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FDA approves new oneshot COVID-19 vaccine



The Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to Johnson & Johnson for a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, a move that drew praise from Virginia Tech public health expert Lisa M. Lee and Virginia hospitals and health systems as very good news for helping to slow the spread of the virus and preventing severe illness and deaths nationwide.

The availability of this new vac-

cine, combined with increased production by vaccine makers Pfizer and Moderna, should result in a significant increase in federal distributions to the commonwealth. As many as 69,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are expected to arrive in Virginia this week.

In recent weeks, Virginia's supply of COVID-19 vaccines has continued to increase as Pfizer and Moderna have ramped up manufacturing efforts and as federal regulators continue to evaluate administration and storage recommendations based on new data. Due to these factors, Virginia's vaccine allocation from the federal government is estimated to have increased to as many as 250,000 doses per week.

With the FDA granting emergency authorization to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the expectation is that vaccine dose distribution to Virginia will continue to grow each week for the foreseeable future. Based on Johnson & Johnson's pledge to deliver 20 million doses by the end of March, Virginia could receive as many as 500,000 additional doses in the coming weeks if the vaccine allocation formula continues to be based on population.

Because hospital and health systems across Virginia have already established community vaccination clinics and are supporting other vaccine efforts, they currently have

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Honoring Radford Black History Month





With February coming to a close, Radford Mayor David Horton has finished his daily posts highlighting Radford's Black History, but he says he hopes to continue to post historical vignettes and highlight citizens on his personal Facebook page.

His last batch of daily posts include small business owners, a coach and a brief history of the Fred Wygal School.

He writes: 'Friday, Feb. 26, 2021:

"One of the things we have wanted to express with #radfordblackhistory posts is that while there is much in the past that is worthy of recognition, there is history being made every day and that there are people in our community doing wonderful things.

who has a great history in our fair city, but is also making change and leading

"For 22 years his shop, Cut Nice, in downtown Radford has been an institution. Somewhere in the range of 75,000-100,000 haircuts have taken place during that time, but even more importantly, conversations and good fellowship have happened there.

"Mike makes his place of business a welcoming spot for people to learn and grow. He helps young men find the best way to present themselves for confidence and success.

"He gives back to Radford. He comes to the Radford University campus one day each year, and all the

"Michael Wyms is one of those guys proceeds go to Saint Baldrick's Cancer Research. Cut Nice is a sponsor of the Radford Rattlers baseball team. They are great supporters of the Dana Palmer Scholarship foundation.

"So much that goes on in our schools is supported and sponsored by Cut Nice.

"Mike is also very active in his church and helps as a musician for other events and worship ceremonies.

'Mike is a voice in our community, helping us see where we can be better and where we do well. He has worked with various groups and causes, most recently with the grass roots Radical Change Commission. He cares about

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Storyteller Louis Lovett to explore love, resilience, and courage in solo play for all ages Saturday at Moss Arts Center

The Moss Arts Center presents its next "HomeStage" event, a magical, untamed adventure with Irish performer Louis Lovett in a solo theatre show, 'The Girl Who Forgot to Sing Badly," Saturday, March 6, at 4 p.m.

Complete with a jack-in-the-box set, "The Girl Who Forgot to Sing Badly" details Peggy's trek across snowy lands and wild seas. As she tries to save the day, in the process she teaches about love, loss, the reassurance of goats, and the courage to sing gloriously on- or off-key.

This multicamera streamed re-

cording was filmed in front of a live audience, and the performance is recommended for the entire family, especially children in second through sixth grades. It includes a live postquestion-and-answer session with Lovett, who will tune in from Dublin, Ireland. Ticketholders have access to this "HomeStage" series event as it happens and for seven days following the event.

Peggy O'Hegarty and her parents are packers. They squeeze fruit into tins, foxes into boxes, even bikes into brown paper bags, while Peggy sings

with the voice of an angel — a grossly unfortunate angel, who can't sing at all. But one day work stops working, and the jobs stop coming, and Peggy steps outside to find that winter has arrived and everyone in her city is gone.

Lovett consistently delivers the unexpected in this hilariously cheeky performance. With his engaging presence, he transitions seamlessly between a multitude of characters, leading the audience through perilous situations.

