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**Dr. Thomas M. Sherman is this year's winner of the Nannie B. Hairston Community Service Award. He is presented the award by 2021 winner Dr. Wornie Reed and NAACP President Deborah H. Travis.**

## NAACP hosts 47th Freedom Fund Banquet

RADFORD - The Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP held its 47th Freedom Fund Banquet on September 23 in the ballroom of the Highlander Hotel and Conference Center at Radford University.

The theme of the banquet was "Moving Forward," with 175 members and supporters attending and 14 sponsors.

The welcome was given by the Mistress of Ceremonies, Dr. Crasha V. Townsend, Assistant Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Virginia Tech. Mr. Oliver Lewis led the gathering in singing "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," traditionally called the Negro National Anthem.

NAACP President Deborah H. Travis reminded those gathered of some of the branch's work in the past year, including voter education and health education. She then introduced the other officers: Dr. Michael Herndon, Vice President; Mrs. Shirley Akers, Secretary; Ms. Shirley Brown, Assistant Secretary; Dr. Jill Stewart, Treasurer; and Mary North,

Assistant Treasurer.

Rev. Linda Dickerson of Northside Presbyterian Church offered a memorial tribute to members of the branch who had passed away since the last banquet: Nancy Parrish; Alvin Humes, Past President; Rita Holmes Irvin, Past President; and Kathleen Spencer. Rev. Dickerson then blessed the food as it was served.

After dinner the branch Political Action Chair, Karen Jones, reminded attendees of the multiple voter education opportunities the branch was co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters for the November elections. She also emphasized the importance of getting out the vote for the many off-year elections held in Virginia.

Melvin Palmer, President of the local NAACP Youth Council played a medley of tunes on the saxophone. Then Youth Council member Kameron Riley recited the Langston Hughes poem "I, Too, Sing America." Other Youth Council officers are: Rai Johnson, Vice President; Sathara

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## Highlander Hotel Radford now displays world-class art collection



**Pablo Picasso's 1958 "La Femme Aux Des (Jacqueline)"**



**Andy Warhol's 1985 work "Reigning Queens: Queen Ntfombi Twala of Swaziland"**

GRAPHICS COURTESY OF EDDY ALEXANDER

RADFORD - The artwork of many renowned artists is now available for view at the Highlander Hotel Radford.

The works of Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Dorothy Gillespie, Adolf Dehn, Jay Milder and more adorn the halls of the hotel.

"Collectively they showcase the creativity and vision of the Radford University Foundation and their partners who spent more than three years planning this new property to serve and support the community's future growth and expansion," the announcement reads. "The University Foundation's prized collection, now on display throughout the hotel, offers visitors a gallery experience without the limited hours or restricted access of more traditional venues."

Upon entry, guests are immediately treated to Pablo Picasso's 1958 "La Femme Aux Des (Jacqueline)" and Andy Warhol's 1985 work "Reigning Queens: Queen Ntfombi Twala of Swaziland" in the first-floor entrance. Then, throughout the hotel, including inside its

restaurants and meeting spaces, they'll find other notable portraits, abstract paintings, lithographs, nature scenes and other works that go far beyond standard hotel décor.

"Immediately upon entering the hotel I could see that I would enjoy walking around this beautiful hotel while viewing the art," Gary Israel, President and CEO of the Dorothy M. Gillespie Foundation Inc. and the artist's son said. "I cannot tell you how exciting it was to see my mother's paintings, some from the 1950's, as well as paintings of other notable artists throughout the hotel."

The front desk offers a free self-guided walking tour brochure and recommends guests start with an aperitif or cocktail from the sixth floor's Bee & Butter rooftop bar before exploring the property's many artistic delights.

"We have always believed that artwork should be accessible and enjoyed, and we are delighted to be able to share this collection and to offer our guests a truly unique experience during their stay," Radford University Foundation CEO John Cox said.

The Highlander Hotel Radford opened in April of this year.

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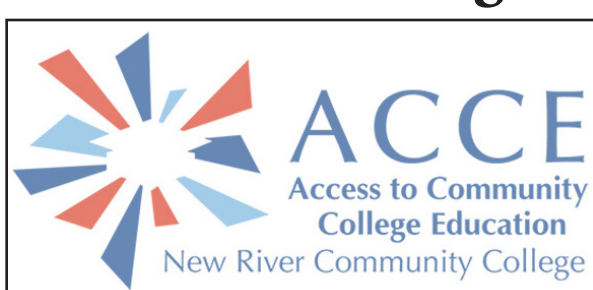
## Radford crowns Homecoming king and queen



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER

**William Brunner and Lillie Hurst were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of Friday's varsity Bobcats football game. For photos from Friday's homecoming parade, please see page 3.**

## ACCE pickleball tournament fundraiser coming to Bisset Park



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF NRCC

RADFORD - New River Community College Educational Foundation is hosting a pickleball tournament on Saturday, Oct. 21 to support Access to Community College Education (ACCE) at NRCC for Radford City students.

The tournament will be held at the pickleball courts at Bisset Park in Radford at 9 a.m. All levels are welcome to participate in the tournament.

The tournament registration fee is \$25 per

player, and participants need to register by Monday, Oct. 16 at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEViyJtaNTP8KooLX9yUeeCGvWgYBYSBR1VjaG5ifsN0Flg/viewform>. The registration fee includes a t-shirt.

Food, drinks, and t-shirts will be available for sale at the event.

Proceeds from the event support student tuition at NRCC through the ACCE program. For more information about the tournament, contact

Kaylee Pelkey at 540-674-3608 or [kpelkey@nr.edu](mailto:kpelkey@nr.edu).

ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years. ACCE will support the youth of participating counties by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt. ACCE supports as many students as possible based on student need and funds available for the program. For more information about ACCE at NRCC, visit [www.nr.edu/acce](http://www.nr.edu/acce).

Submitted by NRCC



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF MOUNTAINTROTTER ARTS

## Craft and Draft festival set for Oct. 21

RADFORD - Craft & Draft is set for Saturday, Oct. 21 in the Glencoe Mansion field, bringing artisans, crafters and makers together to sell their wares, along with live music, food and beverages.

