



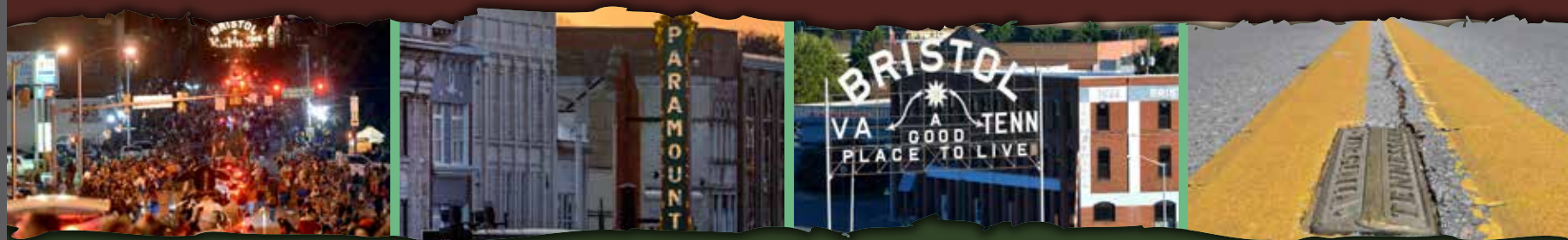
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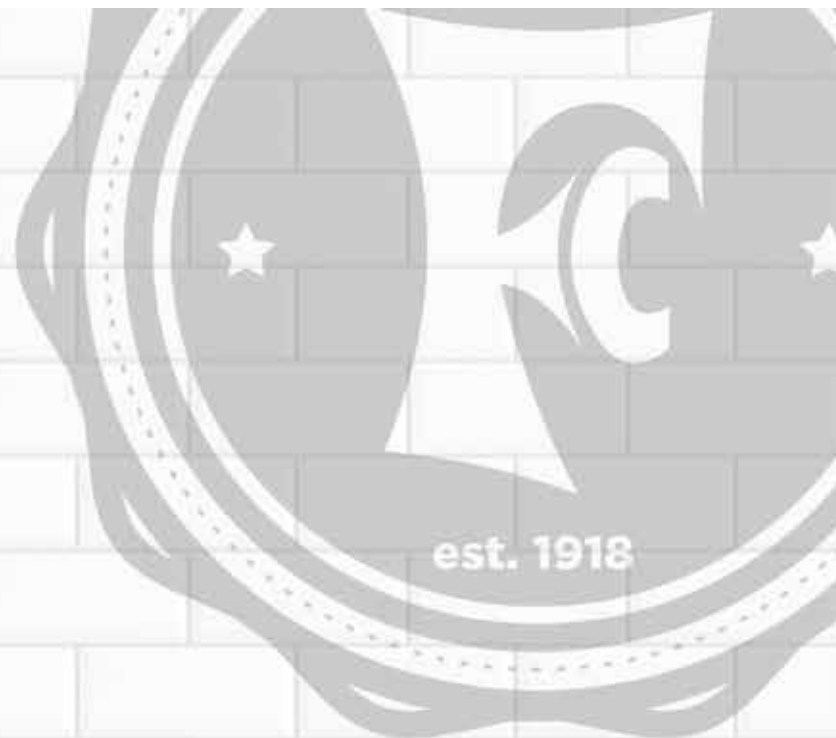
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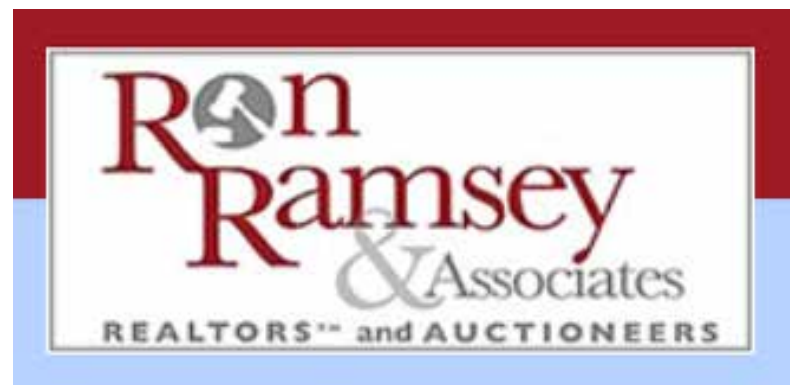
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ipods, computers, and remote microphones wirelessly into hearing aids give patients greater levels of speech understanding satisfaction than ever before.