Based in Dublin, Ireland, Theatre Lovett produces theatre for all ages, especially theatre that can amuse and involve. Founded in 2007 by Joint Artistic Directors Muireann Ahern and Lovett, the company takes risks, is playfully dangerous, and loves music, physical theatre, clowning, absurd comedy, and poignant tragedy. Theatre Lovett believes that children and young audiences respond to and recognize the best when it is shared with them without stereotyping or belittling an audience's experience and in-

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and free for Virginia Tech students. Tickets can be purchased online; at the Moss Arts Center's box office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; or by calling 540-231-5300 dur-

ing box office hours.

Blacksburg, Christiansburg, **Radford receive federal** grants for affordable housing

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced that Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Radford will receive federal funding to help local residents access safe and affordable housing. HUD awarded the fund-

ing through four grant programs: the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant program.

Blacksburg is sched-

uled to receive a total of \$1,150,576 from two grants, one from the CDBG program, the other from the HOME investment program.

Christiansburg is slated for a grant of \$104,407 from the CBDG program. Radford is in line for a grant totaling \$182,495 from the CBDG program.

The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities.

Birding enthusiasts hope to provide a new roost for chimney swifts

Heather Bell hbell@ourvalley.org

RADFORD - For decades, a flock of chimney swifts has called the old chimney at McHarg Elementary School home during the spring and summer months.

Renovations at the school required the chimney to be demolished, and now a group of bird enthusiasts hopes to build a new chimney on site to provide a roost for the birds, and STEM education for the students at McHarg.

Chimney swifts, a vulnerable species of migrating bird, are "a common and joyous summer sight in Radford, flying in synchronous formation in tight chittering groups," reads the group's proposal. "You can see and hear them all summer particularly near the East and West business districts where many old chimneys still exist. Chimney swifts are beneficial to our city. Each bird eats up to 12,000 mosquitoes, termites, flies, and other insects a day."

Wilson Rankin and his wife, Dr. Liz Altieri, are spearheading the effort, along with Clyde

Kessler and Bob Sheehy. "I lived near McHarg in the late 80's and watched the swifts going in the chimney there many evenings," said Rankin. "When the chimney came down last August with the school renovation I thought we might be able to get a tower up by the time the birds migrate back in the area, around April 1. Swifts are in near threatened status and big open chimneys are a thing of the past, so habitat is critical. Thanks to records kept by Clyde Kessler, we know what an important nesting site McHarg chimney has been over the years and

we wanted the birds that return in April to have a new home.

Radford City Schools Superintendent Robert Graham was on board with the idea from the start, noting that students could also benefit from the chimney for STEM education. A camera will be installed in the chimney so students can observe.

"Rob Graham liked this plan from the first meeting and immediately saw the potential benefit to students at McHarg and other Radford schools," said Rankin. "Kids get their first STEM class in elementary school and this project has environmental, conservation and nature stewardship poten-

Rankin says Sheehy, who is a biology professor at Radford University, will be an important part of the educational

component. "The RU Biology Department wants to be involved with the educational opportunities and will supply expertise in webcams, counters, data collection and long range studies of McHarg chimney swift breeding and population trend," said Rankin. "I was also initially a little freaked out about the cost, but Rob was very optimistic about the community liking the project and donating the necessary funds. He also was instrumental in getting Thompson and Litton Architects and Avis Construction, the contractors on the school project, to buy into the project. Thompson and Litton donated the drawing plans for the tower and have worked with Avis through all the planning. And it was really important that the tower blend with the

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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.

Louis Lovett performs in the solo theatre work, "The Girl Who Forgot to Sing Badly.'

PCOMING 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.

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 Riner 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.

Wednesday, March 10:

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 CO-VID-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.

Head Start Enrolling -

Ongoing:

New River Community Action is now accepting applications for threeand 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, Mar.

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

Blacksburg free curbside brush collection The Town of Blacksburg continues to offer free curbside brush collection for snow and ice stormrelated 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 equip-

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

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,

https://vtnews.vt.edu/ notices/adm-evergreens/ Transpo-parkingsurvey.

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.

nations 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

The deadline for nomi-

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, Rad-

ford 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 COV-ID19, 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. In-

dividuals 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

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39. Digits

1. A title of respect in India

3. Employee stock owner-

4. A type of bond (abbr.)

5. Acting as if you are

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format for 2021.