The festivities are scheduled for 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

"Craft & Draft is a handcrafted marketplace with a festival flair," say organizers, "celebrating eight years in Radford. The event is organized by local non-profit MountainTrotter Arts and a "dedicated group of

volunteers."

Mountain Trotter Arts describes the event like this:

"This festival started with a handful of dedicated and eager volunteers who wanted to see a street-style festival in our small city. Craft & Draft features modern & indie handcrafted vendors from all over our region.

Along with a large variety of artisans, crafters and makers, Craft

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, Oct. 11:

### CommUNITY Yoga for Self-Care for Adults

At the Radford Public Library; 5:45- 6:45 p.m. Join Kelly McCoy of The Whole You for an all-level yoga class for adults. Learn poses to help strengthen and lengthen your muscles as well as some breathing and meditation techniques to help calm the nervous system. This class is free to the public and is funded by grant money through the Virginia Department of Health.

## Thursday, Oct. 12:

### Anne Frank House: A Virtual Tour

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. – noon. Take a self-guided tour of the Anne Frank House using a Virtual Reality headset. We also have downloaded for this month only an immersive documentary that puts you in the middle of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. If you'd prefer a 30-minute demo another day, email duncan.hall@radfordva.gov.

### Community Quilting Bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

### Community D&D: A Spooky One-Shot Adventure

At the Blacksburg Library; 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Join us for an adventure through spooky-town during this two hour D&D session. Session is ideal for ages 10 and up.

## Friday, Oct. 13:

### Basic Computer Skills: Navigating the Web

At the Radford Public Library; 10:30 a.m. – noon. This course is part of an eight-week adult education opportunity for beginners looking to learn how to safely incorporate the internet into their daily lives. Teaching is provided by Literacy NRV. Please call 540 382-7262 to register. Lunch is provided after each class.

### Tim Burton's Spooky Movie Marathon

At the Christiansburg Library; noon – 4:30 p.m. Enjoy treats, crafts, and movies during this movie marathon for all ages! Catch some of Tim Burton's most popular and spookiest films starting with: Frankenweenie at noon; The Corpse Bride at 1:30 p.m., and The Nightmare Before Christmas at 3 p.m.

## Saturday, Oct. 14:

### Radford Highlanders Festival

On the campus of Radford University, Moffett Quad; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Live music, food and craft vendors, heavy Scottish games and much more.

### Christiansburg Rockin' Main Street concert

East Main Street, Downtown Christiansburg; 5 - 9 p.m. Hosted by the Town of Christiansburg and Downtown Christiansburg, Inc. Ryan Pace performs at 5 p.m. and Travis Reigh performs at 7 p.m. Food trucks and beer, wine and cider.

### Radford University eclipse event

At the RU Center for the Sciences (the building

with the RU Planetarium); 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. A day of free science activities centered on the partial annular eclipse. The event will be held rain or shine. Eclipse-themed planetarium shows on the hour, and tours of neighboring Museum of the Earth Sciences, along with multiple departments in the Artis College of Science and Technology.

## Tuesday, Oct. 17:

### Central Business Committee Meeting

The Christiansburg Central Business District Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of Christiansburg Town Hall.

## Thursday, Oct. 19:

### Blood Drive

The New River Health District will be hosting a blood drive on in the Community Room at the Montgomery Co. Health Department from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. We have set a goal of having 20 donors for the day and need your assistance. Donors of all blood types are urgently needed now to ensure patients at hospitals across the country continue to receive critical medical care. Each donor for this drive will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as a thank you for your donation. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

## Monday, Oct. 23:

### Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford. See the agenda at [www.radfordva.gov](http://www.radfordva.gov).

### Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

## Tuesday, Oct. 24:

### Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

### Christiansburg Town Council meeting

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

## On-going:

### Call for participants: 2023 Blacksburg Annual Holiday Parade

Citizens are invited to participate in Blacksburg's annual Holiday Parade, organized by Blacksburg Parks and Recreation. This year's theme is "Miracle on Main Street". Parade entries may be floats, bicycles, wagons, marchers, walkers, antique/classic cars, Jeeps, trucks, scout groups, bands, sports teams and more.

The parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be rescheduled to Saturday, Dec. 2. For more information on how to get involved, contact David Goodman, Community Programs Supervisor at [degoodman@blacksburg.gov](mailto:degoodman@blacksburg.gov) or 540.443.1106.

### Blacksburg Farmers Market

Hours now through October: Wednesdays 2 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Located at Market Square Park, on the corner of Roanoke Street and Draper Road in downtown Blacksburg. Features growers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods, prepared foods, cheese, handmade crafts, and more.

### Christiansburg Farmers Market

Thursdays; 3 – 7 p.m. Located in the Recreation Center parking lot. Features local farmers and vendors. Seasonal produce, plants, fresh baked goods, crafts, fresh flowers, handmade jewelry and more. Items for purchase vary week-to-week. Check our Facebook page for details about weekly themes, prizes, vendors, and live music.

### Radford Farmers Market

Held on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Galley, located just off West Main Street, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each Saturday until October 14. Features produce, plants, baked goods, artisans, fresh squeezed lemonade, eggs, meats, cheeses and more.

### Free GED classes

New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Monday and Tuesday through Tuesday, Dec. 12. For more information or to sign up please call the Library at 540-268-1964.

### NRV Master Gardener Assoc. accepting grant applications for 2024

NRV Master Gardener Assoc. accepting grant applications for 2024 gardening projects. Organizations in counties of Floyd, Giles, Pulaski and Montgomery (and towns within), and the City of Radford, are eligible. Applications must be emailed or postmarked (if mailed) by Oct. 15. Extra pages may be used for plan images/ illustrations. For more information and to submit your project application, contact Carol Trutt: [nrvmastergardenerassoc@gmail.com](mailto:nrvmastergardenerassoc@gmail.com) email is preferred or mail to Carol Trutt: 95 N Surry Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

# Hokie Nation celebrating Homecoming this week



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH

## Hokies enjoy the Homecoming Tailgate at the Holtzman Alumni Center.

Virginia Tech is hosting a week of events to celebrate Homecoming now through Oct. 14 with a schedule of activities for alumni, students, community members, and friends.

The festivities culminate in Saturday's alumni tailgate and matchup against Wake Forest.

