

Local musician releases second single



PHOTO COURTESY OF ADDIE LEVY

Addie Levy is known for her bluegrass music talent in southwest Virginia and is quickly making a name in Nashville.

Marty Gordon

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Addie Levy started learning to play bluegrass music at the age of 10 and formed a band called Gate 10, which performed several times in downtown Christiansburg, Radford, and around the area.

But it was an appearance at Dollywood that really gave her an understanding of what the music world was all about.

She appeared in several specials at the amusement park and even got a chance to meet Dolly herself. This led to a move to Nashville with the hope like all musicians of making it big. She married, changing her name to Pratt and has now released two singles.

Her first, "Blue Mountain," was released last month, and speaks to the feeling of nostalgia while remembering her early start.

"I had written this song back in 2021 driving back and forth to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre (in Wytheville) when we were performing Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming," said Levy. "I was inspired by Infamous Stringdusters cover of 'Just Like Heaven' with their resounding lick through the song and knew I needed to write one like that. It's inspired by the Blue Ridge Mountains and the fact that they provide so much comfort no matter what has been going on."

Levy plays the mandolin and handles lead vocals on Blue Mountain.

She said the response to the release has been amazing.

"I've been fortunate to have been featured on two Spotify editorial playlists and hit 5,000 within a month and some change. It's been played on radio stations all over."

The move to Nashville has been great for the Pulaski County High School graduate.

"I have fallen in love with the (music) scene here (in Nashville) and getting involved playing music all over. I have been playing at the bluegrass spots around town, fiddling down on Broadway, and traveling with bands playing for them. My hopes are to work towards a full-time position with a touring band and continue to play music full-time."

This past week, she released her second single called "Ring Around the Roses." Both singles can be found at: YouTube or on Spotify, or on her we page <https://www.addielevy.com>.

The next step is an entire album, and Levy said that could take place by the spring.



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NRCC to hold 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony

New River Community College Veterans Office will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. The event will be held on NRCC's campus in Dublin in Edwards Hall, Room 117.

The program will include presentation of the colors and retiring of the flags by Pulaski VFW Post 1184 led by Captain Steve Wallen. Music will be provided by the Radford High School Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Darren Goad. Ryan Adams, NRCC veterans and dependents student services advisor and U.S. Army veteran; Barry Cox, NRCC industry training coordinator and U.S. Navy retiree; and Dr. Pat Huber, NRCC President, will represent the college during the ceremony.

Dr. Peter Anderson, NRCC vice

president of instruction and student services and former U.S. Army Ranger and a war veteran, will serve as the keynote speaker. Anderson earned a doctorate from Old Dominion University, a master's degree from Radford University, a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech, and an associate degree from NRCC. Anderson is an 82nd Airborne Division "Operation Desert Storm" combat veteran.

The ceremony is free and open to NRCC students, faculty, staff and the public. A reception with light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

For more information call the NRCC Veterans Office at (540)674-3693 or email veterans@nr.edu.

Submitted by NRCC

Izaak Walton League hosts the Battle of Badges law enforcement tactical competition

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

Battle of the Badges 2023 brought together 82 law enforcement officers in a unique environment for camaraderie, training and competition on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Izaak Walton League facility in Christiansburg.

Officers from Montgomery County and the City of Radford participated in the event.

The Izaak Walton League is a national organization that "helps to conserve, maintain, protect, and restore the soil, forest, water, and other natural resources of the United States and other lands; to promote means and opportunities for the education of the public with respect to such resources and their enjoyment and wholesome utilization," according to their website at <http://www.cburiwla.org/>.

The organization is located on Izaak Walton Lane in Christiansburg and maintains a large and active membership. Each new member must be sponsored by a current member and complete an orientation and safety training session. Members are expected to complete volunteer hours as the organization is run completely through the support of the individuals that utilize the facility.

Membership dues and applications can be found on their website.

Mike Brosius, Vice President of the Izaak Walton League, traveled between stages by golf cart assisting in keeping the event running smoothly on Saturday, and served as guide to media as the Battle of the Badges event was underway. Brosius explained that the organization does quite a bit of outreach to the youth in the area, educating students on stormwater waste management, soil conservation, fish and wildlife, and weapon safety.

President of the Izaak Walton League Pete Jobst was also on-site to assist in the operations of the event. Jobst explained the types of outreach they do for Montgomery County youth in cooperation with the school system.

"A lot of guys think this is just a shooting range, right, but this isn't. It's more community now," Jobst said. "Montgomery County Schools, they do their Stormwater Days down here; approximately 750 middle-school students in two days."

The Izaak Walton League funds the transportation for the students to come to the location where they can learn

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United States Federal Marshall Steve Lang, retired after 32 years of service in Philadelphia, assisted on the shooting ranges during the shooting competition.



Officer Robbie Hearn from Augusta County maneuvers around the barriers and engages a

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New generation learning to play "the people's instrument" thanks to The Blues Initiative



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

Beginning harmonica players, six-year-old Emerson Herrero and four-year-old Ethan Herrero, jam on their new harmonicas, accompanied by Stacie Hanes on acoustic guitar and Dan O'Donnell on bass guitar.

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The Blues Initiative, supported by the New River Blues (NRB) Society and Christiansburg Institute, is impacting the next generation of young musicians by teaching the sweet sounds and rhythm of blues music and providing free

harmonicas to children ages 8-18.

Thor Hanes, blues musician, singer, NRB Society Board Member and instructor, led the group of children, with their parents accompanying them, on learning about the rich history and sound of blues music. Hanes explained just how far an interest in blues music could take a passionate musician, even at

a young age, and local organizations are wanting to see that happen.

"If you wanted to proceed with music, we'd really like to try to help you," Hanes said. "You would get to play at gigs, and you would get to play at local events, festivals, performances; if you played with a band, people would love it."

A blues convention happens every January and blues organizations like the New River Blues Society help youth 21 years of age and under to get the practice and support they need to get to the event, Hanes said.

Chris Sanchez, Director of the Christiansburg Institute, joined in the fun with the children during the presentation held at the Blacksburg Library. He asked the children to express what they think the blues is, leaving the young observers stumped. Sanchez then shared what he knows about the music genre.

"I don't know what the blues really is, but we have some friends that we are growing with at the CI and the New River Blues Society," Sanchez said. "We know blues has been a big tradition at the Christiansburg Institute."

The Christiansburg Institute was the only school for black students in Southwest Virginia prior to desegregation. Sanchez said the school had a great music

program and that he and present staff member, Scanning Technician Demiah Smith, were excited to be a part of the Blues Initiative.

