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Council, mayoral races set in Pulaski, Dublin

Patriot Staff Report

May's municipal elections should be interesting this year with competition for every seat in both Pulaski and Dublin.

Tuesday at 7 p.m. was the deadline for citizens to sign up to be candidates for council and mayor in the towns of Pulaski and Dublin in this May's municipal elections.

Pulaski

David Clark is seeking re-election to a second term as mayor. He will be challenged by Shannon Collins.

The mayor's term is for two years.

Three incumbents are seeking re-election on council – Jamie Radcliffe, Joseph Goodman and

Greg East. Pulaski attorney Michael Reis is the lone challenger for council.

The top three vote getters are elected and terms are for four years.

Dublin

Benny Skeens is seeking re-election to a sixth term as mayor and is being challenged by councilman Norman "Buck" Dowdy II.

Mayor terms in Dublin are for four years.

Four candidates are seeking three seats on council. They are incumbent Edith Hampton and challengers Wayne Seagle, Dallas Cox and Peggy Hemmings.

Vice Mayor Doug Irvin Sr. chose not to seek re-election.

Council terms in Dublin are for four years.

Election day is May 5.

CHASING THE SQUIRREL

Ron Peterson's next book, due out in April, explores the life of local legend Wally Thrasher

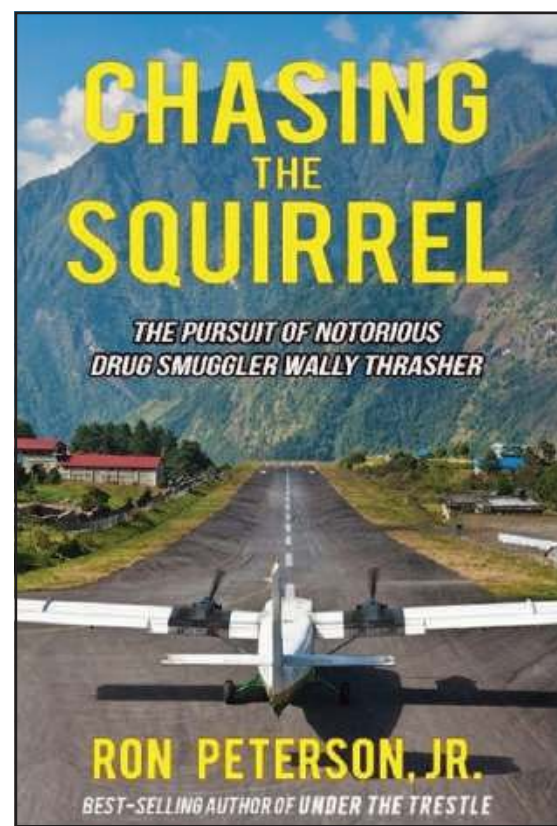
By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

While the state of Alabama may lay claim to the fictional folk hero "The Bandit," from the 1970's movie "Smokie and the Bandit," Pulaski County has its own historic folk legend, Wallace Samuel Thrasher, aka "The Squirrel."

In the movie, the truck-driving Bandit, played by Hollywood's epitome of suave and handsome Burt Reynolds, accepts a dare to transport a truckload of beer across state lines; all the while being pursued by a pesky sheriff, Buford T. Justice, determined to catch him in the act.

Although the Bandit movie is based on fiction, Thrasher is an actual folk legend, expertly researched and brought to life by author Ron Peterson, Jr. in his newest historic mystery novel, "Chasing the Squirrel: The Pursuit of Notorious Drug Smuggler, Wally Thrasher," which is scheduled to be released by iUniverse in early April 2020. Shortly after the book's release, Peterson will be scheduling book tours and lectures in the New River Valley.

Peterson's previous book, "Under the Trestle," published by iUniverse, was the publishing company's number one seller in 2019, a national best seller



on Amazon, and the top selling book in the NRV because of the local story and local appeal.

Peterson's description of Thrasher reflects that of Bandit Burt Reynolds. "Thrasher had a bold spirit and the dashing good looks to go with it," said Peterson. "He was criminally handsome, blessed with the prettiest blue eyes most women had ever seen. A charismatic southern gentleman raised in the hills of Pulaski County, in Southwest Virginia's New River Valley. Wally had a Hollywood smile, a

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Peterson

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stylish mane of prematurely grey hair, and an aura of confidence that turned heads everywhere he went. When he traveled through commercial airports, he was routinely mistaken for a celebrity.”
According to Peterson, “Chasing the Squirrel is really two books in one. The first half is about the life and times of Wally Thrasher as a drug smuggler. The second half of the book takes a deep dive into "The Big Bust of 1986" – which happened when Wally disappeared, and his wife Olga became a federal witness.”

According to Peterson, “Olga helped the Feds set up and bust another Virginia smuggler named Doug Griffin who flew tons of weed and coke into an airport near The Homestead resort in Bath County. Then, Griffin flipped – ‘did the Lord's work’ as DEA agents like to say – and helped DEA agent Don Lincoln infiltrate the organization of Carl Warmack, a big-time Florida smuggler. Warmack then led the Feds to the major international traffickers – some really

bad actors from Cuba, Panama, Colombia and Bolivia – a total of 12 conspirators who were eventually arrested. The sting operation seized over 700 pounds of pure cocaine that these guys flew into the Roanoke airport, along with over a million in cash. To this day, it is the largest drug bust in the history of the Mid-Atlantic United States. The Federal trial in Roanoke that ensued in 1986 was one of the biggest trials the state has ever seen, ending with the conviction of all twelve conspirators; and eventually the King of Cocaine, Roberto Suarez Gomez. And all those dominos fell as a result of the original investigation of Wally Thrasher.”