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

developed by the IRS, preparation refers to tax services that VITA programs are givinvolve no personal in- en flexibility by the IRS teraction between cli- to develop virtual modents and tax preparers, els that are compatible

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38. Slang for military

40. Football's big game

43. Women who threw

leader

45. Equally

48. Forest animal

50. Heavy stoves

Releasing hormone

CLUES ACROSS One of Noah's sons Openings 11. Rising from the dead

42. Bleats 14. Expressions for humorwinner ous effect 46. Vegetable North American country 47. Turf Flowed over

19. Tags 52. Takes 21. Long-lasting light bulb 56. Rules over 23. Off-Broadway theater 58. More fervid award 60. Sweet drink 24. Khoikhoi peoples 62. Cry loudly 63. A friendly nation CLUES DOWN

28. Beloved movie pig 29. South Dakota 30. Tai language 32. Get free of 33. Afflict

35. Transmits genetic

information from DNA

Commercials

Affirmative 41. Expression of sympathy 7. Not caps 8. Type of medication 44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize 9. Monetary unit

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10. Private school in New York themselves on funeral 12. Small stream 13. A person of wealth 49. Disorganized in character 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

Paulo, city

34. "Titanic" actor

37. Capital of Senegal

rights (abbr.)

(abbr.) 53. Song 54. Type of pickle 55. Offer in return for money Soviet Socialist 31. Native American tribe Republic 58. Burns wood (abbr.) 36. Campaign for students' 59. Beloved singer

Charles

61. Three-toed sloth

Virtual VITA, a term tive to traditional tax models. offering a safe alterna- 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 in-

take forms and copies of required tax documentation via e-mail, US Postal Service, or drop box.

Step-by-step check-lists 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 interacting with VITA program staff for

scheduled tax drop-off Additionally, services. 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 con-

At this time, visits to the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center are limited to one party at a time in the lobby area. Animal areas are not open to the public. To schedule an appointment to meet a prospective pet call (540) 382-5795 or email animalcenter@montgomerycountyva.gov.



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.



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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.

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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 fam-

"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://thenews.org/2018/09/18/meet-thenichols-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 Un-



William Manning and George Mills

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.

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com/album/intellect-the-cd https://instagram.com/theun psinc?igshid=1sd3ar41umx0g

"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 fea-

ture: 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-"As a Radford native and Bob-

cat 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 "She is also devoted to her

church family at First Baptist on Rock Road and is an active parish-'We are glad that Sharmelle is a

key part of our Main Street Com-

"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.164028293628338/315 8452977519173/

"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

"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 neighbor-

'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.

Vaccine from page 1

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.

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 Lee said the Johnson it is to develop mutations & Johnson vaccine has that can make it more contagious and more lethal.

"We have already seen

fectious variants that are now widespread in the U.S.," Lee said. "New variants are likely to eventual-

this in the new, more in-

ly evade the vaccines, so if we don't stop this now, we will be dealing with COV-ID-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 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

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A death in the family

Once upon a time long ago in a state and county far, far away from the commonwealth, while I was dutifully covering a city council meeting for the local newspaper, my wife and I suffered a sudden and violent death in the family.

Our car, a Toyota Corolla, was murdered.

I guess that since there was no actual intent, manslaughter would be the correct legal term.

She was parked on the curb, patiently waiting for me to conclude my coverage of the meeting, minding her own business, and not hurting anyone. She was the victim of senseless, random violence, a drive-by collision. She was just in the wrong place in the wrong time, a common story in our society.

It was a gang killing: a pair of pickup trucks that apparently bumped into each other, got knocked off course, and then slammed into her. You know how those pickups are when they get together and egg each other on.

A professional to the

end, she was killed in the line of duty, helping me do the job I was being paid for. A contributing member of society to the

I paid my respects, stopping by the junkyard where she was towed. It wasn't a pretty sight. The injuries were multiple, and, fortunately, death came swiftly and painlessly, though violently. One quick broadside from a pickup and it was all over. The second truck's additional damage was just insult to injury. We should all be so lucky.

"I loved that car," she whose doesn't? Mine's said. I rather tactlessly pretty ragged right now. pointed out she didn't Inside, under the even drive it anymore, hood where it counted, that she had deserted the she had a heart and a Corolla for a Jeep, big- soul of gold. She was alger, flashier, with more ways ready to go the exof an attitude.

