

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company	)	
For Approval of A Certificate of Public Convenience	)	
And Necessity For Environmental Project	)	
Construction At The Mitchell Generating Station, An	)	Case No. 2021-00004
Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, And	)	
Revised Environmental Surcharge Tariff Sheets	)	

**Kentucky Power Company’s Motion to Reschedule Hearing**

Kentucky Power Company moves the Commission to reschedule the hearing set for June 22, 2021 and June 23, 2021 by the Commission’s February 22, 2021 Order in this case.

Company Witnesses Spitznogle, Sherrick, and Trecuzzi<sup>1</sup> are required to testify in Richmond, Virginia in a hearing previously scheduled for the same dates before the Virginia State Commerce Commission. The Virginia hearing will address the parallel application by Appalachian Power Company regarding environmental upgrades at the Amos Plant and Mountaineer Plant similar to those the Company proposes for the Mitchell Plant in this case.

The Virginia hearing is scheduled to begin on June 22, 2021, the first day of the hearing scheduled before this Commission, with public witness testimony. The public evidentiary hearing at which Company Witnesses Spitznogle, Sherrick, and Trecuzzi are required to testify is scheduled to begin on June 23, 2021. The Virginia hearing was scheduled by order of the

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<sup>1</sup> A fourth Virginia witness, James Martin, is supporting Company Witness Becker in this case.

Virginia State Commerce Commission dated January 14, 2021.<sup>2</sup> The required public notice for the Virginia hearing was published on February 2-3, 2021.<sup>3</sup>

The Company requests that the hearing in this proceeding be rescheduled for the following week, June 28, 2021 through July 2, 2021, or some time thereafter, due to the unavailability of three of the Company's witnesses on the dates currently scheduled. The Company is not requesting modification of any other dates in the Commission's prior procedural schedule.

This motion is being filed as soon as practicable after receipt of the February 22, 2021 Order, and is not made for purposes of delay. The Company is flexible on the dates proposed to reschedule the hearing, and defers to the Commission on the most convenient dates to reschedule the hearing after the week of June 21, 2021.

WHEREFORE, Kentucky Power Company requests that the Commission issue an Order:

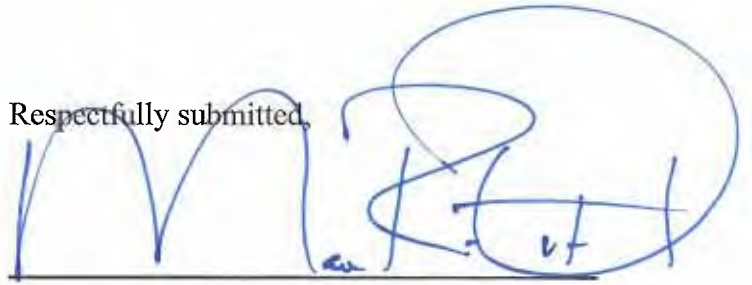
- (a) Amending its February 22, 2021 Order by rescheduling the hearing currently set for June 22-23, 2021; and
- (b) Granting Kentucky Power such other relief as may be appropriate.

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<sup>2</sup> Order for Notice and Hearing, *Petition Of Appalachian Power Company*, PUR-2020-00258 at 7-8 (Va. State Comm. Com'n January 14, 2021) (**EXHIBIT 1**).

<sup>3</sup> Proof of Publication and Service, *Petition Of Appalachian Power Company*, PUR-2020-00258 at 7-8 (Va. State Comm. Com'n February 23, 2021) (**EXHIBIT 2**).

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT 1**

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 14, 2021

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PETITION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2020-00258

For approval of a rate adjustment clause,  
the E-RAC, for costs to comply with state  
and federal environmental regulations pursuant  
to § 56-585.1 A 5 e of the Code of Virginia

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On December 23, 2020, pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 5 e of the Code of Virginia ("Code"),  
Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation  
Commission ("Commission") a petition ("Petition") for approval of a rate adjustment clause  
("E-RAC") to recover on a timely basis its projected costs to comply with state and federal  
environmental laws and regulations applicable to generation facilities used to serve the  
Company's load obligations.

According to the Petition, APCo seeks cost recovery for certain environmental projects  
("Projects") related to the installation and retrofitting of certain coal ash ponds at the Company's  
Amos and Mountaineer Plants (collectively, "Plants"), as well as actual and forecast operations  
and maintenance costs related to compliance with State Solid Waste regulation, the National  
Pollution Discharge Elimination System, and provisions of the Clean Water Act at the Plants.<sup>1</sup>

APCo states that the Projects are required to comply with the United States  
Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") rule to regulate the disposal of coal combustion  
residuals ("CCR Rule") and the EPA's Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines ("ELG

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<sup>1</sup> Petition at 2.

Rule").<sup>2</sup> APCo states that the CCR Rule regulates the handling and storage of CCR material in an environmentally responsible manner, and the ELG Rule regulates wastewater discharges for the protection of surface water.<sup>3</sup>

According to the Company, these rules require that, absent an extension, unlined CCR storage ponds, such as the bottom ash ponds at the Plants, must cease operations and initiate closure by April 11, 2021, which would cause the Plants to stop operating by that date.<sup>4</sup> APCo states that after analyzing various compliance options and scenarios, it is seeking approval of cost recovery of CCR and ELG retrofits at the Plants, which will allow the Plants to provide capacity and energy value to APCo's customers through 2040.<sup>5</sup> APCo also asserts that its proposed investments are the most cost-effective means of compliance.<sup>6</sup>

In this proceeding, the Company asks the Commission to approve its E-RAC for the rate year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 ("Rate Year").<sup>7</sup> APCo proposes a total revenue requirement of approximately \$31.614 million during the Rate Year.<sup>8</sup> Specifically, the Company indicates that its proposed revenue requirement comprises three elements: (1) a Forecast Revenue Component of \$30.791 million, (2) an Allowance for Funds Used During Construction Revenue Component of \$0.823 million, and (3) a True-up Revenue Component of

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<sup>2</sup> Prefiled Direct Testimony of Gary O. Spitznogle at 3-4.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Prefiled Direct Testimony of Christian T. Beam at 3.

<sup>5</sup> Prefiled Direct Testimony of James F. Martin at 3.

<sup>6</sup> Petition at 5.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*; Prefiled Direct Testimony of Jennifer B. Sebastian ("Sebastian Direct") at 3.

<sup>8</sup> Petition at 5; Sebastian Direct at 3-4.

\$0.0 million.<sup>9</sup> For purposes of calculating the revenue requirement, APCo states that it used an after-tax rate of return on rate base of 7.072% based on the year ended December 31, 2019 capital structure.<sup>10</sup> The Company further states that this rate of return included the 9.20% return on equity ("ROE") approved by the Commission in Case No. PUR-2020-00015.<sup>11</sup>

APCo states that it seeks to recover the revenue requirement by allocating costs to the Virginia jurisdiction consistent with the Company's methodology in its Dresden G-RAC.<sup>12</sup> If the proposed E-RAC is approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer's rate schedule and usage. According to the Company, implementation of the proposed E-RAC would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month by \$2.50, or 2.4%, when compared to rates effective November 1, 2020.<sup>13</sup>

APCo requests a waiver of Rules 20 VAC 5-201-60 ("Rule 60") and 20 VAC 5-201-90 ("Rule 90") of the Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings ("Rate Case Rules")<sup>14</sup> with respect to Schedule 45. Rule 60 of the Rate Case Rules requires that an application filed pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A 5 include Schedule 45, "Return on Equity Peer Group Benchmark," with the utility's direct testimony. Rule 90 of the Rate Case Rules

<sup>9</sup> Petition at 5; Sebastian Direct at 3-4. APCo states that no true-up is included in this initial proceeding because the Company does not currently have existing rate factors approved for cost recovery under Code § 56-585.1 A 5 (e). Sebastian Direct at 6. The Company further states that it anticipates that any true-up will be included in a 2021 update filing for implementation during the October 1, 2022–September 30, 2023 rate year. *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> Petition at 5; Sebastian Direct at 5-6.

<sup>11</sup> Petition at 5-6; Sebastian Direct at 5-6. *See Application of Appalachian Power Company, For a 2020 triennial review of its base rates, terms and conditions pursuant to § 56-585.1 of the Code of Virginia*, Case No. PUR-2020-00015, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 201140127, Final Order (Nov. 24, 2020).

<sup>12</sup> Petition at 6; Sebastian Direct at 7.

<sup>13</sup> Petition at 6; Sebastian Direct at 8.

<sup>14</sup> 20 VAC 5-201-10 *et seq.*

states that Schedule 45 must include "documentation supporting the return on equity benchmark proposed pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 2 a and b of the Code . . . ." In support of its request for waiver of Schedule 45, APCo indicates that the ROE used to calculate the revenue requirement was recently determined by the Commission in Case No. PUR-2020-00015, and the Company's revenue requirement in this Petition reflects that ROE of 9.2%.

APCo also requests a waiver of Rule 90 with respect to certain Schedule 46 materials. Rule 60 requires that an application filed pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A 6 include Schedule 46, "Projected Rate Adjustment Clause Pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 4, A 5 b, c and d or A 6 of the Code of Virginia," with the utility's direct testimony. Rule 90 states that the Company must "provide all documents, contracts, studies, investigations or correspondence that support projected costs proposed to be recovered via a rate adjustment clause." According to APCo, the supporting documentation responsive to this request is voluminous, and much of this documentation has been designated confidential by the Company. In lieu of physical production, the Company states that it has made available electronic copies of these documents to the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") and will make them available to respondents via an electronic data room established for this proceeding.

Finally, in conjunction with the filing of its Petition on December 23, 2020, the Company also filed a Motion for Protective Ruling ("Motion") and a proposed protective ruling that establishes procedures governing the use of confidential information in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; APCo should provide public notice of its Petition; a public hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Petition; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Petition or to participate



as respondents in this proceeding; and the Staff should be directed to investigate the Petition and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon. We also find that a Hearing Examiner should be assigned to rule on the Company's Motion and to rule on any discovery matters that may arise in this proceeding. Finally, for purposes of making the Petition complete and commencing this proceeding, we grant APCo's request to waive the filing of Schedule 45 and to waive the filing of certain Schedule 46 materials in hard copy.

The Commission takes judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels.<sup>15</sup> The Commission has taken certain actions, and may take additional actions going forward, which could impact the procedures in this proceeding.<sup>16</sup> Consistent with these actions, in regard to the terms of the procedural framework established below, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

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<sup>15</sup> See, e.g., Executive Order No. 51, Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, issued March 12, 2020, by Gov. Ralph S. Northam. See also Executive Order No. 53, Temporary Restrictions on Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-Essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), issued March 23, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam, and Executive Order No. 55, Temporary Stay At Home Order Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), issued March 30, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam. These and subsequent Executive Orders related to COVID-19 may be found at: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>.

<sup>16</sup> See, e.g., *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic Service of Commission Orders*, Case No. CLK-2020-00004, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330035, Order Concerning Electronic Service of Commission Orders (Mar. 19, 2020), extended by Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel., State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00005, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330042, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (Mar. 19, 2020), extended by Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic service among parties during COVID-19 emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00007, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200410009, Order Requiring Electronic Service (Apr. 1, 2020).

For clarification, we note that the proposed E-RAC, if approved, would result in an increase to customer bills. We realize that the current COVID-19 public health crisis has caused devastating economic effects that impact all utility customers. We have responded to this economic emergency by, among other actions, suspending for approximately six months customer disconnections from utility service and directing Virginia utilities to offer extended payment plans, without late fees for those who are current on such plans, to protect customers from service disconnection. We are sensitive to the effects of rate increases, especially in times such as these. The Commission, however, must and will follow the laws applicable to this case, as well as the findings of fact supported by evidence in the record.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2020-00258.

(2) All pleadings in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice").<sup>17</sup> 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. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, 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.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

<sup>18</sup> As noted in the Commission's March 19, 2020 Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency in Case No. CLK-2020-00005, submissions to the Commission's Clerk's Office via U.S. mail or commercial mail equivalents may not be processed for an indefinite period of time due to the COVID-19 emergency. *See supra* n.17.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and the Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and the Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or the Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on any discovery matters that may arise during the course of this proceeding, including the Company's Motion.

(5) Due to the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, the Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition, as follows:

- (a) A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on June 22, 2021, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom.<sup>19</sup>
- (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- (c) On or before June 17, 2021, 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](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.

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<sup>19</sup> The Commission will convene counsel of record in this proceeding to attend the public witness hearing virtually.

- (d) Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 22, 2021, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above. This hearing will not be convened, and the parties will be notified of such, if no person signs up to testify as a public witness.
- (e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

(6) A public evidentiary hearing shall be convened at 10 a.m. on June 23, 2021, either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Staff on the Petition. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

(7) An electronic copy of the Company's Petition 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](mailto:njcoates@aep.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

(8) On or before February 12, 2021, the Company shall cause the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory within Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL  
OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE, THE E-RAC,  
BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY  
CASE NO. PUR-2020-00258

- Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") has applied for approval of a rate adjustment clause, the E-RAC, for recovery of costs incurred to comply with state and federal environmental laws and regulations.
- APCo requests approval of a revenue requirement of \$31.614 million for its E-RAC for the rate year beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. According to APCo, this amount would increase a residential customer's bill using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$2.50.
- Due to the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, the State Corporation Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on June 22, 2021, to receive public witness testimony.
- The Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing in this case on June 23, 2021.
- Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

On December 23, 2020, pursuant to § 56 585.1 A 5 e of the Code of Virginia, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a petition ("Petition") for approval of a rate adjustment clause ("E-RAC") to recover on a timely basis its projected costs to comply with state and federal environmental laws and regulations applicable to generation facilities used to serve the Company's load obligations.

According to the Petition, APCo seeks cost recovery for certain environmental projects ("Projects") related to the installation and retrofitting of certain coal ash ponds at the Company's Amos and Mountaineer Plants (collectively, "Plants"), as well as actual and forecast operations and maintenance costs

related to compliance with State Solid Waste regulation, the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, and provisions of the Clean Water Act at the Plants.

APCo states that the Projects are required to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") rule to regulate the disposal of coal combustion residuals ("CCR Rule") and the EPA's Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines ("ELG Rule"). APCo states that the CCR Rule regulates the handling and storage of CCR material in an environmentally responsible manner, and the ELG Rule regulates wastewater discharges for the protection of surface water.

According to the Company, these rules require that, absent an extension, unlined CCR storage ponds, such as the bottom ash ponds at the Plants, must cease operations and initiate closure by April 11, 2021, which would cause the Plants to stop operating by that date. APCo states that after analyzing various compliance options and scenarios, it is seeking approval of cost recovery of CCR and ELG retrofits at the Plants, which will allow the Plants to continue to provide capacity and energy value to APCo's customers through 2040. APCo also asserts that its proposed investments are the most cost-effective means of compliance.

