

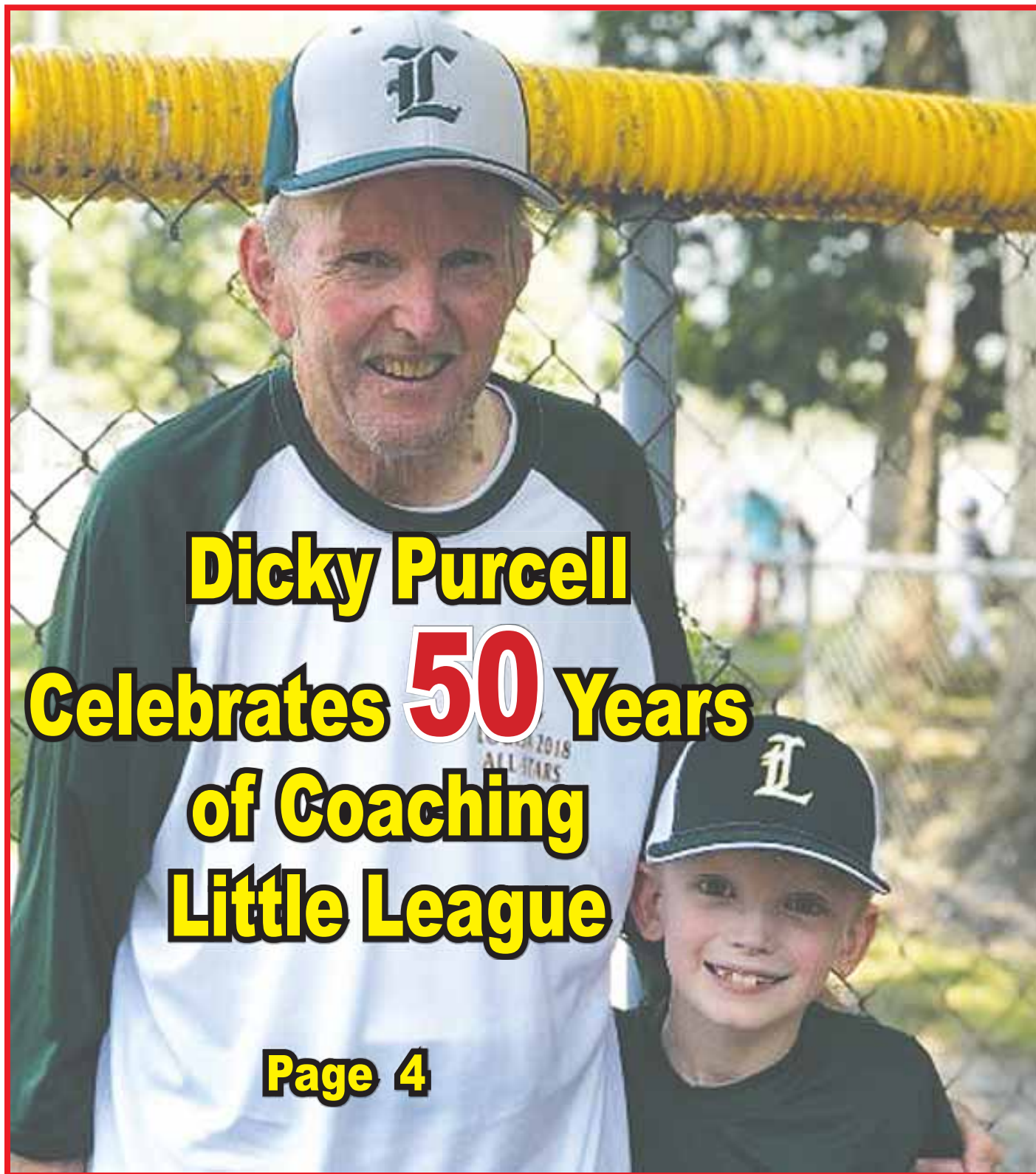


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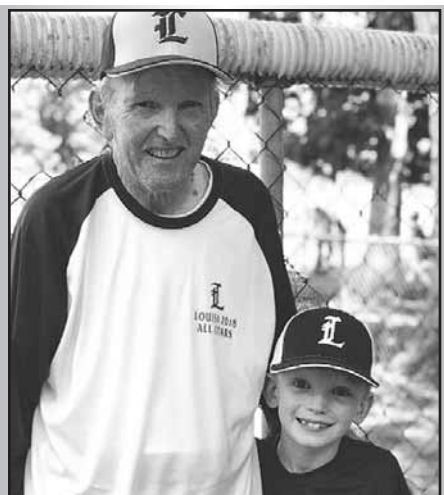
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After 50 years of coaching Little League, Dicky Purcell finally coached a family member, his grandson Jonah Brown.

