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Thompson and Litton designed a plan for this chimney to be built on the grounds of McHarg School to serve as a home for migrating chimney swifts after the old chimney had to be torn down for renovations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 4:

Noise alert: Corps of Cadets Rifle Practice - The Corps of Cadets' precision drill team, the Gregory Guard, will practice firing a rifle salute at 6 p.m. behind Lane Hall, 280 Alumni Mall. Expect three volleys of shots.

American Legion meeting - The American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. In case of heavy snow or ice that day, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Mountain Biking Basics Class - This class will teach participants the skills needed to tame the mountain on your bike and get them hooked on this great outdoor activity. Participants should bring their bike, their helmet, and their "let's do this" attitude to the Pandapas Pond upper parking lot and let the instructors take care of the rest. Register at <https://recreation.blacksburg.gov/>

Tuesday, March 9:

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 Rinner Road in Montgomery County. William Reed will present the "History of the 51st Virginia Regiment." Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. In case of heavy snow or ice that day, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

Radford Chamber Business over Breakfast - From 8-9 a.m. at the Radford Coffee Company, 333 W. Main St. The guest speaker is Kim Repass with the Radford Economic Development department. Pre-registration is requested at www.radfordchamber.com. Please bring a face mask to abide by current COVID-19 state regulations.

Saturday, March 13:

New River Valley Cares 21st Annual Gala and Auction - The auction

will be held virtually. Proceeds will be used locally to protect children from abuse/neglect and to strengthen families through education, advocacy, and community partnerships. More information on NRVCares can be found at: www.nrvcares.org.

The auction has unique and interesting items that may be previewed at www.nrvcares.givesmart.com. This is also the site to register for the auction. There is no charge to register, and bidding starts at noon, March 11, with the online program starting at 7:30 p.m., March 13.

Tuesday, March 16:

Radford Reads with Monica Rodden - Join the Radford Public Library at 6:30 p.m. for a Zoom conversation with Monica Rodden, author of "Monsters among Us." Rodden will read from her book and talk about the publishing process. Email Elizabeth at elizabeth.sensabaugh@radfordva.gov for details. The library has a limited number of free copies of this book to give away while supplies last, so those interested in obtaining a copy should let

the staff know if you'd like a copy.

Ongoing:

Head Start Enrolling - New River Community Action is now accepting applications for three- and four-year-olds for Head Start for the 2021-22 school year. Head Start offers a no-charge pre-school for income eligible families. Families may apply by calling the local Head Start center, applying online at newrivercommunityaction.org or by picking up an application form in person at the local center. Applications are accepted year-round. The respective phone numbers for the three local Head Start centers are Christiansburg 540-381-7559, Radford 540-731-4107, and Blacksburg 540-552-0490. Anyone applying in person should bring proof of the child's birth and proof of the family's income such as a 1040, a W-2, pay stubs, child support income, money received from grants, and unemployment income.

Through Friday, March 5:

Glencoe Mansion "2020 in Review" Art

Show - The show features the works of artists Cheryl Mackian, the Radford Photo Club, and Teresa Regil, whose works all appeared in the Gallery during 2020. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Blacksburg free curbside brush collection - The Town of Blacksburg continues to offer free curbside brush collection for snow and ice storm-related vegetative debris through March 5. Residents are required to call public works at 540-443-1200 to request a special pickup, and collections will be made in the order they are received. Requests will be taken until Friday, March 5, and will be limited to one pickup per household. Pickups will be limited to one dump truck load (10'x7'x3') per location per pickup date. To be picked up, the brush should be cut into lengths no greater than seven feet and no greater than six inches in diameter and should be stacked outside and away from any fencing, mailboxes, shrubbery, lamp posts, or any other structure or obstacles that may be damaged by town equipment.

Through March 31:

Virginia Tech Parking Survey - Virginia Tech has released a 2021 Parking Survey. All those who utilize parking and transportation in and around the Virginia Tech Blacksburg campus are invited to participate, including visitors and Blacksburg residents. The survey will close March 31, 2021, at 5 p.m.

All responses will remain anonymous and will be analyzed at the aggregate level. The survey should take fewer than 15 minutes to complete. To take the survey, visit <https://vtnews.vt.edu/notices/adm-evergreens/Transpo-parkingsurvey.html>.

Through Saturday, April 24:

'Unbearable Beauty' Exhibit at Moss Arts Center - The exhibit is open each Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Saturday, April 24. The exhibit is a demonstration of the devastation human activity has wreaked on the environment. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

NRV-wide nominations sought for Leading Lights Volunteer Awards

CHRISTIANSBURG -- NRV Leading Lights is seeking Volunteer Award nominations from across the New River Valley for its 2021 volunteer awards.

The deadline for nominations for the 13th annual awards is midnight, March 31. The nominations form is available only online at www.leadinglightsnrv.org.

Awards are given in three categories: community (seven awards), high school (two awards), and college (two awards).

In the community award category, an award is reserved for a volunteer in each county/city of the New River Valley (Floyd County, Giles County, Pulaski County, Radford City), and two in Montgomery County (due to population), and one across the whole NRV to recognize Lifetime Volunteer Achievement.

Nominees in the high school and college categories must be currently enrolled in a school/college in the New River Valley.

Distinguished Recipients in each category will be selected on the following criteria: (1) Strong community involvement with a demonstrated lifestyle of dedicated, continuous, long-term involvement to the community; and (2) Proven leadership with demonstrated creativity in initiating and implementing projects that lead to a better quality of life

NRV Leading Lights recognizes volunteers in the New River Valley each year who are making community-changing impacts that culminates in an annual celebratory event. Due to the challenges of COVID19, the event will be virtual for 2021, and the chosen charities of each Distinguished Recipient will be highlighted in a video. NRV Leading Lights also honors Distinguished Recipients by making a monetary donation to the non-profits of their choice and honoring all nominees in the virtual event, presenting each nominee with a plaque.

Persons who have been nominated before but not selected as a Distinguished Recipient may be nominated again. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to submit nominations for outstanding New River Valley volunteers they know or volunteer with. Administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, club sponsors, and youth mentors are asked to nominate young people for the high school and college awards. Groups and organizations cannot be nominated for awards.