In her younger days, that little Corolla had an of fond memories. She attitude herself. She was was the first car the wife born sporty, made for and I bought togeththe fast lane. She boasted er. She was especially a sun roof and retract- missed by Muriel Pritchable headlights, two toys ett, our family mutt who the boy in me liked.

from the start, some-canine head out of the since window to blow in the anorexic

she refused to consume much gasoline. She held up well, too, though the miles and the years took a toll. Her trim got a lit-My wife took it hard. tle raggedy, but, shoot,

> She left behind years found her to be just the

She was a good girl right size for sticking a

wind. Peter, Paul, and Muriel.

Perhaps the true measure of that Corolla's worth was that she kept on running even after she was paid for. That says a lot about her character.

We said good-bye with no regrets, just memories, as I said. We treated her well; she served us well.

I have just always been glad she didn't take me with her.

The author is a man of a certain age who has owned a number of vehicles, new and used, over his many decades of kicking around on this planet. The Corolla still ranks among his favorites.

Virginia's recovery from unemployment claims remains among slowest in nation

The personal finance website WalletHub has released its updated rankings for the states whose weekly unemployment claims are recovering the quickest and the slowest, and the rankings show that Virginia has the fifth slowest recovery rate among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic still has a strong grip on the U.S., with 10.1

million Americans still unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, new unemployment claims have steadily decreased in recent weeks, according to WalletHub's findings, and are now some 89% below the peak during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To identify which states' workforces are experiencing the quickest recovery from CO-VID-19, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across three metrics based on changes in unemploy-

Those three metrics are the change in the number of unemployment claims for the latest week vs. the same week in 2019, the change in the number of unemployment claims for the latest week vs. the start of 2020, and the change in the number of employment claims since the

vs. the previous year.

The first metric revealed Virginia with a 583.35 percent increase in unemployment claims (15,307 vs. 2,240), the fifth slowest recovery in the U.S. The second metric uncovered a 380.14 percent increase in unemployment claims (15,307 vs. 3,188), also the fifth slowest recovery in the country. The third metric turned up a 1,158.39

percent increase in unemployment claims (1,470,312 vs. 126,927), the sixth slowest recovery in the nation.

The four states with a slower recovery rate than the commonwealth, according to WalletHub's latest figures, are Colorado, Illinois, Mississippi, and Ohio. Recovering the quickest are Arkansas, New Jersey, Vermont, Arizona, and South

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Virginia's gas prices on the rise

Virginia's gas prices rose 8.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.62 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Gas prices in Virginia are 30.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 38.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia is priced at \$2.23 per gallon today while the most expensive is \$3.29 per gallon, a difference of \$1.06.

The national average price of gasoline rose 7.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.72 per gallon today. The national average is up 30.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 30.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

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

March 1, 2020: \$2.23/g (U.S. Average: \$2.41/g); March 1, 2019: \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: \$2.42/g); March 1, 2018: \$2.36/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g); March 1, 2017: \$2.11/g (U.S. Average: \$2.32/g); March 1, 2016: \$1.57/g (U.S. Average: \$1.76/g); March 1, 2015: \$2.25/g (U.S. Average: \$2.42/g); March 1, 2014: \$3.25/g (U.S. Average: \$3.45/g); March 1, 2013: \$3.67/g (U.S. Average: \$3.77/g); March 1, 2012: \$3.63/g (U.S. Average: \$3.74/g); March 1, 2011: \$3.27/g (U.S. Average:

According to GasBuddy's daily survey, gasoline stands at \$2.55 er 7.1 cents per gallon from last GasBuddy.com.

week; \$2.64 per gallon in Richmond, up 7.8 cents per gallon from last week; and \$2.71 per gallon in West Virginia, up 8.2 cents

per gallon from last week. GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once-daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data are gallon in Roanoke today, up accessible at http://FuelInsights.

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school construction."

The group is more than twothirds to the funding goal of \$15,000, but still needs some financial support from the commu-

nity to bring it to fruition. Donations can be made through Radford City Schools Partners for Excellence Foundation by mailing a check to P.O. Box 355, Radford, Virginia 24143 (make note that donation is for Chimney Swift project).

Rankin said the tower could last

"Because this swift tower is professionally designed and built, I like to say that, barring human disturbance, it could stand for 100 years," said Rankin. "That means a lot of swifts and a lot of kids will benefit."

"And the tower will be open and accessible to the public; it'll be built on top of the sledding hill towards the rear of the property,"

he said. "It'll be a nice place to sit at the end of a summer day and watch the swifts circling and chittering in the sky, hopefully to go in the chimney just at dark. The City could have a "Swift Night Out," particularly in the fall when the birds migrate and sometimes hundreds will use chimneys along the way. Just having kids learn more about protecting chimney swifts and birds in general will be so important in the years to come."