In this proceeding, the Company asks the Commission to approve its E-RAC for the rate year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 ("Rate Year"). APCo proposes a total revenue requirement of approximately \$31.614 million during the Rate Year. Specifically, the Company indicates that its proposed revenue requirement comprises three elements: (1) a Forecast Revenue Component of \$30.791 million, (2) an Allowance for Funds Used During Construction Revenue Component of \$0.823 million, and (3) a True-up Revenue Component of \$0.0 million. For purposes of calculating the revenue requirement, APCo states that it used an after-tax rate of return on rate base of 7.072% based on the year ended December 31, 2019 capital structure. The Company further states that this rate of return included the 9.20% return on equity approved by the Commission in Case No. PUR-2020-00015.

APCo states that it seeks to recover the revenue requirement by allocating costs to the Virginia jurisdiction consistent with the Company's methodology in its Dresden G-RAC. If the proposed E-RAC is approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer's rate schedule and usage. According to the Company, implementation of the

proposed E-RAC would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month by \$2.50, or 2.4%, when compared to rates effective November 1, 2020.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. On June 22, 2021, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before June 17, 2021, 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](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

On June 23, 2021, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter

should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

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

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

On or before June 15, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00258.

On or before March 12, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, or by filing electronically at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a



respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00258.

On or before April 9, 2021, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address above or electronically at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/), and serve on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's 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-2020-00258.

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

The Company's Petition, the Commission's Rules of Practice and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

#### APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

(9) On or before February 12, 2021, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town in which the Company provides service in the Commonwealth of Virginia: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>20</sup> See the Commission's April 1, 2020 Order in Case No. CLK-2020-00007. See *supra* n.17.

(10) On or before March 5, 2021, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (8) and (9) above, including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, or by filing electronically at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/).

(11) On or before June 15, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00258.

(12) On or before March 12, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at the address in Ordering Paragraph (10) or [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. 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 Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00258.

(13) Within three (3) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve a copy of the public version of the Petition and supporting materials on the respondent, unless these already have been provided to the respondent.

(14) On or before April 9, 2021, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address in Ordering Paragraph (10) or [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 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-2020-00258.

(15) On or before May 7, 2021, the Staff shall investigate APCo's Petition and file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Petition, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy thereof shall be served on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(16) On or before May 21, 2021, APCo shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits on the Staff and all respondents.

(17) Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(18) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents

shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 of the Rules of Practice, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed or the assigned Staff attorney, if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.<sup>21</sup> Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(19) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, [njcoates@aep.com](mailto:njcoates@aep.com); James R. Bacha, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215, [jrbacha@aep.com](mailto:jrbacha@aep.com); Daniel Summerlin, Esquire, and Charles J. Dickenson, Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, 10 South Jefferson Street, Suite 1800, Roanoke, Virginia 23011, [summerlin@woodsrogers.com](mailto:summerlin@woodsrogers.com), [dickenson@woodsrogers.com](mailto:dickenson@woodsrogers.com); and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, 202 N. 9th Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219, [MBrowder@oag.state.va.us](mailto:MBrowder@oag.state.va.us).

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<sup>21</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information), by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2020-00258, in the appropriate box.

**EXHIBIT 2**



**American Electric Power**  
1051 E Cary Street, Suite 1100  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
AEP.com

February 23, 2021

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State Corporation Commission  
Document Control Center  
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Richmond, VA 23219

**Petition of Appalachian Power Company  
for approval of a rate adjustment clause,  
the E-RAC, for costs to comply with state  
and federal environmental regulations  
pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 5 e of the Code of Virginia  
Case No. PUR-2020-00258**

Dear Mr. Logan:

Pursuant to ordering paragraph (10) of the State Corporation Commission's January 14, 2021 Order for Notice and Hearing in the above-referenced case, enclosed for filing is Appalachian Power Company's proof of notice and service.

Sincerely,

C. Meriwether Broaddus  
Regulatory Consultant

Enclosures

cc: Frederick D. Ochsenhirt, Esq.  
C. Austin Skeens, Esq.  
C. Meade Browder, Jr., Esq.

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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

PETITION OF

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**Proof of Publication and Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the publication and service of notice  
required by Ordering Paragraphs (8) and (9) of the Commission's January 14, 2021  
Order for Notice and Hearing in the above-referenced proceeding have been completed.

Copies of the Affidavit of Publication, tear sheets, letter to local officials and a list  
of their names, titles and addresses are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Counsel

February 23, 2021

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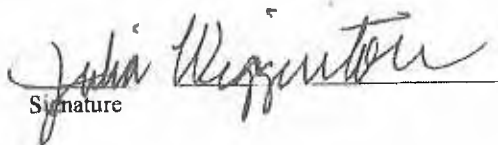
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(Order #21022AA0)

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
CITY/COUNTY OF Henrico, to-wit:

I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Appalachian Power Company Case No. PUR-2020-00258 was published in the following newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2021.

Altavista Journal 02/03/21  
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Virginian Leader 02/03/21

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Big Stone Gap Post 02/04/21  
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Martinsville Bulletin 02/03/21  
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Scott Co Va Star 02/03/21  
The Declaration 02/03/21  
The Gazette 02/03/21  
Virginia Mountaineer 02/04/21

  
Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 11th day of February 2021.

My commission expires: 09/30/24

  
[Notary Public]











# Area Deaths

## GLADYS MAY BARKER

Glady May Barker, 95, passed away early Sunday, January 31, 2021, at Heritage Hall Healthcare in Big Stone Gap.



She lived most of her life in Big Stone Gap. Gladys was one of the Jehovah Witnesses. She loved to knit and crocheted.

She was preceded in death by daughters, Arlene Heasom (Kennehl) and infant daughter, Violet Barker; son, Benny Barker; parents, Patrick "Pat" Seymour and Eliza (Lanmonds) Seymour; and siblings, HESSIE WEBSTER, Jim Seymour, Bill Seymour, Mary Fane George Seymour, an infant brother and an infant sister.

Surviving are her children, Shirley Barker, Darrell Barker, Andy Barker (Aldrey), Casson Denovan and Sharon Rodins (Dery), all of Big Stone Gap, Darvin Barker (Caroly), Gastonia, NC, Mary Stevenson (Spencer) Freeman, Ca., and Stephen Barker of Hawaii, 22 grandchildren and many great and great grand children and several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be at the American Legion Cemetery.

A memorial service will be announced by the family at a later date. To view the obituary online and offer condolences, visit [www.gilliamfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilliamfuneralhome.com).

Gilliam Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the Barker family.

## SYLVIA CLAY PETTRY

*With all that have to wait on the Lord will renew their strength they shall mount up they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not be tired.*

Sylvia Clay Pettry of Norton, July 12, 1946 - January 31, 2021



SYLVIA was born in Huntington, W.V., the daughter of the late Troy Wilson Clay and Lois Kathleen McGinnis Clay. She was married to her sweetheart Bob, of 49 1/2 years.

She graduated from Marshall University with a degree in Education in 1964. The family moved to West County in 1964, where she was employed by the West County School Board until her retirement. Sylvia was very active in the church, she took great pride in being a productive member of East Stone Gap United Methodist Church. Her active roles within the ministries of the church involved teaching Sunday School, Vice on Bible School, and coordinating the hospitality committee.

Sylvia was a wonderful mother, grandmother and wife. She devoted her life to others, caring for children and her family. She loved to prepare meals for them, she would show her love to others by preparing wonderful food for them to enjoy. Her Godly character will shine through her family for generations to come. She will be sorely missed by her family, grandchildren, and church family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one grand daughter, Hylce Pettry, sisters in law, Pat Clay and Jerry Clay, brother in law Jim Petty.

Surviving are her husband, Robert "Bob" Petty of the home; children, Cynthia Johnson of Utah, C.A. Leslie and husband Brian of Dancks, WV, Dixie and husband Tom Pendleton of Gate City, John Petty and wife Beth of Atlanta, GA, Jada Oakes and husband Joe of Dunbar, Susanna Petty of Salyers, NC, Robbie Pettry and wife Hylce of Big Stone Gap, grandchildren Blake, Cate, Sess and wife Hannah Harmon, Aaron Harmon, Haonna Harmon, Will Harmon, Jillian Hoss, Madison Hoss, Shelby Pettry, Hank Pettry, Annabelle Oakes, Hudson Oakes, Levi Pettry and Eliana Petty; great grandchild Nehemiah Harmon; her siblings Dallas Clay and Hill Clay and wife Clara, both of Hurricane WV, Joe Clay of Weston, WV, Ronnie Clay and wife Shelley of Milton, WV, sisters in law Frances Dee Clark of Elkins, WV, Nancy Wilver of Danville, her church family at East Stone Gap United Methodist Church, other close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 4, at East Stone Gap United Methodist Church, from noon until 2 p.m. for the visitation. The funeral service will be conducted following with Pastor Brad Stapleton, and Rev. Dr. Brian Harmon officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Burial services will be Aaron Harmon, Will Harmon, Robbie Pettry, Tom Pendleton, Joe Oakes, John Pettry, Hopatory Fallwaters, Hudson Oakes, Hank Petty, and Levi Petty.

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at [www.gilliamfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilliamfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Sylvia Pettry.

## RICHARD C. TIPTON

Richard C. Tipton, 75, of Huntington, North Carolina Big Stone Gap, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Mainance Regional Hospital.

Richard was born in Wise County, VA the son of the late Thomas Rankin Tipton and Grace (Carter) Tipton. Richard graduated from Powell Valley High School class of 1964.

Richard had a love and passion for the Lord Jesus Christ. He was a devoted member of the Church of God Preachers in Pennington Gap, where he served as Assistant Pastor and Deacon. He was also a member of the Men of Steel Group in North Carolina.

Richard married the love of his life, Lela, and was blessed with 51 years of marriage.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Hobbs Tipton, Bud Tipton, Sue Banks, Rachel Charles and Betty Holland.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lela Mae Tipton of the home, his two sons, Bill Tipton and wife Susan of Graham, N.C., Dean Tipton and wife Jeanette of Huntington, N.C., grandchildren Thomas Tipton Tipton, Kelle Waddell and husband John Paul, John Wesley Tipton, Franklin Richard Tipton and wife Carrie Ann Tipton, Faith Saffrit, great grandchildren Aiden Paul Waddell, John Ann Nicole Waddell, Kimberly Michelle Waddell, Logan Rose Tipton, siblings Jerry Tipton of Norton, Sandra Stagle, Hill Hughes and wife Peggy, sister

He is survived by his loving wife, Lela Mae Tipton of the home, his two sons, Bill Tipton and wife Susan of Graham, N.C., Dean Tipton and wife Jeanette of Huntington, N.C., grandchildren Thomas Tipton Tipton, Kelle Waddell and husband John Paul, John Wesley Tipton, Franklin Richard Tipton and wife Carrie Ann Tipton, Faith Saffrit, great grandchildren Aiden Paul Waddell, John Ann Nicole Waddell, Kimberly Michelle Waddell, Logan Rose Tipton, siblings Jerry Tipton of Norton, Sandra Stagle, Hill Hughes and wife Peggy, sister

close relatives and friends.  
The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home. The service will be conducted on Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home's chapel with Pastor Bill Hughes officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.  
Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.  
You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

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## Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF PETTY'S LAST APPROVAL**  
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY  
ON JANUARY 29, 2021

Applicable laws, regulations, and rules of the State of Virginia require that the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") file a copy of this notice with the State Corporation Commission (the "Commission") for its review and approval. The Board has reviewed and approved the following information for the public's information:

**1. Financial Information:** The Company's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020, are available for review at the Company's principal office, 17 East Third Street, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24042. The financial statements are available for review from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on any business day.

**2. Executive Compensation:** The compensation of the Company's executive officers for the year ended December 31, 2020, is as follows:

Name	Salary	Bonus	Total Compensation
Michael P. Hebbel	\$120,000	\$10,000	\$130,000
Laura W. Hebbel	\$80,000	\$5,000	\$85,000

**3. Director Compensation:** The compensation of the Company's directors for the year ended December 31, 2020, is as follows:

Name	Salary	Other Compensation	Total Compensation
Michael P. Hebbel	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Laura W. Hebbel	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000

**4. Material Contracts:** The Company has entered into the following material contracts during the year ended December 31, 2020:

- A contract with the State Corporation Commission for the year ended December 31, 2020, for the amount of \$1,000,000.
- A contract with the State Corporation Commission for the year ended December 31, 2020, for the amount of \$500,000.

**5. Other Information:** The Company has no other material contracts or other information that is required to be disclosed under the laws of the State of Virginia.

The Board of Directors of the Company has reviewed and approved the information contained in this notice for the public's information. The Board of Directors of the Company is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this notice.

BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY:  
Michael P. Hebbel, President  
Laura W. Hebbel, Secretary

**Brown v. Board of Education SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021

The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 to provide educational opportunities for persons who were denied an education in Virginia due to the closing of the public schools during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1961. The program is open to new, eligible applicants for the 2021-2022 school year. For applications and information on eligibility, visit:

[BROWNSCHOLARSHIP.VIRGINIA.GOV](http://BROWNSCHOLARSHIP.VIRGINIA.GOV)  
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# News from The Crooked Road

## Though Yankee Born, Clint Black All Country

A country music traditionalist from Texas, Clint Black was one of the first artists to kickstart the mass-market popularity of country music in the '90s. Black is also one of the first artists of a generation that was equally inspired by rock-oriented pop like '70s singer-songwriters and '80s rock & roll as well as country artists Merle Haggard, Bob Wills, and George Jones.

Born this month (February 4, 1960) in New Jersey but raised in Katy, a Houston suburb, he absolutely tore up the country charts when he debuted in 1989. His first four singles hit number one, and his first 21 all reached the Top 20. Co-writing every one of his numerous hits, Black brings a highly personal style to his music, that is uncommon among Nashville. A fine guitarist and producer as well, he has collaborated with artists including Roy Rogers, Martina McBride, Wynonna, Alison Krauss, Inez Harnish and his wife Lisa Hartman-Black, with great success.

As a child, Black listened to both country and rock & roll, but he didn't begin playing guitar until the age of 13, when he started playing harmonica. Two years later, he began writing songs, as well as performing in his brother Kevin's band, where he played bass and sang. In the early '80s, he began busking on the streets of Katy, eventually working his way into coffee houses, bars, and nightclubs.

In 1987, Clint met Holly in Nicholas, a guitarist and songwriter. Nicholas and Black began collaborating together, writing



Clint Black performs a duet with his wife, Lisa Hartman-Black.

ing songs and recording demos. Nicholas would become the band leader for Black, playing lead guitar and co-writing a large majority of his hit singles. A tape of their songs made its way to Bill Ham, the manager of ZZ Top. Impressed with the tape, Ham became Black's manager; the singer had a contract with RCA Nashville by the end of 1988.

In 2001 he created his own label, Equity Music Group, and co-founded the publishing company, Blacktop Music Group Inc. with business manager Charlie Sussman and music publisher Mike Sebastian. Over the next nine years, Blacktop amassed a catalog of over 4,000 songs by some of Nashville's biggest hitmakers. Black returned to recording in 2004 with *Spend My Time*, his first batch of new material in over six years, closely followed by *Drunkin' Songs & Other Logic in 2005*. Black continues to tour occasionally but stayed away from the studio. In 2010, he and his partners

sold their publishing concern to the conglomerate UFI, one of the world's largest independent music publishers.