Leading Lights are engaged in diverse volunteer activities across the New River Valley. Collectively they spend thousands of hours over their lifetimes volunteering with clothing banks, rescue and disaster relief teams; mentoring youth, managing holiday programs, overseeing weekend 'food backpack' programs, helping at local food kitchens, serving with civic groups, building the community, and volunteering with more than a hundred other noble local charitable activities and programs. Leading Lights is focused on the impact of a volunteer's work and leadership.

For more information or assistance, call (540) 230-0815 or email leadinglightsnrv@gmail.com.

Area non-profit organizations collaborate with the Virginia Tech German Club Alumni Foundation (GCAF) for the Annual "Leading Lights: Shining a Light on Neighbors Helping Neighbors" recognition awards for volunteers in the local community.

Community Action offering free tax preparation

New River Community Action (NRCA) is offering a free tax preparation service to qualifying families (households with incomes of \$57,000 or less) in a Virtual VITA format for 2021.

NRCA is also offering access to three free, online tax software programs through special arrangements with the IRS.

Virtual VITA, a term developed by the IRS, refers to tax services that involve no personal interaction between clients and tax preparers, offering a safe alternative to traditional tax preparation models. VITA programs are given flexibility by the IRS to develop virtual models that are compatible with local community needs. NRCA's proposed Virtual VITA program will require tax filers to contact the program to request intake forms either by calling 540-382-6187 or by e-mailing vita@nrcaa.org, and to complete and return intake forms and copies of required tax documentation via e-mail, US Postal Service, or drop box.

Step-by-step checklists and detailed instructions will be included as part of the intake paperwork filers receive.

Unlike previous years, taxpayers will not have the option of making appointments for assistance, nor will they be interacting with VITA program staff for scheduled tax drop-off services. Additionally, drop-off tax services will not be available with the Commissioners of Revenue in Pulaski and Montgomery counties, and the City of Radford as they will not be participating this year. Filers are encouraged to contact those offices directly for information on the state tax services they are offering constituents.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One of Noah's sons
5. Openings
11. Rising from the dead
14. Expressions for humorous effect
15. North American country
18. Flowed over
19. Tags
21. Long-lasting light bulb
23. Off-Broadway theater award
24. Khoikhoi peoples
28. Beloved movie pig
29. South Dakota
30. Tai language
32. Get free of
33. Afflict
35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
36. Commercials

39. Digits
41. Expression of sympathy
42. Bleats
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Vegetable
47. Turf
49. Disorganized in character
52. Takes
56. Rules over
58. More fervid
60. Sweet drink
62. Cry loudly
63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

1. A title of respect in India
2. His and ____
3. Employee stock ownership plan
4. A type of bond (abbr.)
5. Acting as if you are

6. Affirmative
7. Not caps
8. Type of medication
9. Monetary unit
10. Private school in New York
12. Small stream
13. A person of wealth
16. Exclude
17. Someone who vouches for you
20. Vegetable part
22. Gov't lawyer
25. Term to address a woman
26. Swiss river
27. About senator
29. ____ Paulo, city
31. Native American tribe
34. "Titanic" actor
36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
37. Capital of Senegal

38. Slang for military leader
40. Football's big game
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
45. Equally
48. Forest animal
50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money
57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)
59. Beloved singer
61. Three-toed sloth



Meet brothers Sammy and Parker. These two younger cats are a bonded pair that will need to go to the same home. Parker is a little outgoing and social. Sammy is a bit more shy. To tell them apart, just look at their whiskers and overall size. Parker has a couple of white whiskers and Sammy is noticeably larger.



Ringo is ready to find a home to spend his senior years. He'd love a comfy spot just to hang out and relax. He's a go-with-the-flow kind of dog, and he would do best as the only pet. This sweet dog is house trained and does well with children. Ringo's adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control.

Black History

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Fred Wygal School

today and tomorrow for the citizens of Radford, and he puts his time and energy into making our home the best it can be.

"During the pandemic, he explored the state of the art for safety for his staff and his clients so that people could utilize his services and know they would be okay.

"People from around the region travel to Downtown Radford to have Mike and his team take care of them. It is so much more than a barber shop, but it is also a great barber shop right here on our Main Street. His work had been recognized by the Radford Chamber of Commerce and the Radford City Council.

"A leader in business, faith, and community. Radford is lucky to have Michael Wyms.

"Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021:

"#radfordblackhistory has been such a wonderful collection of stories of people who have made Radford a fantastic place to live and who represent the city to other communities all over the country and the world.

"One of the great elements of this experience has been to share the story of not just individuals but entire families. A sense of service and leadership is imbued in the DNA of many Radford families and that is true of the Nichols family.

"Shane Nichols has proven to be a leader in the world of basketball and in every community in which he has lived.

"After a stellar career as a Bobcat, he matriculated to St. Peter's and then Wofford where he was a star setting many high marks for his school and the conference especially from downtown as he was a master of the three point shot!

"Excitement on the court, a

leader among his teammates, and a role model for his fans, Coach Nichols is known for having an eye for talent and being able to develop his players on and off the court to help them be their best.

"Following stints as a coach for Niagara and Hofstra, he has spent the last six seasons with Murray State University as an assistant coach. The school touts that "He has been a part one of the greatest periods of program history that includes three-straight OVC regular season championships (2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20) and two OVC Tournament titles (2017-18, 2018-19).

"In the last three seasons, the Racers are a combined 77-20 (.777) overall and 47-7 (.870) in OVC games and at home, they are 44-3 (.933) in the CFSB Center."

"This story that talks about the Nichols family really sums up their legacy of leadership <https://the-news.org/2018/09/18/meet-the-nichols-a-coaching-family/>

"Coach Shane Nichols is a wonderful ambassador for Radford!

"Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021:

"Today in #radfordblackhistory we are proud to celebrate an entrepreneur, an artist, a poet and author, a designer and engineer, a storyteller. Antwian Marcel Crawford is all these things and a great friend to so many in Radford.

"As founder of Social Media Guru, he has helped people share their stories and find creative "ways to define what they do online.

