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City's clean-up efforts from Hurricane Helene continue in Radford Governor Youngkin surveyed the city's damage earlier this week



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City crews have been hard at work this week cleaning up after Hurricane Helene, including in Bisset Park, seen here.

RADFORD – City crews have been hard at work all week cleaning up the aftermath of Hurricane Helen, which brought significant flooding to the City of Radford and the surrounding area.

According to the City of Radford, “Radford City crews have been working to clean up debris, wash down the Riverway and roadways, overall assessment of damage, and facility evaluations and cleanup have begun.”

Many residents have asked to assist in the clean-up efforts, and the city has announced a way for the public to get involved.

“Volunteer efforts are being coordinated with initial opportunities to help in the process [including] cleanup of small debris and washing down of outdoor equipment,” the city announced.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to please sign up via a link on the City of Radford’s website in the News

Flash area of the website under the heading of Hurricane Helene Recovery.

Also, the city announced a recovery fund has been established and donations will be accepted at the Radford Recreation Center via Donna Wolfe Monday-Friday from 1 - 5 p.m.

Earlier this week, Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin, U.S. Congressman Morgan Griffith, Virginia Delegate Jason Ballard, State Senator Travis Hackworth visited the City of Radford during a tour of storm damage around Southwest Virginia. “While on their tour, the team saw the impact Hurricane Helene had on our city, as well as visited the campus of Radford University,” according to the City of Radford. “Advocacy with state agencies and officials has been ongoing and the City of Radford has been added to the FEMA Disaster Declaration. Special thanks to all our representatives at the state and federal level for aiding in Radford’s recovery efforts.”



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Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin (center) speaks with Radford City Manager David Ridpath (left), Mayor David Horton (right) and members of Radford City Council.



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RHS Class of 76 establishes career advancement scholarship

Members of the RHS Class of 76, along with RHS faculty and students, have kicked off the establishment of the RHS Class of 76 and Friends Career Advancement Scholarship.

The annual scholarship will be awarded to a deserving senior at Radford High School who desires to pursue a vocational/industrial/technical career that may, or may not, require further traditional college education.

The scholarship is a culmination of two years of discussion with members of the RHS Class of 76 and former superintendent of Radford Public

Schools, Rob Graham, former assistant superintendent, Ellen Denny, educational specialist, Jamie Little, and RHS career coach, Margaret Sproule. The bicentennial class of 1976 is the largest graduating class in the school’s history with 176 graduates.

The scholarship was announced during the first Bobcat Career Chats of the 2024-25 academic year. The Class of 76 currently donates funds for the lunch provided during the biweekly career chats. Cliff Thompson, a RHS

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“Above: A History of Montgomery County Aviation” exhibit opens at Montgomery Museum

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Contributing Writer

CHRISTIANSBURG- Wing Aviation, Virginia Tech Mid Atlantic Aviation Partnership and the Montgomery Museum have partnered in a history exhibit to celebrate aviation in Montgomery County and the firsts in aviation history that happened in our county.

The Montgomery Museum, along with Wing Aviation and Virginia Tech Mid Atlantic Aviation Partnership, hosted an opening for the exhibit on Sept. 26, 2024. This exhibit is also paired with an art show named “Flight.” The art show displayed art based on aviation themes and inspiration made by several local artists. The exhibits are also full of local artifacts based on aviation history in Montgomery County, from pilot’s helmets, to uniforms to a display case honoring the Radford Arsenal’s contribution to aviation history.

In October of 2019, Christiansburg became the first place in the United States to implement drone delivery in partnership with Wing. Christiansburg was the first FAA approved location in the United States for this aviation project. They built “The Nest” in Christiansburg which now hosts about 20 delivery drones. These drones are made mostly of

polystyrene, in order to keep them light and aerodynamic, are battery-powered and can carry up to four pounds. With Wing being part of Christiansburg for the past five years, these drones have helped the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and afterward.

“During the pandemic,” Guy Rohling, Managing Director for Albers & Company and Wing representative said, “we helped out the Montgomery County Library System to deliver books and so that was a good thing to do. When we first started, we were delivering burritos on the campus of Virginia Tech, but this was before we rolled out the full commercial operation.”

Rohling explained since Wing had been introduced to Christiansburg, there are families and individuals ordering often. He mentioned a couple, in Christiansburg, who have ordered via Wing 1,000 times now. The Wing drones are not only powered by their own app but are also partnered with Doordash. The Wing drones also deliver from Walmart, local pharmacies, local food and dessert restaurants, the libraries and much more within minutes to Christiansburg residents’ homes within a three-mile radius of The Nest.

Because of Christiansburg being the

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Young musicians entertain at the Radford Farmers Market



PHOTO BY HEATHER BELL

Emmerson Brantingham, Rochelle Grim, Acacia Fugate and Rylah Grim (not pictured) serve up the tunes at the Radford Farmers Market this past Saturday. The girls are students at the Floyd School of Music. The Radford Farmers Market is in its last month of the 2024 season and is held Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. through October. The market is located on the grounds of Glencoe Museum just off West Main St.



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Derrick Ashley (left), Christiansburg Wing representative, and his wife talk to Guy Rohling (right) at Montgomery Museum exhibit, behind a Wing drone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 5:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

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

Radford Farmer's Market

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

Sunday, Oct. 6:

Vintage Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The market is made up of a carefully chosen group of vendors selling a wide selection of quality vintage items, upcycled crafts, and occasional antiques. For more information, visit blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/.

Fire Prevention Week Open House

Fire Prevention Week is October 6 - 12. Join the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department for an Open House 1 - 4 p.m. in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. Guests will have the chance to meet dedicated volunteer firefighters and to see fire trucks, equipment displays, and fire prevention materials up close. The open house is free of charge and will be hosted at Fire Station #3.

Monday, Oct. 7:

Free GED Prep Classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library, 9 a.m. - noon. Join NRCC in the community room for free GED prep classes! For more info call 540-674-3682.

Tuesday, Oct. 8:

FamilyREADS with Literacy NRV

At the Radford Public Library, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. If you are a parent with low to intermediate English language skills, sign up for Family Reads in partnership with LiteracyNRV. Registration required. LiteracyNRV will host seven weeks of learning each Tuesday from Oct. 1 - Nov. 19. We'll have fun activities for kids aged 3-8 so you can focus on your language studies (siblings are welcome, and homework help is available). A story time, educational activities, and games will be provided for all children. Families will receive free dinner! For more information, call (540) 382-7262, text (540) 585-1672, or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvrnv.org.

RCPS School Board meeting

Radford City School Board will convene for its regular meeting at 6 p.m., to be held at the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.rcps.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 9:

Haunted VR

At the Radford Public Library, 2 - 3 p.m. Build a puzzle of a haunted house in immersive VR! Build Dracula's dining room, or a spooky haunted house! You can also visit famous natural places or go on a (virtual) nature adventure. If you'd prefer to schedule a different

time, email Duncan.Hall@radfordva.gov to set up a 30-minute demo.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

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

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Thursday, Oct. 10:

Flannels and FUNds for NRV CARES

At Nesselrod on the New; 7535 Lee Hwy, Fairlawn, 5:30- 9 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door

Event Site link: <http://bit.ly/flannelsandfunds>. Please bring your friends and join us for a casual, fall, evening filled with live music from the acoustic guitar duo American Roots and also solo artist Jim Bohon. We will have food from across the New River Valley, and information shared about NRV CARES throughout the evening. Wine, beer, and alcoholic seltzers will be available for purchase. Delicious food, fantastic tunes, and making fall memories with friends will be included in your ticket purchase. If you are not able to join us in person, a donation is greatly appreciated to help us meet our fundraising goal.