Students began the fun Monday, Oct. 9, with a Homecoming Kickoff on Prairie Quad featuring food, music, interactive games, and special guests, including the Homecoming Court candidates. The first 500 students received free ice cream from Homestead Creamery.

Additional student-focused activities happen all week, including Tuesday's Virginia Tech Union Laugh Riot featuring comedian Nore Davis, Wednesday's Homecoming Showcase, and a Homecoming Concert with Young Nudy, sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, in Burruss Hall on Thursday evening.

Throughout the week, attendees can celebrate Homecoming from near and far by supporting the student Homecoming Court candidate partners and platforms.

Homecoming Weekend will kick off on Friday with a Pass in Review at 3:30 p.m. in honor of the Class of 1973. There will be additional programming for Cornerstone Alumni throughout the weekend.

Young alumni can make plans to meet up at Hokie House for happy hour. Virginia Tech's inclusive alumni organizations will host student and alumni socials and open houses in all five of the cultural and community centers Friday before dinner with prime seating to watch the Homecoming Parade.

The parade, a beloved tradition, will begin at 7 p.m. and make its way down Main Street from Washington Street to Alumni Mall. This year's event will include floats and feature short performances. Friday night will wrap up with a spirit rally on the Drillfield with fireworks.

Saturday all Hokies are invited to attend the Homecoming Tailgate at 11:30 a.m. The family-friendly event will feature food and drinks, plus lawn games, music, a petting zoo, inflatables, and more.

Colleges and groups from across campus will host activities and exhibits. The College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences will feature a game day broadcasting experience, the College of Engineering will showcase student design teams, the College of Architecture, Art and Design will share new music from the L2Ork laptop orchestra, and guests can explore several other demonstrations and hands-on activities. Plus, participants can meet with deans and other Virginia Tech special guests and learn more about inclusive alumni organizations.

Following the tailgate, the Hokies face Wake Forest in a Maroon Effect game in Lane Stadium at 3:30 p.m.

The game is sold out. If you plan to attend, be sure to review the fan guide for clear bag policies, cashless concession information, and other important details.

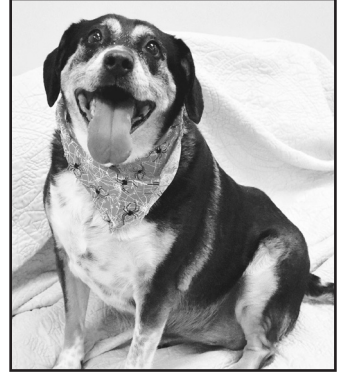
Events are open to the community. Registration is required for some events, including the Homecoming Tailgate. To learn more and see a full Homecoming schedule, visit [vt.edu/homecoming](http://vt.edu/homecoming).

Annie McCallum for Virginia Tech

# PETS OF THE WEEK

These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.

*Maggie is an older dog who is ready to head home. She is friendly and fairly low key. She may prefer a couch to a day of activity. Maggie will gladly sit for a treat. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this girl.*



*Blueberry is a sweet and funny gal. She has a silly personality that is sure to make her future human(s) smile. She is energetic, playful, and loves to do zoomies from time to time. Blueberry also knows some tricks like "playing dead."*

## Craft & Draft

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& Draft rocks out all day long with live music, keeps you hydrated with a variety of local & semi-local craft-beer and keeps your belly full with local food trucks. Our event is free, family friendly, and dog friendly- we're here to celebrate the amazing vendors - the artists, photographers, jewelry makers, creators, musicians, chefs, you name it - all high quality and completely unique and original. Our events are inclusive to all.

Beyond crafting and drafting, we are proud to give back to our community. Each year, Craft & Draft chooses a local non-profit or charity to benefit. We're proud to say in the seven years of Craft &

Draft, we have given back \$6,000 dollars! Last year's recipients was the Radford Animal Shelter - we were honored to present them with a \$1,000 check - all with the help of your help and donations.

Our goal is to bring quality hand-crafted goods straight to you - our neighbors - and to have an enjoyable shopping experience while showcasing the value of the creative spirit. Never forget: A handmade item is made with love, with heart, with joy and is simply irreplaceable."

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# Radford homecoming parade brings Bobcat pride to Main Street



PHOTO BY HEATHER BELL

Radford Rec League cheerleaders show their Bobcat spirit during the RHS homecoming parade on East Main Street.



PHOTO BY ETHAN BELL

The Bobcat cheerleaders smile for the crowd from the bucket of a fire truck at Friday's homecoming parade.

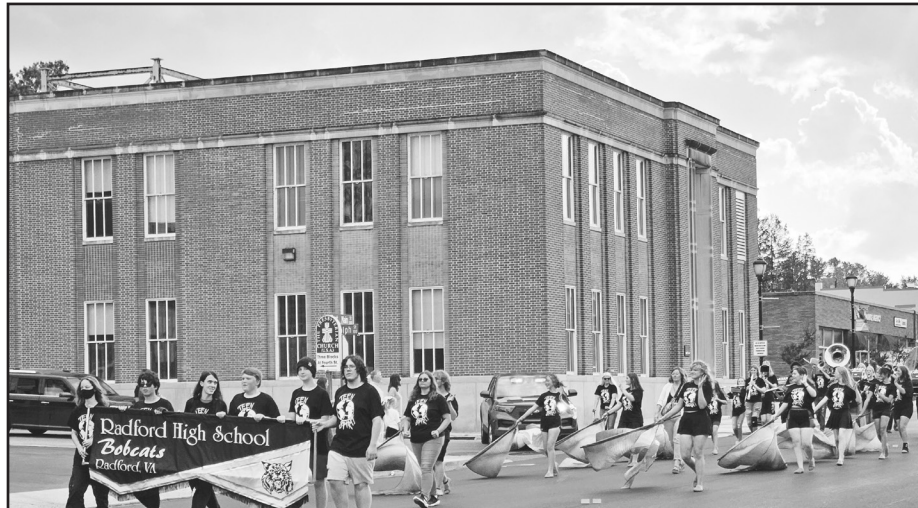


PHOTO BY HEATHER BELL

The Radford High School marching band fills the air with spirited music at the start of the RHS homecoming parade.