“My research for this true story, ‘Chasing the Squirrel,’ included over 100 interviews with Wally’s former friends, family and associates, as well as state and federal law enforcement authorities who pursued him. This in-depth research extended for over seven months,” commented Peterson.

He also interviewed Olga, Thrasher’s beautiful wife and their son, Montana. Both were interviewed extensively and provided new information not previously disclosed. Interestingly, Montana



Wally Thrasher

is now a police officer in Georgia. Thrasher attended Pulaski High School in the late 1950’s and earned the nickname Squirrel by his football teammates because of his scampering running style and elusiveness on the gridiron.

“At five foot eleven and 175 pounds, Thrasher was an outstanding lineman, playing both as a hard-hitting guard on offense and a ball-hawking end on defense. His speed and his elusiveness earned him the nickname ‘Squirrel,’” explained author Peterson.

“Wally just had this aura about him,” an old friend of Thrasher’s told Peterson. “Not only was he this great-looking guy, but he was very charismatic, with a magnetic sort of personality. He could meet someone for the first time and have them leave the conversation feeling like he was their best friend. He was extremely confident, but somehow it was short of being cocky and arrogant. Anyone that met Wally fell in love with the guy.”

Another high school classmate Peterson interviewed perhaps put it best: “All the guys wanted to be like him, and all the girls wanted to be with him.”

Wally graduated from high school on June 14, 1958 and entered the U.S. Navy ten days later. He was said to be a hot shot pilot while serving in Vietnam; then over the next few years as a civilian he earned both his FAA Private and Commercial Pilot licenses.

“The Squirrel had become the Flying Squirrel,” joked Peterson. “He was a really skilled pilot and could get in out of small mountain airports even in bad storms.” This fact would lead to questions about his presumed Fancy Gap air crash and death in 1984.

Thrasher transitioned from flying skydivers to their jump sites, to crop-dusting, to flying wealthy clientele to remote islands, and later becoming a top airplane salesman in Winston-Salem, NC. Quickly he earned enough to buy



Wally Thrasher and wife, Olga.

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his twin-engine Beach 18, which he later used to smuggle drugs from South America and Florida. Aviation pilots with the skills of the Squirrel were offered lots of money for their “air smuggling” abilities, but Peterson believes Thrasher was attracted by more than the money.

“Thrasher was an adrenaline junkie; the thrill kept him in the smuggling game,” reasons Peterson. “Much like The Bandit, Thrasher seemed to thrive on the cat-and-mouse game.”

From 1982 to 1984, the NRV Airport was a distribution hub for Peterson’s drug air-smuggling escapades. He would arrive under cloak of darkness using his skills of flying by instrument panel. His local contacts would meet him with a van, and they would unload the up to 500 pounds of marijuana and cocaine into the van. Thrasher would make himself scarce after landing, knowing that most of the drug arrests were made while on the ground. Then his co-horts would drive the van to a self-storage unit located off I-81 by Claytor Lake. The unit was large enough to drive into and store the whole van with its contents; then off-load the drugs into another van for distribution. It was a clever although risky scheme, but one that profitably served the drug smugglers for several years.

Not everyone believes Thrasher died in the plane crash of 1984 and his ostensible demise remains a mystery. The drug cargo the plane was carrying was estimated to be worth a quarter-of-a-million

dollars in 1984 currency. Another story purposes that Thrasher died in a plane crash in Belize. Perhaps he faked his death because he owed some dangerous people money and couldn’t cover his debt. It was suggested that various influential people in South America, most likely connected to drug smuggling, wanted him dead.

Thrasher’s son, Montana, believes his father is dead.

"Montana and I ordered a Veterans upright marble stone, and Montana and I placed it in a donated space on our family lot," said Todd Bruce of Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski. "It was a big step for Montana, when the Veterans Administration agreed that his father was finally declared deceased."

Some law enforcement agents believe the mystery of the Squirrel remains unsolved, as there have been alleged sightings of Thrasher all over the globe. Apparently, others question this too, because Thrasher was profiled on TV’s “America’s Most Wanted” and “Unsolved Mysteries” programs in the past.

Peterson suggests that “When you read the book and get to know Thrasher, it’s not hard to imagine the Squirrel living on a tropical island somewhere, toes in the sand, drink in his hand, living a life out of a Jimmy Buffet song.”

The story is fascinating, and you can read the first two chapters online by going to the website: ChasingTheSquirrelbook.com

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February Land Transfers

Land transfers as recorded during February by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office:

Feb. 5 – Bobby Ray Dickerson to Oscar V. Mendoza, property at 224 Henry Avenue, Pulaski, \$65,000.

Feb. 5 – Robert Lee Rupe to Kyle B. Powers Jr., property at 1712 East Gate Road, Pulaski, \$125,500.

Feb. 7 – William R. King to Dustin James Foster, property at 5303 Cougar Circle, Dublin, \$182,000.

Feb. 7 – Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Jason Grubb, property at 5689 Tanglewood Drive, Dublin, \$183,000.

Feb. 7 – Christopher Back to Dewayne E. Burnette, property at 5664 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin, \$156,000.

