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VT sports fans can now gobble up peanuts | CHS Homecoming produced by three generations of Hokies

When alumnus Brett Smith returned to Lane Stadium for the Boston College game last month, he wasn't just there to root for his beloved Hokies. He wanted to be there to cheer on his family's legacy.

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This year, Smith's family company - Whitley's Peanut Factory – became the preferred vendor of peanuts for Virginia Tech Athletics. For Smith, peanuts are as much a part of his family as is Virginia Tech.

"Virginia Tech has been a part of the Smith family for over six decades, so when we had the opportunity to work with Virginia Tech Athletics on partnering for concession offerings, it was a no-brainer," said Smith, who earned his degree in agribusiness in 2019 from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "It's an unbelievably cool experience for us, and we can't wait to share our products with all of Hokie Nation."

The third-generation owners and third-generation Hokies delivered enjoy Whitley's salted or honey-

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cases of peanuts just in time for the Alumnus Brett Smith's family business - Whitley's Peanut Factory - is now first home football game. Fans can the preferred vendor for Virginia Tech Athletics. As such, the company's peanuts are available at all Lane Stadium concession stands. Bret Smith's grandfather, Marion Smith, and his son, Craig, opened the business in

king and queen



PHOTO BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

At last Friday night's football game, Sophia Shanks (left) and Mason Selfe were named this year's Christiansburg High School king and queen.

YMCA Craft Fair returns to Rec Center Nov. 11, 12

The 53rd annual YMCA Craft Fair will return to the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St. in Christiansburg, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12.

Fair hours on Friday, Nov. 11, will be from 11 a.m. to 7

p.m. Fair hours on Saturday, Nov. 12, will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As usual, the Y's Craft Fair offers the opportunity to purchase unique, original, and beautiful handcrafted gifts for everyone on a Christmas shopping list. The event will feature more than 70 juried talented artisans - such as silversmiths, painters, potters, and woodcrafters - offering high quality, one-of-a-kind pieces.

The fair will also give community members a chance to share their talents including music, dance, and stories from around the world. An expanded performance area, complete with a "story corner," will give everyone an area to relax and chat with friends in. Crafting activities for kids will make a

visit much more than just a

shopping trip.

The craft fair also offers the opportunity for anyone to be a Y volunteer at the event. Volunteers may sign up at https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/4090449afa929aafa7-craft4.



The Little Leapers will be a part of the fun, the color, and the entertainment at the YMCA's Craft Fair.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF YMCA AT VIRGINIA TECH

"Stories with Joelle" will entertain the children, turning the day into something more than just a shopping trip.

DAR chapters clean gravestones at Radford cemetery for DAR Service Day



PHOTO BY CAROLYN KIRK

Gathering on Monday, Oct. 10, to clean gravestones as part of DAR Service Day were (left to right) Jennifer House, Dot Cupp, Debbie Haught, Harriet Tuck, Diane Catley, Jama Mason, Wynona Gabbert, Karen Finch, and April Martin.

On Monday, October 10, 2022, two local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) gathered at West View Cemetery in Radford to clean gravestones as part of DAR Service Day. On the National DAR Day of Service, DAR members all over the world celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the DAR on October 11, 1890 by participating in special volunteer service projects in their communities. Members of both the Alleghany Chapter and the General William Campbell Chapter participated

Monday. They were able to clean many stones in the Ingles plots and Governor James Hoge Tyler's family plot. A memorial stone for Colonel William Ingles of the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War was included in the cleaning efforts. Both Colonel Ingles and his wife Mary Draper Ingles are buried in the family graveyard at the Ingles Farm. A large memorial for Mary Draper Ingles is also at the entrance of West View Cemetery.

Written by April Martin



Blacksburg Brew Do returns Saturday, Oct. 22

Blacksburg Brew Do is returning on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with VIP early access at noon on the grounds of historic Smithfield, adjacent to the Virginia Tech campus. This will mark the regional festival's 13th

The event will go

on rain or shine. As al-

ways, the Brew Do will feature the best in craft beers from across the mid-Atlantic, popular food trucks and delicious fare, live music, and a variety of culinary and unique merchandise from Blacksburg, the New River and Roanoke valleys, and beyond.

showcase more than 80

"We are excited to

different beers and ciders this year at one of Blacksburg's favorite fall festivals," said Ann Cassell, president of The Blacksburg Partnership, the organization hosting the event. "In addition to the fantastic selection from breweries throughout the mid-Atlantic,

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OMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 19:

American Business Women's Association October luncheon meeting

The American Business Women's Association will hold its October luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Drive, Christiansburg. The speaker will be Dr. Barbara Johnson, who will speak on women's health. Theda Blackwood of Theorem is the speaker sponsor for this event. RSVP by Oct. 17, 2022, by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

Art Club: Mexican folk art and Día de los Muertos

At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants will explore Mexican folk art and the art surrounding Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Activities will include creating sugar skull art pieces. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Library Board of Trustees meeting At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20:

Radford Photo Club meeting

The Radford Photo Club will meet at the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. Sharon Gilbert of Radford will talk about the different formats she uses to print her photos, such as ceramic tile, wood, slate, and metal. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The photo challenge for October is pets. The club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River

Legend of Sleepy Hollow

A performance of the classic "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Bright Star Theater will be presented at the Radford Public Library at 5 p.m. Follow Ichabod Crane as he becomes the schoolmaster in Sleepy Hollow and encounters spooky events he will never forget. Appropriate for ages 4+. Sponsored by the Lamplighters.

Talking about books

At the Christiansburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Castle on Sunset" by Shawn Levy, in-person and virtually.

Friday, Oct. 21:

Irresponsible science: Puking Pumpkin!