To name just a few places where he has created a presence he is:

- Creator/Admin of RHS Alumni page
- Creator/Admin of RHS Alumni group
- Creator/Admin of Dana Palmer Memorial page
- Creator/Admin of The Under-

derground Poet's Society, Inc. page

- Creator/Admin of The Underground Poet's Society, Inc. group
- Creator/Admin of Cut Nice Barbershop page on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google Business, Youtube & Yelp
- Creator/Admin of I Love Old School Soul Music
- Creator/Admin of I Love Old School Hip-Hop
- Creator/Admin Social Media Guru, LLC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google Business, Youtube, Yelp & Bark.

"He stays busy offline as well as a poet and author. More than two decades ago he founded the Underground Poet's Society.

"In addition he has worked as an engineer and designer for several firms around the nation.

"Storytellers help shine a spotlight on those who should be recognized. Antwian has spent decades helping the world learn more about outstanding people in our fair city and beyond.

<https://instagram.com/socialmediaguru2u?igshid=13rzbk9wft0d>
<http://intellect1.bandcamp.com/album/intellect-the-cd>

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"Sunday, February 28, 2021

"There is so much wonderful #radfordblackhistory to share, we wanted to have some additional profile posts today.

"We have highlighted several African American owned and operated businesses this past month and there is another shop and person who I would like to feature: Shear Mellegance Salon and Sharmelle Turner-Bobo.

"For the last seven years, this salon has been a staple of East Main Street with friendly faces and a popular and welcoming environment. This didn't happen easily

or overnight. Sharmelle worked in many salons around the NRV after attending Charmar Academy where she became a licensed hair-dresser.

"As a Radford native and Bobcat from the Class of 1992, she knew she would love to have her own place in her hometown, and in 2014 when that dream became a reality, it included all the best elements of what she had learned over the previous 18 years of experience.

"Sharmelle has always made the Bobcat Nation proud as her RHS experience included singing in the choir and as an athlete on the basketball and track teams.

"She and her husband Anthony are excited to be a part of the future of Radford not only with the family business, but also with family, as their daughter, born in 2011 is looking forward to her time on the hill as a Bobcat.

"Family is a priority for Sharmelle, and you are likely to be greeted by her family at the salon. Clients feel more like family as she and her team help them look their best and experiment with fun new styles.

"She is also devoted to her church family at First Baptist on Rock Road and is an active parish-ioner.

"We are glad that Sharmelle is a key part of our Main Street Community!

"Monday, March 1:

"Today in #radfordblackhistory we wanted to continue to share stories from Radford. Our story for March 1, as our Radford Schools are able to be back 100% in person today, is about Fred Wygal School, for decades, the elementary education location for Radford black families.

"First, I am happy to share a link to the story published last April by

Glencoe Mansion, about schools in Radford. <https://www.facebook.com/164019760295858/photos/a.164028293628338/3158452977519173/>

"To add to that,I would include a couple of pictures including one of William Manning and George Mills who served as Principal and Assistant Principal.

"Mr. Mills was my fifth-grade teacher at Belle Heth, as he continued with Radford City Public Schools long after Fred Wygal School had closed. Many great memories.

"This school was a product of a combination of many things. First was segregation, as Radford had a number of African-American schools separate from the schools for white children. Most were not really outstanding structures,and Fred Wygal, who served as superintendent from 1939-1942 helped make this new, better, consolidated building possible.

"Second, Radford worked to have a school in every neighborhood. Belle Heth in East Radford, McHarg in Central Radford, and Kuhn Barnett in West End Radford. Fred Wygal Elementary was on Wadsworth Street near Rock Road in the heart of one of Radford's historically black neighborhoods.

"Radford Schools integrated after the 1966 school year and this school was closed.

"The building is in use today as School Administration Offices and has been since 1967.

"As always, I am merely sharing what I know, but the comments from people who lived the history and recall the times here are always the most wonderful.

"Thank you to the amazing Sarah Carter for the picture of Mr. Manning and Mr. Mills.



William Manning and George Mills

Vaccine

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the capacity to administer approximately 225,000 vaccine doses each week. Adding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses to the existing supply chain will enable Virginia hospitals and health systems to maximize their capacity by working with the commonwealth to ensure additional vaccine doses are administered to Virginians as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Lee is a public health expert specializing in infectious disease epidemiology and public health ethics. She also serves as the associate vice president for research and innovation at Virginia Tech, where she leads the division of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance. Lee has worked in public health and ethics at the local, state, and federal levels, including 14 years at the U.S. Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention

"The addition of a third COVID-19 vaccine substantially reduces the time it takes the U.S. to reach herd immunity, when a high enough proportion of the population is immunized and we can disrupt the spread of this disease," said Lee about the approval of the third vaccine.

Unlike the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will help ease the logistical challenges of shipping and storing by requiring only a simple one-dose shot.

"Getting 75-85% of the population vaccinated will be easier with this additional vaccine option, especially because it, unlike the first two, does not require a complex frozen or ultra-frozen transport and storage system and requires only one shot, instead of the two required

by the others," said Lee.

Lee said the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has shown to be 85% efficacious in preventing serious disease, including death, and has efficacy against new variants.

"This is very good news," Lee said. "Preliminary analyses indicate an additional benefit of its reducing the likelihood of viral transmission meaning that people who received the vaccine are protected both from getting sick and from getting infected with the virus. Given that so much spread happens from people who are infected but do not know it, this is a very promising finding.

"Stopping the spread of the virus is more important than ever," the VT health expert said. "Not only because it will prevent severe illness and deaths, but because the more the virus is

transmitted, the more likely it is to develop mutations that can make it more contagious and more lethal.

"We have already seen

this in the new, more infectious variants that are now widespread in the U.S.," Lee said. "New variants are likely to eventual-

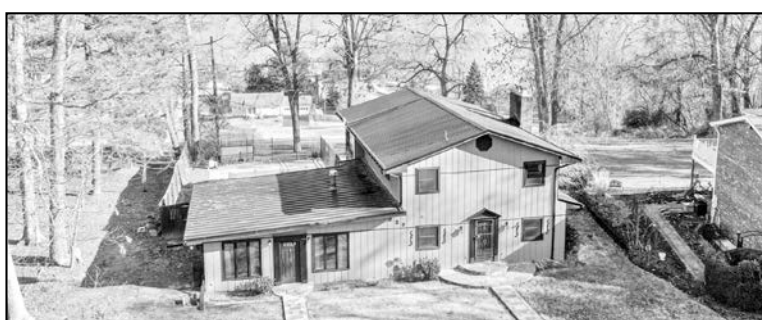
ly evade the vaccines, so if we don't stop this now, we will be dealing with COVID-19 restrictions on our lives for a very long time."