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# Playing Beautiful Music Again

By Linda Salisbury  
Correspondent

**T**he haunting strains of Sir Elton John's "Your Song" can be heard from outside the door leading to Comer Piano Studio in a back room of the historic Mineral Baptist Church building adjacent to the newer church. Steve Comer's fingers improvised on the haunting melody as they covered the length of the keyboard.

The playing was all the more impressive because in 2012 Comer, his wife and two of his children, were badly burned when a propane tank in their recreational vehicle exploded while they were camping in Williamsburg during the Memorial Day holiday.

Comer said all four of them suffered second-and third-degree burns to their extremities. However, the musician's hands, as well as other parts of his body, needed extensive skin grafts. While Comer was unconscious for four weeks at the VCU burn unit, his father and wife made a decision. The skin for the grafts for his hands would be thicker than that used on other parts of his body so that it would be more flexible for playing the piano again. By the time he was conscious, "I had recovered to a great extent," he said. "I was surprised that I would be able to play," but he wasn't sure how well. "Thank the Lord," he added. "I regained full strength in my hands, with the full flexibility I needed."

He was able to return to Elk Creek Church, where he served as the music director, serving as both accompanist and choir director. Then, when a job as accompanist opened up at Mineral Baptist Church, he was hired. For a while he taught piano in the parish hall, but then the church offered to give him studio space in the adjacent historic building.

In June 2018, Comer Piano Studio opened, the only such studio in Mineral or Louisa even though there are other piano teachers in the area. Comer said in November that he has 13 students, about half are adults and the other half, youngsters. Some have had piano lessons in the past, and others are just beginning. One of his most recent students is his son, Christopher, a senior at Louisa High School.

In June 2018, with extensive visible scars on their arms and hands, father and son both participated in a piano master class at the Louisa Arts Center. Classical pianist Lynne Mackey invited pianists to play for her on stage in front of a small audience, and then she offered suggestions for improvement. It would be a daunting experience even for good players. Comer dazzled both



Piano teacher and church musician Steve Comer plays Sir Elton John's "Your Song." Photo by Linda Salisbury.

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# Cover Story



Jonah Brown received some personal advice from Papa Purcell after a game.



In 2017, Little League District 14 Commissioner Jimmy Straley presented Dicky Purcell with a plaque which recognized his 50 years of volunteer coaching.

Photo by Kathy Gardner

## Play Ball!

By Pat Wilson  
Correspondent

*D*icky Purcell is most grateful. He is surrounded by Brenda, his wife, three daughters, and two grandchildren. He also considers himself blessed by the numerous families and friends he has met throughout his life and travels. Also at the top of his list are the hundreds, if not thousands, of young men he has had the opportunity to work with. Equally as grateful are the youth and their families who have been fortunate enough to know the kind, caring coach whose knowledge of baseball is only out weighed by his patience and understanding.