At the Radford Public Library at 4:30 p.m. Watch Dave do some Halloween science. Get a sneak peek at the Puking Pumpkin experiment on the library's Youtube channel: https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8Rhj-

Saturday, Oct. 22:

Craft & Draft festival

The festival features handcrafted artisans, live music, food trucks, craft beer, and more. 11 a.m. – to 6 p.m. on the grassy field of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery. More than 35 handcrafted unique and original artists, crafters, and makers from around the region will be on hand. Five types of craft beer will be available. To help keep the event green, Craft & Draft will be selling a limited number of metal tumblers and will allow the use of outside non-lidded 16-ounce reusable metal cups. Four food trucks will be at the festival. Live music will be part of the fun. Performing will be The

Kind, Curtis Eller's American Circus, and JoJo Stockton & Solacoustix. The event is kid- and dog-friendly. Hosted by MountainTrotter Arts, supported by festival partners Ballpark Signs, New River Valley Rent-All, New River Radio Group, and Glencoe Mansion. No outside alcohol is allowed, and no smoking is allowed in the event area. The event is free, but donations are encouraged. Event info: www.craftand-

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From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with VIP early access at noon, rain or shine, on the grounds of Historic Smithfield, adjacent to the Virginia Tech campus. The festival will feature craft beers from across the mid-Atlantic, popular food trucks and delicious fare, live music, and a variety of culinary and unique merchandise from Blacksburg, the New River and Roanoke valleys, and beyond. Tickets are now on sale and available for purchase online at www. blacksburgbrewdo/tickets. Attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance. Regular admission tickets can be purchased on site the day of the festival. VIP tickets are pre-sale only.

Spooky movie Saturdays

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a movie (rated PG) about a hilarious trio of witches as they are resurrected on Halloween night in Salem. A spooky good snack will be provided, and participants will get a chance to enter their names in a drawing for a prize. Call 540-268-1964 for more information.

Trunk or treat

At Meadowbrook Public Library; 3 p.m. Participants are encouraged to wear their best costumes and come and take part in Trunk or Treat. For ages two and up. For more information, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-

Blacksburg leaf compost pickup

Loose and bagged leaves collected by the Town of Blacksburg are composted into leaf mulch, which can be used as a soil additive for composting and is available to Blacksburg residents for

Register at: https://www.blacksburg. gov/Home/Components/News/News /10139/304?backlist=%2fhome%2ffsiteid-1#!/.

Sons of Norway meeting

All people of Scandinavian/Nordic heritage or those interested in the Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland), interesting programs and activities on heritage and culture are invited to attend a meeting of the local lodge of the international Sons of Norway from 1 to 3 p.m., at College Lutheran Church, 210 South College Ave., Salem. All ages are welcome, men and women, boys and girls. For information, call Joann Barfield, 540-380-2926.

Fall Children's Consignment Sale

Blacksburg United Church is holding its semi-annual consignment sale of children's items at the Whisner Building of the main church campus, 111 Church Street in Blacksburg, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Great deals will be available on gently used kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, games, movies, baby gear and accessories, sports equipment, maternity clothing and more. Many items will be like new. Some items will even be brand new. Some items will be halfprice between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. so shoppers can arrive early for the best selection. Proceeds will benefit local

150th church anniversary and homecoming

First Missionary Baptist Church-New River, 7318 Manns Dr., Fairlawn will hold a weekend celebration of its 150th anniversary. Church pastor the Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr., and Sister Carla Harvey will be the guest speakers at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23:

Next-Gen Quilting

At the Blacksburg Library at 1 p.m. Kits will be provided for participants. Ages 8 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Machines will be provided as will irons that can be used by adults only. The class is co-sponsored by The Quilting Party.

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Monday, Oct. 24:

Monday movie matinee

At the Blacksburg Library at 1 p.m. When a single mom and her two kids arrive in a small town, they begin to discover their connection to the original ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind.

Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet at the Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. A closed session will begin at 6 p.m. if needed. The open sessions will begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and are allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will meet in the Starnes Council Chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St. at 7 p.m. The agenda can be found at www.radfordva.gov.

Mother and daughter book club

At the Radford Public Library from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a fun book club for mothers and daughters (ages 8-12). To be discussed this month is "The Witch of Blackbird Pond" by Elizabeth George Speare. Registration is not required.

Tuesday, Oct. 25:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E.

Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

The Christiansburg Town Council will meet in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.) at 7

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce training

The Montgomery County Cham-

ber of Commerce will host "Citizen Response to Active Threats and Personal Safety" training in the com-

munity room at the new Blacksburg Police Department, 200 East Clay St., Blacksburg from 10 a.m. to noon. The training is open to all businesses, faith communities, school personnel, and civic organizations and will be conducted by law enforcement personnel from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Blacksburg Police, Christiansburg Police, and Virginia Tech Police departments. The training is free to chamber members and \$10 for non-members. Register at https://www.montgomerycc. org/events/details/citizen-responseto-active-threats-and-personal-safety-9023.

Chess club for teens and tweens

At the Radford Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. Teens and tweens may join Youth Services Specialist Dave in the community room for a game of chess. For ages 8-17.

Wednesday, Oct. 26:

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Christiansburg Library at 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.

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 & learn: Stadium Woods

At the Blacksburg Library at noon. This is a conversation about the history and conservation of Stadium https://sustainableblacksburgva.org/participate/lunch-learn/.

Saturday, Oct. 29:

Pancake supper

The Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Rd., will host a pancake supper from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5:

At the Radford Public Library 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hardbacks are \$1, and paperbacks \$.50. Also, a free cart and table will be available.

Thursday, Nov. 10:

River City Quilt Guild The River City Quilt Guild will

meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Ongoing:

Stormwater utility credits available Residents of the Town of Blacksburg

who have a stormwater facility on their site may qualify for a credit on their monthly stormwater utility fee. Go www.blacksburg.gov/stormwaterfund and review the Stormwater Utility Credit Manual to determine eligibility. The deadline to apply is Jan. 1, 2023. For questions, contact stormwater@blacksburg.gov or call 540-443-

Coat drive in memory of Cindy Col-

Underway at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Donations of new and gently used coats sizes 4t-XXL may be dropped off at Meadowbrook Public Library in memory of Cindy Collins, who died Aug. 3. Coats will be for students in Eastern Montgomery. Contact Cindy Minnick with any questions. (540) 268-1964.





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Molly-0 is a younger dog in search of her furever home. She's friendly and enjoys playing with plush squeaky toys. Molly-O would be best suited to a home with older children and adults who can take her outside for exercise. She gets along with other dogs.

