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NRV Leading Lights honors 21 local volunteers

New River Valley Leading Lights recently honored 21 community volunteers at a special ceremony held April 23 at the German Club at Virginia Tech.

The New River Valley Leading Lights organization's mission is to acknowledge and honor volunteers across the New River Valley who are making community changing impacts through volunteerism, culminating in an annual celebratory banquet. Jessica Wirgau, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation of the New River Valley, served as this year's guest speaker. High school nominees included Naisha Hudait, Blacksburg High School; and Alexandria Woodward, Floyd County. Sydney Hardwicke, New River Community College student, was the college nominee.

Nominees from Floyd County included Velva and Gordon Groover, Maxine Lewis, Amanda Morgan, and Paul Tremblett. Nominees from Montgomery County included Dr. Wendy Baldwin, Ruth Grene, Gunin Kiran, Marsha Langston Smith, David McEwen & Amy Winkler, Holly McFall, Andrea Muscatello, Clara Taylor, and Anthony Woodyard. Nominees from Pulaski County were Melvin Lester, Sally McCarthy, and Steve Rapp. Radford City nominees included Dr. Florence H. Mogen. Dr. Richard Harshberger of Radford was nominated in the Lifetime Achievement

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NRV LEADING LIGHTS
Naisha Hudait, Blacksburg High School, is this year's recipient of the Montgomery County Leading Lights high school award.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRV LEADING LIGHTS
Dr. Wendy Baldwin is this year's Montgomery County Community Leading Lights award winner.

Blacksburg Town Council to consider speed cameras in school zones

Council also proclaims Emergency Medical Services Week

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BLACKSBURG- On May 14, 2024, the Town Council of Blacksburg introduced a new ordinance that is set for public hearing and voting on June 11, 2024 to approve the installation of speed monitoring devices in school crossings zones.

The ordinance defines photo speed monitoring devices to be radar-base technologies and speed detection that uses photographs, microphotographs, videos or other recorded images of vehicles in these school crossing zones. Blacksburg Police department may install and monitor these devices for the purpose of monitoring speeds and violations in Blacksburg school zones.

"The operator of a vehicle shall be liable for a

monetary civil penalty imposed pursuant to Virginia Code § 46.2-882.1." The Ordinance reads, "if the vehicle is found, as evidenced by information obtained from a photo speed monitoring device, to be traveling at speeds of at least 10 miles per hour above the posted school crossing zone speed limit within such school crossing zone, while such zone is active."

The penalty for violating the speed limits in these areas will be 100 dollars to be paid to the Town of Blacksburg. If these speed monitoring devices are approved on June 11, 2024, there will be signs placed within 1,000 feet of the school crossing zones.

Mayor Leslie Hager-Smith read a proclamation at the end of the May 14, 2024 town council meeting instating the week of May 19, 2024 through May 25, 2024 to be Emergency Medical Services Week in observation of the hard work and importance of Blacksburg and

Montgomery County Emergency Services.

"Emergency Medical Services provide a vital public service," Hager-Smith read, "and the members of emergency medical services' teams are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury. The emergency medical services system consists of: first responders, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical directors, paramedics, dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, administrators, nurses, trained members of the public and other out-of-hospital medical care providers."

The community is encouraged to observe the week of May 19, 2024 through May 25, 2024 in honor of the community's hardworking EMS teams and members.

Montgomery County BOS discusses VDOT updates, upgrades to Old Town Fields

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY- The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met May 13, 2024 in a regular session that highlighted Virginia Department of Transportation updates for Montgomery County and ordinance amendments for Districts Two and Four.

David Clark from the Virginia Department of Transportation presented updates to the Board of Supervisors. His presentation discussed updates on maintenance and progress on the projects for Montgomery County. These updates included discussion of brush cutting and trimming on Rustic Ridge Road and Brush Creek Road in Riner. Mowing

along the roads has started for Montgomery County via the Department of Transportation and the concrete slab on Crab Creek Road is almost done and will soon be ready for asphalt.

During the public hearings portion of the meeting, Marty McMahon, the county attorney, explained that the registrar discovered a discrepancy when the state did their audit in terms of mapping. The mapping error was done at the time of the last census and this required ordinance amending of the Districts Two and Four boundaries in order to move three residents on Laurel Ridge Road in Riner to the District Four precinct. The parcels in question are 2065, 2097 and 2265 on Laurel Ridge Road in Riner. This mapping error caused a split voting precinct which by Virginia state law and mandate

is not allowed. McMahon explained that after the Board of Supervisors approves this amendment, the next step in the process would be to submit a certification of no objection from the Attorney General's office as required by state mandate. This will take some time to process, but it will solve the issue of a split voting precinct. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to resolve this issue and approved it to move forward.

Scott Woodram presented and addressed a proposal for an upgrade to Old Town Fields in Shawsville. These fields are operated and maintained by the Eastmont Community Foundation whose mission it is to support and enhance the quality of life in Eastern Montgomery

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In memoriam: Irving L. Peddrew III

BLACKSBURG - L. Peddrew III of Hampton, who integrated Virginia Tech's classrooms in 1953, passed away on May 11. He was 88.

While enrolled, Peddrew was forced to live and eat off campus. Decades later, he became a namesake of a residence hall that now houses over 200 students and a Black-culture-themed living-learning community.

Peddrew was the first Black student admitted to a historically white, four-year public institution in any of the 11 former states of the confederacy. He arrived in Blacksburg more than half-a-year before the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision, and during his first year was the only African American among the university's 3,322 students.

Although Peddrew chose to withdraw from the university before the start of his senior year, his academic

performance and character impressed many, helping pave the way for other Black students, including three in 1954. In 2003, Virginia Tech named Peddrew-Yates Hall for him and Charlie L. Yates, who became the university's first Black graduate in 1958.

In 2016, Peddrew became just the ninth person to receive an honorary degree from Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech President Tim Sands conferred a bachelor's of engineering to Peddrew during that year's University Commencement.

"Mr. Peddrew endured unfair and oppressive treatment with dignity and strength, hoping to make a difference for those who would follow him — and he did," Sands said. "It was an honor to know him and present him with the Virginia Tech degree he earned. He will be remembered as a leader among those who



PHOTO BY LOGAN WALLACE FOR VIRGINIA TECH
Irving L. Peddrew III at the Black Alumni Reunion in 2016.

laid the foundation for our growth as a diverse and inclusive institution."