Black continued writing songs on his own and in collaboration with a host of others, including Steve Warner, Frank Nicholas, and Bill Anderson. In early 2018, he began working on a new project at his home studio in Nashville and at various others in California. The finished product was entitled *The Purpose*. It featured guest spots from Big & Rich and wife Lisa Hartman-Black, and was released in September on Blacktop/Thirty Tigers. He stayed with the label for 2019's *Out of Sane*.

Contact a venue to confirm before a sitting. Otherwise, information for area music locals is beginning February 13 is as follows: Blue Ridge Music Center - Scheduled music is finished for this season.

Announcements coming soon for the 2021 schedule.

Carroll Applewood Park - Music on hold until Feb. 9.

Floyd at The Heathers - Saturday morning music on temporary hold. - Floyd Country Store - Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, Friday Night Jamboree. Home Edition, 6:30-10 p.m. Live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube beginning at 8 p.m. (340) 434-4567 or www.floydcountry.com.

Boyd Winkwood Farm - All events cancelled until further notice. (340) 745-1155.

Historic Inns Theater - (276) 348-3438.

Independence Court House - (216) 348-0002.

Lambert Community Center - Friday night jam cancelled until further notice. (336) 648-0128.

The Box (Government Plaza) - Blue Ridge Radio music live broadcast and streaming on Facebook most Friday nights. (276) 238-8111 ext. 1209.

Sparta - (336) 200-4949.

VPW, Hillsville - No music shows or Monday night jams until March or later. (276) 728-2911 or (276) 713-9613.

www.blacktop.com - music updates on live and streaming music. News from The Crooked Road is a weekly feature for fans of traditional music. Anyone with suggestions for the column, schedule or other information may contact the reporter at donald@carrollnews.com or by phone (276) 233-9383.

# Lunch items listed in public schools

All Carroll County Public School elementary school students receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2020-2021 school year through the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).

"Cavalier Connected" students may pick up meals for the week from an CEP on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11 meals will be picked up (five breakfast and five lunch) then.

Parents are encouraged to set up a "My Backet" account online and load money into their child's account at <https://www.myschoolbooks.com> to eliminate handling of money. Typically, the full lunch price for Secondary School is \$2.39 and the price for

Reduced is 40 cents. The following is a listing of lunch menu items for the Carroll County School District. Menus are subject to change. Daily vegetable options may include: fresh broccoli florets, fresh baby carrots, fresh celery sticks, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad with Romaine, fresh red and green pep-

pers, broccoli salad and coleslaw.

Fruit options may include: Red Delicious apple, fresh petite banana, fresh citrus orange, fresh apple slices, ice cold apple granola, blue raspberry or strawberry filled cookie, juicy apple slices, citrus Mandarin Oranges, or mixed fruit cup, juicy sliced peaches, sliced pears, tropical pineapple tidbits, raisins and tropical fruit salad.

February 3  
Philly Cheese Steak Wrap  
Flavorful Vegetarian Beans  
Fresh Citrus Orange  
February 4  
Corn Dog Nuggets  
Steamed broccoli  
PB&J sandwich  
February 5  
Pepperoni and sausage pizza

Garden salad with romaine  
Cinnamon apple sauce  
Chicken salad sandwich  
PB&J sandwich  
February 8  
Grilled Hot dog on a bun  
Crispy later tots  
Fresh broccoli florets  
Strawberry banana

apple sauce cup  
Salad with turkey  
Fresh sliced bread  
PB&J sandwich  
February 9  
Chicken Alfredo  
Garlic breadstick  
Green beans  
Chickpeas Italiano  
Crispy Mandarin Oranges  
Grilled buffalo chicken wrap  
PB&J sandwich

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Carroll Food Pantry

Any resident in Carroll County is welcome to visit the Carroll County Food Pantry in the free food box. We are located at the First United Methodist Church at 225 Kucher Street in Hillsville. Our hours are Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. We invite you to come and pickup your food box monthly.

### Battlefield of the Mind Study

Battlefield of the Mind Study will be held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Delton Church of God in Draper. Pressure in today's world, dealing with stress, and feeling down? You Don't Want to Miss This! We know that in today's world there are constant pressures placed on us and often our minds come under attack. We truly need to look at what the Bible says about dealing with the "Battlefield of the Mind." **"EYE OPENING AND POWERFUL!"** The church is located at 4570 Boyd Road in Draper, Virginia. Directions: Take I-81 and get off at Exit 492. Turn over bridge and then turn onto Greenbrier Road. Go past Draper Mercantile and make sure you go past Bryson's Store on your right. Go all the way to the end of Greenbrier Road. Turn left onto Delton Road and go approximately 4.2 miles to the church. Note: Delton Road merges later on to Boyd Road. Pastor Vukic extends this open invitation to every one. This is a "Come As You Are" atmosphere.

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## Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FILING FOR APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE COMPANY ASSETS FOR SALE

Carroll County Public Schools

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) is a public school system in Carroll County, Virginia. The school system is currently seeking approval from the Board of Education to acquire certain assets for sale. The assets include certain real estate, personal property, and other assets owned by the school system. The proposed sale of these assets is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Code, specifically Chapter 16.1 of Title 58. The school system is providing notice to the public of this proposed sale and is inviting interested parties to submit any objections or comments to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the proposed sale at a meeting on February 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Carroll County Public Schools Administration Center, 100 West Main Street, Hillsville, Virginia. The meeting will be open to the public and will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Code. The school system is providing notice to the public of this proposed sale and is inviting interested parties to submit any objections or comments to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the proposed sale at a meeting on February 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Carroll County Public Schools Administration Center, 100 West Main Street, Hillsville, Virginia. The meeting will be open to the public and will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Code.







# What a difference a day makes

Long Ridge resident Wayne Riner captured these photos four hours apart. 'Seeing blooms on a wild plant outside our home was a surprise this time of the year. Four hours after noticing these flowers, the snow started. The next day everything was covered in snow.'



PHOTOS BY WAYNE RINER

## History

...either  
The following was taken from our local newspaper The Dickensonian with a few excerpts added from the newspaper Times story. The title of The Dickensonian article was what caught our attention. It read "111 Year-Old Woman Sets Record For Longevity in Dickenson County."

Mr Osborne wrote  
For the past ten years I have planned to visit Mrs Elizabeth Holbrook, the oldest citizen of Dickenson County, but seemed not able to get there until last Sunday night.

She is a most likeable old lady and alert beyond one's belief for her age which she and her daughter, Mrs Milton French, with whom she stays, say is 111. Some seem to doubt her age, but according to most old people, she is undoubtedly near that age at least. Cowan Smith tells me that his mother started to feel bad when Mr Holbrook was in the third or fourth grade. If Mrs Smith were living today she would be 106 years old. The schools in those days were so short that it was very common for pupils to have to take a grade two years, and some even longer, to complete it.

Her husband, J. W. Junt, Holbrook, was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War and was in the Battle of the Wilderness and many other noted battles of the war. He was captured and taken to Hart's Island where he remained until about one year after the close of the war. His family had given him up for dead as they could not hear from him.

Mrs Holbrook remembers vividly the Civil War and of the activities of the Bushhakers, who were a constant pain to the good people of every community. She tells of their depredations, skinning everything they started, and destroying crops and stock. She said that they were as mean and low down as could be.

She recalls a camp of Negroes on Sandy Ridge, but did not remember which side had them under control. She told about her husband being paid out in Confederate money which was not good with the paper it was written on. Her money is usually good for a number of her age and I was surprised at the accuracy in telling of many incidents of the past.

Another article which appeared in the March 5, 1920 issue of the Kingsport Times News which was also written by Hampton Osborne stated that "She was skillful in the weaving of jam and linen cloth and says that she made most of her children's clothing, using such combination of coloring as 'fox' look and blue" to give a pretty variety. She kept sheep and did the whole process of making a rug from the wool to the finished product."

The Dickensonian article continued  
As a proof of her skill in the art of weaving, she

exhibited a bedspread of lustrous workmanship. The design in the spread was pleasing to the eye. It has a white cotton chain with red and black woad yarns as filling. This spread was made over fifty years ago, but looked practically new. She made a bedspread for each of her two sons and four daughters, which they still have in their homes. She told me all about the manufacturing of flax, which I knew to be correct because my mother raised flax and we spun it and twined when I was a small boy.

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She still has the old candle molds which she once used to make candles to light the home. She also had on exhibit an old side-saddle well over fifty years old, covered with green velvet.

Mr. Holbrook's story will be continued next week.

Because of the recent increase in Covid-19 virus cases within the county, our offices have once again been closed to the public. Assistance will be provided over the phone or by email. If necessary, individual appointments can be made. All of our newspaper articles are reprinted in the Historical Society's Stories of Yesterday booklets. Currently, Volume 1, is an available for purchase.

For more information about this article, or any of our publications, or to make corrections or additions to an article, to purchase a local history book, or to inquire about a Historical Society event, please contact the Historical Society office at 276-26-6355, P. O. Box 92, Clinwood, Va. 24228, or dshs1890@gmail.com. If no answer, please leave a message (which includes your name and phone number) and one of our volunteers will return your call. Or contact Linda Page Redden at 926-4117.

## Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS APPROVAL  
OF A REVISION TO THE BYLAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
(CASE NO. 18-120000383)

Applicant First Virginia Company, LLC ("First") has applied for approval of a revision of its Bylaws ("Bylaws") for review and approval by the Virginia State Board of Public Records ("Board"). The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Bylaws on March 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board's hearing room at the State Board of Public Records, 1000 North Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, Virginia 22304. The Board's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

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Results from page 5

a complete line of digital banking options, including online account opening, online personal and mortgage loan applications and mobile banking apps for personal and business accounts.

For a detailed news release on the 2020 fourth quarter earnings, including the income statement and balance sheet, visit the website at https://www.bankofmontreal.com/investor-relations/.

For additional information, email shareholderrelations@bankofmontreal.com. About The Bank of Fincastle The Bank of Fincastle has been a leading financial services provider in the Roanoke region since 1875, and offers a full range of banking, lending and investment products.

Job Notice Buchanan Town Clerk The Town of Buchanan, Virginia is seeking applicants for the position of Town Clerk. This position is a full-time (40 hours a week) position that reports to the Town Manager and Treasurer.

Backhoe & Dozer Work call JOHN A. MANSFIELD 510-3013 Buchanan

PUBLIC NOTICE BOBETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The Botetourt County School Board will hold a Regular Meeting, including Reorganization, on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 143 Piner Farm Road, Fincastle, VA, 24090.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Botetourt County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing pursuant to Sections 15.2-2304 and 15.2-2309(2) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Grandview Education and Training Center Auditorium, at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia.

Social distancing measures will be in place at the hearing. In order to meet legal requirements associated with these meetings, the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold this meeting remotely with the Board of Zoning Appeals and staff not present together in the meeting room.

For those wishing to view the meeting or comment in person, social distancing measures will be in place at the Greenfield Education and Training Center. These measures will include a restricted number of spaced seating, limited person-to-person contact, and reduced County staff in attendance. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

Anyone wishing to offer comments to the Board of Zoning Appeals but who does not wish to attend in person to speak during the meeting will have a number of ways to provide comments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

First, those who wish to listen to and/or speak during one of the hearings may call +1.301.715.8592 or +1.929.205.6099, Meeting ID: 853 8239 4645. An automated operator will answer the call and provide directions for commenting during the hearing. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The line will open beginning at 8:55 a.m. on February 9, 2021. This option is only available during the course of the hearing. Enter #9 to raise your hand for any questions.

Second, written comments are accepted at any time by email at planning@botetourt.gov. Comments may be accepted for any of the scheduled public hearings and will be provided to the Board of Zoning Appeals. We encourage you to provide comments as soon as possible and in advance of the hearing. This will help ensure that the comments can be incorporated into the meeting's record.

Last, comments may be submitted at any time by phone (430-928-2000) or by U.S. Mail to: Community Development, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24068.

Buchanan District Filtration Project LLC requests two variances to Section 25-25 Building Requirements (A-1). Use District of the Botetourt County Zoning Ordinance. The property owner constructed a new accessory building that encroaches into the required side and front yard setbacks. The building is 3 feet from the side property line, and 41.7 feet from the front property line. Therefore, the requests are for a 12-foot encroachment into the required 15-foot side yard setback and a request for an 18.4-foot encroachment into the required 64-foot front yard setback. This 28,558-acre parcel is located on 1470 W. Heartland Road, Buchanan VA, identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Botetourt County as Section 62, Parcel 149.

C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM Director of Community Development

Chatter from page 4

happen in response to the stimulus of the implementation, both expected and unexpected. Lastly, we pause and assess what happened and why, and then finally adjust. And repeat the cycle.

Sometimes the changes in conditions occur over a long period of time. An industry in which we spent our entire career declines, or even dies. Consumer tastes change. Distribution patterns and purchasing methodologies change.

Vaccine from page 1

Why are other health districts vaccinating more people? Other Phase 1b priorities!

Cattle Sales from Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard;

The Sale Was Not Held Monday Due To The Bad Weather

know that you're not alone. I have always been intrigued by how the different parts of a community interact with and impact one another, and how in working together they truly become a community, a place where people and businesses want to come, and to stay.

Within that holistic view of a community, chambers are ideally positioned to be the hub through which all of the individual spokes connect. Chambers can facilitate cooperation and collaboration, and help to compound individual impact.

The COVID-19 vaccine is just one tool in our public health toolbox.

While all health districts in the Commonwealth continue to be vigilant in practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, washing hands, covering our cough, and staying home when feeling unwell. Using all of these public health tools even after you receive your COVID-19 vaccine will help our community recover more quickly than other districts.

Community members without access to the internet or a computer or modest computer literacy skills may call their local health department office for assistance. Our offices are open Monday-Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROJECT OF THE ROANOKE-HOLLINS STOCKYARD

1. Approval of the proposed development plan for the project of the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard, located in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, is proposed by the Board of Supervisors of the City of Roanoke, Virginia. The proposed development plan includes the construction of a new stockyard facility, including a new feed mill, a new processing facility, and a new storage facility.

2. The Board of Supervisors of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, has received a request from the applicant for a preliminary plat for the project of the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard. The applicant is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve the preliminary plat and issue a preliminary plat map for the project.

3. The Board of Supervisors of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on the proposed preliminary plat for the project of the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Roanoke, Virginia.

4. The Board of Supervisors of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on the proposed preliminary plat for the project of the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Roanoke, Virginia.

The Fincastle Herald



# Vaccine

FROM A1

municipal buildings and chambers of commerce at Smith Mountain Lake and Martinsville.

Registering for the vaccine only indicates a person's interest in receiving the vaccine when vaccines become available. There is no appointment to getting the vaccine, according to the VIII website.

Phase IIb includes front-line essential workers, people age 65 and older, people between age 18 and 64 with a high-risk medical condition or disability that increases their risk of severe illness from COVID-19, as well as people living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters and migrant labor camps, according to VDH.