"We thank everyone who voted for us again," says Dr. Esposito. "We will continue to help our patients restore their quality of life for many years to come."

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K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. is the corporate banner for the Food City supermarket chain and is an acronym for its original base trade area of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. In 2015, the company also purchased 29 supermarkets (including 21 pharmacies) in Chattanooga, Tennessee and North Georgia and currently has a store underway in Albertville, Alabama.

This privately held, family-owned company has grown over the years by expansion, new store construction and acquisitions. Today, they operate 16 locations in southeastern Kentucky, 24 in southwest Virginia, 66 in east Tennessee, 19 in Chattanooga, Tennessee and 9 in north Georgia. The 134-store chain includes 126 Food City locations (with 109 pharmacies and 110 fuel/convenience stores), 5 Super Dollar Food Center limited assortment and 3 wine & spirits stores. Serving a current trade area of over 1.5 million households, with a population of 3.5 million, they also operate their own 1.2 million square-foot distribution center, located in Abingdon, VA.

Having served their neighbors for over 100 years, the Food City banner dates back to a store opened in Greeneville, TN in 1918. K-VA-T Food Stores' real beginning came in 1955 when Jack C. Smith (founder), his father Curtis, cousin Ernest and uncle Earl opened their first store in Grundy, VA. Since that time, Food City has grown in leaps through the acquisition of several Piggly Wiggly operations in Southwest Virginia and Eastern Kentucky, along with Quality Foods/Food City, White Stores, Winn Dixie and BI-LO units in east Tennessee and north Georgia. The company has also grown steadily by expansion into new market areas while remodeling and replacing existing locations as needed to best serve their customers.

K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. continues to grow and share its growth with its associates. "Over 13% of the company

is owned by our associates and that continues to grow every year through our profit-sharing plan," said Steve Smith, Food City President & CEO. He attributes the company's success to "a talented team of hard-working associates who are dedicated to serving our customers and their community".

Food City locations offer a wide variety of services and conveniences, ranging from in-store fresh baked goods, deli meats, cheeses and salads, hot foods and café seating areas to Floral Boutiques, staffed with designers seven days a week. Full-service meat and seafood departments offer pre-marinated and seasoned products, plus a complete selection of top-quality meats that are all-natural, including Certified Angus Beef. In-house meat cutters will hand cut steaks, chops and roasts to order. Expanded grocery, frozen food, produce and health & beauty care departments go well beyond the normal fare with a huge selection of gourmet, international and hard-to-find items.

Through a partnership with local farmers, Food City is able to bring their customers fresh-from-the-field fruits and vegetables. Many items are delivered directly from the farm to the store on the same day they are picked. Each year, Food City buys approximately \$5,000,000 in fresh produce from local growers.

Food City's convenient pharmacies are staffed with highly trained professionals whose primary concern is the well-being of their customers. Many of the pharmacies are now equipped with a drive-thru for greater convenience. Food City Gas N' Go fuel stations offer competitive prices on high quality gasoline. Many now sell diesel fuel. A number of stores include national or local branch banks, offering ATM's and a full range of financial services.

The company also offers the added convenience of GoCart curbside pick-up at 68 locations throughout their market area. The GoCart program allows cus-

tomers to select their purchases on-line. Their order is filled by a professional shopper and loaded into their vehicle when they arrive at the store. And, they can pay for their purchases on-line or by credit or debit card at the time of pick-up. Food City Home Delivery powered by Instacart is also available in 101 of their locations, providing shoppers with the flexibility of same-day delivery to their doorstep.

In order to provide greater value for its customers, the company offers many private label product choices under the labels Food Club, Food City Fresh, Full Circle Market, Wide Awake Coffee Co., Tippy Toes, Harvest Club, Paws Happy Life, Evolve, Over the Top, Nostimo, Crav'n, CharKing, Misty Mountain, Flock's Finest, b-lieve, Simply Done, TopCare, Culinary Tours, That's Smart, Pure Harmony, and more. A subsidiary arm of K-VA-T Food Stores, Misty Mountain Spring Water, L.L.C., bottles pure spring water to sell in Food City stores and under private labels for other retailers. Food City customers are able to enjoy classic brand products that are not available in any other stores. Brands like Kern's Bread, Kay's Ice Cream, Lay Meats, Terry's Snack Foods and Moore's Potato Chips were once household names, but for one reason or another disappeared from store shelves. Food City has brought these brands back with the same recipes and flavors as before.