Ed Baine, rector of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, said Peddrew was an inspiring figure for generations of Hokies.

"It takes a special person to be a pioneer," said Baine, a member of the Class of 1995. "I'm grateful to Irving Peddrew who opened the door for thousands of Black students who followed at Virginia Tech. As a student, he chose to leave after three years, but he came back to Virginia Tech, time-after-time, later in life, to help connect our community. He was a dear member of the Hokie family, and we extend our condolences to his family. We will all miss him."

Peddrew grew up in a family where education was a priority but expectations of acceptance in the Jim Crow South were tempered. Both his parents attended what is now Hampton University. Peddrew excelled academically at George P. Phenix High School, in Hampton. He played saxophone and clarinet and was a member of the school's marching and concert bands.

When Peddrew considered where to enroll in college he first leaned toward the University of Southern California. A teacher he admired encouraged him to apply to multiple schools in Virginia that had never admitted Black students.

He listened and submitted several in-state



PHOTO BY LOGAN WALLACE FOR VIRGINIA TECH
Peddrew, center, receives an honorary degree from Virginia Tech at the 2016 University Commencement ceremony.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 18:

RE-VISION Concert

At Slusser's Chapel, 1543 Mt. Tabor Rd., Blacksburg. Josh Kaufman, a Blacksburg High School graduate and winner of the VOICE Season 6; Benjy Gaither, singer/songwriter and son of Gloria and Bill Gaither; and Tim Schoepf, singer/musician/producer; have joined their talents to form RE-VISION. This new collaboration has taken them back to sharing songs from the Jesus movement and early days of Christian music. Hear songs from writers such as Andrae Crouch, Mylon LeFevre, Second Chapter of Acts, Love Song and more. You'll be blessed as they share their personal testimonies through song and word. You won't want to miss this. Free admission with a love offering taken during the concert. Tickets are available by calling the church at 540-951-1757. First come, first served.

Radford Summer Concert series

Ryan Perry (country music) will perform on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion; 7 – 9 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Ticket \$5 for adults. Kids 12 and under are free. Food trucks and beverages. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Radford Farmer's Market

Every Saturday through October; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, 600 Unruh Dr. Visit weekly for an ever-changing supply of homemade goodies, crafts, plants, meats, produce, and more.

Tuesday, May 21:

TRIAD/S.A.L.T. meeting

TRIAD/S.A.L.T. is a cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies (police/sheriffs), senior citizens, and senior organization, focused on reducing crimes against our most vulnerable citizens: our seniors. The speaker for the May TRIAD meeting will be Pam Wade from Christian Travel. She will be talking about safety concerns in regard to traveling and the best options for seniors who are ready to see the world. TRIAD meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Christiansburg Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Wednesday, May 22:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>. Thursday, May 23:

Spring into Summer Event

Join the Town of Christiansburg at Christiansburg Huckleberry Park for the park's plaque unveiling at 11 a.m., and a full day of free activities, including: petting zoo, warrior challenge course contest, guided telescope stargazing, ultimate frisbee, 40-yard dash contest, yoga, bingo, dog training demo, fitness programs and horticulture walking tour. Be sure to check the Facebook event discussion regularly for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/events/4004717339799280/>.

Beach Bash

Join the Christiansburg Aquatic Center at 5:30 p.m. for an evening of music, food, games and swimming. The Beach Bash is a kid friendly event that will feature mermaids, a pirate, corn hole, pirate coin toss and raffles to win membership giveaways. Live music on the patio by Last Chance Duo, also compete in a limbo contest to win prizes. Tickets are now available for purchase with a limited number being sold. Each ticket is \$12 per person (for ages three and up) and will include a meal and drink provided by Simple Fixins. To purchase tickets, visit cacpool.com or call 540-381-7665.

Saturday, May 25:

Wilderness Road Ride

The 33rd Annual Wilderness Road Ride starts and finishes in Radford's Bisset Park. The Wilderness Road Ride is a scenic and historical adventure that follows part of Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road. This is a recreational ride on paved roads for all cycling levels to enjoy, with something for everyone - five routes to choose from ranging from a 26-mile relaxed journey for novices and e-bikes, to a century challenge for the fittest cyclist. This is a great ride for cyclists of all ages and athletic abilities. Rest stops are fully stocked to fuel the riders. For times and registration information, log onto wildernessroadride.org.

Sunday, May 26:

Vintage Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The market is made up

of a carefully chosen group of vendors selling a wide selection of quality vintage items, upcycled crafts, and occasional antiques. For more information, visit blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/

Monday, May 27:

No Radford City Council meeting

Due to Memorial Day, the Radford City Council will NOT hold its regularly scheduled meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10.

Va. Dept. of Veterans Services Memorial Day ceremony

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) will again host four Memorial Day Ceremonies on Monday, May 27, 2024, including at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Vice Admiral Evan M. Chanik, (U.S. Navy, Retired). The cemetery address is 5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, Va. 24084. Admission is free. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

Tuesday, May 28:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month 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 televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the BOS will meet Tuesday, May 28. Public meetings are normally held the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and 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.

Community members address Christiansburg council in favor of dryland facility at aquatic center

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CHRISTIANSBURG- During the public hearings portion of the May 14, 2024 Christiansburg Town Council meeting, a request was made for the Aquatics Ground Lease Agreement with NRVA Inc. (New River Valley Aquatics) and H2Okies Aquatics to be voted on within the next two weeks.

The Aquatics Ground Lease Agreement in question is for land for the construction of a dryland facility adjacent to the Christiansburg Aquatic Center for the community as well as for organizations like H2Okies Aquatics. The town would lease the land to the organizations and the organizations would construct the facility, which would provide a space for the community and swimmers' strength and conditioning outside of the pool.

H2Okies Aquatics is a swim team organization offering swim training to residents aged four years old, with their Stroke School Program, to 18, with their Senior Program. They strive to keep children active, healthy and achieving their sports goals.

Young citizens of Christiansburg addressed the town council in favor of the dryland facility, as people who would immediately benefit from such a facility.

"I have been swimming with H2Okies since I was seven," Laney Alderman, an

incoming Christiansburg High School freshman said. "It's a huge part of my life. Swimming is my passion and being the best swimmer I can be is my focus. Swimming is a sport that requires a lot of time and a lot of different components, dryland being a major component. Drills and repetition and laps in the pool are crucial, but without dryland and being able to build our strength and endurance, we can only get so far. Having a dryland facility onsite would make access in accomplishing our goals so much easier to attain."