Saturday, Oct. 12:

Radford Highlanders Festival

On the campus of Radford University; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Live music, food, vendors, sheepherding, dance performances, Scots-Irish clans and more.

Monday, Oct. 14:

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. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

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

Tuesday, Oct. 15:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

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

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

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

Monday, Oct. 14 and Tuesday, Oct. 15:

Coats for Kids

The Radford Clothing Bank is once again sponsoring Coats for Kids, Mon., Oct 14 and Tues, Oct 15, from 3 - 7 p.m. Families can select free, gently-used coats, lightweight jackets, hoodies, and hats for school aged children throughout the New River Valley communities. Questions? Call the Radford Clothing Bank at 540-633-5050 or send a private message through our Facebook page.

Thursday, Oct. 17:

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 on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Saturday, Oct. 19:

Red Cross blood drive

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 103 E. Main St., Christiansburg, will host a Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Appointments: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Fall leaf mulch distribution

Leaf mulch is available for pick up at Glade Road Growing 8 a.m. - noon. Loose and bagged leaves collected by the town are composted into leaf mulch. This mulch can be used as a soil additive for composting. This is an important service as composted leaf mulch keeps leaves out of landfills. Leaves can take up valuable landfill space and produce harmful greenhouse gases. To arrange pickup, residents must register and follow these guidelines: Register for a 30-minute time slot. Time slots are in 30-minute intervals starting at 8 a.m. Limit two cubic yards per truck or trailer. The town will load your truck or trailer. The process of loading leaves may cause scratches or dents to your truck or trailer as well as possible suspension damage due to the weight. By participating in this program, you assume the risk inherent with loading leaves in your truck or trailer. No dogs are permitted outside of their owner's vehicle during the event for the safety of the farm's livestock.

Ongoing:

Sinkland Farms Pumpkin Festival

The festival runs from Sept. 27 to Nov. 3, 2024, across six weekends. Start your journey by selecting the perfect pumpkin from a vast array of sizes and colors, ideal for fall decorations or carving your Halloween masterpiece. Then, hop on a hayride to the picturesque pumpkin patch, navigate the challenging five-acre corn maze, and indulge in a variety of fun-filled activities designed to delight the whole family. Live music, vendors and more. Open Fridays 4- 8 p.m. with limited offerings and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, log on to sinklandfarms.com.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Wade

Eyore is a bouncy ball of joy who's a big fan of playtime. He would love a human who can take him on adventures and provide plenty of toys. He's also a tug-of-war pro, so be prepared for some friendly competition!

Meet Wade! He's a playful pup looking for a forever home. Wade would benefit from some leash training. He's also a total foodie though, so don't be afraid to



Eyore

encourage him with some treats. Come meet Wade at the Animal Care and Adoption Center and see if he's your perfect match!

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.

HUGE SALE!

OCTOBER 19, 2024
STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.

Bins available for auction are subject to change due to customer payment prior to sale.

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8.7-210 (PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO COVER DELINQUENT STORAGE PAYMENTS).

DMV unveils new pedestrian safety campaign: "You're not a Duck"

October is Pedestrian Safety Month

RICHMOND — The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is excited to introduce its new pedestrian safety campaign, "You're Not a Duck," which uses tiny ducklings to highlight a serious message. The campaign draws a comparison between the attention ducklings crossing the street receive and the often-overlooked need for drivers to pay equal attention to pedestrians.

With October marking Pedestrian Safety Month, the DMV's latest initiative serves as a friendly reminder: while ducklings might make you slow down and smile, it's crucial to extend that same level of care and vigilance to pedestrians. "Ducklings are undeniably adorable and naturally command our attention, but people crossing the street deserve just as much of our focus," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "Our campaign is designed to make this comparison stick in a fun and memorable way."

So far this year in Virginia, pedestrian fatalities have decreased by 14%

compared to this time last year (84 as of September 10, 2024, compared to 98 on the same date in 2023). By drawing further attention to pedestrian safety, the new campaign hopes to continue the downward trend in pedestrian deaths.

Developed by Two Tango Collaborative and produced by Brian Camp Pictures with editorial, VFX, color and finishing by Preymaker and audio by In Your Ear, "You're Not a Duck" will run throughout Virginia through the middle of October. It can be spotted on TV, social and digital media, billboards, buses, radio and at community events. View the campaign video here.

"Let's make our roads safer by giving pedestrians the attention they deserve, just like we do for those little ducks," said Commissioner Lackey. "And, as pedestrians, we must always protect ourselves first by ensuring drivers see us before we cross the street."

- Here are a few tips for safe walking:
- Be predictable, follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
 - Plan a route with safe crossings



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF THE VIRGINIA DMV

- Avoid distractions, alcohol and drugs, and be alert
- Dress to be seen, but never assume drivers see you
- Wear reflective clothing, and carry a blinking light or flashlight at night
- Walk on sidewalks facing traffic
- If there's no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible
- Watch for cars backing up, especially in parking lots and driveways

Cross at crosswalks or intersections – where drivers expect pedestrians. While crossing, look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right, and make eye contact with turning drivers before proceeding when possible.

Turning vehicles can be especially dangerous at intersections. If there is no crosswalk or intersection, go to a well-lit area with the best view of traffic, wait until there is enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic while crossing.

Here are a few tips for safe driving around pedestrians from the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.

Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.

Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering crosswalk.

Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.

Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.

Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.

Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

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<p>ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 755 ROANOKE STREET, SUITE 2C CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 OILWELL ROAD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT</p> <p>Sealed Bids for the construction of the Oilwell Road Water System Improvements project will be received, by Montgomery County PSA, in the Montgomery County Purchasing Department, 755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2C, Christiansburg, VA 24073, until 3:00 PM local time on November 7, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Montgomery County bid number for this project is IFB 25-04.</p> <p>Work shall include, but shall not be limited to, construction of approximately 1,671 linear feet of 8" waterline, reconnecting existing water service lines, abandonment of old water mains, construction of a new control valve and vault, and related appurtenances as shown on the Plans and as described in the Contract Documents.</p> <p>Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.</p> <p>The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Hurt & Proffitt, 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Drawings and specifications will be available for inspection at the following locations:</p> <p>Hurt & Proffitt, 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, VA 24060</p> <p>Montgomery County PSA, 755 Roanoke Street, Ste. 21, Christiansburg, VA 24073</p> <p>DODGE Data, 300 American Metro Boulevard, Suite 185, Hamilton, NJ 08619</p>	<p>Valley Construction News Plan Room, 426 Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016</p> <p>Builder's Exchange, 3207 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227</p> <p>Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Hurt & Proffitt located at 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 upon payment of \$200 for each set, or downloaded free of charge at https://www.handp.com/contract/bids/</p> <p>A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on October 10, 2024, in Multi-Purpose Room 1 of the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.</p> <p>Bid documents shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.</p> <p>The Contractor awarded the Contract shall have or obtain a Unique Entity ID from SAM.gov.</p> <p>Contractor Licensing BIDDERS' attention is invited to the requirements of Section 54.1 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to registration which specifies the following with regard to contractor licensure and registration by definition: "Class A contractors" perform or manage construction, removal, repair, or improvements when (i) the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$120,000 or more, or (ii) the total value of all such construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by such person within any 12-month period is \$750,000 or more. "Class B contractors" perform or manage construction, removal, repair, or improvements when (i) the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$7,500 or more, but less than \$120,000, or (ii) the total value of all such construction, removal, repair or improvements undertaken by such person within any 12-month period is \$150,000 or more, but less than \$750,000.</p> <p>The bidder shall place on the outside of the envelope containing the bid and shall place in the bid over his signature whichever of the following notations is appropriate: "Licensed Class A Virginia Contractor No. _____" "Licensed Class B Virginia</p>	<p>Contractor No. _____"</p> <p>Owner: Montgomery County Public Service Authority By: Chuck Campbell Title: PSA Director Date: October 5, 2024</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on October 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisor's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:</p> <p>A request by Jason and Niki Cowan (owners) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a commercial kennel located at 4342 Quince Road. The property is further identified as Tax Map 131-A 76 (Parcel ID: 018267), 49.639 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.</p> <p>MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTION INFORMATION November 5, 2024 General Election</p> <p>Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 In-Person Early Voting at the following: MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS 1546 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA. September 20 – November 1, 2024 from 9am – 5pm Blacksburg Community Center</p>	<p>725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg, VA. October 21 – November 1, 2024 from 9am – 5pm The office will be closed for the Holiday on October 14, 2024.</p> <p>IN ADDITION, BOTH SITES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9AM TO 5PM SATURDAY, October 26, 2024 and SATURDAY, November 2, 2024 Note: The last day qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot by mail: Friday, October 25, 2024 by 5:00 PM</p> <p>A Ballot Drop Box will be available at both locations during the dates and times specified above.</p> <p>A Ballot Drop Box will also be available at each precinct on Election Day.</p> <p>The Constitution of Virginia requires that in order to be qualified to vote in the General & Primary Election you must be a citizen of the United States, be eighteen years of age on or before the next General Election, have domicile and a place of abode in Montgomery County and that you be registered in the precinct in which you reside.</p> <p>An acceptable ID will be required when you vote. A voter may show either voter registration confirmation documents, valid Virginia Driver's License, valid United States Passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; any valid employer identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Contact the Montgomery County Office of Elections if you have any questions at 540-382-5741 or the elections.virginia.gov.</p> <p>Connie Viar Director of Elections/Registrar</p> <p>ADVERTISE!</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2272 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on TUESDAY, October 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors intention to act on the following Ordinance: A request by SHAH Development LLC (Agent: Foresight Design Services) to vacate a 20' public utility easement between Tax Parcel 80-(A)-44 and Tax Parcel 80-(A)-46; vacate a 20' Drainage Easement, and a Detention Pond Area on Tax Parcel 80-(A)44 as recorded in plat book 24, page 5 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's office, by Draper Aden Associates, dated October 15, 2001. The property is located on the East side of Houchins Road approximately 0.5 miles to the north of Roanoke Street and is identified as Tax Parcel Nos. 80-(A)-44 and 80-(A)-46 (PIDs 018441, 018437) in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Urban Expansion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia</p> <p>hereby schedules a public hearing on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board Room in the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, in order to hear citizens comments on a proposed ordinance entitled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-107 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled by Increasing the Net Combined Financial Worth and the Income Limits to be Eligible for Tax Relief".</p> <p>A copy of the full text of the</p>	<p>Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisor's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:</p> <p>A request by James Crenshaw for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental using the existing residential structure on property owned by James D Crenshaw and Eric C Smith. The property is located at 2836 Wrights Way, approximately 0.2 miles north of the intersection of Harding Avenue and Wrights Way. The property is further identified as tax parcel 041-A 38C (Parcel ID: 026792), 0.706 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia</p> <p>hereby schedules a public hearing on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board Room in the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, in order to hear citizens comments on a proposed ordinance entitled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-107 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled by Increasing the Net Combined Financial Worth and the Income Limits to be Eligible for Tax Relief".</p> <p>A copy of the full text of the</p>	<p>Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for public inspection or copying.</p> <p>BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Angela M. Hill County Administrator</p> <p>FREE - City Radford</p> <p>Free! Exercise Station and Exercise Bike Dismantle and take FREE! Call 540.731.3297 Radford</p>

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Virginia Tech named a top 25 public university in U.S. News & World Report rankings

Virginia Tech was ranked tied for No. 21 in the National Universities class for Top Public Schools in the latest U.S. News & World Report 2024-25 Best Colleges rankings released Tuesday.

U.S. News & World Report ranks bachelor's degree-granting institutions in the United States annually to help prospective high school students find their best fits for college. The publication divided its rankings of more than 1,400 schools into divisions of National

Universities, Liberal Arts Colleges, Regional Universities, and Regional Colleges. Schools in the National Universities category offer a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master's and Ph.D. programs.

The methodology to determine scores varies among categories. The publication used 19 measures of academic quality in the Top Public Schools category, including graduation rates, retention rates, affordability, value of the degree

after graduation, faculty resources, opinion of experts (presidents, provosts, etc.), financial resources, and test scores.

Accounting for both public and private universities, Virginia Tech was ranked tied for No. 51 overall.

College of Engineering receives national acclaim

Virginia Tech's College of Engineering continues to lead the way for the university in various national and global rankings in large part because of research that continues to gain worldwide recognition. Some of the more prominent engineering-driven research projects of late include finding ways to minimize the environmental impact of mining lithium to use in batteries for electric vehicles; partnering with several other institutions to use generation instrumentation that studies weather conditions high in the atmosphere and how they affect everyday life; and revolutionizing efforts to keep harmful amounts of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere by putting it in the ground.

The college's undergraduate engineering programs rated tied for No.13 nationally among universities that offer a Ph.D. option. Scores in the Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs category were based solely on peer assessment.

The college's undergraduate engineering programs also were rated higher than any university engineering programs in Virginia.

"Our world-class education is a direct result of our approach to experiential and hands-on learning that prepare students to solve the world's most complex challenges," said Julie Ross, the Paul and Dorothea Torgersen Dean of Engineering. "Every day, we push the boundaries of engineering education through our investment in exceptional faculty, cutting-edge facilities, and bridge experiences with industry partnerships that support our students to become leaders in the global workforce."

In addition, various programs within the college scored well, led by the Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, which came in fourth nationally.

Other engineering programs ranked highly included the following:

- Environmental engineering, tied for No. 7
- Biological/agricultural engineering, tied for No. 8
- Civil engineering, tied for No. 9
- Aerospace engineering, tied for No. 13
- Mechanical engineering, tied for No. 13

Electrical engineering, tied for No. 16
Computer engineering, tied for No. 17

Virginia Tech's undergraduate computer science programs did well, too, coming in tied for No. 29 nationally.

Virginia Tech a great value

Virginia Tech's biggest jump in the U.S. News & World Report 2024-25 rankings came in the category of Best Value. The publication ranked Virginia Tech No. 149 — a seven-spot jump from last year.

The calculation factors in a school's academic quality and the 2023-24 net cost of attendance for an out-of-state student who received the average level of need-based financial aid. Only schools ranked in or near the top half of their categories are included because U.S. News considers the most significant values to be among colleges that are above average academically.