# NAACP

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Kane, Secretary; Leila Haley, Assistant Secretary; Addison Clarke, Treasurer; and Meya Haley and Christina Clarke, Historians.

The branch annually awards up to five Samuel H. Clark Scholarships of \$2000 to local youth connected with the NAACP who are pursuing post-secondary education. This year's scholarships went to: Tyler Graves from Blacksburg High School to attend New River Community College; Richard McCrae from Christiansburg High School to attend New River Community College; and Robert McCrae from Christiansburg High School to attend Virginia Tech.

Sponsors of the banquet were then introduced. Silver sponsors were: Asbury United Methodist Church; Blacksburg Jewish Community Center; Carilion Clinic; MOOG, Inc.; the Town of Blacksburg; and Virginia Tech, Office of the President. Bronze sponsors were: Dr. James Klagge and Rev. Kathy Carpenter; Dr. and Mrs. William Hendricks; the Democratic Committee of Montgomery County; Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley & the Blacksburg Museum; the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County; New River Community College- Office of the President; the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the New River Valley; and the United Auto Workers Local 2069.

Each year at the last 28 banquets the branch has awarded the Nannie B. Hairston Community Service Award to a branch member who has contributed significantly to social justice and civil rights in the New River Valley. The award was presented by Travis, with assistance from the 2021 winner, Dr. Wornie Reed.

This year the award went to Dr. Thomas M. Sherman. Sherman has been a member of the local community since 1971, when he joined the faculty at Virginia Tech. In the School of Education he made significant contributions in the design and development of learning environments, and sound assessment models and strategies. He also provided effective leadership as President of the VT Faculty Senate and as President of the Faculty Senate of Virginia, where he worked to strengthen ties to the Virginia General Assembly and the Virginia Business Council of Higher Education.

For many years Sherman has championed the cause for justice, inclusion, and fairness throughout the community as an individual, but also as a public servant. Sherman served on the Blacksburg Town Council from 2002-2010, where he was instrumental in the preservation of St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall, built in 1905, a centerpiece of the historical Black New Town community. Through his persistence and help of others the Hall is listed under the National Register of Historic Places. He has also been an advocate for the underserved

and minority communities through op-ed pieces in the newspaper and volunteer work in the region.

Sherman, a long-time member of the NAACP, and also winner of the branch's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award in 2006, is married to Janice Sherman and they reside in Blacksburg.

The banquet keynote speaker was Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Virginia Tech College of Architecture, Arts and Design. In 2014, Amin launched her own company, Black Girl Brilliance, offering consulting for academic professionals and support to institutions committed to transformational change in curriculum policy, and practice. Additionally, she has worked at the intersection of faith and justice-making, as content director and member of the Organizing Collective Board for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism.

Amin spoke on the topic, "Moving Forward." The accomplishments of the twentieth century are now under attack and this is no time to be on the sidelines. Her faith leads her to believe in love and the eternal possibility of redemption. While the teaching of racial issues has become controversial, she noted that when she was growing up in Buffalo her family never left it to the schools to teach her all of history. Her parents added their own curriculum: "African consciousness curriculum on Saturdays at the library." This helped her and her friends to "scheme for, dream for and plan for" their future. She reminded those gathered that "we can't just be with people who look like us. We have to be concerned with the marginalized as well. We thrive together or not at all. The only place we are going is together." Every day we see things that cause us despair and things that bring us hope. We have to choose what to focus on. No one's coming to fix this for us. We are the ones we've been waiting for."

She closed by modifying the famous line from Martin Luther King: "The arc of the universe may bend towards justice, but only because we push it that way!"

The banquet closed with Travis urging those gathered to continue to work together to build a strong community for all.

The branch usually holds its general body meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Old Hill School Community Center, 570 High Street in Christiansburg. All are welcome. Follow us on line: [www.mrfnaacp.org](http://www.mrfnaacp.org); on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mrfnaacp.org>; on Twitter: @mrf\_naacp; or contact us by e-mail: [info@mrfnaacp.org](mailto:info@mrfnaacp.org).

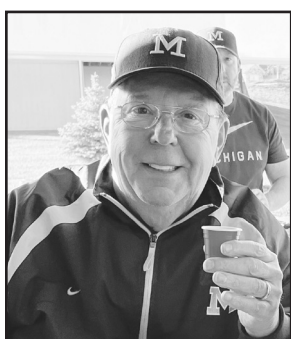
Submitted by the Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP

# OBITUARIES

## Brownrigg, Michael Howard

Michael Howard Brownrigg "Big Brown," 77, of Radford, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023.

Michael started his career at General Motors (Fisher Body #1 Plant) in Flint, Michigan. He worked his way up through the ranks in the Automobile Industry in Georgia, Texas, Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and retired from Volvo Trucks in Virginia. He was a U. S. Army veteran, serving from 1965-1968. Throughout his life he was a very proud American, who loved his country greatly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Leonard and Grace Mae Brownrigg; brothers, Ronald and Douglas Brownrigg; and his sisters,



Barbara Clark and Helen Green.

Survivors include his wife, Martha James Brownrigg, of Radford; children and their spouses, Robert Michael Brownrigg and Rhonda of Chesnee, S.C., Christina Marie Rustin and Dean, Tampa, Fla., and Paul David Brownrigg and Jennifer of Tampa, Fla.; grandchildren, Olivia, Madison, Chandler, Alexis, Mackenzie,

Mallory, Faith, Joseph, Aubree and Ethan; brothers and their spouses, Joseph Brownrigg, David Brownrigg and Kim, Patricia Fearon, and Evelyn Rubel; brother-in-law, Jim Clark; and many other family members and special friends.

Michael was an avid Michigan Wolverine fan, who enjoyed going to, or watching the games with his boys. He also enjoyed cruising the Blue Ridge Parkway in his Corvette, Scarlett, with the love of his life, Ms. Marty. Early this year, he was inducted into the Flushing High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

## Thompson, Barbara Sue Chumbley

Barbara Sue Chumbley Thompson (Tink), 75, born on Nov. 22, 1947, in Elk Creek, Grayson County, passed on Oct. 4, 2023, in Radford peacefully with family by her side.

She was a hard worker all her life and retired from Volvo Truck Manufacturing with 30 years of service. She was a longtime humanitarian and animal caregiver. She looked fondly upon her community and loved giving to, feeding, and caring for others, always willing to help. She loved spending time with her friends, traveling, going the beach and being on the river.