Salem, Christiansburg robotics alliance wins at Blue Ridge Brawl

Roanoke College and the Salem High School Spartan Robotics team co-hosted an off-season FIRST Robotics Competition, Blue Ridge Brawl, Saturday at the Cregger Arena, and Spartan Robotics from Salem and Copperhead Robotics from Christiansburg were among the winners.

Dr. Catherine Sarisky, a professor in the Roanoke College Chemistry Department, said, "We had a great day. We're super happy to have all of the teams come out and get to drive around on a real field."

The competition provided high school students with an up-close experience with the real-world engineering industry. Students who participated learned problemsolving skills, teamwork, and sportsman-

The competition required students to work under strict rules with limited time and resources to build industrial-sized robots. The robots were programmed to play a field game with other teams.

"We want kids to get excited about science and technology and math," Sarisky said. "We have kids who are excited about math—that's great and all, but there aren't a whole lot of jobs for professional athletes. There are a tremendous number of jobs in STEM. This is an opportunity to do something competitive and exciting. It's a pretty good spectator sport."

Teams that competed in the Blue Ridge Brawl were Copperhead Robotics of Christiansburg, Copperhead Robotics B-Team of Christiansburg, Cometbots of South Boston, the STAGS of Martinsville, Flagship of Knoxville, Tenn., Botetourt 4-H

Robotics of Buchanan, Spartan Robotics of Salem, Mean Caiman, of Cedar Bluff, CAVBOTICS of Fairfax and Tex Mex Lizards of Richmond.

Teams competed in alliances with Spartan Robotics and Copperhead Robotics claiming victory during the competition. With some 30 students, Spartan Robotics was started in 2015. "Our two local teams were victorious, which is always fun," Sa-

The competition, which was open to the public, lasted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A demonstration by FIRST Lego League teams consisting of grades four through eight was held from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The first year the competition was held was 2019 at Salem High School. Although it had been scheduled to return last year, COVID-19 restraints led to the cancelation of the competition.

Sarisky said that the partnership between the college and the high school came about from a desire she and Randy Brinkley, the now deceased mentor of the Spartan Robotics team, had to work together. She recalled they wanted "to get more robotics opportunities into Salem and the Roanoke Valley.

While the high school had construction going on, it seemed like it made good sense to put it over at the college," she said. "We carried on without him this year. I'm super glad to get to do that."

The Blue Ridge Brawl is an off-season competition. The actual season runs January through late April. Sarisky said the plan is to hold the event again next year.



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A team danced to the song "Y.M.C.A." during the competition. Dr. Katherine Sarisky explained that teams do such things whenever there is a time out or a pause or when something has gone wrong.

'Canine instructors' help dogs find their forever homes



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE VIRGINIA-MARYLAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE From August to mid-October, through its Animal Care for Education (ACE) program, the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine fosters dogs that come from



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Buddy King: College football memories from Oct. 10, 1959

struggling to come up with an idea for a column it's a good idea to rummage through my junk drawers (of which I have a lot) or my attic (of which I have a large one, with significant detritus of combined families and lost loved

Once again I was rewarded, to the relief of A Cat of a Certain Age, who says she wasn't inspired this morning either. Shockingly, she seemed indifferent when I had asked her if she cared to write this week's column.

I came across a college football game program, bearing the date of Oct. 10, 1959. Given this is the middle of October and that I like to write about sports when given the chance, I wanted to see what memories this nostalgic souvenir induced. Surely this was

It was from a game I attended when I was 6. I have remarkably strong and warm memories of the day. Among my earliest memories, of anything, not surprisingly from the sports world, it also brought back poignant memories of family.

What was the game? Given that I was raised in Christiansburg and the folks took me to

I have found that when I'm most "home" games at VPI (Until Lane was opened in 1965, Tech played 2 games a year on campus at the old and wonderful Miles Stadium, and a couple of games a year in Roanoke at Victory Stadium, or in Richmond at City Stadium, each of which had twice the capacity of Miles and were located in towns that opposing teams could find.), I expected this program to be from a contest between the Fighting Gobblers and one of their staunch foes of that era, like Davidson or George Washington.

But, no, this game was between UVA and VMI. It had more meaning in my family than the Tech games on which I lived and died at the time. We were at this game, and I have such vivid memories of it because my Cousin Joe, raised on Mockingbird Hill at the top of Cherry Lane where I grew up, was a starting cornerback for Virginia. As an interesting aside, Joe's last name was "Board" and at one time he played in a secondary with a "Plank" and a "Wood," and they were known as the "Lumber Company, without the notoriety of the Willie Stargell-led Pittsburgh Pirates team later of the same nickname.

As I have written here before, probably ad nauseam, Cousin Ioe was, in my unbiased opinion, the greatest athlete ever to come out of Christiansburg High School, holder of three state track records when he graduated and scorer of 40 touchdowns or so in 4 years of varsity football. I do give a close second to Brenden Motley for all he did for CHS in football and basketball just a few years ago. A little more on the game. My

future alma mater, as well as my daughter Beth's, was in the midst of a national record 28 game losing streak. Under the expert tutelage of Coach Dick Voris, the Cavaliers never won a game in which Cousin Joe played, although in fairness to Dick and the players of that era, the school had failed to recognize that most of their opponents were beginning to put less emphasis on recruiting good students and more on guys who were big and fast. Joe was the fastest player on these teams, of course, winning several national track events during his years at the U, but he was generously listed at 160 lbs. in the game-day program. As much as he wanted to carry the ball and as tough an athlete as he was, he couldn't run into ACC defensive lines successfully.

The biggest kid on the team was Cousin Joe's roommate, Henry Koehler, who weighed in at 228. The team produced many doctors and lawyers (like Cousin Joe) and engineers (like the aforesaid Hank Koehler), NFL players Back to the game. As the pro-

gram cover says "V.M.I. 'Keydets' vs. U.V.A. 'Cavaliers.'. Now if you know Virginia colleges at all you would put money that means something on this game having been played in Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, or alternatively, in Lexington, at the classic little stadium on VMI's campus. But, no, the game was played at "Municipal Stadium, Lynchburg, Virginia." I have the program to prove it.