Because there is a shortage of the vaccine, VDH has prioritized front-line essential workers based on job roles as follows: first responders (police, fire, hazmat, corrections and homeless shelter workers); child care workers (K-12 teachers and staff at public and private schools); food and agriculture (including veterinarians, manufacturers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, mail carrier (U.S. Postal Service and private and govern-

ment officials. At press time, 742,713 people have been given at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to the Virginia Department of Health website. There have been 130,735 people fully vaccinated across Virginia.

In the West Piedmont Health District, 4,453 doses have been administered with 503 people fully vaccinated in Franklin County. In Henry County, 4,209 doses were administered with 637 people fully vaccinated. In Patrick County, with 129 people fully vaccinated, and 932 doses were given in Patrick County, with 129 people fully vaccinated.

Virginia Department of Health reported 3,379 cases of COVID-19 in Franklin County, with 112 hospitalizations and 35 deaths. Cases in Virginia topped 500,000 this week. The state reports 2,150 hospitalizations due to the virus, bringing the state's total deaths to 6,937.

Elsewhere in the West Piedmont Health District, Henry County has had 3,763 cases, with 252 hospitalizations and 75 deaths. Martinsville has had 1,358 cases, with 116 hospitalizations and 19 deaths. Patrick County has reported 1,000 cases, including 79 hospitalizations and 29 deaths.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# Clinic

FROM A1

Under the school system's hybrid schedule for in-person learning, half of the students attend classes in person Monday and Tuesday, and the other half attend Thursday and Friday, with virtual learning on Wednesday. The high school, which is now all-virtual, will start the hybrid schedule Feb.

15 and continue through March 28.

The school board also voted Thursday to return eighth graders to in-person learning four days a week starting Feb. 15, students in grades K through seventh grade returned to in-person learning four days a week on Jan. 26.

"This is a step in the right direction," Guillian said of having all county schools reopen and for students to return to class full time.

# Finley

FROM A1

time of transition and has done a great job leading our organization during a difficult year.

Despite the challenges of 2020, Finley helped start the SML Leadership Academy with 14 participants in its inaugural class and secured \$30,000 in grant marketing funds from Virginia Tourism Corporation. With that funding, the chamber launched tourism initiatives, including a monthly consumer e-newsletter, a destination travel blog, a new brochure and a commercial to market Smith Mountain Lake.

Additionally, Finley achieved notable milestones ever participant in the 2021 Chamber Champions program. He also developed the framework for two new tourism initiatives to launch this spring, including SML Restaurant Week and SML Getaway Sweepstakes campaign.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served as executive director and I'm proud of the accomplishments and new initiatives we've executed during my tenure," Finley said.

"Backed by a strong membership network and Board of Directors, the Chamber is very well positioned for the future," he continued, focusing on its mission of promoting tourism and advocating for the business community.

Before joining the chamber, Finley served as communications manager for BAE systems based in Radford and previously directed marketing and public relations programs for The Waldorf Companies. For the past 17 years, he's worked as a part-time adjunct professor in Radford University School of Communication.

# Pig

FROM A1

a family pet, according to Leslie Pickett, whose son, Jordan, owned the animal. Penny Sue, who weighed about 50 pounds, had escaped from her home on Mareswood Road and ended up at the shopping center near Westlake Court.

"People were feeding her and talking to her," Pickett said. "She knew the way home. She walks with people there. She's like the neighborhood dog."

The sheriff's office said the deputy and other bystanders tried to corral the animal to keep it from running into traffic on Virginia 122 while also trying to catch it on camera.

"During these efforts, the pig continued to show aggressive behavior towards the deputy and other bystanders who were in control," write witnesses.

"What's done to his heart and soul, you can't fix that."

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# Officers

FROM A1

The obstruction charge is a felony with a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Entering or remaining in a restricted building and disruptive conduct in a restricted building are misdemeanors that carry a maximum penalty of a year's incarceration. Disorderly conduct in the Capitol, a petty offense, carries a maximum of six months.

# Snow

FROM A1

be closed Monday.

In an email Sunday afternoon, Superintendent Terence Cobbs explained the decision to close schools rather than have an all-virtual day of learning.

"In typical virtual learning situations, teachers who have spotty internet or no internet can go to their nearest school in FC — I am not calling for a virtual learning day to discourage our staff from venturing out to access the internet," she wrote. "To count it as a virtual day, students must have access to load. The schools' parking lots may be unsafe for families if the lots have not been scraped of snow again tonight, or the roads are icy."

Cobbs wrote that because the school system has not designated snow days, April 9, the last day of spring break for students and staff, will be a regular school day.

For some locations, Sunday's storm was the largest snowfall since Dec. 9, 2019, when 12 to 18 inches buried the region.



A photo of Jacob F. Baker, left, and Thomas E. Robertson in the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, that was part of the so-called filed against them in federal court. The photo has been cropped to remove an obscene gesture that Baker was making.

The men will take place. In a video that Fricker took inside the Capitol Courtroom — which was later posted on social media Fricker is making an obscene gesture.

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scene gesture. Robertson is pointing at Fricker while holding a wooden gavel. They then lay out and maintain an interview that they did not take part in any of the both crimes on Jan. 20.



ABOVE: A photo makes its way along Franklin Street during a snowstorm early Sunday morning.



BELOW: A cardinal snacking from a feeder on Sunday after the region received a 7 inches of snow.

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF SMOUNTAIN LAKE**

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism & Development of Smith Mountain Lake (CCTD) is pleased to announce that it has accepted the resignation of Mr. Leslie Pickett, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism & Development of Smith Mountain Lake (CCTD). Mr. Pickett has served the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism & Development of Smith Mountain Lake (CCTD) for the past 17 years.

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Appalachian College of Pharmacy faculty, students and alumni have been involved in helping to administer the COVID-19 vaccine at a number of clinics...



ACP Faculty, Students, Alumni on the Frontlines Helping to Administer COVID-19 Vaccine

EVERYONE CAN DO THEIR part," he continued. "Wear a mask, social distance and get vaccinated as soon as you can..."

Dr. Randall Cole, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, a lifelong resident of Buchanan County, noted it has always been his goal as a pharmacist to serve his family and friends in the community...

ADULT EDUCATION CONNECTION

By Karen Gient

If you didn't complete high school, there are some things you might want to know about the GED tests. First, the following four subject tests must be passed in order to earn a GED credential: Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning through Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies...

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A PUBLIC UTILITY. APPLICANT: APPLICANT HAS FILED FOR APPROVAL OF STATE ADJUSTMENT. THESE RULES FOR REVIEW OF PETITIONS FOR APPROVAL OF STATE ADJUSTMENT...

LOCAL & STATE

# General Assembly puts off fixing schools

**Any program that the General Assembly would have to fund is likely to be postponed until next year, according to a spokesman for the state's education department.**

While a few lawmakers have proposed various measures, most of them don't come with any method of generating funding. Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Franklin, brought back a bill for the third year in a row to set up a fund that school divisions could tap into to address to fix roofs and other infrastructure. The bill the senate passed Tuesday doesn't have any money allocated to the fund.

"It's about time the General Assembly understood we have a huge, multibillion dollar problem in front of us," Stanley said. Sen. Griggh Deeb, D-Bath, said he's tired of hearing about the talk about fixing schools but no willingness to spend money to do it. "Something like this is critically important to the community," Deeb said. "And they get excited any time they hear anybody talking about it, but I don't include money. We're dancing around the head of a pin. We're not doing anything."

Deeb proposed increasing the state's tax on individual incomes to about \$150,000 per year from \$75,000 to \$500,000. He said the revenue — about \$134 million generated in fiscal year 2021 — would be split between various for law enforcement and funding for

school construction. "This bill is my effort to put real money behind both of these issues," Deeb said. Sen. Janet Howell, D-Faulx, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, told Deeb during a committee meeting that she has "real urgency" around the issues he raises, but she doesn't want to make "piecemeal" changes to tax policy.

## Council

**From At**  
"I'm on City Council in Martinsville," Martin said. "I'm not standing for this." A desk clerk on duty confirmed to the Martinsville Bulletin that the hotel's policy is not to rent rooms to people who live within a 25-mile radius of the hotel.

"Most of the damage done in a hotel is done by local parties," Martin said. "Not all, but most of it." Martin said area drug dealers often rent hotel rooms to conduct their illegal business rather than risk being caught at home and having their property confiscated. Others will rent a room to have parties where property damage frequently occurs. "I had to take someone to court to recoup damages," he wrote always local," Mary Martin said. "We rented to face folks out of town and never had problems."

had booked his home for him showing in one day. The first three hotels he went to refused to rent to him because he was from the local area. An owner of several hotels in the area told the Citizen Times that he allowed his individual managers to apply local policy as he felt because they had problems with local renters having parties, and violating other rules. WNCN-TV in Myrtle Beach, S.C., reported in 2018 about local residents being refused hotel rooms near the Carolina County Music Festival.

"You're on a vacation, you're living here, grandma and grandpa, all your kids and uncles come over to visit, then you have 20 people in the room, and you have fire codes, and an a safety issue," said Reese Wilkerson, director of communications for the Better Business Bureau. Then there is the story reported by the BT Advance Media in 2017 in which police responded to the Fel Charles Inn in Toms River, N.J., more than 700 times in less than three years. Officers were dispatched hundreds of times for alleged drug dealing, theft, fraud and assaults.

though the immigrants with the same last name come generally from Gujarat, a state in western India where the Patel name is common, they are not usually related. Alhus Kalins, an associate professor at Cornell School of Hotel Administration, described the domination "one of the great immigrant success stories," Henry County records show Karthik Patel bought the Baymont on Commonwealth Boulevard in 2010 for \$11 million. The following year he purchased the Comfort Inn on Virginia Avenue for \$1.5 million, and last year he became the owner of the Quality Inn Dutch Inn for \$1.7 million.

Hotel and motel owners are within their legal rights to refuse to rent a room to someone, as long as they do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or age. "I don't want to have a no-local residency policy, they may do so and are free to change that policy as often as they choose," said Mary Martin, a former manager for Super 8 Motel in Martinsville. "One might wonder why a lodging establishment would choose to restrict its customers as owners."

Martin said she never employed a minimum distance rule for renters but maintained a no-tolerance rule and a one-strike/permanent-ban policy. "I don't have a lot of problems, because if they caused trouble they were escorted out and never allowed back," Martin said.

"I'm going to talk to the rest of City Council and see if maybe we need to cut this money out," Martin said. said Mary Martin: "The Dutch Inn is a private, independently owned business, and they have every right to set their own company policies. Everybody doesn't have to like it, everybody doesn't have to agree with them, but they have the right."

By 2019, it was estimated that people named Patel owned between 50% and 60% of all motels in small town America. The Buffalo News reported in 2012 about what it dubbed the "Patel-motel phenomenon." The article notes that, al-

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**New ownership**  
The Quality Inn Dutch Inn was purchased by Path Hospitality LLC in March. The ownership of the company points to Karthik Patel or Raleigh, N.C.

**Policy isn't new**  
The policy is not unique to Martinsville or Henry County. The Citizen Times in 2019 that a local man who was selling his house tried to rent a room because "it's clear his property owner has an inability to

operate a responsible business as this property has become a magnet for criminal activity," Police Chief Mitch Little said in a statement.

**A familiar name**  
The owner of that motel was Karthik Patel, although it is not known if he is the same owner of the three hotels in Martinsville and Henry County or another hotel owner with the same first and last names.

**Let them go**  
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"I'm going to talk to the rest of City Council and see if maybe we need to cut this money out," Martin said. said Mary Martin: "The Dutch Inn is a private, independently owned business, and they have every right to set their own company policies. Everybody doesn't have to like it, everybody doesn't have to agree with them, but they have the right."

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**Dear Readers:** The Martinsville Bulletin is experiencing higher than normal call volume, which has led to longer than expected wait times for subscribers and delays in our online feature. Our customers are very important to us and we apologize for any inconvenience. We are working diligently to fix the issues and expect to have these problems resolved within the next two weeks. We appreciate your loyalty to the Martinsville Bulletin and your patience during this process. For immediate customer service attention you may also email us at [circulation@martinsvillebulletin.com](mailto:circulation@martinsvillebulletin.com). Thank you!

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX (CGT) RECEIPTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

1. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the financial statements of the CGT receipts of the Federal Government. The statements are prepared and published by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and are available to the public. The statements are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations thereunder. The statements are prepared for the year ending on September 30, 2021. The statements are prepared for the year ending on September 30, 2021. The statements are prepared for the year ending on September 30, 2021.

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MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN

# ATHLETES PUMP SOME IRON



**ABOVE:** Nelson football player **Kavin Carter** lifts while wearing a mask. **RIGHT:** Bryson Ramsey reacts to his amount of weights lifted during a recent practice. **BELOW:** Nelson's Kendall Mays lifts his softweights with no problem. **BOTTOM:** A pile of back support belts are available for those lifting weights at Nelson County High School recently.



## Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE UNFAIR APPEAL OF A STATE APPROVED PUBLICATION

CUSTOMER PROTECTION

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE UNFAIR APPEAL OF A STATE APPROVED PUBLICATION CUSTOMER PROTECTION

The Commission on the Fairness of the State Approved Publication Process has received an appeal from the publisher of the State Approved Publication, [Name], regarding the Commission's decision to approve the publication for sale in the State of Oregon.

The Commission's decision was based on the following findings:

- The publication contains false and misleading information.
- The publication is a deceptive trade practice.
- The publication is a violation of the Oregon Consumer Protection Act.

The Commission has determined that the publication is not in the public interest and has ordered that the publication be removed from the State of Oregon.

The publisher of the publication, [Name], has filed an appeal with the Commission. The Commission has scheduled a hearing to determine whether the publication should be approved for sale in the State of Oregon.

The hearing will be held on [Date] at [Time] at the Commission's offices. The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present evidence in support of its position.

The Commission's decision is final unless appealed to the Oregon State Court of Appeals within 30 days of the date of the Commission's decision.

For more information, please contact the Commission at [Phone Number] or [Website].

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COVID-19 VACCINE

Biden boosting dose allotments

Distribution to retail pharmacies begins next week

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR AND ZERIE MILLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's administration announced Tuesday it is moving to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, freeing up more doses for states and beginning to distribute them to retail pharmacies next week. The push comes amid new urgency to speed vaccinations to prevent the spread of potentially more serious strains of the virus that has killed more than 145,000 Americans.

Starting next week, 1 million doses will be distributed to some 6,500 pharmacies across the country, the White House said. The administration is also boosting by 500,000 the weekly allocation of vaccines sent already to states and territories for the coming week, up to 10.5 million. It is allowing state and local governments to receive additional federal dollars to cover previously unmet expenses relating to the pandemic.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the move on a call with state governors Tuesday morning and then detailed them in the public in an afternoon news conference. Drugmakers have become a mainstay for flu shots and dengue vaccines, and the industry is capable of vaccinating tens of millions of people monthly.