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Wednesday, March 17th at 4 PM

Claytor Lake Home for Sale with Lake View!

4822 Lakeland Rd Dublin VA 24084



Bid Online Now at [VAAuctionPro.com](https://www.vaauctionpro.com)

Stunning lake home for sale in Dublin VA!

4 BR, 2.5 BA & 0.48 Acres. Beautiful view of Claytor Lake and just a short drive to Claytor Lake State Park. The home has a newer metal roof, and the exterior was painted in recent years. Has a gorgeous brick feature wall with a wood fireplace. There is an addition to the home which could be used as a huge family room, game room or even a master bedroom. 4 Nice sized bedrooms upstairs. Nicely landscaped lawn with awesome lake front view and in-ground pool with decorative perimeter fence! Don't miss out on this incredible property! Would make a great year-round home, vacation home or potential income producing air b & b rental! It is convenient to Dublin, Christiansburg & Blacksburg VA. It is also just a short drive to Wytheville VA.

Preview Dates- Saturday March 6th @ 1 PM & Saturday March 13th @ 10 AM

Terms – 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. \$5,000 Earnest Money Deposit on day of sale. Close on or before May 3rd, 2021. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is, with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on March 17th 2021. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Auction ends once bidding ends. Download Bidder Pack at [VAAuctionPro.com](https://www.vaauctionpro.com)

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OBITUARIES

Harvey, George Millard, Sr.

George Millard Harvey, Sr., 92, passed away in his home in Radford on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nathaniel Burwell Harvey, Sr. and Alice Woody Harvey; his brother, Nathaniel Burwell "Nat" Harvey, Jr.; and a grandson, Cole Harvey.

He was born on May 31, 1928, in Mann, W.Va., moving to a farm in Montgomery County in 1932.

When he was 6, George had the opportunity to attend three schools, one in Childress, one in Dry Valley, and one in Bethel, all 2 miles from the family home and all one-room school houses. Since there was no bus transportation with very poor dirt roads, he had to walk. He attended the Dry Valley school his first year, which was two miles across the fields each way. He learned to fight early as his mother sent him to school dressed in knickers while all the other kids were dressed in bib overalls.

George attended Auburn High School in Riner, still having to walk two miles to catch the school bus. His brother and he had the job of milking 30 cows by hand each morning and each night.

When his brother was 16, he joined the Navy leaving George with the total responsibility for milking the 30 cows and taking the milk to the road in 10-gallon cans on a horse-drawn sled before walking two miles to catch the school bus. He missed the bus often and would then have to take an additional five miles to school.

In 1945, George graduated from Auburn High School with 12 other students, and that same year he entered the service and was sent to Fairbanks, Alaska, with the Air Corps. While he was there, he passed a test that allowed him to apply for admission to West Point, but he decided to pass on the opportunity to return home to Virginia. He then enrolled at the National Business College in Roanoke where he majored in business and accounting.

After college, George operated a service station, managed a Texaco oil distributing business, and owned and operated a used car dealership. In 1957, he became a General Motors Chevrolet dealer along with a partner, Ward Teel, in Christiansburg. In 1958, he purchased the local Oldsmobile dealership and merged it with his Chevrolet franchise. In December 1959, he purchased the Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac franchise in Radford.

In 1972, George built a new 50,000-square-foot facility, which is the current location of the dealership. In 1989, he purchased the local Pontiac-Buick dealership and merged it with his other three franchises.

He was very proud of how the dealership has grown and how he was able to give back to all his wonderful employees through retirement and profit-sharing plans. He always said, "For me, business is fun and easy; just treat people the way you want to be treated yourself and the business will take care of itself. Recognize when people are doing a good job and counsel them when they aren't."

The dealership celebrated 60 years of business in December of 2019.

George also was a real estate developer,



developing subdivisions, apartment complexes, and mini storage warehouses.

He was always involved in the community, both personally and business related. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce and Vice President of First & Merchants National Bank in Radford (now Suntrust). He served as the chairman of the Business and Economics Department for Radford University with the intent of installing a certified school of business, which was accomplished. He also served as the Chairman of the Board at Radford Community Hospital and won a National Time Dealer award in 1989.

George was a past president of the New River Dealers Association, the Kiwanis Club and the Retail Merchants Association; a past chairman of the United Fund and the Michelle "Petie" Lineberry Heart Recipient Fund Drive; a past vice president of the Southwest Virginia Health Services; a board member of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, the Commonwealth Dealers Life Insurance Association, and Saint Albans Psychiatric Hospital; and a member and elder of The Presbyterian Church of Radford.

George received the 1989 Time Magazine Top 10 USA Quality Dealer Award, and a wing of the Radford University Waldron College of Health and Human Sciences Building was named The George M. Harvey, Sr. Center of Health Resources.

When George wasn't working, he enjoyed hunting grouse, pheasant, quail and turkey. He loved the almost yearly (over 45 years) hunting trips to Platt, S.D., where his sons and he and several friends would be welcomed by the Wiens Family. There they enjoyed great hunting, good food and wonderful hospitality. He also enjoyed playing golf and tennis.

George is survived by his bride of 61 years, Juanita Kirk Harvey; and their children and grandchildren: George M., Jr. and Lisa Harvey and their children and grandchildren; Brian and Melody Harvey and their children, Joslynn, Nolan and Annalise; George "Trey" Harvey III; Lance Harvey and Kayla Beard and their daughter, Emma Grace; Jake Harvey and fiancée Christa Moon; Logan Harvey and Holly Symosky; Michael and Leann Phillips and their children, Trevor and Annabella; and Lauren Phillips and Zach Talbert.

