



**A Direct Repair Facility**  
**ALL INSURANCES**  
**ACCEPTED!**

1001 East Main Street, Pulaski, VA (Adjoining Duncan Suzuki)

(540) 980-1922

**Distributed Free On Fridays For 10 Years!**

February 7, 2020

www.pcpatriot.com

# The Patriot

**Locally Owned And Operated**

**BOWER**  
**FUNERAL**  
**CHAPELS**

*Providing Dignified and Affordable Funeral Service*

**Pulaski Chapel**  
 1631 Bob White Blvd.  
 Pulaski - 980-6160

**Dublin Chapel**  
 320 E. Main St.  
 Dublin - 674-4665

www.bowerfuneralhome.com  
*A Tradition Of Trust*

**INSURANCE**  
**CENTER OF DUBLIN**



Auto • Home • RV  
 Boat • Farm  
 • Renters  
 Business  
 • Protection  
 Life • Motorcycle  
 Umbrella

Safeco Insurance  
 A Liberty Mutual Company

LOUDOUN  
 MUTUAL  
 INSURANCE COMPANY

Erie  
 Insurance

Brad Alley  
 Lynn White • Karen Tuggle  
 611 E. Main Street  
 Dublin, VA 24084  
 540-674-4678

**Insuring You & Yours**

www.insurancecenterofdublin.com



Photo courtesy of EA Sports

Gary Lewis Hash of Fairlawn, shown here with wife Meghan and their children, Gary III and Far-rar, traveled to San Francisco to compete in the Madden 20 Challenge held in San Francisco from January 29 through February 1, 2020.

## 'Madden 20 Challenge' takes Hash family to S.F.

By DANIELLE REID  
 The Patriot

Who knew that men from antiquity like King Henry IV and Sherlock Holmes would endorse computer games such as Xbox and PlayStation? But both used the phrase “the game is afoot” when referring to their life strategy beginning to play out; and their need to follow it through.

You might say that Gary Lewis Hash of Fairlawn has joined these great men in pursuit of his “the game is afoot strategy.”

Hash, who was ranked 8th in an Xbox competition, was invited to compete in the Madden 20 Challenge held in San Francisco from January 29

through February 1, 2020. The competition was hosted by Electronic Arts (EA Sports).

“I was excited to represent our community and compete in this event. The support from my family and friends in southwest Virginia was beyond amazing and inspiring,” remarked Hash. Residents of the USA, Canada, Mexico, Germany and the UK were competing in the tournament. Most, as Hash pointed out, were much younger than himself.

Because of this competition in California, Hash says he has already made \$5,000. “They paid for my hotel at a beautiful resort – in a \$700 per night suite – my plane ticket and meals. Plus, I got to bring my family with me.” Potential winnings for

See HASH, page A2

### WEEKEND WEATHER

#### Saturday

Chance of light rain or snow early. Turning partly sunny, with a high near 41.

**Saturday Night** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

#### Sunday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

**Sunday Night** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

## River Junction Campground & Canoeing, LLC

*“Enjoy peace along the banks of the New River.”*



- RV and Primitive (Tent) Camping
- Campground
- Canoeing
- Kayak
- Tubing
- Shuttle Service

2257 Reed Creek Drive, Draper, VA 24324  
 (276) 620-1374

riverjunctioncampground@yahoo.com

Like Us On Facebook

## INSIDE THIS WEEK

### Jamboree Saturday

Two bands set to perform Saturday at NRCC.

**Page A7**

### State of the Program

Hokies' Fuente discusses recruits, all thing Tech football

**Page B1**

### Baseball's Future

Pulaski Mayor issues statement on future of baseball.

**Page A3**

## Robinson Tract Valentine Dinner

**Saturday, Feb. 15**

Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls  
 Homemade Desserts, Drink  
**\$22.50 Per Person**

Dinners Times:  
 4 p.m.  
 6 p.m.  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Or Carry Out

**For Tickets Call 540-239-4720**



## Need Insurance? We've Got You Covered!

northern neck  
 VIRGINIA INSURANCE

**Auto-Owners**  
 INSURANCE  
 LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS

**PROGRESSIVE**

Glenn Insurance Agency, Inc.  
 540-980-3434  
 16 East Main Street, Pulaski, Va. 24301  
 www.glenninsuranceva.com

Serving Southwest Virginia Since 1952

Meredith McGrady  
 Office Manager



# School board discusses salaries, capital needs

## Staff Report

The Pulaski County School Board held its first budget work session of the new year Tuesday evening, and heard reports on a capital improvement plan, teacher salaries and budget requests from the county's elementary schools.

Chris Stafford, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations, made a presentation comparing the county's teacher salaries to those of seven surrounding localities (Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Radford and Wythe).

He compared salaries for

teachers with a bachelor's degree working on a 10-month contract.

His report showed Pulaski County salaries ranked fourth in beginning salaries out of the eight school divisions, fifth for salaries at the 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 25-year levels and 7th at the 30-year level.

Compared to the average of the other seven school systems, Pulaski County is behind in average salary at each year level by varying amounts from \$291 per year to \$1,510 per year.

During discussion on Stafford's report, the school board suggested creation of a compensation/benefits committee to

meet in the next few weeks to review options.

Dr. Paige Cash, Robinson District asked what the cost would be for Pulaski County to have the same teacher pay at all levels as Radford City Schools.

Also, in future work sessions the board wants to see a comparison of Pulaski County's health insurance rates with those of other school divisions.

Jess Shull, Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Transportation presented a Capital Improvement Plan for the board's consideration.

Topping the list of a dozen needed capital projects is replacement of the main gear switch that serves the Career and Technical Education building at Pulaski County High School, along with construction of a welding lab.

The project is estimated to cost some \$750,000, and \$45,000 in engineering costs have already been committed out of the school system's capital fund.

The School Board instructed Shull to proceed with the welding lab project and go to bid when the engineering work is done.

Next on the list of capital needs is the project to convert the CTE building from electric to gas, at a cost of \$975,000.

Other needed capital improvements include replacing the roof over the band and choir areas at PCHS (\$400,000), partial replacement of exterior doors and hardware at PCHS (\$300,000), replacing exterior doors and hardware in the old section of Dublin Elementary School (\$85,000), replacing water supply plumbing in the old section

at DES (\$85,000), replacing the entire roof at Critzer Elementary School (\$1,365,000) with another \$50,000 needed should asbestos abatement be needed.

Other items include replacing the roof at Snowville Elementary School (\$506,000), installing a roof top heating unit in the kitchen at PCHS (\$150,000), paving of the parking lots at Dublin and Critzer elementary schools (\$76,500), replacing the flat roof at the Southwest Virginia Governor's School (\$155,000) along with a possible \$30,000 for possible asbestos abatement security upgrades at all schools (\$250,000) and replacement of three buses and service vehicles (\$340,000 for buses and \$90,000 for two service vehicles.)

The total cost of the top capital needs is \$5.7 million.

## Law Office Of Spencer A. Rygas, P.C.



Serving Your  
Legal Needs

For A List Of Our  
Services Please Visit  
Rygaslaw.com

36 3rd Street, N.W.  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-1111

## The Patriot

www.pcpatriot.com

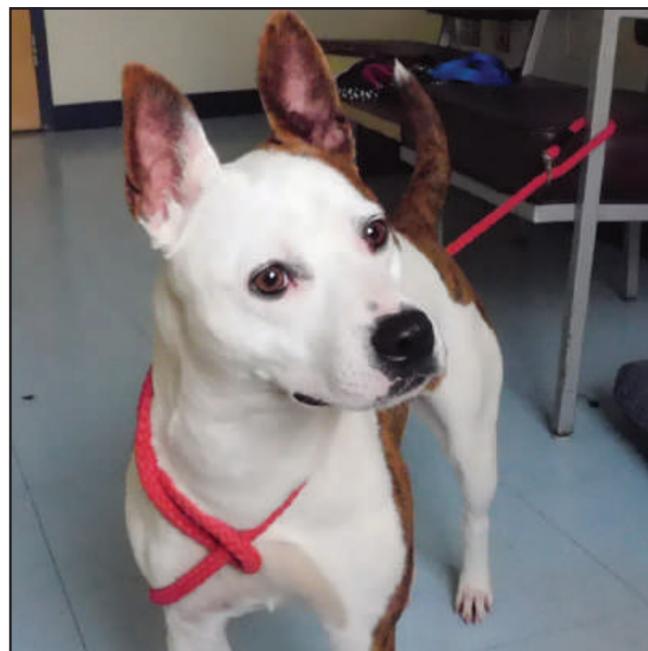
540-808-3949

Published

Free

Each Friday

## PET OF THE WEEK



Star is a 1&1/2 year-old pit/australian mix. Very sweet and well-mannered. Oh, beautiful markings, too! 40 lbs, ready to join your family! She has been spayed and is up to date on her Rabies vaccine!

Pulaski County Animal Control  
80 Dublin Park Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-8359

Monday-Friday 10AM-4PM and 10AM-12Noon on Saturday

Pet of the Week  
Is Sponsored Each  
Week By  
Todd Bruce, Mgr.  
Seagle Funeral  
Home



Seagle Funeral Home  
415 N. Jefferson Ave., Pulaski, Va.  
540-980-1700

Adults \$8

Children 10 &  
under \$5

Dine In ~ Carry Out  
or Delivery

Pulaski Co.  
4-H  
Livestock Club

& Fairlawn Presbyterian  
Church

## Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00pm -7:30pm

Fairlawn Presbyterian Church 6900 Pulaski Ave, Fairlawn

Come out and support the Pulaski Co. 4-H Livestock club as they raise money for their Ag tour thru Missouri & Arkansas this summer.

For more information contact any club member or  
Cynthia Hurst 540-980-7761 or 276-620-5507



# Drive home the savings.

Webb Donald, Agent  
2001 Bob White Blvd  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Bus: 540-980-6592  
webb.donald.rnlb@statefarm.com

Car and home combo.

Combine your homeowners and car policies and save big-time.

Like a good neighbor,  
State Farm is there.®

CALL ME TODAY.



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
State Farm Indemnity Company, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company  
State Farm General Insurance Company  
Bloomington, IL

0901133.1



Nails By Michelle  
Pulaski Va  
540-616-7016

## Dr. Cynthia M. Southern, D.D.S.

Now Offering  
Skin Care  
With Aesthetician  
Laura  
Bumgarner

Now  
Offering  
Laser  
Dentistry

Same Day Dentistry  
Available

E4D Dentistry  
All ceramic crowns  
and veneers in just  
one appointment

62 E. Main Street, Pulaski - 980-5129

Monday - Tuesday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Wednesday - Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



www.pcpatriot.com

# Mayor Clark issues statement on future of minor league baseball

By MAYOR DAVID CLARK  
Town of Pulaski

Major League Baseball held meetings from February 4th through February 6th to discuss the state of their sport, including a plan to eliminate up to 42 of their Minor League affiliates. I believe this plan to be misguided and that is why I have joined with Mayors across the country to try and stop this from happening.

Baseball - hot dogs, fireworks, the roar of the crowd, everyone coming together to support their local teams - connects us to our communities and our neighbors. For most folks in small to midsize Towns and Cities the chance to go to a Major League game will never come, partly due to logistics, but also because it is so expensive. Baseball is a community activity here and it is affordable to most of our citizens. We come together at Calfee Park for a common pastime, and no matter what our status when we walk through those gates we are all one big family supporting our Pulaski Yankees. It's family friendly, the baseball is great to watch, the antics between innings on the field and in the stands are great fun and the food is great as well. Those of us that have been here for many seasons can certainly name off a pretty fair list of players we watched in our hometown that went on to have great Major League careers.

We are blessed to have a Ballpark owner who loves Baseball and loves our Town. He has made our Park a showplace for the Minor Leagues and because of that we are the only team out of a League of ten that isn't on the chopping block. We could



Mayor David Clark

simply rejoice in that fact, but part of what makes the Appalachian League experience is that fans travel well to see their teams. We get to meet people from other communities all around our region for this fabulous summer pastime.

Our park hosted nearly one hundred thousand fans this past season. The economic impact on a Town of nine thousand people is amazing. What else could possibly bring this kind of an influx of activity? Every citizen in Pulaski is affected by having the Yankees here, even the ones who are not Baseball fans. The damage to our Town and all others who might lose their teams both fiscally and to Quality of Life by the loss of our beloved Appalachian League cannot be measured or properly expressed.

Mayors and leaders across the country want Minor League Base-

ball to thrive. We want to see business and community growth, greater encouragement for our kids to play on Little League Teams, and increased entertainment opportunities. Right now, Major League Baseball is dealing with a massive sign stealing scandal. Like any good business, they need to earn and keep the trust of their fans. The fact is that there are no greater ambassadors for the sport than the Minor League teams. Those linked with Big League Teams serve as great brand advertisements for the League and its players.

Nearly one hundred Mayors have joined a task force to stop the contraction of Minor League Baseball. Some stand to lose their teams while others seem "safe", but we all share a deep concern for the future of the game. Collectively, we stand together to support Minor League Baseball, and have expressed our displeasure to Major League Executives. We hope to continue our dialogue as League owners consider their options.

For more than one hundred years, Minor League Baseball has been a part of the fabric of Small Town America. Pulling out of 42 of those Towns and Cities would be a major error for Major League Baseball. When the owners emerge from their meetings, we look forward to hearing how we can work together to save our teams. If this issue is important to you, please enter [cha.city/saveourteams](http://cha.city/saveourteams) into your browser, or go to the Town of Pulaski's website or our Facebook page and find the link to send your thoughts and comments. They will be gathered and sent to our Congress and Senate Representatives to help us forward the cause.

# Pulaski County government meetings during February

- Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Natasha Grubb, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, [ngrubb@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:ngrubb@pulaskicounty.org)). This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

- Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, [mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org)). This Commission oversees land - use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

- Tuesday, February 18, 2020, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Basement Central Conference Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pu-

- laski, Virginia, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, [mwbird@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org)). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employees.

- Monday, February 24, 2020, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 5:30 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, [aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org)). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

- Tuesday, February 25, 2020, Pulaski County Sewerage Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Ma-

- son Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

## The Patriot Is Published Each Friday

Our Website [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com) Is Updated Throughout The Week With News, Sports, Weather And Obituaries

Contact Us At 540-808-3949 [news@pcpatriot.com](mailto:news@pcpatriot.com) Or On [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)



