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Band set to release 1st CD

Songs from 'Play Another Round' will be featured Feb. 22 at the Floyd Country Store from 12 to 3 p.m.



By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

There are some lyrics from a famous Willie Nelson/Waylon Jennings song that are apropos to a group of young musicians from the bluegrass band Gate 10, who have been singing and playing together since August 2018. The band's name Gate 10 is derived from the name of the road where lead vocalist, Addie Levy, lives.

In the song, "Mammas, Don't Let Your Babies

Grow Up to be Cowboys," two specific verses stand out: "they pick guitars" ... and "they'd rather give you a song than diamonds and gold."

The musicians from Gate 10 range in age from 10 to 21 and although they are not cowboys, they have a passion for performing and inviting all generations to experience their love of music. They write most of the lyrics and compose and arrange the melodies that they perform. Jared Housman does much of the phrasing and succinctly puts it, "I don't

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WEEKEND WEATHER

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Gate 10

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 have feelings ... I have songs.”
 Levy, vocalist and mandolin player, began singing in church at age three and playing the piano at age five. She and Housman were members of the former group Gravel Road which disbanded because of the members going onto college and careers. Now

at age 17, Levy, along with band member Ethan Handy, teach music with Pulaski JAM – Junior Appalachian Musicians.
 Jarrod Belcher, 21 from Blue Ridge, is a self-taught guitar player and sings vocals with the band. He will be graduating this year from New River Community College with associate degrees in Instrumentation and Electrical Engineering.
 Like several of the other band

members, Belcher grew up in church and was influenced by the hymns and conventional songs; learning piano at age 10.
 “I had a cheap little toy guitar that had four strings and I started picking out melodies on one string and tried to learn whatever chords I could. I got my first real guitar for Christmas when I was 13 and fell in love with it! I’ll never forget how excited I was when I finally strummed a full chord on all six strings,” he recalled.
 Brightly smiling Eric Handy, age ten and the youngest member of the band plays the dobro. He began learning the piano at age eight.
 “My parents played music at home and we went to concerts,” he explained when talking about his love of music.
 Older brother, Ethan Handy, began playing at age seven and is the lead banjo and guitar player for Gate 10.
 According to Ethan, “I would definitely like to make a career out of musical performance and mentoring others.” Ethan also produces and engineers the productions for the group.
 By chance, Ethan met Jarrod and invited him to check out the band. He asked if Jarrod knew a fiddle player, so Jarrod brought Gabe Scott along ... and the rest is history.
 Gabriel “Gabe” Scott, 19, plays fiddle for Gate 10 and sings vocals. As a double major in Electrical Engineering and Music Performance, his passion is for teaching the younger generations and passing on the love of music as a legacy. Gabe believes the

Gospel song he wrote, “He’s Always There” was an inspiration from God.
 “Some songs come easily ... those are the ones inspired by God,” he says.
 Housman, age 17, plays bass and began his music career at age nine. He is a member of the Auburn High School Marching Band and performs classical percussion. He likes the technical side of production and has built circuits, instruments and gears, and would love to have a recording studio in the future.
 While Gate 10 classifies their music genre as progressive bluegrass, it does contain elements of the tales of traditional bluegrass, the energy of classic rock, the love of Christ in Gospel and the heartaches of old country music.
 “Writing our songs is mostly a collaborative endeavor,” says Levy. One of the favorite songs on the new CD entitled “Maitland,” was a group write about life in a coal town. Inspiration came from Belcher’s family’s

hometown outside Welch, W.Va.
 Songs from their first CD, “Play Another Round” will be featured at the Floyd Country Store on Saturday, February 22nd from 12 to 3 p.m. Special guests will be Scott Patrick and Jim Lloyd who were influential in the group’s song writing, and some students from the Pulaski JAM middle school program. A celebration from 2 to 3 p.m. will enable fans to obtain autographs, purchase Gate 10 merchandise and participate in door prize drawings and a special raffle of the fiddle being played that day.

To win, fans need to like the Gate 10 page on Facebook, share the release post and add comments. Visit the Gate 10 web site for additional information www.gate10band.com

Gate 10 will be featured on Monday, February 24th during a radio interview with Stevie Barr on the Crooked Road Show on Classic Country 98.1 WBRF radio.

PCEA presents budget requests to school board

By MIKE WILLIAMS
 The Patriot

The Pulaski County Education Association made its budget requests known to the School Board Tuesday during a public hearing on the 2020-21 school budget.

PCEA President Candace Castelluccio opened her presentation on the association members’ requests by telling the school board the PCEA “remembers and appreciates all the board has done in the past to keep our salaries comparable to those around us.” Castelluccio said PCEA members ask that the “same amount of consideration is given this year to at least get us to that regional average.”

Castelluccio said the association is also asking for a study to compare the salaries of local PCEA members at the administrative level to those in surrounding school districts.

On health care, Castelluccio said the PCEA appreciates the effort made by the school board to keep school employees from seeing increases in their monthly insurance premiums.

“We ask that those premiums stay comparable and hope to move towards amounts that are closer in costs of other county employees,” Castelluccio said.

She also presented two recruitment and retention ideas, which she said were low-cost incentives association members believe would help with recruitment of

new employees, retention of current employees and compensation for all employees.

One involves providing duty-free lunch at every grade level, with the cost to do so at the elementary schools being between \$50,000 to \$75,000 to hire aides. The high school, she explained, would cover duty free lunch with planning duty.

Aides could also be hired at the middle school for about \$13,000.

A second low-cost benefit could be to offer an additional personal day to those employees who have been with the county five or more years.

The PCEA is also asking the school board to consider allowing employees to be able to bank up to three personal days (currently their can bank only two). Any days beyond the three could transfer to sick days.

Fine Arts Center seeks new Exec. Director

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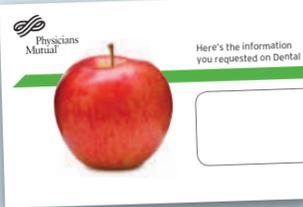
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PC school officials taking look at 4-day week

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

A public meeting will be held sometime in March to gain input from citizens on the idea of Pulaski County Schools adopting a four-day instructional week.

The idea of a four-day week was discussed at length Tuesday during the School Board's regular meeting for February.

School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers presented a report stemming from research done on the four-day week – research which School Board Chairman Tim Hurst had earlier requested.

Siers presented an overview of the four-day week, as well as known advantages and disadvantages of the schedule.

Siers said currently 560 school divisions in 25 states have at least one school district using a four-day school week.

Most schools with a four-day week schedule go to school Monday – Thursday, however, some have elected to go Tuesday – Friday, which Siers said is thought to be a better setup since most athletic teams don't play on Mondays.

School days are typically about an hour longer than those in a five-day week.

Siers added there is typically one Friday or Monday each

month during which teachers report for professional development, faculty meetings, etc.

He noted that four-day weeks have "really taken off" out west, however, the closest four-day week school divisions to Pulaski County are found in Kentucky and Georgia.

Advantages

Siers listed advantages of the four-day week as

- Improved student and employee attendance rates.
- Parents and teachers can schedule appointments for days school is not in session.
- It is a strong selling point for teacher recruitment and retention.
- Sets aside one day per month for teachers to work on issues and initiatives.
- Provides a better work-life balance for teachers.
- Puts less wear and tear on buses.
- Provides cost savings for the school system. However, Siers said no one is looking to sell the four-day schedule as a cost savings measure. He said school systems have saved between .04 percent and 2.5 percent with the four-day schedule, which in Pulaski County would range from \$200,000 to \$1.25 million of the school board's budget. Siers said school officials believe Pulaski

County might see savings in the lower range, if that.

• Some studies have shown a significant increase in student math achievement.

• Siers said some schools experienced a short-term drop in student achievement during the first and second years of implementation – but that usually evens out after the first two years.

Disadvantages

- Siers said some schools experienced a short-term drop in student achievement during the first and second years of implementation – but that usually evens out after the first two years.
- Lack of childcare options for younger students on the days that school is not in session.
- Negative financial impact on school nutrition programs.
- Fewer meals provided each week to low-income students.
- Some studies indicate an in-

crease in neighborhood juvenile crime on days when school is not in session.

• Time needed to adapt to the longer instructional days.

• Impact on extra-curricular activities with less time for practices during daylight hours and missing instructional time to travel to away events.

Beckie Cox, Massie District board member said she agreed with moving forward with studying the four-day week but noted there are still a number of questions that school officials don't have answers for yet.

She asked how a four-day schedule would impact the Southwest Virginia Governor's School, which operates on a five-day schedule. She wondered about when the school day would start and end, and how busing would work since some kids, she said, already board buses some

days before daylight and might not get home until dark.

Cox also expressed concern about the issue of childcare on the day of the week school is out.

Cox said her questions shouldn't be viewed as opposition to the four-day schedule, but that there is just a lot to look at.

Siers asked for board direction on the idea, and Hurst said he would like to move forward.

"We're in a situation now in which it is difficult to recruit and retain teachers. A four-day instructional week is a huge selling point for new teachers. At the very least I think we need to look more into this," Hurst said.

"We have to consider all these things – childcare and others – all are definite concerns, but they are making it work in many school divisions all across the country," Hurst said.

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LEE SUTPHIN MULLINS

Lee Sutphin Mullins, age 85, went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 8, 2020, just three weeks after her husband Harold. She was born April 12, 1934 in Virginia, a daughter of the late Russell Desmond Sutphin and Hallie Mae Reece Sutphin. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Harold Herbert Mullins; grandson Greg Dobbins; brothers Glen and Elwin Sutphin; sister Patty May Gibbs.

Lee was a devout Christian and a loving mother, sister and grandmother. She was a member of Union Road Church where she adored her church family. Lee enjoyed watching birds, gardening, cooking, singing and attending Community Bible Study.

She is survived by her loving and devoted daughter, Deborah Mullins of Belmont; sisters Gloeda (Ersell) Alderman of Dublin, VA and Shelbie (George) Marenka of Maryland; granddaughter Lisa Mountjoy; great grandson Jeremy Ingraham; special friends Katrina Conley, Paula Dean and Diane McCormick.

The family will receive friends from 3 until 4 pm at Union Road Church on Sunday, February 16, 2020. A funeral service will follow at 4 p.m. with Revs. Ersell Alderman and Terry Mull officiating. Burial will be private.

Condolence messages may be sent online at www.mcleanfuneral.com. McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the Mullins family.

ELIZABETH LENN "BETH" WOHLFORD GARTER

Elizabeth Lenn Wohlford Garter (Beth), 64, of Pulaski, VA, passed away on Feb. 7th 2020.

She was preceded in death by her Mother, Mary Clare Carroll Dougherty Wohlford.

Surviving are her Husband of 45 years, Ernest B. Garter, her Father, William T. Wohlford of Pulaski, her Sisters, Anne Heck of Pulaski, Susan Wyssor (Bill) of Troutdale VA and Jayne Mitchell of Lake Oswego, OR.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



HAROLD HERBERT MULLINS

Harold Herbert Mullins, 87, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2020 CaroMont Regional Medical Center. He was born on May 9, 1932 in Mullens, WV., a son of the late Arthur and Lucille Martin Mullins.