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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 Har-

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 walk 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

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 chise 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

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 Maga-

zine Top 10 USA Quality Dealer Award, and a wing of the Radford University Waldron Čollege 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 Zula Smith. Zach Talbert.

He is also survived by his daughter, wife of 17 years, Lyd-Pamela Harvey and her daughter, Alex- ia S. Smith; children andra 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 Soci-

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

Thursday, March 11th at 4 PM Commercial Property for Sale in Christiansburg VA 8 Roanoke St Christiansburg VA 24073

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This property would be excellent for retail, office building or use as an art studio type of space! The street frontage on Roanoke St in Christiansburg VA gives an excellent location to attract people driving or walking by. It is located right across from the police department, courthouse and town hall.

Preview Dates: Saturday February 20th @ 10 AM & Saturday February 27th @ 10 AM

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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

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 Sunset

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 Dunford) and Emma J. Parker; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Eugene Castle of Dublin; a brother and sisterin-law, Robert and Barbara Mitchell of Tazewell; and many other relatives and 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 Associa-

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 Survivors include his

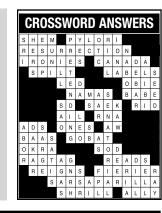


grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

Services will be held at a later date.

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cels, Blacksburg Marlington LLC to JJB Chang, Lot 1, Ph XI, Oak Properties LLC, Lots 57-66 Tree Townhouses, Chris- Crismond Addition, Blacksburg, \$375,000

Professional Foreclosure thew E. Lawhead, Lot Corporation to Property 18 Sec. C, Blacksburg Builders, Inc., 0.337 acre lot, Christiansburg, \$101,000

Norman S. Elliott, Jr., Teresa Leigh Devisee to Johnny Thomas Shav- Gallagher to Krista Flesher, 1.021 ac. lot, Prices man Jones, lot 37 and part Fork Magisterial District, of lot 36, Atkinson Acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$309,900

Mohammed D. Abdel Hameed to Cesar Augusto Corey Stephen Haines to Rojas Rios, 0.345 ac., Chris-Corey Stephen Haines, Lot tiansburg, \$250,000 Stephen Samuel Osborne

3, Christiansburg, \$315,000 James J. Hansler to Kev-IV-A, Riner Magisterial dis- in G. Stieper, condo unit 22 Ph. 8F, Woods Edge Warm Hearth, Prices

Emilia Smith to Fernando Raygoza Contreras, Domenico Pugliese to Lot 54, Ph III, New River Christiansburg

VT Homes LLC to Lee Vickie L. Akers to T. Blaker, Lot 55, Longview True Oak LLC, 0.492 ac. Estates, Sec. 3, Blacksburg,

F.S. Porterfield trust to Janet Allene Suc Sims William G. Marmagas, Lot Trust to Shadrach D. 8, Sec IX, Stroubles Mill, Steven E. Jacobs to Lub-

George J. Ezzyk, Jr., to Phillip Layne Hylton, Jr., Phillip N. Exor Martin to 0.638 acre lot A, Shawsville

> \$250,000 Ryan L. Pry, Special Radford

> Darren Goad to Darren Goad, .0486 acres, Chris-

> Velva J. Wirt to Sydney Elizabeth Darden, Lot 37, Echo Hill Subd., \$141,000 Gary L. Reynolds and

to David Warren Crotts, Bernice A. Reynolds to PRC Investments LLC, Lot 53 Ph IV Rutherford Town-WBH Inc. to Gary D. homes, Ph IV, Blacksburg \$285,000

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

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

ties, 9.63 Ac., Bottom Creek 5-7, Sec. 10, Mtn. View Estates, Blacksburg Jack H. Atkinson to

Timothy W. Atkinson, two parcels, 0.69 acres, tract 1, 0.1413 acres, tract 2, 0.0833 acres, \$80,000 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, Blacks-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

R Fralin Construction, Inc., to Gary E. Lowery, Lot 1, Ph VI, Kensington Subd, Christiansburg, \$338,000 Donald B. Langrrehr 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 Roa-

noke 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 Jef-

frey Scott Mann, 2.5315 acres, lot 705, Preston Forest, Ph. VII, \$130,000 William Montgomery to Alexandria M. Hunter,

isterial District, \$300,000 Jennifer M. Bondy to Aihua Wang, Lot 93, Woodbine PDR, Section IV, \$380,000