Sunshine Tours		
Let us show you America		
2020 TOUR SCHEDULE		
Date	Tour	Per Person Price
Feb 10	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Feb 14-17	Daytona 300 / Daytona 500	995
Feb 16-18	Wind Creek Casino & Resort / Bethlehem P.	395
Feb 24	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Feb 28	Southern Spring Show / Charlotte NC	70
Feb 29	Southern Spring Show / Charlotte NC	70
Mar 1-4	Atlantic City / Resorts Casino & Hotel	495
Mar 5-7	Philadelphia Flower Show	575
Mar 6-8	Winter Wildlife Cruise / Virginia Beach Va	460
Mar 6	Southern Spring Show / Charlotte NC	70
Mar 7	Southern Spring Show / Charlotte NC	70
Mar 14	Highland Maple Festival	65
Mar 16	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Mar 16 - 22	Baseball Spring Training / Florida	1695
Mar 21	Highland Maple Festival	65
Mar 21	Spring Shopping / Asheville Outlets	60
Mar 23	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Mar 30 - Apr 5	Travel Like a Rock Star	1985
Apr 3-4	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	435
Apr 3-5	Washington DC / Cherry Blossom Festival	475
Apr 4	Biltmore House / Festival of Flowers	105
Apr 4-10	Charleston / Savannah / Jekyll Island	1750
Apr 5-7	Wind Creek Casino & Resort / Bethlehem P.	395
Apr 13	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Apr 16-May 2	Southwest & California / Motorcoach	3350
Apr 18	Biltmore House / Festival of Flowers	105
Apr 18-27	Mississippi River Cruise	6850
Apr 21-30	Texas "The Lone Star State"	2055
Apr 27	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Apr 30-May 3	Kentucky Derby / Louisville	2945
May 2	Billy Graham Library / Botanical Gardens	65
May 4	Andy Griffith Mayberry / Mt Airy NC	65
May 5-8	Cape May New Jersey	995
May 5-8	Tulip Festival / Holland MI	865
May 5-24	San Francisco CA / Pacific Northwest	3595
May 6	Shatley Springs	70
May 9	North Carolina Zoo / Asheboro NC	60
May 11	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
May 12-18	Texas Baseball / Two Stadiums	1895
May 13-15	Enchanting Wilderness & Waterfalls	775
May 13-16	Creation Museum / Ark Encouter	650
May 14-16	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	595
May 15-17	New York City / Springtime	1050
May 16-17	Tangier Island / Monticello	370
May 17-23	Best of Ozarks/Branson/Eureka Springs	1450
May 18	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
May 18-20	Wind Creek Casino & Resort / Bethlehem P.	395
May 22-24	Nashville TN / Music City USA	895
May 30-Jun 15	Newfoundland/Labrador/Nova Scotia	3325
June 1-9	Castles, Capitols & Countryside	1595
Jun 2-5	The Walking Dead & Tombstones	875
Jun 5-10	New Hampshire / Purple Moose Tour	1325
Jun 7-11	Trapp Family Lodge / Vermont	1750
Jun 7-13	Michigan & The Grand Hotel	1795
Jun 11-14	Mystery Tour...SSSHH! It's a Secret	710
Jun 12-13	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	435
Jun 12-14	Washington DC / Our Nation's Capital	450
Jun 12-22	Nova Scotia & The Atlantic Provinces	1995
Jun 14-17	Atlantic City / Resorts Casino & Hotel	495
Jun 14-20	Plymouth Rock 400th Anniversary	1550
Jun 15	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Jun 15-19	Florida's NE Shore / Amelia Island	895
Jun 17-28	Americas Southwest Fly / Land	3235
Jun 21-17	Niagara Falls / Montreal / Quebec	1295
Jun 23-26	Pennsylvania's Caverns & Taverns	1010
Jun 24-27	Florida's Holyland / Orlando	645
Jun 25-27	Chincoteague Island	640
Jun 28-Jul 7	Hawaii/Honolulu/Waikiki	4435
June 29	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Jul 1-5	Niagara Falls / USA / Erie Canal	815
July 3-11	Baseball/West Coast/Phoenix/LA/SF	3485
July 4-11	New England Summer / Martha's Vineyard	1525
July 5-19	Canyonlands / Our Most Scenic Tour	2875
Jul 5-Aug 2	Alaska & Canada Fly / Land	6125
July 9-11	Bible Museum / Washington DC	525
Jul 12-24	Cowboy Country/South Dakota/Wyoming	2735
Jul 13	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
July 19-22	Wind Creek Casino & Resort / Bethlehem	575
Jul 19-26	Canadian Rockies VIA Rail / Fly / Land	7225
July 27	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
July 29-Aug 1	Amish Acres Festival / Indiana	650
July 31-Aug 2	Explore Nashville "Music City" USA	725
Aug 4-23	San Francisco CA / Pacific Northwest	3595
Aug 5-9	Baseball / Three Stadiums	960
Aug 6-8	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	595
Aug 8 - 9	Tangier Island / Monticello	370
Aug 10	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Aug 10-13	Culinary Tour / Pigeon Forge TN	995
Aug 10-21	Great Lakes	2650
Aug 13-17	Elvis / Tupelo / Memphis	1150
Aug 17-21	Wind Creek / Foxwoods / Dover Downs	750
Aug 18-22	Wisconsin / Racine / Milwaukee	1025
Aug 22-23	Smoky Mountain Railroad / Cherokee	545
Aug 23-29	Pioneer Woman & Magnolia Market	1635
Aug 24	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Aug 31-Sept 12	Germany's Cultural Cities / Oberammergau	8995
Sept 2-5	Creation Museum / Ark Encouter	650
Sept 2-6	Mystery Tour...We're Still Not Telling	875
Sept 4-6	Ohio Amish	745
Sept 5	North Carolina Zoo / Asheboro NC	60
Sept 6-8	Wind Creek Casino & Resort / Bethlehem	395
Sept 6-12	Niagara Falls / Montreal / Quebec	1295
Sept 6-12	Best of the Ozarks/Branson/Eureka Springs	1450
Sept 10-13	Myrtle Beach SC	625
Sept 11-13	Washington DC / Our Nation's Capital	450
Sept 12-13	Atlanta Braves Baseball	395
Sept 12-19	Trains of New England	2085
Sept 14	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Sept 14-19	Agawa Canyon Canadian Train	1155
Sept 14-26	Nova Scotia & New England / Fall	1975
Sept 17-19	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	595
Sept 18-19	Tygart Lynn / Gandy Dancer / Elkins WV	405
Sept 18-20	Loretta Lynn's Homeplace / Pikeville KY	495
Sept 19-25	New England / Fall	1295
Sept 25-27	Neptune Festival / Virginia Beach	575
Sept 26	Andy Griffith's "Mayberry Days" Mt Airy NC	65
Sept 27-30	Resorts Casino & Hotel / Atlantic City MI	495
Sept 28	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Sept 29-Oct 2	National Quartet Convention / Pigeon Forge	825
Oct 2-3	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	435
Oct 2-4	West Virginia Haunts	525
Oct 2-5	Talladega Superspeedway	995
Oct 3	Brushy Mountain Apple Festival	55
Oct 3-19	Southwest & California / Motorcoach	3350
Oct 4-8	Niagara Falls / Toronto	950
Oct 5-11	New England in the Fall	1295
Oct 7	Shatley Springs	70
Oct 7	Cass Railroad / Cass WV	105
Oct 7-11	Shipshewana / Indiana Amish	925
Oct 9-11	Nashville TN / Music City USA	725
Oct 9-14	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta	4410
Oct 10	Billy Graham Library / Botanical Gardens	65
Oct 10	Cass Railroad / Cass WV	105
Oct 12	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Oct 13-16	Rockin' the Boardwalk / Virginia Beach	1025
Oct 17	New River Gorge Bridge / Bridge Day	80
Oct 17	Carolina Balloon Fest / Statesville NC	70
Oct 19-23	Wind Creek / Foxwoods / Dover Downs	750
Oct 26	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Nov 6-8	Sunshine Tours Family Reunion	710
Nov 12	Southern Christmas Show / Charlotte NC	70
Nov 12-15	Biltmore / Smoky Mountain Christmas	880
Nov 13	Southern Christmas Show / Charlotte NC	70
Nov 14	Southern Christmas Show / Charlotte NC	70
Nov 14	Concord Mills / Bass Pro Shop	50
Nov 15-18	Wind Creek Casino / New York City	575
Nov 16	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Nov 23	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Nov 25-28	Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade	1450
Dec 1	Lights at Tanglewood Park / Hanes Mall	50
Dec 1-3	Blue Christmas at Graceland	1150
Dec 1-5	Christmas Mystery	1495
Dec 2-6	Charleston / Savannah at Christmas	1125
Dec 3-7	Norman Rockwell Christmas	1195
Dec 4-6	Christmas at Myrtle Beach	475
Dec 4-6	New York / Radio City Christmas Show	1250
Dec 5	Charlotte Premium Outlets	50
Dec 5	Christmastown USA / McAdenville NC	45
Dec 5	Grove Park Inn / Gingerbread Competitor	105
Dec 5	Biltmore House & Gardens / Christmas	105
Dec 6-12	Branson MO / Ozark Christmas	1335
Dec 11-13	New York / Radio City Christmas Show	1250
Dec 11-13	Nashville / Country Christmas / Opryland	1150
Dec 12	The Polar Express	95
Dec 12	Biltmore House & Gardens / Christmas	105
Dec 14	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
Dec 26-31	Florida / Christmas at Disneyland	1675
Dec 28	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45

All Pricing listed is for 2 guests per room - Double Pricing. Single, Triple and Quad pricing will vary. All tours include round-trip Motorcoach transportation by Modern, Air-Conditioned, DVD and restroom equipped Deluxe Motorcoach, Hotel accommodations and Admission to all listed attractions. Baggage handling is provided at each night's lodging as indicated in the catalog. Please refer to our cancellation policy in the 2020 Catalog of Tours or on our website. Call the office if you have any questions.

VA DMV Permit No. 180  
PICK-UP POINTS FOR ALL TOURS LISTED:  
Roanoke, Christiansburg, Dublin, Wytheville & Hillsville  
1-800-552-0022  
[www.GoSunshineTours.com](http://www.GoSunshineTours.com)

*Let Someone Know You Love Them This Valentine's Day*

**Order Early For Valentine's Day!**

**Flowers By Dreama Dawn**

311 N. Washington Avenue  
Pulaski, VA 24301

540-980-3021

*Always Grateful To Be Your Hometown Florist!*

*Save Money By Visiting [www.pulaskiflowers.com](http://www.pulaskiflowers.com)*

In Loving Memory



# Area Obituaries



In Loving Memory

Check [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com) Daily For Obituaries



**RONNIE LEWIS KEMP**

Ronnie Lewis Kemp, 67 of Pulaski passed away Monday morning February 3rd, 2020 at his home. He was born July 3, 1952 in Pulaski. He was preceded in death by a daughter- Lisa Dawn Kemp Edwards, parents- Lewis E. and Aileen D. Kemp, sister- Gayle Kemp and several aunts and uncles. He retired from Alcatel/Lucent where he worked for 27 years. He loved sports but mainly Pulaski County Lady Cougar Basketball, as well as all other sports at the high school. He had love for horses and going and watching horse shows.

He is survived by brother Timmy Kemp of Pulaski, Son in law Tom Edwards from Roanoke, and several special aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by a very special cousin Barry Gynn and wife Betty, very special friends- Bobby Burgess and Wayne Tickle, also Mike, Shannon, Hunter, and Collin Farr of Hiwassee.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 9th at 3:00 PM at Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Thornspring Church Cemetery in Pulaski Va. The family will begin receiving friends and family at 1 pm at the church.

In lieu of flowers, Ronnie requests all donations be made to Pulaski county high school Girls Basketball Team in memory of Ronnie Kemp.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

**BOBBY RAY HICKMAN**

Bobby Ray Hickman, 57, passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at his home in Pulaski.

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

[www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**WANDA LEE RIGNEY COVEY**

Wanda Lee Rigney Covey of Pulaski, Va., passed away February 4, 2020 in her home.

Born on April 12, 1946 she is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Ray Rigney and Ethel Mitchell Rigney, and her brother-in-law Ralph C. Hall.

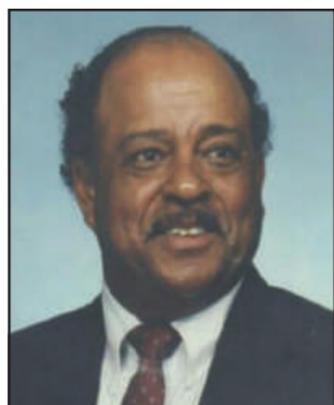
She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Daniel Covey; her children Tammy Lambert (Jeremy Lambert), Duane Covey (Patty Covey); her sister, Hilda Rigney Hall; grandchildren Jordanne, Lauren, Joshua, Chase, Amanda, Cara, Christopher and Jacob; great-grandchildren Emma, Sara, Jade, Nevaeh, Aden, and Jackson.

Wanda was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her family and the Lord and was dedicated to her church. She also made an impact on the many children she cared for in the days she operated a daycare, and she was loved by many.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Wanda Covey will be held at 1 p.m. on February 29, 2020 at Shiloh Christian Church, 3086 Lowmans Ferry Road, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Special thanks to the Intrepid Hospice Team for their loving care.

Arrangements by Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory, Radford, Va.



**JAMES RICHARD JOHNSON, SR.**

James Richard Johnson, Sr., age 84 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, February 2, 2020 at the Highland Ridge & Rehab Center after a lengthy illness. Born January 4, 1936 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Marcellus Johnson & Arvella Lash Hilliard. His brother, Marcellus Johnson, Jr. also preceded him in death. James retired from Appalachian Power with 35 years of service.

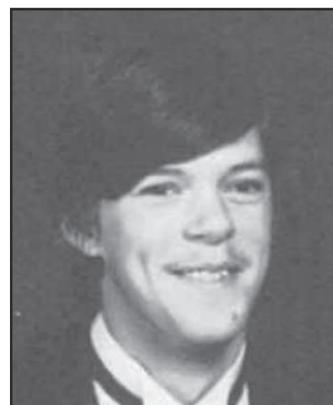
He leaves to cherish his memories

- His wife Dorothy Louise Penn Johnson
- Daughter Stephanie Smoot
- Son James Richard (Patricia) Johnson, Jr.
- Stepdaughters Jodi (Charlie) Neal Tricia Manns Dana (Raymond) Dowe
- 5 grandchildren
- Brother Percy (Ann) Johnson

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Gary Hash officiating. Interment will follow at the Pinehurst Cemetery, Pulaski. The family will receive friends from 1:30 PM until service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**RICHARD NORVELL MARTIN**

Richard Norvell Martin, age 52 of Pulaski and originally from Draper left this world to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born on July 4, 1967, Richard was preceded in death by his dad, Thomas Leon Martin and a special uncle, Claude "MAC" Arnold of Barren Springs.

Richard graduated Pulaski County High School Class of 1986 where he ran Cross Country and made a lifelong friend in Coach David Wright. Upon graduation he went to work at Xaloy where he gave over 30 dedicated years until End Stage Renal Failure ended that service.

Survivors include his mother, Sarah Arnold Martin of Draper. His wife, Dreama Phillips Martin and daughter, Abigail Dawn of Pulaski. Sisters Rosetta "Rosy" Elliott and spouse Ricky of Altus, OK; Lisa Linkous of Narrows; Diane Johnson of Draper and Karen Detric and spouse Earl "Harley" of Draper. A brother, Brian Martin and spouse Angela of Draper. A host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, and many many friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, February 7th at 7 pm with family and friends gathering beginning at 5 pm until service to share stories of good times and memories until time of celebration at Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastors Mike Ingo, Rick Elliott and Brett McCleary.

The family is gathering at the home of his mother at 2504 Forest Hill Drive, Draper.

**LYNWOOD (COOTER) ALLEN BARKER**

Lynwood (Cooter) Allen Barker, 73 of Dublin, died Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. He was born on December 17, 1946, and was the son of the late Hortense Barker and John Howard Bandy. He was member of Dublin Presbyterian Church, American Legion, and a former member of the New River Valley Horse Association. Lynwood was also a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served in the Vietnam War, and later retired as a mechanic for VDOT.

He is survived by his wife; Faye Melton Barker of Dublin; daughters; Lisa Barker of Dublin, Gay B. Goad of Dublin, and Charlene Mitchell of Radford; brothers; Paul Bandy of Elliston, and Brian Adams of Roanoke; sister; Judith DeWeese of Elliston; a grandson; Grant Goad of Pulaski. Also survived by special friends: Jack Black, Steve Williams (Jan), and Daniel Jones (Towelhead).

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Hufford Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends on Friday at the funeral home from Noon until 2:00 p.m. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

**CHARLES EZRA HARVEY**

Charles Ezra Harvey, age 70 of Max Meadows passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at his home. Born December 14, 1949 in Monroe County, WV he was the son of the late Newman Altman Harvey & Elizabeth Eula Thornton Harvey.

He retired from Volvo with over 30 years of service.

He is survived by his Children Andrew Newman Harvey Kathryn Victoria Underwood

The family will receive friends between 12:00-2:00 PM - Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**OBITUARIES ARE POSTED DAILY AT WWW.PCPATRIOT.COM**

**BETTY RUTH WORLEY SOUTHERN**

Betty Ruth Worley Southern, age 82 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the Pulaski Health Care Center.

Born July 23, 1937 in North Carolina she was the daughter of the late Samuel Isaiah Worley & Mary Leona Howell Worley. Her former husband, Walter Southern, sisters, Kitty Richardson, Alma Jeanette Harrison and brothers, Stanley LeRoy Worley, Theodore "Buster" Worley also preceded her in death.

- She is survived by her Children Vicki Lynn (Dan) Voorhees - WA
- Connie Yvette (Kenneth) Gray - Pulaski
- Walter Keith Southern - PA
- Terrence Dwayne (Judy) Southern - AZ
- 7 Grandchildren 1 1
- Great Grandchildren
- Sister Martha Lee Worley Norris - Boone, NC

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends Sunday one hour before service time at the funeral home.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

## Jean Evans Memorial Scholarship available to PCHS seniors

The Jean Evans Memorial Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship available to graduating seniors at Pulaski County High School.

The scholarship - awarded through an essay contest - is sponsored by Pulaski County Republican Women's Group

The Pulaski County Republican Women's Scholarship Essay Competition is available to all graduating seniors in Pulaski County who plan to attend an accredited institution.

It is our goal to assist a student financially who has exhibited good study skills, school and community involvement, good school attendance, and who completes a well written essay that addresses the topic with thoughtfulness and knowledge

Topic: "The Constitution of the United States outlines the checks and balances of our government. Describe these checks and balances and make a case for the wisdom of this structure."

The applicant must meet the following criteria and mail an essay with the completed applicant form attached by April 20, 2020:

- Completed form and well written essay
- Evidence of a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Evidence of good school attendance. For homeschoolers, your teacher's written statement to this effect will be accepted.

Copies of the applicant form are available at the Dublin Library, Pulaski Library, YMCA, and from PCHS guidance counselors.

**The Patriot**  
540-808-3949

**Teach The Word**  
Providing Teaching and Preaching Programs, Pulpit and Evangelist Services

**Bishop W. David Hoover**  
5028 Newbern Road  
Dublin, Virginia 24084  
(540) 230-5290  
Non-Denominational  
42 Years Of Ministry  
Bible Based

## Bower Funeral Chapels

Providing Dignified and Affordable Funeral Service  
Cremation Services - Monument Sales - Pre-need Funeral Planning



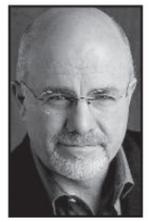
**Dana Bower Rygas, Manager**  
1631 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski  
980-6160

**Aaron C. Rygas, Manager**  
320 E. Main Street  
Dublin  
674-4665

[www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

A Tradition Of Trust

# Tighten Up!



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

**Sponsored Each Week By  
Dublin Baptist Church**  
(Across From Hardee's)  
**540-674-6061**

**Dear Dave,**  
I'm beginning to think we got in over our heads with our house. My wife and I make about \$125,000 a year combined, but we've never been able to put anything aside for an emergency fund. Our mortgage payment is 35 percent of our take home pay each month. We have two young children, so we eat out a lot, but we have no debt other than our house. Do you think we should refinance our home?

fact that you haven't been willing to tighten up the finances in other areas of your life to offset biting off more than you could chew in terms of a home.

