wall installation is in process. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

Until mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures will be in effect between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through

Thursday. To mid-June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours will be in effect between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142. Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

On April 5, the northbound Route 311 ramp will be closed from midnight to 5 a.m.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at

exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE – The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is currently closed until September 2, 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. During the closure, a temporary concrete barrier wall will be installed in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

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 been underway. All lanes are now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound traffic will resume this summer. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

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

expect possible delays. **I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, 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 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILIAMSON ROAD – On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures above the intersections might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2022.

LANE CLOSURES:
 o 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.
 o 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.
 o 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. Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

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.

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 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. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Milling and paving operations on I-77 southbound lane. Right lane closure will be in place from mile marker 9 to 7. Ramp restrictions possible.

Latex application on I-77 northbound 2 lanes near mile marker 11. Ramp closures possible. Message boards will alert drivers.

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 MOWING, 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.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A 2022 SAVE RIDER PROJECTED FACTOR AND TRUE-UP FACTOR CASE NO. PUR-2022-00085

On May 31, 2022, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos” or “Company”) filed an application (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) for approval of a revised Infrastructure Replacement Current Rate (“Projected Factor”) in addition to an Infrastructure Replacement Reconciliation Rate (“True-up Factor”) under the Company’s Commission-approved Steps to Advance Virginia’s Energy Plan (“SAVE Plan”). Pursuant to Code § 56-604 (E), the Commission must approve or deny the Application within 90 days of filing.

The Company’s total proposed SAVE Plan investment for fiscal year 2023 is approximately \$4,677,712. Based on the proposed SAVE investment for fiscal year 2023, Atmos requests a Projected Factor revenue requirement of \$1,190,823. A proposed True-up Factor Revenue Requirement of \$738 increases the overall 2022 SAVE Factor Revenue Requirement to \$1,191,561. The Company proposes that the SAVE Rider rate become effective with the first billing cycle in October 2022. As proposed, the combined 2022 SAVE Rider Rate for residential customers will be \$1.46 per month, an increase of \$0.59 over the current rate of \$0.87 for such customers.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company’s Application.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health 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. 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 Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

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

On or before July 15, 2022, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/ Submit-Public-Comments or by filing such comments with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00085.

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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 Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice. The Company’s Application, the Commission’s Rules of Practice, and the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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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
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

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CW21000078-00
Botetourt One West Main St, Suite 120, Fincastle, VA 24090
Commonwealth of Virginia in re **MICHAEL DEWEY MYERS, DECEASED**. The object of this suit is to LOCATE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL DEWEY MYERS, DECEASED. It is ORDERED that ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or before **JULY 29, 2022**. Dated **JUNE 17, 2022**. Tommy L. Moore, Clerk.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL 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

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL20000259-00
CITY OF SALEM 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem VA 24153. **RICHARD HARDY V. MIA WALK-HARDY**. The object of this suit is to: TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MIA WALK-HARDY appear in the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before **AUGUST 5, 2022**. Dated **JUNE 7, 2022** Stacy L. Owen, D.C., Clerk

Legals - Craig County

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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

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: BEGINNING 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

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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'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. 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

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Auburn uses 'signing day' to jumpstart football program



Bailee Carden (right) has signed to play football at Auburn High School. He is pictured with Auburn head coach David Seabaugh.

Marty Gordon
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David Seabaugh moved to the New River Valley last year to take over the Auburn High School football program. Six months later, the school didn't have enough bodies to field a junior varsity team, and the school put football on hiatus. People were wondering if Auburn would ever see the gridiron in the near future.

Now, Seabaugh and school officials are using a unique way to guarantee there will be football in Riner.

Seabaugh recently followed in the popularity of the NFL draft and college football by holding his own signing and uniform pictures for individuals who plan to play this fall.

The second-year coach said Auburn will be playing football this fall.

"We are seeing a much better interest-level this off season," Seabaugh said. "Right now, we have a little over 30 kids signed up to play this season. I'm expecting to add more. We are hosting a 7-on-7 league at Auburn this summer on Wednesdays, and I think that has sparked some interest."

During the recent special "signing," players walked out on the stage at the high school and joined Coach Seabaugh in holding up a jersey similar to the NFL draft. Each individual then sat at a table with the coach and Athletic Director Paul Dominy and officially signed with the school.

Seabaugh said the idea came from new assistant coach Travis Reed, who is

joining the staff after serving as the head coach at Bland High School.

"The rest of the staff agreed that it was an awesome idea, so we ran with it. Adding Coach Reed to our staff has been a huge addition already. I'm very excited to have him with us this season," Seabaugh said.

According to Seabaugh, the goal is to build some excitement around the football program. "We thought the signing day was a way to do that. I think it was a really cool event that highlighted the kids who are planning on playing football."

"I think the kids really enjoyed doing it, and the community seemed to think it was a cool idea as well. This is definitely an event that we want to continue to have and hopefully make an even bigger event next year," the head coach said.