Harold proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and continued a life of service throughout his working career. He worked as a First Aid Attendant with the VA Foundry and volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol. Harold loved the Lord and adored his family. He enjoyed working outside, watching Western movies and telling a good joke.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Lee S. Mullins of the home; daughter, Deborah Mullins of Belmont; brother, Dewey G. (Margaret) Mullins of Wytheville, VA; sisters, Brenda (Ernest) Waddell of Stanford, KY and Carol Wood Atkinson of Christianburg, VA. Also surviving Harold are his granddaughter, Lisa Renee Mtjoy; great grandson, Jeremie Ingraham; sisters-in-law, Gloeda (Ersell) Alderman and Shelbie (George) Marenka; and special family friends, Katrina Conley, Diane McCormick and Paula Dean. In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by a brother, Dale Mullins; grandson, Gregory Lynn Dobbins.

A funeral service was held at Union Road Church with Revs. Ersell Alderman, Terry Mull and Lee Claypool officiating. Burial was private.

Condolence messages may be sent online at www.mcleanfuneral.com. McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the Mullins family.



DAVID WAYNE MONTGOMERY

David Wayne Montgomery, age 52 of Pulaski went home to be with the Lord Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Born October 31, 1967 in Radford, he is the son of Bobby Eugene Montgomery and Lois Jean Woodrum Kilgore. He is preceded in death by Paternal Grandfather, Elmer Fred Montgomery; Maternal Grandparents, John O. and Alice Woodrum; Uncle, Walter Dennis Montgomery, and Aunt, Nora Oliver.

He was a supervisor with Bond Cote Corporation, Pulaski. He had also been a past employee of Joe Meyers Construction Company in Pulaski.

He is survived by his Father Bobby Eugene Montgomery- Dublin
Mother Lois Jean (Stephen) Kilgore- Radford
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Nieces & Nephews Tyler (Courtney) Dalton, Carly Dalton, Shaye Dalton
Joey (Holly) Gravely
Ashley (Chad) Pillars

Memorial services will be held Monday, 6:00 p.m. February 17, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends Monday evening from 4:00 pm to service time.

To sign the online guestbook, www.bowerfuneralhome.com

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the services for the family.



AIKO ISHIGAKI BOOTHE

Aiko Ishigaki Boothe, age 88 of Pulaski, left this world to be with her heavenly Father Wednesday afternoon, February 5, 2020 in her home. Born June 12, 1931 in Yokohama, Japan.

She is survived by her Husband and love of her life for 61 years, Archie Jackson Boothe Jr., Her son Michael W. Boothe of Pulaski and Daughter Jacqueline D. Harmon (James) of Roanoke. Brother-in-law Ronald L. Boothe. One Grandson Brandon Harmon (Keita) of Roanoke with two great-grandchildren Raiden James and Yuri Aiko Harmon.

Aiko was small in stature but a strong, kind and loving woman who loved helping people. She was a lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church and was known as the candy lady because she enjoyed treating the children on Sunday before church. She was a longtime volunteer at the Pulaski Daily Bread Inc. Aiko was a wonderful wife and mother which we truly love. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

We would like to give special thanks to all the friends, family, and caregivers who gave her loving care and support through this difficult time these past few years.

The memorial service was held Monday, February 10, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Melissa King officiating. Interment followed at Highland Cemetery Dublin, VA.

Flowers are appreciated, but those who wish may make donations to the Pulaski Daily Bread at PO Box 824, Pulaski, VA 24301 in memory of Aiko Boothe. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com

JAMES LESLIE WOODRUFF

James Leslie Woodruff, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, February 6, 2020 in the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born November 2, 1945 in Ann Arbor Michigan, he was the son of the late James Leslie Woodruff, Sr. and Elizabeth Jean Ritter Woodruff. He was also preceded in death by a Brother-in-law, Denny Svec.

He was an employee of Celanese Manufacturing Company in Giles County. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by
Wife-Constance Jean Woodruff
Children-
Brach James (Sarah) Woodruff- Augusta, GA
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Six Grandchildren
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Susan Elizabeth Svec- Lansing, MI
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Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Tom Underwood officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

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BONNIE LARGEN BOOTH

Bonnie Largen Booth, age 68, Beloved wife, mom, nana and sister passed away Monday February 3, 2020 at her home in Goodview, VA. She was born June 26, 1951 in Pulaski to George W Largen Jr and Margie Taylor. She was a very caring nurse for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and step- mom Alice Largen.; former husband and friend Danny Taylor.

She is survived by

Her loving husband of 25 years -Stephen Booth of Goodview, VA Children

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Several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, 2:00 p.m. February 16, 2020 at the Abundant Life Ministries, 3050 Lee Highway N., Pulaski, VA 24301

Locally announced for family by Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.



PATSY JEAN MCGRADY RIGGINS

Patsy Jean McGrady Riggins, age 74, of Pulaski, VA passed away Monday, February 3, 2020. She was born March 21, 1946 in Pulaski County, daughter of the late Clarence and Bessie Hodge McGrady. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Malcolm Haswell Riggins.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Riggins of the home and Reverend Malcolm John Riggins and spouse Joann of West Virginia; daughter, Denise and Adam Bralley of Austinville; five grandchildren, Brandon, Johnathon, Hunter, Harley and Justin; sister, Cindy May of Galax; brother, Russell McGrady of Pulaski; uncle, Junior and Sandra McGrady of Wytheville.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Foster Falls Cemetery with the Reverend Mike Williams officiating. There will be no visitation.

Reese Funeral Home, Austinville, VA is serving the Riggins family.

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ALVIN WAYNE SUTPHIN

Alvin Wayne Sutphin, age 73 of Dublin passed away Friday, February 7, 2020 passed away at his home.

Born September 4, 1946 in Hiwassee he was the son of the late Zebulon Asber Sutphin & Rhoda Elizabeth Bryant East. A number of brothers and sisters also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his

Wife Janet Gail Rooney Sutphin - Dublin

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Cera Alice Sutphin - Dublin

Asber Wayne "Dubb" Sutphin - Pulaski

Grandchildren

Nancy Hoback

Larry Hoback, Jr.

3 Great Grandchildren

His Loyal Companion JoJo

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Allison Cemetery, Allisonia.

Special thanks to Jane Farmer, Ronda Chrisley, Vicky Wooten and Nancy Collins for their special care.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



BARBARA DIANE "BOBBIE" STOOTS LAFON

Beloved mother, grandmother and sister, Barbara Diane "Bobbie" Stoots Lafon, age 71 of Wytheville passed away Thursday, February 6, 2020 at her home. Born March 14, 1948 in Giles County she was the daughter of the late Alena Stoots. Her son, Luther Eugene Vest, grandparents, Clarence & Rosa Stoots and sister, Patricia Stutler also preceded her in death. She was an employee with Mt. Rogers Mental Health for over 20 years

She is survived by her Children Gregory J. Vest - Wytheville Jeffrey Scott (Chrissi) Vest - Fairlawn Shannon Kelly Lafon - Wytheville Grandchildren Brooklyn Makayla Lafon Victoria Grace Vest Morgan Elizabeth Vest Sisters Donna (Perry) Gallimore - Draper Tammy (Maury) Robertson - Pulaski Many nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Ben Tickle officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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JOHN RAYMOND JONES

John Raymond Jones, 77 of Pulaski, died Wednesday, February 5, 2020. He was born on March 17, 1942 in Pulaski, and was the son of the late Clara Baker Jones and Raymond John Jones. Mr. Jones retired from Marshall Welding. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Ruth McGuire and his favorite dog Red. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Libbie and Robert Runions of Fort Chiswell: step-daughters, Sharon Cawkwell of Maryland, Barbara and Robert Lopes of PA: granddaughter and husband, Karen and David Young of Allisonia: 3 great-grandchildren, Shaebethancourt, Yanka Bethancourt and Amara Gellner: two sisters; Scottie Smith of Radford, Patsy and Rickie Buck of Pulaski, and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Thornsprng Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, send a donation to the Pulaski County Humane Society 80 Dublin Park Road Dublin, VA 24084. A special thanks to Lewis Gale Pulaski Hospital and Medi Hospice for the great care that was given. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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WILLIAM CARDWELL HAGER

William Cardwell Hager passed away on February 6, 2020. Born in Max Meadows, VA on April 20, 1928, he was the youngest of five children born to Thomas H. and Mary C. Hager. He served in the Army Air Corps, attended VMI, and graduated with honors from VPI in 1951 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Following graduation, Bill worked at Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL and Lawrenceburg Electric System in Lawrenceburg, TN. In 1956, Bill and his family moved back to Virginia where he worked for Appalachian Power Company, first in the Pulaski office, then the Christiansburg office from 1969 until his retirement in 1992.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Marilyn, an infant daughter, daughter Kitty, one sister, and three brothers. He is survived by daughters Marcie (Jeff) Worrell and Joan (Randy) Wolf, and son Daniel (Carolyn) Hager; grandchildren Sarah (Billy) Wagner, Mark Quesenberry, Brian Quesenberry, Major Joshua (Monique) Wolf, and Caitlin (Major Bryan) Jonas; great-grandchildren Will, Jeremy, Olivia, and Kason Wagner; Tristan, Veronica, Marilyn, Samantha, Benjamin, and Josephine Wolf, and Eli, Levi, Abram, and Sadie Jonas. A memorial service, conducted by Blake Griffith, will be held

on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until the hour of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries, or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Keeping the memories

L. Dawn Barnes M.S., AFC® Senior Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences

As I prepared to write this article several things occurred that provided the 'fodder' for this article.

First, I was talking with my mother about a memory and found that my memory wasn't quite accurate - of course I was very young when it took place and my perception was incorrect. And then while pulling together information for a presentation I came upon a lesson on 'Keeping the Tradition Alive; The Passing of the Torch'. The opening statement of the lesson states; "In a world where daily living is more impersonal and technical than ever before, few things have not changed - things we hope never

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In Loving Memory of our Heavenly Valentines Chris and Stephanie Yonce

We miss our precious Valentines and love them so much. We know that God has a reason for doing things His way. We may not understand them now, but we will one day. He sees the things that we cannot see, He knows what is in store for us. We have a loving God and need to put our faith and trust in Him and He will lead us through.

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Good News from the FCC

For rural areas such as ours, safe and reliable methods of telecommunications are vital. We count on them to stay connected with each other, foster new economic opportunities, and engage with the wider world.

In the House of Representatives, where I serve on the Energy and Commerce Committee with jurisdiction over telecommunications, I fight to make sure communications such as ours are properly served.

The agency charged with carrying out the telecommunications laws passed by Congress is the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). It regulates radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable communications in the United States.

In recent weeks, it has taken several encouraging steps that will contribute to expanded and improved telecommunications services in the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia.

Broadband

Broadband Internet service is indispensable for job creation, education, and various other activities in the modern world, but many sparsely populated communities are not connected.

Closing the digital divide between rural and urban areas is a necessity, and to help achieve this goal, the FCC at its January 30 meeting established the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. Its goal is to direct \$20.4 billion over the next ten years to building fast broadband networks in unserved rural areas.

The first phase of this plan will begin later this year, with \$16 billion in funding going to areas that are not served at all. Virginia has an estimated 217,000 home and business locations that would be eligible for Phase I of the funding.

Subsequently, \$4.4 billion will be made available to support areas that enjoy partial service.

This planned investment by the FCC marks a significant commitment to addressing the needs of rural areas.

Still better, more good news on broadband may be on the way. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has announced a plan for new rules around television "white spaces" to be considered at the commission's February meeting.

TV white spaces are unused spectrum between stations. They can be adapted for other purposes, including providing broadband services in rural areas. Chairman Pai's plan would change the FCC's rules on white spaces, enhancing the ability of innovators to use them for broadband delivery.

More investment and greater flexibility to use white spaces will help connect rural areas. What are some of the possible benefits? More appeal to businesses and job creators to locate here. Greater availability to educational resources. Aid to farmers via precision agriculture.