No, I wouldn't refinance. You're fairly close where the mortgage payments are concerned, so I think you can make it through this by looking at ways to increase your income and selling stuff you don't need to build an emergency fund. You two have been smarter than some, but you're really going to have to buckle down and rearrange your priorities to make this happen!

—Dave

**Dear Jeff,**  
You two are making good money, and you're debt-free except for your home. You can't tighten up your budget enough to save up an emergency fund? Stay out of restaurants, dude! There's no law stating you have to eat out a lot just because there are kids in the house. I mean, you've got no emergency fund. That's a pretty basic thing.

**Dear Dave,**  
I have around \$15,000 in a Roth IRA. I just recently started studying your advice, and I was wondering if it would be a good idea to cash it out and put the money toward debt.

Sarah

You guys need to get on a written, detailed plan, and start hitting your goals. I'm talking about a strict, monthly budget. Now, I'll admit your mortgage payment isn't exactly what I would've signed you up for. Your house payments, or rent, should be no more than 25 percent of your monthly take home pay. But your house payment isn't what's holding you two back. What's holding you two back is the

**Dear Sarah,**  
I teach people to stop investing temporarily while they attack their debt. So, I wouldn't add anything to it at this point, but the worst thing you could do is cash it out. If you do, taxes and penalties will steal a huge chunk of that cash. The only time I take money out of a retirement account to pay off debt is to avoid bankruptcy or foreclosure.

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).



**Club Excellence Award** Mike Williams/PC Patriot

Dublin Lions Club member Jim Cook accepts for the Dublin Lions the Club Excellence Award patch from the Lions District Governor during the club's January meeting. The award signifies excellence by the club in membership, organization, service, marketing and communications.

## FAC announces winners of Scholastic Art, Writing Awards

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley announces the regional award recipients of the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Presented by the nonprofit organization the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the 97th Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12.

This program year, nearly 340,000 works of art and writing were submitted to more than 100 Affiliate Partners across the country.

Representing schools from Botetourt and Buchanan County to Bristol, over 450 pieces were submitted for our regional competition. Eighty-two creative teens from Southwest Virginia received regional honors (on over 150 pieces), including, Honorable Mentions, Gold Keys, Silver Keys or American Visions & Voices nominations, from The Fine Arts Center.

In celebration of this year's regional recipients, a reception and awards ceremony will be held at the Center, 21 West Main Street in downtown Pulaski, on Sunday, February 23, from 2-4pm.

The Center is open on weekdays from 10-5; the exhibit literally covers the walls. There is an amazing amount of talent represented in this exhibition.

Since the program's founding in 1923, the Awards have fostered the creativity and talent of millions of students and include a distinguished list of alumni including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Philip Pearlstein, Sylvia Plath, Stephen King, Richard Linklater, Zac Posen, and Lena Dunham, all of whom received recognition in the Awards when they were teens.

For Gold Key works of art and writing in the Awards' 29 categories, including architecture, painting, flash fiction, poetry, printmaking, video game design, and more, the opportunities for recognition will continue when the works are adjudicated again on a national level by a panel of leading creative professionals. National Gold Medalists will be announced in March 2020 and will be honored during a special awards ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City in June 2020. All National Medalists are eligible for a wealth of additional opportunities such as inclusion in the Art.Write.Now. Tour traveling exhibition and The

Best Teen Writing anthology. National Medalist poets are considered for the National Student Poets Program, the nation's highest honor for young poets presenting original work.

A complete list of 2020 regional Gold Key Scholastic Art & Writing Awards recipients is available online at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org).

Beckie Cox, President of the Fine Arts Center's Board, has this to say about the exhibit, "Art is a universal language. It inspires and opens a window of the future through creativity, while at the same time records history. The talent of the students is amazing, one can only imagine the future scientists, artists, engineers and more from the art exhibited in the Edna B. Love Gallery."

The Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley is pleased to sponsor the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for nearly twenty years. For more information about the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, visit the Scholastic News Room: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/artandwriting>.

## Commissioner's Office Community Update



### Pulaski County Commissioner of the Revenue Office

**Application Deadlines:**

- Business License – **March 1st**
  - o Call (540) 980-7750 for questions
- Real Estate Tax Relief (Elderly & Disabled) – **April 1st**
  - o 65 years or older or permanently and totally disabled
  - o Call (540) 980-7753 for more details
- Real Estate Exemption (Disabled Veterans & Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran) – **April 1st**
  - o 100% Service Connected Disability
  - o Call (540) 980-7753 for more details

**Virginia Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) – FREE Service**

- Basic Federal & State Tax Assistance
- Pulaski Commissioner's Office is a Drop Off Site – By Appointment ONLY
- Drop Off Deadline – **April 8th**
- Call (540) 980-7750 for qualifications or to make an appointment

**Virginia State Income Tax Assistance – FREE Service**

- State Tax Filing Deadline – **May 1st**
- Filing assistance provided all year
- Call (540) 980-7750 for questions



# NOW ENROLLING



How Do I Apply for Head Start?

**Give your local Head Start center a call TODAY!**

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Pulaski Center</b><br>994-5740        | <b>ELC @ NRCC</b><br>674-3600x4420   |
| <b>Christiansburg Center</b><br>381-7559 | <b>Blacksburg Center</b><br>552-0490 |
| <b>Radford Center</b><br>731-4107        | <b>Floyd Center</b><br>745-2120      |
| <b>Pearisburg Center</b><br>921-2355     | <b>Rich Creek Center</b><br>726-2700 |

**Please bring these documents when applying:**

- Proof of Birth
- Proof of Income (1040, W2, Pay Stubs, Child Support, Grants, Unemployment, etc.)

**Currently accepting applications for 3 and 4 year-olds for the 2020-2021 school year.**



**NO COST PRESCHOOL FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES**

**Eligibility criteria includes, but not limited to:**

- Homeless Families
- Children in Foster Care
- Families on Public Assistance
- Children with a Diagnosed Disability
- Income



**Head Start is here to partner with your child and family!**

**Participants will receive:**

- Research Based Curriculum
- Developmental Screenings
- Family Support Services
- Highly Skilled Staff
- Individualized high quality adult-child interactions
- Services that promote healthy nutrition, development and dental health

**Applications are available at your local Head Start Center or online at [newrivercommunityaction.org](http://newrivercommunityaction.org)**

\*Applications Accepted Year Round  
\*Transportation available at select centers  
\*Eligible children are enrolled regardless of race, gender, religion, color, national origin, or disability.

## Staying Safe From the Coronavirus

The outbreak of a new coronavirus in China has stirred concern in the medical community and the public here.

First detected in the city of Wuhan, this strain of coronavirus is characterized by symptoms including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), symptoms may appear from two to fourteen days after exposure. It is unclear at present how it originated or how contagious it is.

As of January 31, more than 9,700 cases and 213 deaths have been confirmed in China. In the United States, the CDC has confirmed six cases, and 121 patients are under investigation pending test results to see if they have contracted the coronavirus.

The outbreak is serious, but alarm among the American public is not called for at present. This message was relayed to members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee at a roundtable briefing by top public health officials.

One of the most interesting aspects of my job is the ability to hear directly from prominent experts on important topics of the day, and this briefing was a good example.

The presenters were Dr. Robert Redfield, the CDC's director, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Robert Kadlec, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Rear Admiral Denise Hinton, the Chief Scientist of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

These individuals have had extensive and distinguished careers in medicine, and as leaders at their agencies, they often coordinate the Federal Government's response when serious public health concerns emerge. They discussed the coronavirus and the government's reaction with members from both parties at the recent committee roundtable.

During dangerous epidemics, large crowds ought to be avoided. As a sign that this coronavirus has not become a severe threat to the American public, Dr. Fauci observed that if anyone had Super Bowl tickets, he would advise them to attend rather than stay home out of fear of the coronavirus.

The World Health Organization has reported that 20 percent of the coronavirus cases in China are severe, but that statistic may overstate the virus' danger.

Dr. Fauci noted that residents of China often do not go to the doctor unless they feel gravely ill, so people with milder cases are less likely to report their symptoms and seek treatment. Perhaps this is due to a cultural difference between our country and theirs, or perhaps they believe dealing with China's government-run health care system, which can feature lines of hundreds of people waiting for a doctor's appointment, would be more trouble than putting up with a mild case of the virus.

In previous virus outbreaks, such as SARS in the early 2000s, China's performance was inadequate. Although they can still do better, Chinese authorities have increased transparency in their handling of the outbreak.

The Federal Government is taking steps to contain and counteract what threat the coronavirus does pose. President Trump has appointed a task force to lead the response, led by HHS Secretary Alex Azar.

The U.S. Department of State raised its travel advisory for China to "do not travel" and urged Americans currently in that country to depart. Meanwhile, the CDC is screening travelers entering the United States from Wuhan.

Thanks in part to what scientists learned from past outbreaks of similar viruses, vaccine development is occurring at a fast pace. Dr. Fauci said that a vaccine could go to the trial stage in three months.

The best ways to remain healthy remain good hygiene habits: washing hands, avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, and avoiding close contact with people who are infected.

I will note that the situation can shift at a rapid pace, increasing or decreasing in urgency. The CDC website (CDC.gov) is a good place to stay informed of the latest developments. But I believe our public health professionals have a good handle on the situation at present.

Caution regarding the coronavirus is called for at this time. Alarm is not.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at [www.morgangriffith.house.gov](http://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

## General Assembly Update

This week, the Senate of Virginia joined the House of Delegates in taking a giant step backwards for women and women's healthcare. In the 47 years since the United States Supreme Court's decision in Roe versus Wade, people on both sides of the abortion debate have expressed their support or opposition to that ruling. On this issue, finding common ground has not been easy.

One area on which some agreement had been reached allowed that women considering abortion should be given complete information on the procedure and potential alternatives, as well as the option of viewing the results of medical tests conducted prior to the procedure being performed. Current law also provides that when a woman decides to undergo an abortion, the procedure must be conducted by a doctor in a facility that adheres to medical safety standards.

The 20 Democrats who supported the new abortion bill touted it as an advancement for women's equality. It is difficult for me to understand how women's equality is advanced by permitting healthcare workers who are not doctors to perform a serious medical procedure on women. It is equally difficult to understand how women benefit from having abortions performed in facilities that don't meet established medical safety standards.

The vote in the Senate on the bill to remove these safeguards and end the guarantees that women seeking an abortion would receive complete information related to the procedure was 20 to 20. Lt. Governor Fairfax exercised his power to break ties, and did so to approve the bill.

Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, spent over \$1,000,000 in last year's elections to obtain a Democrat majority. That's on top of the millions they spent two years earlier to ensure Governor Northam's election. After this week's vote, that group likely has the impression that they



**Ben Chafin**

38th District Va. State Senate

received a good return on those investments.

The legislative process continues to move along, albeit somewhat more slowly than it has over the last five sessions. Despite a large bill backlog in several key committees, some of my legislation advanced this week. My bill that directs the Department of Education to review and revise the Guidelines for Conducting Functional Behavioral Assessment and Developing Positive Behavior Intervention Supports and Strategies to align with research-based behavior science and best practices for functional behavior analysis passed the rules committee on a 13 - 0 vote.

In the coming week I have a bill that was brought to me by Wise County Commonwealth Attorney Chuck Slemple. The bill makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for a person to maliciously use an Internet-capable computer as part of a hoax. The need for this bill arose after a Wise County woman conned a California husband and wife into believing she was pregnant and that she desired them to adopt her baby. In reality, the Wise County woman was never pregnant and conned the young out of monies. The couple has plans to travel to Richmond and testify on this bill.

The hallways of the Pocahontas Building were filled with visitors to Virginia's Capitol throughout this week. Many of these guests made their way to our of-

See CHAFFIN, page A7



**Rich Lowery**

Editor, National Review

## Trump Removal Would Be Insane

It's easy to forget what the Senate impeachment trial is supposed to be about.

It's not a fight over whether the Senate will call a couple of witnesses that the House couldn't, or didn't bother to, obtain on its own.

The underlying question is whether the United States Senate will impose the most severe sanction it has ever inflicted on any chief executive, voting to remove a president for the first time in the history of the country and doing it about 10 months from his reelection bid.

This is a truly radical step that, if it ever came about, would do more damage to the legitimacy of our political system than President Donald Trump's underlying offense.

If Trump were actually convicted, the 2020 election would proceed under a cloud of illegitimacy. Tens of millions of Trump voters wouldn't accept the result. They'd see it as an inside job to deny the incumbent president a chance to run for reelection, without a single voter having a direct say. The GOP would be brought to its knees by internal bloodletting, a prospect that Democrats surely would welcome, especially given that it would deliver them the presidency. Republicans would be out for revenge, and instead of a halcyon return to normalcy, our politics would be even more poisonous than before.

Democrats argue that Trump can't stay in office because he's such a threat to the integrity of our elections. But the portrayal of Trump's Ukraine scheme as "election interference," as the Democrats always say, is tendentious and inapt. If the Ukrainians had complied with the Trump team's pressure to announce an investigation of the energy company Burisma, it wouldn't have changed one vote in 2020, even if former Vice President Joe Biden eventually is the Democratic nominee.

The fact is that impeachment, as my colleague Ramesh Ponnuru points out, is a weak check on the presidency. It requires a supermajority of the country to remove a president and one of the political parties being willing to nullify the choice of its own voters for president and an election he won. Both the Trump and Clinton impeachments show that this is a hateful prospect for the president's party.

The best case for what the Democrats are doing now is that Republicans impeached Clinton in the 1990s with little or no hope for conviction in the Senate, and turnout is fair play. But it's time to conclude that this is a failed model of impeachment. It depends on a process that diverts the time and energy of the nation's political institutions as if the survival of a presidency is at stake, even when everyone knows it isn't.

Congress can hold hearings on a president's conduct, subpoena witnesses and documents and fight the executive with full force if they aren't produced, hold

See LOWRY, page A7

## The State of President Trump

The president's State of the Union speech Tuesday night resembled a campaign rally. Some Republicans shouted "four more years" as he approached the lectern. Democrats mostly looked glum, shook their heads, pursed their lips, laughed in response to some of his remarks and in the case of Speaker Nancy Pelosi appeared to be talking to herself. At the end, she tore up her copy of the address, and Trump refused to acknowledge her before stepping down from the platform.

This was more than a victory lap for the president. It was a celebration of all he and Republicans have accomplished the last three years. The latest Gallup poll reflects the public's recognition of those achievements with 49 percent of those polled approving the president's performance, up 10 points since November. Yes, 50 percent still disapprove of him, but based on what? It can't be the economy, which he again touted as strong and getting stronger. According to Gallup, 63 percent approve of his economic policies.

Mr. Trump made a strong case for school choice, putting a face on "failing government schools" by introducing a young African American girl and her mother from Pennsylvania. The governor, he said, recently vetoed an Opportunity Scholarship bill, but the president said he was offering her a scholarship so she and her mother could choose a better school.

There was the dramatic moment when President Trump was brought back from Afghanistan Sergeant First Class Townsend Williams, who had been on his fourth tour, and reunited him with his wife, Amy, and their two children. Tears flowed.

Speaking of fears, when was the last time you saw radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh cry? He did as he received from Melania Trump the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Limbaugh announced on Monday he has advanced lung cancer. Many Democrats refused to applaud. This is what hate does to some people.

The president directly and indirectly got in digs at Democrats, including former President Barack Obama, by noting the millions he said had been removed from welfare and food stamp rolls. "Since my election, we have created 7 million new jobs," Trump said, "taking credit for thousands of jobs created after the election but while Barack Obama was still president," according to FactCheck.org. "The most recent figures show that in the 35 months after Trump actually took office, the economy added just under 6.7 million jobs."

In another of his many pro-life statements, the president introduced a woman and her



**Cal Thomas**

Tribune Content Agency

2-year-old child. "In 2017," he said, "doctors at St. Luke's hospital in Kansas City delivered one of the earliest premature babies ever to survive. Born at just 21 weeks and six days, and weighing less than a pound, Ellie Schneider was born a fighter. Through the skill of her doctors -- and the prayers of her parents -- little Ellie kept on winning the battle for life. Today, Ellie is a strong, healthy 2-year-old girl sitting with her amazing mother Robin in the gallery." He then pivoted and called on Congress to pass legislation finally banning "the late-term abortion of babies."

One wishes he had said something about eliminating outdated and unworkable government programs. Instead, he proposed even more programs, adding to our \$23 trillion (and growing) national debt. He apparently still thinks growth will solve the problem, but not if he and Congress keep spending.

This was more than a State of the Union address. It was a campaign kickoff. According to Gallup, Trump received "a 10 percent approval rating among blacks in 2017, 11 percent in 2018 and 10 percent in December 2019." Emerson Polling and Rasmussen Reports put that number at 34 percent, which, depending on which poll you believe, might suggest the president's appeal is growing in the African American community. Maybe the administration's criminal justice reform legislation and the call for expansion of school choice legislation are responsible for the rise?