Feb. 7 – Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to William R. King, property at 5489 Cloyds Wood Drive, Dublin, \$63,200.

Feb. 10 – Robert C. Hurt to Robert Viau, property at 7668 Brooklyn Road, Fairlawn, \$180,000.

Feb. 10 – Raman Dinkha to Robert Hurt, property at 6725 Viscoe Road, Fairlawn, \$255,000.

Feb. 11 – Southwest Virginia Holdings, LLC to Lincoln T. Hopkins, property at 500 East Main Street, Dublin, \$115,000.

Feb. 11 – Donna H. Broadstreet to Christopher L. Sheppard, property at 4620 Towes Ferry Road, Dublin, \$120,000.

Feb. 13 – William E. Mooney to Joshua D. Taylor, property at 4845 Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski, \$41,847.

Feb. 14 – Christopher T. Lewis to Adam M. Sutphin, property at 4818 Lee Highway, Dublin, \$158,000.

Feb. 14 – Brian Burke to James R. Akers, property at 6784 Holly Drive, Snowville, \$162,500.

Feb. 14 – Earl Daves Cabaniss, III to Adam W. Brockmeyer, property at 1104 Prospect Avenue, Pulaski, \$155,000.

Feb. 14 – Brenda Charlton to Brandon S. Janes, property at 5086 Thornspring Road, Pulaski, \$150,000.

Feb. 14 – Candice Marie Collins to Houston A. Webb, property at 317 4th Street S.E., Pulaski, \$92,750.

Feb. 19 – Linda P. Akers to Michael Todd Saul, property at 6661 Sagefield Avenue, Fairlawn, \$127,550.

Feb. 19 – Dustin R. Dishon to Tiffany K. Edwards, property at 2990 Julia Simpkins Road, Hiwassee, \$133,950.

Feb. 20 – Taylor Hemple to Kimberly Suzanne Russell, property at 744 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski; \$88,500.

Feb. 20 – Vertis O. Olayvar to Jediah W. Harrison, property at 5442 Riggs Street, Dublin, \$174,000.

Feb. 21 – Justin G. Hinkley to Jamie Goad, property at 7577 Belspring Road, Belspring, \$140,000.

Feb. 21 – Michael L. Carroll to Steven R. Dripps, property at 4349 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin, \$225,000.

Rep. Griffith's Ninth District traveling staff schedule

Ninth District Traveling Staff Office Hours for March

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of March. In the event of inclement weather (heavy snow, sleet, icy rain, etc.), traveling office hours may be re-scheduled to avoid putting constituents at risk. If a County’s or City’s schools are closed, then its office hours will be closed as well. Please contact the Christiansburg Office at 540-381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at 276-525-1405 with any questions or to schedule an appointment time in the event of office hour closure.

March 12, 2020
Radford: 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Radford Public Library

Wythe County: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Wythe County Sheriff’s Office

Pulaski County: 2:30 – 4:00 pm
Pulaski County Library

Feb. 21 – Cindy B. Johnston to Ron Frank Jr., property at 1620 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$10,000.

Feb. 24 – Stateson Homes, LLC to John C. Rawlings, property at 6186 Herons Landing Drive, Fairlawn, \$398,065.

Feb. 24 – Sue F. Dobson to Keeper of the Canyon, LLC, property at 6246 Lyons Road, Dublin, \$40,000.

Feb. 24 – Hoite M.Sullivan to Ethan C. Akers, property at 5008 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, \$165,000.

Feb. 25 – Laura E. Morris to Douglas W. Dandro, property at 4411 Mariners Point Lane, Snowville, \$377,500.

Feb. 25 – Rebecca D. McLeod to Connie Hodge McGuire, property at 340 Maple Street, Dublin, \$110,000.

Feb. 26 – John F. Leeper to Hunter Michelle Riddle, property at 1200 Clark Street, Pulaski, \$82,900.

Feb. 26 – Bernard A. Quesenberry to Brent D. Harral, property at 5295 Crossbow Drive, Pulaski, \$330,000.

Feb. 27 – Pulaski Station LLC (Miami Beach, Fla.) to Pulaski Center Associates, LLC (Pikesville, Md.), shopping center property (Food Lion, Peebles, etc.) at 1200 E. Main Street, Pulaski, \$5,255,000.

Feb. 27 – Susan Rapp to PMD Properties LLC, property at 7448 Ridge Road, Fairlawn, \$75,000.

Feb. 27 – Daniel R. Woodyard to John F. Leeper, property at 5012 Agnes Drive, Dublin, \$306,000.

Feb. 28 – Willam M. Hurd to Misty Gravely, property at 4681 Allison Hill Road, Allisonia, \$131,900.

Feb. 28 – W. Douglas Sifford, Trustee to Raymond Lee Singleton, 21.7 acres in Parrott, \$15,000.

Feb. 28 – Jordan C. Christensen to Pamela M. Myers, property at 4365 Thaxton Road, Pulaski, \$42,500.

Feb. 28 – K & J Properties, LLC to Amanda L. Duncan, property at 118 Howard Street, Pulaski, \$113,000.

Feb. 28 – US Bank Trust, NA to Gary D. Mullins, property off Veterans Hill Road, Pulaski, \$41,000.

Feb. 28 – Mary Ann Lavender to Jeffrey O. Cox, LLC, property at 4283 Little Wytheville Road, Draper, \$125,000.