I will note in particular one benefit: increased use of telehealth, which can make it easier for patients to check in with their health care providers and thus support better outcomes.

I have championed telehealth as a health care solution in our area, and the FCC last year even made the announcement in Carroll County of its plans for a \$100 million Connected Care Pilot Program. Better broadband access will also serve the purpose of expanding telehealth's reach.

The FCC under Chairman Pai has shown a true commitment to closing the digital divide, and I applaud their efforts.

Robocalls

In contrast to broadband, where the problem is a lack of access, the problem with our telephones lately is that they are being abused by illegal robocalls.

This was a problem that received bipartisan attention in Congress and in the Energy and Commerce Committee. We passed the Pallone-Thune TRACED Act last year, and President Trump signed it into law.

The FCC is one of the agencies charged with executing this law. It has urged phone companies to allow tracing of robocalls from foreign sources and moved toward selecting an entity to lead efforts in the private sector to trace illegal robocalls.

The U.S. Department of Justice, which also has responsibility to enforce the TRACED Act, filed actions against entities facilitating illegal robocalls.

These actions are important. Although passage of the TRACED Act was a significant achievement against illegal robocalls, it will not get rid of them overnight. Success will depend on enforcement. I am glad to see federal agencies taking steps to carry out the law.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also, on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative



Assembly Update

As the Senate completes its work on legislation filed by its members, you might be wondering why the General Assembly has been debating so much legislation that emulates measures already enacted in California and New York. Whether issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants, doubling the minimum wage, or forcing non-union members to pay union dues, this year's General Assembly session has a feel more akin to Sacramento or Albany than Richmond.

While most reporting on this session has focused on the differences between the two parties to explain this phenomenon, there is another factor at play here: geography. Eleven of the twenty-one members of the Senate Democrat Caucus live in the Cities of Alexandria and Arlington, and the Counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, or Prince William.

When Democrats passed the partisan



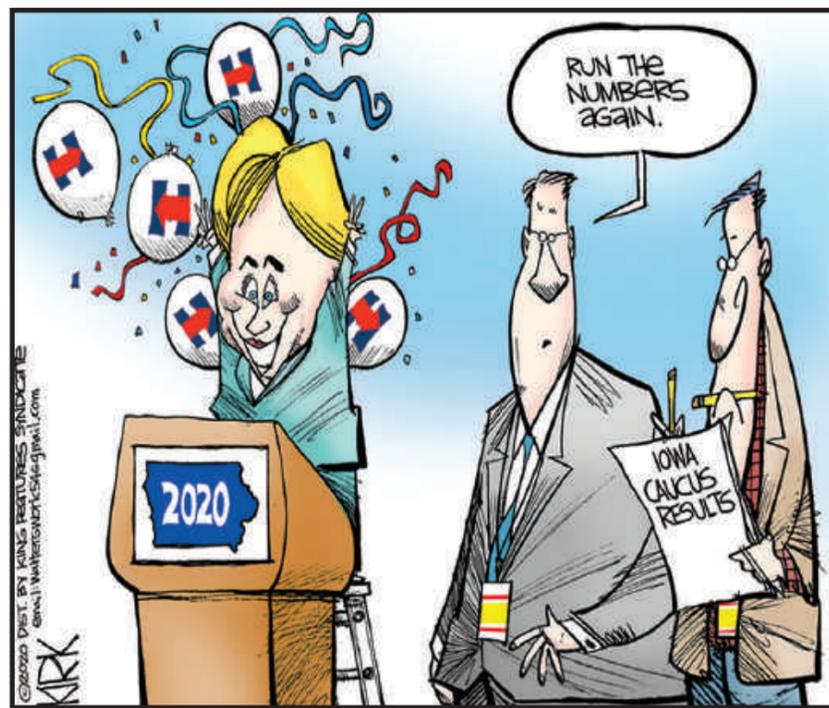
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gerrymander that determined the current Senate district boundaries in 2011, they sliced up the Northern Virginia counties to maximize the number of Democrats from Northern Virginia.

Combined, the populations of Arlington and Alexandria – two of the most heavily Democrat voting localities in Virginia – would be enough for just one-and-a-half Senate districts. But,

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DeVos doubles down on education reforms

I recently interviewed Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos who claimed the president's proposed \$4.8 trillion budget includes "a significant step toward returning flexibility to the states through a proposal to block grant all of the elementary and secondary education funds ... and let (states) prioritize where those funds are going to be best utilized."

DeVos has tried to reduce the federal footprint in public education, because the more than \$1 trillion she says has been spent has not produced positive results.

During his State of the Union address, President Trump reiterated his support for school choice. He introduced an African-American girl and her mother and said they had been denied the right to select a better school over the underperforming one she now attends. The president said the girl would receive an "Opportunity Scholarship" anyway.

I asked DeVos who is paying for it? "The one for her is being privately funded," she says (an aide later told me DeVos is the benefactor and donates her government salary to charities, including school scholarships).

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports the girl actually attends a competitive charter school, so a better pick might have been made, but that still does not diminish the pro-school choice argument.

How many others are on waiting lists for school choice scholarships?

"I don't know if there is a good figure for tax credit type scholarships," says DeVos. "I do know there are over one million families on wait lists for charter schools. I imagine there is close to that number who would opt to do something different if they had the opportunity. In fact, some recent polling data found only about 30 percent saying they would choose the school their child is currently assigned to. The rest would choose a different school in a different setting."

DeVos sees her block grant proposals as "a very compatible step to Congress's action on the Every Student Succeeds Act." Signed by President Obama in 2015, it updated No Child Left Behind from the George W. Bush administration and among other things "Advances equity by upholding critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students (and) requires -- for the first time -- that all students in America be taught to high academic standards that will prepare them to succeed in college and careers..."

I remind DeVos that during the 2016 presidential campaign, Donald Trump asked why African Americans still vote for a party he



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said has done nothing for them. DeVos says his appeal is getting through, especially to those children in bad public schools.

"We know that 83 percent of African-American support this federal tax credit proposal," DeVos says, citing figures from the American Federation for Children, an organization that does lobbying and grassroots advocacy work in the states and Washington, D.C., "which added the question this year about the federal tax credit and across the board, 78 percent were for it, so it's very significant. You'd think Democratic presidential candidates would pay attention to this." The AFC national poll of more than 1,000 likely voters also found that "67 percent of Democrat primary voters support this federal tax credit."

What about student loan debt, which some Democrats want to forgive?

"There are other ways to get at this ... without congressional action," she says. "One of the things we've done is to add a lot of important information to what is called the College Scorecard. Students can go and compare field of studies between institutions to see how much it will cost ... and then what their first year (after graduation) earning potential is. It is based on real data of those who completed the programs before. We hope students will use this information to make better and wiser decisions of what they are going to pursue from a higher-ed perspective."

DeVos hints she might not stay for another four years if the president is re-elected. She'd have to be asked to stay. But if she succeeds in her proposed reforms, she will have improved the education of millions of children. That would be an enduring legacy.

(Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' new book "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States" (HarperCollins/Zondervan). Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com.)



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The end of 2016

And so 2016 finally draws to a close.

It's been the longest election year in American history. It ran from Feb. 1, 2016, the date of the Iowa caucuses, to the Senate vote to acquit President Donald Trump in early February 2020.

It's true that Nov. 6, 2016, was a signal event in this long election year, but it didn't really conclude anything, even though the result wasn't in doubt.

Usually, contested elections are ties or near-ties. This is the first time an election has gone into overtime, with repeated attempts at what were in effect recounts, despite the winner comfortably prevailing (Donald Trump won handily in electoral votes, the measure that determines the outcome, 304-227).

Immediately Democrats concluded that they'd been robbed, and Hillary Clinton did indeed get some bad breaks during the campaign, most consequentially at the hands of then-FBI director James Comey. Such is life in the arena. But no one on the left was in a mood to move on.

Rather taking stock and recalibrating as warranted, Democrats remained fixated on 2016. Rather than simply mobilizing opposition to Trump's agenda and reelection, as any opposition always does, they mused about how to reverse the 2016 result. Rather than acknowledging the near-impossibility of removing a duly elected president, they indulged in fantasies about how to do exactly that.

Above all, they obsessed about Russia as the cause of their undoing in 2016. With enough investigation, all would be made plain, the Trump-Russia conspiracy would be unraveled, the walls would close in, and the world would be restored to its axis. The rightful winner of 2016 wouldn't take office, but the wrongful winner would be vanquished. What voters in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin failed to do, the grinding machinery of investigation would achieve.

When the Mueller probe didn't produce the impeachment that the Democrats had expected with such fervent certainty, it seemed briefly they'd finally have to accept the outcome of 2016, however grudgingly. Then, Ukraine emerged, and impeachment was, thankfully and gloriously, back on.

Russia was a proximate cause of the impeachment over Ukraine. The Democrats charged that Trump sought Ukrainian interference in our elections, just as he had sought Russian interference (for all their interest in the Mueller investigation, Democrats have never absorbed its conclusion that there is no evidence that Trump colluded with the Russians). Absent their conviction that Trump is an illegitimate president, Democrats would have been, understandably, outraged by Ukraine and determined to investigate it, but they wouldn't have impeached over it.

In this sense, the Senate trial is the last act in the 2016 election. It establishes, once and for all,

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Memories

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change.”

Take a moment and think about all of the things that have changed in your life; the large percentage of our notes are typed then sent in an email no longer handwritten on lovely stationery then sent on its way through the postal service OR the expressions that were once used “you sound like a broken record” which many younger no longer understand. Now, think about all of the things you hope never change; family members getting together to bake cookies or taking that annual summer trip to the coast (or to the mountains). Do your family members know your secret to growing large pumpkins? Do you know how your grandmother washed clothes?

These are things that have changed but don't need to be forgotten. Today's family doesn't fit one mold but no matter the make-up of the family a strong family often shares memories, along with dreams, hopes, laughter and tears. And the passing down of the memories and traditions

(passing the torch) is one of the things that ties generation after generation together. It's also a way of making members of a blended family feel like a member of that new 'branch' they are joining.

So, the next time you pull out the bowl that has been used as the centerpiece on the Sunday dinner meal – take the time to share the tradition of why or the first memory you have of the bowl being used. We have a rich heritage in Southwest Virginia and strength of family is just one of those traditions.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner what better time to sit down with your elder family members and ask them to share her memories OR sit down with siblings and your children and honor your elders by talking about the memories you have of them. Nurture your family this year with memories of the generations before us so as things keep changing we can be assured that some our memories will keep some things current.



First responders team up to tackle high water

Around 10:30 p.m. last Thursday, Pulaski Fire Department along with the Pulaski County Special Operations Team was dispatched to assist REMSI on a medical call at 4428 Sycamore Lane off Brookmont Road. Sycamore Lane bridge was out due to high water so access could not be made to this address by vehicle or on foot.

Pulaski County Special Operations Team along with Pulaski Fire Department then had three certified swift water swimmers swim across the creek in order to

set up a rope system so that a rubber raft could be used to access the patient. This rope system was put into place and EMS personnel were then boated across the creek safely to access and start treatment on the medical patient. Then the patient was carried down the hill from her residence and placed in the boat and was brought safely across the creek by fire department personnel and then carried into an ambulance where she was taken the hospital.

"This was an all-around solid effort by all agencies involved

to safely handle the patient from the residence across the high water creek and into care of EMS in their ambulance," said Pulaski Fire Chief Robbie Kiser. "Public safety personnel were on the scene for approximately two hours during this operation with roughly 30 personnel and it took the help of everyone on the scene to make it happen."