She was preceded in death by her father,



James E. Chumbley; mother, Sarah M. Crigger; brothers, Billy E. and Sammy "Bo" Chumbley.

Survivors include her daughter, Tonya M. Carroll; sister, Regina Kesling (Jimmy); nephew, William Ford, Jr.; cousin, Vicky Smith (Elmer); special friends, Steve, Pat, Mike, Paula, Judy, Ellen, Maria, Sabrina, Roger, Mark,

Matt, Charlie and Teresa; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Eddie Dalton and Charlie Barbettini officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Angels of Assisi, 415 Campbell Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA 24016 or Taking to the Street Ministries, PO Box 30, Pulaski, Virginia 24301.

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

# October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Want to thank your pastor for all of the wonderful work they do?

Reserve your paid acknowledgment in the Radford News Journal with a Special Tribute to honor Clergy in the Radford Area.

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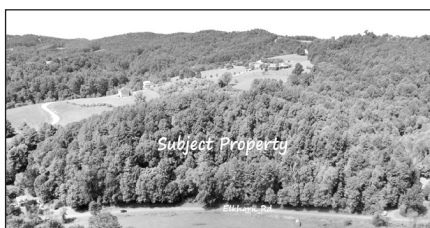
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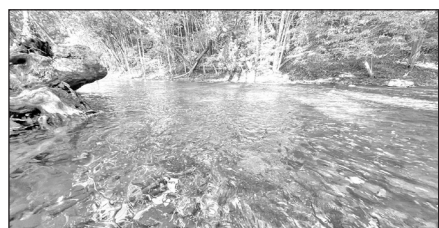


### TWO (2) ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS SAT., OCT. 21, 2023

10:00 AM: 10 (+-) WOODED ACRES WITH SOME MARKETABLE TIMBER - Along Elkhorn Rd. - Woodlawn, VA 24381  
1:00 PM: .41 (+-) AC. LOT WITH FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL SOUTH FORK RIVER - Flick Dr. - Shawsville, VA



**10AM: 10(+)- Acres** is wooded with some marketable timber and frontage on Elkhorn Rd. Great location between Galax & Hillsville, VA and close to Crooked Creek! Good deer/turkey hunting property.  
**Directions: Traveling on I-77 take Exit# 14 (Hillsville/Galax) & go W. on Rt.# 58 for 4.9 mi. to Cranberry Rd., turn L & go 6/10 mi. to Elkhorn Rd., turn L & go 2.2 mi. to prop. on right.**



**1PM: .41 (+)- Ac. Lot** is mostly open and has approx.. 50' of frontage on the beautiful South Fork River. Public water is available and lot is zoned A-1 (Agricultural).  
**Directions: Traveling on I-81 take Exit 118C (North 11/460 East Roanoke Rd.) & go 6.3 mi. to Rt.# 637 (Alleghany Springs Rd.), turn R & go 1.9 mi. to Flick Dr., turn L & go 4/10 mi. to lot on left.**

**Terms:** 10% deposit day of auction, balance within 30 days at closing.

**Inspection:** You are welcome to walk over both properties on your own or call our office anytime for a private showing. Note: Dawn Auction nor the seller is responsible for accidents.



# OPINION

## AARP Virginia fraud alert: The rise of smishing

If you have a cell phone, you've probably noticed an increase in text messages from people you don't know.

This is particularly concerning, given how effective smishing is as a scam tactic. The Federal Trade Commission reported \$330 million in losses last year to fraudulent texts. We know this is just a fraction of losses, given vast underreporting by fraud victims. With smishing scams on the rise, here's what you need to know.

Do not engage with texts from unknown people. Rather than clicking on text links, type the web address you know to be legitimate into your browser. Alternatively, call the alleged sender

at a number you know to be legitimate. Also, you can filter out junk texts by updating your phone's messaging app settings, using call-blocking services through your wireless carrier, or installing call-blocking apps.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) or call our dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360.

*Submitted by AARP Virginia*

## Virginia gas prices fall nearly six cents in last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 5.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.45/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 10.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 3.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 4.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.48 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.01/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$1.48/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.01/g while the highest was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$1.48/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 10.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.67/g today. The national average is down 13.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 25.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

- October 9, 2022: \$3.49/g (U.S. Average: \$3.92/g)
- October 9, 2021: \$3.12/g (U.S. Average: \$3.26/g)
- October 9, 2020: \$2.11/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g)
- October 9, 2019: \$2.35/g (U.S. Average: \$2.65/g)
- October 9, 2018: \$2.70/g (U.S. Average: \$2.91/g)
- October 9, 2017: \$2.35/g (U.S. Average: \$2.47/g)
- October 9, 2016: \$2.11/g (U.S. Average: \$2.25/g)
- October 9, 2015: \$2.06/g (U.S. Average: \$2.32/g)

October 9, 2014: \$3.06/g (U.S. Average: \$3.24/g)

October 9, 2013: \$3.13/g (U.S. Average: \$3.34/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:  
 Roanoke- \$3.42/g, down 7.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.49/g,  
 Richmond- \$3.42/g, down 5.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.47/g,  
 West Virginia- \$3.51/g, down 5.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.56/g.

"At long last, the decline in gas prices that we've been waiting to see has arrived, and the locomotive of falling prices has only recently started on downhill, gaining momentum. However, some new caution signs have emerged with the recent attacks on Israel, potentially destabilizing a sensitive region. I'm hopeful the violence won't spread, limiting the impact to these falling gas prices. Even with oil prices rising as a reaction to the attacks, I remain optimistic the national average could decline another 25-45 cents by late November, with prices falling potentially nearly triple that in California," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Even the price of diesel has seen downward pressure with oil prices plummeting last week on fears that the Fed will be forced to continue raising rates, eating into demand growth, leading a barrel of crude to drop into the mid-\$80s, but we remain concerned about a potentially destabilized Middle East and the potential impact to oil prices should the region see violence escalate."

*Submitted by GasBuddy*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Hate harms kids.