"Offering a rich and full educational experience to students, including those with financial need, is a foundational part of our land-grant mission," said Juan Espinoza, vice provost for enrollment management. "As we move forward with new initiatives, such as the Virginia Tech Advantage program, we will continue to prioritize access and affordability to ensure Virginia Tech remains open and welcoming to all, regardless of their family income."

Other rankings to note

The university came in tied for No. 26 in the Most Innovative Schools category. The Most Innovative Schools rankings were based upon top academic responses to a survey question that asked which schools were making innovative improvements in terms of curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology, or facilities.

Virginia Tech's undergraduate business programs within the Pamplin College of Business made a significant jump this year, coming in tied for No. 40 — a seven-spot increase. In addition, the accounting program within Pamplin was rated tied for No. 48 nationally.

The undergraduate economics programs and psychology programs within the College of Science earned a top 100 ranking. The psychology programs were tied for No. 79, while the economics programs came in tied for No. 93.

In other categories, the university ranked tied for No. 17 nationally in the Learning Communities category and tied for No. 28 nationally in the Best Colleges for Veterans category.

Virginia Tech



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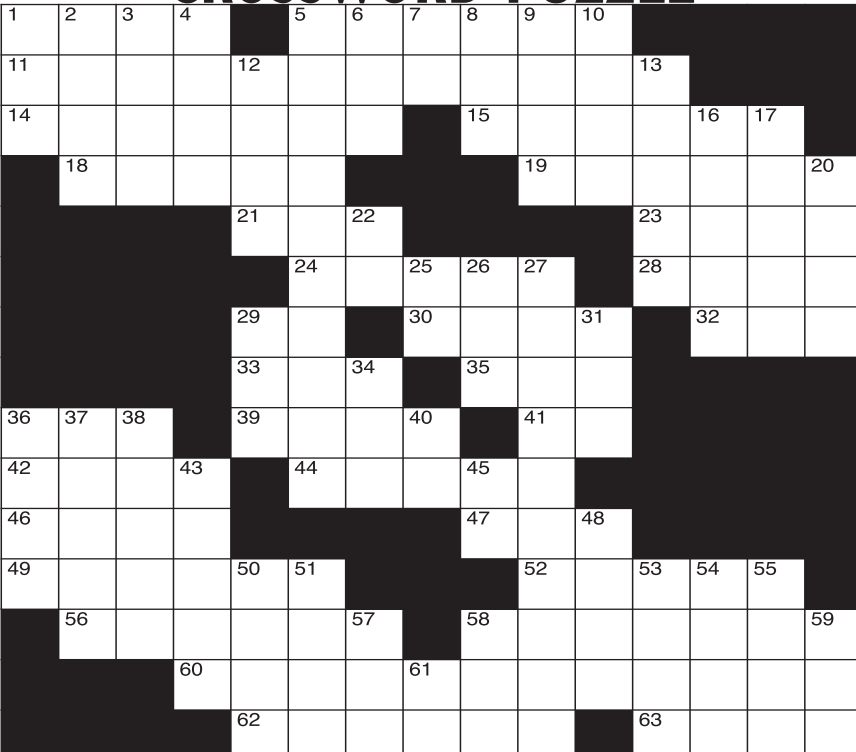
Class of 76 alumnae, was the guest speaker. He spoke about starting his career taking electrical classes at RHS, then attending NRCC to study electrical technology, leading to a 30+ year career with Dominion Energy, beginning as a technician, moving up into management and obtaining his bachelor's degree along the way. After retiring from Dominion,

he became the GM/VP at a different energy company and has recently started his own consulting business.

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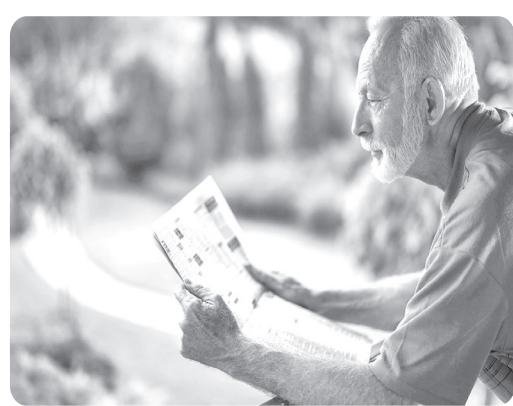
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Flat-topped hill
 - 5. Move upward
 - 11. Admiration
 - 14. It's useful for serving food
 - 15. Kidnap
 - 18. One of the Greek Muses
 - 19. A type of media
 - 21. Sunscreen rating
 - 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
 - 24. German 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
 - 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
 - 39. Feels ill
 - 41. Indicates position
 - 42. Beverage containers
 - 44. Assists
 - 46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
 - 47. Purpose
 - 49. Group of elected officials
 - 52. Hebrew prophet
 - 56. They help you drink
 - 58. Lawmaker
 - 60. Charitable
 - 62. Doctrines
 - 63. Footwear
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Where wrestlers work
 - 2. Dueling sword
 - 3. Practice fight
 - 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
 - 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
 - 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
 - 54. American state
 - 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
 - 57. Witness
 - 58. Landscapers lay it
 - 59. Type of bread
 - 61. Of I

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OBITUARIES

Moses, Jr., Willie Walter

Willie "Sonny" Walter Moses, Jr., 75, of Shawsville, passed away Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Walter, Sr. and Margaret Gibson Moses.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Willie Moses, III (Amy), and Mark Moses (Lindsay); six grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Kathaleen Shelor (Rodney Young); and several other relatives and special friends.

The family received friends Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Services followed with Pastor Wes Conner officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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



Charles Evans Hoge, 92, of Bluefield, W.Va., died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He dearly loved God, his church, his family, Virginia Tech sports, and Bluefield Orioles (Ridge Runners) baseball.

"Charlie", as his friends knew him, was born Oct. 24, 1931 in Mullens, W.Va., he was a son of the late Joseph Harvie Hoge, Jr. and Minerva Evans Hoge. Charlie and his family moved to Bluefield in 1939. Charlie was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield for 85 years, he served the church as a Sunday school teacher, treasurer, deacon and elder. Charlie graduated from Bluefield High School in 1950 and from Virginia Tech in 1954 with a degree in Business Administration. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He began his career as treasurer for Bluefield Produce and Provision Company and later joined Brown Edwards as an accountant. He retired from Gene Forbes Enterprises, a McDonald's franchisee. Charlie was a member of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club where he served as president from 1976-1977. He served as a board member of the Bluefield Baseball Club, a member of the Gideons International, and treasurer for the Mercer County Bible in the Schools, Inc.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Charles Evans "Chad" Hoge, Jr.; twin brother, Joseph Haven Hoge, III; sister, Eliza Hoge Riley; and daughter-in-law, Rhonda Stowers Hoge.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 70 years, Patricia Garland Hoge of the home; sons,



James Strother Hoge and wife Eunice of Longwood, Fla., John Evans Hoge and wife Teresa of Pulaski, Robert Bruce Hoge of Beverly Hills, Fla., Joseph Alan Hoge and wife Kathy of Christiansburg, and Charles Garland "Chuck" Hoge of Princeton, W.Va.; grandchildren, Jason Hoge and wife Jennifer, Jeff Hoge, Kari O'Brian and husband John, Brandon Hoge, Viviana del Campo and husband Jacob, and Gabriella Hoge. His legacy continues into the next generation with

five great-grandchildren: Emily, Ethan, Andrew, Asher, and Jack.