Per the program cover, the game was designated "THE JAY-CEE BOWL Presented by The Lynchburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

During this period, with small on-campus stadiums and small budgets (the Virginia coaching staff had five assistants and I bet most had part-time jobs), and with "big time football" only being a faint rumor in the Commonwealth), the Cavaliers

and the Gobblers played several "bowl games" a year – at "neutral sites"-- in order to attract a few more fans and to induce schools like Clemson and N.C. State to come. There was the "Harvest Bowl" in Roanoke, the "Tobacco Bowl" in Richmond, and the "Oyster Bowl" in Norfolk, usually featuring schools from the somewhat ironically named "Big 5": Tech, UVA, VMI, Richmond, and William & Mary. At a point in this era, the Big 5 was so bad that the Oyster Bowl had Duke as the host, playing Navy one year and Maryland another. I remember years later when I was in law school, one of my friends said "the Big 5 went 3-2 this week." Of course, two of the victories were over other Big 5 teams. Alas, the Big 5 standings are no longer carried in the Roanoke Times.

Rest assured, these types of games were as close as Tech or Virginia ever got to real "bowl games" during those times. These games should not be confused with the "Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl" or even the "Poulan Weedeater Bowl," "invites" to the Harvest Bowl or the Tobacco Bowl depending only on proximity

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Financial Focus: What should Alzheimer's caregivers know?

If you have a family member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, or is starting to show symptoms, you will face some real challenges. Navigating the Alzheimer's experience involves a long journey, and there's no easy answer for how you can cope with your emotions. But you can at least address some of the financial issues involved to help give yourself a greater sense of control. Here are some moves to con-

Plan for care costs and identify

insurance coverage. The list of Alzheimer's-related medical expenses is long and includes ongoing medical treatment, medical equipment, home safety modifications, prescription drugs and personal care supplies. As a caregiver, you'll want to know the extent of your loved one's health insurance: Medicare, supplemental policies, veteran's benefits if applicable, and so on. One big question is how much coverage they might have for adult day care services, in-home care services and full-time residential care services, and other long-term care options. Long-term care is one of the largest health care costs not covered by Medicare, so you'll want to determine if your loved one has a long-term care policy or another

insurance policy with a long-term care rider.

Identify assets and debts. You'll need to know your family member's financial position, both what they own — bank accounts, investments, property, etc. — and what they owe, such as credit card debt, a mortgage, lines of credit, and so on. This knowledge will be essential if you're granted power of attorney to take over your loved one's finances.

Look for tax breaks available to caregivers. If you're a caregiver, you may have to pay for some care costs out of pocket. Consequently, you could receive some tax credits and deductions. These benefits vary by state, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor to determine your

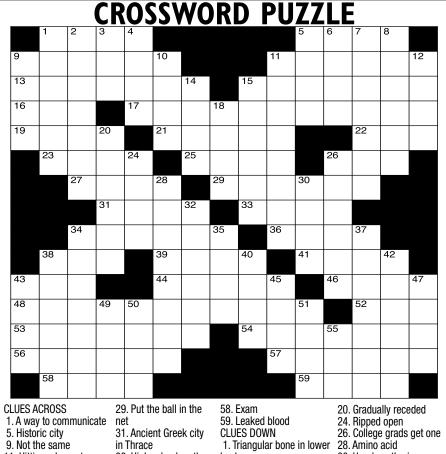
Ensure necessary legal documents are in place. As a caregiver, you may need to ensure some legal documents are in place, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which lets you make financial decisions for your loved one with Alzheimer's, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you make health care and medical decisions on their behalf. It's important to have these and other necessary documents drawn up before someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or when

they're just starting to exhibit the earliest signs of the disease, so they can understand what documents they are signing. If you wait until they no longer have this cognitive ability, things will get much more challenging. You could apply to become a conservator, which grants decision-making abilities similar to a power of attorney, but the conservatorship process takes time and could involve court procedures. To avoid this potential difficulty, work with your tax and legal professionals to ensure all the relevant legal documents are in-force and up-

Finally, you don't have to go it alone. To help deal with the emotional challenges of caregiving, you can find local Alzheimer's support groups that can offer practical suggestions for coping. As for the financial issues, consider working with a financial professional who can look at your family's overall situation and recommend appropriate

A diagnosis of Alzheimer's will change the lives of everyone in your family. But as a caregiver, you can help ease the burden.

> Submitted by local Edward Jones Financial Ådvisor Meghan Kuczmarski (540) 552-1421.



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- clear a jump 13. One hurt the Titanic
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15. A way to cut 18. Brooklyn hoopsters

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Virginia gas prices rise again Average gasoline prices in Virginia rose

7.1 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.56/g Monday, Oct. 17, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Prices in Virginia are 15.9 cents per gallon higher than they were a month ago

and stand 35.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 18.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.06 per gal-According to GasBuddy price re-

ports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.00/g Monday while the most expensive was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$1.49/g. The national average price of gasoline fell 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week,

averaging \$3.86/g Monday. The national average is up 20.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 56.6 cents per gallon 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.

"After a sharp rise in the national average over the last few weeks, we've seen an abrupt, yet expected decline as refinery

issues have eased in the West and Great Lakes, overpowering some increases elsewhere. Though at the same time, diesel prices have soared," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at Gas-Buddy. "We'll see a continued sharp drop in gas prices on the West Coast, including areas like Las Vegas and Phoenix, which are supplied by refiners in California, as refinery outages have been addressed. The Great Lakes will see prices drift lower as BP's Whiting refinery is soon to complete maintenance. In addition, oil prices have cooled off slightly after OPEC's decision to cut production, and that should slow increases elsewhere. Diesel and heating oil prices are likely to continue to rise as extremely low inventories of middle of the barrel products like these two push prices higher."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for stationlevel data. 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.

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ROADWATCH

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 coun-

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 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. The old bridge is being demolished. 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.

SLOW ROLLS SCHED-

ULED: A slow roll operation will be in place daily beginning on Monday, October 17 through Friday, October 21, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

ROUTE 605: Intermittent flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

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.