1.598 ac., Prices Fork Mag-

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

Todd Vincent Moses to

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 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 Tyris

Homes, Inc., 2.509 ac., lot 37, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District, \$67,500 Shah Development LLC to Johnny R. Stone, Lot 26,

0.052 acres, Midway Estates, \$179,000John John Elbert Wertz, Jr., to Sarah Worley McDearis, lot 37, Ph. 5 of Oak Manor Townhouses, Sec. II, \$248,900 David Fleming to Thom-

as 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, Wind-

mill 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

to NRVR Properties LLC, 1.026 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$100,000 Kaylee T. Rose to Jason B. Taylor, Lot 5, Hunters

Michelle Dawn Odum

Ridge Ph III, Christiansburg, \$156,500 Clarence N. Hudson, Jr., to Melissa B. Hudson, Lot 15, Riner Magisterial Dis-

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

Vinson, Joseph Andrew 2.4182 ac., \$206,000 Gary T. Blakely to Garth

J. Blakely, Lot 2 Fiddlers Green James C. Shores to Jer-

emy 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

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

Rachel M. Layman to Legacy Builders NRV Inc.,

Tia Briana Greene

Farm, \$181,200

Lot 45, Ph. III, 0.641 acres, \$97,500 Debra A. Formica to Cortney D. Cornett, Lots 43, 44, 45, S.G. Wimmer

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Kenneth D. Farrar, Lot 19,

Huckleyberry 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 Parker Brothers Manage-

ment to Tony Parker, 61.5 acres more or less S&B Mountain Properties LLC to Price Richards

307 LLC, \$345,000 Patricia A. Baker to Sammy N. Cowan, Lot 11, Meadowbrook Subdv., \$302,000

Randall K. Phillips to Dorothy Conner, Lot 2, 2.9473 acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$300,000 Souther Classic Auto Wash, Inc., to Wild Part-

ners, 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

Soprano Properties LLC to Randall Edward Burdette, Lot 5AA, metes and bounds, Ringer Magisterial Betty Helen Epps to

Amanda Lynn Woodrum, Lot 11, Alleghany Ct., \$165,000 Renay D. Moore to Housing Community Partners, Lot 1A, 0.118

acres, Dickerson Estates,

\$235,000 Briar Oak Investments VII LLC to Moog, Inc., Lot 3, Falling Branch Industrial Park, \$6,500,000 Glade Mountain LLC

1E, 5.066 acres, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$79,900 Charles Henry Fleitz to Matthew G. Welborn, Lot

to Jeffrey T. Zoellner, Lot

1, 11.560 acres, \$44,300 Michael W. Hemphill to Michelle L. Dunnington, Paul A. Hauner to Dal-

las M. Haynes, Lot 1, Brush Creek Subdy, \$250,000 Golden Triangle Development LLC to Carlton A. Shaw, \$288,900

R. Fralin Construction, Inc., to Damon Watlington, Lot 13, Ph. VI, Kensington Subdv., \$334,950

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Terry Alan Griesinger, Clifton Phase 1, Lot 77 John Forrest Munsell to John F. Munsell Trust, three

parcels, Blacksburg Matthew C. Gentry to Matt Gentry Trust, Lots 5-7, Sec. 10, Mtn. View Estates, Blacksburg

Gary T. Blakely to Garth

J. Blakely, Lot 2 Fiddlers Mark Webster Tuck to Mark Webster Truck Trust, Lot 4, Ph. 1, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec. 1,

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Legals - City of Radford

Radford Seeks Proposals for

CDBG Action Plan

2021-2022 The City of Radford is seeking proposals for its anticipated Public Service Funds for the upcoming

Legals - City of Radford

2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Eligible applicants include: (1) Registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations, (2) Governmental entities, including public agencies, commissions or authorities that are independent of the City of Radford, (3) Churches that meet the requirements of IRC section 501(c)(3), regardless of their application and recognition from the IRS (4) Institutes of higher education. Program beneficiaries must be low or moderate income.