The family expresses appreciation to caregivers Ann Addair, Sue Gillespie, Patty Holdren, Gay Wine and Connie Wornal, who took wonderful care of Charlie in his final days.

The family will host a visitation at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2005 Washington Street in Bluefield, on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 1 - 2 p.m., followed immediately by a memorial service. Rev. Jonathan Rockness will officiate. A reception will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church or to the Gideons International. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory in Bluefield is serving the family.

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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

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

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

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CHURCH OF GOD

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So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

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Virginia Tech researcher questions sending more humans to space

Houston – stop the countdown. The space industry is accelerating deeper into the cosmos. But a researcher at Virginia Tech wants to hit the brakes and recalibrate.

An outer space anthropologist and doctoral student at Virginia Tech, Savannah Mandel's core argument is that space exploration is an extension of humanity as it exists, rather than an escape from planetary problems.

She is a proponent of unmanned exploration, which involves using spacecraft such as rovers to gather data without human crews. But she wants systemic change in the industry before humans go to outer space. One of these changes is for the inclusion of more social scientists within NASA and aerospace corporations.

Her argument is fueled by a combination of academic analysis and personal reflection. She worked in the commercial space industry and conducted fieldwork at Spaceport America, the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport.

She recently channeled her work into her first book, "Ground Control: An Argument for the End of Human Space Exploration."

In "Ground Control," Mandel critiques the motivations behind commercial space ventures. Rushing to send more humans to space, she contends, mirrors an imperialist mindset that harms Earth's humanity and environment. She published the book through Chicago Review Press while also pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Science, Technology, and Society.

Her dissertation — and second book — will center on the history and legalization of asteroid mining. Space agencies and companies are developing technologies and legal frameworks to conduct mining operations for precious metals and other resources.

Earning a Ph.D. is challenging. Some might call writing a book on top of a dissertation a giant leap.

Mandel answered questions about her research, authorship, and what she plans to explore next.

How did your fieldwork at places like Spaceport America and your experiences in the commercial spaceflight industry shape your perspective?

This book is honestly, in part, a memoir of what it was like to be a social scientist working in a STEM field — a field that was highly bureaucratic, highly politicized, and highly technical. I didn't start off as someone who disliked space. I went into my fieldwork loving space exploration and being passionate about it. But the more I learned and saw and the longer I was in the space industry, the more I started questioning what space exploration means for society and humanity's future.

For example, at Spaceport America,

I would have these field notes where, in one margin, I'd list all the pop stars going on Virgin Galactic flights, and in the next margin, I'd have poverty statistics for the local area. It was such a stark contrast. When I went to [Washington] D.C., and started working in space policy and science writing, I saw how militarized space exploration was and how colonial the rhetoric was around it. My time in fieldwork and in D.C. heavily informed the book and my understanding of space.

What do you believe are the most significant cultural outcomes that could result from the continued human exploration and potential colonization of other planets and moons?

One of the biggest concerns I have is rising interest in resource extraction, such as space mining. My dissertation focuses on how resources gained from space mining will be moderated, managed, and dispersed when they get back to Earth. Will further wealth disparities be created because of the mining of these resources? If only the wealthy have access to space, are they going to get richer from these resources while others don't have access to them at all?

Another issue is who gets a voice in discussions about space. Is human space exploration a global conversation or a local one? When we set up colonies, what do they represent? Will they be a way of establishing territory and ownership over land, and what are the consequences of that? There are a lot of ethical questions to consider about how human space exploration affects those left on Earth.

Given your background in science and technology studies, how do you assess the role of commercial space companies in shaping public and political discourse around space exploration?

Science and Technology Studies is a small field that teaches us that science and technology are socially constructed entities. In other words, when we work on a scientific project or create technology, we don't do so in an unbiased way. Science and technology are created with intention, cultural motivation, and political influence. Space projects are no different — they typically have a motivation or intention behind them, even if it's not always explicit.

So when I look at space organizations or any other science and technology companies, I ask questions like, "What is influencing this? Who is influencing this? What beliefs and values have gone into this?" These are the kinds of questions my field encourages.

What counter arguments have you encountered about your position on space exploration, and how do you address them?

One common counterargument is the apocalyptic idea that we need a "plan B planet" in case something catastrophic happens to Earth. My response is that we should prioritize preventative measures



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Savannah Mandel in the EYE Planetarium at the Science Museum of Western Virginia.

on Earth now, so we can avoid those issues to the best of our ability. I mean, sure, the sun will eventually explode our planet, and we could, in several billion years, plan for that event. But in the meantime, we should focus on creating a sustainable planet, managing climate change, and achieving a better living situation on Earth instead of striving for more or better elsewhere and leaving our home planet in the dust.

How has science communication become part of your role as an anthropologist?

Science communication kind of snuck up on me. I started writing for the public because I had all these thoughts in my head about space, space ethics, and futurism and I didn't know where to put them. I started writing for science blogs and news outlets, and eventually realized I was someone the public could learn from about the social sciences and outer space. There aren't many social scientists engaging with the public on these topics, so I thought, the more the merrier. We should be telling the public about the work social scientists are doing in space,

technology, and science.

How do you manage to balance the demands of being a Ph.D. student, a teacher, and a writer?

When I actually sat down to write my first book, I had already done about five years of research. I did most of my main body of research and reading during my first master's degree in London, so I had a strong foundation. I also took a semester off to write the book, which I think is valid if you need to pursue projects like this.

Writing a second book while working on my dissertation is a lot harder because I'm doing fresh research on top of schoolwork. It's all about balance. But it's also about prioritization, making time for writing, and being persistent. It took me many years of writing, and trial and error before I got an agent. You have to keep at it and have faith in yourself.

Special thanks to Chris Savage and the rest of the staff of the Science Museum of Western Virginia for their help with this article. Learn more about the museum and the EYE Planetarium.

Jenny Kincaid Boone for Virginia Tech

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flagship location for Wing, these services have been made available in Europe and in other towns across the United States like Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. The Montgomery Museum's exhibit and celebration of this innovation in aviation hosted speeches by Casey Jenkins, the museum's Executive Director and a

Christiansburg Town Council Member, and Rohling discussing "history in the making", as Jenkins said, being made in Montgomery County.

"All the technology," Rohling said, "that was developed here, and customer interactions here have been critical to our success elsewhere."