The introductory course began with Hanes teaching the young audience about the birthplace of the blues, and why rhythm is so important in learning to play. The class's first exposure to the blues was presented through the Twelve Bar Blues, a very popular chord progression in music; on the harmonica, and it consists of three chords.

"Blues started in places like New Orleans and Mississippi and spread out from there. Went to Kansas City, went to Georgia, went to Chicago, went to Blacksburg," Hanes said. "Simply put, rhythm is dividing music into equal parts."

Hanes followed through with his promise to the children that they would be playing the blues in 30 minutes. After passing out a free harmonica to every child, they were taught the "huff and puff" method of breathing in and out on the harmonica through holes. Reeds inside the harmonica vibrate to produce notes. Versatile and lightweight, it is called "the people's instrument."

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Wednesday, Nov. 8:

MCCC hosts Buy Local showcase

The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Buy Local Showcase, 3:45 – 6 p.m. at the Inn at Virginia Tech. How important is it that you buy local this holiday season? Shopping local supports area businesses, their employees, our schools, and services. Showcase will include over 75 local businesses. Door prizes and raffles every 15 minutes. Event exclusive discounts and deals. Great place for holiday shopping and free to attend.

Monday, Nov. 13:

Radford City Council meeting

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

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

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

Tuesday, Nov. 14:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger

E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

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

Thursday, Nov. 16:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Member Johnathan McPeak will give a talk on the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On-going:

Call to Artists: Signal Cabinet and Utility Box Public Art Project

Town of Blacksburg Public Arts Committee is seeking design submissions from artists who are local, regional, or familiar with the Blacksburg area. Designs will be installed on utility boxes or traffic signal cabinets at selected intersections around town as public art, beginning in summer 2024. Submissions are accepted via email and must be submitted by Friday, December 15, 2023, to be considered by the

selection committee. Before submitting a design for consideration, interested artists are highly encouraged to visit <https://letstalkblacksburg.org/publicarts-utilitybox> to learn more about the project details and submission information. Questions: contact Kenna Jewell, kjewell@blacksburg.gov, 540.443.1092.

Eligibility applications for Christmas Store 2023

Online applications are being accepted and reviewed now through Dec. 6, 2023 to shop at the Montgomery County Christmas Store in December. Go to the Christmas Store website at www.mcchristmasstore.org and click on Apply to Shop. First, you will see the documents you need to have ready to upload before beginning the application process. Then scroll down some more to see the criteria you must meet to see if you are eligible to apply to shop at the Store in December. If you qualify to shop at the store Dec. 5-9, you will receive the link to select your shopping appointment.

Call for participants: 2023 Blacksburg Annual Holiday Parade

Citizens are invited to participate in Blacksburg's annual Holiday Parade, organized by Blacksburg Parks and Recreation. This year's theme is "Miracle on Main Street". Parade entries may be floats, bicycles, wagons, marchers, walkers, antique/classic cars, Jeeps, trucks, scout groups, bands, sports teams and more. The parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be rescheduled to Saturday, Dec. 2. For more information on how to get involved, contact David Goodman, Community Programs Supervisor at degoodman@blacksburg.gov or 540.443.1106.

Free GED classes

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

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more about water conservation and management, among other things. Another great feature at the facility is their fisheries. The club holds a free fishing rodeo for youth. These are just some of the events that the League holds every year.

"Everything here is sponsored by the shooting sports," Jobst said.

"We wouldn't be here without firearms," Jobst said. "That's tough for people to digest sometimes, but if you look at all the things we are able to do because of it, I think you have to look at the fact that we are safe gunowners and we train people."

Preston Woodrum is the organizer of the Battle of the Badges event that began in 2022 with 39 competitors from law enforcement, more than doubling that number this year. The shooting competition and training involves law enforcement to perform on six different staged environments with a variety of barriers to move behind and around, shooting from around or through vehicles, buildings, and are scored on accuracy and speed. Only the current shooter on the range will have ammunition in their weapon and they must use their service weapon to participate.

"Most law enforcement training, shooting wise, you are just standing in one spot, shooting at a target that is three yards from you. Here, we have targets that move, you run around, they are engaging targets

while they are on the move," Woodrum said.

Safety is of the highest priority at the event. A trained law enforcement officer closely runs behind each competing shooter holding a box that measures accuracy among other things, but this person also serves a role in safety.

"He's doing two things. He's keeping the time, but most importantly, he's making sure at all times, the muzzle of other guns are off range, keeping everyone safe, and he [the current shooter] is not turning around and flagging people. The dew in the morning, grass could be wet, if somebody falls, keeping him as safe as possible," Woodrum said. "Making sure that when the shooter is finished, that he unloads, and being sure that all officers are safe. It is a dry range, so the only time officers have ammo in their weapon is when they are on the range."

Woodrum emphasized the importance of local law enforcement coming together to train and socialize together.

"If something bad happens in the county, we are all going to go," Woodrum said. "Everybody from every jurisdiction within Montgomery County is going to show up, so this is an opportunity to train with all these guys in the various agencies, if that day would come, or when that day would come, they know who they are responding with."

Law enforcement officers from all over the eastern

part of the United States, including Ohio, Maryland, and Pennsylvania made the trip. Two United States Federal Marshalls were also in attendance at the event and helped in making the event safe and fun for everyone.

The winners of the 2023 Battle of the Badges competition are:

- 1st - Colin Shine
- 2nd - Robbie Hearn
- 3rd - Matt Corkey
- 4th - Trevor Merrell
- 5th - Andy Metro

"Prizes were donated by businesses and six pistols were donated to give away. We reached out to other sponsors as well," Brosius said.

The outpouring of money and prizes was incredible. Sponsors listed on the back of printed t-shirts for the event were Powerzone, Kesler Contracting, Dominion Door and Hardware, Inc., All Call Towing, Gunbutter, Timney Triggers, New River Engraving, Sentry, Alien Gear Holsters, Blue Alpha, HighCom, Fire Rescue Tactical, Vortex Optics, Iceman Design, PACT, HRT, High Speed Gear, and of course, the Izaak Walton League of America. Additional sponsors, listed on a banner at the entrance of the event, included Whitetail Outfitters, SignPros, Shively Electric, Barrows, New Day Office, Tint Pros Plus, and many city, town, and county police divisions from multiple regions.



1st Place Winner, Colin Shine with event organizer, Preston Woodrum



2nd Place Winner, Robbie Hearn with event organizer, Preston Woodrum



3rd Place Winner, Matt Corkey with event organizer, Preston Woodrum



5th Place Winner, Andy Metro with event organizer, Preston Woodrum



4th Place Winner, Trevor Merrell with event organizer, Preston Woodrum

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OPINION

Car dealerships bring back great memories of Christiansburg

Evans "Buddy" King
Columnist

I've written a couple of columns in the past on my memories of downtown Christiansburg during my youth. They were well received by those who grew up in my era, and so I thought I might try another piece on businesses I remember from that time. In this one, I'm going to focus on the car dealers I remember.