PAVING OPERATIONS

Botetourt County: Left lane closures on I-81 northbound between mile marker 147 and 149.

 Montgomery County: Right lane closures in place for paving of I-81 southbound between mile marker 130 to 128.

- Pulaski County: Right lane closures in place for paving of I-81 northbound between mile marker 102 to 104.
- Roanoke County: Alternating lane closures on I-81 northbound for milling and paving from mile

marker 134.5 to 132.4, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Periodically, exit 132 northbound may be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

- Roanoke County: The exit 141 on-ramp on southbound I-81 may periodically be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT RE-PLACEMENT – 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. Road is now open. Flagging operations may continue to be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane.

ROUTE 11/460 MAINTE-NANCE WORK – The right lane is closed on Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road) towards Christiansburg Mountain from Route 641 (Den Hill) to just east of Route 639 (Mt. Pleasant) for shoulder and ditching. This lane closure will be in place throughout the week.. ROUTE 622

BRIDGE WORK CLOSURE - Route 622 (Bradshaw Road) is closed for a bridge maintenance project over Bradshaw Creek. The location of the bridge is 0.10 mile from the Roanoke County line and 2.0 miles from Route 623. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes and residents on the road will have access to their homes during the closure. The road is expected to be open on October 20.

ROUTE 8 EVENT TRAF-FIC CONGESTION - Route 8 may experience heavy traffic on fall weekends due to congestion related to tourist events at local farms in the area. If possible, motorists should utilize detours to avoid traveling on Route 8 between Christiansburg and Riner during the peak hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

INTERSTATE 81 INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUC-TION 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 set to begin. 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:

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures at exit 137 are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for

message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed. LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible.

Lane widths will be reduced to 11 Northbound lane closures

from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141. Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

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

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

See **VDOT**, page 6

Brew Do

Blacksburg Brew Do offers attendees the opportunity to try regional food vendors, to encounter a variety of local specialty products, and to listen to some incredible live music."

Local folk singer/ songwriter Lily Comer will kick off the festival entertainment at noon, followed bу former Hokie football player and American Idol finalist, Dan Marshall, who is this year's festival headliner. Marshall opened last year's festival, prior to his American Idol fame, by performing a number of crowd favorites. Both performers will be featured on the Moss Arts Center Main Stage, which makes use of Historic Smithfield's blacksmith cabin as the backdrop.

Tickets are now on sale and are available for purchase online at www. blacksburgbrewdo/tickets. Festival attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance. Regular admission tickets can be purchased on site the day of the festival while VIP tickets are pre-sale

only for \$70 each. VIP tickets are for sale to ages 21+ only and are available in a limited quantity. They allow the ticket holder one-hour early access to the festival grounds beginning at noon. Ticket price also

includes a full-size pint glass, 20 beer tastings, exclusive access to the VIP Area with specialty tastings not available to regular ticket holders, select VIP amenities, light complimentary snacks, and all the benefits of a regular tasting

Non-drinking tickets are \$25 pre-sale only in limited quantity. They include the VIP tickets benefits except for the pint glass and the tastings.

Regular admission tickets (Ages 21+) are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 the day of the festival at the gate. These tickets allow access to the festival grounds, 15 beer tastings, the food trucks, culinary and merchandise vendors, live music, and complimentary roundtrip shuttle transportation.

Non-drinking admission only tickets are \$10 pre-sale and at the gate.

Children 12 younger are free with an accompanying adult who must be at least 18 years old.

Photo ID is required for age verification of the tasting attendees. Festivalgoers must be of legal drinking age, must have a ticket for entry, and must receive a sampling wristband to participate in the tastings.

In addition, nearly

200 volunteers are needed for a variety of festival tasks. All volunteers will receive a Blacksburg Brew Do volunteer tcomplimentary shirt, access to the festival before or after their shift, and (if 21+ years old) a 6-tasting wristband and a souvenir glass for sampling. To volunteer to help at the festival, visit www.blacksburgbrewdo. com/volunteer.

All proceeds from this event support The Blacksburg Partnership in its mission to improve the quality of life in Blacksburg. The Blacksburg Partnership is a non-profit, independent organization focused on economic development community improvement with the goal of making Blacksburg a more vibrant place to live, work, learn and

Partnership projects include the revitalization of retail districts, NRV Passenger Rail, Blacksburg Young Professionals, and community arts endeavors such as Gobble de Art (the Hokie Birds all over town). In addition, the partnership is known for two signature events: Blacksburg Fork & Cork and the Blacksburg Brew Do.

> Submitted by Hunter Q. Gresham Project Coordinator

Peanut Factory

roasted peanuts at concession stands in Lane Stadium as well as at Cassell Coliseum and Atlantic Union Bank Baseball

"We are proud to have brought this partnership into the athletics family. It will be a wonderful addition to the gameday experience for the Hokie Nation," said Kyler Pilling, general manager of LEARFIELD Virginia Tech Sports Properties, which secured the relationship on behalf of the university. "We hope it will become a tradition to be watching a Hokies event and enjoying Whitley's peanuts."

Some people may not know that Virginia's peanuts are grown in southeastern Virginia's sandy soil, where the climate is ideal. Because of their large kernels, Virginia peanuts have acquired the reputation of being the "Cadillac" of peanuts.

Peanuts have been a big part of the Smith family's everyday life for decades. Smith's grandfather, Marion Smith '64, who earned a bachelor's degree in education in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was a founding member and first president of the Bank of Franklin. In 1974, he was asked by Marvin Whitley, who was a member of the bank's board of directors, to join him in a shelling operation partnership known as the Whitley Peanut Company.

Marion would cook small batches of peanuts from the shelling operation in his home during his spare time. Realizing the potential the product had, he decided to take it to the next level. Marion and his son Craig '84, who earned a bachelor's degree in finance in Pamplin College of Business, opened Whitley's Peanut Factory in Gloucester, Virginia, in 1986. Brett's father, Todd Smith '89, who earned a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant, and institutional management — now called hospitality and tourism management from Pamplin College of Business, joined the family-owned business in 1990.