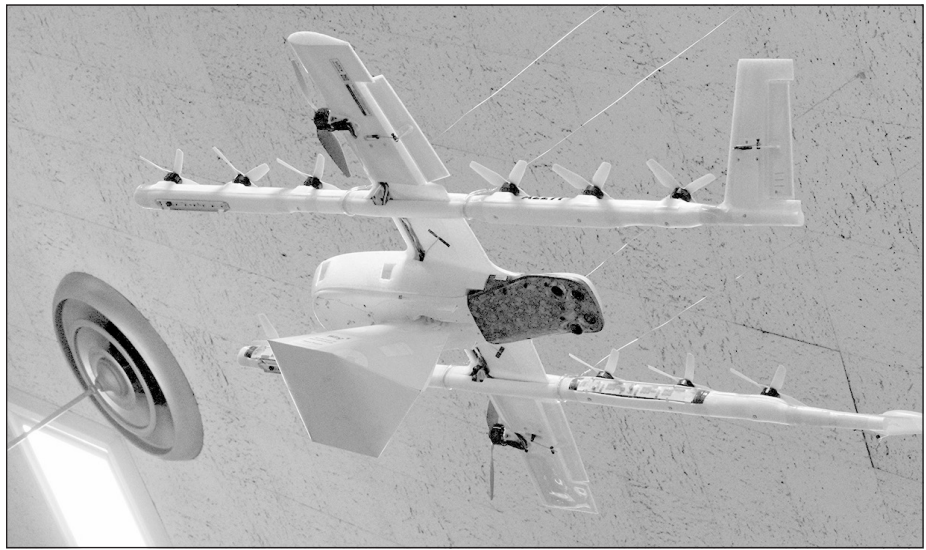


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The underside of a Wing drone at the exhibit.

Experts highlight health risks tied to flooding

Hurricane Helene has brought widespread devastation along the East Coast, particularly in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Three Virginia Tech public health and water quality experts — Stephanie Lareau, Julia Gohlke, and Alasdair Cohen — share insights on the pressing health risks associated with flooding in the wake of the hurricane.

Immediate health concerns

"In flooded areas, initial concerns are drowning as water often moves faster and currents are stronger than anticipated. People stuck in floods can also suffer from cold injury or hypothermia if they cannot get dry or are stuck in water," said Lareau, an emergency medicine doctor at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. She also highlighted the danger of debris in floodwaters, which can cause cuts and abrasions that will be prone to infection. "Access to clean water and food can quickly become a concern as well," she added.

The health risks don't end there. "Flooding also poses risks like gastrointestinal illness, dehydration, and carbon monoxide poisoning from improper generator use. Pregnant women face an increased risk of premature labor or preterm birth, and long-term mold exposure can exacerbate asthma," said Gohlke, a professor of environmental health with the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

Water contamination

Floodwaters often carry harmful pathogens, and residents should be alert to symptoms of waterborne illnesses.

"Primary initial symptoms from infection with waterborne pathogens can include gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever, and headache. It is important to keep in mind though that these symptoms can result from a wide range of waterborne and foodborne pathogens," said Cohen, an assistant professor of environmental epidemiology with the Virginia-Maryland College of

Veterinary Medicine.

Cohen said local authorities should notify residents in areas at risk for contaminated water. If there is a boil water advisory people should follow Centers for Disease Control and Virginia Department of Health guidelines and bring tap water to a rolling boil for one minute (longer if living in high elevations) before letting it cool and drinking it, or use bottled water.

Cohen stressed that there are other potential exposure pathways for which boiled or bottled water should also be used. "Primarily brushing teeth, making ice, mixing baby formula or making other water-based beverages, and washing/preparing food - and pets should also be provided boiled or bottled water for drinking."

Risks in rural areas

Flooding poses particular challenges for rural communities.

"Rural areas may experience prolonged

power outages and delays in accessing clean food, water, and health care due to blocked roads or flooding. These areas often face longer recovery times compared to more populated regions," Gohlke said.

Cleaning up after a flood

"As people work to clean up the aftermath of the storm it is important to be cautious when using chainsaws and heavy equipment, as wet soil conditions can become treacherous. Trauma is a big concern," Lareau said. She also emphasized the need to dry affected areas as quickly as possible to prevent mold and mildew, which can cause long-term respiratory issues.

For those displaced by the hurricane, ensuring access to essential medications is critical. "Working with local pharmacies to secure needed prescriptions is key to managing chronic health conditions in the aftermath of the storm," she said.

Meredith Murphy for Virginia Tech

Sports notes: RU seeking new volleyball coach

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Chris Hertel has resigned as Radford University's head volleyball coach due to personal reasons effective immediately.

Michelle Johnson will serve as interim head coach while Radford Athletics begins a national search for the next leader of the program. Details about his departure have not been released.

Hertel took over the program just a year ago after serving as an assistant at New Mexico State. Previously, he had served as an assistant at Radford, who are 3-8 under his tenure this season.

H2okies weekly honors

Carles Coll Marti and Rocky Ramsland were tabbed ACC Swimmer and Diver of the week for their performances in the season-opener against George Washington.

Coll Marti had an outstanding dual-meet, taking home four first-place finishes. He kicked the day off with a first-place finish in the 100-meter breaststroke, swimming a 59.30. He then competed in the 200 IM, taking first with a 1:46.28.

On top of his individual events, Coll Marti competed

in the 200-medley relay, helping the Hokies to a win with their time of 1:26.36. He also swam in the 400 freestyle relay to close out the meet, placing first with a 2:57.71.

Ramsland also had stellar performances on the boards in the season opener, earning NCAA Zone Cuts in both his events. He took first place on 1-meter with a score of 325.58, and third place on 3-meter with a score of 341.25.

ACC recognizes Love

Virginia Tech kicker John Love has been named the ACC Specialist of the Week for his efforts Friday night against Miami.

Love (5-11, 180) connected on a career-long 57-yard field goal late in the first half. It was the third longest kick in school history.

The redshirt sophomore later hit a 52-yard kick in the third quarter, becoming the first Virginia Tech kicker to make two or more field goals from 51 yards or longer during the same game since Dave Strock against Southern Miss in 1972.

The Spartanburg, South Carolina native also connected on all four of his extra point attempts against the Hurricanes. Love has now made eight of his nine

field goals on the season.

Hokie high school XC

The Auburn High School girls' cross country took third in the 5,000 meters team score at the Virginia Tech Burnt Orange meet. Alyson Funk finished second. The Auburn boys' placed fifth and Radford sixth. Individually, Blake Brown finished third.

In the Maroon Division, Christiansburg finished fourth in the girls' division with Floyd fifth. Individually, Christiansburg's Mariah Reed finished in ninth place. Eastern Montgomery was eight in the men's team race and Blacksburg 10th.

Quad middle school meet

Babo Himes from Blacksburg Middle School took the top spot in the boy's 2-mile finals held Monday at Blacksburg High School. Charles Phillips from Christiansburg Middle School was third and Eli Scott of BMS third.

Blacksburg Middle would take the team title with CMS second.

Christiansburg Middle took the top individual spots in the girls' 2-mile run with Madeline Sala claimed first and Abbey Nicholson second. The CMS girls took the team win with Pulaski Middle second.

RADFORD SPORTS

Floodwaters significantly affect Radford, RU athletic fields

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The New River swelled beyond its banks during Tropical Storm Helene, doing major damage to athletic fields in Radford.

The devastation is just now starting to be seen as the headwaters ease back to their normal level.

Radford University spokesman Greg Wolfe said the flooding brought to the Radford area by Tropical Storm Helene caused devastating impacts to the areas adjacent to the river, notably where RU's athletics complex lies.

"Outside of Radford, the footprint of our conference, the Big South, has also seen drastic impacts that will take time to recover from. While Radford's main campus largely avoided any major damage, our intramural fields and baseball stadium suffered flooding damage including multiple feet of standing water. We are still evaluating the impacts to the baseball stadium and will post any updates on our social media feeds," he said.

The university's baseball coach, Alex Guerra, feels his field is a total loss. He told reporters earlier this week that Carter Memorial Stadium will need major work.