I have come to realize that any attempt at this sort of stroll down memory lane is a mere snapshot in time, sometimes with a blurry lens, so please forgive any errors or omissions. While my law firm carries "e and o" coverage on me for my mistakes at work, I have no such thing for my columns, so no claims please. And apologies in advance for any errors or omissions.

While this story will likely be of more interest to folks who grew up in Christiansburg during this period, I hope it also provides a glimpse of what the town was like then, when the economy was not nearly as developed, locally or nationally or internationally, as it is now. Simpler days.

Most businesses in the area in those days were locally owned. The car dealerships were no different. There were fewer choices and who you bought from was important to friendships and relationships. (For example, my good friend from CHS days Connie B., whose family owned the "News Messenger" until just a few years ago, told me that her family only shopped at businesses which advertised in their newspaper. Made sense. My dad preferred doing business with people who supported the public schools).

My earliest memory of car dealerships in town is of Epperly Pontiac, located just across the railroad tracks in Cambria, next to Bane Coal and Oil. It was owned by Paul Epperly whose son Larry was a classmate of mine and teammate in various sports from first grade through twelfth. Larry's mom Nina and my mom, along with Ruth Lester (Larry's mom), were leaders of the Cub Scout pack we were in. We all went to the same church and family lore had it that the Kings and Epperlys were in fact even related, a fact borne out by ancestry.com.

All three of the male Epperlys, Paul and his sons, Jimmy and Larry, had a distinct walk, leaning forward and attacking. I recall that if you happened to be in their car lot "just looking" at stickers, you knew you would not be able to escape if Paul, or later Jimmy, came out of their building looking to sell you a car. They got on you quick. They epitomized service and hometown friendliness. And they liked to sell!

I remember that we had a couple of Pontiacs when I was living on Cherry Lane. These cars had front hoods which had been used in World War II as landing strips for fighter planes. To say they were big does not begin to do them justice.

Paul knew that if my dad selected a Pontiac as the family car of choice, my Aunt Maggie would get one too. A big decision of that nature would always be shared throughout my mother's family. So, two for one for Paul.

Before the "Pontiac era" of the King family, which started when I was around the fifth or sixth grade, my folks had Chevrolets (a classic 57 and a 62 Bel Aire) purchased from Ward Teel at Teel Chevrolet, I believe.

Later, Teel-Harvey for a short while, until Mr. Harvey (father of another classmate and great friend of mine, George Jr.) moved to Radford and started his own very successful dealership. In fact, over the years Mr. Harvey eventually acquired all of the General Motors dealerships in the market - running the gamut of Chevy, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, and Cadillac. This feat was equaled by my mom and dad, who became more affluent after I was out on my own and my dad's retirement paid him more than he had made while working. I remember how thrilled my parents were to finally buy a Caddy at the end of the "GM progression", which they owned the last 10 years of their lives, "putting" 12,000 miles on over those years. Truly, a "grocery store, beauty parlor and church on Sunday" car.

Another iconic Christiansburg business of those days was Homer Cox Ford. Homer was quite the character and salesman and was married to the lovely Georgia Cox, who was my homeroom and math teacher in the seventh grade and probably the first teacher I had a crush on.

While I don't think I ever had a "bad" teacher in those days (and with my superintendent dad, would not have been allowed to say it even if it had been so), my teachers in grades one through six trended towards "matronly" and "school marmish." If you looked up "opposite of matronly" in the dictionary, Georgia's picture would have been there. She was also an excellent and entertaining teacher who made school fun (at least as much fun as math can be), and I'm sure I was far

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AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: 2023 Scam Trends

Scammers are like viruses: they continually evolve in response to the latest news and trends. Here are two scam variations that experts have seen trending so far in 2023.

"Wrong number" texts seem harmless, but they are a means of establishing a conversation that turns into a relationship that can last for weeks or months.

Eventually, the new friend explains how they've made a lot of money investing in crypto, or gold futures, and they can show you how, too. Be on guard for these 'errant' texts - don't respond and block the number.

The new twist on package delivery scams comes with a text from a "driver" who can't find your house. They may ask

you to click on a link which could install credential-stealing malware onto your device. Don't trust links, period. If you're awaiting a delivery and get a text, contact the carrier through a means you know to be legitimate to see if there's a problem. Tip: there won't be.

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

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

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Virginia gas prices fall from last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 6.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.21/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 25.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 26.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 6.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.38 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.82/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.47/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.82/g while the highest was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.47/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 7.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.38/g today. The national average is down 32.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 40.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11

million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

- November 6, 2022: \$3.48/g (U.S. Average: \$3.78/g)
- November 6, 2021: \$3.29/g (U.S. Average: \$3.41/g)
- November 6, 2020: \$2.03/g (U.S. Average: \$2.10/g)
- November 6, 2019: \$2.35/g (U.S. Average: \$2.64/g)
- November 6, 2018: \$2.54/g (U.S. Average: \$2.72/g)
- November 6, 2017: \$2.30/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g)
- November 6, 2016: \$2.05/g (U.S. Average: \$2.21/g)
- November 6, 2015: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g)
- November 6, 2014: \$2.74/g (U.S. Average: \$2.94/g)
- November 6, 2013: \$3.09/g (U.S. Average: \$3.22/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.22/g, down 4.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.26/g.

Richmond- \$3.11/g, down 7.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.18/g.

West Virginia- \$3.26/g, down 6.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.32/g.

"For the seventh straight week, we've seen the national average price of gasoline decline. With cooler weather comes cooler gasoline prices, and as we inch closer to the Thanksgiving holiday, prices will continue to fall virtually coast to coast. Eight states are now seeing average gas prices below \$3 per gallon," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While the national average is now at its lowest since March, the decline is likely to continue for at least another couple of weeks, with California likely soon falling below \$5, while more states fall under \$3. Millions of Americans already have access to \$2.99/gal or cheaper, and I expect that number to continue to grow this week."

Submitted by GasBuddy

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Smith, Sue Lynn Charlton

Sue Lynn Charlton Smith, 76, of Christiansburg passed into the arms of Jesus Christ on Nov. 3, 2023.

She was the daughter of Garland W (Brown) and Thelma Charlton, she was born on Sept. 17, 1947. She spent her early years in South Williamson, Ky. where her father was employed. Sue moved to Christiansburg in 1958 upon the death of her father.