"This will provide more sites for people to get vaccinated in their communities," Zients said. "This is a critical step to provide the public with convenient, trusted places to get vaccinated in their communities," he added.

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Brown v. Board of Education SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021 The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 to provide educational opportunities for persons who were denied an education in Virginia due to the closing of the public school during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1964.

TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

House Dems make case to convict

Trump's lawyers call upcoming trial unconstitutional

BY ERIC LUCKER AND TERRY CLARE JACKSON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump endangered the lives of all members of Congress when he snared a mob of supporters "like a loaded cannon" at the U.S. Capitol, House Democrats said Tuesday in expanding their most detailed case yet for why the former president should be convicted and permanently barred from office.

The duration of the trial is the first public glimpse of the arguments that will be presented in the Senate beginning next week. The impeachment trial represents a remarkable reckoning with the violence in the Capitol last month, which the senators will need to stand, and with Trump's prescience and hubris in the very chamber where the insurrectionists stood Jan. 6.

The Democratic legal team, tracing his efforts to undermine democracy to when he first laid out his agenda in the summer he would not ac-



Former President Donald Trump waves as he boards Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House on Jan. 20 en route to his Mar-a-Lago Florida Resort.

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The House brief is more than five times as long as the 14-page Trump filing and heavy on footnotes and citations, aiming to challenge the results in court. When those efforts failed, the Democrats turned to using the siege. And it used evocative language to conjure the day's chaos, which "terrified members, were trapped in the chamber" and called loved ones "for fear they would not survive."

The conduct endangered the life of every member of Congress, except the results and concealed his electoral defeat. Instead, he summoned a mob to Washington, exhorted them into a frenzied state, and armed them like a loaded cannon down Pennsylvania Avenue," the Democrats wrote in an 80-page document.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PLAN APPROVAL BY APPLICANTS FOR THE... [Detailed legal notice text regarding a plan approval process, including sections for 'Description of the Project', 'Public Hearing Information', and 'Comments and Objections'.]



# OBITUARIES

## Beatty, Bonnie

On Thursday, Jan. 28, Bonnie Beatty, loving mother of three children, passed away at the age of 80.

Bonnie was born on June 30, 1940, in Winchester to Mabel and William E. Lark. The family moved to Rocky Mount, where she was an investigator for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and her retirement after many years of service.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Steve Carter, of Fairfax, daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Tim Hopkins of Charlotte, N.C., and son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Julie Briggs of Beeson Mill, Va. She also leaves behind two grandchildren, Kevley Carter of Mechanicsville, Va., and Abby Beatty of Beeson Mill, Va., and many nephews and nieces.



Home Health and Hospice for overseeing Bonnie's medical care. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider a donation to Medi Home Health and Hospice in our loving mother's name. You may send a check to Medi Home Health and Hospice, 141 E. Main St., Ste. 300, Palmyra, Va. 24101-5047. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

## McPherson, Anna Louise

Anna Louise McPherson, 68, of Blacksburg, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Theodore and Ella Ann Bonds; a brother, Arthur Lee Evans; and a sister, Mary McGee.

Sorrowers include her husband of 41 years, Robert Edward McPherson; daughters Mary Rebecca Todd and Kirby Shalva Mitchell; all of their grandchildren, Drese Belcher, Robbie Belcher, Jessica

Belcher, Haley Holston, Ed Holman, Brocklyn Lager and Brynn Lager; great grandchildren Kaiden Belcher and Cassen Holman; brothers, Jeremy Bonds and Christy Evans; a sister, Ruby Shroyer; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. The McPherson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

## Ohalla (Riveros), Carol Ann



Carol Ann Ohalla (Riveros) was born in Chicago and died in Dublin, Va., 76 years old.

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

## Creed, Gary Douglas

Gary Douglas Creed, of Shaversville, was set free from a valiant battle with Alzheimer's as the snow fell to the ground on Jan. 28, 2021.

Steven of Melvin Lewis and Ada Mae Moore Creed, Gary will be remembered by his family, friends and all who knew him as a man who proudly served his community, long in his youth, and cherished his family. There was always something Gary would do for his family. If there was ever something his family wanted or needed, he made sure to make it happen. Nothing was impossible when he was on your side.

Success was handed to Gary. He believed and passed on the idea that if you wanted to be the best, you would have to work harder and longer than everyone else. A son of that his family will carry on in his honor. Gary was employed at Sheler Moore Mule for many years and also served on the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for 15 years.

He had a passion for basketball and enjoyed watching the game, as well as coaching. His advice on the court transferred to real-life advice as those who received it grew into adults. Gary would encourage his players to "Take the shot if you're open. You'll miss 100% of the shots you don't take." Gary encouraged friends and family to take chances when opportunities presented themselves.



He wasn't afraid to take chances and had the ability to create something positive out of a situation that was difficult for others to find the light in. Lastly, Gary will be remembered for his willingness to stand up for what he believed. He never let the opinion of others sway him from his beliefs and what he thought was right. His community and giving back were important to him as was the success of the younger generation within the community. Gary was preceded in death by his brothers Lewis Creed and John D. Creed, and sisters Mary Huff, Geraldine, Gaird and Irene Brammer. He is survived by his wife Linda Creed, a son, Tim Creed and his wife Barbara, a daughter, Nikki Munnize and her husband, John; brother, William Creed and his wife, Cynthia; sister, Elizabeth Brammer; granddaughters Bridgett Bradley and her husband James; Kaylee Rodgers and her husband Mark; and Kaiti and Lanyssa Moore, and great-grandchildren Jason, Jacob, Hale, Bonnie and Allie. Due to COVID-19, the memorial service will be a private memorial service in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you help your child call an "A" friend or teach a child to fish. Home visits for funerals are available. McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg is caring for the Creed family.

## Selvey, Sr., Ben Eugene

On Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, Ben Eugene Selvey, Sr., 88, of Radford, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ben was born in Princeton, Va., on Nov. 2, 1932. He was a graduate from Concord College and spent the majority of his career in Virginia Tech, retiring in 1995. In retirement, he enjoyed playing golf and traveling the world with his loving wife. He was an Army veteran and an active member of First Baptist Church in Radford and a member of the Radford Lions Club.

Ben was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile and his compassionate spirit. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his brother, N. V. Selvey, Jr. He is survived by his devoted wife



of 66 years, Eileen G. Selvey, a brother, Bob Selvey (Damon) and his son, Ben F. Selvey, Jr. (Debbie) and Richard D. Selvey, all of Palmyra; daughters Paige J. Selvey and Janice F. O'Brien, both of Christiansburg; granddaughters, Nikita S. Mizem (Matt) and Taylor M. Selvey (Haley), all of Christiansburg; and Ashley M. Selvey, of Dulles; great-grandson, James Jackson Carter, and many other relatives and friends. Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the First Baptist Church, Memorial Fund, 215 Third Avenue, Radford, Va. 24141. The Selvey family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

## Padis, Catherine "Katie" Cacaroulas

Catherine "Katie" Cacaroulas, Padis, 90, of Blacksburg, died peacefully on Jan. 29, 2021, and has gone to her heavenly home.

She was born in Manchester, Penn., on March 12, 1930, to Stephen and Maria Cacaroulas. She was the older of two girls and her sister, Anne-Jane Cacaroulas Tielkes, preceded her in death in 2004. She was also preceded in death in 1995 by her loving husband of 43 years, Leo Archie Padis.

Katie is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Leo Padis, Jr., of Richmond and Steve and Donna Padis of Roanoke; and one granddaughter, Catherine Olivia Padis, of New Orleans. Also surviving are several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to recognize her special friends, Chris and Maria Kyparis of Blacksburg. Katie lived her last years in her Blacksburg home of 65 years with assistance of caregivers. The family is so thankful to all those who cared for her, but especially those that became her special friends: Jane Smith of Dover, Cheryl Bidman of Shawsville and Jimmie Gambill of Christiansburg. Katie relished her time with her family and friends.

Before retiring, she worked at the First National Exchange Bank in Blacksburg. She was an active and long-time member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Roanoke and the second secretary

## Legal Notice

Notice to Creditors: The undersigned, Stephen M. ... (The text continues with legal notice details regarding a probate estate, including names of parties, dates, and court proceedings.)

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Bonnie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Steve Carter of Fairfax; daughter and son-in-law Ann and Tom Hopkins of Chantler, VA; and son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Julie Beatty of Boonsville, VA. She also leaves behind two grandchildren, Kenley Cause of Mechanicsville, VA, and Abby Beatty of Boonsville, VA, and many nephews and nieces.



Home Health and Hospice for receiving Bonnie's medical care.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider a donation to Med Home Health and Hospice or our loving mother's name. You may send a check to Med Home Health and Hospice, 144 E. Main St., Ste. 500, Pulaski, VA 24061-5447. Arrangements by McCue Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Robert Edward McPherson; daughter, Mary Kelday; Todd and Kristy Shuler; Michael, all of Pulaski; grandchildren, three: Rebecca, Robert, Rebecca; Janice

Rebecca, Haley; Heather and Hoffman; Brandon; Lopez and Renee; Larry; great-grandchildren, Kaden, Beulah, and Cassen; nephews, Jeremy Bond, and Larance; a niece, Ruby Shrewsbury; and many other relatives and friends.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 215 Third Avenue, Radford, VA 24041.

The Selvey family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Send community news and photos to [communitynews@ourvalley.org](mailto:communitynews@ourvalley.org)

## Padis, Catherine "Katie" Cacaroukas

Catherine "Katie" Cacaroukas Padis, 90, of Blacksburg, died peacefully on Jan. 29, 2021 and has gone to her heavenly home.

She was born in Mountain Home on Nov. 12, 1930, to Stephen and Maie Cacaroukas. She was the older of two girls and her sister, Anne. Anne Cacaroukas' husband, preceded her in death in 2004. She was also preceded in death in 1999 by her loving husband of 41 years, Leo Archie Padis.

Katie is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Leo Padis, Jr. of Richmond and Steve and Donna Padis of Roanoke, and one granddaughter, Catherine Olivia Padis of New Orleans. Also surviving are several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to thank her special friends, Chris and Miss Kappa of Blacksburg. Katie lived her last years in her Blacksburg home of 65 years with assistance of caregivers. The family is so thankful to all those who cared for her, but especially three that became her special friends: Jane Smith of Brent, Cheryl Sinton of Shenandoah and Juanita Cambill of Christiansburg. Katie reunited her loved ones and friends.

Before retiring, she worked at the First National Exchange Bank in Blacksburg. She was an active and long time member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Roanoke, and the second many

years as treasurer of the Philanthropic Society. She was a devoted wife and mother and dedicated her life to providing a beautiful and loving home. When Leo and Steve were at Virginia Tech, Katie became a second mother to many of their college friends, several of whom would visit her whenever they returned to Blacksburg. One of her great talents was cooking, and she served on several cookbook committees for both the Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club and the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and participated in numerous cooking groups. She also loved sports and attended countless Virginia Tech home football and basketball games. She was in and around bridge player and was in many bridge clubs.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the McCue Funeral Home Chapel in lieu of flowers. Contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 10 Huntington Blvd NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

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## Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSAL NO. 2021-01 FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA**

1. **Project Description:** The City of Radford is proposing to acquire approximately 1.5 acres of land located at the intersection of US-421 and US-58 in Radford, Virginia. The proposed acquisition is for the purpose of expanding the City's public utility system.

2. **Project Location:** The proposed acquisition is located at the intersection of US-421 and US-58 in Radford, Virginia.

3. **Project Purpose:** The proposed acquisition is for the purpose of expanding the City's public utility system.

4. **Project Impact:** The proposed acquisition is expected to have a minimal impact on the surrounding community.

5. **Project Timeline:** The proposed acquisition is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

6. **Project Cost:** The estimated cost of the proposed acquisition is \$1,500,000.

7. **Project Funding:** The proposed acquisition is funded by the City's general fund.

8. **Project Approval:** The proposed acquisition requires approval by the City Council.

9. **Project Opposition:** Any person who has objections to the proposed acquisition should submit written comments to the City Clerk by the date of the public hearing.

10. **Project Contact:** For more information, please contact the City Clerk at (540) 861-1234.

11. **Project Date:** The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

12. **Project Location:** The public hearing will be held at the City Council Chamber, 100 North Main Street, Radford, Virginia.

13. **Project Agenda:** The agenda for the public hearing includes the presentation of the proposed acquisition and the opportunity for public comment.

14. **Project Minutes:** The minutes of the public hearing will be available on the City's website.

15. **Project Transparency:** The City is committed to transparency and will provide all necessary information to the public.

16. **Project Accessibility:** The public hearing is accessible to all members of the public.

17. **Project Confidentiality:** The City will maintain the confidentiality of all sensitive information.

18. **Project Integrity:** The City is committed to the highest standards of integrity.

19. **Project Accountability:** The City is accountable to the public for its actions.

20. **Project Transparency:** The City is committed to transparency and will provide all necessary information to the public.

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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**NOVEMBER 1, 2020**  
Grounding of a President left only one path with Donald Trump: He, the weather dogged and the groundhog, dug the 13th celebration of Groundhog Day on Tuesday in Pennsylvania, Pa.

# Punxsutawney Phil says more winter

**BY STEPHAN LEE**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**  
There will be six more weeks of winter, Punxsutawney Phil predicted after emerging from his burrow on Tuesday, according to an official report from the Groundhog Day observance.

Members of Phil's "inure crew" rode up the dirt staircase to 25 feet at Gable's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to see whether he would see his shadow. "Shortly after this year's prediction was revealed, one of the members of the crew struck a snag as he and Phil had both careers in the day. "After some time, your reporting team got one of the most beautiful and brightest spring pictures ever." The tradition that is Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney is different because of the coronavirus pandemic, which is still able to see Phil and celebrate in person. This year it was all virtual. "After the last circle divided theories, they had

# Trump

**January**

would not accept the election results and then through the November contests by any failed attempts to challenge the results. When these efforts failed, the Democrats were the means of staying in power, specifically by launching a pressure campaign aimed at state election officials, the Justice Department and Congress.

"The only honorable path at that point was for President Trump to accept the results and concede his electoral defeat. Instead, he summoned a mob to Washington, scattered them into a frenzy, and sent them like a locust plague down Pennsylvania Avenue, the Democrats wrote in the 14-page report.

The report accused his associates of sowing chaos and terrorism, and it accused Trump of trying to "steal back and stand by" a September debate — where he had implied he would have been prime for the presidency. "Trump's actions were aimed at intimidating his followers, and they were aimed at intimidating the First Amendment in this country," the report said. "It is not in our interest to let Trump continue to do this."



**ALAN DENOR/AP**  
President Donald Trump was set to be Donald Trump's 75th birthday party on Jan. 20 on the grounds of the White House in a ceremony to be held on the lawn.

from an unproven conspiracy, the Democrats wrote. The House panel is more than 500 pages long as of the 14-page Trump filing and report, and it includes a detailed timeline of what Democrats hope will be a detailed timeline for to receive additional federal information. Trump's lawyers, David Schoep and Bruce Gaston, denied that he had invited the riot by shouting the words "we are the fifth wave" to his followers to "fight the hell."