Following his acquittal by the Senate on two articles of impeachment, the president clearly has the wind at his back. With issues going his way and with the Democratic Party in disarray (the broken vote-counting app in the Iowa caucuses was an appropriate symbol of their dysfunction) the president is poised for four more years.

(Readers may email Cal Thomas at [tcaditors@tribpub.com](mailto:tcaditors@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."

Locally Owned And Operated Since 2009



The Patriot is published in its print form every Friday by Patriot Publishing, LLC and is available at locations in Pulaski and Wythe Counties and Radford City. An electronic version can be accessed daily on the web at [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)



# NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree Feb. 8

The music of The Country Boys and Slate Mountain Ramblers will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club jamboree on Saturday, Feb. 8. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music throughout North Carolina and Virginia for over 40 years. The band originally formed in the late 1960s, with several lineup changes throughout the years. The present band is made up of Donald Clifton, Johnny Joyce, Derrick Easter, Billy Hawks, Marsha Todd and Doug Joyce. The band cites the Country Gentleman and the Osborne Brothers as some of their musical influences.

The Slate Mountain Ramblers is a family old-time group from Mt. Airy, N.C. The members are Richard Bowman, Barbara Bowman, Marsha Bowman Todd and Randy Hiatt. The Slate Mountain Ramblers play for dances, shows, family and community gatherings, and benefits. The band has a winning tradition, placing at various fiddlers' conventions,

and the group has traveled as far as Gainsborough, England, to perform.

Corporate sponsors of the 2019-2020 jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; Castle Rock Insurance Agency, Pearisburg; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King's Tire Service, Pulaski; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; **Pulaski Patriot**, Pulaski; Shoney's Restaurant, Dublin; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

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

More information about the NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club is available from Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625, and online at [www.nr.edu/fiddle](http://www.nr.edu/fiddle).



(Above) Slate Mountain Ramblers, (Below) The Country Boys

## Women in Agriculture Conference set Feb. 22 in Lebanon

The Women in Agriculture Conference will take place on Feb. 22 at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia. The conference is designed for anyone interested to come learn in an atmosphere where all questions are welcome.

The agenda includes four local farm women entrepreneurs who will share their secrets to success while remaining on the farm. Activities for 5- to 13-year-olds are available and youth 14- to 18-years old can join regular sessions.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and the event will conclude by 3 p.m. Lunch is included with registration and a trade show will take place. Registration before February 19 is \$20 for a single person and \$10 for youth.

To register, please go to <https://register.ext.vt.edu/> then select Programs then Agriculture then select Woman in Agriculture Conference.

## Chaffin

Continued from Page A6

including students and staff from Bluefield College, students and Board of Visitor members from Radford University, Tazewell Counties Department of Social Services, Constitutional Officers from Bland, Buchanan and Wise, Heart of Appalachia Executive Director and staff and the New River Valley Airport manager.

If you're planning a trip to Richmond during this year's session, I hope you'll stop by our offices in Room E514 of the Pocahontas Building. If you'd like to let me know about your views on an issue being considered during this year's session, please email us at [District38@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:District38@senate.virginia.gov).

With longer session days in the week ahead to consider all the bills making their way through the legislative process, there will be lots to talk about 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.

## Lowry

Continued from Page A6

officials in contempt, withhold funding, deny the executive traditional forms of interbranch comity and, if it wants to put down a long-lasting marker, censure the president.

But it needn't drag the country through a melodrama based on the fiction that any president who hasn't crashed to, say, a 25% approval rating is going to be removed by his own party -- in other words, exactly what Adam Schiff and his managers are doing now.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



## NRV SEPTIC TANK SERVICE



*We Are Still In Business To Serve You.*

*By The Grace Of God.*

**The Horton Family • 540-980-2101**

*We Appreciate Your Business!*

## Dental Insurance

Get the dental care you deserve with dental insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. It can help cover the services you're most likely to use -

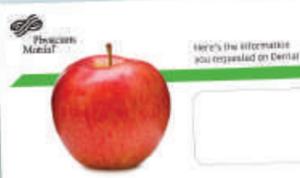
- ✓ Cleanings
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Crowns
- ✓ Dentures

- ◆ Preventive care starts right away
- ◆ Helps cover over 350 services
- ◆ Go to any dentist you want - but save more with one in our network
- ◆ No deductible, no annual maximum

Call now to get this **FREE** Information Kit!

**1-855-547-9878**

[dental50plus.com/thepatriot](http://dental50plus.com/thepatriot)



Product not available in all states. Includes the Participating Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policyholder of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CO, NY, call 1-888-799-4433 or respond for similar offer. Certificate C250A (ID: C250E; PA: C250Q); Insurance Policy P150 (CA: P150GA; NY: P150NY); OH: P150OK; TN: P150TN. Rider kinds: 6433/6434. 6154-0120

**Physicians Mutual**  
Insurance for all of us.®



## Jim Dandy Towing And Recovery

(540) 980-7515

Auto Repair  
State Inspections  
Towing & Recovery  
Hydraulic Hoses & Fittings and more...

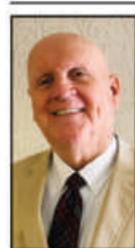
228 E. Main Street, Pulaski, Va. 24301





# Church Directory

Worship Each Week In The Church Of Your Choice



## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## Trouble in the Kitchen

Mary, Martha and Lazarus were three Siblings who developed a close relationship with Jesus. So close, Jesus often stayed at their home in the Town of Bethany, near Jerusalem.

Luke 10:38. "Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a small village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word."

Martha lost her patience with Mary over a hospitality issue. She had no help in the Kitchen. Martha was angry with her sister Mary for not helping, and just about ready to put a "help wanted sign" on the front door.

Christians, more than anyone else, need to be patient with others. Patience is a virtue that is learned and developed, and not one we are naturally born with.

Martha's sister, Mary, had joined the large crowd gathered around Jesus, and sat at His feet, drinking in every word that He said, leaving Martha alone in the kitchen. Mary was so enthralled with the presence of Jesus, and so hungry to hear His words that she forgot about everything else except feeding on the word of God being delivered the Master. It was manna from above to her.

When the truth is going forth, we need to hear it! So we can't really blame Mary for choosing to hear the important words of Jesus, the living word of the living God. But Martha did, because she needed help in the Kitchen.

Verse 40. "But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him and said, Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Martha was busy, majoring on the minors. She also needed to soak up the gracious words of the Son of God and should have let dinner wait. No one was as hungry for food and drink as they were to spend quality time with the Master.

The most important thing that day was that the word of God was being delivered by the greatest anointed teacher Who ever lived. Never a man spoke like this man.

Jesus understood her complaint and taught her a good spiritual lesson. He answered her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled over many things."

She had a house full of guests. Someone had to cook and serve. And it troubled her that she had no help. She was stressed out and stress is bad for anyone. A large majority of illnesses are caused by stress. Some folks actually make themselves sick by too much worry and too much stress.

Martha needed the peace of the Peace Speaker, to relieve her from her stress. But she wasn't going to get it in the kitchen. She needed to be sitting at the feet of Jesus, along with Mary.

Many times, we get too busy

### Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.  
Prayer Service, Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
Phone: 980-1028  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

### Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street  
Dublin, Va. 24084  
Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
Primary Services:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

### Open Door Baptist Church

4576 Miller Lane  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  
Primary Services:  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046

### Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road  
Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor: Ruth Anne Henley  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 540-392-8016

### Newbern Christian Church

Disciples of Christ  
5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern  
Rev. Denise and Ken Walker  
540-440-8733

### Christ Episcopal Church

144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
Phone: 980-2413  
Email: christ24301@gmail.com  
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

### Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Rev. Becky Wheeler  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor RuthAnne Henley  
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am  
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am  
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

### Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
Rev. Paige Wimberly  
674-6111  
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

### Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place  
P.O. Box 458  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Senior Pastor Steve Willis  
Associate Pastors:  
Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

### Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Phone: 540-674-6111  
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/  
Pastor: Paige Wimberly  
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

### Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
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  
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org  
website: www.fumcpulask.org

### 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

### Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Michael S. Jones  
Sunday  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting  
(540) 980-4731  
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

### River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
Shawn Burchett, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life  
Building Service 7:00 PM  
www.roledublin.com 540-674-4500

### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
Service Times  
Sunday school - 10 am - 11 am  
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

### Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Pastor Mike Pierce  
Service Times:  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  
Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/  
HeritageChurchDublinVA

### Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
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  
First Service, 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Second Service, 10:55 a.m.

### Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins  
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

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

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.)  
Contact Info:  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org

### Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski  
540-980-3624  
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30  
www.trinitypulaski.org

### Trinity United Methodist

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

### Snowville Baptist Church

3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee  
639-6254  
Pastor: Neil Wood  
Associate: Matthew Wood  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

### Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalml@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message):  
11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Facebook.com/Fairlawn-United-Method-  
ist-Church

### Grace Ministries

### Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5-12  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

### Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Jim Linkous  
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
540-980-5433  
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.  
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

### Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road  
P.O. Box 1330  
Dublin, VA 24084  
(540) 674-8434  
www.dublinchristianchurch.com  
Richard R. Goad, Jr.  
Senior Minister  
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  
(540) 980-2132  
firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com  
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.

# McCraw

Continued from Page A8

to spend quality time with Jesus. "Oh, I would go to prayer meeting but I don't want to miss my favorite TV program." Our spirituality sometimes gets weak and anemic because we are just too busy to spend quality time with Jesus. Power from on high comes by spending quality time with the Master.

Jesus understood her irritation at being the only one who seemed to care about being a good Hostess. He didn't rebuke her for it but used the occasion to teach her something she needed to know.

Martha had her priorities mixed up. She was too busy to get her soul fed by the word of God. She chose to occupy herself by being a good hostess more than being a good student of the word of God.

She chose instead to cook a meal. It was a missed opportunity for her. She chose to work in the kitchen, while Mary chose to work on her relationship with Christ Jesus!

Most start out well in serving the Lord. At first Jesus is the most important thing in their lives. But then, as time goes by, many get caught up in their work and play, and sometimes their work and play becomes more important than spending time with the Lord.

There is nothing more important than spending time with the Lord, dining on the bread of life, and drinking from the water of life, found in Jesus Christ, our Blessed Lord.

It was like Jesus was saying to her, you can leave that work for later. The Meal can wait. You don't need to be troubled about waiting on this crowd. Come and spend some quality time with Me.

Jesus counted the earnest seeking of His followers for spiritual fellowship with Him, as being much more important than any other seeking that they could possibly do.

The Psalmist said so eloquently in Psalm 27:4. "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple."

Mary desired the best part, being with Jesus, feasting on the word of God. Mary had her priorities in order. She put Jesus first. Jesus deserves first place in our lives. Mary loved Jesus so much she couldn't think of doing anything else while He was present but sitting at His feet, drinking in the words of life that He spoke.

A good rule for us to follow is Christ first, Family second, Country third, and everything else after that. Jesus will drastically change the lives of those who will put Him first. Putting Jesus first in our lives will bring us joyful, abundant lives.

**Thornspring United Methodist Church**  
5670 Thornspring Church Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Rev. Teresa Tolbert  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-2927

**First Baptist Church**  
5473 Baskerville Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Wallis Brown  
540-674-2677  
Service: 11 a.m.

**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**  
5331 New Dublin Church Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon  
Website: newdublinpres.org  
540-674-6147  
Services 11:00 AM Sundays

**Community Christian Church**  
Jason Allmon, Pastor  
5382 Grace Street  
Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308

**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**  
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084  
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084  
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com  
Minister:  
The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

**Max Creek Baptist Church**  
3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324  
www.maxcreek.org  
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman  
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

**Pulaski Church of God**  
1621 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Donald Jones  
540-980-8880  
www.pulaskicog.church  
Sunday Services  
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

**Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.**  
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,  
(540) 250-2974  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
Monday Bible Study  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

**Aldersgate United Methodist**  
1946 Medallion Drive  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
(540) 980-1349  
Pastor Becky Wheeler  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
220 Magazine Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-3336  
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
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  
Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
Worship Service: 11:00am

**Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship**  
6598 Annie Akers Road  
Radford, VA 24141  
(540) 639-3443  
Pastor Steve Phillips  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm  
Wednesday Night  
Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm



**Seagle Funeral Home**  
415 N. Jefferson Ave., Pulaski • 980-1700



**SANI-MODE BARBER SHOP**  
Kelly Howlett  
Jamie Bentley  
516 East Main Street  
Pulaski • 980-6991



**MAXIM EYES**  
232 Broad Street, Dublin  
(540) 674-8606  
Todd Howard,  
Owner, Licensed Optician



**STEVENS FUNERAL HOME-INC.**  
815 Randolph Ave.  
Pulaski, Va.  
(540) 980-2600



**Patty's Kitchen**  
Family Style Restaurant  
793 Broad Street • Dublin, Va.  
674-4952

**New Hope Chapel**  
1555 Case Knife Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Darrell Gray  
(276) 733-6080  
Pastor Gray and congregation invite you to  
New Hope Chapel.  
Service Times:  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday Service  
St. Edward's Catholic Church  
Corner of N. Washington Avenue 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

**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.  
980-3798

**Abundant Life Ministries**  
3050 Lee Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506  
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)  
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement  
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7  
pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages  
Adult Bible Class  
THRIVE Teen Class  
Children's Bible Class and  
Special Activity Classes

**New Life Church of the Nazarene**  
45 S. Jefferson Avenue  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-2001  
www.newlifepulaski.com  
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net  
Pastor: Julie Armbrister  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
4008 Robinson Tract Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Telephone: 980-8186  
Pastor Johnny Howlett  
Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth  
Group - 7 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**  
2640 Max Creek Road  
P.O. Box 326  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor: Jason N. Aker  
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.



**SAL'S JR.** 540-639-2600  
7401 Peppers  
Ferry Blvd.  
Fairlawn  
www.salsjr.com



**Bower Funeral Chapels**  
Providing Dignified And Affordable  
Funeral Service  
Pulaski 980-6160  
Dublin 674-4665



Experienced and Dependable Service  
Reasonable Rates  
**NRV Septic Tank Service**  
Horton Family (540) 980-2101



**Flowers By Dreama Dawn**  
Your Hometown  
Florist in Pulaski  
980-3021



Corner of  
Washington and  
Main Street  
Pulaski, Va.  
**BLUE RIDGE Fudge**  
(540) 509-5926  
fudgelady.com



**PULASKI**  
County Chamber of Commerce  
Building Community, Progressing Business

## Christians Are Not Perfect

**Q: Why does God put up with people in the church who behave less than Christian? -- C.D.**

A: A bumper sticker once read: "Christians are not perfect, just forgiven." God does not ignore those who follow Him when they

do wrong. The Bible tells us that He disciplines His own (Hebrews 12:7).

There are indeed people in the church who talk one way and live another. The apostle Paul wrote of this conflict (Romans 7). But it is

also important to understand that many in the church are not even saved; they have never surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ, they are simply going through the motions -- performing religious rituals, community efforts, social reform, and other good works. But none of this can gain anyone a right relationship with God.

In thousands of churches people

are being led astray theologically, spiritually and morally and are drifting aimlessly, without compass or guide. Christians have two natures, both struggling for mastery. Which one dominates, depends on which one is fed. The Bible tells us that we are not to make provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14). It is important to be part of a church that preaches the



My Answer

Billy Graham

whole council of God.

We must keep our eyes on Christ, and not on man. We must not let disappointment in others cut us off from God. Disappointment, when it is harbored, often triggers other reactions: discouragement, anger, frustration, bitterness, resentment, even depression. Unless we learn to deal with disappointment, and keep our eyes on Jesus Christ, our souls will be robbed of joy, one of the many blessings that comes directly from the Father in Heaven.

We all have the capacity to disappoint others, but Christ will never disappoint us. "He who believes in [Jesus] will not be disappointed" (1 Peter 2:6, NASB).

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



**WBLB** 107.5 FM  
1340 AM

Playing the best in all varieties  
of Christian music continually  
24 hours a day - 7 days a week!  
Marketplace Line: (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)  
Monday-Friday 980-6517  
Request Line: 980-6517

Office / Advertising: 980-3411  
Fax: 980-8320  
www.family1340.com



**Carolyn's**  
CLEANING SERVICES

Residential and Commercial cleaning  
in the New River Valley. Established  
and experienced cleaning service.

Free Estimates and references are  
gladly provided upon request. Please  
contact us for all your cleaning needs:

CarolynCleans4You@gmail.com  
(540) 553-2937



### You Had One Job PCHS High school team

Jaira McNair, Trey Davis, Hannah Burchett, Chris Polcha, Raaj Aggarwal, Nick Edwards, Duncan Brown with their Robot named "the nug."



### Pulaski County Middle School (DMS/PMS students)

Jacob Umberger, Evan Armes, Alyssa Capretta, McKenna Bruno, Andrew Clark with their robot named "SS Chicken Nugget"

### Winter storm safety

With the roughest months of winter ahead, now is the times to think about winter storm preparedness. There's more to being prepared than your typical stop for milk and bread. To be truly prepared, you'll need several important items you can access.

According to the National Weather Service, your primary concerns at home or work during a winter storm are loss of heat, power and telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day. You should also review generator safety instructions, if you have one, and make sure your carbon dioxide and fire detectors are in working order.