Alderman said she wishes to continue her swimming career with the goal of becoming a division one swimmer in her college years. Her peers, Emily Sanford and Michael Ridge, also spoke to the town council about the importance of a dryland facility for swimmers like them and for their community. They said they are not only concerned about the convenience for themselves, but the other Christiansburg community members who will follow in their footsteps.

"I know a dryland facility on the property will make a huge difference," said Ridge, 14, "not only helping me, but making our H2Okies program even better. I have three younger siblings; two of them already swim with the H2Okies and my younger sister, who is five, is already begging to join. A dryland addition to our program will impact not

only my training, but it will contribute to the success of my siblings for more than a decade to come as they train here."

The aquatic center is a hub for the Town of Christiansburg not only for sports purposes, but for community

engagement as well. The council heard from parents and staff as well and thanked the young community members for using their voices. The council will not vote on this issue for another two weeks.

Successful Sip + Shop for The Chandlerie



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

The Chandlerie storefront is decorated for the Sip+Shop event.

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CHRISTIANSBURG- The Chandlerie recently celebrated their first anniversary in conjunction with their monthly Sip + Shop Event.

Community members were able to browse the store, snack on sweet treats and enjoy a coffee from Space Rabbit Coffee. The Chandlerie also held a candle pouring workshop.

Business owner Astleigh Hill says The Chandlerie's mission is not only to bring a light and wonderful scents to residents homes, but also to be a space where residents can learn and other small businesses can share a space during

events.

Candle workshops are available by reservation during the business's weekly hours and on Saturdays. They are held to celebrate events such as birthdays but to also spread knowledge and joy.

With May's Sip+Shop event corresponding with their first anniversary as a business, the staff were excited to share this occasion with the community. Community members enjoyed having informed staff to ask questions, three different flavors of Space Rabbit Coffee and smelling the new spring/summer line of candles at the Candle Library wall.

"I'm excited to see how it plays out," Hill said, "and what it might inspire from there."

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Blacksburg High alumnus graduates from University of Alabama in just two years

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BHS Class of 2022 graduate Chase Beams in front of his home.

BLACKSBURG - Chase Beams, Blacksburg High School Class of 2022 alumnus, recently graduated from the University of Alabama after just two years and will begin his master's degree at Virginia Tech in the fall.

Beams took multiple AP courses and dual-enrollment courses while enrolled in Montgomery County Public Schools, which he attributes to his success. He began taking advanced classes as early as eighth grade, starting with a Precalculus and Trigonometry class. From then forward, Beams took math, history, english and economics courses while still completing the standard high school curriculum. During the summer in between his high school graduation and starting at University of Alabama, he took courses through New River Community College.

In terms of his success, Beams highlighted how many opportunities Blacksburg High

School and New River Community College offered him, and their current students, to advance and tackle some of those college credits.

Beams graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. He achieved Summa Cum Laude at graduation, the highest honors with a 4.0 grade point average. He was on the President's List every semester as well

as Accounting Society Honors. Before beginning at the University of Alabama, Chase Beams was a National Merit Finalist and received the National Merit Scholarship which paid full tuition and housing for Beams in Alabama. He will begin an accounting internship with Ernest and Young within the next few weeks and is set to begin his master's degree in accounting at Virginia

Tech with a graduate assistantship.

"I am very goal-oriented more than method oriented," Beams said. "I put a lot of work in towards my goals. It is important, for this kind of thing, to have a clear path set out."

Beams says he hopes to pass the CPA exam while he's completing his master's degree and stay with an accounting firm for a while before going to get his Ph.D in accounting and become a professor like his father.

Beams' advice for current Montgomery County Public School students is to remind them they can take AP and dual-enrollment classes from any Montgomery County School or New River Community College, if they want to.

"You can start as early as you want to, depending on your goals," Beams said, "If you're in high school, you don't have to take every AP class and stress yourself out about the future, but if you're someone who wants to graduate early, you can take AP tests and classes. You can get college credit."

Kroontje Center at Warm Hearth Village celebrating five-star achievement

BLACKSBURG - Andy Jones, Administrator, and the staff at Kroontje Health Care Center (KHCC) are celebrating their most recent achievement - receiving a Five-Star rating following their deficiency-free survey.

The Kroontje Center is the only long-term healthcare provider in the New River Valley rated at Five Stars by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The center is home to residents in levels that include assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing care and is part

of Warm Hearth Village, a nonprofit senior living community offering a full-continuum of living options in Blacksburg that is celebrating its 50-year anniversary in 2024.

"We are very fortunate to have a stable, dedicated team of caregivers who are focused on delivering the highest quality of care and services to our residents," said Jones. "I couldn't be more proud of this team and we strive to maintain this standard every day."

The overall rating is based upon CMS measures that include not

only survey compliance but staffing and quality of care as well.

"This is a true testament to the commitment of our dedicated staff and the care provided to those we serve. It is an honor to have such a strong team remaining steadfast to our mission," said President and CEO William Lester said. "We are blessed at Warm Hearth to have a committed team willing to push through all the challenges they face while ensuring the residents come first."

Warm Hearth Village

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All taxes must be paid no later than June 5, 2024 to avoid additional fees, penalty, and interest starting June 6, 2024. All payments made by mail must bear a postmark no later than June 5, 2024 to avoid penalty and interest. Taxes may be paid in person, online or by mail:

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTION INFORMATION

June 18, 2024
Republican Primary for US Senate

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

In-Person Early Voting at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
1546 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA.
May 3 - June 14, 2024 from 8:30am - 5pm

The office will be closed for the holiday on May 27, 2024.

In addition, we will be open from 9am to 5pm Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Saturday, June 15, 2024

Note: The last day qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot by mail: Friday, June 7, 2024 by 5:00 PM

A Ballot Drop Box will be available inside the Montgomery County Office of Elections from May 3, 2024 - June 18, 2024, during normal business hours.

For this election ONLY, if your polling location is Belview Elementary School, Precinct B-3, you will have a Temporary change. Your polling place will be the Belmont Christian Church, Precinct B-2, located at 1500 Peppers Ferry Rd, NW, Christiansburg. This is due to major HVAC renovations at the school.

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The Constitution of Virginia requires that in order to be qualified to vote in the General & Primary Election you must be a citizen of the United States, be eighteen years of age on or before the next General Election, have domicile and a place of abode in Montgomery County and that you be registered in the precinct in which you reside.