The company supports a number of community-based organizations and agencies throughout their market area. Food City's School Bucks Program has donated more than \$20 million in much needed equipment to area schools. Their annual Charity Golf Outing has raised a combined total of over \$7.91 million since its inception to benefit area charitable organizations and their annual Race Against Hunger campaign also provides over \$500,000 in assistance to local hunger relief organizations each year. Their Mission Able project has raised

over \$2.24 million in the last ten years to benefit Paralyzed Veterans of America. The company supports scores of other initiatives including United Way, Susan G. Komen, Relay for Life/The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Juvenile Diabetes, Second Harvest Food Bank, Feeding America and countless others.

The Food City name is also synonymous with NASCAR racing through the sponsorship of two of the sport's most popular events, the spring Food City 500 and fall Food City 300 at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, TN. In 2017, Food City celebrated the 25th Anniversary of their race sponsorships, as well as the 30th Anniversary of Food City Race Night. As the second longest running sponsor in NASCAR, the company has also contributed more than \$565,000 in proceeds from their annual Food City Race Night events to local organizations throughout the area. Food City served as the presenting sponsor of the historic "Battle at Bristol" football game between the University of Tennessee and Virginia Tech. Food City is also a major corporate partner of several local athletic programs, including the University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Emory and Henry.

"We're proud to be locally owned and operated," Smith says. "We're extremely passionate about what we do and we're committed to providing our customers with top quality products at the lowest possible price and exceptional service while continuing the mission our company was founded upon sixty-five years ago, to "run the best store in town".





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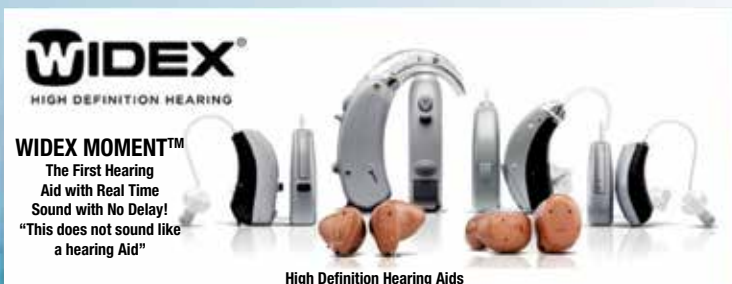
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Texas Roadhouse claimed top honors in Best New Restaurant, Best Steakhouse and Best Family/Casual Dining in the awards, voted on by the readers of the Bristol Herald Courier. Managing partner Craig Phelps and his team opened the new store Oct. 25 in The Falls off Lee Highway. Word soon spread and dinner wait times quickly exceeded an hour, as patrons from far and near flocked to partake of hand-cut steaks, fall-off-the-bone ribs, made from scratch side items, fresh baked bread and ice cold beer.

"It is truly an honor to accept these awards on behalf of my amazing team, my management team and my wonderful staff," Phelps said, "For our community to vote us number one in all of these categories we were nominated for means so much to us."

Phelps called the new 330-seat location, which is the largest Texas Roadhouse in the region, a "dream come true" after a career of working some 20 years in the food service industry including 11 years for Texas Roadhouse.

"I love my job due to the values Texas Roadhouse consists of It allows me to be who I am and be a caring leader," Phelps said. "Bristol is my hometown area

and I'm blessed to be growing this brand to Bristol and have a passion to serve my local community."

Phelps comes to Bristol from the Kingsport location, where he previously served as kitchen manager.

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"You put pride in your people," Phelps says. "We carefully selected each and every person who works here and it is an honor to watch them learn this business, grow into their roles, take on new challenges and flourish."

Visitors to Texas

Roadhouse will feel right

at home with décor that tips its hat to Bristol's role as the Birthplace of Country Music, the fender-banging excitement of racing at Bristol Motor Speedway and local short tracks plus the landmark Bristol sign and the gorgeous scenery that defines this region.