She was a graduate of Christiansburg High School and Radford University. Sue was employed by Virginia Tech for over 40 years as an analytical chemist. She was married to the love of her life, Michael, for over 54 years and her greatest accomplishment was being the proud mother to her pride and joy, her son Brian.

Sue Lynn was preceded in death by her parents, Brown and Thelma Charlton, father-in-law and mother-in-law,



Alseberry and Clessie Smith. She is survived by her loving husband Michael Smith, son and daughter-in-law, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Ret) Brian and Major Kayla Smith (Shadow and Dixie), brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harold and Phyllis Hollandsworth, brother and sister-in-law, Dubby and Vickie Charlton, niece and nephews, Diane and Tommy Smith (Annabelle and Bubby), Sara and Tyler Morris (Callie), cousins Dex and Sue Quesenberry, Ken and Jennifer Quesenberry,

Tim and Carloyn Quesenberry, as well as many other cousins and family members.

Sue loved reading, fishing, and working in her multiple flower gardens. She was an animal lover at heart, cherishing every moment with her cats Jethro and Gibbs, and her Grand dogs Shadow and Dixie. Sue was an original Parrothead, passing that trait to her brother Dubby, and her son Brian.

"Breathe in, breathe out, move on!" - Jimmy Buffett

Arrangements are being made by McCoy Funeral Home of Blacksburg. The family will receive visitors in the McCoy Funeral Home starting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, with the service following at noon. Interment will be held following the service at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

Beasley, Sandra Price

Sandra "Sandy" Price Beasley, 69, of Radford, passed away Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and was in hospital administration for over 30 years at Carilion NRV Medical Center and Radford Community Hospital. Sandy enjoyed crafting, painting watercolors, going to the beach, but more than anything, spending time with her grandkids. She was preceded in death



by her parents, Allen and Betty Price; and her husband, Stephen Arthur Beasley.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Becky

Beasley; grandchildren, Charlotte, William and Arthur; and many other relatives and close friends.

The family received friends Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

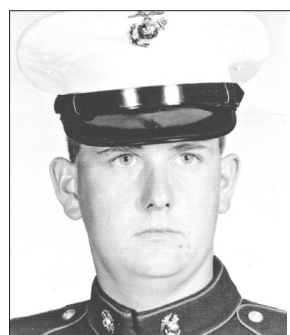
The Beasley family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Aker, John Roy

John Roy Aker, 82, of Fairlawn, passed away on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023.

He was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Belle Aker; brothers, Bob and Jack Aker; and a sister, Charlotte Weaver.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Brenda Aker; two sons, Chris and Jeffrey Aker; grandson, Tyler Aker; granddaughter, Isabella Aker; and many other



nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral

Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Allison Unroe officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to VFW Post 776, 913 Second St., Radford, VA 24143 or to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church.

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

Boyle, Patricia Anne

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Patricia "Patty" Anne Boyle, a beloved mother, sister, aunt, and cousin, after enduring the challenges of early-onset dementia with courage and resilience.

A three-time cancer survivor, Patty's journey on this earth came to an end on Oct. 29, 2023, at the age of 66, surrounded by loved ones in Radford. Despite her battle with dementia, Patty's sweet and caring spirit touched the hearts of all who knew her.

Patricia was born in Washington, D.C., to the late Joseph and Dorothy Brown Boyle. She is survived by her loving daughter, Sara Boyle, of Ocoee, Fla., who was her pride and joy. She was preceded in death by her eldest sister, Kathy Wofford, of Belmont, N.C. Additional surviving siblings include sisters, Sharon Boyle of Reston, Va., Mary Phifer and husband Jim of Leesboro, Va.; brother, Mike Boyle and wife Gaye of Asheboro, N.C.; in addition to numerous



nieces and nephews including David Wofford of Gastonia, N.C. who helped care for her in her final years. Patricia also had a special bond with her cousin, Carol Sherman of Lady Lake, Fla., who shared many cherished moments together.

Patricia was a devoted single mother. Patty's only daughter, Sara, fulfilled her dreams of becoming a veterinarian, a testament to the support, encouragement, and sacrifices her mother made throughout her life. Patricia's love for her daughter was immeasurable, and she took immense pride in Sara's accomplishments and boasted about her daughter's achievements to anyone who would listen. Her love extended to her beloved grand-

dogs, cats, and horses. She provided them with endless affection, treats, and belly rubs, and they, in return, offered her unwavering companionship and comfort. They will miss her dearly.

In remembrance of Patricia Boyle, we kindly request that, instead of traditional condolences, you share your cherished memories and photos of her to celebrate her life. Patty's spirit was filled with love, compassion, and kindness and though her life was regrettably cut short, we aim to honor her beautiful legacy by preserving the profound love she shared with those around her. We kindly request your assistance in helping her beloved daughter, Sara, in keeping her mother's memory alive by sending photographs and/or stories to pattyboylelegacy@gmail.com or P.O. Box 973, Ocoee, FL 34761. A Celebration of Life will be announced in the weeks to follow.

The Boyle family cares for the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Marvin Gray Powers, 77, of Christiansburg, passed away Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023.

He was formally a police officer and EMT with Pulaski County. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey T., Sr. and Rosa Powers; daughter, Misty Bowman Mills; grandson, Zane Gray Powers; brother, Jim Powers; and a sister, Carrol P. Hughes.

Survivors include his son, Shannan Powers (Amber); grandchildren, Taylor Sage Powers, Kelsie

Powers, Marvin Gray



Elaine Powers, Kaitlyn Grace Powers, Isaac Gray Bowman, Josie Caroline Bowman, and Kyla Liath Powers; step grandchildren, Sophia Elaine Dalton, Harper Faith Dalton,

and Graclyn Cobler; great grandchildren, Chandler Miller and Owen Miller and Aria Bowman; brother, Aubrey Powers; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends 1 - 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will follow in Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg.

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

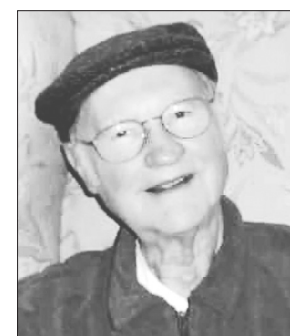
Houska, Charles Robert

Dr. Charles (Chuck) Robert Houska, 96, of Blacksburg, passed away on Oct. 27, 2023. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who loved travel with family, solving problems, nature, reading, woodworking and collecting/growing Japanese maples.

Chuck was born in Cleveland, Ohio on May 16, 1927, to Charles Houska and Anna Catherine Gehrke Houska. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. He is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Mary Houska; children Catherine Houska, Robert Houska (Christine), and Susan Matherly (Richard), and grandchildren Bradford Houska and Madison Blair Houska.