An acceptable ID will be required when you vote. A voter may show either voter registration confirmation documents, valid Virginia Driver's License, valid United States Passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; any valid employer identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Contact the Montgomery County Office of Elections if you have any questions at 540-382-5741 or the Department of Elections at elections.virginia.gov.

Connie Viar
Director of Elections/General Registrar

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLAN OF FINANCE AND REFUNDING REVENUE BOND REFINANCING BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF PROVIDENT GROUP - RADFORD PROPERTIES LLC

Notice is hereby given that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia (the "Authority"), whose address is 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141, will conduct a public hearing on the application of Provident Group - Radford Properties LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, including any subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns thereof (the "Borrower"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Provident Resources Group Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation ("PRG"), whose address is 5565 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, for the issuance by the Authority of up to \$30,000,000 of its refunding revenue bonds (the "Bonds") at one time or from time to time in one or more series as part of a plan of finance to assist the Borrower in financing or refinancing certain of the costs of (a) refunding the outstanding Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia, Revenue Bonds (Provident

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Group - Radford University Hotel Project), First-Tier Series 2021A-1 (Taxable), the Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia, Revenue Bonds (Provident Group - Radford University Hotel Project), First-Tier Series 2021A-2, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Radford, Virginia, Revenue Bonds (Provident Group - Radford University Hotel Project), Second-Tier Series 2021B (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), which financed a portion of the cost of the acquisition, construction and equipping of an approximately 124-key hotel consisting of approximately 88,000 gross square feet, including approximately 4,000 gross square feet of conference space (the "Hotel Facilities") and the funding of a debt service reserve fund, capitalized interest fund, operations reserve fund, working capital fund, and costs of issuance fund; and (b) the costs of issuance relating to the Bonds (collectively, the "Refunding Project" and the "Plan of Finance"). The Hotel Facilities are open for business to the public, known as The Highlander Hotel Radford, and located at 600 Tyler Avenue, in the City of Radford, Virginia 24142. The Hotel Facilities are owned, operated and principally used by the Borrower for the benefit of Radford University (the "University") and the Radford University Foundation, Incorporated, a Virginia nonprofit corporation, or a wholly owned subsidiary thereof (collectively, the "Foundation") and for the purpose of lessening the burdens of the City of Radford, Virginia (the

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"City"), by fostering economic development and promoting the public good and general welfare of the City. All or a portion of the Bonds are expected to be issued as "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Borrower is a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes, and each of PRG and the Foundation is exempt from the payment of federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code, as an entity organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. When all of the Bonds have been repaid, ownership of the Hotel Facilities will be transferred to the Foundation for the benefit of the University.

The issuance of the Bonds as requested by the Borrower will not constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Radford, Virginia, or any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the Authority, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof will be pledged to the payment of the Bonds. This notice is intended to comply with the public notice requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on May 23, 2024 before the Authority, in the Council Chambers of the City Administrative Building located at 10 Robertson

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Street, Radford, Virginia 24141. Any person interested in the plan of finance, the issuance of the Bonds or the location or nature of the proposed Hotel Facilities may appear at the hearing and present his or her views, or submit written comments prior to the hearing to the attention of the Authority in care of Kim Repass, Economic Development Director, City of Radford, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for the expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for the introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the plan of finance, the issuance of the proposed Bonds and the refinancing of the Hotel Facilities.

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The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Foster Oduro Kissi, Casey Kellogg, Benjamin Schwab, Michael Whitby, Mary Moore, Fatemeh Ghafouri, Ahmed Meselhy, Toufic Saleh, Chloe Taylor, Sean Chambers, Amal Almalkawi, Hannah Tripoli, Rana Estaleen, Duncan Irvine, Rebecca Martin, Saadia Ali, Atif Ali, Kimia Ehsani, Karah McClafferty, Hamid Hadian, Aditya Narkhede, Alberta Dadeboe, Sadeh Haghghat, Giovanni Mantovani, James McGrath III and Yueyan Gu, all of Blacksburg, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. Also, Mattia Gramuglia and Joshua Heuler, of Christiansburg, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and Katherine Widner, of Christiansburg, at James Madison University.

Also, Ashley Brewster, Sharon Carroll, Jada Conner, Margaret Dent, Mara Duckworth, Hannah Fleenor, Morgan Gibson, Kaylee Golder, Cora Holdren, Alexis Ridgway and Kylie Satterfield, all of Radford, and Kimberly Ford and Caitlyn Pharis, of Christiansburg, at Radford University.

Phi Kappa Phi membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897. Its mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Area students graduate from University of Georgia

Justin Sherod Cousin, of Radford, and Jennifer Rentschler, of Blacksburg, are among the more than 8,000 graduates in the University of Georgia's Class of 2024.

Cousin graduated with an MA Nonprofit Management & Leadership degree. Rentschler graduated with a PHD in Education. "We are excited to celebrate the achievements of our University of Georgia students in the Class of 2024," said President Jere W. Morehead. "We look forward to all the ways these students will positively impact their communities and organizations as alumni of the University of Georgia."

Emma Bosman achieves Dean's List at Belmont University

Emma Bosman, of Blacksburg, was named among the students who qualified for Belmont University's spring 2024 Dean's List. "Earning a place on the Dean's List is a testament to the unwavering diligence, tenacity and commitment to scholarly distinction exhibited by Belmont's promising students," said Belmont University Provost Dr. David Gregory. "The ability to excel both inside and outside the classroom emphasizes these students' exceptional character and drive, and it is an honor for me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one. Whether they are contributing to the arts, pioneering groundbreaking research or championing important causes, they have consistently demonstrated the same level of passion and excellence that has brought them to this momentous academic achievement."

Cameron Earle of Blacksburg completes intensive research project

Cameron Earle, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Robotics Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), recently completed a senior thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience. The project, Autonomous 3D Welding with an Industrial Robotic Manipulator, was Earle's Major Qualifying Project (MQP), one that is usually team-based and often focuses on very specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the student's work.

"It's inspiring to see the creativity and skills that our students bring to these projects, as well as the professionalism with which they present their research,"

says Arne Gericke, interim dean of undergraduate studies and director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "Their experience managing a major project like this—including identifying a problem and researching all of the implications and possible solutions while also managing team dynamics over an extended period of several months—sets them up well for success not only in their first jobs after graduation but throughout their careers."

Caroline Jones recognized by UNG president for earning 4.0 GPA

Caroline Jones, of Blacksburg, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at the University of North Georgia (UNG) for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during spring 2024. Jones graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from UNG.