"Pulaski Fire Department would like to thank all agencies involved and their hard work for a successful and safe operation in a swift water event," Kiser said.

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the Democrats' map managed to place those two localities into five total districts, some meandering through Fairfax and into Loudoun.

The primary goal of the Democrats' 2011 gerrymander was to ensure the election of Democrat majority in the Senate. Moreover, it ensured those Democrat senators would be very liberal and disproportionately represent Northern Virginia. And now that the Democrats are in the majority, that party's most liberal members are driving their legislative agenda.

That can be seen not only in the far-left agenda being promoted by the Democrats, but also in the shift toward Northern Virginians leading the key committees that consider and shape legislation in the Senate. Northern Virginians chair six of the Senate's eleven standing committees. That marks a dramatic shift from last year, when Republicans were in the majority and committee chairmen represented areas across Virginia.

While that geographical shift may not determine the outcome of every issue before this year's session, it does demonstrate a profound difference in the perspective of those driving the agenda. So as you continue to read headlines about Virginia's General Assembly approving

legislation that sounds more suitable for California, you should probably look to the area surrounding Washington, D.C. for an explanation.

Since the Senate must complete action on all bills filed by Senators no later than February 11, the days leading up to that deadline have featured marathon sessions in committees and on the Senate Floor. I am disappointed to report that Democrats killed my bill which would allow local school boards to elect to have all of their employees and retirees, as well as the dependents of such employees and retirees, be eligible to participate in the state employee health insurance plan. I have fought for years to have this bill pass. We were confident that this year was the year; however we will try again in 2021.

Virginians continue to come to see their Capitol being used to enact laws that will affect their commonwealth. We had quite a few friendly faces from home stop by our offices this week, including 4-H members from Wise County, and Board of Supervisor Members from Bland, Montgomery and Smyth County.

The groundhog having forecast an early spring, snow might not hamper a journey to Richmond between now and the scheduled adjournment of session on March 7. If you're planning a trip to

Capitol Square, please stop by our offices in Room E514 of the Pocahontas Building.

Next week, senators will begin considering legislation passed by our colleagues in the House. And, we'll be presenting our bills before House committees. I'll have a complete report on the progress in next week's column. Until then, have a great week.

The 38th Senatorial District includes all of Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Pulaski, Russell, and Tazewell Counties, the Cities of Norton and Radford, and portions of Montgomery, Smyth, and Wise Counties.

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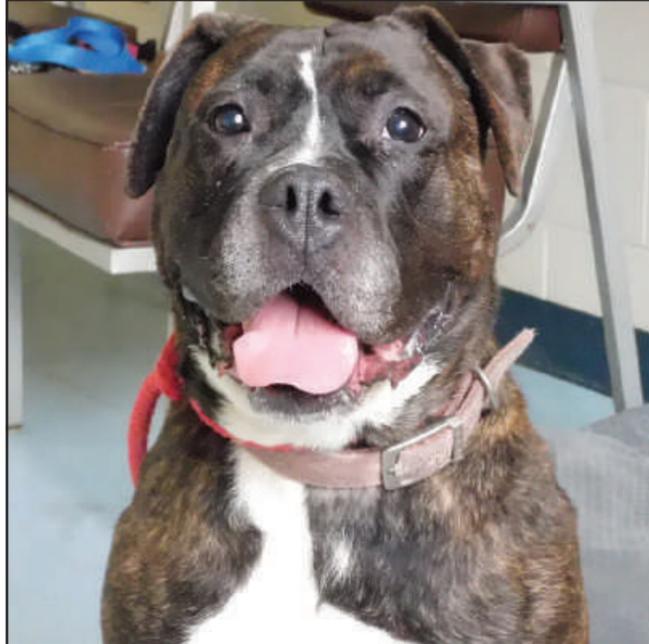
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that he won't leave office prior to the end of his first term. It makes it clear that another election, not some other mechanism, will be necessary to remove him. It represents the final failure of the investigatory apparatus around Trump's alleged Russia collusion to deliver Democrats from the consequences of their 2016 defeat.

Trump, obviously, isn't blameless in any of this. But he is not a Russian agent. He won the presidency in a free and fair election, and despite his attempted removal, will have a chance to do so again. On to 2020.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

PET OF THE WEEK



Awesome Clea is an owner-surrender who seems to be the total doggo package. Six years-old, and loves the world! She has already been spayed but will need to be brought UTD on her Rabies vaccine.

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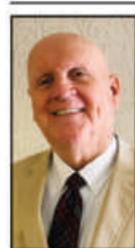
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Paul the Apostle often used light and darkness in contrasting believers to unbelievers. We used to walk in the darkness of sin before we were saved, but now that we have come out of the darkness into newness of light, we walk in the light as Jesus, our blessed Lord and Savior, is in the light

Paul told the Ephesians, "For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light." Eph. 5:8.

If we walk in the light our lives will shine for Christ in a sin darkened world. We will have joy within and power to influence others for good. This should be our daily pattern, for as Christians, we are all children of the light and of the day.

Verses 4 and 5. "But ye brethren are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all children of light and the children of the day: we are not of the night but of the day."

We of the Christian community, the household of faith, are no longer children of darkness, but now we are children of light. Jesus is the light of our lives. Light is more powerful than darkness. When we go into a darkened room, and switch on the light switch, if we have paid the electric bill, the light instantly floods the room and the darkness is dispelled. Light dissipates darkness. Light and darkness cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

Jesus said of Himself in John 9:5, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." However Jesus has made His ascension and how sits on the right hand of God in the heaven or heavens, making intercession for us. So Jesus depends on us, the Christian Community, to be the light of the world. We are to be ambassadors for Christ. An Ambassador is a diplomatic official of the highest rank, sent by one sovereign or state to another as its resident representative.

Christians are called by God to represent Christ Jesus to a lost and dying world.

Jesus is the true light that lights up the world. We as human beings have no natural light of our own. We are, in reality, reflectors of the light of Christ. The light of the moon is the reflection of the sun's light. Matthew 5:14 says, "Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." We are the light of the world in the sense that we reflect the light of Christ.

1 Peter 2:9. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:"

I like what Adam Clark has to say about it. He said, "Ye are all the children of light - Ye are children of God, and enjoy both his light and life. Ye are Christians - ye belong to him who has brought life and immortality to light by his Gospel." Since we as Christians are now deemed to be the light of the world, let us shine brightly before the rest of humanity, sharing the glorious

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Dublin Baptist Church

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secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Pastor: Dennis Jones
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Children's Church and Nursery
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski
(physical address)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski
(mailing address)
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton
Associate Pastor:
Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor
Sunday Services
9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship
9:00AM - Contemporary Worship
10:00AM - Sunday School
11:00AM - Traditional Worship
Contact Info.
Phone: 540.980.3331
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Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
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11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
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deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
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Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm
Sunday Evenings - Devoted to
Evangelistic Outreach
Wednesday- 6 pm
2nd Wed Each Month - Free Community
Dinner - 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm
2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service
6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

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6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin
Pastor Mike Pierce
Service Times:
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
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email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
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Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist

424 East Main Street, Dublin
Pastor Don Hanshew
(540) 674-5128
dublinumc@verizon.net
www.dublinumc.com
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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Second Service, 10:55 a.m.

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1730 West Street
Radford, VA 24141
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540-577-5780
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service
7 p.m. Youth Service

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2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324
Mailing address: Same as above
Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Primary Service Times:
Sunday Morning Worship Service
8:30 and 11:00
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Evening (5:45 Supper in the
Fellowship Hall (Sept thru May) - Youth Groups
and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.)
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Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org

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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
528 5th Street, S.E.
Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

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639-6254
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Associate: Matthew Wood
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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Pastor Mark A. Miller
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message):
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Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
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Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

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www.dublinchristianchurch.com
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski
Pastor Melissa McNair-King
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www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org
Sunday Services:
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,
Service 11 a.m.
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-2927

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540-674-2677
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540-674-6147
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Sunday Services
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
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7 to 9 p.m.
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Pastor Becky Wheeler
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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220 Magazine Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)
975 Memorial Drive
Pulaski, VA 24301
Office Phone: 980-2631
Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org
Website: www.pulaskipca.org
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Sunday School: 10:00am
Worship Service: 11:00am

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Radford, VA 24141
(540) 639-3443
Pastor Steve Phillips
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Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm
Wednesday Night
Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm

New Hope Chapel
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Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080
Pastor Gray and congregation invite you to
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Service Times:
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11 a.m. Sunday Service

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren
1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
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Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7
pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages
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www.newlifepulaski.com
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Pastor: Julie Armbrister
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Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
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Grace Fellowship Baptist Church
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P.O. Box 326
Hiwassee, VA 24347
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Phone: 276-699-3176
pastorjasonaker@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

St. Edwards Catholic Church
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Bernie Ramirez
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

McCraw

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gospel of Jesus Christ with those who are still walking in darkness.

"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within." Maya Angelou.

"Let your light shine so brightly that others can see their way out of the dark" Katrina Meyer.



Penny Franklin

First Baptist to hold Black History Month program

The United Voices Choir of First Baptist Church on Magazine St. in Pulaski will be having a Black History program on Sunday, March 1, 3 p.m.

Penny Franklin, a member of Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church in Christiansburg will be the guest speaker.

Penny is the first African American ever elected to public office in Montgomery County and is serving her 6th term on the Montgomery County School Board.

The Schaeffer Church Choir will provide the music along with musical selections from Brothers of Christ.

The theme is "Stand Up and Speak Out". Deacon Howard Eaves will recite the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speech, "I Have a Dream".

Praise dancers will also be participants in the program.

Pastor Douglas Patterson and congregation welcomes everyone to come out to help us celebrate Black History month.

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We must never give up praying for the lost

Q: My grandfather is gruff, rough, and tough; never smiles and has nothing nice to say about anyone, yet I love him. Is there any hope of breaking through his thick facade with the Gospel of Christ that speaks of the fruits

of the Spirit? I doubt that he will ever become meek and mild, but I just long for him to find happiness in this life. -- C.G.

A: The word gentle was rarely heard of before the Christian era.

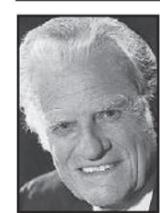
This high quality of character was a direct byproduct of Christian faith.

The Bible says, "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

Charles Dickens wrote, "A man can never be a true gentleman in

manner until he is a true gentleman at heart." I have seen tough, rough, hardened men open their hearts by faith, receive Christ as Savior, and become gentle, patient, merciful gentlemen.

There was once a man in London who served as a chauffeur. It was evident he had missed little of what this world had to offer. As he performed his duties, he found



My Answer

Billy Graham

himself at an evangelistic meeting and was moved by the Holy Spirit to give his life to Christ. This man who seemed so detached suddenly was overcome by the truth of the Gospel. Such a marked change came over this man. His hardness disappeared; his veneer of sophistication melted away. He was a new creature! He threw away his X-rated literature, began to memorize the New Testament, and took on the true marks of a Christian gentleman, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit: gentleness, goodness, meekness (Galatians 5:22-23). We must never give up on praying for the lost, and being examples of righteous living as modeled by the Lord Jesus.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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Increase Life Insurance?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are on Baby Step 3b, and we're saving for a house. We're out of debt and both of us make good money, plus we each have 20-year level term life insurance policies with coverage equaling 10 times our individual incomes. We also have an emergency fund equal to six months of expenses. I recently received a promotion at work, with a subsequent raise of \$10,000. Should I update my life insurance policy to reflect this new income?