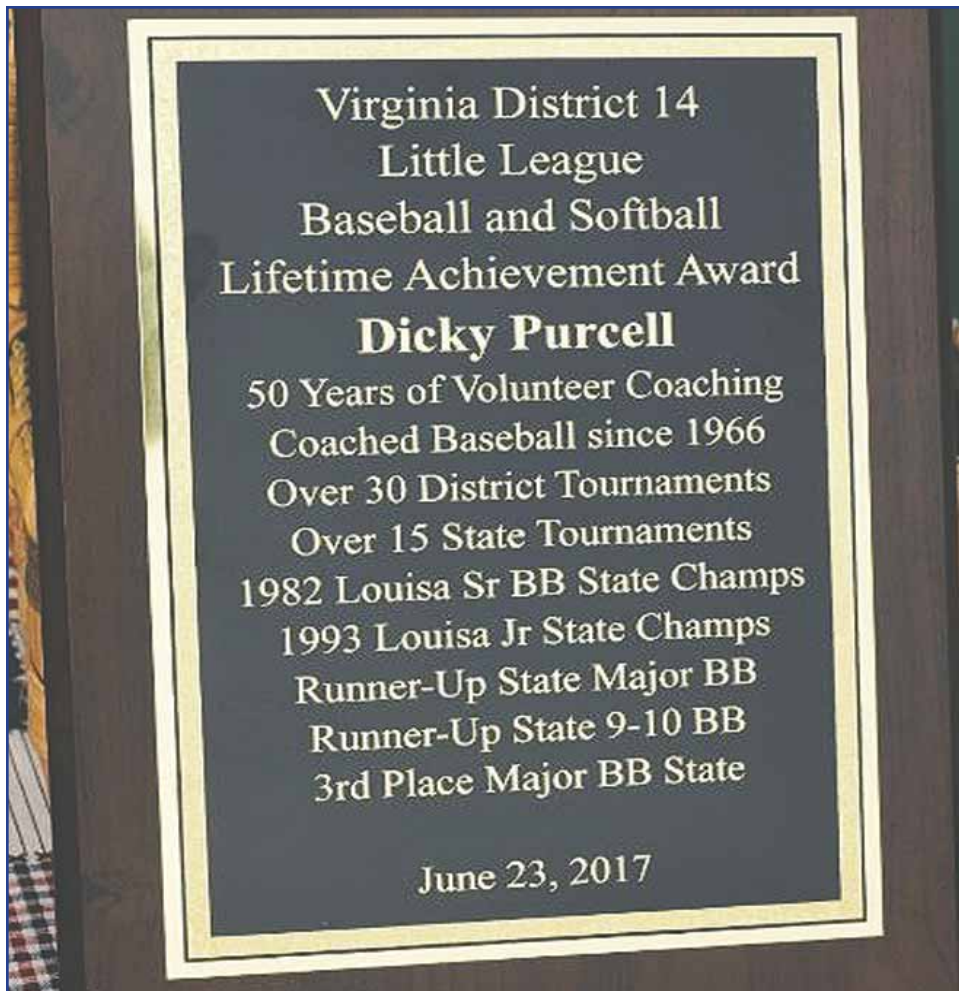
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The plaque says it all!

But last year's Little League 8 and 9-year-old All-Star team gave Purcell a unique experience. It was his first time coaching a family member, grandson Jonah Brown. His three daughters, Beth (Brown), Penny and Tammy, had chosen cross country and track! Granddaughter Jordan Atwell-Purcell has selected volleyball, softball and horses!

"I tried to treat all my kids equally, but perhaps I tended to lean on Jonah a little harder," he said, with Jonah remembering, "Papa got on me once for not coming in to catch a ball in left field. He keeps telling me I need to work on sliding and catching."

Still, Purcell's memories go back much further. Along with over six decades of coaching experience, Purcell had numer-

ous years participating in the sport.

"I had played in elementary school and we competed against several other Louisa schools," he said. "I played outfield and was not a starter. Johnny Hatter and I managed the high school baseball team in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Norman Smith was the coach and I'd chase foul balls, but that was about it. Back then, players and managers drove their personal cars to away games."

Purcell did play guard on the JV and varsity Lions basketball teams. But coaching was his passion and it began with what he termed a "pony league."

"I started coaching as soon as I got my driver's license at 15 and while I was still a sophomore in high school," he said. "I was coaching kids almost as old as I was.

Other teams were from Madison, Greene and Orange, and I literally went around and picked up kids to have enough players for away games."

After graduation, Purcell enrolled at the University of Kentucky with plans to teach history and coach. Not content with college life, Purcell returned to the county to work with his father Dick, in the family's lumber and land business.

Purcell did not give up his love for the sport. The young adult coached, managed and pitched for the Foxes, a softball team that played where the Louisa Major

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League field is today. Nelson and Jimmy Talley, Lindsey Woolfolk and George Gordon were among his teammates. Conditions were much different.

"The only fence was beside the fairgrounds and that was covered with honeysuckle. So most of the outfield was wide open and home runs were hard to come by," he said. "Duck Seay was about the only one to put a ball over that left field fence."

## Fifty Years of Coaching Little League

Little League came to Louisa in 1965, and Joe Polis convinced Purcell to coach the Dodgers the following year. Main competition was between two Louisa teams and two Gordonsville ones. Purcell was either at a practice or coaching at least six times a week. Scheduled games sometimes presented a problem.

"I loved it! Occasionally, I'd have a conflict between a softball game and a Little League game, so I'd get Marion Leake, to fill in for me, since his grandson was on the team," he said. "Charlie Chiles took over managing the softball team."