Local student named to Bridgewater College's Spring 2024 Dean's List

BRIDGEWATER - The Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester at Bridgewater College has been announced by Dr. Jamie J. Frueh, associate provost. Approximately 560 students were named to the list, including Emelyn Koene, an English and communication, technology and culture major from Blacksburg. Students on the Dean's List have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Katlin Vaught named to SNHU Dean's List

Katlin Vaught of Radford has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2024 Dean's List. The winter terms run from January to May. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

SNHU announces Winter 2024 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2024 President's List: Thomas Floyd and Sherif Mahmoud, both of Radford. The winter terms run from January to May. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

United Way of Southwest Virginia (UWSWVA) hosts event to honor community service

Businesses, leaders, and residents from across Southwest Virginia and the New River Valley came together to celebrate the people and organizations that help our communities thrive.

A record crowd gathered in the Grand Hall inside the Higher Education Center in Abingdon to celebrate the best of Southwest Virginia and the New River Valley on Tuesday night. United Way of Southwest Virginia (UWSWVA) hosts this event annually to honor outstanding individuals and organizations' service to communities.

The highlight of the annual event is the Woman of Distinction award. This award honors notable leaders in the community who also enable others to give of themselves. Previous winners include Dr. Rachel Fowlkes, Dr. Karen Shelton, and Virginia Pillion. This year's award recognized a budding philanthropist and community activist, Emma

Hurley. A current senior student at John S. Battle High School, Hurley is the first-ever John S. Battle High School graduate to participate in the prestigious Roan Scholars Leadership Program and she started JSB Gives Back, a care closet for students in need at school. The closet includes donated personal hygiene products, clothing, and other items that students need to show up at school ready to learn. In her acceptance speech, Hurley also thanked Principal Jimmy King for helping students recognize that teens can make a big difference.

The outgoing Board Chair for UWSWVA, Brendan McSheehy, received the Recognition of Service Award. Denise McGeorge was honored with the Unsung Hero Award for her work in the Buchanan County floods in both Hurley and Whitewood.

Other honorees included:
 • Elite Partners: Ballad Health, Food City, Universal Fibers, Utility

Trailer: Atkins and Utility Trailer: Glade Spring

- Top Fundraiser for Celebrity Bagging: Lawrence Brothers, Inc.
- Top Giver: Food City
- Emerging Partner of the Year: First Community Bank
- Workplace Campaign of the Year: Carter Bank and Trust
- Agency Partner of the Year: New River Community Action

"United Way of Southwest Virginia has been a pillar in the community for over 60 years, and that history and impact is only possible because of the incredible support of everyone across our region," said Travis Staton, Interim President & CEO of United Way of Southwest Virginia. "It's also important to recognize the emerging leaders within our midst, like Emma Hurley. They are the future board members, volunteers, and community leaders that will keep our region healthy and strong."

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OBITUARIES

Flinchum, Daisy Mae McCoy

Daisy Mae McCoy Flinchum, 84, of Parrott, passed away Monday, May 13, 2024.

She actively served her community, supporting the boy scouts and the local volunteer fire department. Daisy really lived up to her name as an avid gardener, growing her beautiful flowers and being a local florist for many years.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, Ronnie Lefrage Flinchum; her parents, Homer Earl and Evelyn Ford McCoy; her brother, Kenneth Earl McCoy; and her son-in-law, John Yeatts.

Survivors include her daughter, Rhonda Ford; sons and daughters-in-



law, Dwight Flinchum (Suzen), Michael Flinchum (Karen) and Monte Flinchum; grandchildren, Meghan, Whitney, Jessica, Jonathan, Chelsey, Connor, Emily and Sarah; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters and brother-in-law, JoAnn Behling, and June Stephens (Patrick); special friend and Pastor Teresa Tolbert; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and special friends.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Brown Cemetery in Belspring, with Pastor Teresa Tolbert officiating.

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

Clemons, Larry Dale

Larry Dale Clemons, 74, of Parrott, passed away on Monday, May 13, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Mary Clemons; and his brothers, Marvin and Don Clemons.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bettie Lee Clemons; daughter, Denise

Clemons; granddaughter, Dawn Haley; great-granddaughter, Alex Haley; sister, Julia Frith; and many other family members and friends.

Per his request, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Clemons family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sundays at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

St. Thomas Anglican Church - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

Faith Christian Church of Christ, 305 3rd Street, Christiansburg, David Rhudy, Minister, 382-4628, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Worship 6:30 pm; Wednesday night Bible Study for Women and Men 6:30 pm. We welcome you to any and all of our services.

CHURCH OF GOD

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School- 10:00A.M. Morning Worship- 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night - 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office - 540-639-6562 or 804- 921-0828.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Hal Sonafrank, 1-336-583-4822. Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob.org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

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WATCH OUT FOR PRIDE

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Uzziah became king in Judah at sixteen years of age. During his reign, he fortified towers, dug wells, increased agriculture, invented weapons, and raised an impressive army. However, after forty blessed and prosperous years as king, he made a monumental mistake in judgment. He let pride settle in.

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belonging to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

Pride can slip into a believer's life almost unnoticed. The consequences are never good. If pride ever raises its ugly head, deal with it immediately. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Thought for Today: Humility is our best defense against pride.

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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LUTHERAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email lutheremorialblacksburg@gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

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Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.

Christian Growth Center, 1850 Electic Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service *Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission: Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-2908.

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Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church, 5007 Jewell Dr., Shawsville Va. Sunday morning service 11am. Pastor Tim Clyburn. 8 miles from Shawsville Rt 460, on Alleghany Spring Rd.

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

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Montgomery County NRV Leading Lights award nominees included (From left) Gunin Kiran, Holly McFall, Amy Winkler, David McEwen, Clara Taylor, Marsha Langston Smith and Dr. Wendy Baldwin.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRV LEADING LIGHTS

This year's NRV Leading Lights winners from throughout the NRV include (First row from left) Gunin Kiran, Amanda Morgan, Dr. Florence H. Mogen, Dr. Wendy Baldwin, Naisha Hudait, Clara Taylor, Dr. Richard Harshberger, and Velta Groover and (Second row from left) Steve Rapp, Melvin Lester, Holly McFall, David McEwen, Amy Winkler, Marsha Langston Smith, and Gordon Groover.

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category. From the 21 nominees, nine were chosen as Distinguished Recipients.