Additional Hokies in the family include Brett's mother, Kristen '90, who received a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant, and institutional management, and sister, Bridgette, who is a student majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Today the family has retail locations in Williamsburg and Richmond in addition to the original store in Hayes, Virginia, where there is also a production facility and warehousing space. Raw peanuts arrive in 2,200-pound totes by the truckload from Birdsong Peanuts. Then they are cooked, dried, and seasoned before

In 2021, Whitley's celebrated 35 years in business. With up to 90 employees during the holiday season, Todd, the company president, said the reason for their success is the "quality of the products, great employees, and our loyal customer following.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday October 27th @ 4 PM Farm Land for Sale in Floyd VA Laurel Branch Rd, Floyd VA 24091

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



Farm Land for sale in Floyd County VA. There are 8 offerings available being sold simultaneously. The tracts are located on Laurel Branch Road just outside the Town of Floyd. Great location convenient to Floyd, Christiansburg VA, Blacksburg VA, Radford VA & Hillsville VA. Land is mostly open farmland with great views and frontage on Dodd's Creek. Properties are great for building country homes or for farming. Bidders desiring multiple tracts will need to be high bidder on all tracts desired. Each offering will stay open until all bidding is complete and all offerings will close simultaneously. Easements for electricity available.

Offerings range from 5 to 65 acres. The 5 acre tract has a 2 BR, 1 BA Home on it.

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 per tract required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple tracts, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on both offerings. Download Bidder Pack at

Contact Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com

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Blue Ridge Land

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Virginia fall wildfire season is here

Virginia's fall wildfire season began Saturday, Oct. 15, and the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) reminds everyone to be extra careful when burning yard debris or enjoying a campfire or backyard fire pit.

The Virginia Department of Forestry has forestry staff assigned to every county across the state who work with local fire departments to provide emergency response to protect people, property, and natural resources. While there is no statewide 4 p.m. burn ban this fall, citizens should always be sure to check with local fire officials for possible regional restrictions or bans.

In Virginia, debris burning is the leading cause of wildfires. This time of year, burning leaves, branches, and other yard waste is common. Dry grass and leaves, low humidity, and windy conditions create favorable conditions

When planning to burn yard debris, always keep safety in

Avoid burning on dry, windy days. Keep the pile small. Have a rake or shovel on hand. Keep a charged water hose nearby. Have a phone ready to call 911 if a fire gets out of control. Stay with the fire until it's completely out (drown, stir, ensure it's cool), Consider a "green" alternative to burning yard debris: compost organic yard waste for a garden or

yard.

"Virginia's fall wildfire season

"October through runs from mid-October through November," said VDOF Director of Fire and Emergency Response John Miller. "As we see all too often with natural disasters and emergencies, the time to prepare is long before a crisis hits. Create a plan now that to put into action if it is needed."

When thinking about fire safety, follow three simple words: Ready, Set, Go.

Ready: Create a family disaster plan. Discuss an evacuation plan with the family and practice it.

Assemble an emergency kit. Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers. Arrange a meeting place for your family if you get separated. Set: Be prepared. Monitor

weather conditions and the news. If a wildfire threatens, put a plan into motion. Alert family members and neighbors of approaching danger. Pack a vehicle (prescriptions, change of clothing, important documents, etc.). If time, prepare the home by turning off gas or propane and turning on lawn sprinklers.

Go: Leave if asked to evacuate. Have different travel routes to a pre-planned meeting place. Take an emergency kit, cell phones, and chargers. Take a three-day supply of food and water.

Section of Broad Run Road to close for repairs beginning Monday, Oct. 17

BLACKSBURG - The USDA Forest Service will temporarily close a section of Broad Run Road (Forest Service Road #183) in Botetourt County beginning on Monday, October 17, to replace a culvert.

The section of Broad Run Road will be closed to all through traffic 2.1 miles past the intersection with Haymakertown Road. Broad Run Road provides access to North Mountain Trail (Forest Trail #263) and Ferrier Trail (Forest Trail #189). Trail users can still access these trails from Broad Run Road via State Route 311 or via Wildlife Road (Forest Road #224). The road work is ex-

pected to be completed by

Nov. 4. Once the repair work is completed, the road will reopen. "This road endured storm damage several years ago, and the Forest Service is improving the

road for access and safety," said District Ranger Beth Christensen.

The new culvert will improve drainage capacity during storm events and will help protect the road surface and the Broad Run stream from excessive erosion that can impair water quality. The new culvert is sized and countersunk to improve the flow of the stream and to allow for natural streambed material to accumulate over time. This will allow easier passage of fish and other amphibians under the road-

VDOT

AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will remain closed until before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel. The opening scheduled for the end of September has been rescheduled due to the contractor encountering challenges with a slope on the project. Signage indicating the closure is posted in

the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are 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 before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel.

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. (UPDATED 10-14-22) * I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various

REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Trout-

ville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 driv-

ers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker

morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Botetourt County: Left lane closes on I-81 northbound between mile marker 147 and

routes. Lane closures may be in place during

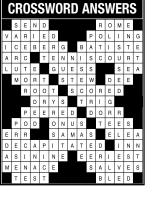
nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following

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and availability. Most of the Dad took me and Joe's dollars went to local chari-My special memories of

the game. My Mom and



mother, my Aunt Mary Alma, and Joe's younger brother, Cousin Bobby, down the mountain for a two o'clock kickoff. My best memory is of Cousin Bobby getting to serve as water boy for the Cavaliers. I'm not sure how he was so lucky, but I remember seeing him running out to the huddle during timeouts, carrying a rack of paper cups and kneeling on the field while the players consumed something. It was pre-Gatorade days, but it might not have been water.

The VMI band, like others at the time, had played the Schlitz Beer theme ("when you're out of Schlitz, you're out of beer") when the Virginia players ran out of the locker room before the kickoff. The Hoos lost a lot of games during this era, but never a post-game party. Cousin Bobby's appearance on the field, carrying "whatever" to Cousin Joe and his teammates, was as thrilling to me as if he had been the starting quarterback.