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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 PA	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 Encountner	650
May 14-16	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	595
May 15-17	New York City / Springtime	1050
May 16-17	Tangier Island / Monticello	370
May 18	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
May 18-20	Wind Creek Casino & Resort / Bethlehem PA	395
May 20-26	Best of Ozarks/Branson/Eureka Springs	1450
May 22-24	Nashville TN / Music City USA	895
May 30-Jun 25	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
June 7-11	Trapp Family Lodge / Vermont	1750
June 7-13	Michigan & The Grand Hotel	1795
June 11-14	Mystery Tour...SSSHH! It's a Secret	710
June 12-13	"Esther" / Lancaster PA	435
June 12-14	Washington DC / Our Nation's Capital	450
June 12-22	Nova Scotia & The Atlantic Provinces	1995
June 14-17	Atlantic City / Resorts Casino & Hotel	495
June 14-20	Plymouth Rock 400th Anniversary	1550
June 15	Mardi Gras Casino / Cross Lanes WV	35
June 15-19	Florida's NE Shore / Amelia Island	895
June 17-28	Americas Southwest Fly / Land	3235
June 21-17	Niagara Falls / Montreal / Quebec	1295
Jun 23-26	Pennsylvania's Caverns & Taverns	1010
June 24-27	Florida's Holyland / Orlando	645
June 25-27	Chincoteague Island	640
Jun 28-29	Hawaii/Honolulu/Waikiki	4435
July 1	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 5-12	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 PA	575
Jul 19-26	Canadian Rockies VIA Rail / Fly / Land	5310
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 18-22	Wisconsin / Racine / Milwaukee	1025
Aug 22-23	Smoky Mountain Railroad / Cherokee	545
Aug 23-29	Pioneer Woman & Magnolia Market	1635
Aug 24-28	Wind Creek / Foxwoods / Dover Downs	750
Aug 24	Harrah's Casino / Cherokee NC	45
Aug 31-Sept 12	Germany's Cultural Cities / Oberammergau	8995
Sept 2-5	Creation Museum / Ark Encounter	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 PA	395
Sept 6-12	Niagara Falls / Montreal / Quebec	1295
Sept 9-15	Best of the Ozark/Branson/Eureka Springs	1450
Sept 10-13	Myrtle Beach SC	625
Sept 11-13	Washington DC / Our Nations'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 Flyer / 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 NJ	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 / 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	3295
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, Encore & Dover Downs Casino	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
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JEFFREY CHARLES "CHUCK" DOTSON

Jeffrey Charles "Chuck" Dotson, age 57 of Dublin passed away Monday, March 2, 2020 at his home.

Born November 3, 1962 in Welch, West Virginia he was the son of the late Ralph Dotson & Gracie Marie Lambert Dotson.

He was a graduate of Concord College and was an incredible father and husband who loved to spend time at the ball fields or on his motorcycle.

He is survived by his Wife
Patti Rae Ash Dotson – Dublin
Children
Tyler Scott (Carli Brewer) Dotson – Pulaski

Tanner Charles Dotson and fiancée, Taylor Nichole Shepherd – Radford

Chase Patrick Dotson – of the home

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Danny (Jan) Dotson – Princeton, WV

Kenny (Sonja) Dotson – Glade Springs, VA

Sisters
Vickie (Tim) Chafin – Iaeger, WV

Sherry Butler – Glenvar, VA

Marsha Lockhart – Iaeger, WV

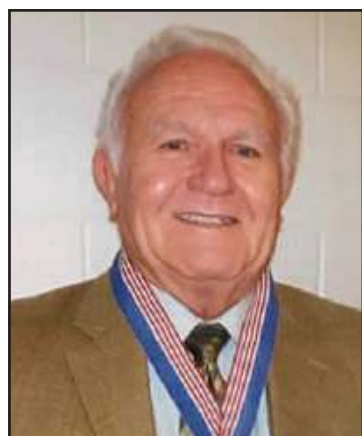
Many nieces, nephews and cousins

Memorial services will be held 6:00 PM – Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Steven Willis officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



CLAUDE FINLEY YELTON

Claude Finley Yelton, 92, of Pulaski, was embraced by our Lord and taken to his eternal home on February 28, 2020. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Oreta Webb Yelton, parents Jesse and Inez Yelton, brother Norlen Clinton Yelton, sisters Shirley Marie Morton and Mary Belle Yelton. He leaves to cherish his memory his children Claudia Yelton (Frank) of Richmond, Kimberley Price (Ted) of Manakin Sabot, Lance Yelton (Amy) of Pulaski; four grandsons, Logan McPherson (Stacy), Evan McPherson, Brady Price, Caleb Yelton and one granddaughter Mattie Caroline Yelton; five great grandsons Cooper, Holden, Chandler, Bentley, and Landen McPherson; one step grandson Brian Pangelinan (Christy) and one step great grandson Conner Pangelinan, as well as many nieces and nephews. Mr. Yelton attended Jackson Memorial High School in Austinville, Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) where he majored in Electrical Engineering. He served in the Merchant Marines as well as the Navy where he performed his military duty as a radioman during WWII. His passion was baseball and he excelled in the sport in both high school and college. While serving in the Navy he was selected as a member of the Service All-Star Team playing against Pee Wee Reese, Eddie Stanky, Chuck Connors and Jackie Robinson. He played semi-pro ball for the Pulaski Counts in the early 1950s and later coached Little League baseball. Not only was he an avid baseball player but additionally he loved everything related to the great outdoors. He was a hiker, fisherman, canoeer, snow skier, golfer, gardener and beekeeper. Claude was employed for 37 years as an Electrical Engineer at Radford Army Ammunition Plant. As a member of Memorial Baptist Church for over 65 years, he was a dedicated servant to the Lord. He served as Chairman of the Deacons, was a Sunday School teacher to Junior Boys and Senior Men, was involved in the church softball team and fulfilled numerous other roles within the church. As a legacy to his family he leaves with them a wonderful example