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White House. Trump's lawyers also defended the Democrats' characterization of Trump's remarks and his role in the riot, denying that he ever endangered national security. When he told his followers to fight the hell, they said, he was talking about "election security."

Trump, they said, was not attempting to interfere with the counting of electoral votes, only encouraging members of Congress to engage in the customary process of challenging one another's votes. "The actions by the House make clear that its intention is not to protect the protection of liberty upon which this great Nation was founded," they said.

and indeed, free political speech from the back-lane of all American liberties? "The House's final report also had a challenge to the constitutionality of the First Amendment, though that claim may not be resolved until after the courts, if any, are not resolved politically. Republicans have signaled that if they find, with many saying they think, Congress should move on and questioning the constitutionality of an presidential inauguration, second inauguration that he has left office. In a test case in the Senate last week, a Republican-led majority of 51-48 voted to strip the presidential immunity of the second inauguration. "It is not in our interest to let Trump continue to do this."

# Vaccine

**News**

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# Legal Notice

**WALGREENS STORES INC. AND WALGREENS BOTTLE DISTRIBUTORS INC.**

Walgreens Stores Inc. ("Walgreens") and Walgreens Bottle Distributors Inc. ("Walgreens BD") are pleased to announce that they have entered into a strategic partnership with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") to increase the availability of COVID-19 vaccines in underserved communities.

Walgreens and Walgreens BD are committed to providing timely and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines for all Americans. This partnership is a key part of our commitment to public health and safety during these unprecedented times.

Through this partnership, Walgreens and Walgreens BD will work together to ensure that COVID-19 vaccines are readily available in underserved areas, including rural and inner-city communities. This includes expanding our distribution network, providing additional training to our staff, and ensuring that our facilities are equipped to handle the increased demand for vaccines.

We believe that this partnership will be instrumental in increasing vaccine uptake and ultimately reducing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for the support and collaboration of the FDA and look forward to continuing to work together to protect the health and well-being of all Americans.

For more information about this partnership, please contact: [Contact Information]

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# Twin Springs Claims 53-40 Victory Over Rye Cove

The Lady Titans emerged victorious in Twin Springs' fourth game Cumberland Conference sweep over the Rye Cove Eagles last Tuesday night at home.

Twin Springs claimed their second victory of the year over their home county rivals by a final score of 53-40. The Titans also won the junior varsity games both times.

The relatively low-scoring game was reflected in the two teams' recent form of playing three due to fouled quarters. At times both had difficulty making the basket fall especially during the second period.

"We played better than it was only our second night out after being quarantined," explained Twin Springs coach Roger France. "We finally made some shots after the first quarter I just hope we can get some energy back and guard and rebound better."

Kathie Keith led the floor with 21 points, three rebounds, two steals and two assists followed by fellow Lady Titan Bradleigh Powers with 12 points, one rebound and four steals. Keith knocked down a three for the first bucket of the night giving the Lady Titans an early 3-0 lead. McKay

in Harless pushed the Lady Eagles ahead 5-1 with a tray from the corner a put back and a made free-throw.

Powers went coast to coast off of a steal to tie it up. Twin Springs regained the lead at 10-7 with a jumper from Keith as time expired in the first quarter.

Both teams struggled to find the hoop during the first five scoreless minutes of the second quarter. Harless broke the silence with a winged made free-throw, followed by a basket from Madeline Love to tie the game at 10. With just under a minute remaining the Lady Titans sparked a quick 3-0 run creating an 11 point cushion at the half 21-13.

Love was quick on the trigger early in the second half. Her jumper cut the Lady Titan lead to single digits at 21-15. Harless snaggled an old-fashioned three-point play to bring the Lady Eagles to within six. But Keith finished a tray to spark an 8-1 Lady Titan run, giving Twin Springs the 32-19 lead. Rye Cove's Ashley Berry hit a triple to answer with a Lady Eagle 3-point run as the Lady Titans Love capped the third quarter with a tray as Rye Cove moved into the fourth trailing 34-27.

Keith knocked down another three to push the Lady Titan lead back to double digits. That lead was quickly cut back down to single digits. Snow converted a steal into a basket followed by Berry's bucket in the paint with five minutes remaining in the matchup.

Glodie Gliner hit a three from deep to regain the 10 point Lady Titan lead at 43-33. Twin Springs' defense picked up the pace and forced a couple turn overs allowing Powers to have back to back buckets.

Trailing 47-33 with three minutes remaining, Rye Cove was looking for some points. Harless hit a 3-pointer for the Lady Eagles and was a moment too soon. Vienna Holes found two points in the lane for the Lady Eagles but it was perhaps too late as Twin Springs finished on a 8-2 run, winning 52-40.

The Lady Eagles were led by Harless with 13 points while Love added 11 points. On Thursday night the "Cove" fell 33-25 to Castlewood in Cumberland District play on the road.

Thomas Walker continued its dominance in the district on Thursday with a 59-23 win over Twin Springs to remain in first place.

Powers had 11 points and 19 rebounds for the Titans.

It was a tough game and a hard matchup for us," France added. "We did some good things, but we still didn't take care of the ball. We had way too many turnovers and gave up too many offensive rebounds. Hopful we can get better soon in time for the district tournament this week."

Shelbee Bannon led the Panthers with 17 points while Lakin Burke poured in 15. Tenley Jackson chipped in 10 points.

The Lady Titans picked up a 41-23 win over Castlewood on Friday and beat J.I. Burton 32-10 on Saturday against the Blue Devils. Powers, 15 points, and Keith, 10 points, combined for 25 — the bulk of the final scoring tally — for Twin Springs.

Montana Sutherland tacked on 10 for Castlewood.

Powers turned on the "power" in the fourth quarter against Burton, scoring 10 of her 22 points to edge the Raiders for the top V.

France, Dinger finished with seven points and seven rebounds. Burton's Kaylee Denkins poured in 12 points and Anyah Hittington led 10 points.

The Lady Titan selected to forfeit Monday's regular game with Eastside a decision that pits Eastside and Thomas Walker into a first-place tie in the Cumberland District. The two teams played last night at Rye Cove to determine the top seed and automatic berth in the Region II girls basketball tournament.



Kathie Keith takes the fast break down the court to the basket in last Tuesday's game between Twin Springs and Rye Cove.



Connor Lane unselfishly prepares to dish out an assist to a teammate to secure the 2 point basket.

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was hitting these," said Welsh. "I don't know if we are always going to shoot that well. I'm glad we did tonight. Hopefully we can carry that momentum going forward. I think our defense really feeds our offense. It gives us confidence on the offensive end, and we can get some rhythm. We are as dangerous as anybody when we get that rhythm going."

Twin Springs is responsible for two of the Eagles' three losses on the year and Welsh added he expects to see Rye Cove again sooner than later.

"Rye Cove is a really good team and they played well," he added. "We just shot the first out of it tonight and got the best of them."

Eagles head coach Michael Paul Berry said despite the toughness to the hot shooting, his team must rebound and keep the momentum they've built for his team.

"They shot the ball extremely well and they are tough to beat," said Berry. "Especially when they shoot the ball that well. Fifteen threes, that's tough. Tonight, they shot the ball phenomenally well. I'm proud of my guys for not quitting. I thought they played until the final free throw. We will come back tomorrow and try to get better. We are coming off a good couple of weeks and a good stretch. They were the last team to beat us at their place."

Rye Cove notched another victory in its belt this season as Zach Buker exploded for 34 points, ten assists and two steals to lead his team to a 71-62 win over Eastside.

Ethan Chavez chipped in 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Eagles, who beat Eastside for the second time this season in Friday night Cumberland play. The Spartans were led by Will Staunberry (21 points, seven assists), Eli McCoy (14 points) and Jordan Gray (10 points, 10 rebounds).

Owens had his own lot, hard in Friday's 62-42 lopsided victory over Castlewood. The lanky sophomore poured in 29 points to help the team cement their standing in the district.

Lane added 16 points as the power duo scored nearly three-fourths of the team's total.

Dalton Fields earned 12 points for the Blue Devils.

In this week's Cumberland District tournament, 41. Burke, the top seed, elected to drop out of the tournament which set up a new seeding order. Every team moves up one spot with Twin Springs now as the second seed and Rye Cove as the third seed.

Castlewood plays at Thomas Walker tonight with the winner slated to face Twin Springs on Friday. On the other side of the bracket, Rye Cove hosts Eastside.

The winner of both contests plays for tournament title on Saturday at the higher seed. The tournament champion also advances to next week's Region II tournament.

## Legal Notice

**NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 100 SOUTH TRYON STREET, SUITE 1000  
 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27601

1. **Specialty Power Company, Inc.** filed application for approval of rate adjustments for the 2001 rate year on 1/24/01. The Commission will hold a public hearing on this application on 2/1/01 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices, 100 South Tryon Street, Suite 1000, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. The Commission will also hold a public hearing on this application on 2/1/01 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices, 100 South Tryon Street, Suite 1000, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. The Commission will also hold a public hearing on this application on 2/1/01 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices, 100 South Tryon Street, Suite 1000, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

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## NRCC to offer new heavy equipment operator program

New River Community College recently received state approval to offer a new short-term training program for those interested in heavy equipment operation.

The heavy equipment operator and core craft skills courses will teach students the necessary basics to start a career as a trade apprentice and heavy equipment operator through a combination of on-line training and live lab training. The heavy equipment operator level 1 course is an 88-hour online class that offers hands-on training using simulators, which replicate real-life operating scenarios through rotation-motion platforms and high-resolution 3D displays for excavator and wheel loader equipment. Students in this course will learn orientation to the trade, heavy equipment safety identification of heavy equipment, basic operational techniques, utility tractors, introduction to earthmoving, interpreting civil drawings, and using simulator exercises for equipment basic controls, loading and unloading, excavating, and trenching.

"Implementation of the heavy equipment operator program will assist local business and industry in securing skilled employees," said Ross Matney, workforce training coordinator at NRCC. The CAT simulators will offer realistic operating situations while the course curriculum also includes employ-



This painting was done by Fine Art Center for the NRVC board member Toni Bowman, who will be teaching the Introduction to Watercolor class via Zoom as part of the Second Saturday Art Cafe.

## FAC sponsors another Second Saturday Art Cafe

By WILLIAM PAINE  
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The Fine Arts Center (FAC) for the New River Valley will be offering art kits and art classes as part of their monthly "Second Saturday Art Cafe" art education series.

For children, this upcoming Second Saturday Art Cafe is featuring a watercolor project entitled "Hearts AFire" where the younger set is invited to paint a bold heart with colors all around it. Children are invited to imitate the style of Paul Klee, the Swiss-born German artist whose work reflects a blend of expressionism, cubism and surrealism.

Free kits, containing a set of watercolor paints, brushes, paper and instructions, will be available for pick up from 10 a.m. till noon on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Fine Arts Center located at 21 W Main Street in Pulaski.

The Fine Arts Center is partnering with the Pulaski YMC A to provide art kits to more than 120 students attending pre-school and after school programs at all five PCPS elementary schools and the Mayflower Christian Academy. Everyone in the New River Valley region is invited to sign up for the free monthly Art Cafe kits for their children or grandchildren.

As part of the Second Saturday

Art Cafe series, a painting class entitled "Introduction to Water Color" will be held live via Zoom from 2 till 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. This class will introduce novice painters to watercolor painting by going over the basic properties of watercolor paints and paper.

Ms. Toni Bowman, the FAC board member who will teach the class, will also review the technique of color blending.

The Zoom class is appropriate for artist ages 10 and up. The registration fee for Introduction to Watercolor is \$20.

To register for Introduction to Watercolor go to [www.facnrv.org](http://www.facnrv.org) classes.

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## AWARDS

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William Brown (2016), 7th District Delegate Nick Rush (2019) and former 12th District Delegate Joseph Yost (2016), Susan Kidd of Narrows (2013), Giles County Administrator Chris McLonney (2017), former Congressman Rick Boucher (2015) and retired Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Joseph Shelley (2014).

Citizen of the Valley awards recognize a NRVC citizen who has made significant contributions to the region's betterment. To nominate someone for the Citizen award visit [www.nrvcmonkey.com/fac](http://www.nrvcmonkey.com/fac). NRVC Citizen of the Valley AWARD.

Past recipients of the Citizen award include community advocate Bill Ellenbogen (2020), community leader Raymond Smoot (2019), artist/philanthropist P. Buckley Moss (2018), business owner/investor David Hagan (2014), Floyd County entrepreneur Woody Greenhaw (2017), Radford University president Penelope Kyle (2016), Anderson & Associates CEO Ken Anderson (2015) and Virginia Tech president Dr. Charles Steyer (2014).

Finally, the Friend of the Valley Award recognizes individuals or organizations outside the NRVC who have made significant contributions to the region. To submit a nomination, go to [www.nrvcmonkey.com/fac](http://www.nrvcmonkey.com/fac). NRVC Friend of the Valley AWARD.

Past Friend recipients are John Smolak III of Appalachian Power Co. (2019), Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Director Bill Shelton (2017) and Mary Moody Northern Foundation at Mountain Lake Lodge (2016).

Nominations are being accepted through March 15.

**Special Election**  
**Tuesday**  
**March 23, 2021**

Voter Registration  
and Elections

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Member, State Senate  
38<sup>th</sup> District

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**ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE AT THE POLLS.**  
Please verify your voter registration, polling place,  
and VALID ID before Election Day!  
[elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov)

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**POLLS OPEN 6 am - 7 pm**

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**Tuesday, March 16, 2021:** Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election.

Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office postmarked on or before this deadline.

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**In-Person Absentee Voting**  
87 Commerce Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
**Monday-Friday, February 5, 2021 - March 20, 2021**  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
**Saturday, March 13, 2021 - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and**  
**Saturday, March 20, 2021 - 8:30 am to 5:30 pm**

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**Saturday, March 20, 2021:** Last day to vote and a special absentee ballot at the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office.

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**Absentee Voting by Mail**

**Friday, March 12, 2021:** Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office by 5 pm.

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Kimryn H. Webb, Director of Elections and General Registrar  
87 Commerce Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
TELEPHONE: 540-980-7111 FAX: 540-980-5993

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Website: [pulsaskicounty.org](http://pulsaskicounty.org)

## Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF  
 THE ESTATE OF [Name], deceased.  
 The undersigned, [Name], being the executor of the last will and testament of the above-named decedent, do hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of the decedent, to present the same to me, the executor, at my residence at [Address], within the time specified in this notice.

Claims against the estate of the decedent must be presented to me, the executor, within the time specified in this notice. Claims not presented within the time specified in this notice shall be barred.

The time for presenting claims against the estate of the decedent shall be the date of the first publication of this notice.

Witness my hand and the seal of the executor of the last will and testament of the above-named decedent, this [Date] day of [Month], 2021.

[Signature]

[Name], Executor

# Farming

## Va. Farmers support ag research amendment

A proposed amendment to the Virginia state budget requesting additional funding for critical agricultural research has gained bipartisan support in the 2021 Virginia General Assembly.