Key item to have on hand, at home and in the workplace, include:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information
- Extra food and water such as dried fruit, nuts and granola bars, and other food requiring no cooking or refrigeration.
- Extra prescription medicine
- Baby items such as diapers and formula
- First-aid supplies
- Heating fuel: refuel before you are empty; fuel carriers may not reach you for days after a winter storm
- Emergency heat source: fire-place, wood stove or space heater, properly ventilated to prevent a fire
- Fire extinguisher, smoke alarm; test smoke alarms once a month to ensure they work properly
- Extra pet food and warm shelter for pets

With these few simple steps, you can feel confident that you and your family will have the things you could need should a winter storm emergency occur.

Visit [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)

### Robot Builders And Programmers

At left, teams from Pulaski County High School's Career and Technical Education Department, along with a team from both Pulaski and Dublin middle schools put on a demonstration of their robot creations during a recent meeting of the Pulaski County School Board. The teams have won recognitions during recent regional robotic competitions.

Mike Williams/PC Patriot

**Start The New Year With FRESH Produce From T.A.'s**  
 FRESH Florida strawberries, vine ripe tomatoes and Heirloom tomatoes, citrus, N.Y. cabbage, fresh delicious apples and more.  
 We Appreciate Your Business  
**T.A. Produce**  
 Route 11, Dublin  
 674-4233

## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

### Queen of a King Photography

This week Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce new member, Queen of a King Photography. Queen of a King Photography offers professional photography services from weddings, seniors, boudoir, family and newborns. They strive to create not just beautiful unique photos, but amazing works of art that are frame worthy heirlooms for generations to come.

Learn more about what the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce can do for you. Subscribe to our e-newsletter by emailing: [Communication@pulaskichamber.info](mailto:Communication@pulaskichamber.info). Our weekly featured member is sponsored by **The Patriot**.

## ANDERSON AUDIOLOGY

### Hearing Aid Sales & Service, Inc.

Locally Owned and Operated Since 1963

**Dr. Janice Anderson**  
Doctor of Audiology

**Darrell Anderson BC-HIS\***  
Hearing Instrument Specialist

## Hear Better ||||| Live Better

♥ Complete Hearing Evaluation
♥ Video Otoscopic Exam
♥ Risk-Free Trial

**We have Four Offices to serve you!**

**DUBLIN, VA - 85 CLEBURNE BLVD - (540) 674-4889**

WYTHEVILLE, VA    BLACKSBURG, VA    GALAX, VA

(276) 228-0866    (540) 381-6967    (276) 236-0778

**Open Mon thru Fri, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - [anderson-audiology.com](http://anderson-audiology.com)**

## STATE OF THE PROGRAM

*Hokies staff added two more to the 2020 recruiting class, and the head coach talked about them, along with an array of topics*

By JIMMY ROBERTSON  
For Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG – On the heels of Tuesday night's State of the Union speech, Virginia Tech head football coach Justin Fuente held a news conference on National Signing Day Part II that turned into a state of the union of sorts on the Virginia Tech football program.

Fuente addressed numerous topics Wednesday afternoon during the 24-minute session, including the two additions to the 2020 recruiting class, the importance of next year's recruiting class, his recent staffing changes, injuries in advance of spring football, and his discussions with Baylor about



the head coaching job there.

National Signing Day was the main reason for the news conference, and Fuente and his staff announced the two additions. One of them, Raheem Blackshear, transferred to Tech from Rutgers and enrolled at the university for the start of the spring semester. Blackshear played in 27 games (14 starts) for the Scarlet Knights, rushing for 912 yards and six touchdowns, and he also caught 80 passes for 810 yards and six scores.

Though the staff lacks depth at the receiver spot with the transfers of Damon Hazelton, Phil Patterson and Hezekiah Grimsley, the coaches plan to play the 5-foot-9, 192-pound player from Philadelphia at running back.

"As it stands right now, he is a versatile player," Fuente said. "He's a highly intelligent versatile player. Could have really gone anywhere he wanted and chose to come here and be a part of what we've got going on. He will meet in the running back room. He's a running back that is versatile enough to help us outside. That's where we'll start with it, and that's what we've talked with him about. The rest, we'll have to play by ear."

Blackshear will need a waiver from the NCAA to play this fall. If he does not receive the waiver, he still has two years of eligibility remaining.

Tech's staff did address the receiver position with the signing of Dallan Wright, a 6-1, 170-pounder from Saluda, South Carolina. Wright caught 87 passes for 1,508 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior, leading his team to a state championship.

"He had a great senior season," Fuente said. "One of the drawbacks of recruiting, the way it is now, is that it devalues a kid's

See HOKIES, page B5



Locker Room

Dan Callahan

## Different Hoops Season

*Bravo Coach!  
Bravo VT Indeed*

I was wondering when it might happen. For the past two years the transfer portal in college football has been more active than a big city elevator. It's time there was some understanding of the process. It has not turned out to be what it first appeared. The huge majority of players who enter the portal have some sort of issue or are simply trying to find a place to play. Virginia Tech had far more transfers last year than anyone would like, but can anybody tell me where all of them went and point out any accomplishment?

It's simple, and it's happening again. The transfer portal does not need to be feared, however, it does not need to go unattended either. There have been a dozen players hit the portal at Tech since the end of last season. Half the program's receiving crops has left. Where will they all go? Will all of them find a place at all? No, the prediction here is they won't. Recruiting is not an exact science and when you cannot compete for the highest level athlete in the county like the blue bloods battle for every season, recruiting becomes very subjective. Sometimes you miss, but when you are a Virginia Tech, you are forced a lot of times to project what you think an athlete will be in the future. That's not easy, but that's the challenge.

The portal is now allowing the players to play a different sort of game. They are basically saying they want to be recruited twice or sometimes three times. Some of them don't pan out. Maybe Kent State will take a chance on me. I understand players wanting to play, but I also understand the need to protect the integrity of the game.

I've said this before and some haven't liked it, but the players are not the most important aspect of sport. You need good ones to win in the moment, but the game is the most important, protecting the future of sport. There will always be plenty of players who want to play. The Babe is gone and baseball is fine. Jim Brown no longer runs for Cleveland, but football is fine. Jerry West, Michael Jordan, and Magic Johnson are all retired and done, but basketball is just fine.

Does this make the players vulnerable in the eyes of some?

See CALLAHAN, page B2

## Cougar girls win OT thriller over PH, 87-78

By DAN CALLAHAN  
The Patriot

It was a different sort of thing that reminds one of something Yogi Berra, the great Yankee catcher once said. "It ain't over until it's over."

Pulaski County looked in control for much of the game last Friday at home against Patrick Henry, but then they weren't. It looked like PH was going to win, but it didn't. Then it looked like the Cougars had won, but they didn't. Then with maybe the best free throw shooter around at the line with the opportunity to win after making eight straight she missed, and PH didn't win again. Then it was on to overtime and this time there was no doubt. Pulaski County 87, PH 78 in a game likely between the two best girls teams in this region of the state.

There were many high spots, turning points, and clutch plays down the stretch and pointing those out would seem to be the best way to explain a game that ebbed and flowed as the two teams battled.

PH led 46-44 after a big third quarter, outscoring Pulaski Co. 21-12. Savannah Deery dominated on her way to 21 points. But she did not play the final eight minutes after fouling out, just one of many crucial aspects of the game.

An inside basket by Mahogany Gunn put the Patriots up, 66-59 with 2:37 left to play, their biggest lead. With 1:22 left Alaina Akers hit a big three

See COUGARS, page B3



Brian Bishop/PC Patriot

Ally Fleenor puts up a shot against Patrick Henry.

## Boys hammer HV

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County boys basketball team picked up a much needed win and the eighth on the season Tuesday evening in Roanoke at Hidden Valley, 60-45. Tyler Cannon's troops took control early and never let the Titans back into the fray. The Cougars are now 8-10 overall and 3-5 in

River Ridge District play. Hidden Valley dropped to 3-17 overall and 0-10 in the district.

The Cougars got a quick start and jumped to a 19-7 first quarter lead, and did not let off the throttle in the second stanza either and had the Titans doubled, 32-16 at the half.

A.J. McCloud and Haydon Gray led the charge for Pulaski Co. McCloud finished with a season high 20 points and Gray 18. Josh Bourne and Peyton Black-

See BOYS, page B2

**Brad's**

BARBER SHOP

A Traditional Men's Barber Shop

Brad Angell, Master Barber

115 Third Avenue \* Radford, Virginia 24141  
540-838-2109

**WILD  
GAME  
DINNER**

## Max Creek Baptist Church 6th Annual Wild Game Banquet

February 15, 2020

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

3000 Old Rt. 100 Rd., Draper, Va.

Everyone Welcome

Sit back and enjoy the special singing  
A guest speaker will bring the gospel message

Door prizes: Ticket provided at entry

**No Charge! This a FREE event!**

Come and enjoy a great evening of wonderful food and Christian fellowship!

For information contact:

Leo Nester (540) 616-6418 or church office (540) 980-2238

**BISHOP  
INSURANCE**

- Home
- Auto
- Life



**540-443-3900**

272 A West Main Street, Dublin, Va.

www.bishopins.net

# The Adventures of Jake - Waterfowl Super Dog

It was evening time last Friday, January 31st, and the last day of duck season. I was lying in front of my gas-log fireplace and my man "Ole Jim Cook," was sitting in my favorite chair going through some specifications on semi-fired shotguns. He's interested in getting a new model semi-fired shotgun that has come out by Remington Firearms. Before I get into this, I need to tell about our hunt that morning for ducks on the river - (note I did not tell you which river as Cook is quite particular on telling others where his sweet spots for hunting and fishing are located).

We rolled out of bed last Friday at 4:30 and I took him and a friend of his, Bruce Thomas, in my Jon boat and we got to the river about an hour and a



**Woods,  
Water &  
Wildlife**

W.A. "Doc"  
Davis

half before daylight and got our decoys all set up before the ducks had come off their roosts. We had time for Jim and Bruce to dig out their coffee mugs and a couple of doughnuts they had packed and waited about half an hour when the sun rose in the East. I was treated with a good treat of the best of my canned dog food. Ole Jim feeds me well and gives me already chewed meat (hamburger) at times. He also has a good place

fixed up on our spread at home. I have an air-conditioned house that I stay in during the summer and a heater for winter months, but I never use it but stay by the fireplace or on one of my favorite chairs in the big house. I have a fenced in area that lets me run near my AC house - (Ole Jim shouldn't worry that I might run away as I have it made as a dog and I live the life of Riley).

Jim used a trick of his by slapping the water a few times to get some nearby roosting ducks flew up and circled overhead and several swooped down upon sighting the decoys and he and Bruce got a total of five green heads. I was fortunate enough to retrieve all but one except the one that Jim's shot caused the Greenhead to drop

slightly but evidently it got into the woods and I wasn't able to find it. They managed to get another duck apiece and as the ducks had all but flown away, they called it a day. Ole Jim was hunting that day with his Remington 870 Express (pump shotgun) and complained all the way back to Bruce and me that if he'd been shooting a semi-automatic shot gun, he might have had a little faster firing time and could have gotten the one that got away.

That brings us to the time I was about to drift off to never, never land and my man Jim said to me, "Luke I am going to buy this new semi-automatic Remington V3 Waterfowl Pro, a 12 gauge with a 28" barrel synthetic camo stock weighing only 7 pounds, 6 ounces." He then

said, "MSLP is 1195 dollars and up." I was up and on my feet by this time and with my loudest barks I that I could muster said, "Oh mun, un nouvean pistolet (Oh my, a new gun!)." I said no more, as Ole Jim Cook has quite a few guns, but when he sets his mind on something NEW, there's no use in trying to change it.

Speaking of New, 2nd Corinthians 5:17(KJV) says, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." If you do not know Him as your savior, Romans 10:13(KJV) states, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Until next time



Biran Bishop?PC Patriot

Josh Bourne eyes the basket for the Cougars Friday night against Hidden Valley.

## Boys

Continued from Page B1

burn both scored nine. Drew Stegall with 15 and Royston Smiley with 12 led the Titans.

The Cougars return home Friday evening to play Blacksburg in another River Ridge competition.

## Callahan

Continued from Page B1

I suppose so, but the fact is, you do not have to play. Nobody tells you that you must play. If you do not like the system stay out of it. This returns us to the old theory, just what is college sport supposed to be and is it actually anything close to that anymore. Are any of Duke's basketball players serious students? Maybe two or three I guess. So then what is the program? Is it a minor league for the NBA and is that what it's supposed to be? First and foremost, protect the integrity of sport for the generations ahead, you grandson or granddaughter.

Justin Fuente has said there is a new guideline at Tech. If you enter the transfer portal and nothing happens you cannot return to the Hokies. You are no longer welcome. I wondered about this madness last year. If you remember running back Deshawn McCleave left as did quarterback Hendon Hooker, and both were allowed to return when nothing of magnitude happened while they were available in the portal. I wouldn't have allowed them back in the program then. A university invests a lot of money and time in a Power Five athlete and he walks away, and then when he says "shucks" I'll just go back since I didn't find anything better. No way.

I applaud Justin Fuente and the Hokie program for taking this step. I hope other programs across the country follow his example. Some will cry hypocrisy

since he was just in conversations with Baylor about that coaching job. Maybe he was offered. I don't think he was, but that to me should not matter. I was taught and have always believed that somebody runs the company. In college football somebody has to manage the roster. That's the coach. Do the job. You cannot allow players to play games with your program or you will lose respect for that program. Bravo coach!

### How about Colgate, Yale, and Vermont?:

College basketball is experiencing a different sort of season. I think a prime reason is because the sport is becoming younger with each season. The "One-And-Done" players have mounted, and transfers are too many to keep up with. It has lessened the quality to the game. In the eyes of some, it has created more interest and I can see that, but the "blue bloods" are the ones that usually provide the anticipation and enthusiasm. Not so much this year.

There are 68 teams that ultimately make the NCAA Tournament field. It sure looks like some funny names are going to qualify this year, and some programs you just also assume will be there, likely will not. According to "experts" and don't hang your hat on this stuff, but they do have some evidence for their predictions, presently say the mighty ACC, the self proclaimed basketball capitol of

the world, has only three locks for the tournament. Those would be Louisville, Florida State, and Duke, but none are projected as a top seed in any of the four regions. Carolina appears certain not to make the field, UVa, the defending national champion, has not yet locked up a spot either. Wake Forest, North Carolina State, Miami, Clemson, Georgia Tech, Pitt, Notre Dame, all of them appear to have something in common. They all look very average. Syracuse might be a tad better than average. Virginia Tech looked like it might surprise everybody in Mike Young's first year, but lately the Hokies' wheels have come off.

Does this mean the game is not as good, the talent level is down? Yes it does. But with how fluid the rosters are from one season to the next at a lot of places, it probably should not be a surprise. A 17-year old kid can win a national title in tennis. That seldom ever happens in football or basketball. The physical aspects are too much to overcome.

So if the ACC, Big 10, SEC, and Pac 12 aren't going to dominate the NCAA brackets this time around, who's going to be the 68? The Big 12 appears to be the strongest conference in this opinion. Just look at the rankings. Baylor is ranked number one, Kansas three, and West Virginia 11. Texas Tech is also very hard to beat.

But it will take far more than that to close out the field, so who are they? First of all, I do believe a couple more ACC teams will work their way in, but the NIT appears destined to have more ACC teams that it has in a while. But who's going to be in the NCAA? At this moment, the field will include Texas Southern, Furman, Winthrop, Colgate, South Dakota State, North Carolina A&T, Yale, North Texas, Bowling Green, Rhode Island, Murray State, William & Mary, Saint Mary's, Vermont, New Mexico State, Little Rock, Rutgers, Northern Iowa, Eastern Washington, North Florida, Tulsa, Wright State, and UC Irvine. Yes indeed, it's a different sort of season in college hoops.

**Stuart's Body Shop**  
31 Years Experience • Free Estimates

**Richard Stuart**  
Owner/Manager  
PH: 540.980.2563  
Fax: 540.980.2634  
3421 Hilton Village Loop  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
stuartscollision@gmail.com

**Stump Grinding,  
Trench Digging,  
Rock and Concrete  
Broken Up,  
Lot Clearing, Backhoe**

One Or Many Stumps. Water, Sewer or Electric Trenches. Patios, Driveways, Rocks Busted Up.

**CRJ Enterprises, LLC**  
1201 E. Main Street  
239-1467 Pulaski, Va. 24301 230-6602  
(540) 980-7261

## BUILDING SUPPLIES INSTALLATION SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

At El Shaddai  
We Sell And Install:



- Cabinets
- Countertops
- Decking
- Exterior Doors
- Interior Doors
- Fencing
- Insulation
- Millwork
- Paneling
- Patio Doors
- Plumbing Fixtures
- Porch Columns
- Flooring
- Railings
- Roofing
- Shutters
- Sidings
- Trusses
- Windows & more!