Dine-in, order to go, or on this area's unique patio dining during warm weather months, Texas Roadhouse is the perfect location to enjoy a great meal and relax with family and friends. The center bar area features a multitude of big-screen TVs that are always tuned to your favorite game or race. Your favorite country music is always playing in the background and you might just catch the staff doing a little line dancing or wishing you a Big Texas-sized "Yee Haw" on your birthday.

Texas Roadhouse is more than a restaurant. We are part of the community and gladly support local charities and organizations that help our neighbors.



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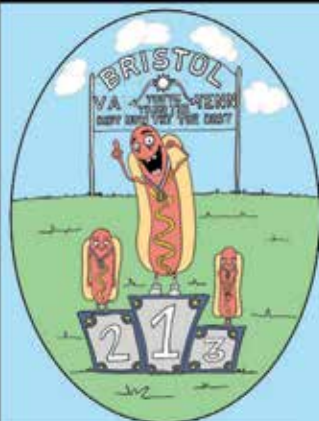
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At BTES, continuous improvement and performance excellence are part of the culture.

"We are always looking for ways to improve our services and succeed in our vision of being the best," explained Browder. "This award signifies that we are heading in the right direction. We continue to improve our Internet service and strive to provide reliable, safe and cost-effective services."

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Browder continued, "The Automated Switching System automatically restores power when outages occur by using intelligent switches, called IntelliRupters. These devices detect outages at the location, isolates damaged sections of power lines, and quickly restores power. Real-time communication between these devices through the fiber system detects the disruption and instantly isolates the problem area."

This communication automatically "reroutes" power to minimize the length of an outage or avoid it altogether if it is a temporary fault, such as an animal on the line or a lightning strike.

"We will continue to look for ways to enhance our services for the benefit of our customers," Browder continued. "We want to say a special thank you to our customers for voting us Best Internet and Cable Provider! We appreciate each of you!"

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Barter Theatre Thanks you for voting us #1...

One of Abingdon's oldest attractions is the legendary Barter Theatre, the State Theatre of Virginia. The theatre began in 1933 with one man's idea to have patrons pay with produce. Now it has grown in to a year-round theatre with more than 160,000 visitors each year. With its unique history and outstanding productions of comedy, drama, musicals and new Appalachian plays, Barter Theatre is a must-see attraction. Barter Theatre is the epicenter of Abingdon's cultural life, which also features live music, world-class museums, galleries and a wide variety of working artists' studios. Barter is a professional Equity Theatre, with a resident company

of paid actors who perform in more than 25 productions each year.

The theatre operates two stages on Main Street in downtown Abingdon. The rich history of Barter Theatre is reflected in its beautiful Gilliam Stage, with its classic proscenium stage, opulent furnishings and renovated lobby with gift shop.

Across the street at the Smith Stage, patrons can experience a more intimate space that is home to edgier new works, as well as the Barter Players children's theatre. During the Great Depression, many actors were literally "starving artists," while Appalachian farmers had produce rotting in the fields, unable to sell

their goods. Robert Porterfield, an enterprising young actor, returned to his native Southwest Virginia with an extraordinary proposition: local residents could barter produce from the farms and gardens of the region to gain admission to see a play. So on June 10, 1933, Barter Theatre opened its doors, proclaiming "With vegetables you cannot sell, you can buy a good laugh." The price of admission was 40 cents or equivalent amount of produce.

Four out of five Depression-era theatregoers paid their way with vegetables, dairy products and livestock. The theatre went on to become a launching pad for famous alumni like Gregory Peck, Patricia Neal, Ernest Borgnine,

Hume Cronyn, Kevin Spacey and other entertainment giants.

Eight decades later, Barter's unique heritage is celebrated with "Barter Days," when patrons can barter for their tickets with a donation of canned goods for an area food Barter Theatre operates February through December each year, with performances Tuesdays through Sundays. The repertory schedule means performance times vary, so view the Barter calendar online for more information, or request a Barter Theatre brochure by calling the box office at (276) 628-3991.

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Local Woman Turns Her Love of Animals into A Successful Business

After many years away from SW Virginia, Angelia Price-Robinette moved back to a family-owned farm called NEVERBEEN Farm. With the help and guidance from her aunt and uncle, who own the farm, and further discussions with other family and friends, she started building a small boarding facility on the farm. She turned her love of animals and passion for training dogs into a business that now serves local clients and those from surrounding communities. The business is thriving and it is a facility that is fun for all of the dogs that come to board, groom, and/or train.