In the 1960s, Virginia laws against mixed-race marriages prohibited my parents' marriage. Discrimination prevented my mother from being married in the church of her choice, and my father from employment in Virginia. People called race-

mixing an abomination. They created fear and hostility that did nothing to improve our society. I am not an abomination, and neither are our children who are different.

Misinformation and fear of trans youth should not be the primary campaign platform of any candidate for public office. All of us want children to be safe and treated with respect. No one wants assaults to occur in locker rooms or bathrooms. But demonizing one group of kids does not protect another group. We need our policies to focus on behaviors. If cis-gender (meaning non trans-gender) boys are assaulting each other in the locker room, is that okay? If girls are taking pictures of other girls' bodies and sharing them with other students, or threatening to post on social media, is that okay? Of course not. The behaviors of harassment, assault, or invasion of privacy are not okay, and the gender, sex, or sexual orientation of the perpetrators is irrelevant.

Here in Montgomery County, I appreciate our current school board's focus on treating all students with care and targeting problem behaviors, not groups of students. Our schools should encourage a culture where students know how to stand up to bullies, and that others in the room will support them when they do speak up. Claims that allowing trans students to use facilities that align with their gender identity would put cis students at risk are not supported by evidence and are discriminatory. It's important to note that the NY Times article of August 5, 2023 clarified that the widely discussed assaults in Loudoun County were committed by a cis boy, not a trans student. Inappropriate and illegal behavior should not be condoned in schools, regardless of the student's sex or gender identity. All students deserve privacy and safety when using restrooms and locker rooms and I applaud the school board for ensuring that well-designed facilities are included in the CHS renovations.

Accusing all trans students of being rapists is just as ridiculous as accusing all students of a particular race or national origin of being rapists. We wouldn't make a certain ethnic category of students use a separate locker room or bathroom just because a politician claims that people of that ethnicity or national origin are all rapists. If cis boys are committing sexual assaults, the school needs to address that behavior. Trans girls should not be

punished for the behavior of cis boys, or forced to use the same facilities as their assailants.

In the same way, removing books from school libraries because politicians don't like the type of people represented won't help our children learn. Allowing books in school libraries or classrooms that represent perspectives of people from different religious, racial, or ethnic backgrounds or that include families with divorced parents, or families where kids are raised by grandparents, or gay or lesbian parents, is not "grooming children" or forcing beliefs about family structure on children, but providing kids who come from different types of families with representation, so they can see that they are not the only kid being raised by a single father, or two moms, or their grandparents. And it helps other students better understand their friends' families. Our school system has a policy in place that allows parents to opt their children out of particular assignments or reading particular books, so parents' interests are protected at MCPS.

Two school board candidates in Montgomery County are running on platforms attacking vulnerable youth: Mark Mear in District B and Lindsay Rich in District E. Neither of them have lived in their district for more than a year or two. Their campaigns are aligned with or endorsed by well-funded national organizations that are opposed to teaching honest history and that advocate banning books and threatening teachers and trans students.

Fortunately, we have two candidates running campaigns based on sincere interest in serving the community and who have been engaged with public schools in their districts for years. I encourage residents of District B to vote for Penny Franklin, an alum of Christiansburg schools, a founding member of Dialogue on Race, and an outstanding advocate for our families, youth, and staff in MCPS as a School Board member for more than 20 years. And I encourage residents of District E to vote for Derek Rountree, a parent of children attending schools in his district, a volunteer with Girl Scouts, a religious education teacher in his church, and an active PTA member.

*Carola Haas Riner*

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Flat-topped hill
5. Move upward
11. Admiration
14. It's useful for serving food
15. Kidnap
18. One of the Greek Muses
19. A type of media
21. Screenshot rating
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. German town devastated in WW2
28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
29. Leave
30. Forearm bone
32. Very fast airplane
33. Helps little firms
35. Defunct economic organization

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Where wrestlers work
2. Dueling sword
3. Practice fight

**CLUES ACROSS**

4. Genus of clams
5. Fear of heights
6. What some tell their dog
7. The Golden State
8. When you expect to get there
9. Pointed ends
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Feeds
13. Nape of neck
16. Descendant
17. Small boats found in Turkey
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
26. Brew
27. Feeling of anxiety
29. Young girls group
31. Perform on stage

**CLUES ACROSS**

34. White clerical vestment
36. Popular musical awards show
37. Bumpkins
38. One who acts on another's behalf
40. Direction
43. Look at with fixed eyes
45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
48. A large number of
50. Type of powder
51. Large jug
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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Radford remains unbeaten on gridiron, Christiansburg rolls in win over Blacksburg

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Landen Clark scored five touchdowns in Radford's 55-0 rout of James River to move to 7-0 on the season. Clark completed nine of 12 passes for 183 yards Friday night and three touchdowns, and the Radford defense held James River to minus-7 yards of total offense.

Christiansburg put up 71 points, the most ever scored by a Blue Demon team, downing Blacksburg 71-7 on Friday night. Blacksburg was limited to 59 yards rushing and 31 through the air.

Tanner Evans rushed for 85 yards on 10 carries as he topped the 1,000 mark for the season. He now has 1,031 yards rushing. Evans scored two touchdowns and threw for two more, completing five passes for 133 yards.

Izaiah Cotto added to two scores of 47 yards each, on five carries for 136 yards. Matt Annis also had a touchdown for Christiansburg. Cotto also caught a pass for another score. Christiansburg is now 6-1 on the season.

The Virginia High School League has released its

point standings, and Radford tops Region 2C with 23.6667 points. Glenvar, who Radford beat two weeks ago, is second with 19.6.

Christiansburg is second in the Region 3D list at 22.6667, slightly behind Magna Vista at 24.4 points. Lord Botetourt is third at 22.4 and William Byrd 20.6. Abingdon is sixth and Pulaski eighth.

Player of week: Max Kanipe caught five passes for 142 yards and three touchdowns in Radford's win over James River. For the effort on Friday night, he is this week's honoree. Kanipe broke a regular season record for receiving yardage and now has 898 yards for the season.

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

Games this week:  
 Christiansburg at Hidden Valley  
 Hidden Valley remained winless after a 44-7 loss to Cave Spring.