He is also survived by his daughter, Pamela Harvey and her daughter, Alexandra and Billy Siple; a son, Tracy and Susan Harvey and their daughter, Taylor Harvey; a son, Brad and Stephanie Harvey, and their children, Bryn Harvey and fiancé Brad Stubbs, Morgan Harvey, Riley Harvey, and Nicholas Harvey; son Ken and Kelli Harvey and their children, Tyler, Cameron, and Bryce.

George is also survived by his faithful canine companion, Little Georgie, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Due to COVID restrictions, a memorial service and celebration of George's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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

Gunter, Sylvia Pratt

Sylvia Pratt Gunter, of Christiansburg, passed from this Earth and joined the Lord on Feb. 24, 2021.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Paul Linwood Gunter, and their daughter, Rhonda Lynn Gunter.

After retirement, Sylvia and Paul enjoyed travelling to experience all 50 of the states. She was passionate about planting and tending her flowers and dancing. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. Her faith and love were pure. She will forever be in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known her. She was as beautiful on the inside as on the outside.

Other surviving family members are her sisters, Pauline Poff and Mary Buckner; a brother, Lawton Pratt (Helen); brothers-in-law Sonny Gunter (Lora) and Jimmy Gunter (Carol); sisters-in-law, Jeanette Reynolds (Frank) and Olie Sue Morris; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Mullins and Alma Pratt;



her sisters and brothers, Wilma Hubbard, Melvin Pratt, Ivan Pratt, Aldon Pratt, Freeman Pratt, Christine Bower, Hubert Pratt, Lenford Pratt, and Clinton Pratt.

Visitation was Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, at Faith Christian Church, followed by funeral services with Pastor David Rhudy officiating. Interment was in Sunser

Cemetery.

Thanks go to special neighbors Sharon and Denny Naglett, Randy and Joan Conner, Wayne Atkins, John and Kim Duncan, and Dustin and Amber Williams, and special friends Scottie Smith, Randy Flinchum, Wanda Garrison, David Rhudy, Sharon Johnson, Charlie's Angels and the church family for their never-ending prayers, support, and kindness.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Good Samaritan Hospice, Angie Sutphin and staff, Comfort Care Senior Home, Mary Harris and her staff, and the doctors and nurses at LewisGale Montgomery who cared for and showed compassion and kindness to us all.

Parker, Carol Ann Mitchell

Carol Ann Mitchell Parker, 73, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, at her home in Radford.

She was retired from Carilion NRVMC.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Randy Parker, Sr.; a daughter, Angela Parker Akers (Terry) of Snowville; a son Randy Parker, Jr., (Afton) of Radford; grandchildren Kelsey N. Akers, T. J. Akers (Kaitlyn Duford) and Emma J. Parker; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Eugene Castle of Dublin; a brother and sister-

in-law, Robert and Barbara Mitchell of Tazewell; and many other relatives and friends.

There will be no services at this time.

The family would like to thank Carilion Hospice for all their loving care of Carol.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

The Parker family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Smith, Sr., John David

John David Smith, Sr., 76, of Radford, passed away on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Zula Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Lydia S. Smith; children



and grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

Services will be held at a later date.

The Smith family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

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Janice R. Tuennerman to Francis Lee Brown, Jr., Tracts 4, 5, Riner Magisterial District, \$90,000

Charlotte J. Linkous to N&C Partnership LLC, Lot 1, Shenandoah Plaza, Blacksburg

Thomas D. Barns to Wakefield Chance LLC, Lot 23A-B Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg, \$390,000

Jack Wilkinson to Zach J. Comer, 1.65 ac. Tract A, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$65,000

Charles Jewell Jr. Trust to WWWW36 LLC, 4.306 ac., Christiansburg, \$200,000

Harless Linkous, Jr., to Wesley Linkous, Jr., 5 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District.

Wayne M. Sayer to Turner LLC, 0.816 metes and bounds, \$6,700,000

Susan Bugg Roop to Sam A. Hall, two tracts, Montgomery and Floyd County, \$390,000

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Robert J. Styne to NRV Properties LLC, two parcels, 1.005 parcel A and 2.264 ac. Parcel B, Riner Magisterial District, \$110,000

Isaiah Baker to Isaiah Baker, Lot 3, White Pine, Christiansburg

Larry J. Linkous to Larry J. Linkous, 0.549 ac., lot 3, \$75,000

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Main Street Preservation LLC to One First Street LLC, 0.557 ac., Riner Magisterial District,

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Paul E. Fritz to Stephen A. Bowman, condo unit 812 Ph 1 University Place, Blacksburg, \$184,900.

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Juan A. Exor Salinas to Nicholas Ryan Elder, 23.352 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$575,000

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Vickie L. Akers to True Oak LLC, 0.492 ac. Shawsville Magisterial District, \$70,000

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David E. Mellichamp to Ryan K. Martin, Lot 32, 307 Dunton Drive, Blacksburg, \$318,000

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Paul Fritz to Solid Rock Real Estate Inc., condo unit 1207-J Ph XI, University Terrace, Blacksburg \$210,000

Blacksburg 2502 LLC to Glenn P. Reynolds, Lot 34, Sec II, Blacksburg, \$270,000

David Warren Crotts to David Warren Crotts, Lot 10, Sec. 6, Craig Mtn., Christiansburg

WBH Inc. to Gary D. Mullins, Lot 22, Sec. 2, Bethel Woods Subd., Riner Magisterial District, \$95,000

Terry Alan Griesinger to Terry Alan Griesinger, Clifton Ph. 1, Lot 77, 160 Hamilton Ave. NW, Christiansburg

Samuel M. Miller to Solitude BCL LLC, Montgomery & Roanoke Counties, 9.63 Ac., Bottom Creek

Lane, Bent Mountain, Va., \$130,000

James G. Pharis Trust to Timothy Wolfe, 2.845 ac., lot 3, Smith Creek Subd, Riner Magisterial District, \$435,000

Renee D. Miller to Megan M. Lisle Peterson, metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$165,000

Gurkan Col to Gurkan Col, Lot 2B Ph 1, Ridinger Ac., 650 Tarrytown Rd., Christiansburg

Stations Homes LLC to Lin Huang, Lot 6, Clifton Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$491,990