Angie has years of experience working with animals and working with different veterinarians in VA, TN, MS, and WV. Before focusing all of her time and energy on her new business and caring for her own 8 border collies, she ran a horse boarding and training facility for years. Once she began training and breeding border collies, she

realized her true passion and focused solely on dogs. She also was involved in organizing a 4-H youth group to aid in the obedience of their own personal dogs. Since the start of her local business, she has fostered and cared for many dogs, providing adoptive forever homes.

In addition to the grooming, boarding, and private training provided at Circle A, Angie has plans to add a few classes this summer, on a limited basis, and offering more agility training.

Angie's desire has led her to serve the community and provide amazing services that has earned her and Circle A the BEST IN BRISTOL award placing 1st in Grooming and 2nd place in Training.

Circle A at NEVERBEEN Farm is located in Glade Spring, VA. They can be reached at (202)368-7988 or by email at circleabordercollies@gmail.com

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1st-EM Collision Repair Inc.
2nd-Abingdon Collision and Towing Inc.
3rd-TC's Auto Body Repair Center

AUTO DEALER - NEW

1st-Toyota of Bristol
2nd-Blue Ridge Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
3rd-Bill Gatton Honda

AUTO DEALER USED

1st-Toyota of Bristol
2nd-Motor Mile Motors of Bristol
3rd-Blue Ridge Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

AUTO INDEPENDENT CAR DEALER

1st-Motor Mile Motors of Bristol
2nd-HD Motors
3rd-KB Motors

AUTO SALESPERSON (NAME & DEALERSHIP)

1st-Toyota of Bristol, Keith Pruitt
2nd-Jimi Hall, Blue Ridge Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
3rd-Wallace Imports of Bristol, Chris Stapleton

AUTO SERVICE CENTER

1st-Rhino Linings of Bristol
2nd-SOHO Tire and Service Center
3rd-Wallace Repair Shop, Inc.

BOAT DEALERSHIP

1st-Sexton's Marine
2nd-Sportsmans Marina
3rd-Laurel Marina

CAR WASH

1st-Ultimate Shine Car Wash
2nd-Towne Center Soft Cloth Auto Wash
3rd-TruShine Car Wash

FARM EQUIPMENT

1st-Rural King
2nd-Abingdon Equipment Co., Inc.
3rd-Meade Tractor of Abingdon

MARINA

1st-Painter Creek
2nd-Lake View Dock
3rd-Laurel Marina

MARINE SERVICE

1st-Sexton's Marine
2nd-The Boat Doctors
3rd-Mtm Marine Services

MECHANIC (NAME & GARAGE)

1st-Toyota of Bristol - Keith Herndon
2nd-SOHO Tire & Service Center
3rd-JR - JR's Auto Repair

MOTORCYCLE DEALER

1st-Black Wolf Harley-Davidson
2nd-Friendship Motorsports
3rd-Wrecking Crew Harley-Davidson

TIRE STORE / DEALER

1st-K&K Tire, Inc.
2nd-SOHO Tire & Service Center
3rd-Discount Tire

TOWING/ ROLLBACK SERVICE

1st-Grand Slam Towing & Recovery
2nd-Carl's East End Service Center
3rd-Abingdon Collision and Towing Inc.

ART GALLERY/MUSEUM

1st-Birthplace of Country Music Museum
2nd-William King Museum
3rd-Arts Depot

BAND/MUSICIAN

1st-COAL CAMP
2nd-Savage Outlaws
3rd-DJ B Digital

BEST EVENT VENUE

1st-The Farm on Pemberton
2nd-Paramount Center for the Arts
3rd-Bristol Train Station

FAMILY/ CHILD ENTERTAINMENT

1st-Bristol Skateway
2nd-Burlap Nest Creations
3rd-Just Jump Trampoline Park

FESTIVAL (MUSIC, ART, FAIR)

1st-Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion
2nd-Appalachian Fair
3rd-Virginia Highlands Festival

GOLF COURSE

1st-Putt-Putt Fun Center
2nd-Clear Creek Golf Club
3rd-Steele Creek Golf Course

LIVE THEATER/MUSICAL EVENTS

1st-Barter Theatre
2nd-Paramount Center for the Arts
3rd-The Cameo Theater

MOVIE THEATER

1st-Pinnacle Park, Bristol TN
2nd-Abingdon Cinemall
3rd-Legacy Theaters Bristol 14