Maria

Dear Maria,

I think you're okay right now. I'd evaluate it, and maybe update the amount every three or four years. But as you get out of debt and build wealth, and as the kids get older, the real question to ask yourselves is how much less life insurance do you need?

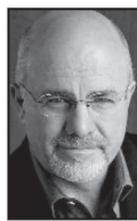
As your income increases and you get in better and better financial shape, it's not going to be necessary to have 10 to 12 times your income wrapped up in life insurance policies. That's just a starting point.

Would your husband and any kids be well taken care of based on your current life insurance amount? Would you and any kids be okay based on his life insurance? If the answer to both questions is yes, you're good!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I put her two adult kids on our cell phone plan



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

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a few years ago. We thought there would be no problem, since they were both paying their own bills. After my wife and I split up a couple of years later, we made sure everything was current, cancelled service with that company, and we all went to different providers. A debt collector called me last week saying I owed \$4,000 on 19 different devices. When I called our old provider, they said I owed \$4,000 on nine devices. I asked for a current, itemized statement of the devices that were still out and the bill. So far, I haven't heard anything back. What do you think I should do?

Bob

Dear Bob,

Just keep on tearing into them. This thing won't go away until you get everything com-

pletely rooted out. If you ignore it, chances are it'll bite you on things like your credit bureau report. You might even find yourself the subject of some vague lawsuit years from now.

Considering the numbers you gave me, and what you know happened with the account and the devices, it sounds like someone on their end made a clerical error. More than likely, this is a case of typical incompetence on the part of a cell phone company.

You may have an uphill battle ahead of you, but I'd keep on shoveling until the barn gets clean. Stay on top of it, and don't let them push you into giving them money if they can't prove they're right. You may have to hire an attorney at some point to sue them and clear your name, but hopefully it won't come to that.

—Dave

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BURN LAW

State forestry officials remind Virginians 4 p.m. burn law goes into effect Feb. 15

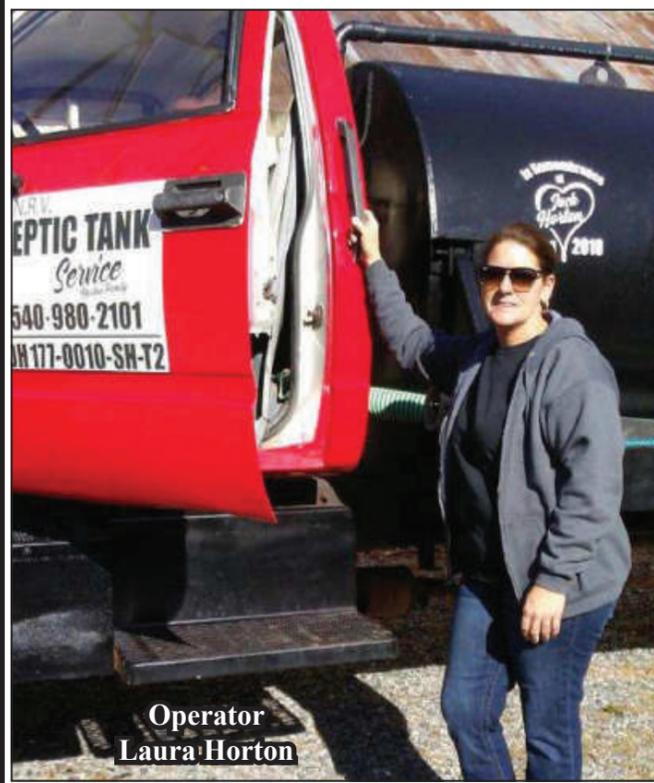
The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) is reminding Virginians that the 4 p.m. burn law goes into effect on Feb. 15.

This law prohibits burning before 4 p.m. every day from Feb. 15 to April 30 if the fire is within 300 feet of woodland, brush or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials.

The 4 p.m. time frame is based on environmental factors, because after that time, the winds are likely to be calmer, temperatures decrease and humidity increases. These all contribute to safer burning conditions, according to the release.

VDOF also reminds Virginians that it is critical to exercise sound judgment when burning throughout the year because it may not be wise to burn if it has not rained in several days, the winds are high, or if you do not have the tools and equipment to contain or control your fire.

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Va.'s first child flu death reported

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) reports the state's first influenza-associated pediatric death for the 2019-20 flu season. A teenager (13-17 years old) in Virginia's Northern region has died from complications associated with influenza. To protect the family's privacy, VDH will not provide any further information regarding this death.

"We offer our condolences and deepest sympathies to this child's family," said State Health Commissioner Norman Oliver, M.D., M.A., "Sadly, this is a tragic reminder that flu can be a serious illness, and we encourage everyone to take precautions to protect themselves and others."

Flu has been widespread in Virginia since December 2019. VDH has investigated a total of 61 flu outbreaks during the 2019-20 flu season through February 1, and received reports of 773 pneumonia and influenza-associated deaths. On average, three flu-related pediatric deaths are reported each year in Virginia.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that influenza has resulted in 22-31 million illnesses, 210,000-370,000 hospitalizations and 12,000-30,000 deaths in the U.S. so far this flu season. Certain groups are at higher risk for serious illness from flu, including children younger than 5, pregnant women, people aged 65 and older, and those with suppressed immune systems or certain chronic medical conditions, such as heart or lung disease.

Flu activity in Virginia typically peaks between December and February, but can remain elevated into the spring.

VDH recommends taking three actions to prevent the flu.

1. get vaccinated every year;
2. practice good public health with hand hygiene (washing your hands regularly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer), respiratory etiquette (coughing and sneezing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow rather than your open hand), and staying home when you feel sick; and
3. take antivirals as prescribed if you do become sick with the flu.

To locate a seasonal flu vaccine clinic near you, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov or contact your local health department.

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Big 'Senior Night' for girls

By DAN CALLAHAN
The Patriot

Two 14-5 teams locked horns on "Senior Night" for the Pulaski County girls basketball program at PCHS Tuesday evening, and the Cougars were the team that came away, 15-5 in a big way as PCHS routed Cave Spring, 66-48.

All five Pulaski Co. seniors started the game, and all five of them got to finish with taking a bow before a grateful crowd on one of the best basketball performances of the season for the Cougars. Playing their last regular season home game for Pulaski County were Kassidy Secrist, Maddie Ratcliff, Alaina Akers, Hannah Walson, and Bailey Nash.

The Knights had two big scorers. Kiera Mooney was seven of nine from the field and scored 20 points, and Callie Porter got 18, but was seven of 18 from the field. So those two Knights combined for 38 points on 14 of 27 shooting. The rest of the Cave team combined to make only three of 24 shots.

Pulaski County had a balanced effort with three players scoring in double figures, but that doesn't tell all the story either. Ratcliff led the way with 17, hitting seven of 16 shots, Ally Fleenor, playing limited minutes, found trouble, was four of five and finished with 11, and Paige Huff was five of nine and scored 10. But Kesyln Secrist tickled the twine for nine points, Taryn Blankenship moved nicely inside for seven, Akers got five, Walson four, Courtney Cregger and Kassidy Secrist both got two.

Cave finished 17 of 51 as a team for the game, only 33.1% against a contesting Cougar defense. Pulaski Co. finished 28 of 55, a solid 50.9%. PCHS coach Brad Sutphin saw that all 12 of the Cougars dressed for the game saw plenty of action, especially his seniors. Nine of them scored. "This was a really nice night for our seniors. I'm happy for them," said Sutphin. "It was a special night for us to play really well and the girls were outstanding tonight. I thought our floor game was really good, and we shot the ball good enough, and it was just a well rounded performance. I'm especially happy that their final regular season home game



Maddie Ratcliff eyes a teammate heading to the basket. Ratcliff was one of several Cougars playing their last regular season home game at PCHS.

Brian Bishop/PC Patriot

went so well for those seniors. I'm proud of them," said Sutphin.

He should be proud of how his team performed from a fundamental aspect as well. In fact, both teams displayed outstanding floor games. The two teams combined for only six turnovers the first half. Cave committed two early in the fourth quarter and Huff quickly turned them into two baskets at the other end, but still the Knights turned the ball over only six times in the game. But the Cougar offense executed even better, and finished with a season low four turnovers

for the game.

Kesyln Secrist hit a big three-point shot to put the Cougars up, 14-10 at the end of the first quarter. They would never trail in the game. It was 33-15 at the half as Parker and Mooney combine for 21 of Cave's 25 points, but Ratcliff and Kesyln Secrist closed the first half strong and the Cougars led, 33-25 at halftime.

Pulaski Co. took control of the game early in the third quarter and never looked back. A surge by Ratcliff again and Huff resulted in a 49-34 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Cou-

gar defense held the Knights to three of 16 shooting in the third.

Fleenor took over early in the fourth. She cranked home a big three off the right wing, and quickly followed with a power move inside for five quick Cougar points. With 3:22 left in the game, the lead had reached 20, 62-42.

The remainder of the game was dedicated to the five seniors.

With the win Pulaski Co. moved to a perfect 10-0 in the River Ridge District and 15-5 on the season. Cave drops to 7-4 and 14-6.

PCHS Sports Schedule

Tuesday 02/18/20

Girls Basketball: River Ridge District Championship Game @ Patrick Henry HS 6 pm

Friday 02/21/20

Boys Basketball: Region 4D Playoffs Pulaski Co. @ Halifax Co. TBD
Girls Basketball: Region 4D

Playoffs TBD @ Pulaski Co. 6 pm

Saturday 02/22/20

Indoor Track: Region 4D Meet @ Roanoke College 9:30 am

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Hokies' '21 class must be better

If you are a Virginia Tech football fan you're not going to enjoy reading this quick review of last season's recruiting class. We'll just look at the ACC which is of more concern than nationally at this juncture.

Clemson had the best class in the ACC which is certainly not a surprise. The Tigers are now one of the top recruiting programs in the nation and expect that to remain that way. The next best class and 12th nationally was Miami, (even with all the problems), Carolina was 16, Florida State 21, and Georgia Tech 24. The Hokies were 82 and there's no use wasting time explaining why that's not good enough. How about other surrounding programs in the region? West Virginia was 28, Maryland 31, and UVa 59. So you could say that everybody pretty much had a better recruiting year than Tech.

Will this make much difference next season? No, it shouldn't. The Hokies return a large percentage of its two deep and were a young team also, and next season will be one of the most veteran teams in the country. So expect Tech to have a better season. The schedule is a bit tougher, but I still believe the Hokies will be a better football team and have a better season, solid bowl bid at the end too.

But now you get to the problem. What comes next? How much talent has left the program due to the transfer portal, leaving early to enter the draft, and those graduating off the coming team. The last two recruiting classes, particularly the last one, have not been good. So what's down the road?

I believe it can be salvaged. There are still some good young players at crucial positions in the Tech program that will still be in Blacksburg when the next season ends, but there must be some new talent to add to what's left. I believe Justin Fuente and his staff need to go all out, and try to find players who can play as true freshmen. They need to get a few pieces of the kind of stuff the blue bloods get every year. Future needs to sign.

"We need to sign an elite class," he says. "We need a full class, and we need to find some players that can contribute and do so early." Last season's class

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Taking In A Shooting Match

From the days of my pre-teen years to the present, I have always enjoyed shooting matches as a participant or as just an observer. Matches in the older days might be held at country stores, on a farmer's land or even like the one I attended once at a sawmill site on top of Cloyd's Mountain. Now days they have progressed to sites such as fire departments or buildings with windows designed with a pulley system to take target cards to and from the or designated distance. Back then most of the guns that were used were single-barreled with an occasional double-barrel of the major manufactures such as Winchester or Remington. I have seen some guys show up with an expensive gun such as a Browning automatic and be out shot by a cheaper type gun. I once saw one guy trade his nice Browning to a fellow who was winning a lot of the rounds with a double-barrel.