The 2024 Leading Lights Distinguished Recipients honored included Alexandra Woodward (High School Award), Naisha Hudait (High School Award - Robert "Bob" Job III Memorial Award), Sydney Hardwicke (College Award), Amanda Morgan (Floyd Community Award), Ruth Grene (Montgomery Community Award), Dr. Wendy Baldwin (Montgomery Community Award - Jim and Lenna Moore Memorial Award), Sally McCarthy (Pulaski Community Award), and Dr. Florence H. Mogen (Radford Community Award). Dr. Richard Harshberger of Radford was named as the German Club Alumni Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

The community Distinguished Recipients receive \$500 to direct to

a non-profit of their choice, and the Lifetime Achievement recipient receives \$1,000 to direct. The nominees' volunteer efforts include work with food pantries, the Free Clinic, afterschool programs, community groups, retirement communities, schools, literacy groups, history groups, and many more. NRV Leading Lights was established in 2007, prompted by the outpouring of voluntary service after the April 16 events at Virginia Tech. The first Leading Lights Recognition Event was held in April 2009. These annual events highlight the extraordinary compassion of ordinary citizens who united in service to others. To learn more about NRV Leading Lights, visit www.leadinglightsnrv.org. NRV Leading Lights will be seeking volunteer nominations at a later date for the 2025 awards.

New River Valley Leading Lights

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applications. Only Virginia Tech said "yes," but it came with a catch that Peddrew discovered after arriving in Blacksburg. He could not live on campus or eat in the dining facilities. He wound up lodging with a Black couple, Janie and William Hoge, at their home on Clay Street.

"I thought I would be a part of the student body all around," Peddrew said in 2020. "I didn't know about all the restrictions. But since I was there, I said, 'Well, let's make the best of it.'"

Across interviews conducted in 2002, 2020, and 2021, Peddrew described both pleasant and painful moments. He felt like part of a team during Corps of Cadets drills. Multiple classmates told him they would be happy to room with him, if allowed. Johnson Publications, which put out Ebony and Jet magazines, sent a photographer to campus to cover him.

Peddrew recalled Virginia Tech administrators telling him, "Because of my performance and the way I carried myself during my first year, my freshman year, they were convinced that it didn't necessarily have to be a problem accepting more Black students."

He also recalled the painful decision he made, under social pressure, not to attend the Ring Dance, an event that celebrates the transition from junior to senior year. Rumors swirled at the time that nearby women's schools would not allow their students to attend the dance if Peddrew went. While the rumors proved unfounded, Peddrew ultimately decided not to go.

Around that time, through his involvement with the YMCA, Peddrew traveled to the West Coast as part of a project called Students in Vocation, met peers from all over the country, and decided not to return to Virginia Tech.

He continued his education at the University of Southern California and built a career in business, working out of San Francisco, then Los Angeles, in positions that allowed him to travel extensively.

Eventually, he returned to Virginia. He worked at Newport News Shipbuilding and at Hampton University before retiring in 1994.

When Peddrew reconnected with Virginia Tech later in life, he got a very different reception. Fifty years after his pioneering enrollment, more than 500 people attended the ceremony to dedicate Peddrew-Yates Hall, the university's first building named for African Americans.

"Back then, I wasn't even allowed to live on campus," Peddrew said at the ceremony. "So while this is an ironic honor, it is still a great honor and one that my family and I will cherish."

After moving back to Hampton, Peddrew became close friends with Jim Watkins '71, a dentist who also lives in that city. Watkins has been involved in Virginia Tech's Black Alumni Reunion program since its inception and is on the board of the Virginia Tech Black Alumni Society; and often accompanied Peddrew to university events. One such event was the 2016 University Commencement, when Peddrew received his honorary degree.

"I know he appreciated that," Watkins said. "He was really beaming. I won't say it felt as good for him as it would have had he gotten it at age 21, but I know he appreciated it. I, as a Black alum, appreciated it. I felt closer to Virginia Tech that day than I did at my own graduation — more than I ever have, except maybe at my grandson's graduation from Virginia Tech in 2021."

In 2017, a year after receiving his honorary degree, Peddrew returned to campus to give the keynote address at a conference for students, faculty, and staff hosted by the Virginia Tech Black Male Excellence Network.

"It was almost a full-circle moment," recalled graduate degree alumnus Tommy Amal '14, who helped coordinate the event while working for the university's Student Success Center. "We had all these participants, young Black men, many in the Corps of Cadets or who were actually living in Peddrew-Yates Hall at the time and were able to see their lives reflected in his story. It's a tremendous story."

In another full-circle moment Peddrew, who felt so unwelcome at the 1956 Ring Dance that he skipped it, was chosen by the Class of 2023 to be its ring namesake.

"I wasn't fully a student," Peddrew said when the honor was announced. "I wasn't fully accepted, and now I am. I am. I really feel part of the university, and I can say, 'That I May Serve.'"

Mark Owczarski for Virginia Tech

Appalachian Power seeks proposals for renewable energy and battery energy storage resources

Appalachian Power is seeking proposals for renewable energy and battery energy storage resources that will help the company meet its future clean energy needs.

The three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were issued today for wind, solar, battery energy storage systems and renewable energy certificates.

Under the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA), Appalachian Power must meet annual escalating Renewable Energy Portfolio (RPS) requirements enroute to delivering 100 percent carbon-free energy to its Virginia customers by 2050. In addition to complying with the requirements in the VCEA, the company is soliciting bids for West Virginia-sited solar and battery energy storage resources in support of West Virginia Senate Bill 583.

"The advertised RFPs play an important role in helping us meet our clean energy commitments," said Aaron Walker, Appalachian Power president and chief operating officer. "These projects will also support local communities by generating jobs and tax base."

The first RFP requests bids for up to 800 megawatts (MW) of wind and/or solar resources, as

well as co-located and standalone battery energy storage systems. The company seeks to acquire completed or development stage projects through one or more purchase and sale agreements (PSAs) with a preference for projects located in Virginia or on eligible sites in West Virginia as defined in Senate Bill 583. Eligible sites in West Virginia are those previously used in electric generation, industrial, manufacturing or mining operations, including, but not limited to, brownfields, closed landfills, hazardous waste sites, former industrial sites, and former mining sites. Facilities must achieve a commercial operation date of no later than Dec. 15, 2028, and be within the PJM region and/or interconnected to the Appalachian Power distribution system. To qualify for consideration, resources that interconnect to PJM must be at least 50 MW in size for wind and solar and 10 MW in size for standalone battery energy storage systems. Resources that interconnect to the Appalachian Power Appalachian Power distribution system must be at least 10 MW in size. The company is requesting proposals for both new and operational projects.