of a man of God who was full of love, gentleness, kindness, generosity, patience, humility and quiet strength. God lived within him and he served his Lord well. On Friday March 6th, visitation will be held at Memorial Baptist Church, 995 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski Virginia beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. with the funeral service immediately following. Interment will be held at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Memorial Baptist Church in memory of Mr. Yelton. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

BILLIE JEAN MCGLOTHLIN SPRAKER

Billie Jean McGlothlin Spraker, 86 of Pulaski went home to be with the Lord Saturday, February 29, 2020.

She was born May 14, 1933 in Richlands, Virginia and was the daughter of the late William F. & Effie Pearl Johnson McGlothlin. She is preceded in death by her husband & soul mate Jack Davidson Spraker; sister Ruby Meade and nieces Geraldine Meade & Bonnie Sue Metzger.

She is survived by her sons Matt (Malena) Spraker, Mark (Wendi) Spraker; grandchildren Jackie (Anthony) Willis, Brittany Peve, Mark Stephen Spraker & Ashley (James) Strand; great grandchildren Blaze Willis, Azlee Willis, Lacy Snider, Roen Snider & Mila Perkins; nieces & nephews Doug Meade, Joy (Ronnie) Harden & Nancy (James) Stuart.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4th from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P. O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

THE REV. GERALD DAVID WOOD

The Rev. Gerald David Wood, 72, of Dublin, passed away Friday, February 28, 2020.

The Wood family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford, www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

ELMER "EDDIE" EDWARD PHILLIPS

Elmer "Eddie" Edward Phillips, 68, of Pulaski, passed away Monday, March 2, 2020.

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



MICHAEL WILLIAM HALEY

Michael William Haley, age 35 of Salem, died February 26, 2020.

Born May 25, 1984 in Beckley, West Virginia.

He was the beloved son of William Basil Haley of Rural Retreat, Virginia and Elizabeth Mae Dickerson.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparent Roy and Josie Haley. Maternal grandparents Alva and Evelyn Hatcher; An Aunt Shelby Haley; a brother, William Haley, Jr. and a nephew, Jacob Haley-Cline.

Mr. Haley was a 2001 graduate of Shady Spring High School. He was a proud United States Army veteran, serving in the Afghanistan War.

Left to cherish his memory- His Father- William and Marilyn Haley- Rural Retreat

Mother- Elizabeth and Samuel Dickerson- Ivanhoe

Sisters- Vickie and Lanar Turner-Rural Retreat

Lorie Ewing-Saltville

Mary Haley-Scott- Rural Retreat

Nephews and Nieces

Haley, Bradley, Branson, and Hannah Turner, Noah Ewing, and Josealena Haley-Faraci

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mark Linkous officiating. Interment followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

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

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TIMOTHY MARK HOPKINS

Timothy Mark Hopkins, age 60 of Draper passed away Friday, February 28, 2020 at the Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Salem.

Born May 24, 1959 in Pulaski, he was the son of Charles Vinton Hopkins and the late Frances Hagee Hopkins. His brother, Randy Hopkins and sister, Karen Hopkins also preceded him in death.

He loved to turkey hunt, fish and was a big UVA Wahoo Basketball fan.

He is survived by his Son

Kyle Hopkins and Megan Williams – Pearisburg

Father- Charles V. Hopkins-Draper

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Sue (Gary) Halsey – Mt. Holly, NC

Mike (Jeannie) Hopkins – Dublin

Maria "Reedy" (Craig) Rupe – Pulaski

Sarah (N.R.) Taylor – Wytheville

Casey (Elizabeth) Hopkins – Charlotte, NC

Several nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 7:00 PM – Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home Chapel – Pulaski, with Pastor N.R. Taylor officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until service time Sunday at the Funeral Home.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM – Monday, March 2, 2020 at the Shortt Cemetery, Wythe County. The procession will leave from the funeral home Monday at 10:30 a.m.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

JAMES DOUGLAS KING

James Douglas King, age 71 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, March 1, 2020 at his home.

Born, March 6, 1948 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late James Marvin King and Mary Loretta Brown Wood. He was also preceded in death by his Step- father, Frank Wood.

He was retired from Long-Airbox, Inc. with over 20 years of service.

Surviving- Son

James Lee King and wife, Jenny-Pulaski

Daughters

Jeanette Marie Cameron-New Castle, DE

Julie Ann King-DE

Grandchildren

Michael Lee Cameron, Ava Marie Hall and Stoick Douglas Hall

Brother- Daryll Overby- Lincoln, DE

and a host of family and friends

Funeral services will be held Friday, 2:00 p.m., March 6, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow in Thornspring Cemetery, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends Friday from 1:00 p.m. until service time.