I have been at some of these matches in years past that featured a good indoor shooting area with the targets outside and special designed match shotguns with scopes. This past Saturday, I attended a match up in Wythe County at the Big Walker Game & Fish Club. It was strictly twelve-gauge shotguns only with no scopes allowed. It was four dollars a shot with shells furnished using 2# 10's (that is) 2 oz. powder and 2 oz. of shot using 10 size shot. They had a total of 52 shooters which took in 208 dollars and 1/2 was returned in prizes to the shooters. This was more to my liking, but I did not shoot any. The fellowship was good and I like to see all types and makes of shot guns and how they perform. I'm sure this is just one of the reasons there is so much objection by all of us sportspeople in that we do not want all these laws that infringe upon our 2nd Amendment rights.

I had gotten in touch with a Mr. Carson Frye whose contact number was listed with the ad telling of the match I had seen in the Wytheville Enterprise paper. He is in charge of match cards at the shooting window. This is in the Big Walker Fish and Game Club building, an approximately 30-foot by



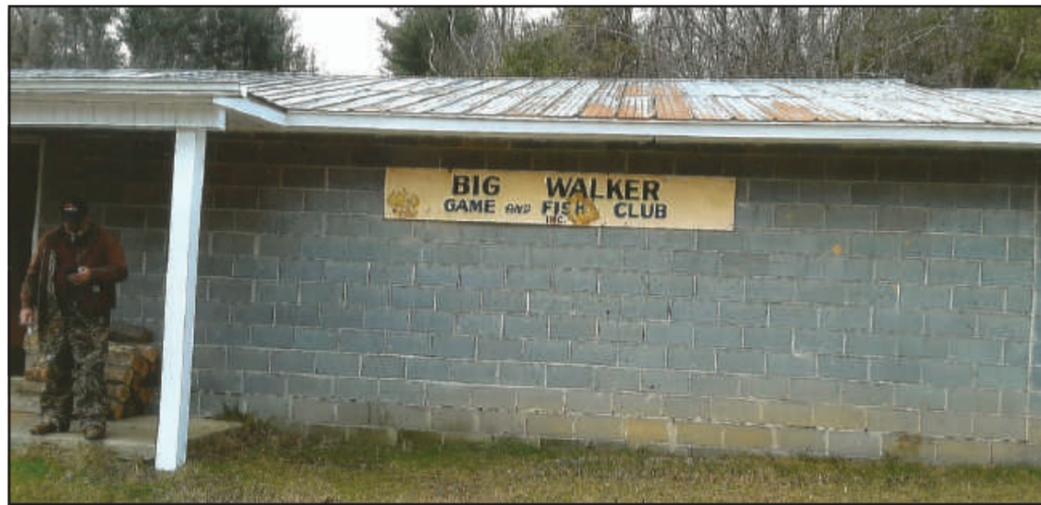
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60-foot block building heated with a big ole Warm Morning coal stove. It has a kitchen that has snacks for sale with a long table and plenty of benches and chairs. He (Frye) can be reached at (276) 620 0355 and can give you more of the lowdown on their operation. He informed that they shoot beginning each Saturday at 10 A.M. They will go back next Saturday to regular guns or any modified ones, but no but scopes allowed. In March they will have a 12 gauge only again with no scopes as was this past Saturday.

Directions to site are from VA. Rte. 99 out of Pulaski Town, take I-81 South 17.4 miles to Exit 81, cross over bridge of I-81 and take frontage road 1.8 miles south to Wythe Stone & Sand Quarry. Make a left through quarry area on Atkins Road and go to 0.8 miles, turn left on Whippoorwill and go 0.6 miles and Club building on your left. I know I enjoyed this type of shooting match and would recommend to any that might go and might feel the same.

A true sportsman will keep his guns oiled and in good working condition and be prepared to trust them when in search of game or in times of pleasure such as shooting matches. In times of war, one must have the best in the way of a gun and in good working order to defend against the enemy soldier. By the same token, we as Christians should be spiritually prepared to defend ourselves against the fiery darts that are hurled at us by the "ole devil" himself. Ephesians 6:11(KJV) "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the of the devil." Verses 12 through 17 and 18 give all the types of body armour we must have and concludes with emphasis on verses: 17b "and



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Big Walker Game and Fish Club Building – site of the shooting matches.



Shooters in line to shoot some of the guns used.



Carson Frye handling cards as a shooter prepares to shoot.

the sword of the spirit which is the word of God," this the Bible that we should read and study

each day and be continually in prayer: 18a "Praying always with all prayer and supplication

in the spirit."

Until next time

Louisville picked No. 1 in ACC baseball

GREENSBORO, N.C. (theACC.com) – Louisville, which returns a strong cast from last year's team that made a deep run in the College World Series, has been selected as the 2020 Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball preseason favorite by the league's 14 head coaches. The coaches voted Miami as the favorite to win the Coastal Division.

Louisville is also favored to repeat as Atlantic Division champion with 97 total points, followed by Florida State (79) and NC State (68). Clemson and Wake Forest tied for fourth place in the voting with 52 points each, followed by Boston College (27) and Notre Dame (17). The Cardinals were selected as division favorites by 13

coaches, with Clemson receiving one first-place vote.

Twelve coaches picked Miami to win the Coastal Division, with defending ACC champion North Carolina and reigning Coastal champ Georgia Tech each receiving one first-place vote. Miami tallied 93 total points. Balloting for the next three spots was tight as North Carolina (68) placed second, followed by Georgia Tech (66) and Duke (65). Virginia (55 points), Virginia Tech (27) and Pitt (18) rounded out the Coastal preseason voting.

The ACC has placed at least one team in the College World Series for 14 consecutive years and at least six teams in the NCAA tournament each of the past 16 years.

Sixty-nine league players were selected in the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft, and at least one ACC player has been picked in the first round for 29 straight years.

Nine different ACC teams have been ranked in at least one major poll during the 2020 preseason, including eight in the NCBWA rankings released earlier this week.

All 14 ACC teams open their seasons on Friday, February 14, with conference play set to begin on Friday, March 6.

Full results of the 2020 ACC Baseball Coaches Preseason Poll, with first-place votes in parenthesis:

Overall Champion
Louisville

- Atlantic Division**
1. Louisville (13) - 97
 2. Florida State - 79
 3. NC State - 68
 - T4. Clemson (1) - 52
 - T4. Wake Forest - 52
 6. Boston College - 27
 7. Notre Dame - 17

- Coastal Division**
1. Miami (12) - 93
 2. North Carolina (1) - 68
 3. Georgia Tech (1) - 66
 4. Duke - 65
 5. Virginia - 55
 6. Virginia Tech - 24
 7. Pitt - 18

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Gray turns Blacksburg blue

By DAN CALLAHAN
The Patriot

Guard Hayden Gray started out scorching hot, and Pulaski County never trailed on the way to a convincing, 65-56 victory over Blacksburg Saturday afternoon at PCHS. The win moved the Cougars to 3-5 in River Ridge District play and 8-10 overall. The Bruins fell to 4-5 in district play and 12-7 overall.

Gray hit four of five shots in the first quarter, two of them 3s, and came up with two steals that resulted in Pulaski County baskets. The Cougars were up 20-16. In the second stanza Gray stayed hot, hitting all four of his shots, and nine of 10 the first half for 19 points at the break. And this time he got help from a solid floor game from his running mate at

guard Josh Bourne, and Peyton Blackburn finished the first half with eight points and two 3's.

The Cougars were 17 of 25 shooting the first half, a very warm 68%. The Bruins were 12 of 27, 45%. But turnovers were huge too. Pulaski County's pressure defense forced nine Blacksburg first half turnovers and after the Cougars hit 10 of 14 shots the second quarter the lead was out to 13, 45-32 as the teams went to the locker room.

The third quarter was cold for both teams, and the Bruins managed to outscore the Cougars, 10-8. PCHS hit only three of 11 shots, but Blacksburg wasn't much better, hitting just three of 10.

Then with the lead down to eight, Pulaski Co. coach Tyler Cannoy decided to change

things up. Most of the fourth quarter featured an outstanding floor game by Pulaski County, and when the Cougars went to a full spread, three times the ball nailed open players breaking off the baseline. Luke Russell and Blackburn split three layups as the Cougars pulled away down the stretch.

It was a satisfying victory for the Cougars and Cannoy had much to be pleased with. "Hayden had it going. He can fill it up. Glad we got him. He could have kept going probably, but I wanted to make sure we put this win away. I was pleased with our floor play. Bourne and Blackburn both had good games. It was a good team win, and our wins must be team things. That's who we are. But this was a nice one. We also created some turnovers which was big. Now we got PH Monday night right back here at home and see if we can keep playing well," said Cannoy.

Gray finished nine of 13 from the field and three of five from the free throw line for a game high 24 points. Blackburn was five of six from the floor and two of three from the line for 13 points. Bourne was three of four and two of three for nine. Russell scored six, and A.J. McCloud and J.J. Gully both had four and Peyton McDaniel hit a big three. Josh Gholston and Matt Joyce led Blacksburg, both scored 13.

The Bruins were 19 of 45 shooting for the game, 42.2%. Pulaski Co. shot 24 of 42 for the game, 57.2%. Blacksburg committed 17 turnovers, the Cougars 10.



Brian Bishop/PC Patriot

Luke Russell looks for help.

Cougars hammered by Cave

The Pulaski County boys basketball team suffered its worst defeat of the season in Roanoke Tuesday evening, 78-34 to Cave Spring. The first time the two teams met the Knights won, 84-54, but this time the margin moved to 44.

Cave pushed its record to 9-2 in the River Ridge District, second behind Patrick Henry, and 19-2 overall with its only two losses coming to PH. Pulaski County's record falls to 4-7 in the RR and 9-12 overall with a final regular season home game against Salem Thursday evening.

The Cougars were out of this contest quickly. Cave led 18-6 at the end of the first quarter, outscored the Cougars 27-8 in the third quarter and 9-2 in the fourth. A.J. McCloud led PCHS with 17 points, but the Knights put four players in double figures; Parker Huffman scored a game high 22 points, Matt Cagle 13, Advan Jasarvic 11, and Reed Pendleton 10.

PH dominates PC, 78-61

Too much firepower. Too quick. Too good. Patrick Henry remained unbeaten (11-0) in the River Ridge District with a convincing, 78-61 win at Pulaski County Monday evening. The Patriots moved to 15-3 on the season while the Cougars dropped to 3-6 and 8-11 on the season.

After a terrific quarter that saw the Cougars tied with PH at 21-21, they just couldn't keep pace with a talented PH team that shot the ball well throughout and its pressure defense forced Pulaski Co. into 20 turnovers that often resulted in easy baskets on the other end.

"They have an older squad, and some proven players. Their pressure was hard on us, and they did shoot the ball well, and it's hard because you can't double up anywhere, or try to take away any individual player because they can all score inside and out. But I thought our kids contested them the best we could. I was mostly pleased with our effort, and we played hard. That's what you do," said Pulaski Co. coach Tyler Cannoy.

Pulaski Co. hit 21 of 52 shots, 38.6%, and the Cougars had to work hard for their shots. Hayden Gray and Josh Bourne both had 11 points for the Cougars, Peyton Blackburn nine, and Luke Russell eight.