Toms Creek Investors LLC to The Village at Toms Creek Homeowners, 7 parcels, Blacksburg

Marlington LLC to JJB Properties LLC, Lots 57-66 Crismond Addition, Blacksburg, \$375,000

Professional Foreclosure Corporation to Property Builders, Inc., 0.337 acre lot, Christiansburg, \$101,000

Teresa Leigh Devisee Gallagher to Krista Fleshman Jones, lot 37 and part of lot 36, Atkinson Acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$309,900

Mohammed D. Abdel Hameed to Cesar Augusto Rojas Rios, 0.345 ac., Christiansburg, \$250,000

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James J. Hansler to Kevin G. Stieper, condo unit 22 Ph. 8F, Woods Edge at Warm Hearth, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$485,000

Emilia Smith to Fernando Raygoza Contreras, Lot 54, Ph III, New River Village, Christiansburg \$255,000

VT Homes LLC to Lee T. Blaker, Lot 55, Longview Estates, Sec. 3, Blacksburg, \$285,000

ES. Porterfield trust to William G. Marmagas, Lot 8, Sec IX, Stroubles Mill, Blacksburg, \$698,500

Steven E. Jacobs to Lubbit Enterprises LLC, four parcels

George J. Ezzyk, Jr., to Phillip Layne Hylton, Jr., 0.638 acre lot A, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$250,000

Ryan L. Pry, Special Commissioner to Barbara Duncan, Lot 2, Radford

Darren Goad to Darren Goad, .0486 acres, Christiansburg

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Gary L. Reynolds and Bernice A. Reynolds to PRC Investments LLC, Lot 53 Ph IV Rutherford Townhomes, Ph IV, Blacksburg \$285,000

DBE LLC to Bradley Whitley Babcock III, 0.587 acre lot 539A, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

John Forrest Munsell to John F. Munsell Trust, three parcels Blacksburg

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Rental Investments of Virginia, Inc., to Paul Jendrowski, Lot 3, Riner Magisterial District, \$150,000

Boris Alexander Vinatzer to Boris Alexander Vinatzer, Lot 25, Blk 5A1, Pheasant Run Townhomes, Blacksburg

F&B Land LP to Fralin Construction Inc., Lot 12, Ph VI, Kensington Subd, Christiansburg, \$58,000

Blacksburg Homes LLC to Yu Li, Lot 40, Sec II, Blacksburg, \$263,000

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Donald B. Langrehr to Karl R. Precoda, Lot 28, Ph 1, Shadowlake Village, Blacksburg, \$308,500

April Smith Swe trust to Duncan Family Enterprises LLC, 0.9999 ac., 2020 Roanoke St., Christiansburg

\$850,000

Stephen T. Grieco to Manistal-Hemlock LLC, Lot 1, Sec 10, Mtn View Estates, Blacksburg

Dorothy Helen Pelkey to Jessica Hylton, 6013 Blue Springs Road., Area E, Hiwassee Va. 34347, \$5,600

Corey L. Williams trust to Gillman Commercial Holdings LLC, 4.1198 acres, lot 701, Preston Forest Ph VII, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$1,500,000

Reed B. Kennedy to Jeffrey Scott Mann, 2.5315 acres, lot 705, Preston Forest, Ph. VII, \$130,000

William Montgomery to Alexandria M. Hunter, 1.598 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$300,000

Jennifer M. Bondy to Aihua Wang, Lot 93, Woodbine PDR, Section IV, \$380,000

Todd Vincent Moses to Michel Beck, 1 Ac., lot 1, 3462 Minter Road Elliston Va 24087, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$9,700

Larry Ray Lytton to Sharon Dalton Bolen, two parcels, lots 25 and 27, Radford Hts, Christiansburg, \$99,500

John Carroll Henderson to Phaedra M. Almajid, condo unit 302, Clay Ct., Blacksburg, \$285,000

NW Development, Inc., to Luis Miguel Gonzalez Pardo, 2.2672 acre, lot 9, village 5, Blacksburg, \$105,000

Shah Development LLC to Brandon S. Spangler, 0.131 ac., lot 9, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$249,850

Little River Associates Inc., to Vince S. Fiorda, 1 ac., lot A, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$300,000

SKDG LLC to Tyriss Homes, Inc., 2.509 ac., lot 37, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District, \$67,500

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David Fleming to Thomas H. Bell, Lot 3, Ph. 1 of Shadowlake Village Subd., \$342,000

JLS 23 LLC to Minyong Park, Condo unit 5201 Knollwood Condos, Ph. 1, \$180,000

Kathryn Kelly Trust to Kathryn Kelly, Lot 6, Windmill Hills, Ph. IV

Ryan Alexander Wall to Ryan Alexander Wall, 1.250 ac., parcel B, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Vickie D. Haskins to William Parmer, 0.982 ac. lot 4, Blake Forezt Subdv, \$192,800

Mary Victoria Reynolds Sciarretta to Sciarretta Family Trust, Lot 23, 90 Overland Drive, Christiansburg

Lois W. Loan to Vickie L. Shores Trust, Radford

William R. Hozey III to Pamela R. Williamson Trust

Glenn Richard Skutt to David Joseph Fleming, Lot 17, Ph. 1 area, Shadowlake Village Subdv., Christiansburg, \$352,000

Michelle Dawn Odum to NRV Properties LLC, 1.026 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$100,000

Kaylee T. Rose to Jason B. Taylor, Lot 5, Hunters Ridge Ph III, Christiansburg, \$156,500

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Leon J. Arp to W. Peter Trower, Lot 97 Highland Park, 1107 Highland Circle, Blacksburg \$241,000

Tiffany E. Sheppard to Joseph Andrew Vinson, 2.4182 ac., \$206,000

Gary T. Blakely to Garth J. Blakely, Lot 2 Fiddlers Green

James C. Shores to Jeremy Haley, Lot 2, Alleghany Ct., Christiansburg, \$203,000

Elizabeth Regina Ryder Vest to FCHB Inc., 3.97 ac. 2 un-numbered parcels, Riner Magisterial District, \$14,000

Mark Webster Tuck to Mark Webster Tuck Trust,

Lot 4, Ph. 1, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec. 1, Blacksburg,