Sponsored by Del. David L. Ralston (D-Fairfax) and Sen. Vincent W. Wagner Jr. (R-Stafford), the proposal would allocate \$1.92 million to improve technological systems and employee retention across all Agency 229 bodies.

Agency 229 provides funding for Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. Through these entities, the agency supports scientists and other specialists who conduct innovative agricultural research at the VACES and its 11 Agricultural Research Extension Centers.

An additional \$300,000 in one-time funding is also available to support its research projects.

The amendment requests \$200,000 to modernize equipment at agency facilities.

The upgrades would improve the efficiency of collecting and processing complex data, studying supplies and distributing results.

M.L. Everett Jr. said the Agency 229 research data helps Virginia farmers increase their yields and local research has improved cotton, peanut, soybean and wheat production in Southeast Virginia.

"Their research certainly gives us an advantage as farmers, and without it we aren't innovating as quickly as we need to," said Everett, who serves as the Virginia Farm Threat Evaluation board's director.

Improving outreach communication also is proposed, as well as \$200,000 in ongoing support for the technology.

Everett said securing full funding is critical. "The real take-home point is that these additional monies would keep Virginia farmers on the cutting edge of new technologies and agronomic practices that would keep us competitive in the world markets, help us grow our crops as efficiently as possible and allow us to maximize production."

Vegetable and grain producer David Hickman explained the research also is instrumental in providing information to help farmers improve on best management practices.

"We're seeing a tremendous return in environmental benefits due to the work being done by these agencies," said Hickman, who also serves on the VACE board. "Extension and the

ARERA are doing great work in increasing nutrient runoff and reducing the use of pesticides and fertilizers, and negatively impacting the environment."

The remaining funds would be allocated to Cooperative Extension to recruit and retain agents, with \$470,000 reserved for hiring employees and \$300,000 for competitive salary adjustments among current employees.

Everett said many Virginia localities have seen a high turnover rate among extension agents in recent years.

He noted that, without the additional funding in the state budget, the trend would likely continue.

"It's hard for Extension, with the budget they have, to hold onto these great agents we desperately need," Everett said.

Everett's struggle with turnover at the same time, and he's always wondering

when our agent is going to get stepped up by a young colleague better pay for the ones who pay for

are the farmers? For more information call 2044-260-0101

that research is disseminated to Extension agents, who then share the infor-

## USDA temporarily suspends collection, foreclosure on loans

Due to the national public health emergency caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the temporary suspension of past due debt collection and foreclosures for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA will temporarily suspend non judicial foreclosures, debt offset or wage garnishments, and returning foreclosures to the Department of Justice, and USDA will work with the U.S. Attorney's Office to stop judicial foreclosures and auctions that were previously referred to the Department of Justice.

Additionally, USDA has extended deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan default consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers.

In addition, for the Guaranteed Loan program, flexibility has been made available to lenders to assist in servicing loan customers.

This announcement by USDA expands previous actions undertaken by the department to lessen financial hardship.

According to USDA data, more than 12,000 farm loans are approximately 90% or more delinquent — are eligible for relief. Authorized body, Overall, FSA loans to more than 12,000 farmers, ranchers and producers.

USDA and the Bank Administration are committed to bringing relief and support to farmers, ranchers and producers of all backgrounds and financial status, including by ensuring producers have access to temporary debt relief," said Robert

Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. "Not only is USDA suspending the pipeline to address loans that are in late, foreclosure and debt collection, we are also working with the Department of Justice and Treasury to suspend any actions already referred to the applicable Agency."

Additionally, we are exploring ways to improve and address farm related debt with the intent to keep farmers in their farms earning living expenses providing for emergency needs, and maintaining cash flow.

The temporary suspension is in place until further notice and is expected to continue while the national COVID-19 disaster declaration is in place.

FSA's Farm Service Agency provides several different loans for producers, which fall under two main categories.

Guaranteed loans are made and serviced by commercial lenders, such as banks, the Farm Credit System, credit unions and other non traditional lenders. FSA guarantees the lender's loan against loss, up to 95 percent.

Facility loans are made and serviced by FSA using funds from the federal government. The most common loan types are Farm Ownership, Farm Operating, and Farm Storage Facility Loans.

Microloans for such as Cash Ownership (help producers purchase or refinance a farm or ranch, construct a new or improve an existing farm or ranch building, pay down cows, and pay for soil and water conservation and protection).

Farm Operating (help producers purchase livestock and equipment and pay for minor but vital estate repairs and annual operating expenses).

Farm Storage Facility

Loans are made directly to producers for the construction of cold or dry storage, and includes handling equipment and in-field storage such as silage choppers.

Microloans (Direct Farm Ownership, Operating Loans, and Farm Storage Facility Loans) have a structured application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non traditional and mid-size operations.

CONTACT FSA

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan delinquency and loan servicing options available.

For servicing information, contact your local FSA office. For more information, contact your local FSA office.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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## Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF HEARING FOR REVISION OF VACANT AND UNDEVELOPED LAND USE ZONING REGULATIONS**

BY VACANT AND UNDEVELOPED LAND USE ZONING REGULATIONS

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to convert the propulsion of all transportation—cars, pickups, SUVs, vans, large trucks, logging trucks, city buses, school buses, ride-share vehicles, even trains to operate on electric power? Proprietors?

The study includes the policies, laws and other requirements estimated to accomplish this. The study part of the report is logical and proper, but I voted against the bill primarily because it also specifies that the costs of electrifying transportation shall be absorbed (hidden) in our electricity base rates, not appear in a Rate Adjustment Clause (RAC) where the true costs have to be identified and separated out so Virginians would know the actual true costs to come from this unrealistic, nonsensical policy.

On the same side the dominant article continues against our traditional social values and religious rights and practices. HB1896 would pay from taxpayer funds some of the costs of mandating and subsidizing health plans that cover abortions. Covering these costs is an indirect method of procuring taxpayer-funded abortions.

The "Nanny State" HB1864 treats anyone as an employer who hires a full time, part-time or hourly person as, say, an in-home babysitter, home worker, or tutor. The employer would be subject to discrimination lawsuits from the AG, former hires, or even someone who was not selected for the position. By way of examples, a person who prefers to hire a female rather than a male to care for an elderly mother on a full time or part-time basis or a Christian parent who prefers to hire and does hire a Christian rather than a non-Christian as a full or part time nanny could be sued for discrimination. This bill raises more questions than answers, given and its complex implications become even more disturbing when read and pondered in full.

The old Common Law that declared suicide is a crime was repealed. That may seem reasonable and appropriate as the

surface, but it will also make it difficult for our police to investigate cases where such tragic events could well be a ruse to cover up a father's actions. I voted against this and the other social bills addressed above.

Regarding the actions of the governor and his state agencies this week, the Ten Six Text Hotline previously established that allowed texts to call in to discuss sex issues was replaced after thousands of complaints from all across the state. Inexplicably, that hotline was replaced by at least two more ways for texts to discuss sex with strangers. The first way is via Planned Parenthood, which offers two methods of contact. The second way is via a website which provides information about "sexual health" as well as a phone number where any teen or child can call or text with a complete stranger. Hub?

As a reminder, February 4 is the last date for you to contact the Virginia Department of Education's proposed regulations covering our schools' policies and procedures regarding LBGTQ+ and gender issues. Yes, the regulations will include bathroom and locker rooms use, males participating in girls' sports, revised gender-neutral pronouns in speech and much more. To spare you my tirade, I simply will say I am firmly opposed to all of these gender-bending, cancel culture changes in regulations.

This week my HB2024 passed subcommittee and will be heard in the full Transportation Committee this coming week. The bill would allow a replica of the washed away Bob White Covered Bridge in Patrick County to be constructed using the national standards for pedestrian-vehicular covered bridges rather than the standard modern specifications for weight load, materials, size, and approaches.

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to receive a vaccine but not to vote.

A bill to force Virginia to adopt all aspects of the international and national building standards passed. The legislation also contains requirements beyond green standards which Virginia already requires. For example, all state and local government buildings will have to have charging stations and electric systems to track and possibly control energy consumption and use, as well as other operations, such as gas, water, smart lighting, and more. This will make new construction prohibitively expensive, not just for state buildings but also for local government and school buildings. The proponents of the legislation also push more "affordable" housing. How that can come about while increasing regulatory costs remains unanswered.

Anti-police and anti-gun bills continue to progress, especially a bill to ban all firearms in the Capitol, Capitol Square, our office building, and even on the surrounding streets. Delegate Margaret Hanover (R-99th) from Westmoreland County gave an outstanding speech on the floor over personal safety and rights to self-protection, especially on the dangerous streets and parking areas in and around the Capitol. Her question about what women should do when attacked was answered with a dismissive suggestion to call the Capitol Police. Yes, this verbal exchange really happened. The bill is scheduled to be voted on Monday February 1, on the House floor.

HB2282 dealing with Electrification of Transportation passed. This bill will be one of the top-most consequential bills of this Session. The bill directs the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to study and make recommendations on how to convert all transportation to run on electricity. Take the word all seriously. The buzz phrase "Electrification of Transportation" means

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## Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC BY ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PLAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE VIRGINIA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**

1. Authority: This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Turnpike Authority Act, Chapter 51 of the Code of Virginia, which provides that the Authority shall have the power to borrow money and to issue bonds for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of the Turnpike System. The Authority is authorized to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of the Turnpike System.

2. Description of the Plan: The Plan provides for the purchase of the Turnpike System by the State of Virginia. The Plan provides for the purchase of the Turnpike System by the State of Virginia in the amount of \$1,000,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of the Turnpike System. The Plan provides for the purchase of the Turnpike System by the State of Virginia in the amount of \$1,000,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of the Turnpike System.

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# SOCIETY

## Lower expectations could mean happiness



annie lane

Dear Annie: This is to all the parents or grandparents that have been hurt by their family because they have not been receiving calls, thank you notes for all that they do, gifts for special occasions or a little show of care, concern or thought (and I hope this is a small population).

If you're in that population, here's my advice. You can start by lowering your expectations. Shouldn't that not work for your happiness, then bring yourself to no expectations for those people in your life. It is not always an easy state to get yourself to, and you could struggle with it at first. However, if your expectations stay this high, then your family will continue to disappoint you. I used to believe that these family members, at least for some, do not know the impact of their actions.

But by lowering my expectations rather than their actions, you have set yourself up to feel no pain, sadness or continued disappointment. In the end, you could become a much happier person seeing the good in others unimpacted by those unmet expectations. — Lowering the Bar.

Dear Lowering the Bar: Many studies have proven that lower expectations have led to a happier life. This doesn't mean settling for poor treatment and bad behavior. Instead, consider it an act of generosity for yourself and your loved ones.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have separate checking accounts. Every 4 hours, he gives his sibling and his children several hundred dollars.

This has been going on for several years, adding up to thousands of dollars. My issue is that they never say thank you unless we hand deliver the money.

The sibling takes the card and puts it in the safe and never opens it in front of us.

If he sends it in the mail, then we hear nothing. At least, I don't, not even from his sibling. When one of his sibling's children got engaged, I paid for and sent a gift that cost several hundred dollars. I know it was delivered, but I never heard a thank-you (and the engaged couple visited family in our state).

Whatever happened to good manners? Are they not important anymore? Is it not today's gift with card, obnoxious call or a simple card would be appreciated — included in flight?

Dear irritated: Good manners cost nothing, while the return is lustrous. By practicing basic good manners, we are showing those around us that we respect them and are considerate of their feelings.

We are all familiar with the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

It sounds like your husband's sibling and family are missing out on a gem hidden in getting a gift, which is to acknowledge the person who gave the gift. That type of loving exchange has the power to make everyone feel appreciated. So, to answer your question, good manners are very important today and always.

At the same time, you will feel better if you give because you want to give and not because you expect something in return.

So, the husband's wife of 40 years from Dear Annie, we see you. Lowering the bar is — lowering the bar on how they treat you, family and happiness. A wonderful response to and thank you for your wonderful writing. We hope you find the information you need here. Annie Lane has been helping people since 1997. [www.annie-lane.com](http://www.annie-lane.com)



## Trusty companions

The recent snow provided the The Stockner boys a chance to have some fun. Above Jonas Stockner with his snowman "Cowboy" are ready for any outdoors that might come their way. At right, Jaxson Stockner plays with his pup, Jetti, in the snow.

Photos submitted by Ashley Stockner



## NEWS BRIEF

### DMV lists holiday observances

All Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) full-day services and limited service centers will be closed on the following days:  
• Feb. 15: George Washington Day  
• May 31: Memorial Day  
• June 18: Independence Day  
• July 4: Independence Day  
• Sept. 6: Labor Day  
• Oct. 11: Columbus Day and Yorktown Victory Day  
• Nov. 2: Election Day  
• Nov. 11: Veterans Day  
• Thanksgiving and Christmas will be announced at a later date.

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## Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PLITON FOR REPORT TO A PUBLIC HEARING... (Detailed legal notice regarding public hearing procedures, including dates, locations, and contact information for the Planning Commission.)

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Brown v. Board of Education SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021. The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 to provide educational opportunities for persons who were denied an education in Virginia due to the closing of the public schools during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1964.

Continuation of the legal notice text from the 'Legal Notice' section, detailing the public hearing process and the Commission's role.



Deleg. Marshall newsletter...

### Minimum wage bill would hurt farmers

Hundreds of Virginia farmers, including many from Southwest Virginia, are asking state lawmakers to reject a bill that would needlessly increase farmer-operating expenses.

Currently, Virginia farmers are exempt from requirements under the Minimum Wage Law, HB 1789, which would remove the exemptions for farm laborers and increase the minimum wage well beyond a sustainable level for many farms.

The Virginia Agribusiness Council reports the average wage for farm workers and laborers is \$14.65. The average wage for workers of all types is \$17.37. That is much higher than the current minimum wage.

Most businesses dealing with higher overhead costs can simply pass those increases on to the customer. Farmers don't have that option because of federal pricing systems and commodities markets. Revenue is also dependent heavily on the weather and health of the crops. The bill would lock farmers into guaranteed costs without guaranteed revenue to offset those costs.

It is also fair to note that, since most of Virginia's farms are in rural areas, they would be disproportionately impacted by the demands of minimum wage requirements. Economies of scale are very different in urban and rural regions. What qualifies as a good, livable wage in Falls Church County may not meet those criteria if you live in Fairfax County. State minimum wage requirements should allow for regional auton-

omy on this important issue. Unfortunately, HB 1789 cleared the House Labor and Commerce Committee, of which I am a member by a 13-9 vote last week. It now goes to the House Floor. I will continue to urge my colleagues to reject this measure.

In a sobering, year-end study, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership recently reported to the Small Business Commission some of the negative impacts the COVID-19 pandemic had here in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The focus was Virginia's small businesses. Some of the numbers were simply heartbreaking.

The EDP reports 27% of Virginia's small businesses have closed since the pandemic began. That is more than one out of every four small businesses from the effects of the crisis. They are now gone. And many will not return.

In certain sectors, the losses were almost unimaginable. 49% of small businesses in the hospitality industry have shut down.