Public service programs include, but are not limited to: health care, job training, recreation programs, education programs, antiviolence programs. services for senior citizens, youth services, services for homeless persons, substance abuse counseling and treatment, domestic violence services, mental health services. immigrant services. disability services, and fair housing/tenant landlord

Interested applicants should submit a brief (3-page maximum) narrative that describes the proposed project, needs addressed, target population and the type of service. You may mail or deliver your proposal to: Melissa Skelton, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141. You may also submit proposals electronically to melissa.skelton@radfordva. gov. Proposals must be received by March 22, 2021 to be considered for funding during this Annual Action Plan cycle. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Skelton at the email above or by phone at 540-731-3603.

City of Radford **Community Development** Block Grant 2021 Action Plan

Public Input Meetings The City of Radford invites you to public input sessions that give citizens an opportunity to offer suggestions for projects that they see a need for in the community that are related to decent housing, suitable living environment and economic opportunity. The Action Plan serves as the City's grant application for Community Development Block Grant Funds and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds from the program. The public input meetings have been scheduled as follows Tuesday, March 9, 2021 -

City Council Chamber, 12:00 pm Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - City Council Chambers, 5:00 pm Questions should be directed to Ms. Melissa Skelton, at

Melissa.Skelton@radfordva. gov or at (540) 731-3603.

Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2021-2022 budget on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 The hearing will begin at 5:30 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road, Salem, VA 24153. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the

Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, March 8, in order to be placed on the agenda Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board

- are requested to: provide their name and address address their remarks to
- the Board, · be brief, provide a copy of their
- remarks for the record, and be prepared to answer questions from the Board, In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

ABC NOTICE Duck In Market LLC, trading

as Duck In Market 3, 3630 Franklin Rd, Roanoke, Roanoke City, Virginia 24014-2204

Legals - City of Salem

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages

Pinkesh Patel, Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ABC NOTICE

Pizza Den LLC, trading as Pizza Den, 1302 W Main St, Salem, Virginia 24153-4.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer On Premises/Mixed Beverage Res license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jason Booker, Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals -Montgomery County

ORDER OF **PUBLICATION** Commonwealth of Virginia

Va. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316,-317 Case No.CL21000021-00 Pulaski County Circuit Court Hope Marie Moles LONG

Robert William LONG, Jr.

The object of this suit is to: obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the grounds of living separate and apart for a period exceeding one vear. It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address of residence was 1670 Spruce Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073: that the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown; and that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Plaintiff to ascertain Defendant's whereabouts without effect: that the Plaintiff previously sought service of process on the Defendant at his last known address stated above; and the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Virginia has filed a return of service stating that the process has been in his hands for 21 days and that he has been unable to make service of process; it is ORDERED that the Defendant appear before this Court on or before April 15. 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and

It is ORDERED that Robert William Long Jr. appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before April

15,2021 at 9:00 a.m.

protect his interest herein.

2-16-2021 Trish L. Albert Deputy Clerk

Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON, **VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

LEGAL NOTICE

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the

matter may be heard, on the

following, to-wit:

TO SET A PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.00 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE TOWN OF VINTON.

TO SET A MACHINERY AND TOOLS TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.00 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE TOWN OF

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency,

Legals - Town of Vinton participation in this public

hearing by Council

members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on the proposed tax rates by emailing sjohnson@vintonva.gov, leaving a message at 540-983-0607 or writing to the Town Clerk, Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voice mails, emails and other messages containing comments on the Ordinance will be provided to Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com /vintonva. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

before the meeting date

Susan N. Johnson Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town of Vinton

proposes to increase property tax levies. 1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 4.85 percent. 2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last vear, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$.0666 per This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate." 3. Effective Rate Increase: The Town of Vinton proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.07 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.0034 per \$100, or 4.85 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above

percentage. 4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the Town of Vinton General Fund will exceed

last year's by 4.85 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on the proposed tax rates by emailing sjohnson@vintonva.gov, leaving a message at 540-983-0607 or writing to the Town Clerk, Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voice mails, emails and other messages containing comments on the Ordinance will be provided to Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com /vintonva. Additional

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Legals - Town of Vinton

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Susan N. Johnson Town Clerk

NOTICE:

Legals - Town of

Vinton

COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA v. BARBARA WILCHER MOORE, ET AL Roanoke County Circuit Court Hearing on 4/8/2021 at 10:00 AM regarding proceeds from sale of property. Any legal heirs with an interest in Ms. Moore's estate must appear at this hearing to protect their interests.