LB Holdings LLC to Smith Shawsville LLC, Lot 3, Book 202, Page 329, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$50,000

Angela Moore Gallimore to Steven Russell Drumheller, 4.748 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$105,000

Lori Robertson to Lori Robertson, 2.456 ac. Lot 8A, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Robert Blake Greene to Tia Briana Greene

Rachel M. Layman to Legacy Builders NRV Inc., Lot 45, Ph. III, 0.641 acres, \$97,500

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Huckleberry Properties LLC to Katlyn Williard, Lot 3, Hunters Ridge, Ph. III, \$162,600

F and B Land LP to R. Fralin Construction, Inc., Lot 13, Ph. VI, Kensington Subdv., \$58,000

Radford Development of Virginia to Southwest Investors LLC

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Souther Classic Auto Wash, Inc., to Wild Partners, Lot 8A, 0.8378 acres, Arbow View Plantation, Christiansburg, \$1,040,000

Mt. Tabor Investments LLC to Michael J. Noble, condo unit 1905-A, Bldg. 12, Mt. Tabor Village Condominium, \$226,000

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Legacy of football pioneer John Dobbins is still remembered today

Dora Dobbins' husband, John, is one of the most important figures in the history of Virginia Tech football.

He was a groundbreaking pioneer, the first African-American scholarship football player at the school. The Radford native dominated at Radford High and then decided to play for Jerry Claiborne in the early 1970s just two years after Jerry Gaines broke the school's athletic color bar-

rier by becoming the first African-American scholarship athlete (track and field) at Tech.

John Dobbins arrived at Tech in the fall of 1969. In fact, he and his high school teammate, Tommy Edwards, a white running back and defensive back, signed to play for the school live on Claiborne's coaches TV show.

Dobbins had grown up a Virginia Tech fan even

though the team had no African-American players and few African-Americans attended the school. He knew all about the Gobblers, as they were called then, having attended games in the late 1960s with his coaches.

According to his family, Dobbins enjoyed his experiences at Virginia Tech. Occasionally, he heard racist comments from the fans of opposing teams during the Gobblers' road games,

but in Blacksburg, he liked the fans, and he loved his teammates. He and former quarterback Don Strock roomed together until John and Dora married during John's junior season. A group of them became closely knit, woven together by a love for the team and the school that transcended skin color.

"I would cook because we had an apartment," Dora Dobbins said. "They would come over and eat, and we would have parties. We were a pretty close group: Don, Dave [Strock], Bobby Dabbs, just a bunch of different football players. They would come over. He had a good experience with those guys. We had fun with those guys."

"Being in sports and being on the field – and I do remember him saying that – that was like their space where everything was equal," said Deitra Dobbins, John's daughter. "Now, outside of it, it was different, but I think that's why he enjoyed playing sports and did it so much because everyone was on an equal playing field then. You had to prove yourself to be on the field, and that's why I think it was a good experience for him because he did what he loved to do – play football."

Dobbins lettered all

three seasons of his career – the NCAA prohibited freshmen from playing on the varsity team in those days – and he finished with 705 yards rushing and three touchdowns. He accumulated 1,261 all-purpose yards in those three seasons.

In late September, Virginia Tech Athletics launched a #LOVE initiative as a way to do its part in helping to eliminate racism and discrimination that came to the nation's collective forefront this summer and early fall. The initiative focuses on love as the conqueror of all other emotions and as the choice for all those who represent Virginia Tech Athletics.

According to his family, John Dobbins would approve. "I think he would be for the peaceful protests, but all this other stuff going on, I don't think he would have wanted any part of it," Dora Dobbins said.

Her daughter agreed.

"I think he would be all for the protesting, but not the violence of it," she said. "You're trying to make a change, and you're passionate about this is the right thing to do. He was all about doing something that he loved, so I think he would be for the protests right now. I think he would be all for the young people doing what they need to do to get their

voices heard, but not the violence and all that."

Dobbins passed away from a heart attack in 2003 at the Volvo plant in Dublin where he worked as a supervisor. He was a pioneer there, too, as the first African-American supervisor.

His death had such an impact through the New River Valley that the family stood in line for more than three hours at the funeral home, greeting people from Radford, Virginia Tech and Volvo who all came to pay their respects and share in the family's mourning. Workers drove Volvo trucks to the funeral the next day and led the procession.

His impact still lives. Radford High School inducted him into its Hall of Fame, and city officials there named a downtown park after him. In 2014, Virginia Tech Athletics recognized him and his family during a football halftime ceremony.

Dora Dobbins still remains a fixture in the community, especially as a volunteer at her local church. She plans on retiring in July after spending 50 years with Federal Mogul, a local company. Her son works locally, too, and Deitra fittingly works for Volvo Trucks in Greensboro, N.C.

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Radford native John Dobbins was a pioneer as the first African-American scholarship football player at Virginia Tech.

Weekly preview: COVID still changing everything about high school football

The current situation concerning COVID-19 is affecting high school football in different ways. This past week, teams took the field with little or no fans in the stands. Band members were spread for almost 40 yards on home bleachers because of social distancing, and staff conducted temperature checks as players, coaches and parents entered stadiums.

At Christiansburg High School where Eastern Montgomery faced off with Auburn, some players were seen carrying white buckets as they entered the stadium. Each Eastern Montgomery player had a bucket with his number on it with his own water bottle, towel, gloves and backup masks to wear on the sidelines when he wasn't in the game.

Athletic Director Kirk Lytton saw the bucket idea during a television broadcast of a recent E.C. Glass contest. "Just another way to deal with COVID," he said.

Just up the road, administrators at Rural Retreat and George Wythe made the decision to postpone Saturday's football game between the two county rivals because of COVID-19 contact tracing within the RR program.

Another issue arose at Pulaski where staff balked at the idea of limiting the maximum number of fans at 250. The school system felt band members and cheerleaders should be included as "essential" personnel. Under Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's executive order, cheer and band are not listed as essential, and thus they count against the 250 max.

Instead, Pulaski officials took an unexpected legal turn in the matter. In a statement, School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers said, "Pulaski

County Public Schools has consulted with legal counsel, our insurance carrier, and the Virginia High School League in order to develop a plan that conforms to Governor Northam's Executive Order #72 while at the same time doesn't diminish the role of our band members and cheerleaders by defining them as spectators at events designed to showcase their talents.