During those years, Purcell admits to one coaching misjudgment. He agreed to coach a women's softball team mostly composed of wives and girlfriends of the Foxes. He termed that as "a very different experience." His resume also includes two years of coaching Babe Ruth League (1983 and 1984) and a state championship. That he doesn't regret!

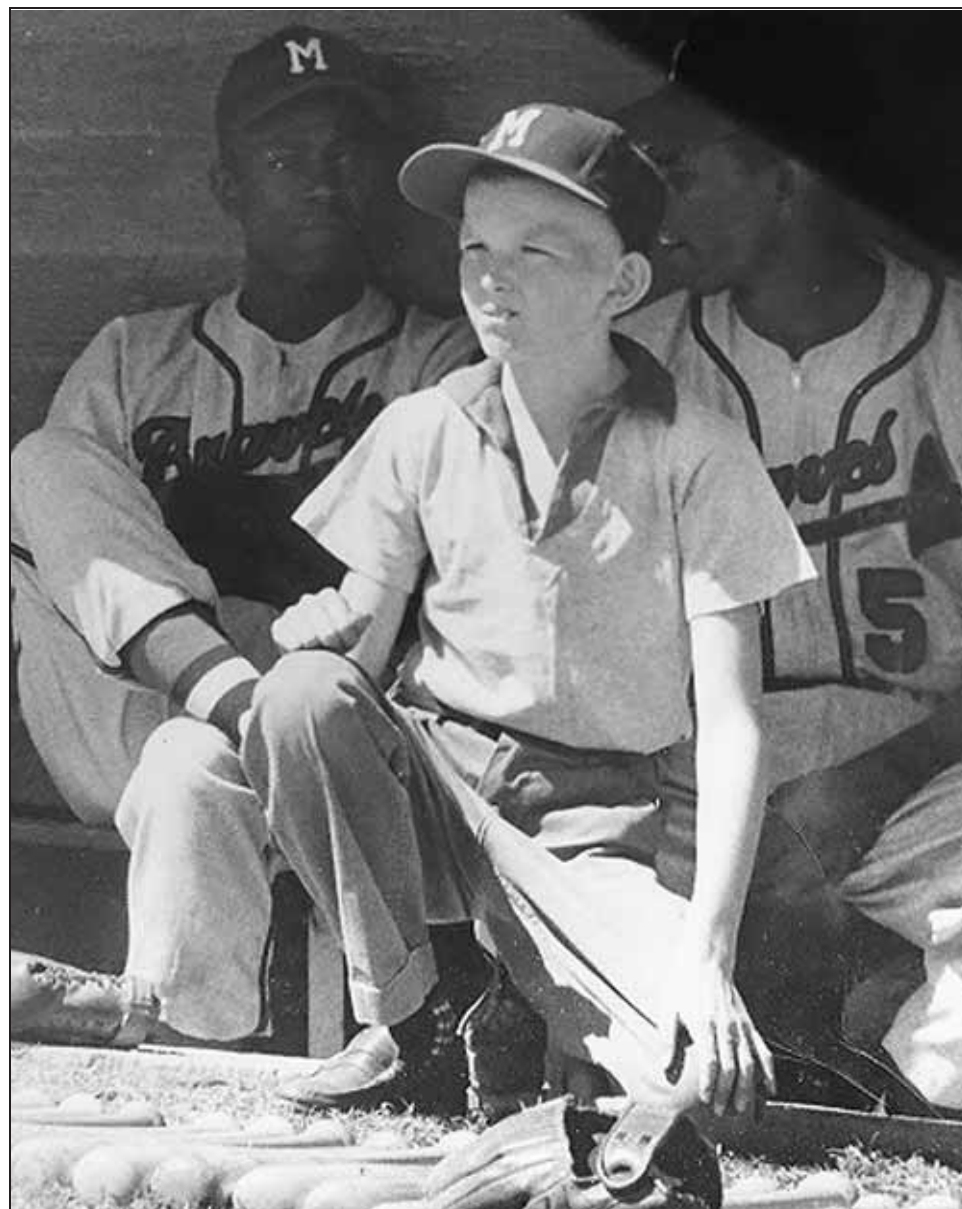
In the '70s, Louisa formed its own Little League of four teams. Purcell coached one. Successes follow successes, and over the past 50 years, Purcell has coached All-Star teams in various age groups that have captured numerous district titles as well as four state championships - 1982, 1983, 1993 and 2017.