The Cavaliers, in one of their best played games of the season, went down for its britches" as my Dad to the Fighting Keydets by only 19-0. (I had to look it up, but I had remembered correctly that we lost and didn't score.) In the team's defense (better than its offense), the Keydets were coached by the legendary John McKenna and they were the power of the Big 5 some years, even beating VPI occasionally in the "Military Classic of the South," the epic Thanksgiving Day game (in Roanoke, of course). That game was discontinued in 1970, when "Tech got too big

A few more memories of that long ago fall day. Cousin Joe made several tackles and played some wide receiver, Cousin Bobby ran onto the field a bunch of times as "Water Boy" without spillage that I recall, and we got to sing the UVA "fight song", the Good Old Song, only at the end of the game, since our team never scored.

I remember not caring much for the song, which I thought sounded like a hymn and we weren't even in church. I was used to "Hail to the Victors" and 'Yea, Alabama" and even the Tech Triumph (still in my Christiansburg Days Little did I know how

many times later in life that I would stand in Scott Stadium or on the front porch of my frat house and sing the Good Old Song. I remember getting to go down to the bus where the UVA players were loading up after the game and meeting a bunch of Cousin Joe's teammates. They were all dressed in blue blazers and gray pants and wore starched white shirts and ties and mostly spoke without the Southwest Virginia twang I knew. I also remember that

Cousin Joe got to ride

back to Christiansburg with us and that we stopped at a fancy restaurant in Roanoke, called Archie's, I think. I remember seeing live lobsters in a tank. (I had no idea what they were.) and was terrified when someone told me they got thrown in pots of boiling water and

Ugh. I also remember that we never got served and the word was that the cook had "gotten drunk." I didn't know what that was either, but I realized it made him extremely unpopular with my Dad and Cousin Joe, who was so starved that he ate bread left on a table by departing

The next day Cousin Joe put on his blazer and tie, grabbed his suitcase with the big UVA sticker on it, and walked down the hill to Main Street (Route 11), stuck his thumb in the air, and hitchhiked back to Simpler Charlottesville. times, no NIL deals, just happy to have a "full ride."

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN
APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
TO INCREASE ITS FUEL FACTOR PURSUANT TO
§ 56-249.6 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2022-00139

*Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") has filed an application pursuant to § 56-249.6 of the Code of Virginia seeking to increase its fuel factor from the current factor of 2.300 cents per kilowatt-hour ("¢/kWh") to 4.319¢/kWh, effective for usage on and after November 1, 2022. •According to APCo, the total proposed fuel factor would increase the average monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity per month by \$20.17, from \$127.81 to \$147.98.

A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on December 13, 2022, at 10 a.m. for the receipt of public witness

•An evidentiary hearing will be held on December 14, 2022, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff.

•Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: scc.virginia.gov/case

On September 15, 2022, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") pursuant to § 56-249.6 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") seeking an increase in its fuel factor. The Company proposes to increase the current factor of 2.300 cents per kilowatt-hour ("¢/kWh") to 4.319¢/kWh, effective for service rendered November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023 ("Fuel Year"). To mitigate its requested rate increase, the Company is proposing to recover its deferred fuel balance as of October 31, 2022, over two years. In addition, APCo seeks Commission approval to establish a new rider, designated Rider DFCC. The Company states that it proposes to implement Rider DFCC at a zero rate, to be updated and trued-up in the future, as an alternative to the recovery of the carrying costs on its deferred fuel balance through base rates.

The Company's proposed fuel factor consists of both an in-period component and a prior period component. APCo's proposed in-period component is designed to recover its estimated Virginia jurisdictional fuel expenses during the Fuel Year of approximately \$416,140,161, which includes non-incremental costs associated with APCo's Beech Ridge and Grand Ridge wind contracts; the energy components of the Company's other wind and solar resources, a credit for 75% of projected Off System Sales margins; PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM"), Load Serving Entity transmission losses; PJM congestion charges; 100% of incremental transmission line loss margins; and Financial Transmission Right revenues. The Company proposes an in-period factor component of 3.011¢/kWh. The prior-period component is a true-up component designed to recover from customers over a two-year period an estimated under-recovered deferred fuel balance as of October 31, 2022, of \$361,411,867, or \$180,705,934 per year. The Company states that it divided the projected deferred fuel cost balance by the projected Virginia jurisdictional energy sales for the Fuel Year to obtain the prior period under-recovery component of 1.308¢/kWh.

The Company represents that the combined impact of the Company's proposed fuel factor over the Fuel Year is an annual revenue increase of approximately \$279 million. APCo maintains that this proposal would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$20.17, from \$127.81 to \$147.98.

The Commission entered an Order Establishing 2022-2023 Fuel Factor Proceeding ("Order") that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On December 13, 2022, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, with no public witness present in the Commission's courtroom. On or before December 7, 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 scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCC.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On December 14, 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 Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff on the

In its Order, the Commission allowed the Company to place its proposed fuel factor of $4.319 \/e/kWh$ into effect on an interim basis for service rendered on and after November I, 2022.

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 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 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 further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of public version of the Company's Application 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 December 6, 2022, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.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-2022-00139.

On or before October 31, 2022, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc. 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. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation of the Rules of Practice, and the Rules of Prac 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 fillings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00139.

On or before November 14, 2022, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission 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 Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents 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-2022-00139.

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Signed: Tommy L. Moore, Clerk on 9/12/22

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received through November **PUBLIC HEARING** Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on Council's intention to adopt

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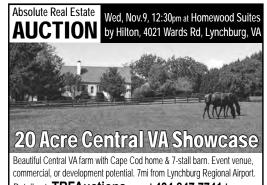
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Montgomery Sports

Week 8 previews: Key matchup in Radford versus Floyd

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Area high school football teams are sliding into week number eight with some answered questions for key matchups including Christiansburg at Patrick Henry, and Radford squaring off with Floyd County.