Callahan

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was a small one, just 15, but the real problem was it was mediocre. You may not get to sign many, but can you sign some that are highly regarded? Last time Tech could not. The Hokies finished above only Wake Forest and Syracuse with its class. The 2021 cycle is huge. The Hokies must convince some talent to come to Blacksburg. "It's the most important class in some time," says Fuente.

What are the Hokies up against? A lot if you want to compete on a national level and certainly that's what Hokies everywhere want to do, and do so consistently. When you get a taste of the good life, you want to keep things that way, but since the days of Michael Vick and that's a long time ago, and since the days of Frank Beamer, things have been a bit slim. It is a crucial time for the Hokie program, and not just because of too many players entering the transfer portal, but because there needs to be an influx of talent into the program.

Recruiting for the 2021 class has already heated up. If you had to spent time trying to finish and plug some holes with the late signing a week ago, then likely you are already behind. Ohio State has the top class at this point, Clemson is next, already with nine players. Florida is third, Notre Dame fourth, and Texas fifth. Here comes the rest

of the ACC. Miami's next class is at 8, Carolina 10, FSU 14, and Tech 28. That's certainly nothing to celebrate, but it's a lot better place at this juncture than a year ago. The Hokies need to finish something like 20-25 in 2021. They need some talent, and depth.

The ACC has been down and yet the Hokies have struggled. What's it going to look like when the conference is up? That creates urgency. The coaching changes at Florida State and Miami appear to have generated good things. Those two may never again be what they once were, but at the very least they are going to get better, maybe a lot better. Nobody doubts for a second that Mack Brown has Carolina on the rise and that is very quickly going to be another problem.

And then you consider Clemson. They have the easiest road to the final four playoff. Why? Because the Tigers have left the ACC in the dust. Just consider these things. Clemson appears now to be a consistent top five recruiting program in the country every year. You see players changing their minds, playing mind games with programs, but Clemson did not have a single decommitment and hasn't had one in three years. Miami had 20 this last recruiting class!

What does Clemson look like to the players around the country? LSU offered 316 players to

get its class. Georgia offered 267. Dabo Swinney offered only 106 players scholarships to play for the Tigers, and almost 25% of them said yes, and that's a phenomenal ratio. Getting players to visit is a big thing, get them on campus. Give them the \$100 tour, complete with all the trimmings. Of all the players that visited the Clemson campus being recruited for the 2020 class, just two said no!

Yes, it's basketball season, and yes, conference tournaments and the NCAA is getting close. Then comes baseball, and the summer. But there is no change of season as far as Virginia Tech football is concerned. The Hokie staff must work everyday all the way until December in the effort to secure a great recruiting class for 2021. It is imperative.

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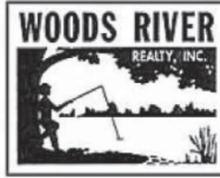
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by Matilda Charles

Learn to navigate medical care maze

It's easy to get lost in the shuffle of medical care. When something is wrong, you need to know what it is, and quickly. That didn't happen with a veteran in New York.

For that veteran there was a delay in finding out about abnormal test results. Policies say that if the results require intervention or action, the patient needs to hear from the ordering provider in seven days. If that provider isn't available, each medical facility must have a surrogate, someone charged with handling the test results. In other words, the results just don't get lost somewhere and forgotten.

For the veteran above, there was a 36-day delay. The person who ran the tests quickly passed along the results to the surrogate provider ... who sat on them for 28 days. After handing them off to the next in line in the hierarchy (the chief of staff), the veteran was finally notified eight additional days later.

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This leaves it to you, the patient, to ask questions. Specifically you want to know: When will the medical test results be ready? Who will have those results? Get the name and phone number. If you're transported by ambulance and can communicate, ask where you're being taken.

The more medical people you query along the way, the better your chances of being listened to and finding the one with the information you need. Be persistent.



County Spelling Bee Winners Recognized

The Pulaski County School Board recognized this year's countywide spelling bee winners at Tuesday night's meeting of the board.

Pulaski County Public Schools held its division spelling bee on Tuesday, February 4. Participants from each school were:

- Critzer Elementary: Jackson Pugh
- Dublin Elementary: Kyra Williams
- Pulaski Elementary: Noah Croy

- Riverlawn Elementary: Milan Patel
- Snowville Elementary: Kaitlyn Nunn
- Dublin Middle: Jacey Hendrix
- Pulaski Middle: Thurn Martin

The division champion is Thurn Martin. Thurn is a 6th grader at Pulaski Middle School. He will be going to the Regional Spelling bee on March 21 at William Fleming High School in Roanoke VA. The runner up was Jacey Hendrix, an 8th grader at Dublin Middle.

Pulaski County Schools photo

Calfee School Architectural Services Town of Pulaski

The Town of Pulaski is seeking non-exclusive proposals from qualified architectural firms to provide professional architectural services for design of former Calfee Training School to be used as the Calfee Community & Cultural Center, including a childcare center and cultural heritage museum. The Town of Pulaski has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant for planning and conceptual design of the facility for this use. The Town reserves the right to retain selected firm for implementation of the construction project upon award of funding.

A full RFP packet is available at www.pulaskitown.org and by contacting the Pulaski Town Manager's office at sutt@pulaskitown.org or 540-994-8600.

Proposal Submittal:

Five (5) copies of proposals requested herein must be received in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Design Services for Town of Pulaski - Calfee Community & Cultural Center" no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2020. Any proposals received after this deadline shall be returned to the Respondent unopened.

Proposals and inquiries should be addressed to:

Shawn M. Utt, Town Manager
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The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 to provide educational opportunities for persons who were denied an education in Virginia due to the closing of the public schools during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1964. The program is open to new eligible applicants for the 2020-2021 school year. For applications and information on eligibility, visit:

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or contact Lily Jones, Division of Legislative Services, at (804) 698-1888.

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Hot Wheels Race Winners Announced

Congratulations to Sam Crispin and Owen Weeks for winning 5 FREE HAIRCUTS each by finishing first and second in the first OK Barber Shop Hot Wheels Race. The first Saturday night of Hot Wheels Racing at the OK Barber Shop was exciting! Participants started the evening off with Test & Tune and a bit of Little Caesar's Pizza at 5:30 p.m. Then at 6 p.m. the racing began. Here's the final standings:

- FINAL STANDINGS**
 First #1 Sam Crispin
 Second #9 Owen Weeks
 Third #4 Nathan Brown
 Forth #6 Logan Brown
 Fifth #2 Eric Skinner
 Fifth #7 Nikki

- Fifth #8 Cole Weeks
 Sixth #5 Ben Brown
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 Eighth #10 Jerry Burton

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Remembering Our Music

Have you ever tried to remember all the words to a song from your childhood or teenage years, or something you heard your parents sing? If you can remember one or two lines of a verse or the title, you can find the whole song on the Internet.

Here's an example. I put one line of a song in Google, and there it was! Not only did all the lyrics pop up but there were links to videos of groups singing

the song. There were links, too, to more information. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that the song was written in 1911.

World War II was full of good music, and chances are you remember at least parts of some of the songs. Search online for World War II songs or any other era you're interested in. Wikipedia even has categories such as "Songs of 1950s." Or search Wikipedia by singer and click



by Freddy Groves

on their discography for all the songs they released.

Remember "Any Bonds Today?", the 1941 song written for a war bond drive and presented in a Bugs Bunny cartoon? Or for younger seniors, how about "Blowin' in the Wind," Bob Dylan's 1962 song. How many verses do you remember?

When the weather warms up, you might consider haunting garage sales and antique marts for old sheet music. If you no longer have a keyboard, look on Amazon for compact 54-key electronic keyboards for less than \$100.

And what do you do once you've collected all the music from your youth? Consider sharing it. If you play well enough, ask about visiting a retirement facility and playing for the residents. Make copies of the lyrics and hand them out for a sing-along. For Alzheimer's patients, hearing or singing music can animate silent patients, reduce stress and strengthen memory.

Baby names reflect demographic shifts

By ERICA MOKUN
Capital News Service

RICHMOND — Bye-bye, Betty. You were one of the most popular names for girls in Virginia when Betty Grable ruled the silver screen in the 1930s. But last year, you didn't even register a "boop" on the Social Security Administration's list of common baby names in the commonwealth.

Mateo, on the other hand, has seen a meteoric rise. First appearing on the SSA's list 20 years ago, it was the 46th most popular name for boys born in Virginia in 2018 — ahead of Robert, Jonathan and Adam.

Mateo, the Spanish form of Matthew, has emerged in Virginia as the state's Latino population has grown. Last year, 179 boys born in the state were named Mateo.

The most common names for male babies in Virginia last year were William, Liam and Noah. The most common names for girls were Ava, Olivia and Emma. The SSA's data, based on applications for Social Security cards, shows how names can rise and fall in popularity based on cultural and demographic trends.

"We see many more Spanish names rising through the charts in the U.S. as the Spanish-speaking population grows and people become more comfortable with

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Public Service Announcement

NRV Master Gardener Training program seeking applicants for training class
The New River Valley Master Gardener Program is seeking applicants for the 2020 Master Gardener Training class. The class runs from late February through early May. Contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at 540-382-5790 for more information.

FYI:

Dublin Town Offices to be closed
Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020. Garbage scheduled for pick-up on Monday, February 17th will be picked up on Tuesday, February 18.

Barren Springs Church offers ride to church.

Barren Springs Holiness Church in Wythe County will be sending a bus to Pulaski each Wednesday to pick up anyone who would like to attend services at the church. Please be ready by 6:30 p.m. sharp in order to make it to the church by 7 p.m. service time. Riders will be taken back to the same location that you were picked up for and more information call 276-730-4140. Chuck Neal, Pastor.

February 14

Celebrate Valentine's Day at St. Jude Church

Celebrate Valentine's Day at St. Jude Church located at 1740 Tyler Ave., Christiansburg. The church will host a dinner and dance on Friday, February 14, 2020 with DJ Zach from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. The menu will be barbeque spareribs, baked beans, coleslaw, and cornbread and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and under. Please purchase tickets through the office by calling 540-639-5341.

February 15

Movie Night

Memorial Baptist Church, 995 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski will have a free movie night on February 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The movie will be "Overcomer." Admission is free. (Church phone number (540) 980-4731.

Bingo

American Legion Post #7 Auxiliary will host Bingo on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. til 2 p.m. Refreshments served.

February 25

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held at Grace Episcopal

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church (210 Fourth Street, Radford Va.) Please come join us in this annual tradition. The dinner is free, but donations are accepted.

Strove Tuesday Pancake Supper planned at Newbern UMC
Strove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held February 25, 5

p.m. - 7 p.m. at Newbern United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to come join the church congregation for this event. A free will offering will accepted.

March 7

Youth Lead Conference to be held at VHM

Youth VHM Conference will be held Saturday, March 7, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.) at Valley Harvest Ministries. The conference leaders are gearing up to bring you another awesome conference full of excitement, power worship music and testimonies that will leave participants wanting more of Jesus! This year's conference is fueling up and getting ready to change the lives of young men and women around the county and abroad! Keep March 7 on your calendar and bring all your friends. This conference will bring everyone from "Worthless to Worthy! Guest speakers for the event will be Mr. Jason Politis and Ms. "Baby Girl" 1975, with Tana Woodyard as MC. Free admission for the event, food will be provided. Donations will be accepted at the door to support NRV Pregnancy Resource Center.

Community fundraiser for victim of house fire

There will be a community fundraiser for Teresa Davis, who lost her home to fire on Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m. at the Twin Community Fire Dept. in Parrott.. There will be a hot dog, BBQ, and dessert sale along with an auction and gospel singing.