Radford University transformed its baseball program in April of 2011 by opening a brand-new stadium and making the first significant adjustment to its home park since opening in 1986. Then in 2021 the Highlanders revamped the program by installing a new turf field.

The stadium opened in 2011 when the Highlanders hosted VMI in the first game of a Big South series and changed the baseball experience in the New River Valley.

Sherman Williams Stadium was a private project unlike any before in the history of Radford Athletics, the stadium was completely privately funded through the Radford University Athletics Foundation, through the efforts of the Highlander Club. It gives the program a stadium that is capable of hosting high-level competition, including the Big South Tournament.

Using structural elements of the existing facility, an 800-seat grandstand was constructed on top. Spectators are closer to the action than ever before, with

the first row of red, chair-backed seats beginning three feet from the backstop. Sight lines in the grandstand are directed at the center of the field of play. In addition to the grandstand, seating is also available down the left field line on a grass berm.

In information provided by the university, in addition to the stadium, the actual grounds and dugouts saw a complete overhaul in the fall of 2009, setting the stage for the stadium improvements. One of the finest natural playing surfaces in the region, Carolina Green Corp. Athletic Field Construction was in charge of a project that included a new sod, a laser-graded surface of sand-based Tuckahoe bluegrass, and a new irrigation and drainage system underneath the field. New dugouts were also built to fit the changing needs of the program. Both dugouts are 74 feet long, include a deeper bench area with steps up to the field, restrooms, and expanded storage space on either side.

The artificial turf project was privately funded through an anonymous donor, broke ground in November 2020 and was completed in February 2021. FieldTurf, Inc., a world leader with over 20,000 artificial turf field installations worldwide, installed the field which replaces the natural grass surface that has been in place since the stadium's opening.

Games were originally scheduled to be played at the RU location as part of Homecoming activities. Now, they will be moved to Salem's Memorial Stadium.

Meanwhile damage across the river at the Pete Dye River Course Golf Course was also seen in photos shot by drone high above.

The River Course, originally designed by Ault, Clark and Associates, was built in 1999. The Virginia Tech Foundation acquired the course in 2002. Bordered by 2.5 miles of the scenic and historic New River, the well-designed course had significant potential with eight holes directly affected by the river's presence.

But the most damage can be found at Bisset Park, where the town's recreation department saw major damage to its softball and baseball complex, along with a new Pickle Ball Court.

Cleanup has already begun at all of the areas with no final estimate of damages from the monetary side yet to be known.



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Radford City's Pickle Ball courts were just opened this past January and suffered major damage during the recent flooding.



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Flooding completely swallowed up the Pete Dye River Course this past week.



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The river also rose past its banks to engulf Radford University's Sherwin Williams baseball complex.

Golf report: Auburn wins MED and Region C

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Auburn High School dominated the competition on the course this week, winning both the Mt. Empire and Region C Class 1 state golf titles.

Auburn Coach Jeff Gandee was named the Region C coach of the year.

Drew Royal and Matthew Altizer both shot 72 at the district meet with a team score of 297, outdistancing the competition by 63-strokes. George Wythe was second as a team with a 359. Giles was third with a 360 mark.

In the region, Auburn shot a 316, 34 strokes over second place George Wythe. Altizer led the team with a 76 score.

Meanwhile Blacksburg is continuing its hunt for another state title. The team rolled to a 25-stroke victory in the sub-region tournament held this week at Blacksburg Country Club.

The Bruins shot a course record team score of 273, which was 15 under par, to defeat seven other schools.

Blacksburg was led by medalist Jake Albert who carded an eight under par 64. Also contributing to the Blacksburg score were Cameron Sharp and Jack Skinner who both shot



Photo courtesy of Auburn High School

The Auburn High School golf team won this week's Mt. Empire District and Region C tournaments. Pictured are: (left to right) Left to right: Alex Young, Cody Fleet, Matthew Altizer, Drew Royal, Carter St Clair, Gaston Wimmer, and Region Coach of the year Jeff Gandee.

three under par 69s and Emerson Keene who shot a one under par 71.

Next up for the Bruins is the region 4D tournament that will be held Monday, Oct. 7 at Shenandoah Valley golf club in front Royal Virginia.

Eastern Montgomery are this year's Pioneer District champs with Narrows second. Cam Sutphin led the Mustangs with a score of 85.

The Radford University women's golf team led by a record-breaking second round from Macy Johnson would see the Highlanders place in a tie for third in a shortened Pirate Collegiate Classic at

the Greenville Country Club.

Johnson would shine once again as she would lead the player leaderboard for the second time this season, posting the lowest score of 136 over the 36-holes in this year's Pirate Collegiate Classic.

The sophomore would record a 70 (-2) to open the first round. Johnson would make history in the second after she would go 6-under par 66 to set a new individual single-round program record that was previously held by teammate Hannah Lindemann. Johnson would begin her second round at the tenth hole

and go on to have an incredible back nine, making six birdies and going bogey-free. In the front nine she would bogey the first hole, but bounced back to officially clinch the record after carding her seventh birdie at the 9th hole.

Rahul Rajendran of the Virginia Tech men's golf team carded a 10-over 226 (74-75-77) to lead the Hokies at the Blessings Collegiate Invitational, which concluded Wednesday at Blessings Golf Club (par 72, 7,737 yards).

Tech wrapped up competition in tenth place in the team standings at 927 (305-307-315). LSU,

led by three golfers in the top eight, posted a 16-shot victory over runner-up Mississippi State. The Tigers fired a 2-under 862 (285-297-280) to capture the team title.

Virginia Tech women's golfer Emily Mathews fired a 14-over 230 (72-79-79) to lead the Hokies at the Blessings Collegiate Invitational, which concluded Wednesday at Blessings Golf Club (par 72, 6,501 yards).

Tech placed 10th in the team standings with a cumulative 947 (312-318-317). Tournament host Arkansas ran away with the team title, firing a tournament-record,

12-under 852 (279-293-280). Mississippi State was the runner-up at 21-over 885 (286-310-289).

The Razorbacks were bolstered by the exceptional play of reigning individual champion Maria Jose Marin, who carded an 11-under 205 (65-73-67) to successfully defend her title. Julia Lopez Ramirez finished six shots back at 5-under 211 (68-77-66).

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RADFORD SPORTS

Blacksburg downs Cave Spring in football



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Kicker Ethan Lowdermilk makes a successful PAT after the Bruins score their second TD in the first half of the game.



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Blacksburg standout Jaxon Keys (left) escapes Cave Spring's defense gaining critical yards for a Bruin TD drive.



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Aided by Connor McRobert's blocking and the rest of the offensive line, Jaxon Keys burst over the goal line for the first Blacksburg goal of the game.



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Bruin QB Sam Szeffc searches for a passing opportunity to move the Bruins up field.