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County leads Virginia in 2019 economic development

According to data compiled by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership on announcements of employment creation and capital investment for 2019, Pulaski County finished 1st overall in Job Creation, 2nd overall in New Capital Investment and 17th overall in the Number of Projects Announced per capita for the Calendar Year 2019, out of all 95 counties and 38 independent cities within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The ranking outcomes were the result of Pulaski County's two (2) qualified projects in CY-2019, both of which were officially announced in concert with the Governor's office. These two (2) basic industry sector projects will collectively create more than 790 new jobs and more than \$401 million in new capital investment. The two projects referenced consisted of Volvo Trucks North America and BimmerWorld.

"The Board of Supervisors is very gratified to receive the number one spot in economic development for the second time in three years. This continuing success is certain to have significant long-term benefits to the people of our county and to the economy of the entire New River Valley," stated Joseph Guthrie, Chair of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. "We have one of the best economic development teams in Virginia, and they have been working very effectively with the previous and current Board of Supervisor members and other local leaders to support our existing businesses and industries to create jobs and encourage investment here in Pulaski County."

Pulaski County also ranked number 1 in the Commonwealth in 2017 for Overall Economic Development Performance per capita having facilitated the creation of more than 600 new jobs

and \$57 million in new capital investment derived from five (5) qualified basic industry sector projects in CY-2017. Since January of 2017, Pulaski County has enjoyed seven (7) qualified announcements that have resulted in nearly \$475 million in new capital investment and more than 1,460 new jobs created. One of the seven announcements recently occurred on January 21, 2020, when Patton Logistics, LLC was welcomed as the newest member of Pulaski County's business community.

"We knew Pulaski County had another impressive year of announcements, but did not anticipate we would end up on top again out of all 133 jurisdictions considering Virginia's #1 business ranking and how strong the economy was in 2019," stated Jon Wyatt, Chair of the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority. "We are thankful to have world-class companies such

as Bimmerworld and Volvo who call Pulaski County home and are willing to invest millions and even hundreds of millions into their operations, their people and their future."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Pulaski County's unemployment rate remained at the 20-year low of 2.8% in November of 2019, reaching the third lowest monthly rate in more than 30 years. "The availability of good jobs is foundational to the health of our local economy and achieving our goal of 40,000 people by 2030, and it takes leadership from our elected officials, a skilled workforce, a talented economic development team and trust, confidence and commitment from our businesses to make this possible," stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "Our culminated successes in the past three years is not by accident, but rather the results of a lot of hard work, strat-

egy, creativity and risk taking by our economic development team, the unwavering support of our Board of Supervisors and EDA, a deep talent pool and without a doubt, God's favor."

Pulaski County, located in the New River Valley of Virginia, is home to eight (8) international companies that represents more than 5,000 advanced manufacturing jobs. The County is considered to be Southwest Virginia's Center for International Business and the New River Valley's Advanced Manufacturing Hub.

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Coronavirus

Va. Tech food safety expert says proper handwashing a must

From Virginia Tech

With the coronavirus COVID-19 spreading across the country and illness prevention on everyone's mind, it's important to remember that the first line of defense against such infectious diseases is something most people do every day: washing their hands. According to Renee Boyer, a food safety expert with the Department of Food Science & Technology at Virginia Tech, hand washing is the most effective first measure people can take to stay safe, as long as they do it correctly.

COVID-19 is spread the way many other infectious diseases are: through the respiratory droplets produced when someone infected coughs or sneezes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This means the most important thing is to wash your hands regularly throughout the day," Boyer said. "That's especially true after activities like using the

restroom, after blowing your nose or coughing or after changing diapers."

According to Boyer, proper handwashing consists of six basic steps: wet your hands, use soap, scrub your hands while counting to 20, rinse them completely, dry them with a paper towel, and use that towel to turn off the faucet.

"The water temperature really doesn't matter," she said. "Studies have shown that whether you use hot water or cold water, either way it's going to be just as effective. It's more important that you vigorously rub your hands together with soap for at least 20 seconds to make sure you cover all of the surfaces of your hands. Rub the tips of your fingers along your soapy palms to make sure you get under your fingernails."

Boyer said that while hand sanitizers of a certain strength can be effective as an added precaution, their use shouldn't replace regular handwashing.

"Hand sanitizers are great if

you have no other option at the time, but they are not as effective as good old-fashioned hand washing," she said. "If you do use hand sanitizer, you should make sure that the kind you buy has at least 60% alcohol."

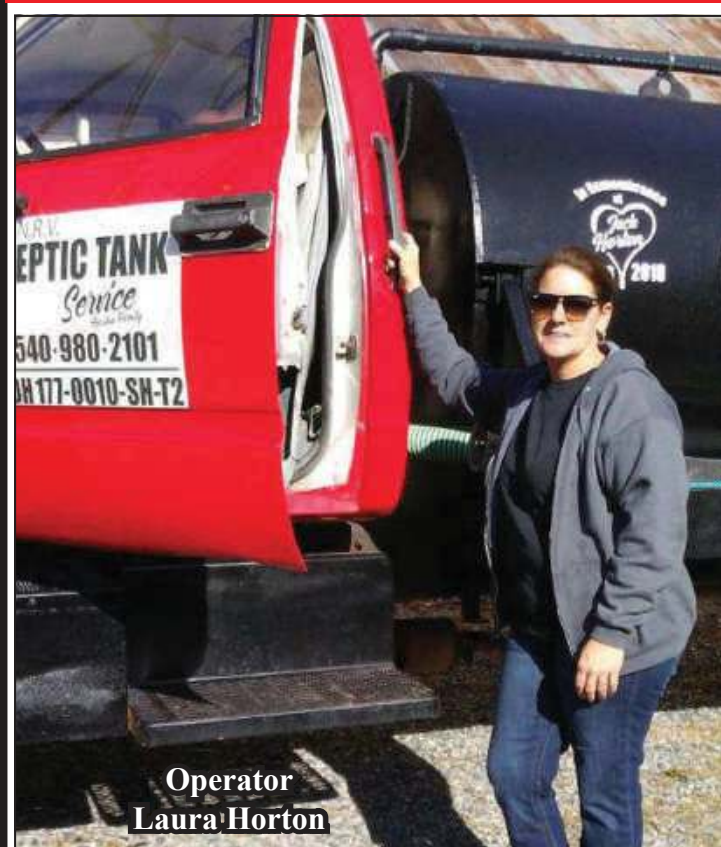
Avoiding recontamination after washing is something many people may not think about, Boyer stressed.