On-going community based activities and needs:

Pulaski High School Class of 1970 plans reunion

Please help spread the word over the holidays to friends and relatives that the Pulaski High School Class of '70 is planning on hosting their 50th reunion during the Memorial Day weekend of May 22-23 at Al's on First. For more information please contact Cathy Weddle Coble at 540-230-1519.

WOTM (Women of the Moose)

host monthly quarter BINGO
Monthly WOTM Bingo is held the second Saturday of every month at the Pulaski Moose Lodge, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. There are awesome door prizes, FREE coffee, WOTM donation up-dates, pull tabs, raffles and much more. Come out and play some quarter Bingo with your Women of the Moose. \$10 Buy-in: You play unlimited amount of cards.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meet Monday at 8 p.m.(closed meeting); Wednesday (noon); and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-440-0066.

Al-Anon - Pulaski

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Pulaski Presbyterian Church

of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Volunteers needed at the Ratcliffe

Ratcliffe Transportation Museum is in need of volunteers Please call Ernie or Ron at 540-980-2307 for more information, please leave a message if no one answers.

Group sets aside day each month to pray for County

A group of citizens of Pulaski County has set aside the 15th of each month to fast and pray for the county. The group asks that citizens who are of a like mind please join them in this effort.

Feeding America

Distribution of fresh produce and baked goods at New Life Church of the Nazarene each Saturday from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (no charge) on a first-come-first-served basis. The church is located 45 S. Jefferson Ave., Pulaski.

Adult Day Care and Fall Prevention Center hosts monthly BINGO

Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center hosts BINGO on the 4th Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Ruritan building on 4th and Jefferson St in Pulaski. The building is located near Seagles Funeral Home. Everyone welcome!

Pulaski Old Time Jamboree

A Bluegrass Jam session for players of all ages is held every Thursday evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Historic Pulaski Train Depot. Join the jam by playing an instrument or singing or just come by and enjoy the music. Call Dee Dean at 540-392-3555 for more information. The center is located across the street from the post office.

Cowboy Church ministry offers food bags to the elderly and shut-in

On the third and fourth week of each month Cowboy Church offers food bags to the elderly and shut-in. On these weeks, interested participants may come by the church at 12 noon for pick up if able. Delivery is available

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if necessary. Call Mike and Pat Thompson at 540-577-4923. Cowboy Church is located at 520 E. Main St., Pulaski (across from Downtown Exxon).

Pulaski Daily Bread in need of volunteers

Daily Bread is in need of servers on several different days, so if you can spare a few hours a week you may contact Debbi Harrell (Director) at 980-2131 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Celebrate Recovery Support group at VHM

Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin is now sponsoring a support group for people who are working through hurts, habits and hang-ups. The group meets each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. with a large group meeting and then everyone will divide into smaller groups at 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous

The NA group HOW meets each Sunday 6 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church located at 144 Washington Ave., in Pulaski. The meeting is open to everyone.

N.A. Principles before Personalities

N.A. Principles before Personalities meets Thursday at 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Annex located at 4th and Jefferson St., Pulaski, Va. For more information, go to www.newrivervalleyna.org

Names

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diversity and interested in using names from their own culture," said Pamela Redmond, an expert on the subject.

Redmond is co-founder and CEO of Nameberry, which describes itself as the internet's "largest and most complete resource devoted to baby names."

Baby names reflect what is fashionable as well as society's appreciation for diversity.

"Baby names are completely barometers of who we are and what we like in a culture, and from our ethnic identity to our feelings about education and class to what we are watching on TV," Redmond said.

The Social Security Administration annually tracks the names given to boys and girls in each state and has posted online data going back to 1910.

Some names stand the test of time. For boys, for example, James has been a top-10 name every year in Virginia; it was No. 4 in 2018.

Other names can fall out of favor as the decades pass. For instance, Shirley was the most common name for girls born in Virginia in 1936. But last year, it was given to fewer than five babies in the state — the threshold for being included in the SSA's database.

Some names can suddenly surface and quickly soar in popularity. That is what happened with Liam. It first appeared on the SSA's list for Virginia in 1985, ranking No. 138 with just five births. But by 2012, Liam was the third most common name.



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Sat. Feb. 22nd: Pastor Mike Ingo
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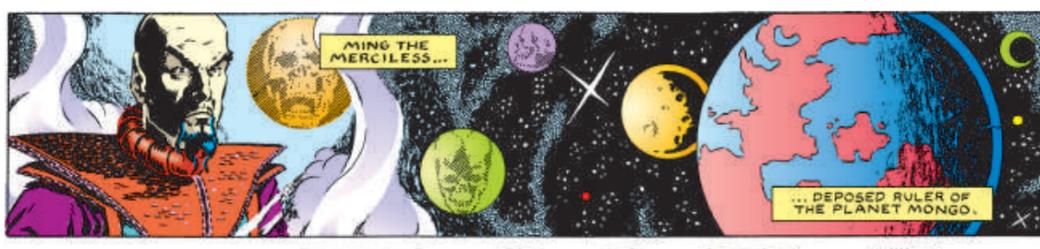
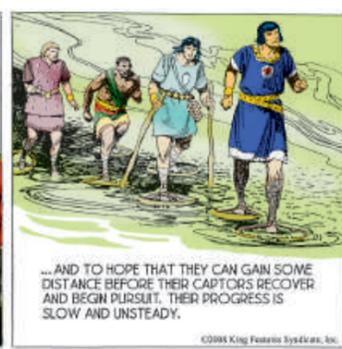
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Lincoln Carving

President Abraham Lincoln has been memorialized in many ways since his death in 1865, but there are things that few people remember today.

1. The president and his wife, Mary Todd, had four sons. Three died young. "Eddie" (Edward Baker) Lincoln, born in 1846, died at 3 years old in 1850. "Willie" (William Wallace) was born in 1850 and died in 1862 at the age of 11. Son Thomas, called "Tad," was born in 1853 and died at 18 in 1871. But their first-born son, Robert Todd, was born in 1843 and lived until 1926, passing at the age of 82.

2. President Lincoln was the tallest president. He was 6 feet, 4 inches tall.

3. Lincoln's birthday is Feb. 12, 1809.

4. President Lincoln did not smoke and rarely drank alcohol. He drank water with meals.

Try some of President Lincoln's favorite foods on President's Day. One of his favorites was apples. He held an apple with his thumb and forefinger, and ate it from the bottom. Some say he also liked chicken fricassee with biscuits, and most reports say he enjoyed oyster stew. Mary Todd Lincoln used "Miss Leslie's Complete Cookery" cookbook that is still available at bookstores today.

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Beer bottle, Kuntz Lager, labeled, 1920s, 9 1/4 inches, \$85.

Telephone, Northern Electric, oak, rotary dial, handset, 22 x 8 inches, \$160.

Blanket chest, oak, rectangular lift top, 4 panels, stylized flowers, geometric borders, 28 x 54 inches, \$340.

Chandelier, 6-light, roses, leaves, wrought metal, continen-

KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel



This folk-art carving of President Abraham Lincoln was made from a tree stump in the late 1800s. It is 47 inches tall. The sculpture sold for \$1,800 at a recent Garth's auction.

at, c. 1925, 28 x 26 inches, \$480.

TIP: If you have a dusty, dirty book, try rubbing or blotting the pages with a piece of white bread.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

Now here's a tip!
by Jo Ann Derson

* "For uniform cookies, roll and freeze your dough for 10-15 minutes. Most doughs will harden enough to slice into perfectly even slices, and the freezing doesn't really affect cooking time too much. (Watch your first batch, though.)"
-- R.L. in Missouri

* If you are reattaching a button to shorts or pants, try using dental floss, the unwaxed kind. It's much stronger and can hold the button better than regular thread. Use a marker to darken it if the color is an issue.

* "Here's a use for large plastic jugs: Cut off the bottom and use as a megaphone at sports games. Assemble the younger siblings off field and let each have his or her own megaphone. They can be decorated with stickers. Have the kids make up a cheer." -- T.T. in Texas

* Dampen a paper towel with vinegar and put it into your kid's lunchbox after you wipe it out. Zip up and leave overnight. It absorbs smells.

* "Use a hair dryer on the warm setting to dry out boots that have gotten wet inside. Check often to make sure it's not getting too hot inside. Remove insoles if possible." -- D.E. in Nebraska

* Need an easy substitute for buttermilk? Squeeze lemon juice into milk, and let it sit for 10-15 minutes before using.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm's way. — John Paul Jones

answer
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Five From NRCC Selected For Apprenticeship

Five New River Community College students were selected for an apprenticeship through Apex Systems, Inc. with American Electric Power (AEP) Transmission Operations that began January 13. The students are all in NRCC's electrical engineering technology program. Pictured from left to right: Jonathan Moore, Frank Woods, Annika Blankemeyer, Austin Kirtner and Zachary Stump.

NRCC photo

Trip to vet stresses pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My poodle mix, "Jester," is a sweet and energetic dog -- until it's time to go to the vet. When the carrier kennel comes out, he begins to tremble and whine, and resists being put in. He is always very stressed at the vet office. How can I help him be less scared about visiting the vet? -- Sarah in Chicago

DEAR SARAH: You're not alone in this. Many pets get extremely anxious when they have to go to the veterinarian, and it can be a stressful experience for the owner, too, who knows their pet is so worried and stressed out.

Talk to the vet for suggestions and strategies to minimize your dog's anxiety on the way to the

office. The day before Jester's check-up, call the vet's office and remind them that your dog will need extra TLC during the visit. This way, the vet is prepared, too.

Spend time desensitizing Jester to the carrier cage. This will take a while but will make it easier to place him into the cage for any trip -- not just the vet visit.

Jester strongly associates the carrier with vet visits. You need to help him associate it with other things, like fun and treats. Bring the carrier out periodically and sit next to it, placing Jester's favorite toy nearby. Don't force him into it or, really, do anything -- just have the carrier cage out while you go about your day. Each time he approaches the



carrier calmly, without barking or trembling, give Jester a little treat. Ideally, you want him to climb freely into the carrier, expecting a treat.

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Brands

This week I heard the most interesting talk about brands, and it gave me a new perspective. Usually, when we talk about brands in marketing, we really don't think about it applying to a person, but rather to a product or a business. In actuality, that is far from the truth. Brand development is the result from all the unique characteristics that set the product apart from other competitors.

Think about it like this: When you mention a specific business, certain images come to mind. Consider for example, the image that comes into your mind when you think about staying at a Marriott, or Hilton or Hiatt. Now, what image comes to mind when you think about staying at an unbranded road side hotel. Two very different images come to mind. Your images are your accumulated previous interactions and knowledge of those establishments.

Similarly, the same process occurs when you think about individuals. When you think of someone you have known for a long time, what image comes to mind? Maybe it's an old friend known for honesty or someone else known for dishonesty. All of us have our own brand, and we also identify businesses or products as a brand. How that brand



Down To Business
Peggy White
Pulaski Co. Chamber of Commerce

is translated by other people and how it meets their expectations can be the difference between success or failure.

Think about what your brand says to others about your business. Understanding that may make a tremendous difference in your success.

Work hard, be productive. and above all else stay positive.

— Weekly SUDOKU —
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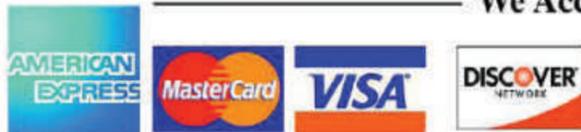
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