Prediction: Christiansburg 48, Hidden Valley 14  
 Bath County at Eastern Montgomery

Bath is probably western Virginia's less known 6-0 team. Friday night, QB Wyatt Campbell threw three touchdowns and rushed for another in a 47-0 win over

Auburn. Campbell also rushed for 204 yards on five carries.

Eastern Montgomery picked up its second win of the season in 44-24 night against Craig County.

Bath 34, Eastern Montgomery 10  
 Pulaski at Blacksburg

Both teams were on the losing end this past Friday. Pulaski met a buzz saw in the form of Salem in a 49-13 loss, while Blacksburg could not get anything going in a 71-7 loss to Christiansburg.

Prediction: Blacksburg 24, Pulaski 21.  
 Radford at Patrick County

Patrick County met a Glenvar squad looking to get back in the win column. Glenvar rolled to the 41-21 win.

Prediction: Radford 48, Patrick County 7  
 Ft. Chiswell at Auburn

Ft. Chiswell is 3-3 after a 25-7 loss to Grayson County. Mitchell Melton rushed for 100 yards on 18 carries in the loss.

Auburn (2-4) fell 47-0 to Bath County after committing four turnovers.

Prediction: Auburn 24, Ft. Chiswell 21.

## Radford remains unbeaten in homecoming rout



Radford running back J.D. Grubb gets around the corner and picks up yards against James River. Grubb finished with six carries for 31 yards with a touchdown in the 55-0 victory on Friday night.



Max Kanipe skips out of a Knights' tackler and scores a touchdown for Radford in the first quarter of Friday's game.



Radford's Koreyon Ferguson stiff arms a would-be tackler and gets up the sideline on a punt return during the homecoming game.



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Cole Martin catches the James River quarterback from behind for another Bobcats' sack in Friday's victory, keeping Radford unbeaten.

## Hokies men optimistic about new season

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The Virginia Tech men's basketball team finished last season at 19-15 and had trouble down the stretch after winning the ACC tournament the year previously.

This past week, Coach Mike Young and five student-athletes address media ahead of the 2023-24 season. The year coach was joined as by guards Hunter Cattoor, MJ Collins, Sean Pedulla and forwards Robbie Beran and Mylyjael Poteat.

Young is optimistic this year's team is ready to rise to the top of the cream, but he is still holds his cards close to this chest.

Defense is one area the Hokies are working to improve. Young said it better be.

"We've spent a great deal of time on it. Through the summer and through our first six practices, the defense will be [improved]. And, you know, so far so good," he said.

Young is also happy with the team's first set of practices, calling them good in this preseason.

"You know, I think we're all saying this is year 22 for me. We've got a long way to go, but they're playing really hard and a great group to coach. You know, we had a little bit of a springboard into the year with the trip this summer."

Young took his team on a short tour of Italy and Europe this past summer, catching some hotspots while playing against foreign competition.

Cattoor enters his fifth season at Tech fifth all-time in career 3-pointers made in program history with 251. A.D. Vassallo (2005-09) holds the record of 267, playing 133 games. Cattoor has only played 119 career games.

MJ Collins is now sophomore who saw a lot of playing time last season and is using the experience he gained as a steppingstone for this year.

"I feel like it'll really help me a lot. You know, since as a freshman, I got most minutes that I would say most freshmen didn't get. So, I feel like I have a step ahead this year. I've seen a lot more plays last year. So, this year I feel like it'll just be more second nature to me when we're going over stuff. You know, when games start, seeing different plays, I feel like I'll be adapted to it much quicker than I was last year."

He played in all 34 games, drawing 16 starts and played more minutes than any other freshman on the roster.

The 6-4 guard gives the Hokies some size that can be moved to the forward position when the team goes small.

The Edmond, Okla., native Pedulla nearly tripled his scoring production

## Everyone gunning for Lady Hokies

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Coach Kenny Brooks is still trying to grasp the idea of being the hunted versus a basketball team hunting others.

The Virginia Tech women rolled into last year's Final Four, and they are heavy favorites in the Atlantic Coast Conference this coming season.

Several preseason polls have the Lady Hokies as high as number nine, the highest for any ACC team. This comes after a 2022-2023 run that ended in the Final Four.

Head Coach Kenny Brooks as well as graduate students Elizabeth Kitley and Cayla King addressed local media last week detailing the 2023-24 roster, team expectations and recapping the first week of official practices.

The head coach is excited about the next chapter in his team's novel.

"You know, before anybody wants to talk about the expectations, the expectations are no higher than what we put on ourselves and we expect to come out and win. I'm sure the kids have already talked about getting a taste of winning and how it feels. You want to continue to do whatever you can to continue that, get back to that point, and even go a little bit further. So, excited about this year, a new group starting over. But we're really excited about any prospects that we're going to be able to endure."

Looking back, Brooks called this past season a tremendous year.

"It helped in so many ways as far as recruiting," according to Brookes. We went to the transfer portal and we were able to get the kids that we got because of our success. And then recruiting, you know, in the future, we're talking to kids now that we're rubbing elbows with the best of the best. The kid will leave us and then they're going to UConn or going to Tennessee to visit and those are things that never would have happened, you know, five, six, seven years ago. So, it definitely changed our program for the better and we really enjoyed every minute of it."

The ACC schedule is no slouch and is something which could test the Hokies. The "pod" includes games with Virginia, Duke, North Carolina and N.C. State.

"I know that (Virginia Tech's) pod, in my opinion, is the strongest in the ACC. We know what we're going to have to go up against. It's not only that you're playing somebody in your pod. Like Virginia is a rival. You know, Carolina has become a rival. NC State is a rival, and then Duke is becoming a rival, because of the amount of times that you play them. So, we knew that was going to be a challenge for us and last year, I think we went 7-1 in that pod. To be 7-1, you know, during the regular

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from his freshman season to sophomore campaign. Pedulla, who predominantly plays point guard, was Tech's second leading scorer in 2022-23 at 15 points per game. He is a three level scorer who will be greatly aided by the Hokies' increased depth in the backcourt this season.

He expects this year's team to be more consistent.

"Yeah, obviously, having a lineup that's consistently out there on the court is a big deal, but I think this year we've definitely homed in on the defensive end and becoming elite there. I think we all know we can score the ball and shoot the ball. But whenever those shots aren't falling, it's hard to win games consistently whenever the defense isn't really getting a lot of stops. So that's what we're trying to improve on now."