NIGHT CLUB/ AFTER HOUR VENUE

1st-Stateline Bar & Grille
2nd-Blue Ridge Comedy Club
3rd-Sidetracks

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

1st-Steele Creek Park
2nd-Creation Kingdom Zoo
3rd-Sugar Hollow Park

AUCTION COMPANY

1st-Ron Ramsey Auction & Associates
2nd-Bart Long & Associates Realty & Auction LLC
3rd-Abingdon Auto Auction, Inc

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1st-First Bank & Trust Co.
2nd-New Peoples Bank
3rd-First Community Bank

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1st-Eastman Credit Union
2nd-United Southeast Federal Credit Union
3rd-Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union

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1st-Wells Fargo Advisors - Jason B. Sturgill, Financial Advisor
2nd-Spiegler Blevins & Company, CPAs & Advisors
3rd-Edward Jones - Financial Advisor: Ricky Bray

INSURANCE

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2nd-Wampler's Insurance Agency Inc.
Farm Bureau Insurance

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3rd-Jimmy Akers, Stuart & Associates Realty, LLC

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3rd-Uptown Properties LLC

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3rd-Crystal Hicks H&R Block Bristol Va

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1st-Shoku Japanese Steak House
2nd-Wasabi Asian Cuisine Restaurant
3rd-Sakura Express Japanese

BAKERY

1st-Blackbird Bakery
2nd-Auntie Ruth's Doughnuts
3rd-Food City

BAR

1st-Stateline Bar & Grille
2nd-620 State Restaurant | Sushi + Asian + American + Cocktail Bar | Bristol, TN
3rd-JJ's Restaurant & Sports Bar

BBO

1st-Ridgewood Barbecue
2nd-Delta Blues BBQ
3rd-Southern Craft BBQ Bristol

BREWERY/ DISTILLERY

1st-State Street Brewing
2nd-Michael Waltrip Brewing Co.
3rd-Wolf Hills Brewing Co.

BURGER

1st-Burger Bar
2nd-Blue Circle
3rd-Pal's Sudden Service

CATERER

1st-Chick-fil-A
2nd-Food City
3rd-Stateline Bar & Grille

CHICKEN WINGS

1st-Quaker Steak & Lube
2nd-Stateline Bar & Grille
3rd-Delta Blues BBQ

COFFEE SHOP

1st-Trailblazer Coffee
2nd-Blackbird Bakery
3rd-Food City

DELI/SUB SHOP

1st-Phat Daddy's
2nd-Blue Circle
3rd-Jersey Mike's Subs

FAMILY OR CASUAL DINING

1st-Texas Roadhouse
2nd-bistro on 6th
3rd-Cootie Brown's in Bristol

FINE DINING

1st-The Tavern
2nd-bistro on 6th
3rd-J. Frank's Restaurant

FOOD TRUCK

1st-Auntie Ruth's Doughnuts
2nd-Bristol Berry Bowl
3rd-Baked and loaded foodtruck

HEALTH FOOD STORE

1st-Bristol Health Food Store
2nd-Blue Hills Market
3rd-Java Juice House

HOT DOGS

1st-Ballpark Corner Market
2nd-Corner Dog House
3rd-Pal's Sudden Services

ICE CREAM

1st-The Southern Churn
2nd-Ice Cream Stop
3rd-Blackbird Bakery

ITALIAN

1st-The Angry Italian Restaurant
2nd-The Mad Greek Restaurant
3rd-Machiavelli's Italian Restaurant

MEXICAN

1st-Puerto Nuevo Freshmex & Seafood
2nd-Casa Mexicana
3rd-La Corona Mexican Restaurant

NEW RESTAURANT (LESS THAN 12 MONTHS)

1st-Texas Roadhouse
2nd-bistro on 6th
3rd-Blended Pedaler

PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE

1st-Parkway Wine & Liquor
2nd-Jolly Time Liquor & Wine
3rd-Pit Row Wine and Liquor

PIZZA

1st-The Cave Pizza
2nd-Bella's Pizza and Subs
3rd-The Angry Italian Restaurant

SEAFOOD

1st-Greene's Seafood
2nd-Red Lobster
3rd-Craig McLaughlin-First Landing Seafood Company