But, the coach modestly claims that the key to his success was the kids, and just as importantly, the group effort by the men who coached with him, especially Jeff Luck, who Purcell claims has helped him "almost forever." He also has fond memories of coaching with Gary Clark and Doug Straley.

"I love coaching All-Stars. You get to compete against teams from other places, and you have the best, most dedicated kids," he said with Brenda adding, "Sports can be so important in a child's life, and the girls and I have had the opportunity to travel and meet so many good people."

## Wins and Losses

Wins were always sweet. A darkness shortened game gave one All-Star team a lucky victory, as the game reverted to its lead in the previous inning. On another



At age 12, Dicky Purcell and his parents traveled to St. Louis Cardinals spring training in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was selected as batboy for the visiting Milwaukee Braves and Kansas City Athletics. He collected autographs from Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle.

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occasion, a tag up on a deep fly ball led to state championship qualifying. Losses hang in Purcell's memory, as well. Against Tuckahoe National in 1968, his All-Star team lost 18 to 0. The Louisa players had no hits and only one on base - a walk.

"Our only consolation was that Tuckahoe was so good, that it played for the world championship, but was beaten by Japan," he said.

The coach admitted that occasionally after a loss that should have been a win, coming home was "hard on his family," and, sometimes, he just walked the railroad line through town to calm down. Brenda just smiled at that comment.

Purcell was not without his own mentors, especially Cecil Luck. The memory of a sound defeat against a Mechanicsville team and the prayer and words that Luck said to the boys after that game resonates in Purcell's recollections.

"He truly knew baseball and I only hope to live up to his style of treating his players," said Purcell. "He was equally generous. He bought a set of uniforms for one team of older boys I was coaching. He'd help me even after he stopped coaching his own teams."

Cancer treatments kept Purcell out of the dugout in the spring of 2017, so Dino Goodman, Andy Wade and Jeff Luck handled his team with Purcell sitting next to the dugout, keeping score and giving advice. It also gave him the options to leave a practice if he wasn't feeling well or to stay home, if necessary. That summer, Purcell helped coach the 11-year-old All-Star team to state honors.

"When we went to the southeast regionals in North Carolina, I walked around that outfield one morning and couldn't believe how fortunate I was to be there and have a team in the final four," he said.

Always in the back of his mind is Purcell's youthful promise.

"In my 20s, I made a commitment to the Lord and myself to coach. Seeing the kids mature, start families and take part in the community is the real reward," he said. "I've even coached three generations of several families."

But the coach realizes that he has gained so much from the sport.

"When something at work or otherwise was stressing me, I knew when I got out on that ball field in the evening, those worries vanished, as I concentrated on the game or practice," he said. "I am so lucky to have unbelievably talented people and dedicated kids to work with."

As soon as winter cold vanishes and weather get warmer, Purcell eagerly awaits tryouts and that opening day cry of, "Play Ball!"



Steve Comer talks about music in a comfortable chair in the corner of the recently opened Comer Piano Studio in Mineral. Photo by Linda Salisbury.



From right to left: Christina, Steve, Christopher and Michelle Comer of Mineral. Photo courtesy of the Comer family.

Mackey and listeners with a very difficult Chopin waltz, and Christopher did very well with a jazz piece with a detective theme. The melody captured the idea of a sleuth creeping around to solve a crime. The challenging master class didn't faze either the father or his teen-age son.

"He doesn't get rattled," said Comer.

While on stage, Christopher told Mackey that his father was not his teacher. He was teaching himself.

Comer said that he had given Christopher lessons for two or three years, "but then he had lost interest for a while." After the master class, Christopher wanted to take piano lessons again. In addition to his music, Christopher is also an excellent student at Louisa High School. He was recently honored for having top SAT scores, making him eligible for a National Merit Scholarship. Christopher is applying to college and wants to study physics.

Comer's teaching schedule fits into his other work, which is preparing income tax forms during tax season. Despite his musical talents, he didn't take music classes in college. Instead he was a business major at George Mason University in Fairfax. He took piano lessons as a child, and by the time he was 17, he was the official accompanist for Providence Baptist Church in Vienna, Va. He realized he could "make more money with employment in finance, and then in computer programming. When his wife, Christina, who worked for the Defense Department, was transferred to Charlottesville, the family moved in 2009 to Louisa County. He continued both his tax work and music. In 2015 "I seriously started teaching," he said.