Seabaugh's vision for the football program isn't just to have a team but to be competitive.

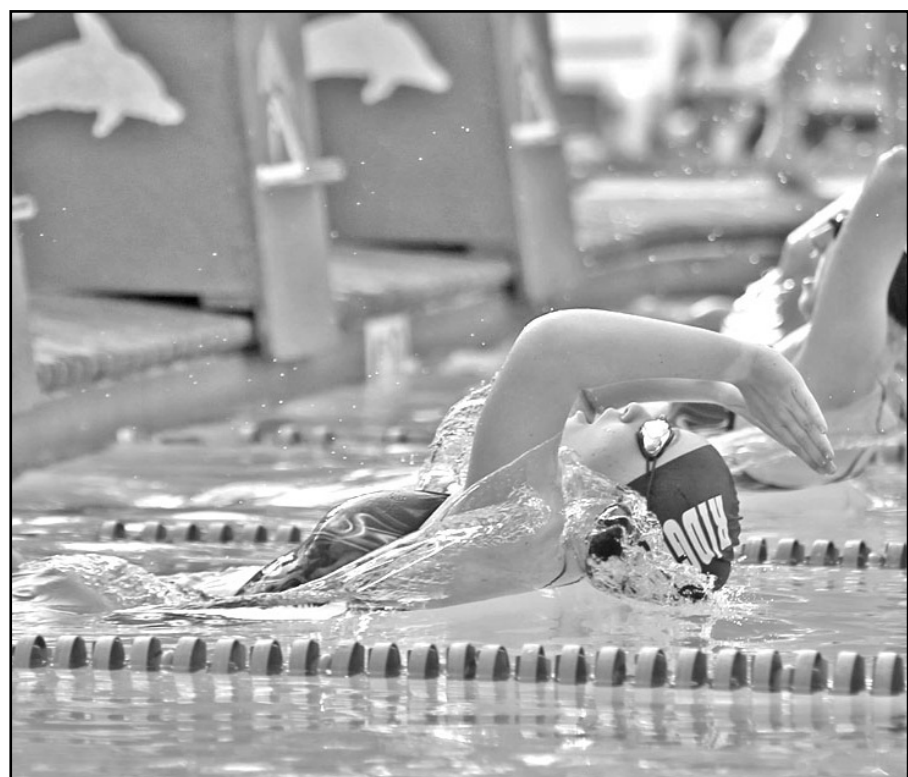
"I believe Auburn has the best athletes in the area at the 1A level," the coach said. "The proof is in the 30+ state championships (in other sports than football) the past eight years. We have sure-fire college football players walking in the halls that haven't been playing football. We just need to get them playing. With the guys we had last year, plus the guys that should be playing, we believe that we would be very competitive. All we can do is keep rowing the boat and trust we are heading in the right direction."

Auburn opens the 2022 season Aug. 2 against Narrows.



Cayden Smith (center) was among a group of over 20 individuals that recently signed commitments to play football this fall at Auburn High School. Also pictured during signing day are Athletic Director Paul Dominy (left) and football coach David Seabaugh (right).

Ridgewood Swim Club hosts Southwest Virginia Swim League meet



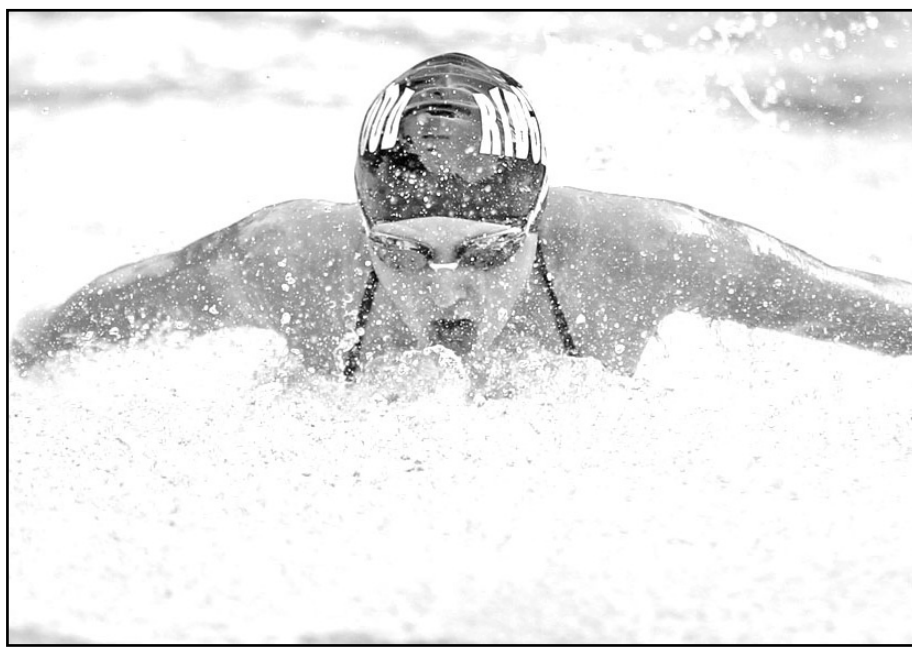
Ridgewood's Ellie Shelton gets started in the 50-meter backstroke alongside teammate Carina Recame during Thursday's Southwest Virginia Swim League meet hosted by Ridgewood Swim Club. Shelton would place 6th overall in the girls 11-12 division.