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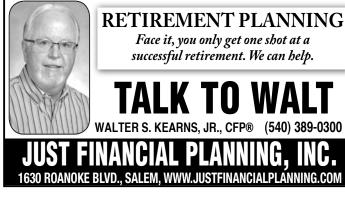
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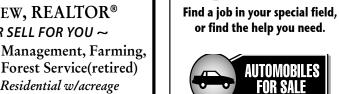
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Radford Sports

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 barrier by becoming the first African-American scholarship athlete (track and field)

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

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,

though the team had no Af- but in Blacksburg, he liked rican-American players and 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.

--VT Athletics



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.

Christiansburg High School where Eastern Montgomery faced off with Auburn, some players were seen carrying white buckets as they entered the stadium. Each Montgomery Eastern 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

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

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

not listed as essential, and

thus they count against

the 250 max.

County Public Schools gal under the guidelines has consulted with legal of executive order #72, counsel, our insurance qualifies for insurance carrier, and the Virginia coverage, and is not in High School League in violation of any VHSL order to develop a plan rules or guidelines. We that conforms to Gover- are confident that these nor Northam's Executive events can occur safely Order #72 while at the and simultaneously and same time doesn't dimin- look forward to providish the role of our band ing this opportunity to members and cheerlead- our students and their ers by defining them as families." spectators at events designed to showcase their this week: talents.

"It has been deter- tiansburg (0-1) mined that the best resoscheduled 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 colorcoding 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 wear-

ing 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 ad-

vised that this plan is le-

Game previews for

Pulaski (2-0) at Chris-

Last week: Salem beat lution would be to have a Christiansburg 36-13 as simultaneous cheerlead- the Blue Demons were ing performance, football able to tally only 235 game, and band concert 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.

broadcast: 100.7 FM, 107.3 FM. Blacksburg (0-2) at

Cave Spring (0-1) Last week: Patrick Henry downed Blacks-

burg 56-0. Cave Spring was open

last week but fell two weeks ago 42-0 to Pulaski County.

Radio broadcast: 93.1

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-

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.

Radio broadcast: 101.7 FM.

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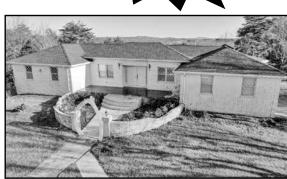
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Auburn beats East Mont 36-12 for golden helmet



played at Christiansburg High School Saturday.



Elijah St. Clair reels in a touchdown pass for Auburn in the battle with cross-county Eastern Montgomery quarterback Adam Bahnken breaks through the Auburn line on rival Eastern Montgomery. Auburn won 36-12. St. Clair caught two scores in a game his way to the end zone for the Mustangs. The Eagles earned bragging rights and the golden helmet with the convincing win.

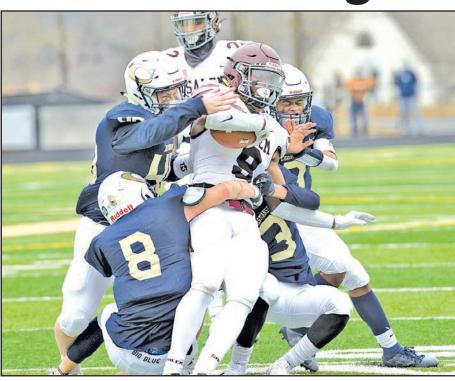
Patrick Henry blanks Blacksburg 56-0





Blacksburg's Mare Hairston pulls down a Patrick Henry running back Sunday 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



(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

afternoon. PH rolled to a 56-0 win.

announce the return of schedule.

baseball to Salem with

Opening Day is Tuesthe release of their 2021 day, May 4, as the Red Sox begin the season on the road against the Delmarva Shoreboards. 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. 2021 The home schedule boasts weekend series, cluding Memorial Day Weekend, with a leaguewide 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 CO-VID-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 Al-len 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 bigleague players, grow our business and support our community."

The Red Sox 120game 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

(Atlanta), the Charles-

ton RiverDogs (Tampa

Bay), the Columbia

GreenJackets

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able for purchase, fans are encouraged to visit SalemSox.com or call (540) 389-3333 for more information on current ticket packages. The Salem club is the Low-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. The

Fireflies (Kansas City)

and the Myrtle Beach

Pelicans (Chicago). Due

to an abbreviated sched-

ule and travel restric-

tions, the Red Sox will play only six of the 11

opponents during the

al schedule, along with

game times, will be an-

tickets are not yet avail-

The 2021 promotion-

single-game

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nounced soon.

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team was founded in 1968 and was purchased by Fenway Sports Management in December of 2007.

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