"You should ideally use a single-use product like a paper towel to turn the faucet off so that you're not recontaminating your hands with the last thing you touched before washing them," she said. "The recommendation is that you also use the paper towel or maybe your elbow to open the bathroom door as well."

These tips are even more vital for those in food service, where the potential to infect people is much higher, Boyer cautioned.

"If you're dealing with food preparation, it's recommended that you wash them after touching your face or raw meat and before and touching any produce," she said. "Washing your hands is the single most important thing you can do to prevent the spread of illness, and this is especially true if you're preparing food for the public."

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A Fence, Wall And A Better Transportation System

The writer G.K. Chesterton once offered a famous parable to illustrate the difference between sensible reform and thoughtless action. Suppose there was a fence across a road, he wrote:

The more modern type of reformer goes gaily up to it and says, "I don't see the use of this; let us clear it away." To which the more intelligent type of reformer will do well to answer: "If you don't see the use of it, I certainly won't let you clear it away. Go away and think. Then, when you can come back and tell me that you do see the use of it, I may allow you to destroy it."



That's a good rule for a fence and, if we apply Chesterton's meaning more broadly, a border wall. President Trump wants to build a wall along the southern border. Unlike Chesterton's fence, it has not yet been completed, but we know why President Trump wants to put it up. It is to enforce our immigration laws and reduce the flow of people and contraband entering this country illegally.

Those are good reasons. They are the same reasons Congress voted overwhelmingly to build a border fence in 2006, with supporters including then-Senators Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

Securing the border is a sensible reform, but Democrats in Congress now obstruct it, professing not to see the use of it.

In Arizona, however, creative thinking may allow a path forward.

When I visited the southern border in that state last year, I saw the places where smugglers and traffickers cross and heard from the Border Patrol agents who need more resources to do their jobs. For those who live in that area, border security is not just a matter of national policy but personal safety.

With that in mind, the state legislature is considering a bill to allow landowners along the border to construct their own barriers, waiving zoning laws and other permitting requirements. It has not yet been enacted, but it is a possible partial solution to the problem.

Recent court rulings have allowed progress in other aspects of immigration enforcement as well.

On February 21, the Supreme Court ruled that the Trump Administration can enforce its "public charge" rule while litigation continues. The rule implements federal immigration law, which requires that people seeking to become temporary or permanent U.S. residents must be self-sufficient and not rely on public benefits.

The Trump Administration's rule defines what constitutes public benefits, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (popularly known as food stamps) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

The public charge rule is a commonsense measure. We want people coming to our country to contribute, as so many have in our past and do today. Many of our ancestors came to this country before the social safety net had even been constructed. They came not to obtain public benefits but to pursue the American Dream. The public charge rule upholds this tradition.

On February 26, a panel on the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals found that the U.S. Department of Justice had the authority to withhold funding from jurisdictions that refuse to cooperate with immigration authorities. Several states, including Virginia, had sued to stop this policy.

On this matter, too, the Trump Administration's approach is sensible. The Constitution delegates immigration policy to the Federal Government, not states or cities. It is reasonable that the Justice Department withhold some funds from jurisdictions that block immigration enforcement.

I believe we ought to allow more immigrants into the United States. From farm workers to lab technicians and professors, we should welcome the people who are committed to pursuing the American Dream and adding value to our communities.

I also believe it is our country's right to set the rules for getting in and to make sure those rules are followed. Setting the right rules ensures we get the people our country needs to grow and thrive.

Other countries, including Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, use a points-based merit system to determine entry, rewarding assets such as education and job skills. Our country should also consider the qualities of those who aspire to be Americans, whether they are coming for agricultural labor or lab work.

Just like Chesterton's fence, our immigration system was built with a purpose. We should always keep it in mind, whether when building a wall or swearing in the newest American citizen.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call 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.

Budget Work Continues

In Richmond this week, negotiators began working on rectifying differences between the House and Senate versions of Virginia's record-breaking \$138 billion Biennial Budget. With the 2020 session scheduled to end on March 7, the fate of over 900 bills and resolutions must be determined in the few remaining days.

As noted in previous columns, a lot is about to change for Virginia's citizens. Considering the scope of changes being enacted by this General Assembly, it can be challenging to fully comprehend just how different things are about to be. For those who own and operate businesses in the Commonwealth, the changes are going to be dramatic and expensive.