After graduation from Rhodes High School, where he played football and was a nationally ranked quarter miler in track and field, he served in the U.S. Navy during WW II, where he took pride in being the only high school graduate in his unit selected to be a radar operator. After leaving the service, Chuck earned a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and a dual doctorate in applied physics and physical metallurgy (1957) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and stayed to do post-doctoral research.

In 1959, he joined the research staff at Union Carbide Research Institute and moved to Tarrytown, New York with Mary where they started their family. After a few years, Chuck realized that he preferred academia and accepted a position at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg Virginia. He spent over 30 years at Virginia Tech seeking answers to challenging unsolved theoretical problems, while teaching graduate



and undergraduate level students. Watching his students succeed in the field brought great joy. During those years, he loved exploring the region, taking family trips across North America and Europe, sailing on Claytor Lake, and he developed a passion for Virginia Tech football and basketball.

Chuck's x-ray diffraction and thin films research was well known and respected internationally, leading to invitations to present his work at national and

international conferences. His work in the diffraction effects of crystallite size distributions and other areas was groundbreaking. He retired in 1992 as Professor Emeritus of Materials Science and Engineering.

Chuck called retirement his "third career." He enjoyed making furniture which he gifted to loved ones, collecting rare Japanese maples and developing gardens, hiking, reading to seek knowledge about diverse topics, particularly history, and traveling with Mary.

A celebration of his life will be planned for family and close friends to share remembrances before scattering his ashes. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the New River Land Trust to preserve the mountains, forests, and rivers of his adopted home and honor his love of nature.

Fizer, Ethel Mae Sutphin

Ethel Mae Sutphin Fizer, 88, of Radford, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William McKinley and Mary Etta Spaulding Sutphin; her loving husband of 46 years, Vernon Walter Fizer; and her sons, George "Peanut" Fizer, Leon Fizer, Gene Fizer, and Curtis Fizer.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Mason "Button" and Darlene Fizer; daughter-in-law, Pam Fizer; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Medi Hospice for their loving care given to Ethel.

The family will receive friends 10 - 11

a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with Jube Burke, Melvin Brammer and Robbie Vance officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg.

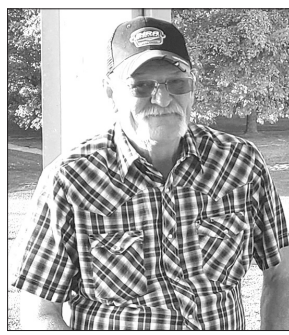
The Fizer family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Winkle, Terry Edward

Terry Edward Winkle, 66, of Riner, passed away Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023.

He was member of Blue Ridge Church in Christiansburg and was the owner of Winkles Dairy Farm. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Winkle; and brother, Bobby Lee Edward Winkle.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Brenda H. Winkle; son, Lee Winkle (Sarah); daughter, Melissa Sheppard (Lance); grandchildren, Maddie



Winkle, and Brayleigh, Kaydence and Adasyn Sheppard; mother, Ruby B. Winkle; special nephew, Justin Winkle; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Scott Obenshain officiating. Interment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Heart Association.

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

Soroka, Barbara Murray

Barbara Murray Soroka, 75, of Blacksburg, died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at Radford Health and Rehab.

She was born in Lenoir, N.C. on Oct. 22, 1948, to the late Wallace Murray and Elizabeth Griffin Murray Silvers. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lalena



and Jeromy Pedrotti; brother, Cliff Murray, and wife Margie; and a grandchild, Steven Pedrotti.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tim Height officiating.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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

Sadie is a shy, sweet girl, with a gentle personality. Unfamiliar noises can make her a little nervous, so she would need time to adjust in her new home. She knows the "sit" command and enjoys taking walks. Sadie is good with children and would benefit from being the only pet. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet her!



Meet Zazzle! He is a majestic, handsome boy, with a shy spirit. Zazzle is independent and loves to find comfortable spots to hangout in. He enjoys gentle pets from his favorite people. Visit the Animal Care and Adoption Center to see if he is your purrfect match.

Montgomery Museum opens art, textile and history exhibits

CHRISTIANSBURG - Join the Montgomery Museum of Art & History on Thursday, Nov. 9, 5 - 7 p.m. at 4 E. Main St. Christiansburg, for the last reception of the year featuring local artist Elissa Steeves' opening, the Textile Artists of Virginia exhibit, "Montgomery County Coal Mining" history exhibit, and a Coal Mining Theme Art Show.

Elissa Steeves is famous for her garden in Blacksburg. She is less well-known as an artist, but her upcoming exhibit Bag Lady at the Montgomery Museum of Art and History may help change that. The garden is notable not just for its profusion of interesting plants but also for the sculptures placed, not scattered, about, and the many seating areas offering strategic views. The chairs and tables are mostly painted in clear and vibrant colors. These colors appear again in the needlepoint handbags Steeves has made for 41 years. Some of the bags feature flowers, as seems fitting, but others may have a chili pepper or a watermelon. Some handbags feature more geometric patterns reminiscent of Native American art.

Textile Artists of Virginia (TAVA) will have an exhibit of fiber art at the Montgomery Museum entitled, Wordplay and Puns with a Whimsical Streak. The title comes from two separate themes the group of about 30 artists pursued. The "Wordplay and Puns" series features fabrics that were hand-dyed by the artists, and the word "dye" appears in the title of each piece such as "Dyverse Marine Life" or "Dying to Escape Covid." The Whimsical Streak pieces all have a humorous side that could take the form of goddesses, mermaids, playful goats, bugs, or a grandchild steering a boat. "Tuscan Still

Life" has a border around the usual vases and things, which is important because one wine bottle has fallen over and spilled over the border.

Coal mining was an important industry in Montgomery County with production peaking in the first half of the twentieth century. Equally important, coal mining was a way of life for generations of county residents. Explore Montgomery County's coal mines and how the hard work of the miners and their families created local communities in this new exhibit featuring many historic local coal mining objects. The Fears-Jones-Eaves Coal Company sign, from the only African American-owned mine in the county, is on loan courtesy of the Wake Forest Community Action Club. Many other objects were donated to the museum in memory of Dudley Scott by his widow, Faye. Scott was a coal miner in this area and was interviewed for the book Keepers of the Tradition. His portrait, painted by local artist Leslie Gregg for the book, is included in the Coal Mining Theme Art Show which will accompany the history exhibit. This theme show will include several talented local artists, including Aileen Fletcher, Judy Niehaus, Leslie Gregg, Matt Gentry, Sally Mook, and Sue Hossack, who were inspired by the themed coal mining show. A cash bar will also be available at the reception, and free heavy hors d'oeuvres will be catered by Zeppoli's Italian Restaurant and Wine Shop. Visit <https://montgomerymuseum.org/events/> for more details.