One of Comers' daughters, Michelle, is in her second year at Virginia Tech studying computer science. The couple's oldest daughter, Lilah, who wasn't with them during the camping trip, is married and the mother of their only grandchild, Angelina, 2, who is already showing an interest in the piano.

It isn't a coincidence that "Your Song" is one of Comer's favorites. A phrase from the lyrics proclaims "how wonderful life is. . . ." The Comer family, with support of the community after the devastating fire, knows how precious and wonderful life is.

"We are blessed," said Comer.

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Piano teacher Steve Comer enjoys his new studio in a back room of the historic Mineral Baptist Church. Photo by Linda Salisbury.

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Katy Pistole, founder of Beautiful Brokenness Ministries, with Scooter, one of her six rescue horses. Photo by Linda Salisbury.

# Katy Pistole's Horse Ministry

By Linda Salisbury  
Correspondent

**S**cooter's chestnut coat glistened in the morning sun as he stood, without a bridle or any restraint and watched Katy Pistole. Scooter moved in any direction Pistole indicated, including spinning, trotting around her a number of times, and then climbing on a wooden box in the center of the ring on the Louisa farm where the horses are boarded.

Their communication and bond are especially remarkable given his background. Pistole rescued him more than 17 years ago when he was three and had been beaten by his owner who didn't understand horses. "Scooter had a lot of fear when I bought him," she said. Pistole only uses a relationship building method of communication called Natural Horsemanship and the results are amazing to watch.

This relationship with Scooter and her other horses is shared through Pistole's ministry called Beautiful Brokenness, which resonates with the many people she has counseled through the years. She demonstrated

the trusting relationship with Scooter and said there is so much trust between them that they could walk into the woods together like friends without him needing a halter.

Pistole's horses come when she calls their name, not for a reward, such as a carrot, but to just be with her. It's a bond based on personal interaction.

She shares her faith and bond with horses in her eight books. She wrote her first book at age four and has had six published for kids since 2003 in the Sonrise Farm Series. Her most recent book is "Jubilee: A Love Story," for an older audience.

She serves as the executive director of Beautiful Brokenness, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, and provides counseling and Bible study classes online and in person. She describes Beautiful Brokenness as "a horse-themed discipleship ministry that helps God's children see who and whose they are."

Her experiences with horses provide the metaphors for healing and developing a personal relationship with God,

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Author Katy Pistole holds an armful of some of her books.

she said.

"Jesus has allowed horses to help me understand His amazing love and passion for me and all His kids. He has used horses to help me experience the heart of The Shepherd," Pistole said.

Her father, Sam Thomsen was named the first American Ambassador to the Marshall Islands from 1987-90. In his career working for the State Department he and the family had lived overseas for most of Pistole's life. She was born in Alexandria, but the family moved to Vietnam in 1963 when she was six weeks old but evacuated in 1965 when the violence escalated. Her father stayed behind and was in the American Embassy in Saigon when it was blown up during an attack. He was initially feared dead, but fortunately survived.

She said she had always loved horses.

With occasional stays in the United States, the family then lived in Laos, then Botswana and Nigeria. When Pistole was 12 and in Botswana, she received her first horse, Black Jack. She had also been part of a church-going family without understanding God's desire for relationship. That changed when Black Jack came down with a fatal disease. Her parents and their friends offered to pray for the horse's recovery. When Pistole went to check on him the next day, he was fully cured. That was a life-altering event, she said, to have such a personal experience with God. "I knew then that there was a God. He was good, powerful and I've belonged to Him ever since," she said. "I started enjoying church," she said.

Beautiful Brokenness is the story of rescue, redemption and reconciliation for both animals and people. It's a story of working with both people and horses.

To learn more visit <https://beautifulbrokenness.org/> or contact Pistole through [Katy@BeautifulBrokenness.org](mailto:Katy@BeautifulBrokenness.org).



White Star, an Appaloosa comes when called by Katy Pistole.



Rider Katy Pistole and Scooter appear to be mutually enjoying their demonstration of Natural Horsemanship.

## Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

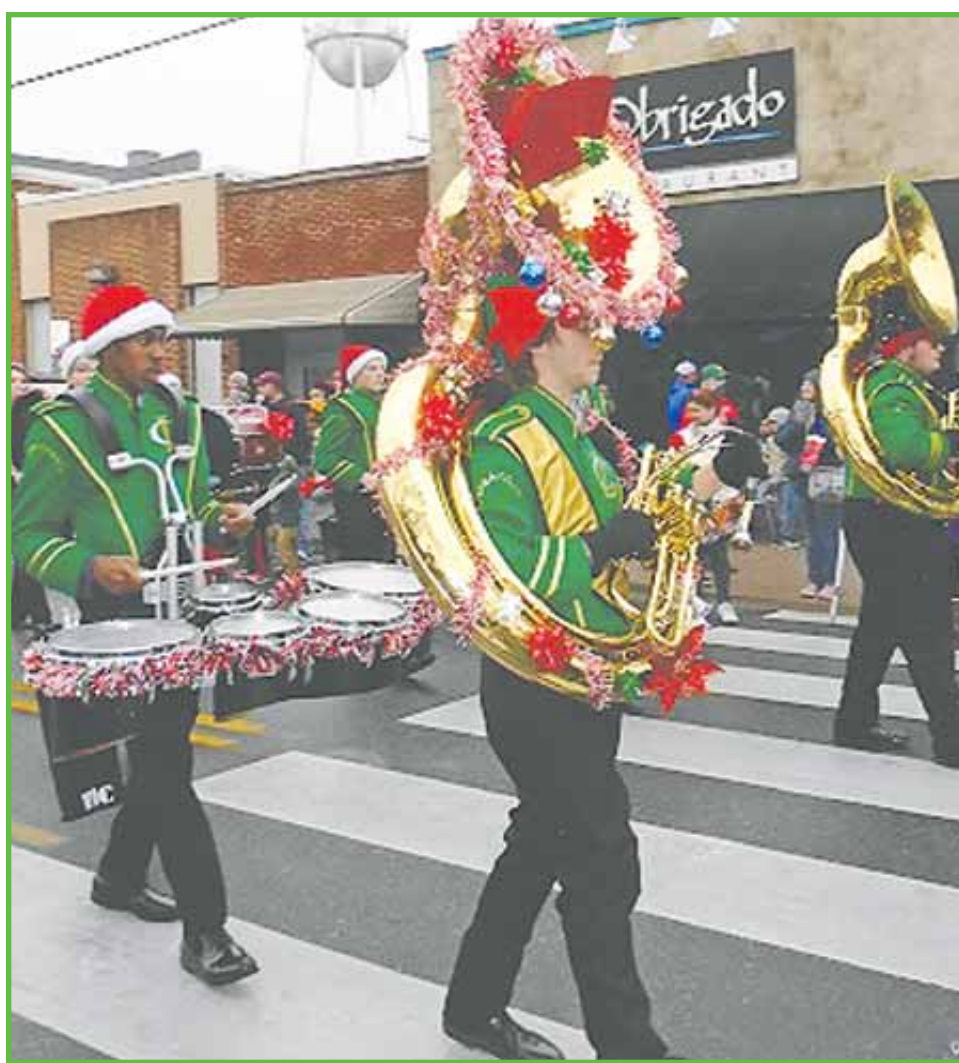
### ACROSS

- 1 "The Alienist" author
- 5 Hang down
- 10 Box-office bomb
- 14 Orchestral reed
- 15 North Carolina's \_\_\_\_\_ Banks
- 16 Greet the judge
- 17 Paper purchase
- 18 City served by The Daily Planet
- 20 Classic Cadillac
- 22 Pig's innards
- 23 Floral necklace
- 24 Date-night hirees
- 25 Hollywood Foreign Press awards
- 30 Bay window
- 31 Maid Marian's man
- 32 Barbecue bit
- 35 Actress Tuesday
- 36 Question
- 37 Foal's mother
- 38 "\_\_\_\_ a chance!"
- 39 Lethal loop
- 40 Kind of roll
- 41 Bright side
- 43 Mayor in Madrid
- 46 Irish rebel group
- 47 "Death of a Salesman" writer
- 48 Texas nickname
- 53 Modest
- 55 Bit of filming
- 56 Blood fluids
- 57 Chop finely
- 58 Rainbow goddess
- 59 Paleozoic and Mesozoic

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- 60 Look of disdain
- 61 Small price to pay
- 12 Basket willow
- 13 Annoyances
- 19 Communion plate
- 21 Casting need
- 24 Lamenting one
- 25 Prom purchase
- 26 Cookie with Peeps and Peppermint varieties
- 27 Cheerful tune
- 28 Disco favorite, "Shake Your \_\_\_\_\_ Thing"
- 29 No-good sort
- 32 Indian princess
- 33 Hotel amenity
- 34 Floating ice mass
- 36 Low spirits
- 37 Like some religious orders
- 39 Frasier's brother
- 40 Bring on board
- 41 Cantina dips
- 42 Hang around
- 43 Give the giggles
- 44 Eyelid cosmetic
- 45 Red Cross founder Barton
- 48 Cash biopic "Walk the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 49 Grimm beginning
- 50 Scale deduction
- 51 Comparable (to)
- 52 Medical advice, often
- 54 Time div.