One small bit of good news for our area is that Southwest Virginia reports business closures in single-digit percentage points. Parts of Virginia's Tidewater and Northern Neck regions suffered the highest percentage losses of small businesses.

The EDP reports small businesses in rural areas had a more difficult time obtaining federal PPP loans

Massville and Henry County's rate was one of the lowest in Virginia.

These numbers need to be considered with every move made in the 2021 session of the Virginia General Assembly. Every lawmaker knows how critical small businesses are to our economy. No matter where you go in Virginia, from the urban sprawl of Northern Virginia to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, it is small businesses that drive the local economy.

Each piece of legislation we consider must give us such deference as possible to those businesses that have shouldered the brunt of the pandemic's wrath. We must give them the room to innovate, survive and grow. We have to steer clear of unnecessary regulations, which would hamstring them. We have to give them all of the support we can as these local institutions rebound and help our economy spring back to life.

You can contact me by e-mail at [DeleM@Marshall.net](mailto:DeleM@Marshall.net), or call the Danville office at 434-797-5861. With the unusual manner in which this session is being conducted, it is very important for me to hear from my constituents about the issues that affect them.



Delegate Danny Marshall

Deleg. Adams on vaccine...

### The fight for vaccines in Southern Virginia

In my update last week, I briefly touched on the urgent calls from those of us in the House Republican Caucus for Virginia's government to do what is necessary to improve the execution of an effective COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan, especially for those most at risk. As a representative of our community, I recognize the increasing demand from many constituents that has been frustrated, not only by insufficient executive planning, but product scarcity and logistical limitations.

As some of you know my office has been in frequent communication with the Department of Health over the past few weeks, requesting that more doses of the vaccine be sent to our region. During this process, reliable information about the specifics of the situation during this rollout has frequently changed, but you should know that I will continue to advocate with our local officials, to have vaccine delivered to us as quickly as possible.

In addition, I am glad to report that the House of Delegates has recently passed emergency legislation from the Senate to require the Department of Health to establish a process whereby a wide array of entities may be registered as approved sites for the administration of vaccines. In addition to various health care facilities, these may also include educational and corporate institutions. The bill also requires implementation of a process to enlist qualified volunteers to administer the vaccine. The legislation was supported by both Republicans and Democrats, passing unanimously in both houses.

Another bill that has passed unanimously in the House is one that I sponsored, introduced weeks ago as a direct

response to the increasing pandemic-related restrictions on employment, and nursing homes, in particular, and to ensure that family and friends can visit. The Board of Health directs the Department of Health to develop and implement policies to ensure this patient right, policies that are currently lacking or inconsistent among providers. Indeed, I was motivated to file this bill following the near denial

of such family access to a consistent during her final hours of life. In advocating this legislation, I gained the active support of some Republicans, but also several Democrats, who serve on the reporting committee, and joined my bill as co-patrons, thereby increasing its likelihood of success. This effort

is a happy example of how bipartisan cooperation can be gracefully achieved to improve the quality of life for the people we collectively serve. Such achievements will continue to be a sincere objective of my ongoing work, on behalf of everyone who lives in the district I am privileged to represent.



Delegate L. Adams

### Legal Notice

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE OFFICERS' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The Virginia State Police Officers' Association (VSP) has applied for approval of a collective bargaining agreement with the State of Virginia. The proposed agreement covers the terms and conditions of employment for the officers of the Virginia State Police. The proposed agreement is available for public review and comment at the following website: [www.vspva.com](http://www.vspva.com).

A public hearing will be held on the proposed agreement on the following date and time: **February 10, 2021, 10:00 AM**. The hearing will be held at the following location: **Virginia State Capitol, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219**.

Interested parties may submit written comments to the following address: **Virginia State Police, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219**. Comments should be submitted by **February 10, 2021, 5:00 PM**.

The proposed agreement is available for review at the following website: [www.vspva.com](http://www.vspva.com).

For more information, please contact the Virginia State Police at **(804) 781-1000**.

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# Garbage

The months of January, February and March in 2021 were billed on a quarterly basis at \$30 per quarter, but board members said this week that the restrictions and the time and other issues involved in development of a computerized billing system, the fee to be mailed resulted in county residents receiving a bill in the amount of \$60 for six months, for occupied property only.

Action to waive the \$60 amount — amount of the effective date from last July to January 1 of this year on an emergency basis — and set a public hearing on the matter, came during the board of supervisors' February meeting, which was conducted by electronic means Monday. It was noted those who have already paid the bill will have the \$60 amount credited to the next two quarterly billing cycles this fiscal year.

When the garbage fee came up for discussion, Rocklick Supervisor Craig Stiltner said he had requested it be put on the agenda.

"The six-month bill kindly came out and shocked everybody," Stiltner said noting the garbage fee was "covered in the papers multiple times" as it was being developed and later when a public hearing was held on the matter last summer. No member of the public spoke at that hearing.

In his remarks, Stiltner said the reason the supervisors voted to approve the \$40 monthly fee was to boost revenue of the sanitation department, which he said "has been operating at a loss for years and is now worse with a continuing drop in coal and gas severance tax payments to the county."

"The sanitation department has been running in the red since I've been on this board — almost \$2 million a year," Stiltner said. "We're just trying to get some revenue to help offset that."

Stiltner clarified the fee does not include unoccupied properties.

"You're not going to be billed for that," Stiltner said.

The ordinance also exempts residents of the Town of Grundy, who already pay for town garbage collection fee.

Stiltner then made a motion to grant a waiver to the six-month bill for \$60 and to let the fee begin with a \$30 bill to go out for

later," Adkins said.

He said he has been asked by some people if they can "opt out" of mailing collections.

"We don't pick and choose who gets to pay taxes here in Buchanan County," Adkins added. "We are all Buchanan County citizens. We all need to do our part — not pick and choose, you can't opt out. This is in lieu of raising your property taxes — which is the lowest line with one other county in the state of Virginia."

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Adkins reiterated the need for the fee, and said they were "most upset" with the \$60 amount sent at one time.

Prior to his vote, Grundy Supervisor Jeff Cooper said he had received requests from constituents requesting a waiver to paying a garbage fee.

"One hundred and twenty dollars per year may be a reach for them," Cooper said, and he questioned whether those who are "truly in a crunch" financially go through "some kind of income review" in order for the fee to be waived.

Lee Muse, the board's attorney, said that can be looked at in trying to craft an amended ordinance in advance of a public hearing on the matter the board set at another point during the meeting.

Stiltner made the motion for the public hearing to be held at 5:45 p.m. during the supervisors' March 1 meeting. Cooper seconded the motion, which was approved on a unanimous vote.

At one point, County Administrator Craig Horn asked if he could "go on the record and thank the 70 percent of the people that were nice to us when they called in — we really appreciate it."

Adkins also expressed appreciation to County Finance Director Trish Howe for her work with them in setting up the billing system.

"She needs commended for that. It doesn't get done overnight," Adkins said.

Prater Board Chairman Drew Keene said he had received several calls regarding the garbage fee.

"The majority of people understand," Keene said. "I think we were just a bad situation where this bill went out and shocked a lot of people. I think it's a good thing we got this taken care of and got that large bill out of the way and kind of get a fresh start with it."

While not specifically identified as a garbage reduction fee, county residents outside town limits pay a \$3 consumer utility tax linked into their power bills which is used to defray costs of trash pickup. That \$3 utility tax — the maximum the state allows localities to impose on residential services — was put in place by county ordinance many years ago and will continue to be assessed.

"So many people don't look at what we do until we send them a bill," Hife said. "We must get better attention from the public — I don't know of any way to do it unless you announce we're going to pass a law. It's really been just amazing, but the feedback we've got and a lot of confusion."

Comments that have been made to the supervisors on the issue have been "unacceptable," Adkins said.

"We've just seen a bit of stupidity," Adkins said. "Comments he said has seen on social media. And, you know, some of the things that's been said and done that the supervisors are cranky is really the reason that it makes it hard for good Christian people to run for office, because they don't want people that are really, really obligated to make some comments they make about them and try to destroy their families and falsely accuse them of being crooks and things of that nature."

Adkins added, "it's all fine and dandy when the supervisors are handing out money" to organizations or providing services and "billions of dollars" to the school system each year.

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# Center

vention measures mandated by the governor at the time of the building's reopening will be followed, according to County Administrator Craig Horn.

Earlier in the meeting during a public comment period prior to the vote to reopen the government center, a county resident who did not give his name questioned by phone when the public would be allowed back in the building.

"At that point in the meeting, Horn had responded he hoped the center would not reopen this month, as not all employees who work in the building have received COVID-19 vaccinations."

Adkins indicated in the public comment session he was not in favor of reopening the center due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the county.

Asked to weigh in, County Finance Director Trish Howe said she was "fin" with the building remaining closed for safety reasons, but she added the "team a and team B" concept made it difficult to "get our work done."

She stated once if all workers could return to the building, maintaining social distancing and other illness prevention measures.

The board's action to reopen the center March 1 and to hold in person meetings there came later in the meeting following a session held in the public which the matter was identified as a topic for discussion.

## OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION

for Buchanan County, Virginia

**March 23, 2021**

### Special Election Senate of Virginia

#### 38th District

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

The Constitution of Virginia requires that voters be registered in the precinct in which they live in order to be qualified to vote. If you are not already registered to vote — or if you need to update your registration information — the deadline to register or update your information is **Tuesday, March 16, 2021**. You can check your status or register to vote at [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov) or come into the Voter Registration Office.

**Early Voting in Person**

Early Voting will begin Friday, February 5, 2021. Any qualified registered Buchanan County voter can now vote early. Early Voting is located in the Voter Registration Office, 2374 Riverside Drive, Grundy, VA. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Additional dates are Saturday, March 13 and Saturday, March 20 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Vote by Mail**

You may request a Vote by Mail application online at [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov) or call the Voter Registration Office at 276-935-6534.

March 12 is the last day to request a Vote by Mail Ballot.

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## Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021**

BY APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**APPLICANT:** American Power Company ("APC") has applied for approval of a rate adjustment clause, the F.R.A.C. for recovery of costs incurred to comply with state and federal environmental laws and regulations.

**APPROVAL:** The Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate adjustment clause on **Friday, March 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Commission's offices, 1100 North Main Street, Suite 1100, Buchanan, Virginia 22610. The hearing will be held in person and will be open to the public. The hearing will be held in person and will be open to the public. The hearing will be held in person and will be open to the public.

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**CONTACT:** For more information, please contact the Commission's Public Hearing Office at **276-935-6534**.

# Macy McClaugherty School



**Winter story**

The fifth grade classes held a Writer Showcase Contest "Winter Story." The winner from Megan Metro's Group A class is Ashley Clemons "The Runaway Gingerbread Man."



**Writer showcase contest**

The fifth grade classes held a Writer Showcase Contest "Winter Story." The winner from Brooke Knight's Group B class is Kennedy Price "One Snowy Day."



**Winner of writer showcase**

The fifth grade classes held a Writer Showcase Contest "Winter Story." The winner from Megan Metro's Group B class is Trinity Robbush "The Worst Day of the Year."

## Ace the spring semester with the following tools and strategies

**(StatePoint) Maintaining a passion for school** can be tough during the spring semester, particularly during an unusual academic year. Here is a round-up of tools and strategies to help motivate students and facilitate their success.

**• Outside course:** Now is a great time for students to meet with their academic advisor or counselor. Doing so can expand a student's knowledge of current and future opportunities and serve as a temperature check on their progress toward degree completion. Plus, talking to someone invested in one's success can provide the push needed to keep on the good work.

**• Advance calculations:** To solve the most challenging equations and embrace the actual theory of mathematical concepts, it's important to be equipped with an easy-to-use graphing calculator possessing all the latest functions. Boasting an advanced Computer Algebra System (CAS), Casio's fx-990 is a good example of a reasonably-priced next-generation graphing calculator helping students committed to advanced math and science courses. Clear results are especially important for distance-learning, and this model's high-resolution color, touch-screen LCD conveys a Natural Textbook display. Drag-and-drop functionality enables students to quickly and intuitively pull information from one representation into another. Memorable, split-screen functionality allows a simultaneous viewing of functions, and

**graphs**

- **Mobile hotspot:** A mobile hotspot can be a lifesaver, making remote learners opportunities to internet outages or bandwidth demands from other household members or roommates, helping ensure that they never miss a lesson or pop quiz.
- **Eliminate a common headache:** Students writing term papers can easily get bogged down in the tiring logistics of creating a bibliography. And while this task is necessary, it's unlikely to further a student's knowledge of a subject. Fortunately, there are apps available that automatically create bibliography entries in the style of a student's needs when they scan a book's barcode. Simplifying this task will free up much needed time and energy for students in research and actually write their papers.

With the right tools and mindset, every student can have a strong spring semester.



**Fifth grade writing contest**

The fifth grade classes held a Writer Showcase Contest "Winter Story." The winner from Krissi Porter's Group A class is Mari Ruetz "The Mystery of the Missing Christmas Tree."



**Suzie's Penguin**

The fifth grade classes held a Writer Showcase Contest "Winter Story." The winner from Lauren Ferguson's Group B class is Lauren Ferguson "Suzie's Penguin."

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE TERMS FOR APPROVAL OF A PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF A FACILITY**  
 APPLICANT: AMERICAN LEGION, POST 68, 6 HARD CARD DRIVE, NARROW, VA 24124

**APPROVAL DATE:** 05/23/2021

**APPROVAL BY:** STATE OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF WATER CONTROL, 600 EAST MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA 23219

**PROJECT:** Partial Abandonment of a Facility

**1. Purpose of this Notice:** The purpose of this notice is to provide notice to the public of the proposed partial abandonment of a facility and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed partial abandonment of a facility.

**2. Description of the Facility:** The facility is located at 6 Hard Card Drive, Narrow, VA 24124. The facility consists of a 6 Hard Card Drive, Narrow, VA 24124.

**3. Description of the Proposed Partial Abandonment:** The proposed partial abandonment of the facility consists of the removal of the facility from the site.

**4. Public Hearing:** A public hearing will be held on the proposed partial abandonment of the facility on the date and at the location specified below.

**5. Comments:** Any comments on the proposed partial abandonment of the facility should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Control, 600 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

**6. Approval:** The proposed partial abandonment of the facility will be approved if the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Control, determines that the proposed partial abandonment of the facility is in the public interest.

**7. Effective Date:** The proposed partial abandonment of the facility will be effective on the date of approval.

**8. Contact Information:** For more information, contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Control, 600 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

**9. Signature:** [Signature]

**10. Date:** 05/23/2021

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February 10, 2021

**Appalachian Power Company**

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the following document:

*Order for Notice and Hearing, Petition of Appalachian Power Company For approval of a rate adjustment clause, the E-RAC, for costs to comply with state and federal environmental regulations pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 5 e of the Code of Virginia, Case No. PUR-2020-00258 (filed December 23, 2020). A copy of the Petition was sent on December 30, 2020 to the local officials and attorneys in office at that time.*

Sincerely,

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