Submitted by the Montgomery Museum of Art & History

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from the only kid with a crush on her. A few years ago I realized that my late wife strongly resembled Georgia, which explains a few things!

Homer's dealership was on Roanoke Road, next to the original Wade's Supermarket at the foot of Ellett Drive. Homer was entertaining and friendly and a regular at Round Meadow Country Club and the better restaurants in the county. Later, as an adult on trips to town to visit my folks, I would occasionally be lucky enough to run into Homer and Georgia in a restaurant and have a drink with them. I never lost the crush.

A few more memories of Christiansburg car dealers. Before Teel and Teel-Harvey Chevrolet, there was Adair Chevrolet, owned by a good friend of my dad's, Jimmy Adair. I have three memories of Adair Chevrolet.

First, I remember that the scoreboard at the football field at the old CHS was made of wood and shaped like a large football attached to a platform showing the scores by quarters where some lucky kid got to climb up a ladder and hang numbers just like at Fenway Park. I also remember that the scoreboard bore the name Adair Chevrolet.

The second thing I remember about Adair Chevrolet

is that my cousin Joe scored most of the touchdowns rung up on that board and his girlfriend (or one of them) was Jimmy's daughter Patty, a beautiful girl with flaming red hair as I recall.

My third memory of Adair Chevrolet is of the iconic (to me at least) photograph on the Christiansburg edition of "Images of America", taken of a driver's education car parked in front of the old CHS, circa 1955. The driver side door of the car read "Donated by Adair Chevrolet Corp." In addition, to iconic, this picture is also ironic - my dad was principal of the school at this time and was in this picture, but was cut off on the book cover.

I can't write about car dealers from these days without mentioning Paul Duncan, who moved to Blacksburg during my early grade school years and started Holiday Ford. His son Gary, who has gone on to a tremendously successful career in the car business in his own right, was one year ahead of me in school and lived right around the corner on Second Street. I thought he was the coolest kid in town and was devastated when the family moved. For several years when we would run into each other, usually at parties or football games in Blacksburg, Gary would say, "we went to different schools together."

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"Why is it called the people's instrument?" Hanes asked. "I'm going to go to Chris Sanchez for this one. Chris, why is it called the people's instrument?"

"Everyone can breathe," Sanchez said. "Playing harmonica is breathing in rhythm," Hanes said.

Stacie Hanes on acoustic guitar, and Dan O'Donnell on bass guitar, accompanied two brave, and very young souls who performed in their first jam session that night. Standing behind the microphone to play before their first audience with their newly acquired harmonicas, were Emerson and Ethan Herrera, six-and-four-year-old siblings. The young Herreras played with freedom and expressed an astounding rhythm for such a young age.

Handouts were given to each child and their parents with information on what was presented during the session as well as additional songs they could play applying single-note production on the harmonica.

Parents wanting more information on the program, or adults 18-21 years of age, interested in learning more about the Blues Initiative should reach out to NRB Society Blues members Vernon Kelley or Thor Hanes through the organization's website at www.newriverbluessociety.com or through their Facebook page.

The Rising Silo in Blacksburg also hosts a blues event every Wednesday evening showcasing local blues groups and is open to everyone.

NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert on Nov. 11



Blue Connection

The music of Blue Connection and Friday Night Dance Band will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., Nov. 11, 2023.

Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Blue Connection is a hard driving traditional style bluegrass band that was formed in 2013. They play traditional standard bluegrass and country songs with some contemporary country and rock as well. The band includes Matt Spence, from Catawba, on bass, lead and harmony vocals; Kenny Hamblin, from Catawba, on banjo, lead and harmony vocals; Paul Boone, from Hardy, on mandolin, lead and harmony vocals; and John Hamilton, from Eagle Rock, on guitar, lead and harmony vocals.

The Friday Night Dance Band is an old-time band from Callaway, Va. Over the years, the band has played at many different venues including jam sessions at Cannaday's Store in Boones Mill and the Floyd Country Store and regular fundraising shows at the Floyd Fire Department. The band also received a commendation from the Virginia General Assembly for their contributions to the Redwood Community Center,

where they have played for over thirty years, and to the town of Rocky Mount, where they played for benefit dances.

Corporate sponsors of the music events include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCKKY, LLC - Fazoli's, Dublin; Deanie Hall - State Farm Agent, Dublin; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski; Lee's Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music events are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

For more information about the NRCC Concert Series, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/concerts.

Submitted by NRCC



Friday Night Dance Band

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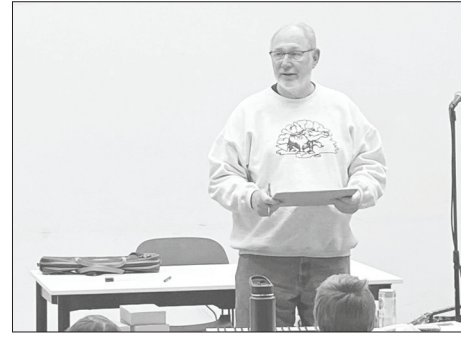
The first car I owned in my own right was a yellow Volkswagen bug, purchased in 1972 before my second year of college at Highland Volkswagen. While I don't recall meeting the owner Ray Roberts personally, I've gotten to know his wonderful daughter Shannon and her great husband, Jason (the "Whatchamacallits", see earlier column) who now own and operate The Oaks Victorian Inn in Christiansburg.

I received a very nice email a year or two ago from Larry "Mr. Motor Mile" Shelor complimenting me on one of my columns. I was very happy to learn that he read them.

I'm also glad to know that the tradition of colorful and successful car dealers in Montgomery County has been carried on by great people like George (Harvey) and Gary (Duncan) and Larry (Shelor).

Evans "Buddy" King is a proud native of Christiansburg, CHS Class of 1971, and has practiced law in Clarksburg, WV the last "40 some" years at the firm of Steptoe & Johnson. He can be reached at evans.king@steptoe-johnson.com.

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President of the New River Blues Society Vernon Kelley speaks to children and their parents about how excited their organization is to support the Blues Initiative, exposing and encouraging youth to the historical tradition of Blues music.



PHOTOS BY LORI GRAHAM

Thor Hanes demonstrates playing a tiny harmonica at the children's group lesson held at Blacksburg Library.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$11,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on December 4, 2023, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-208643-6.

ABC NOTICE

Santa Rita LLC., trading as Lentini's, 1396 Roanoke Road, Daleville, VA. 24083.
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Legals - Botetourt County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX-EXEMPT BOND FINANCING OF THE VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on the application of Virginia Baptist Homes, Inc. (d/b/a LifeSpire of Virginia), a Virginia nonstock corporation (the "Borrower"), whose address is 3961 Stillman Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, requesting the Authority to issue, pursuant to the Virginia Small Business Financing Act, Article 7, Chapter 22, Title 2.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), up to \$215,000,000 of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series from time to time. The Bonds are expected to be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Borrower and its affiliated organizations operate five senior living communities in Virginia.