The Louisa County High School Marching Lions included a festive tuba.



A pair of dinosaurs danced down Main Street to the delight of spectators.

## The Holiday Spirit Marches into Louisa

By Pat Wilson  
Correspondent



Mica Springs Farm's float featured characters from the myriad of horse-based fiction books.

**A** light drizzle did little to dampen the number of spectators or their enthusiasm as colorful floats, mounted equestrians, an assortment of vehicles, volunteer organizations and marching groups paraded down Main Street as Louisa County ushered in the season with its annual Christmas Festival. The Saturday, December 1 event centered around Courthouse Square where vendors catered to holiday shoppers and those warming up with a cup of hot chocolate.

Organized by Louisa County Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the theme was Christmas Stories and Characters. Youngsters marveled at such entries as the Grinch, The Nutcracker's sugar plum fairies, dancing dinosaurs and Louisa County Animal Shelter dogs and handlers who formed a Polar Express.

**All photos by Pat Wilson**



Lucy Peters was bundled up as her family watched the parade.

See Holiday page 15

# FOUR PRESENTS COUNTY PLAYERS



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SONGS IN THE CELLAR

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Spectrum 25	Lake Anna Realty 25	Baily's Drug 50
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Parrish Store 25	Bargain Barn 50 Box	Louisa P.O. 400
Gum Springs BP 50	Mineral Express 50 Box	Panda Garden 100
Gum Springs Pit Stop 100 Box	Gulf 50 Box	Romas Box 150 Inside 150
33 Quick Mart 50 Box	Louisa County Library 25	Laundromat 50
B&L Market 50 Box	Betty Queen Center 100	Tres Portrillos 75
Elk Creek Store 50 Box	Medical Associates of Louisa 50	Walgreens 50
Lake Anna Market 2	Southern States 50	Pizza Hut 100
	Dominos 100	Louisa BP 25
	Subway 150	Shoppers Value 300
	Hunan Best 50	B&R Market 25
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Mineral Christian School students and family.



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Answers to the Crossword Puzzle from page 11

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	LEI	SITTERS
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NOT	NOOSE	HONOR
	SILVER LINING	
ALCALDE	IRA	
MILLER	LONESTAR	
UNASSUMING	TAKE	
SERA	MINCE	IRIS
ERAS	SNEER	CENT

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# In the Theater



**Seldom Scene – Tickets \$35 - 37**

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★ Sunday, Feb 24 at 2:00 PM

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## Auditions!



### ★ The Nerd

Directed by Eleanor Drew Perkinson  
Audition Date/Time: January 4, 2019 / 5:30pm  
Callback Date/Time: January 6, 2019 / 1:00pm  
Performance Dates: March 8 - 10, 2019

William Cubbert, an unassuming young architect that lives in Terre Haute, Indiana, seems to have a relatively normal life. He has his close friends Tansy and Axel, a good job even with his overbearing boss and tries to live carefree as possible. So, what happens when Rick Steadman, the man that saved William's life in Vietnam arrives unexpectedly? The catch is that Rick and William have never met, so when Rick's personality is revealed the chaos that ensues is almost more that William can stand. Experience what it is like to come face to face with "The Nerd."

Additional Information:

- Ages 20's - 60's are encouraged to audition. Prepare to read directly from the script.
- Rehearsals will begin January 14 and continue weekdays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.
- \*Rehearsal schedule is subject to change depending on the availability of the actors.



### ★ The Living Last Supper

Directed by Eleanor Drew Perkinson  
Audition Date: January 26, 2019  
Performance Date: April 18 - 20, 2019  
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betrayal. Gather in the upper room and experience the Living Last Supper.

Additional Information

- Ages 20's - 60's are encouraged to audition. Prepare to read directly from the script.
- Rehearsals begin in late March. Stay tuned for more details!

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