320-2356  
elshadent@gmail.com

**No Job Too Big Or Too Small  
For El Shaddai  
Pulaski, Va.**

**Martin's Pharmacy Rx**  
"Serving Pulaski Since 1942"

**Eddie Hale, Pharmacist  
Dr. Will Hale, PD  
Dr. Kristen Owens, PD  
Dr. Ashley Williams, PD**

400 N. Washington Ave.  
Pulaski - 980-4060  
www.martinsrx.com

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9-6  
Saturday, 9-12  
Delivery Available

# Cougars

Continued from Page B1  
point shot for the Cougars and it was 67-64. With 54.7 left Keslyn Secrist who was big all night for the Cougars drilled a big three out of the deep corner and it was 69-67. With 34.4 left Taryn Blankenship floated one home from the paint to cut the lead to two again, 71-69. With just 20.4 left to play Blankenship dropped in another bucket and it was 73-71.

Then with 16.4 left against heavy defensive pressure PH turned the ball over in the backcourt. Erin Russell was fouled, but she missed both shots, but the ball was kicked out to the perimeter and Keslyn Secrist fired from three for the win, but it bounced off the iron, but off the backside came Ally Fleener, and she stuck the rebound back in the basket and was fouled with just .01 left to play. Fleener hit the free throw for what looked like a 74-73 Cougar victory, but the Pulaski County players rushed the court to celebrate and were called for a team technical foul because of that scant .01 left on the clock. Shelby Fiddler who was 11 of 15 from the free throw line for the game and had hit eight straight, missed the second technical free throw and the teams went to overtime tied at 74.

Keslyn Secrist put eight big points on the board, was six of six from the free throw line, and Fleener worked the backboards in addition to making a superb pass off the post down to Secrist for a basket. The Cougars hit nine free throws to go along with buckets by Erin Russell and Secrist to win going away to end a long but satisfying night, and come away with a huge victory.

Pulaski Co. moves to 13-5 on the season with its second outstanding win over PH. The Cougars won by one on the road over the Patriots earlier in the season. PH drops to 13-5 and lost just three days after beating Hidden Valley, 80-19. PCHS led after the first quarter 17-11, and 32-25 at the half.

When asked if he remembered ever being involved in a game like that before, PCHS coach Brad Sutphin said, "No, I really don't believe I have. I can't remember anything at all like this. We're very fortunate. PH is a really good team. They've got talent. To win like this you have to get fortunate. We should have won in regulation and gosh the girls played clutch down the stretch, maybe the best we did the whole game. Ally got the rebound, stuck it back in, then hit the free throw, and the girls were just excited and ran on the floor, and we got the technical. But then I was shocked when Fiddler missed that last free throw, so maybe this was supposed to end this way," smiled Sutphin.

But the coach was proud of his team. "It didn't look so good for a while there, we're hit and make it close, but they would match us, but the kids didn't quit. I think our team showed some guts out there tonight. We had some players obviously have good games, but we had different girls make clutch plays, and shots if we don't make 'em, we don't win. I feel very fortunate, but maybe this is

the type game that toughens you up for what's ahead, but I'm really proud of the girls," said Sutphin.

Pulaski Co. hit 25 of 55 shots, 45.5%, and 32 of 51 free throws, easily the most free throws attempted in a game this season. PH hit 24 of 56 shots from the field, 42.6%, and 22 of 33 free throws. Much of the difference in the number of free throws was style of play. The Cougar girls tried hard to drive the ball to the basket, PH spent more time scoring on the perimeter, but the big difference came in overtime when PH connected on only one shot, was forced to foul, and the Cougars toed the charity stripe 12 times over the four extra minutes.

The Secrist sisters had a big night for the Cougars. Keslyn was seven of 10 from the field and six of seven from the free throw line for a team high 22 points. She hit two 3's. Kassidy hit three of five shots for seven points and one 3. Fleener was four of 11 from the field, and nine of 12 from the line for 17 points. Maddie Ratcliff hit seven of 10 free throws on her way to 11 points, and Blankenship was four of five and two of three for 10. Alaina Akers and Courtney Cregger both scored six, Russel five, and Paige Huff four.

Fiddler led PH with a game high 28 points on six of 16 shooting from the field, five of them 3s, and 11 of 15 free throws. Deery finished with 21 for the game. Mo Wright and Gunn both scored 12.

## Gray scores 23 in loss to Patriots

### Patriot Staff Report

The Patrick Henry boys basketball team took control of things early in Salem Friday evening, and pulled away early for a 72-51 victory over Pulaski County.

The Cougar boys fell to 7-10 on the season while PH moved to 13-3.

The Patriots jumped out to quick 21-8 first quarter lead, and were up big at the half, 35-15. Haydon Gray led the Cougars in scoring with 23 points and J.J. Gully added 16. But the rest of the team could combine for just 12 points.

Andre Palmer with 19 and Ford Beasley with 14 led PH, but the Patriots also had four other players with seven or more points.



[www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)  
540-808-3949

# Cougar girls destroy Titans

By DAN CALLAHAN  
The Patriot

The Pulaski County girls pushed their record to 9-0 in River Ridge District play, and 14-5 overall with a dominating, 72-24 victory over Hidden Valley Tuesday evening at PCHS. The Titans fell to 1-8, and 1-17 with the defeat.

There was only 2:56 left in the first quarter when Hidden Valley finally got its first basket, and by then Pulaski Co. was on top, 20-0. The Cougars dominated the backboards all night, intimidated the Titan offense with defensive pressure on the ball, and forced the Titans into 30 turnovers. So dominating was the PCHS defense that HV only got six shots the first quarter, was one for 11 in the third quarter, and only got six shots up again in the fourth quarter.

"We made some good things happen early with our pressure defense. We got everybody involved, and when you force turnovers you get some easy baskets and it makes the game easy to play," said Cougar coach Brad Sutphin. "We dressed 12 players and played 12, they all got shots, and 10 of them scored. That makes it fun for everybody. We just got to keep it rolling."

The Cougar gals are certainly rolling. They have not lost since a holiday game at Spotswood on January 2, and have now won 10 games in a row. The team plays at Blacksburg Friday, and returns home next Tuesday to face Cave Spring as the regular season is winding down.

The score was 31-6 at the end of the first quarter, 47-14 at the half, and 68-20 after three quarters. PCHS ran its half court offense and ran the clock down by moving the ball, and took just four shots in the fourth quarter and scored only four points.

The Cougars hit 28 of 60 shots for the game, 47%. Hidden Valley finished nine of 35, 26%. The Titans made only three baskets the second half, all three by



Brian Bishop/PC Patriot

**Keslyn Secrist hit every shot she took against Hidden Valley, scoring eight points.**

Bailey Parker who led the Titans with 12 points.

Pulaski Co. got outstanding balance. Paige Huff finished with 13 points on five of 12 shooting. Courtney Cregger finished with 11 hitting five of eight, and one of two from the free throw line. Maddie Ratcliff was four of eight from the field for nine points, and Ally Fleener four of nine and one for one at the line for nine points. Keslyn Secrist hit every shot she took, three of three from the field and two of two from the line for eight points. Erin Russell scored seven, Taryn Blankenship six, Hanna Walson four, Kassidy Secrist three, and Alaina Akers two. The Cougars made 10 of 13 free throws.

### Special Moment:

The Pulaski County girls basketball team requested a special moment before the game with Hidden Valley to honor their number one fan Ronnie Kemp who passed away Sunday. A moment of silence was observed in Kemp's memory who battled illness, but still managed to get to every home game to watch the girls play. His last game was the dramatic overtime win over Patrick Henry last Friday.



[www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)  
540-808-3949  
Published Free Each Friday

**GOODALL CONSTRUCTION**  
Class A Contractor  
#2705 114303A  
**JOHN GOODALL**  
OWNER

Custom Homes, Roofing, Remodeling, Electrical, Plumbing  
FREE ESTIMATES

Phone: 540-674-0294  
Mobile: 540-320-1294  
E-mail: jgoodall2@yahoo.com

*In Business For 22 Years!*

## Pulaski Drain Service and Plumbing Repairs



**"The Right Way, Right Away!"**

Reasonable Prices • No Job Too Small  
Water Heaters • Faucets • Toilets & More

**Call 540-998-1223**  
Experienced, Licensed & Insured

**THE 51 CLUB AT THE SHADE**  
Roaring 20s Speakeasy  
Music, dancing, cash bar, 1920s history display, historically inspired refreshments, dress the part or come as you please, 5 to 7:30pm.

**You're Invited to Join the Ratcliffe Museum Membership Drive!**  
Entrance fee is membership dues 2 for \$20

Thursday 2.20.2020

Ratcliffe Museum, 51 Commerce Street, Pulaski, VA

Password for Speakeasy entrance----The Count

**RAYMOND F. RATCLIFFE TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**

Call for more info 540-980-2307

# 540-808-3949 — The Patriot Classifieds — 540-808-3949

## ESTATE SALE

Indoor Estate Sale - Indoor Estate Sale, furniture, gas dryer, freezer, dishes, houseware, linens, pictures and mirrors. February, 7 & 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 340 Maple Street, Dublin. CASH ONLY. In case of inclement weather re-scheduled Feb 14 & 15.

## HELP WANTED:

Looking for salesperson for WBLB Radio in Pulaski, Va. 107.5 and 1340 AM. Good hours and pay. We can work with your schedule, part-time or full-time. Call 540-980-3411 for an appointment and interview.

Offering Free Rent/Utilities year round: Immediate openings for Men & Women's attendants for the Warming Station in exchange for caring for our homeless guests throughout the winter season when temperatures are 40 degrees or below. Call 276-620-4293 for more information.

## FOR SALE: MISCELLANEOUS

Ammon For Sale - 6 boxes of Remington 225 round per box priced \$11 per box; 1 box of Winchester 333 round per box, \$15; 2 boxes Federal 325 round per box \$15 per box. Please call 540-230-2351, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Radford Va. area

Farm Equipment - Tractor, New Holland disc, cattle chute, hay rake, fuel tank, round baler and

much more. Call 540-641-3380.

1940's Walker Turner Band Saw - 12 inch throat-Takes 112 in. blade, \$600, call 540-980-8730. Leave name and number. -22120

10 pair of jogging pants; 3 pantsuits (new) size 20 (blue, wine, gray); dishes, Pyrex; quilts (Dutch Girl hand sewn); (6) white milk glasses and pitcher. Call 276-766-0203.

Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum - 2 mausoleum crypts in building A for sale, opening and closing included, \$9,000.00 value - \$7,500.00 for all, \$9,000.00 value - \$7,500.00 for all, deed transfer fee included, call 540-577-1786.

A .45 caliber Hi-Point, brand new semi-automatic pistol with an 8-shot clip in very good condition, \$200; Hi-Point arms brand 9 millimeter model C9 with an 8 shot clip in new condition, \$200; .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol

made by Jennings Firearms with a 6 shot clip in like new condition, call 540-818-1939.

Two 8-foot graphite fly rods and three automatic reels. Asking \$100. Call 540-353-0665

## FAIR HOUSING NOTICE:

We are pledged to the letter and spirit of Virginia's policy for achieving equal housing opportunity throughout the Commonwealth.

We encourage and support advertising and marketing programs in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status or handicap.

For more information or to file a housing complaint, call the Virginia Housing Office at (804) 367-8530; toll-free call (888) 551-3247.

For hearing-impaired, call (804) 367-9753. E-mail fairhousing@dpor.virginia.gov.

## STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

### AUCTIONS

ATTN. AUCTIONEERS: Advertise your upcoming auctions statewide or in other states. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions reaching your target audiences. Call this paper or Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

### EDUCATION/CAREER TRAINING

AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Get FAA approved hands on Aviation training. Financial aid for qualified students - Career placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance SCHEV certified 877-204-4130

### HELP WANTED / DRIVERS

Need CDL Drivers? Advertise your JOB OPENINGS statewide or in other states. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions to reach truck drivers. Call Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

### PETS

Adorable GOLDEN DOODLE PUPPIES Also Blue Eyed BERNESKY PUPPIES! \$975 Available Now! All AKC parentage, Vet Checked, 1st shots, Family raised. 540-814-1139 Call for Pictures.

### REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

ATTN. REALTORS: Advertise your listings regionally or statewide. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions that get results! Call Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

### SERVICES

DIVORCE - Uncontested, \$395+\$86 court cost. WILLS \$195.00. No court appearance. Estimated completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com.

### WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE

Freon Wanted: We pay CASH for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312-313-9671 or visit Refrigerant-Finders.com

Visit Our Website Each Day For The Latest News, Sports and Weather.

www.pcpatriot.com

**The Patriot**  
www.pcpatriot.com  
540-808-3949

## No Insurance? We Can Help!

The Pulaski Free Clinic provides complete medical care to adult residents of Pulaski County who have no insurance and who qualify financially. You may qualify! Call the clinic at (540) 980-0922, or stop by the clinic between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday at 25 4th Street Northwest in downtown Pulaski to set up an appointment for financial screening.

## FOR SALE • FOR SALE • FOR SALE • FOR SALES • FOR SALE



### Commercial Tanning Bed

32 SX power, like new condition. Used approximately 2 hours. 32 bulb, 15 Min. Wolff Bulbs. Arm and facial bronzers, 220 volt, remote timer and tanning accessories included. You will need a dedicated 30 amp breaker and 220 outlet. Light weight and easy to move \$2,200.

Call 540-616-7016 leave message.

**Maggie Hicks**  
REALTOR®  
(540) 320-2843  
mbhicks2843@gmail.com  
www.maggiehicksrealtor.com

*A professional in every sense of the word, Maggie is committed to make sure you have the complete, accurate information and honest advice you need to make a good decision. Her goal is to meet your expectations and hopefully exceed them as they apply to your real estate needs.*

**"Dream It...Believe It...Live It!"**

LONG & HESTER REALTY



**30+ Years Of Friendly Professional Service**

## Home Town Realty

(540) 980-1117

Corner of 5th Street & Washington Ave., Pulaski  
Wayne McGlothlin, Broker 616-4587  
Phyllis Hetherington 320-7278, Associate Broker  
Pat Farmer 320-4698 Debbie Radcliffe 629-4761

hometownpulaski@gmail.com

SERVICING THE ENTIRE NEW RIVER VALLEY & CLAYTOR LAKE RESIDENTIAL. COMMERCIAL. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

THINKING OF A CAREER CHANGE? COME WORK WITH THE HOMETOWN TEAM



## FOR SALE - \$14,900

Trailer for sale in Covey's Family Campground, Dublin, Va. 34 ft. Wildwood. It has air conditioning and heat. This is a gated campground and very safe. Golf carts are accepted. Can be moved.. Price is negotiable. Call 704-289-5116.



## FOR RENT

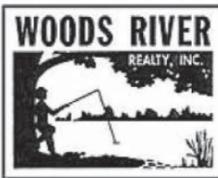
Historic log cabin for rent on Robinson Tract Road. Former grocery store. Possible uses include office space, craft/gift shop, small farm and garden supplies, fabric, sewing and knitting supplies, etc. Rent is negotiable. Contact 804-530-4690.

## Woods River Realty, Inc.

Richard Jones, Broker & Appraiser

1201 E. Main Street  
Pulaski, Va. 24301

(540) 980-6602, 230-6602



We list and sell homes, vacant land, industrial & commercial, Claytor Lake properties, appraisals for estates, trusts, loans, divorce.



## Crowell Building Office Rentals

Downtown Pulaski next to courthouse. Would be great for internet business, classes, lawyers.

Dentist office downstairs.

\$150 to \$350 per month.

Call Penny at 540-250-7367

## IMMEDIATE JOB OPENINGS - 31 openings -

Pulaski • Dublin • Radford  
Giles

Pay Between \$10 & \$18 Hr.

Production - Assembly  
Laborer - Cleaning  
Winders - CDL-A Driver  
Material Handlers

COME IN TODAY OR APPLY ONLINE

## VALLEY STAFFING INC.

6003 Wright Avenue

Dublin, VA 24084

540-674-3103

www.valleystaffingjobs.com

EEO • DRUG FREE

# Hokies come up short against Georgia Tech

Hokiesports.com

ATLANTA – Seeking a bounce-back victory, the Virginia Tech men's basketball team could not get in done in Atlanta, falling to the Yellow Jackets 76-57 on Tuesday night inside McCamish Pavilion.

The Hokies (14-9, 5-7 ACC) stumbled against Georgia Tech (11-12, 5-7), marking the first defeat Tech has suffered to the Yellow Jackets since 2014 as their six-game winning streak was snapped.

The Yellow Jackets were paced by guard Jose Alvarado, who scored 20 points and dished out six assists. Junior Moses Wright

added 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds while guard Bubba Parham and sophomore Michael Devoe each reached double figures.

The Yellow Jackets' offense clicked by shooting over 50 percent from the field while also hitting eight 3-pointers. Georgia Tech outscored the Hokies in paint points 34-22 while also outrebounding Virginia Tech 37-30.

Tech saw contributions from guard Tyrece Radford, who scored 12 points and redshirt freshman Landers Nolley, who registered 10 points. Forward Branden Johnson scored his first-ever points in a Tech uni-

form and grabbed five rebounds recording a career high.

## THE GAME

At the start of the game, Radford hit jumper and Nolley finished off a layup to pull Tech within two points. Georgia Tech would go on a 15-2 run over a nine-minute stretch beginning early in the first half. This run would prove to be too much for the Hokies as the Yellow Jackets entered the break leading 38-18.