The Authority will loan the proceeds of the Bonds to the Borrower.
(1) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping approximately 33 independent living units in a "hybrid home" independent living development comprised of approximately three, three-story apartment structures (built on top of a related parking structure), and related parking structures and amenities, all located on the campus of the Lakewood Retirement Community, which is located in and around 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23238. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$45,000,000.

(2) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping (i) approximately 33 independent living units in a "hybrid home" independent living development and related structures comprised of approximately three, three-story structures, located on the campus of a senior living community called the Chesapeake, which is located in and around 955 Harpersville Road, Newport News, Virginia 23601, (ii) roof and HVAC replacement and renovation at existing structures on the Chesapeake campus, and (iii) other renovations and reconstruction within the existing structures on the Chesapeake campus. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$50,000,000.

(3) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping (i) approximately 18 independent living units in a cottage-style independent living development comprised of approximately 18, up to 3-story structures and related parking and amenities located on the campus of a senior living community called The Glebe, which is located in and around 200 The Glebe Boulevard, Daleville, Virginia 24083 (which is in Botetourt County), and (ii) an expansion of one or more existing structures on The Glebe's campus to expand and improve the dining and community facilities. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$30,000,000.

(4) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping (i) approximately 40 independent living units in both a cottage-style and "hybrid home" independent living developments and 20 memory care units comprised of approximately 22, up to three-story structures located on the campus of a senior living community called The Summit, which is located in and around 1400 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502, and (ii) the renovation and expansion of one or more existing structures for the purpose of expanding and improving the dining, fitness and community facilities of The Summit. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$90,000,000.
(5) To finance, if and as needed, other capital projects at the facilities listed above, amounts required for reserves, working capital, capitalized interest, costs of financing and other financing

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expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds. (collectively (1) through (5), the "Plan of Finance") The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, before the Authority or its designee, at 101 N. 14th Street, 11th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

As required by the Act, the Bonds will not pledge the faith and credit or the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof, including the Authority, and will be payable solely from revenues derived from the Borrower and pledged therefor. Any person interested in the Plan of Finance, the issuance of the Bonds or the location or purpose of the projects to be financed or refinanced may appear and be heard. A copy of the Borrower's application materials may be inspected by contacting Angela Reese, during regular business hours. VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.317, 20-104
Case No. **CL23007009-00**
RADFORD CITY Circuit Court, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CHRISTINA NICOLE HAMBLIN v. RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before DECEMBER 13, 2023. OCTOBER 13, 2023 MELISSA WHITE, DEPUTY CLERK

ABC NOTICE

Shivparam LLC., trading as Duck in Deli, 2307 W. Main St., Radford, VA. 24141-1695.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
KUNALSINH VASHI, 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.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on November 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council

Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of GKM Properties, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue (Tax Map # 147 - 2 - 1).
2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Article I, in General, Section 66-7, Nonconforming signs and 66-9, Removal of signs no longer advertising existing bona fide business, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.
3. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-208.2, 106-214.2, 106-216.2, and 106-218.2, pertaining to permitted uses; Section 106-216.3 pertaining to site development regulations; Article III Use & Design Standards, section 106-304.21 pertaining to short term rentals; section 106-316.3

Legals - City of Salem

pertaining to accessory uses, residential; Article IV Development Standards, section 106-404 pertaining to parking requirements; section 106-406 miscellaneous provisions pertaining to storage containers; and Article VI Definitions and use types, section 106-600 pertaining to definitions of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.
At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Deputy Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL23-1004**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* THE ESTATE OF CHARLES F. BOWLES, KIMBERLY REED, Plaintiff v. NELVA KOSTRIC Defendant
THIS DAY came Justin Steele, Counsel for Plaintiff, Kimberly Reed, and filed a complaint to probate will for the Estate of Charles F. Bowles and a motion for entry of a default judgement and for other relief, and a hearing will be held in this Court, 55 East Main Street, Suite 1 Christiansburg VA 24073, on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 AM or as soon after as may be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that all defendants, unknown heirs and others interested in said Estate appear at the hearing and be heard why the petition and motion for default judgement should not be granted. The Clerk shall send a copy of this order to the Christiansburg News Messenger to be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. Enter the 11th day of October 2023.
Robert M. D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: Justin A. Steele III (VSB No. 94358)
THE LAW OFFICE OF JAMES STEELE PLLC 304 Brambleton Ave. Roanoke, VA 24015 Tel: (540) 339-7775 Fax: (540) 492-42544

Entered on the 23rd day of October, 2023
K. Mike. Fleenor, Jr.

I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) Garrett W. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)545-2500 Facsimile: (804)545-2378 TACS No.: 779604

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. KELLY M. HESLEP, ET AL, Respondent(s). Case No. CL23-1257

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 058-A 61 Account No. 008614
All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Mount Taber Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia containing 85.69 acres, more or less, formerly designated as Parcel ID 008614, Tax Map Number 058-A 61. And being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Kelly M. Heslep, from W. L. Underwood and S. E. Underwood, husband and wife, by Deed, dated November 15, 1933 and recorded November 22, 1933 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 96 at Page 339. This description is made subject to all easements. Conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 119 at Page 358, Deed Book 144 at Page 467, Deed Book 255 at Page 294, Deed Book 255 at Page 299. This description is made subject to all easements. Conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 119 at Page 358, Deed Book 144 at Page 467, Deed Book 255 at Page 294, Deed Book 255 at Page 299. **IT APPEARING** that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used,

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without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Kelly M. Heslep aka Kelly Morris Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Minnie Aline Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lloyd M. Heslep aka Lloyd Morris Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Donald D. Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Carl Douglas Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kelly Eugene Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gary W. Heslep, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gary W. Heslep, Jr., whose last known address is unknown; Pamela Sue Heslep Lapradd, whose last known address is 3758 Southway Dr. SW, Apt 69, Roanoke, Virginia 24014; Penny S. Heslep McNabb, whose last known address is 2448 Westover Ave. SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24015; Phoebe S. Heslep Rakes, whose last known address is 8127 Running Deer Ln, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; Peggy Sue Dickson Heslep, whose last known address is 2965 Reesedale Rd, Elliston, Virginia 24087; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before November 23, 2023 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 23rd day of October, 2023
K. Mike. Fleenor, Jr.
I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) Garrett W. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)545-2500 Facsimile: (804)545-2378 TACS No.: 779604

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CA23000019-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* The Adoption of a Minor Child Under Eighteen Years of Age, to be known as SERRITA DANIELLE TICKLE
By: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR.