Blacksburg Country Club's Georgia Roeder dives in at the start of the 7-8 year-old 25 meter butterfly during Thursday's SVSL meet hosted by Ridgewood.



Blacksburg Country Club's Will White won the boys 7-8 25-meter butterfly in a time of 23.74.



Ridgewood's Laney Alderman won the girls 11-12 50-meter butterfly in a time of 35.97 at Thursday's SVSL meet.

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Rockin' and Racin' at Motor Mile Speedway



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Gary Thomason took the Ucar event Saturday night at Motor Mile Speedway.

Motor Mile Speedway hosted a Father's Day weekend celebration of "Rockin' and Racin'" with KISS Tribute Band "Kiss Army" and a full slate of racing with its NASCAR weekly racing series.

KISS Army performed two sets of legendary KISS rock music in the full KISS makeup and regalia. Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Ace Frehley and Peter Criss were all represented. Fans got out of

their seats and gathered all around and in front of the stage to give a memorable show.

The Late Model Stock Car division, the speedway's top class, had a pair of Twin 50-lap races. Mike Looney dominated the first race by leading every lap. Kyle Dudley settled for second place Dudley looked as though he might pull off a win in the second race but was passed by



Ray Sowers won the super street race Saturday night at Motor Mile Speedway

Looney on the final lap to make the finish the same as the first. Cory Dunn finished third in both races.

The Sportsman Division featured a pair of Twin 30-lap events with Karl Budzevski picking up a win in the first race. Richard Caldwell and Dale Cline rounded out the top 3. Jamie Sweeney won the second race with Jacob Porter and Karl

Budzevski finishing second and third.

Sparks flew and tempers flared in the second race when an altercation between Dale Cline and Daryn Cochram, who started in turn 4, ended with both drivers having substantial damage when they put on a demolition derby on the front stretch in front of all the fans and NASCAR officials. The temper tantrum between

the drivers resulted in DNF's for both drivers.

Doodle Lang was the winner in the Mod 4's with Tony Sarver finishing second in his first appearance this year, and Johnathan Hall finished third.

Ray Sowers won for the Super Streets; Jamie Lafon won for U-Cars after Cory Thomason was disqualified after post-race inspection, and William Hale won for the Pure 4's.

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ACC releases future basketball matchups

The Atlantic Coast Conference has revealed its men's basketball scheduling matrix for the next three seasons.

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With the conclusion of the 2021-22 season marking the end of the first three-year cycle, the scheduling matrix starts over in 2022-23. The ACC moved to 20-game league schedules in 2019-20.

Each ACC school will have the same home/away/repeat opponents in 2022-23 as it did for the 2019-20 season. Miami and Virginia will continue to be Virginia Tech's repeat opponents for the next three-year cycle.

In 2022-23, Virginia Tech will play home-and-home games with Boston

College, Clemson, Duke, Miami, Syracuse, and Virginia. The Hokies will play home games against Florida State, North Carolina, NC State, and Pitt, and road games at Georgia Tech, Louisville, Notre Dame, and Wake Forest.

Here is a breakdown of Tech's scheduling matrix for the next three seasons:

2022-23
Home/Away: Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Miami, Syracuse, Virginia

Home only: Florida State, North Carolina, NC State, Pitt

Away only: Georgia Tech, Louisville, Notre

Dame, Wake Forest

2023-24
Home/Away: Florida State, Louisville, Miami, Notre Dame, Virginia, Wake Forest

Home only: Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech

Away only: North Carolina, NC State, Pitt, Syracuse

2024-25
Home/Away: Georgia Tech, Miami, North Carolina, NC State, Pitt, Virginia

Home only: Louisville, Notre Dame, Syracuse, Wake Forest

Away only: Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Florida State

For the upcoming season, Tech returns two major award winners – Hunter Cattoor and Justyn Mutts – who were both instrumental in guiding the Hokies to their first-ever ACC tournament title last season. Cattoor was named the ACC Tournament MVP while Mutts was the ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Both were starters on the 2021-22 squad that finished 23-13 overall, 11-9 in the ACC.

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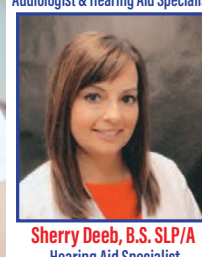
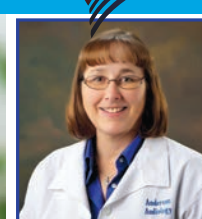
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