The second RFP requests bids for up to 300 MW of solar and/or wind resources via one or more long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs). With a PPA, the company enters into an agreement for the energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental attributes including renewable energy certificates (RECs) from facilities located within the PJM region and/or interconnected to the Appalachian Power distribution system. To qualify for consideration, resources must be at least 50 MW in size for wind and 5 MW in size for solar and be operational by Dec. 31, 2028.

The third RFP centers on renewable energy

certificates (RECs). A REC is a market-based instrument issued when one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity is generated and delivered to the electricity grid from a renewable energy resource. Under the RFP, all RECs purchased must be produced from eligible energy resources as defined in Section 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia. Bidders may submit proposals for contract terms between five-and-30-years beginning Jan. 1, 2027; however, alternative terms will also be considered.

Businesses seeking to submit a proposal may access RFP participation criteria, required forms, and other specifics online at www.appalachianpower.com/rfp. Proposals must be submitted by July 16, 2024. Any project selected by Appalachian Power through the RFP process is conditional upon and subject to approval by

the required regulatory authorities.

Appalachian Power has one million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's nearly 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.6 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 29,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including nearly 6,000 megawatts of renewable energy.

Appalachian Power

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Council of the Town of Christiansburg on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Room of the Town Hall, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia for the purpose of discussing the Proposed Budget for FY 2024-2025.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

REVENUE		APPROPRIATIONS	
Revenue General Fund	38,427,258	General Fund Operating	36,088,973
Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	9,826,562	General Fund Capital Acquisitions	11,613,418
Use of reserves Assigned Fund Balances	6,764,835	Cemetery Fund Operating	307,720
Cemetery Fund	116,000	Cemetery Fund Capital Acquisitions	65,000
Special Revenue Fund	4,773,958	Capital Project Funds	16,133,832
Special Revenue Fund Carryover	139,320	Special Revenue Fund	5,579,050
Capital Project Funds	10,233,165	Water and Sewer Enterprise Operating	10,750,700
Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund	15,788,896	Water and Sewer Enterprise Capital Acquisitions	24,053,377
Use of Carry over Water and Sewer	4,015,182	Storm Water Utility Enterprise Operating	898,496
Loan Proceeds Water and Sewer	15,000,000	Storm Water Utility Enterprise Capital Acquisitions	6,377,792
Revenue Storm Water Utility Fund	1,486,000		
Storm Water Grants	2,739,333		
Use of Carry over Storm Water Fund	2,557,849		
Total Revenue/Sources	111,868,358	Total Expenditures/appropriations	111,868,358

The Proposed Budget may be examined on weekdays at the office of the Town Manager, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on the Town Web Site, www.christiansburg.org. Interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comments.

A copy of the draft budget is available for review at the following link: <https://www.christiansburg.org/997/Current-Budget>

Randy Wingfield, Town Manager

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

RU adds two to basketball rosters

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The Radford University men's and women's basketball teams continue to add to their roster for this upcoming season.

The Radford men have picked up another player thanks to the transfer portal. Florida Atlantic's Isaiah Gaines is coming to the New River Valley.

Coach Darris Nichols expressed excitement over Gains.

"He is a very talented player and versatile," said Nichols. "He is a worker and has been a part of an amazing run at FAU, he brings a winning pedigree and mindset. He will make an impact right away."

The Pensacola, Fla. native appeared in 25 games with the Owls and was a member of the 2022-23 team

that made an appearance in the Final Four at the 2023 NCAA Tournament. Gains earned a season-high six rebounds against Detroit Mercy during the 2023-24 season. Additionally, he scored a season-high seven points in win against Eastern Michigan.

The women's team has added Angelina Nice, a 6-1 guard from Woodgrove, Va.

Radford Women's Basketball Head Coach Mike McGuire announced the addition of Nice, an incoming freshman, to the Highlanders for the upcoming 2024-25 season.

She was a member of the VHSL 4A State Championship team, scoring 17 points and 12 rebounds in the state final against 2023 champion Hampton and averaged 18.6 points, 4.7 assists, 7.9 rebounds and 4.8 steals per game during her senior season.

Nice recorded a 40-point game during her senior

campaign against Surrattsville (MD) at the Oakton HS Cougar Holiday Tournament and was a McDonald's All-American Nominee, VHSL 4A State Player of the Year and VHSL 4C Regional Player of the Year and the Catoctin District Player of the Year.

McGuire said Nice caught his staff's eyes at their elite camp.

"Her effort, athleticism, and upside really stood out to us," he said. "She is a versatile player that has a strong motor and can make things happen on both ends of the floor. We think she will take off and flourish in a Radford uniform. Angelina is a winner and played for a state championship program at Woodgrove under Derek Fisher, one of the best high school coaches in the Commonwealth. We are excited that Angelina has chosen Radford and look forward to her impact for years to come."

Chick receives Big South's Christenberry award

Radford University's Kristen Chick (women's soccer) has been awarded the 2024 Big South Conference Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence, the league office announced Wednesday afternoon. The prestigious honor is given to the male and female student-athletes who attain the highest GPA during their undergraduate collegiate careers. Big South member institutions nominate one male and one female undergraduate student-athlete for the annual Christenberry Award. The honor is named for George A. Christenberry, the former President of Augusta College (now Augusta University) and one of the founders of the Big South Conference. A member of the Big South Hall of Fame, Christenberry served as the league's first President from 1983-86. Chick has been a valuable



Photo courtesy of RU Athletics

member of the Highlanders women's soccer team in her three seasons. The senior was a team-first teammate filling whatever

role needed. Her positive attitude and mentorship have been a shining example to many young players. In 2023, she suffered a

season-ending injury that kept her off the field, but she came back for her senior day to make her first career start. Off the

field, she achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA majoring in Allied Health Sciences while participating in the school's FCA program and volunteering countless hours at her former high school. The Roanoke native becomes the 19th Highlander to ever receive the distinction. Radford has now had at least one student-athlete earn the award in each of the last four years. 2024 Christenberry Award Recipients

Alexandra Haasser, Gardner-Webb (Women's Swimming)

William Johnson, Presbyterian (Men's Cross Country)

Lorenzo Nagy, Presbyterian (Men's Soccer)

Kristen Chick, Radford (Women's Soccer)

Jon Brann Reid, UNC Asheville (Men's Tennis)

Ariona Elkins, UNC Asheville (Volleyball)

Radford University Athletics

TV designations announced for five ACC football contests

Television designations for five premier Atlantic Coast Conference football games were announced Tuesday, May 14 as part of the ESPN Up Front presentation.