With just over 15 minutes to go in the game, Georgia Tech went on a 10-3 run giving the Yellow Jackets a 57-28 advantage. Georgia Tech led the rest of the way and would go on to win

76-57.

## NOTES

- Radford scored a team-high 12 points and led Tech in scoring for the third time this season. This is Radford's ninth game scoring in double figures and third straight game doing so.

- Nolley's 10 points marks his 21st game scoring in double figures and 11th consecutive outing reaching double digits in points.

- Virginia Tech's bench did outscore the Yellow Jackets bench 22-16. This marks the 14th game this season Tech's bench has scored 20 or more points.

- Bede tied his career high in blocks with two at Georgia Tech.

- Johnson scored the first points of his Tech career with four on the night and had a career-high five rebounds.

## UP NEXT

The Hokies will return to Blacksburg for a three-game home slate beginning with Boston College on Saturday at noon at Cassell Coliseum.



# Hokies

Continued from Page B1

senior year, and this is a kid that's a three-sport athlete – triple jumper, basketball player and football player – and probably as a young person wondered about his identity. Was he going to be a basketball player? Leaned more toward basketball, and then football-wise, he had some other good players with him, but he threw his team on his back on the way to the state championship. Incredibly productive and competitive young man that came on our radar throughout his senior year. From a small town, and we fell in love with him."

Counting the two transfers, Tech's 2020 signing class was 17 players from nine different states, including three each from Florida and Georgia.

Here are some more takeaways from Wednesday's news conference:

## WORKING ON THE 2021 CLASS

Fuente said that he and his staff spent much of January working on the 2021 recruiting class – in fact, the coaches just returned to their offices on Monday. He stated that the 2021 class is critically important to the program mainly because the Hokies lose 17 seniors, including stalwarts like Keyshard Asbhy, DeShawn Crawford, Divine Deablo, Austin Cannon, Jarrod Hewitt and Emmanuel Belmar.

"It'll be larger in numbers, obviously," Fuente said of the 2021 class. "I think it's got a chance to be the most important class in some time at Virginia Tech. Our aim is to have it be an elite class, and we're off to a great start. We've still got lot of work to do. I do think we're in great position with people that we've been developing relationships with for a long time. So I'm incredibly optimistic.

"They're coming along at a time when all of these things [facilities upgrades] are going to be finished. We jokingly say that they get to be the spoiled class – the new dorm, the new dining facility, the new weight room, the new meeting rooms, and ultimately the refurbished players' lounge that will occur when we're done with this stuff. It's kind of an exciting time for those guys, and that's not all of

it. There's a lot more to it. I think it has a chance to be pretty special."

## FUENTE FINALIZES STAFF

Two weeks ago, Fuente finalized his staff by naming Ryan Smith the cornerbacks coach. Smith came to Tech after spending a season at James Madison and two seasons at Elon. Smith went to high school at the Blue Ridge School – an hour east of Harrisonburg – and played football at William & Mary before graduating in 2014. Fuente wanted to add someone with in-state ties to his staff, and Smith fit the bill.

"The recruiting ties were important," Fuente said. "It's a puzzle. It's not one size fits all, and you all see this. You think about Justin Hamilton as the defensive coordinator and you have someone alongside of him that's been there and done that in Tracy Claeys – that's going to be a great person to lean on for Justin as he goes through this. Then you talk about [Darryl] Tapp and [Bill] Teerlinck and what they can do, and you think about getting another person in here with ties to the region, and that was Ryan.

"That's what I wanted in that spot. It wasn't the only thing I wanted, and Ryan is here because he's qualified and a great coach, and I believe he has a chance to be a fantastic coach moving forward, but one of the things I wanted out of that spot was somebody with regional ties. We talked to a bunch of people, not just about Ryan. We went through a rather lengthy interview process and came away convinced that he was the perfect person for this job."

## DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD BESET WITH INJURIES

Smith will have his hands full during spring practice, as Fuente revealed that three cornerbacks – Caleb Farley, Jermaine Waller and Armani Chatman – would miss most, if not all, of spring practice with injuries. Of those three, only Chatman really has a chance to return to the practice field.

"It leaves it a bit interesting with how we're going to do drill work," Fuente said. "I don't have it figured out. You guys got any

suggestions?"

Those injuries leave Jeremy Webb, Brion Murray and Nadir Thompson as the only experienced true cornerbacks on the roster.

## FUENTE ADDRESSES BAYLOR TALKS

In mid-January, Fuente had discussions with Baylor University officials on a vacant head coaching position that ultimately went to former LSU defensive coordinator Dave Aranda. Fuente regretted that the discussions became public, but re-affirmed his commitment to Virginia Tech and said that he had only talked with two schools during his head coaching career – the Hokies and Baylor.

"I'm incredibly happy with where we're at. My family is happy. My wife and kids are incredibly happy," Fuente said. "I've had opportunities to talk to a bunch of people along the way. In my eight, going on nine, years, I've talked to two schools – Virginia Tech and Baylor. Did I love that it became incredibly public? No, but I understand that part of it? I do. I get it. I had a meeting with our team and told them that. I think we've got a great plan here moving forward. We had a conversation, and the next day, I showed up for work, and we went to work. I haven't looked back since.

"I'm really excited about what we have and what we've built ... I'm more excited than ever. We've done everything possible to pay our respects to the people that have done such a wonderful job in this football program in the past, but you look around and see what we're building, not just bricks and mortar, but as a program and staff-wise, I couldn't be more excited. It's a little bit of rejuvenation. It feels like you're first year. The plan that we've got staffing-wise moving forward, I'm excited about. So that's how I addressed it with the guys – I had a conversation, and I showed up for work and went to work the next day."

# ESPNU returns to Dedmon, will feature Radford vs. UNC Asheville in February

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – ESPNU has selected the Radford vs. UNC Asheville men's basketball game scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20 as its next Big South Wildcard broadcast for the 2019-20 season. Due to the selection, the game time will be pushed back to 9 p.m.

The game will be the second meeting this season between the Highlanders and Bulldogs as the first meeting came inside Kimmel Arena in Asheville on Jan. 23. This marks the sixth time in the last four seasons the Highlanders have been selected for an ESPNU Wildcard Game.

Radford currently sits second in the Big South standings and is riding a three-game winning streak. Meanwhile, UNC Asheville is 3-7 in conference play and 9-12 overall.

The Radford vs. UNC Asheville contest is the fifth of six Big South Wildcard broadcasts set for this season following Winthrop at Gardner-Webb on Feb. 13. ESPNU has one final Wildcard broadcast scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27.

Prior to tip-off, Copper Beech will be giving away free food to students in attendance, while supplies last.



## COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE, DEPUTY I

Position will perform a variety of professional work primarily assisting Pulaski County taxpayers. Employee will provide frontline constituent services including providing general information relating to town and county government, personal property and real estate tax, meals and lodging tax, and state income tax. Employee must exercise courtesy and discretion when communicating with citizens, external agencies as well as town and county staff. Employee must be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Will perform a variety of administrative support duties related to operations of the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue. Please see the full job description at [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org).

This is a full time position that includes the following benefits: health, dental (optional vision), life insurance, state retirement program, optional 457(b) retirement plan, paid vacation, sick leave and paid holidays.

The salary scale for this position is \$21,278 - \$40,047 and is commensurate upon education and experience. Interested individuals may apply at the Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org) to Tammy Safewright, Human Resources Director, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Position is open until filled.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

## Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Part time seasonal positions 2020

Randolph Park Lifeguard – Responsible for the safety of all water park patrons and to enforce and adhere to all rules and regulations pertaining to the facility. Applicant must have a current Lifesaving, First aid, and CPR certification and ability to administer aide as necessary. Duties also include daily cleaning and maintenance of the pool, pool deck, all associated equipment, and pool bathhouse which includes restrooms, showers, floors, and emptying trash.

Randolph Park Pool Attendant – Responsible for collecting fees and monitoring patron activity associated with the Randolph Park pool facility. Must have an outgoing personality and have the ability to be kind, friendly, and courteous to the public. Duties include collecting and counting pool entry fees, frequent cleaning of the bathrooms and surrounding areas, attending to minor injuries, emptying trash, and handling general public inquiries.

Randolph Park or Central Youth Center Summer Camp Counselor – Camp Counselors must be highly qualified to supervise large groups of children in both an indoor and outdoor setting. Work includes supervising large groups of children, ensuring campers safety, conducting activities, collecting camp fees, frequent cleaning of camp related areas, attending to minor and major injuries, and handling general inquiries from parents. Current enrollment or college graduate applicants are preferred. Desired age for applicants is at least 18 years old. Previous related experience working with children is preferred.

Requirements for all positions:

- Must be at least 16 years of age and enrolled in school.
- Successfully complete a criminal background and drug screen.
- Ability to lift minimum of 30 lbs. to a max of 50 lbs. Water rescues may require more.
- Flexible schedule to work on weekends, mornings, and evenings throughout the summer.
- Possession of a valid driver's permit issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia (only exception is potential applicant having not yet received driving privileges due to age)

Interested individuals may download an application from [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org) and submit it to Tammy Safewright, Human Resources Director, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Positions are open until filled  
Equal Opportunity Employer

**Lifetime METAL ROOFING**  
by VA CAROLINA BUILDINGS, INC

40 YEAR WARRANTY ON THE FINISH - ENERGY EFFICIENT  
SUPERIOR DURABILITY - SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT  
FACTORY DIRECT - WE FINANCE - CALL NOW!

[WWW.METALROOFOVER.COM](http://WWW.METALROOFOVER.COM) 1-800-893-1242

**OUTER BANKS, NC - VACATION RENTALS**

Over 500 vacation homes from S. Nags Head to Corolla's 4x4!

**Brindley Beach**  
VACATIONS & SALES

877-642-3224  
[www.brindleybeach.com](http://www.brindleybeach.com)



## Employee of the Month

**Presented by: Elizabeth Webb, Principal of Dublin Elementary School**  
 Dublin Elementary and Pulaski County Public Schools are proud to honor Anna Slate as our Employee of the Month. Mrs. Slate is a paraprofessional at Dublin Elementary. She can be seen out front in all of her cold weather gear assisting with student drop off in the mornings and throughout the building with a smile and a great sense of humor. Mrs. Slate is described as "consistent, understanding, and kind." Any student with whom Mrs. Slate works shows progress in meeting their individual goals and feels safe within the school setting. One of Mrs. Slate's students has said "Ms. Anna keeps me safe." Dublin Elementary is very thankful for our "Ms. Anna" and all she brings to our school community!



## Teacher of the Month

**Presented by: Elizabeth Webb, Principal of Dublin Elementary School**  
 Dublin Elementary and Pulaski County Public Schools are honored to recognize Lauren David as our Teacher of the Month. Mrs. David is the school counselor at Dublin Elementary. She is wholly invested in the students, teachers, staff, and community. She makes sure all students feel safe and happy at school while assisting in maintaining high academic and behavioral standards. She is solution driven, always seeking to solve problems to assist our students. Mrs. David supports the school's goal of meeting the needs of the whole child through developing student skills and building relationships with students' families. Mrs. David has been described as the "glue of DES." She is a very valuable member to the Dublin Elementary School community, and we are very thankful for her!

# School Board recognizes employee, teacher of month for January



## Pledge of Allegiance

**Submitted by: Elizabeth Webb, Principal of Dublin Elementary**  
 The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Anna Pratt, a 5th grader at Dublin Elementary. Anna is the daughter of Andy and Allison Pratt. Anna brings a wonderful sense of humor and energy to our school and serves as a role model to her peers. She is a perfect example of why Shamrocks R.O.C.K! DES is proud to have her representing us!

## Senior of the Month

**Presented by: Richie Thomas, Principal of Pulaski County High School**  
 Pulaski County Public Schools is proud to recognize our Senior of the Month for January 2020, Gage Michael Mannon. Gage is the son of Tim and Melinda Mannon of Fairlawn. Gage is an outstanding young man who is consistently found with a smile on his face. Gage's nominating teacher said, "I am always impressed with how Gage interacts respectfully with all students and staff. As an accomplished athlete, he shows great leadership skills by always presenting himself to the best of his ability. He is always kind and respectful." Gage is a true example of Cougar PRIDE.  
 Upon graduation, Gage plans on attending at four year college and becoming a Health and Physical Education teacher. During his free time he works out, attends Gethsemane Baptist Youth Group and enjoys helping out his neighbors.

## Holy Cow

Antiques, Gardens and Great Finds

1801 Wysor Road  
 (Rt. 100 South)  
 Exit 89A From I-81  
 Draper, VA. 24324  
 540-250-1775

Belle



## Pulaski COUNTY PROUD!

Our heritage. Our hope. Our home.

The Patriot  
 540-808-3949

## Conrad Brothers MARINE

(540) 980-1575  
 Boat Sales And Service  
 Pontoon Rentals  
 Ski Shop

Serving Claytor Lake Since 1948

Yard Sales  
 Are Free  
 In  
 The Patriot

Call 540-808-3949  
 or email  
 ads@pcpatriot.com

LIKE THE PATRIOT  
 ON FACEBOOK  
 at  
 Pulaski County-Patriot



107.1 WPSK  
 Your home for  
 Pulaski County Football

107.1 WPSK is a  
 division of

**NEW RIVER**  
 RADIO GROUP  
 A division of Monticello Media, LLC

Ms. Audre's  
 Fabrics  
 206 Main Street  
 Narrows, Va. (540) 921-2042

Open 10 - 6 Tuesday - Friday  
 10 - 4 Saturday

## 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.

### February 9

#### First Baptist Church Pastor's Aide Committee to sponsor program

The Pastor's Aide committee of First Baptist Church on Magazine St. in Pulaski will sponsor a program on February 9, at 3 p.m. Guest speaker and featured music for the event will be Rev. Marvin Lockett and choir from Woodlawn, Va.

### February 11

#### Sons of Confederate Vets, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp to meet

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 7pm at Ray's Restaurant on Rt. 221, north of Floyd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. If Floyd County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

### February 12

#### Delton COGOP to host Valentine's Free Community dinner

Delton Church of God of Prophecy will host a Valentine's Free Community dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The program will begin at 6:45 p.m. Special guest speaker for the event will be Phyllis Cooper. Everyone is welcome! Meal consists of pasta, salad, drinks, and dessert. Donations or offering accepted for missions but cost for the meal is free! For more information, contact Pastor Vickie Viars at deltoncogop@gmail.com or call (276) 620-3191! Word I live by, "Relationship Not Religion." The church is located at 4570 Boyd Rd., Draper, Va. Directions: I-81, Exit #92, turn over bridge go past Draper Mercantile, past Bryson's Store on the right, at end of road, turn left onto Delton Rd., go approximately 4.2 miles. Note that Delton Rd. merges into Boyd Rd. Watch for sharp turns and deer.

### 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.

### February 25

**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..

### 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 updates, 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 of 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 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.

## Simpkins graduates from Coastal Carolina University

CONWAY, SC-- Logan Simpkins of Dublin earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in management from Coastal Carolina University on Dec. 17, 2019, during the fall commencement ceremony.

More than 700 students were eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies at Coastal Carolina University on Dec. 17, 2019, marking the last class of the decade to graduate from CCU.

Ron Daise, vice president for creative education at Brookgreen Gardens, was the special speaker during the two commencement ceremonies.

Daise used messages from Nick Jr.'s award-winning and internationally broadcasted television program "Gullah Gullah Island" to inspire and motivate the graduates and to remind them that this is only the beginning of their lifelong quest for knowledge.

"Realize this day marks only

the beginning of continued education. You have not yet reached the pinnacles of understanding, self-awareness, or wisdom. As said by Albert Einstein, 'intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.' Stay hungry for knowledge," said Daise.

Daise is known by many as "Mr. Ron" on Nick Jr.'s award-winning and internationally broadcasted television program, "Gullah Gullah Island," for which he and his wife Natalie performed in starring roles. They also served as cultural consultants on the program. For more than 30 years, Daise has promoted awareness of Gullah Geechee culture and history. A cultural preservationist, performing artist, and educator, he has developed and presented stories, songs, and lectures about history, culture, and faith at museums, theaters, conferences, churches, and educational institutions across the country.



**OK Barber Shop**  
321 East Main Street  
Pulaski, Va. • 994-0231

**Open Daily At 6 a.m.**  
**(Later Hours Available Upon Request)**



## Taking It To The Streets

Bringing Christ to the Communities ...

### Evangelistic Meetings!

7:00 P.M. Each Evening:  
Special Singing Each Service!

### Free Snacks & Drinks Every Youth Night!

223 N. Washington Ave, P.O. Box 30 Pulaski, VA 24301  
(Old Southwest Times Building)

## February 2020

**Fri. Feb 1st: Pastor Jarrod Midkiff**

**Fri. Feb. 7th: Evangelist Steve Board**  
**Sat. Feb. 8th: Evangelist Ralph Parker**

**Fri. Feb. 14th: Pastor Charlie Barbettini**  
**Sat. Feb. 15th: Brother Harley Phillips**

**Fri. Feb. 21st: Evangelist Davie Whitlock**  
**Sat. Feb. 22nd: Pastor Mike Ingo**  
NOTE: Food / Clothing Event 11 am until 1 pm. Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes and Drinks. Also the Clothing Bank will be open with Free Men's, Women's, Boys and Girls Clothing.