Christiansburg rushed for a total of 403 yards on the ground in picking up their fifth win of the year, 43-17 over Hidden Valley

Tanner Evans (8 rushes for 71 yards) and Thaxton Henley (8 rushes for 89) led the Christiansburg rushing attack in the first half before both being knocked out of the game. Their return for this week's big matchup with Patrick Henry, who lost last week to Cave Spring, is in doubt. Radford took a break and en-

joyed an open date before facing once-beaten Floyd County, whose only loss came to Christiansburg in Week 1. Since then, the Buffaloes do not have a blemish on

their record, and Friday's night game means the winner will be the Three Rivers District champ. Floyd topped Glenvar in over-

time 33-27 two weeks ago and James River 21-2 this past Friday Floyd has outscored its op-

ponents 171-97 while Radford holds a 287-87 margin. Matt Annis was this week's

player of the week after subbing for the injured Tanner Evans in Christiansburg's win. Annis rushed for 78 yards on seven carseveral punts while also picking off a Hidden Valley pass. The Virginia High School

ries with a score. He also returned

League points standings did not change much this past week. Christiansburg remains in second behind Lord Botetourt, 22.8 to 21.4. Bassett is third at 20.4 and Cave Spring is sneaking up at fourth with 20.3.

In 2C, Radford continues to lead with 25 points with Martinsville hanging around in second at 24.4. Floyd moved into the third spot after their wins this past two weeks.

Grayson County is the 1C leader with George Wythe now in second after their win this past week over Galax.

Area Top Five: 1) Salem, 2) Radford, 3) Christiansburg, 4) Narrows, 5) Floyd.

Predictions this week: Christiansburg 30, Patrick Henry 28; Radford 38, Floyd 14; Narrows 32, Eastern Montgomery 20; Galax 44, Auburn 7; Hidden Valley 27, Blacksburg 14.

Christiansburg downs Hidden Valley 43-17



Christiansburg Recreation cheerleaders joined CHS varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders for the first half of Friday night's homecoming game and recreation



Christiansburg running back Thaxton Henley gets by a Hidden Valley opponent and gains substantial yards for the Demons, setting up another Christiansburg touchdown.



A Hidden Valley running back gets sandwiched by Curtis Altizer (left) and Brody Blount (right) in Friday's 43-17 Blue Demon win. Christiansburg moved to 5-2 on the season.



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Matt Annis (left) recovers a Hidden Valley fumble for the Blue Demons.

Bolen returns to anchor the Hokies

Former Christiansburg High School wrestler Hunter Bolen is returning to the wrestling mat this season for Virginia Tech.

The first wrestler looking to don the maroon and orange for the Hokies once again is the "Christiansburg Cowboy," redshirt senior Hunter Bolen. In high school, he won four district titles, four region titles, and three state titles. In addition, Bolen was a two-time Fargo All-American. In his first collegiate season,

Bolen made the starting lineup at 174 pounds and posted a 20-9 record. During the season, Bolen claimed the Appalachian State Open title, went 3-0 at the Journeymen Collegiate Classic, 3-2 at the Cliff Keen Invitational, 2-2 at the Southern Scuffle. and claimed two victories over ranked opponents. Bolen entered the ACC

Championships as the top seed but fell to North Carolina's Ethan Ramos in the finals. Bolen's runner-up finish automatically qualified him for the NCAA Championships where he went 0-2. Bolen was one of 16 true freshmen to qualify for

the 2018 NCAA Championships. He went on to redshirt in his second collegiate season

and made the move up to 184

pounds. During the season, Bolen accrued a record of 13-1 and was named one of the top redshirts in the country by The Open Mat. He won the Hokie Open with two tech falls and a 4-2 decision over North Carolina's eventual 2019 All-American Chip Ness, won the Wolfpack Open with all of his victories coming by bonus points, and placed second at the Southern Scuffle, falling 4-1 to 2018 NCAA All-American Shakur Rasheed of Penn State in the finals.

In his redshirt sophomore season, Bolen went 24-2 and finished the regular season ranked No.1 by InterMat. Bolen was a key component in Virginia Tech's upset victories over No. 9 Missouri and No. 3 Ohio state as he claimed wins over Dylan Wiseman of Missouri and Zach Steiner of Ohio State. In addition, Bolen won the Navy Classic, picking up two wins over ranked opponents, and placed third at the Cliff Keen Invitational, going 4-1 against ranked opponents. Bolen entered the ACC Championships as the top seed and defeated NC State's

Trent Hidlay to claim his first

ACC title and qualify for the

NCAA Championships, which

were canceled due to COVID.

Bolen was named a first-team

All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

In his fourth collegiate year, Bolen amassed a record of 13-3. He went 8-0 in duals including a 5-0 record in ACC duals. His victory over Trent Hidlay played a major role in Virginia Tech's victory over the Wolfpack to claim the ACC Dual Meet title. His second-place finish qualified him for the NCAA Championships where he was the No. 5 seed. Bolen went on to finish seventh, defeating Binghamton's Lou Deprez in the seventh-place bout to earn his second All-America honor.

In his fifth season with the Hokies, Bolen finished the season with a record of 23-7. He started the season by winning the Southeast Open, claiming three falls, a tech fall, and a major decision along the way, and placed third at the Southern Scuffle. He also played a major role in Virginia Tech's upset over No. 3 Missouri with a decision over eventual All-American Jeremiah Kent. At the ACC Championships, Bolen came in as the No. 3 seed and finished third, falling to North Carolina's Gavin Kane in overtime. His ACC performance qualified him for the NCAA Champion-

ships where he went 1-2 as the

No. 15 seed.

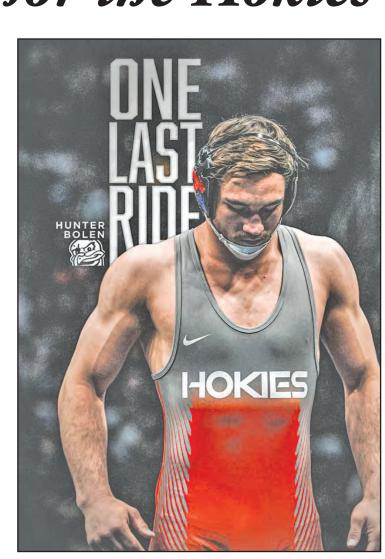


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