The 2024 fall season will be the first to feature 17 ACC football programs with the addition of Cal, SMU and Stanford. The 17-team conference scheduling model was announced last October.

Week 0 – Saturday, Aug. 24

2024 Aer Lingus College Football Classic (Dublin, Ireland) – Florida State vs. Georgia Tech, noon ET on ESPN

Week 1 – Friday, Aug. 30

TCU at Stanford, 10:30 p.m. ET on ESPN

Week 1 – Saturday, Aug. 31

2024 Aflac Kickoff Game – Clemson vs. Georgia, noon ET on ABC

Miami at Florida, 3:30 p.m. ET on ABC

Week 1 – Monday, Sept. 2

Boston College at Florida State, 7:30 p.m. on ESPN

"We look forward to the upcoming football season that will feature 17 league football

members competing on a national stage," said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. "We appreciate our Disney and ESPN partners and look forward to kicking off the season on August 24, with ESPN's College GameDay making its first trip outside of the United States to feature Florida State and Georgia Tech in the 2024 Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin, Ireland."

ESPN's College GameDay Built by The Home Depot will broadcast live for the first time from Dublin, Ireland, for the Week 0 ACC matchup between Florida State and Georgia Tech to kick off the 2024 season. This will mark the first time that ESPN's College GameDay Built by The Home Depot will emanate from outside the United States.

The ACC's non-conference schedule continues to be among the most challenging in the country. In addition to 27 games against Power 4 opponents, including Notre Dame, the ACC will play nine non-conference games against teams ranked in the final 2023 Associated Press Top 25 Poll and 10 non-

conference games against teams in ESPN's 2024 Way-Too-Early Top 25.

Eleven schools – Boston College, California, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Pitt, SMU, Stanford, Virginia and Virginia Tech – are scheduled to play two Power 4 conference opponents (including Notre Dame) this season.

All 17 ACC teams are scheduled to play at least six games versus bowl teams from last season, highlighted by Georgia Tech slated to play 11 games against a team that played in a bowl game last season.

In partnership with Disney/ESPN, the ACC experienced its most-watched football season in the College Football Playoff (CFP) era.

ACC Notes

In ESPN's updated 2024 Way Too Early College Football Top 25 rankings, the ACC has five teams ranked.

Last season, four ACC teams finished in the top 25 of both the Associated Press (AP) and AFCA Coaches Polls.

In the AP poll, Florida State finished tied for No. 6, while Louisville was No. 19, Clemson was No. 20, and NC State was

ranked No. 21.

In the AFCA Coaches poll, Florida State was No. 6, Louisville was No. 18, and Clemson and NC State were No. 20 and No. 21, respectively.

Four teams were ranked in last year's final College Football Playoff (CFP) Top 25 rankings.

The four ACC teams were tied for the second-most among all FBS conferences.

Florida State (No. 5), Louisville (No. 15), NC State (No. 18), and Clemson (No. 22).

Over two-thirds of the ACC was bowl-eligible last year, as 11 of the 14 conference teams made a bowl game.

The 11 ACC bowl-eligible teams were the most among all Power 5 conferences.

The 11 teams also matched a conference-high from 2018.

Not including the pandemic-affected 2020 season, the ACC has sent at least nine teams to a bowl every year since 2016. Since 2013, the ACC ranks second among all conferences with 111 postseason appearances.

Six different ACC teams started the 2023 season a year ago at 4-0, which tied the SEC in 2012 for the most teams in a Power 5 conference to start 4-0 in a single season in the AP Poll Era (since 1936).

The ACC finished with 10 teams posting a winning record, only the second time in the playoff era (11 – 2016) that the conference has achieved that feat.

ACC teams totaled a combined 43 wins over teams with a record over .500 last season, the most among all FBS conferences.

The ACC again posted a solid record in

non-conference play last season, going 44-23 (.657) overall. The ACC's 44 non-conference wins were the second-most among all FBS conferences.

In 2023, the ACC was a combined 7-5 versus

the SEC, which marked the ACC's third winning season versus the SEC and its second-most wins versus the SEC in the past 20 years (5-3 – 2014; 10-4 – 2016; 7-5 – 2023).

Atlantic Coast Conference

Blacksburg girls takes win over Christiansburg

Blacksburg High School girls' soccer team traveled to Christiansburg Tuesday night and came home with a 3-1 win. Erin Bishop scored two goals and Kallan Malabad scored as well. Bishop, Abby Whaley and Tea Bissell each contributed an assist.

Lyla Thurman scored for Christiansburg.

Blacksburg improves to 14-0-2 on the season and Christiansburg drops to 7-7-2.

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County. ECF uses Old Town Fields to host a variety of events such as their annual concert series, the fireworks display on the fourth of July and various sports events.

The Eastmont Community Foundation is proposing the building of public restrooms, which the facility does not currently have, and a second building that would be used for storage. Both buildings are proposed to be built with masonry blocks and the proposed bathroom would be located where the current ticket booth is located. The organization will not replace the ticket booth at this time because they do not see it as a focus for these facilities at the moment. This property is currently in use not only by the Eastmont Community Foundation but Shawsville Middle

School as well. Because the middle school still uses this property and there are no bathrooms, students have to cross the road and use the restroom in the school building.

The Board of Supervisors did not vote on this issue on May 13, 2024 due to requesting more financial information regarding the two new buildings proposed. They will vote on this at a later date.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS grid with letters filled in.



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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Blacksburg, Christiansburg soccer finish in tie



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Blacksburg's Esteban Carvajal takes a shot in the middle of the Christiansburg defense early in the first half during Tuesday night's "Battle of the Burgs" at Blacksburg High School.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Teammates congratulate Blacksburg senior Sean DeLorenzo after he scores his second goal of the night against Christiansburg to put the Bruins up 2-1 at halftime.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Midway through the second half, Christiansburg's Luca Pickeral celebrates his second goal to force a 2-2 tie against Blacksburg in the Tuesday, May 14 evening match.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

With the score knotted at 2-2, Christiansburg defender Brady Rasor clears the ball away from Blacksburg's David Oliver during the second half. The game would finish in a 2-2 draw after neither team scored in the two overtime periods.



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