STEAKHOUSE

1st-Texas Roadhouse
2nd-The Tavern
3rd-Outback Steakhouse

SUPERMARKET

1st-Food City
2nd-Kroger
3rd-The Big Red Apple Shed

WINE STORE

1st-Abingdon Vineyards
2nd-Katbird's Wine & Gourmet
3rd-Nicewonder Farm & Vineyard

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY / NURSING HOME FACILITY

1st-The Waters of Bristol
2nd-English Meadows Abingdon Campus
3rd-Oakmont at Gordon Park

AUDIOLOGIST/ HEARING CENTER

1st-Nu Hearing Centers
2nd-Abingdon Falls Plaza Hearing Center
3rd-Bristol Regional Speech & Hearing

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2nd-Gillenwater Chiropractic, Acupuncture, and Nutrition Center
3rd-Dr. Michael Smith Chiropractic & Wellness Center

DAY SPA/MEDICAL SPA

1st-The Martha Washington Inn & Spa
2nd-The Polished Diamond -A Luxury Spa
3rd-Salt of the Earth

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3rd-Alamont Dental Associates, P.C.

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3rd-Dr. Torrey J. Carlson & Associates

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2nd-YMCA
3rd-Champion Striking and Fitness

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2nd-Amedisys Home Health Care
3rd-Blue Mountain Therapy

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1st-Holston Medical Group
2nd-Seasons for Women at Bristol
3rd-Bristol Regional Medical Center

MASSAGE THERAPY

1st-The Polished Diamond ~A Luxury Spa~
2nd-Parkway Massage Club & Spa
3rd-The Martha Washington Inn & Spa

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

1st-Mac's Medical Equipment & Supplies
2nd-Lincare
3rd-Elevated Mobility

ORTHODONTIST

1st-Westfall Orthodontics
2nd-L Sean Mullins Orthodontics
3rd-TriCities Orthodontic Specialists

ORTHOPEDICS

1st-Appalachian Orthopedics - Bristol Midway
2nd-Watauga Orthopaedics
3rd-HMG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

PEDIATRICIAN

1st-Bristol Pediatric Associates
2nd-Dr. Thomas E. Mitoraj, MD
3rd-Highlands Pediatrics

PHARMACY

1st-Food City Pharmacy
2nd-H Johnson's Pharmacy
3rd-Michael's Pharmacy

PHYSICAL THERAPY

1st-Watauga Orthopaedics
2nd-Blue Mountain Therapy
3rd-Abingdon Therapy Services Inc

URGENT CARE

1st-Ballad Health Medical Associates Urgent Care
2nd-Fast Pace Health
3rd-Ballad health in piney flats

WEIGHT LOSS CENTER

1st-In Shape
2nd-About Face Aesthetics, Skincare & Weight Mgt.
3rd-Renew Aesthetics & Wellness

YOGA STUDIO

1st-BristolYOGA
2nd-Whitetop Yoga

CABLE/INTERNET PROVIDER

1st-BTES
2nd-Spectrum
3rd-Point Broadband

CLEANING SERVICES/ MAID

1st-20/20 Cleaning Services
2nd-Aprons Cleaning Services Abingdon, VA
3rd-Wendy Brewer

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3rd-Precision Electrical Company

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2nd-Bristol Flooring Inc
3rd-Goodfellas Flooring and More

HEATING & AIR

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2nd-Josh Kite, Bristol, TN
3rd-John Legg's Heating & Air

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1st-Fleenor Security Systems
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LANDSCAPER

1st-Shaw's Lawn and Landscaping
2nd-Dillon's Lawn Care and Handyman Services
3rd-Roe's Landscaping

PAVING/SEAL COATING

1st-Eller Paving
2nd-W L Construction & Paving, Inc
3rd-Fuller Paving Co

PEST CONTROL

1st-Shepherd's Pest Control
2nd-Mize Pest Control
3rd-Bee Leave Pest & Termite

PLUMBER

1st-Double R Construction Co
2nd-A Plus Plumbing
3rd-Sweet Plumbing

ROOFING COMPANY

1st-Double R Construction Co
2nd-Leonard Roofing
3rd-White's Roofing Co

WINDOWS/VINYL SIDING

1st-Highlands Glass Company
2nd-Window World of Tri-Cities
3rd-Wholesale Vinyl & Aluminum

APARTMENT BUILDING / HOUSING COMPLEX

1st-The Villas at Lavinder Lane
2nd-Stafford Street Village
3rd-The Villas at Island Road