Pedulla was a double-figure scorer in 31 games last season, reaching double-figure scoring in each of his first 18 games of the season, becoming the first Hokie to do that since Erick Green scored double figures in all 32 games of the 2012-13 season.

Forward Robbie Beran is one of those transfer guys Young hopes to fill into the starting lineup and brings a lot of experience to the squad as a fifth-year guy.

"That veteran presence and that leadership, obviously, kind of something that I bring. Going to the tournament last year and having that experience, learning over the course of my career, how to win and close out games, something that I can bring to this team. And then obviously, you know, kind of my ability to just kind of stretch the floor, kind of in that pick

and pop situation. And then guarding, one through five. Kind of guard mentality if I need to switch on, you know, for possession, or if I get caught. So, I feel like that's kind of what I feel like I bring."

The 6-9 Beran will play his fifth year for the Hokies after four seasons at Northwestern. The Richmond native started 100 of his 120 career games with the Wildcats, while racking up 744 career points and 454 career rebounds.

Coming off a 15-16 record in 2021-22, Beran spurred Northwestern to an impressive turnaround last season, going 22-12 and advancing to the second round of the NCAA tournament. As a senior, Beran averaged 7.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Beran is a 41.2% shooter from the floor in his career, including a 36.1% clip from beyond the arc. Nearly 50% of his career field goal attempts are from long range.

The 6-9 Mylyjael Poteat is also a common presence as a returner. He has been working this off season to expand his range. "You want to expand some jump shots up, mid ranges, scoring different ways around the post. So, definitely want to expand that range or some mid-range shots this year. Like you said just try to play on that efficiency and keep scoring around the basket at a high clip."

He only averaged 3.4 points last season but played in all 34 games, averaging 8.7 minutes per game.

Men's basketball is scheduled to start its season on Monday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. at Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum following the women's basketball season opener.

# Hole-in-one at Auburn Hills



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**Charles McClure made a hole-in-one on hole #3 this past week at the Auburn Hills Golf Club.**

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season with that schedule, that's pretty impressive for our group," he said.

Brooks received good news that center Elizabeth Kitley and roommate/point guard Georgia Amooore announced they would return for another season. The Lady Hokies also added 6-2 Minnesota transfer Alanna Micheaux.

Kitley said it was 50-50 about this time last year. Then just as the season progressed, she started thinking about pros and cons.

"I think the stability here and the relationships I have here are just unmatched. Obviously, that's not guaranteed anywhere else, especially at the next level. So that's mainly what contributed to it. I think now looking back, that's like 110% the best decision for me," she said.

Kitley repeated as ACC Player of the Year after another dominant season where she was one of three athletes in the nation to average 18 points and 10.5 rebounds. She recorded 23 double-doubles and scored 20+ 18 times throughout the season, with her season-high of 29 coming in the final regular season game vs. Georgia Tech. During her senior season she

became Tech's all-time leader in points, field goals, blocks and double-doubles while also eclipsing 1,000 rebounds and 2,000 career points.

She is the only VT athlete to be named First Team All-ACC three times, All-Defensive twice and earn AP All-American recognition twice.

Top 3-point shooter Kayla King also announced plans to return for one more season. She admits a lot of onlookers have high expectations for this year's squad.

"In some ways, I think people are trying to see if we can just keep it up and keep doing it. We know we have a lot of talent this year, and we have a lot of potential that we're going to hopefully reach this year. So, we have the pieces to do it, so we just have to almost prove ourselves right, though, not really trying to show other people," she said.

Last year, King posted the fifth-best season in program history in made 3's with 80. Began the year with a program record nine in the Mount St. Mary's game. King posted 12 games in double figures and made five or more 3's five times. The Greensboro, N.C. native started all 36 games and averaged 8.3 points per game and helped the program lift the first ACC title ever in her hometown in Final Four contention.

Micheaux, with her 13.8 PPG and 7.9 RPG, helps replace the interior production of Taylor Soule.

Thus, the Lady Hokies are in the new season's Final Four discussion.

Earlier this year, the

university and Brooks agreed to an extension that keeps him in Blacksburg through March of 2029.

Highlights of the contract include a six-year deal totaling \$6.4 million, as well as other enhancements made to support staff salaries, assistant coach salary pool, postseason bonuses and operating budget.

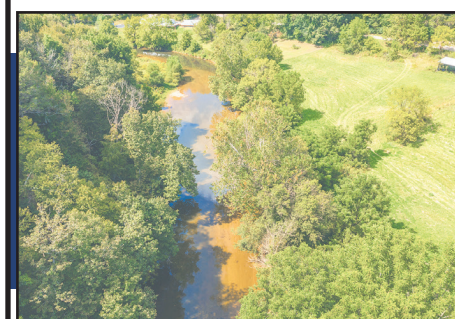
Brooks, who enters his eighth season at Virginia Tech in 2023-24, owns a 155-74 record with the Hokies, including a 62-56 mark in ACC play. He has led the Hokies to the postseason each season that one was contested, including each of the last three NCAA Tournaments.

In 2022-23, Brooks' Hokies went 31-5, won the program's first ACC title, earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament and reached the Final Four after a 15-game winning streak that began in January. His seventh season was one full of milestones and program bests as the Hokies went 14-4 in ACC play to earn a coveted double bye in the ACC Tournament. Tech went 16-1 at home with the lone loss coming to a top five team, and the Hokies defeated eight ranked teams – a program record in a single season.

Under Brooks, the Hokies have had unprecedented success in ACC play with his 62 league wins, which includes a sensational 27-9 record in the last two seasons.

The Hokies are scheduled to open their season on Monday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. ET at Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum.

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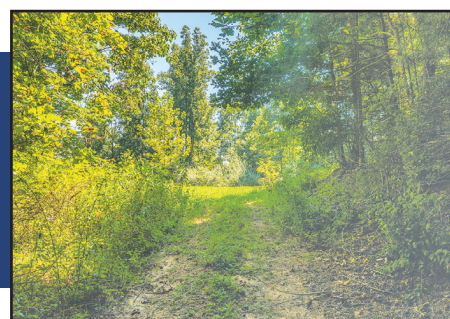
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