"It has been determined that the best resolution would be to have a simultaneous cheerleading performance, football game, and band concert scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium with a maximum attendance capped at 250 for each event.

"All player/participants on the cheer squad, football team, and marching band will be issued the same number of tickets for family members to attend their respective event," Dr. Siers said. "The stadium will be sectioned off using a color-coding system to ensure that the families of player/participants are seated in an area that will give them the best possible view to watch their student perform. All mitigation strategies required in EO72 will be followed to include proper physical distancing and the wearing of masks.

"Pulaski County Public Schools has taken the additional step of covering the costs for these events by providing tickets free of charge to the families of our player/participants in order to reduce the interaction between spectators and school personnel that would be required to sell tickets," the school superintendent said. "The event will be closed to the general public but still available for livestream viewing. We've been advised that this plan is le-

gal under the guidelines of executive order #72, qualifies for insurance coverage, and is not in violation of any VHSL rules or guidelines. We are confident that these events can occur safely and simultaneously and look forward to providing this opportunity to our students and their families."

Game previews for this week:

Pulaski (2-0) at Christiansburg (0-1)

Last week: Salem beat Christiansburg 36-13 as the Blue Demons were able to tally only 235 yards of total offense, 61

through the air.

Pulaski rolled to a 48-7 win over Hidden Valley as Drew Dalton passed for two scores and ran for another. Kytone Kennedy also added 80 yards and two scores on 19 carries.

Radio broadcast: 100.7 FM, 107.3 FM.

Blacksburg (0-2) at Cave Spring (0-1)

Last week: Patrick Henry downed Blacksburg 56-0.

Cave Spring was open last week but fell two weeks ago 42-0 to Pulaski County.

Radio broadcast: 93.1 FM.

Ft. Chiswell (0-1) at Auburn (1-0)

Last week: Auburn downed Eastern Montgomery 36-12. Auburn's Payson Kelley passed for two touchdowns and ran for another. Trevor Young also rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown.

The Fort had an open week but lost 12-6 to Rural Retreat in the opener two weeks ago.

No radio broadcast.

Eastern Montgomery (1-1) at Bath County (0-1)

Last week: Auburn downed Eastern Montgomery 36-12. EM's Adam Bahnken scored

a touchdown on the ground and threw for another.

Bath fell 52-0 two weeks ago to Narrows.

No radio broadcast.

Radford (0-0) at James River (1-0)

Last week: Radford was idle, and this week will be its first game of the 2021 spring season.

James River shut out Alleghany 26-0 as freshman quarterback Zeal Hammon ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third. He finished with 79 yards rushing on 13 carries.

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Auburn beats East Mont 36-12 for golden helmet



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Elijah St. Clair reels in a touchdown pass for Auburn in the battle with cross-county rival Eastern Montgomery. Auburn won 36-12. St. Clair caught two scores in a game played at Christiansburg High School Saturday.



Eastern Montgomery quarterback Adam Bahnken breaks through the Auburn line on his way to the end zone for the Mustangs. The Eagles earned bragging rights and the golden helmet with the convincing win.

Patrick Henry blanks Blacksburg 56-0



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Blacksburg's Mare Hairston pulls down a Patrick Henry running back Sunday afternoon. PH rolled to a 56-0 win.



Traye Roberts (left) trips up a Patrick Henry back as fellow Bruins Jon Jarrells (center) and Ryan Hale (right) move in for extra coverage during Sunday's game.

Christiansburg loses to Salem 36-13



PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY
(L to R) Curtis Altizer, Casey Graham, Jayron Thompson, and MJ Hunter stop Salem running back Jorden McDonald in the Blue Demons' loss Saturday.



Salem defender Jorden McDonald closes in on Christiansburg's Drew Lloyd in Saturday's game, a 36-13 Blue Demon loss.

Salem Red Sox release schedule for 2021 season

After the cancellation of the 2020 baseball season, the Salem Red Sox announce the return of baseball to Salem with the release of their 2021 schedule.

Opening Day is Tuesday, May 4, as the Red Sox begin the season on the road against the Delmarva Shorebirds. The road trip will start a 120-game slate that will conclude on Sept. 19 and will feature 20 six-game series.

The home opener is Tuesday, May 11, against the Lynchburg Hillcats.

The 2021 home schedule boasts 10 weekend series, including Memorial Day Weekend, with a league-wide off-day every Monday. All series are six games, running Tuesday through Sunday.

The slightly reduced schedule is the result of the delayed start to spring training to allow for enforcement of so-

cial distancing and COVID-19 safety measures for players, staff and fans.

"After the cancellation of last season, it is great to be able to announce a 2021 season schedule," said Red Sox General Manager Allen Lawrence. "While there is still plenty to be done, our staff looks forward to continuing to do what we do best: create a best-in-class fan experience, develop big-league players, grow our business and support our community."

The Red Sox 120-game schedule is evenly split with 60 home games set for Salem Memorial Ballpark.

Following the restructuring initiative from Major League Baseball, the Red Sox are now

part of the Northern Division of the Low-A East league, which has 12 teams. Joining the Sox in the Northern Division and the major-league teams they are affiliated with are the Delmarva Shorebirds (Baltimore), the Fredericksburg Nationals (Washington), and the Lynchburg Hillcats (Cleveland).

In the league's Central Division are the Carolina Mudcats (Milwaukee), the Down East Wood Ducks (Texas), the Fayetteville Woodpeckers (Houston) and the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers (Chicago White Sox).

The league's Southern Division includes the Augusta GreenJackets (Atlanta), the Charleston RiverDogs (Tampa Bay), the Columbia

Fireflies (Kansas City), and the Myrtle Beach Pelicans (Chicago). Due to an abbreviated schedule and travel restrictions, the Red Sox will play only six of the 11 opponents during the 2021 season.

The 2021 promotional schedule, along with game times, will be announced soon.

While single-game tickets are not yet available for purchase, fans are encouraged to visit SalemSox.com or call (540) 389-3333 for more information on current ticket packages.

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