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The tagline says "A Chicago Inspired Pizzeria". But, "Angry" has evolved into much more. The restaurant was originally known for its house-made Chicago style pizzas and Chicago dishes are seen throughout the menu. While the motivation for your first visit may be driven by the taste of a deep dish or tavern pizza, you will return again for the diverse selection of pasta dishes such as Eggplant Rollatini, Mussels Marinara and Veal Marsala and fan favorites include the Polpetta Di Monzo (handmade meatballs with beef, veal and pork- great with spaghetti!) and Arancini (balls of creamy risotto rolled into balls, filled with fresh mozzarella, breaded then fried). Both appetizers include marinara, that is so popular that many buy it by the quart! Also, be sure to follow along on social media to see new specials every weekend!

Our famous pizzas are made in house. The pizzas are started from scratch-made dough that is never frozen. The recipe for the crust uses type of flour that is unique to the Chicago region. Keith has remained true to ingredients that made the pizza an early favorite. Fresh, creamy, Wisconsin Mozzarella, Italian sausage acquired from Chicago deli's, and the highest quality of tomatoes is in every pizza.

The Angry Italian is not just for dinner. There are daily lunch specials that include pastas and pizzas. The lunch menu, which even includes an individual deep dish, is designed to respect your hour away from work with food on your table in 30 minutes or less! We have gluten free options,



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skaters that travel from Asheville N.C., Greenville Tn., Richlands Va., Knoxville Tn., and even as far away as Lynchburg Va. on a regular basis to skate here in Bristol. If you haven't been to Bristol Skateway yet, make it a point to stop in, even if it's just to say Hi! We are located on Skateway Drive behind the new U-Haul center on West State Street. We're a little hard to find, but not easy to forget!

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Dr. Crum has been serving Bristol for over 25 years and has been in his current location for 24 years. In that time he has helped open and served on the board of Healing Hands-a multi-disciplinary care health center serving patients who may not otherwise have health care in the greater Bristol area. He

continues to volunteer his time there, although he is no longer the only chiropractor there. "Although I still treat some local athletes, my practice includes ages 5-95 from all walks of life. We talk a lot about movement, correct ergonomics, posture, and specific exercises as I coach patients to better health."

Dr. Crum credits much of the success of his practice to his staff of over 10 years, Yvonne Brown and Missy Abad.

The office is located at 111 Commonwealth Ave., Bristol VA and can be reached at 276-669-0969, and new patients are always welcome. His office is open Monday-Friday. You can learn more about Dr. Crum and his office on his website at Drjoecrum.com or on Facebook at Dr Crum at Appalachian Chiropractic Wellness Center.

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My Background

My name is Jason Sturgill. I am a Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors. My office is located within the Norton, VA and the Bristol, VA Wells Fargo branches.

I am originally from Pound, VA and have lived in Southwest VA for the majority of my adult life. It is simply where I call home. My wife & I along with our daughter currently live in Big Stone Gap. I love the people of Southwest VA and am one of their strongest advocates. I believe our area is full of potential and our residents are some of the hardest working people that I have ever known. I love our mountains, our culture, and our way of life. I am an avid bass fisherman and love fishing the deep, clear lakes of our area. I also enjoy hunting, hiking, and working in my small orchard.

I graduated from Pound High School in 1999, attended Mountain Empire Community College for 2 years, graduated from UVA at Wise in 2008 with a BS in Business Administration, went on to graduate from King University in 2010 with an MBA, and I also have a MA in Theological Studies from Liberty University. I am also a U.S. Army veteran serving from 2003-2008. Prior to joining Wells Fargo Advisors I was with Edward Jones Investments for 12 years operating out of their Pennington Gap, VA office.

I love being a Financial Advisor here in Southwest VA. I take great pride in helping the people of Southwest VA navigate through the maze of finances by offering financial solutions tailored to their individual needs. I will always put my client's needs first and customer service is my top priority. I aspire to be the person that is top of mind for everyone in our area when it comes to personal and business finance.

My Associate(s): Sabrina Coles, Senior Registered Client Associate

My Experience

- 2008 - 2020 : Edward Jones Investments, Financial Advisor
- 2003 - 2008 : U.S. Army

My Education & Credentials

- Masters Degree in Theology - Liberty University
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