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McLemore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr., husband and wife. An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 (1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McLemore (aka Kenneth Lee Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served with legal process for this action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area. It is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of father's last known whereabouts, and contemporaneously posted in a conspicuous location at the Montgomery County Courthouse.
Enter this 1 day of November, 2023.
Robert M. D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: R. Cord Hall, Esquire, VSB 77637 R. Cord Hall Attorney-At-Law, P.C. 106 S. Franklin Street, Suite

Legals - Montgomery County

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Counsel for Petitioners

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

SANTA RITA Z LLC, trading as BIG BELLY PIZZA AND SUBS, 105 W LEE AVE., VINTON, ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA 24179.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application- Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Nasim Faltas, 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 - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the release of a Purchase and Option to Purchase a 3.56-acre tract that is located in the Vinton Industrial Park - at the end of 3rd St (Tax ID 070.08-01-01.07-0000). Complete details concerning this public hearing, including the draft resolution prepared for Town Council are available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by calling (540) 983-0607, or on-line at www.vintonva.gov. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607. Antonia Arias-Magallon Town Clerk

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

From the gridiron: Region playoffs start this week

Radford secures home field advantage, Christiansburg at home for first round

Marty Gordon
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Radford High School will enter this week's region 1C playoffs with an unblemished record, thus meaning they will control their own destiny at home for the entire region postseason.

Radford finished atop of the regional points list at 27.4 total. Gretna is second, Glenvar third and Appomattox fourth.

Quarterback Landon Clark leads Radford into the postseason after accounting for over 3,000 yards of total offense. The recent Elon-signee has completed 133 passes on 219 attempts for 2,247 yards with only three interceptions. This includes 28 touchdowns.

But Clark is not one-dimensional as he has also run for 20 scores on 73 carries for 659 yards. He should also be happy to get his number one target, Max Kanipe, back for a playoff run. Kanipe, who had caught 39 passes for 961 yards, suffered a knee injury in week seven and has not played since.

A (3-7) James River will travel to Radford. JR finished 0-7 in the Three Rivers District and lost to Radford 56-0 on Oct. 6.

Their only wins came 41-15 over Parry McCluer, 34-16 over Randolph-Henry, and 13-12 over Buffalo Gap.

JR has been outscored 355 to 108 this season.

The Region C postseason does include some more familiar teams for Radford as Glenvar and Floyd both made the playoffs. Floyd is the number seven seed and Glenvar is third.

In their last game of the regular season, James River was shutout 43-0 to Patrick County for its seventh straight loss.

Christiansburg will finish as the number four team in points of the Class 3 Region D and will host a familiar foe in Abingdon.

This past week, Abingdon slid by Lee High 56-43 as Owen Barr rushed for 252 yards on just 16 carries. He scored three touchdowns on the ground and another two on the receiving end. Abingdon (6-4) finished with 562 yards of total offense, while their defense gave up 475 by Lee.

QB Luke Honaker finished the evening six of 11 for 138 yards with three touchdowns. Tyke Thompson added 132 yards on 15 carries.

These two schools met in week number two with Christiansburg rolling to a 45-7 win, but this is a different C-burg team without Tanner Evans, who had 136 yards passing and combined on four scores for the visitors.

Matt Annis also rushed nine times for 107 yards but

has missed the past two weeks with a foot injury. He is expected back for this playoff start.

The team's rushing game was limited to only Jaylin Joplin in the final regular season game in a loss to Salem.

Overall, Annis has rushed 73 times for 607 yards. In the absence of Evans, sophomore Izaiah Cotto has taken over the reins of the offense, rushing 104 times for 76 yards with eight touchdowns.

Joplin has rushed 42 times for 366 yards, meaning the Blue Demons will have rushed this season for over 3,000 yards as a team.

With Evans in the lineup, the play calling was 40 percent passing with 787 yards. Since his season-ending injury, the team has only completed 16 passes for 73 yards. Cotto is five of 16 with an interception.

Christiansburg sat out the week with a bye in the final week of the regular season and enters the playoffs with a 7-3 record with a two-game losing streak (Patrick Henry and Salem).

Some other familiar names could await Christiansburg in the playoffs in the form of Pulaski, William Byrd and Lord Botetourt. Pulaski is the number seven seed. Botetourt is number three. Magna Vista, who finished the regular season beaten, is the Class 3 Region D top seed. Byrd leapfrogged Christiansburg to take the second seed.

Christiansburg advances to region finals



Addison Reazor (right) pounds the ball past a Lord Botetourt defender at the net in Christiansburg's 29-27, 22-25, 32-30, 25-18 win on Thursday. The win advances the Blue Demons to the region championship and gives them a trip to the state semi-finals. Reazor had 12 kills in the contest.



CHS's Volleyball team reacts after winning their third game against Lord Botetourt to move to the Region D championship against Hidden Valley, which was slated to be played Tuesday night.



Braelynn Williams (center) and Katy Hoover (right) respond to an attempted kill by Lord Botetourt. Williams finished with eight kills.

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Two from East Mont All-Pioneer, Christiansburg's Dalton River Ridge coach of year

Marty Gordon
NRVsports@ourvalley.org

The Pioneer District has announced its 2023 all-district volleyball team with two from Eastern Montgomery High School, being named to the first-team, senior Hailey Akers and sophomore Olivia Boone.

Teammates Maddie Boone, Brookelyn Kingery, Caiden Roupe and Macie Akers were named to the second-team.

Christiansburg finished second in River Ridge District volleyball play with a 21-4 record, and for that, Christiansburg coach Lisa Dalton was named the district coach of the

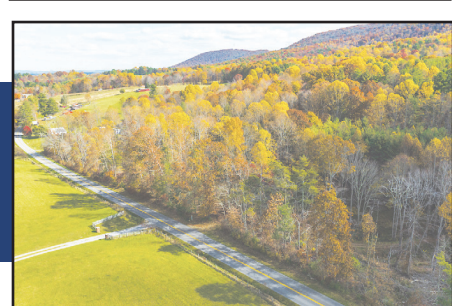
year. The team was scheduled to play Hidden Valley early this week for the region championship but will advance to state play no matter the result.

Christiansburg's Addison Reazor and Ela Shepherd were named the first-team announced this past week. Blacksburg's Emma Castle and Su Kato joined them on the first list.

Christiansburg placed two to the second-team in Reese Hall and Blythe Akers, while Blacksburg placed two on the second team in Audrey Stenger and Rowan English.

Braelynn Williams of Christiansburg was announced for the honorable mention list.

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