**NOTE: 11 AM SUNDAY MORNING OUTREACH SERVICE AT THE STREETS**  
**Sun. Feb. 23rd: Pastor Todd Garwood**

**Fri. Feb. 28th: Pastor Todd Garwood**  
**Sat. Feb. 29th: Brother Eric Watson**

Each Service Broadcast Live on streaming video at: [www.streets4god.com](http://www.streets4god.com)

For More Information Contact: Charlie Barbettini. : 276.620.4293

**Wear what you have and come as you are! Come expecting a Blessing**  
**"Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature" Mark 16:15**

# SHONEY'S

## All Day Senior Day

Due to popular demand, Shoney's Senior Buffet is BACK!!!!

**Enjoy Shoney's Senior Buffet**  
**ALL DAY, EVERY TUESDAY**  
**for ONLY \$6.99**

\*no other discounts apply\*

4416 Cleburne Boulevard  
Dublin, VA



120 Malin Drive  
Wytheville, VA



**Prince Valiant**  
Our Story: SOMETHING SUTHERING OUT OF THE MIST PANICS VAL'S COMPANIONS. AMID THE CONFUSION, THE PRINCE AND HIS COMPANIONS HAZARD ONLY A GLANCE AT THE SHADOWY HORROR BEFORE FLEEING THE EXECUTION PIT.



THEY CANNOT COUNT ON ANY DISTRACTION LONG OCCUPYING THE BEAST MEN, SO THEY HASTILY RETRACE THEIR PATH TO THE SHORE.



BUT THE ROUTE IS SOON LOST, LEADING GAWAN TO A FATEFUL DISCOVERY. NEVER HAS HE SEEN EGGS SO BIG, AND, AS USUAL, HIS THOUGHTS ARE NOT FAR FROM CREATURE COMFORTS.



"WE MAY DIE TODAY, BUT, IF NOT, THIS WILL MAKE A DELICIOUS REFECTION," AND HE TUCKS ONE INTO HIS TOTE NETTING.



THEN, A CRY FROM BUKOTA: "OVER HERE - A CAJOLE OF THE BRUTES' WEED SHOES!"

NEXT: A soggy retreat



FLASH GORDON



DALE ARDEN



DR. HANS ZARKOV



A TOAST TO ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES GATHERED AND TO PEACE ON MONGO!



UNFORTUNATELY, LONG-STANDING RIVALRIES DIE HARD. ME NO DRINK! KALA POISON TUSK-MAN!



I SWEAR TO YOU ON MY HONOR, PRINCE CORAK - NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU FROM THE NECTAR I SERVE. SHARKMEN... HONOR!! HA!



SENSING THE RISING TENSION, FLASH RAISES HIS GLASS. TO PEACE ON MONGO!



WITH THEIR ARMED GUARDS AT THE READY, THE VISITING DIGNITARIES DRINK... ALL SAVE ONE. FOOLS! BE SORRY NOT LISTEN TO CORA-AK!



FOR IT'S THE NECTAR THAT COUNTERACTS THE ODORLESS GAS THAT'S BEEN POISONING YOU SINCE YOU ARRIVED! THE GUARDS... TO BE CONT'D..!



HOPOJ, HUGO, I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE DOWN THE HILL. JUST A MINUTE. C'MON, LET'S GO! I'M EATING A JELLY DOUGHNUT. EAT IT WHILE WE RIDE. WELL, HOW WAS IT? NOT ENOUGH JELLY!



by BUD BLAKE

**MAGIC MAZE** ● WORDS TYPED WITH ONLY THE MIDDLE AND INDEX FINGERS

X E V R O L I F C Z W T Q F N  
 K I G F C Z W D N D U B R E T  
 P M J U H E C Y E E U Z R N X  
 U S Q N F M C E L R H E E C J  
 G E C Z X I D V E U D C T E T  
 R P N L U N R H N N E N T V J  
 H E C J I I C T U R D A U I Y  
 W V T R P M R H N N L U B H K  
 K I G E B U T C H E R C R E B  
 Z X W U E M E V I T C E F E D  
 S R P O M L J I G E D B A B Y

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Beehive
- Butcher
- Butter
- Centrifuge
- Cherub
- Defective
- Endure
- Fence
- Hundred
- Indeed
- Kitchen
- Minimum
- Recent
- Thunder
- Untrue

©2020 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

**CryptoQuote**

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

ENBEKN JCB AMIN ICN CODQ  
 ICOI VNNQG ICNU XGXOKKF  
 KMWR ICN ABBI ICOI RMWRG  
 ICNU. - NHMW CBVVNH

©2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

	4		8				7	
6			4	3		5		
		2				1		3
8			7			2	3	
		9				6	8	
	7			9				6
2			5					1
	3	4				7	9	
	1			8				5

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2020 King Features Syn... Inc.

Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

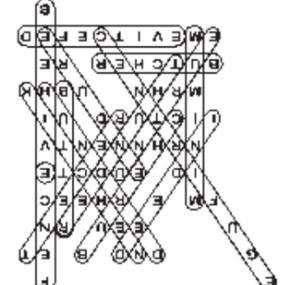
**SPONSORED BY:**



**Glenn Insurance Agency, Inc.**  
 16 E. Main St., Pulaski  
 540-980-3434  
 Meredith McGrady  
 Office Manager



answer  
**CryptoQuote**  
 People who bite the hand that feeds them usually lick the boot that kicks them. — Eric Hoffer



**Valentines**

Valentine's Day is an old holiday that started with a Christian martyr, St. Valentine, about A.D. 500, or the Roman fertility fest Lupercalia. In the 1860s, insulting comic valentines called "penny dreadfuls" were sold. A few commercial cards were made by the 1870s from homemade paper, lace and ribbons. By late Victorian times, there were "mechanical" cards with moving parts, embossed cards, cards with "honeycomb tissue" to make them three-dimensional and, by the 1900s, postcards.

A beginning collector can find reasonably priced postcards and die-cut cards that were sold in dime stores. Teachers insisted every student receive a card so there would be no hard feelings. Sets sold for 29 cents for 25 cards plus a larger one for the teacher. Each 3-1/2-inch card was punched free of the stiff paper, signed on the back and put in the envelope provided. The cards featured a friendly comic drawing and a heart with a message that often was a pun.

Collectors of postcards specialize and look for cards with out-of-town postmarks, city views, jobs, comics or current events or items that were typical of the year and will seem old in the future. Save the cards you get, and ask friends and older relatives for theirs to start a collection.

**CURRENT PRICES**

Cut-glass compote, hob star, strawberry diamond and fan and geometrics, teardrop stem, signed, J. Hoare, 7 1/4 x 6 1/2 inches, \$50.

Barograph, weather testing, oak case, Short & Maso, 1915, 15 x 9 inches, \$195.

**KOVELS' Antiques & Collecting**  
 By Terry and Kim Kovel



These cards came from a punch-out set that sold for 29 cents. They were passed out to the class in the 1960s.

Kazak rug, geometric design, red center, blue border, hand woven, 73 x 114 inches, \$545.

Hunting horn, carved, hunting dogs, running dogs, palmetto tree, 1800s, 12 inches, \$780.

TIP: Got bubble gum on your sports cards? Rub them gently with a nylon stocking.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit [www.Kovels.com](http://www.Kovels.com)

**The Patriot**  
[www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)  
 540-808-3949  
 Published Free Each Friday



by Jo Ann Derson

\* A squirt of shaving cream can help release latex paint specks on your hands from using a roller brush. Just rub over hands and rinse.

\* Baked apples (or stuffed peppers) will stay perfectly upright if you set them into the wells of a muffin tin.

\* Make your own bath oil by mixing a couple of drops of your favorite perfume with a bit of baby oil. Just rub on post-bath or add to your bathwater.

\* "Recently I cooked a big batch of broccoli in the afternoon. The house had that cabbage smell. I don't like air fresheners because the strong smell gives me a headache. My neighbor told me to boil a couple of cups of vinegar and let it simmer for 10 minutes. At first, the vinegar smell replaced the cabbage smell, but then it totally disappeared and all the smells were gone too." -- E.Y. in Pennsylvania

\* "Use your vegetable peeler to make strips of butter if it's cold and you need to spread it on bread. The strips' large amount of surface area help the butter to soften quickly, making it easy to spread." -- M.M. in Texas

\* "Get king-size pillowcases from a thrift store to cover a diaper changing pad. They are the right size and cheap!" -- D.L. in Florida

# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



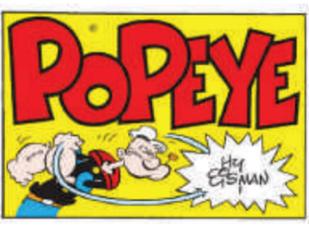
## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## LAFF-A-DAY



### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Solid

NEEDS

Novelty

FILTER

Soft

LEGT

Flood

TRENTOR

**TODAY'S WORD**

# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Move like molasses  
5 High card  
8 Judicial garment  
12 Place for sports reporters  
14 Vivacity  
15 Aware  
16 Flex  
17 Do sums  
18 Kindle downloads  
20 Sew loosely  
23 Liveliness, in music  
24 Wheelbase terminus  
25 Obama's old title

**DOWN**

1 Wife of Saturn  
2 Raw rock  
3 Buddhist sect  
4 Mansion and its surroundings  
5 Sleeping  
6 Opposed  
7 Outer

8 Start the PC up again  
9 Bread spread  
10 Savings institution  
11 Make — meet  
13 Faction  
19 Prejudice  
20 Tavern  
21 Line of symmetry  
22 — gin fizz  
23 Stop, at sea  
25 Hints at  
26 Shrek is one  
27 Bellow  
29 Medal earner

31 Coloring agent  
33 Idea  
34 Gas bill units  
36 Commandment starter  
37 Commanded  
38 On the rocks  
39 Chess or checkers  
40 Use scissors  
43 Historic time  
44 Wall climber  
45 Can metal  
46 Joan of —

## top ten

### MOST ANTENNA TV VIEWERS

- Indonesia
- India
- Nigeria
- Japan
- Philippines
- Mexico
- Brazil
- Pakistan
- Vietnam
- Italy

\*U.S. is No. 12

Source: Deloitte Insights

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Which novel introduced the character of Lisbeth Salander?
- MOVIES: What was the name of Bill Murray's character in the 1984 "Ghostbusters" film?
- HISTORY: Roughly how many people migrated from drought-stricken Dust Bowl states in the United States in the 1930s?
- ENTERTAINMENT: What was the title of the first arcade video game?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which American humorist once observed, "In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours"?
- MUSIC: Which 1980s movie featured the theme song "Don't You (Forget About Me)" by Simple Minds?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of Michael Knight's car on the series "Knight Rider"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country lies between India and China?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called "helophobia"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the pound sign on a keyboard?

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Apron is longer; 2. Earmuffs are removed; 3. Fence is shorter; 4. Door window is lower; 5. Footprint is missing; 6. Snow is added.

### Trivia Test Answers

1. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"
2. Dr. Peter Venkman
3. About 2.5 million
4. Pong
5. Mark Twain
6. "The Breakfast Club"
7. KITT (Knight Industries Two Thousand)
8. Nepal
9. Fear of the sun
10. Octothorpe

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals F

VPYHEW RBCCXWX, VB WPEW-NB  
KBVHIGYHUGU IUKHYX GB WXG GB  
GNX QBBG BQ GNX RCIUU?

## Americanisms

"Any woman who diets all the time can't help but be grouchy. Nobody can be amusing or entertaining on a diet."

— Zsa Zsa Gabor

## SCRAMBLERS

DEFENSE

Today's Word

1. Dense; 2. Tiffle; 3. Gentle; 4. Torrent

During college, do gung-ho podiatrists aspire to get to the top of the class?

ANSWER: Cryptoquip

This Page Sponsored Each Week By...

# TUCK'S COLLISION

A Direct Repair Facility  
ALL INSURANCES ACCEPTED!

1001 East Main Street, Pulaski, VA (Adjoining Duncan Suzuki) (540) 980-1922

# The Patriot

www.pcpatriot.com

# LOCAL Flavor

With David Hoover

Be ready for Valentine's Day! For this special day, there are simple recipes below that are keeping with this special occasion. Let's start with a strawberry pie.

- 1 8" - 9" graham cracker crust
- 1 box strawberry pudding prepared as directed
- 1 pint of washed strawberries (check for bad spots) sliced long way (pint or half pint, use your preferred amount)
- 1/4 cup shaved chocolate- dark or milk chocolate
- 3 Tbsp. melted butter

Coat graham cracker crust with melted butter, then in a large bowl prepare the strawberry pudding as directed and place in refrigerator while you slice strawberries. When done fold strawberries slices into the pudding then pour into graham cracker crust.

You can add shaved chocolate or chocolate chips to the top of the pie and refrigerate for 6 hours, then serve.

Next is a simple delight for you and your Valentine!

Go to the supermarket and purchase a pint of large strawberries and a large bar of white or milk chocolate (dark chocolate is not recommended; it doesn't taste well on a large berry).

The first thing to do, is wash the berries, check for bad spots. You may leave the green stem on the berries or cut them off (whichever you prefer). Leave the strawberries on the counter until they reach room temperature.

You then need a fork or small



candy stick, to remove the berries from the heat proof dipping bowl. Break the chocolate into pieces and melt slowly in the microwave in 15 second intervals stirring the chocolate each time, until melted. Strawberries must be at room temperature before dipping. Dip strawberries then place them on a cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil (make sure the cookie sheet is small enough to fit in the refrigerator), place in refrigerator. The berries need to cool down. Keep them cool before eating.

Thank you for your support of "Good Eats," we are working on a simple group of good recipes. Send in your own recipes. Thanks to you all!

Dave

## Don't wait to spay or neuter your pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I received a puppy last fall from a friend whose dog had a surprise litter. "Tara" is a super-cute girl of unknown breed, very smart and growing fast. I haven't taken her to the veterinarian yet, but I know she needs to be spayed. When will it be too late to get her fixed? -- Jessica C., Asbury Park, New Jersey



specials for new pet owners that include a checkup, core vaccinations and the spaying procedure.

Send your comments, questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com.

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

1	4	3	8	5	9	6	7	2
6	8	7	4	3	2	5	9	1
9	5	2	6	7	1	4	8	3
8	6	1	7	4	5	2	3	9
4	2	9	3	1	6	8	5	7
3	7	5	2	9	8	1	4	6
2	9	8	5	6	3	7	1	4
5	3	4	1	2	7	9	6	8
7	1	6	9	8	4	3	2	5



### DOSS' SEPTIC TANK SERVICE, LLC



**Owner/Operator: Chuck Doss**  
 • Licensed & Insured • 20 Years of Experience  
 • Calls Welcome Anytime Day or Night  
 24/7 Emergency Service  
**(540) 320-4827 / (540) 320-4817**

## Sudden Change

Lately, I have been affected by seeing sudden changes that happen without any warning or notice. None of us can prepare for these occurrences. They can happen at any time and, in a split second, change the course of life forever. Maybe as we age, we know change is a part of life so we want to charge forward, full throttle. Sometimes we make snap decisions, looking for instant gratification and wanting a magical silver bullet to solve all of our problems.

It seems today, more and more people want to be fulfilled without delay because tomorrow our world may be different. The reality is that most of us won't have an unexpected life-occurrence that will change the course of our lives. So, we play the lottery, even though the odds of winning are 1 in 292 million, according to Harvard Professor Tom Huddleston.

Sometimes we are tempted to go for the gold. For example, we put all of our effort and resources into developing the next million-dollar product and making a fortune. In reality, the chances of actually seeing the financial benefits from a patent are really slim. Stephen Key



### Down To Business

Peggy White  
Pulaski Co.  
Chamber of Commerce

(Starting a Business) says that the truth is 97 percent of patents never make any money. It's easy to jump into action whether the market will support the product or whether it can be produced at a competitive price to make profits. Beginning a new business, just because you want to own a business, doesn't mean you should.

Good things take time. Writer Chomwa Shikati writes about Darren Hardy, who in *The Compound Effect*, explains the belief that small actions build up over time. He defines the compound effect as "...the principle of reaping huge rewards from a series of small, smart choices." Hardy goes on to say that, "Success is earned in the moment to moment decisions that, in themselves, make no visible difference whatsoever, but the accumulated compound-

ing effect is profound." He went on to share an example that emphasizes how this theory works for those who are patient. For example, if given the choice of being given \$1 million right now or a single penny that doubles in value every day for 31 days, which would you choose? If you picked the penny, you'd have \$10,737,418.24 on day 31." That's a pretty nice return if we can just wait.

Life altering occurrences might happen, but we can't plan nor can we predict them. At the end of the day, having patience, moving slowly, and staying consistent with our goals and values can be the winning course.

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

# Still hot over last winter's high electric bills?



Stay warm this winter and cool next summer with a high efficiency Carrier 15 S.E.E.R. Energy Star Rated heat pump system.

Lower your heating and cooling costs up to 40%\*

Call us today for a free estimate.



## AIR CONTROL CORPORATION

138 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Pulaski, Virginia  
540-980-7671

Your Quality & Comfort Assured  
Dealer For Over 50 Years



turn to the experts™ 

We Accept...



Financing Information Also Available

\*SEER percentage based on national averages, may vary according to efficiency of current unit and installation.