Pink night at Auburn

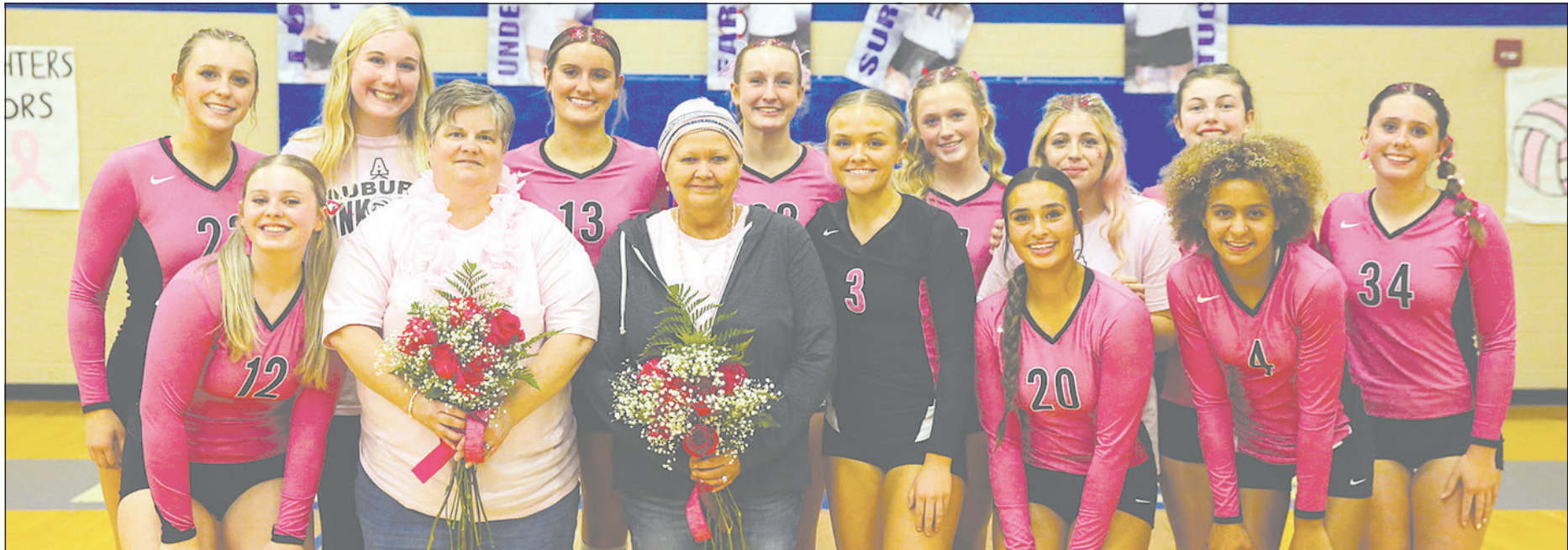


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During Tuesday's game, Auburn varsity ladies around two of Auburn's teachers Katie Minnich (left) and Alison Garst, who are both going through their own battle of cancer. Dig Pink is a volleyball-themed fundraising event that raises money for metastatic breast cancer research and treatment. The Side-Out Foundation organizes Dig Pink events, which can be held at the local, county, city, or state level.



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Auburn's Leah Wimmer celebrates with team after getting a block. She finished with eight kills and three aces. Jacyi Morrill added 17 assists in the win, while Briel Underwood had seven digs and three aces.

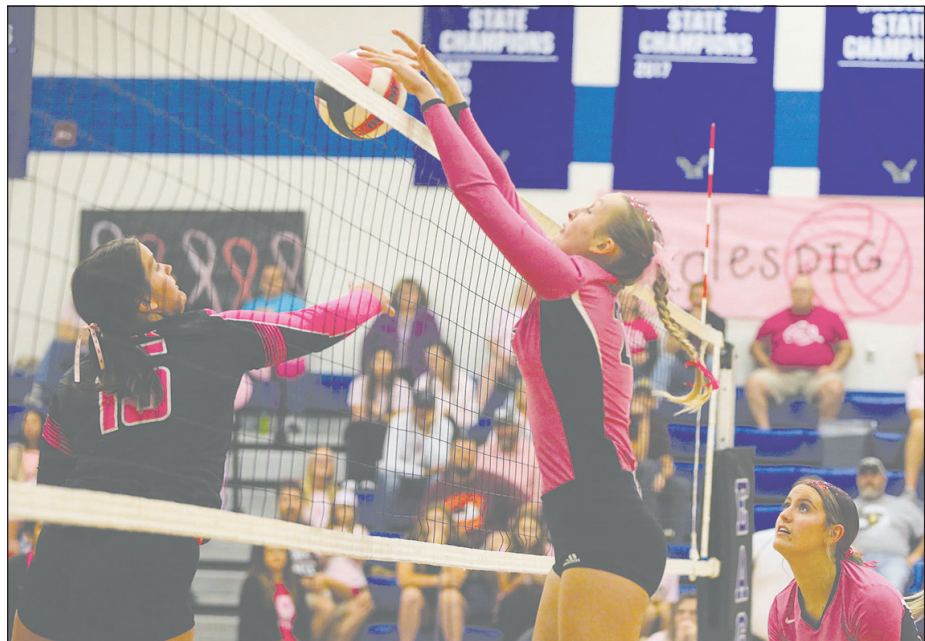


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Gretchen Surface with the block as Auburn defeated Galax, 25-10, 25-7, 25-12. Surface finished with nine kills and three aces.

Young prepares for 39th year in college basketball

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Mike Young has a few more grey hairs as he has experienced the ups and downs of college basketball in the past 39 years. The Radford native admits things have changed during that time, and he has the honor of being the head coach at Virginia Tech.

"I have driven onto a college campus every day for 39 years. I am the luckiest human being the good Lord put down here. I am thankful (to be coach at Virginia Tech)," he said.

"You better figure it out," he said when discussing the changes all aligned with transfers and the new Name, Image and Likeness (NIL). "You adapt and adjust. Make it who you are. It's not going away."

Young's comments came earlier this week as he prepared to attend Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) media days in Charlotte.

On Monday, he addressed local reporters and

television cameras during a visit to the Cassell Coliseum Media Center. He took time to remember friends and foes that were affected by this past month's flooding.

"I take a moment to think of some those who are struggling right now. We all have friends in Asheville, Boone Blowing Rock. Spartanburg was hit hard by downed power lines."

Young also took pride in talking about playing at home in Cassell Coliseum. "That place is hard for a visiting team to come into."

"It's a wonderful home court. It's a wonderful place to play," said Young. "But we have to do a better job away from home."

The Hokies finished 15-2 last year at home, but only had single digit wins on the road.

Meanwhile on the court, the Hokie's main man is excited about this year's team. Young is optimistic and says they could go as many as 10 deep. "I don't have a lineup yet. But I really like the pieces."

"I think this team is deeper (than last year)," he said.

One the biggest factors to the Hokies is the return of Mylyjael Poteat, who has transformed his body in the offseason, shredding as much as 20 pounds.

The Reidsville, North Carolina native averaged 6.4 points per game this season, nearly doubling his scoring output from 2022-23. One of the most efficient shooters in the ACC, Poteat connected on 64.4% of his field-goal attempts.

In total, Tech will welcome nine newcomers for 2024-25 after Ryan Jones Jr. and Tyler Johnson signed with the Hokies last fall.

One of the biggest transfers is Tobi Lawal, who competed two seasons at VCU before entering the transfer portal. The 6-foot-8 forward averaged 7.7 points and 6.0 rebounds per game as a sophomore in 2023-24, while shooting 66.7% from the hardwood. He played in 63 games over his two seasons in Richmond.

A native of London, England, Lawal is an exceptional athlete with superior leaping ability. He recorded a 49.5-inch vertical leap in 2023 preseason combine testing.