Since 2016, Democrats have made doubling the minimum wage an integral part of their campaign agendas. This year they are forging ahead with increasing minimum wage, which will give Virginia the nation's highest minimum wage. Only six other states and the District of Columbia have set their minimum wages as high, all of which are not renowned as being great states to do business. These states include California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York.

After many failed attempts, this week I was able to persuade the majority party in the Senate to adopt an



Ben Chafin

38th District Va. State Senate

amendment to House Bill 1526 that will directly affect the 38th District. The House Bill in its original form called for the Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center (VCHEC) to shut down in 2030, and I was able to get the bill amended to delay its closure to 2050. If House Bill 1526 makes it through conference, as amended, it will continue to fund 8 million dollars a year to Wise County and the Town of St. Paul, and create hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue over the next 30 years. The House and Senate Bill will end up in conference to hash out all of the details; it is my goal to ensure the final version of the bill has the 2050 closure date.

When the work on the remaining bills is completed in the coming week, we will see the extent of the damage that has been done to Virginia's economic climate. Virginia's reputation as America's best state for business

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Sanders' skewed worldview

Bernie Sanders may be on the verge of gaining an insurmountable lead in the Democratic nomination fight, but he's not letting that get in the way of his socialist principles.

Asked in a "60 Minutes" interview about old statements praising Fidel Castro's supposed achievements in health care and education, Sanders stayed true to himself.

"You know, when Fidel Castro came into office, you know what he did?" he told interviewer Anderson Cooper. "He had a massive literacy program. Is that a bad thing? Even though Fidel Castro did it?"

No, literacy programs aren't a bad thing, but they usually don't require seizing power in a violent revolution, jailing and killing political opponents, seizing private property, or outlawing the free press. Teaching children to read is something that happens in free societies, too. That Bernie continues to believe a literacy program is some kind of recommendation for a regime that has otherwise oppressed and immiserated its people for decades is a sign of his skewed view of what's important and just for a polity.

Asked by Cooper about jailed Cuban dissidents, Sanders said he condemns that, but in any rational view, it's the imprisoning of people for expressing unwelcome political views that is the foremost thing to know about the Cuban dictatorship, period, full stop.

The left has nonetheless always viewed Fidel Castro as some kind of social worker who happened to take and hold power -- or "come to office," as Sanders delicately puts it -- via force.

Back in 1989, Sanders wrote, "Cuba -- the one country in the entire region that has no hunger, is educating all of its children and is providing high-quality, free health care -- is hated with a passion by the Democrats as much as Republicans."

Besides the moral obtuseness of arguments like this, the factual basis for such claims is dubious. Cuba was already doing well on measures of health care and education prior to the revolution.

Bernie's perspective on Cuba is characteristic of his worldview that has a sympathy for America's enemies, at least if they are communist or Islamist; that assumes the worst of the United States; and that opposes nearly all U.S. military interventions as misbegotten or malign (Sanders voted for the Afghanistan War after Sept. 11, and now regrets even that vote).

Electing Bernie Sanders would be almost indistinguishable from putting the late radical historian Howard Zinn, or the America-loathing linguist Noam Chomsky, or the tendentious left-wing filmmaker Michael Moore in charge of American foreign policy. The country would be in the hands of an opponent of its power with no faith in its goodness. Bernie would make Barack Obama's overly solicitous attitude toward our enemies and Donald Trump's bizarrely warm statements about foreign dictators look like American foreign-policy orthodoxy by comparison.

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We're All In This Together

There is a disease going around, and I'm not talking only about the coronavirus.

It's a political disease, and it seems to be spreading, especially among certain politicians who are looking for another way to expel President Trump from office.

Last week on the ABC program "The View," co-host Meghan McCain responded to applause from the audience after another co-host, Sunny Hostin, suggested that Vice President Mike Pence is being set up by President Trump to be the "fall guy" should the response to the coronavirus turn out to be inadequate. McCain responded: "I don't know why anyone would clap about that, because if crap goes wrong, it's going to be bad for all of us. ... I do not like the politicizing of this."

Viruses, like storms, do not discriminate. We're not talking about an angel of death that "passed over" the homes of the ancient Israelites, killing only Egyptians because Pharaoh had refused to release the Israelites from slavery. Disease can affect everyone, and so each of us ought to get behind those in charge of fighting it and take whatever action we can to avoid infection, as many do during the annual flu season.

We know what those steps are because we have been repeatedly told about them. Since the coronavirus is spread through personal contact, wash your hands frequently, avoid people who sneeze and cough, and do not travel to places where cases of infection have been identified.

One hopes some of these precautions will be temporary and that, like the flu (which has killed multiple thousands but has not brought panic or political posturing), the coronavirus will be a seasonal phenomenon and disappear as the weather warms and treatments become available. In the meantime, we can call a political truce? If we can sign a peace deal with the Taliban -- as dubious as that may be -- can't we sign a "peace treaty" with each other over this virus?

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has accused the president of "playing politics" with the virus. Trump responded by calling her "incompetent." Pelosi then attempted to travel the high road, saying, "Lives are at stake. This is not a time for name-calling or playing politics."

If only.



Cal Thomas

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Some of the Democratic presidential candidates are already blaming the president for not doing enough to control the virus. They don't say how they would do it, other than spending more money. What they are really suggesting is that the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the secretary of health and human services are not doing their jobs. These are the people, along with their staffs, who have the experience to fight it.

During World War II, one of the slogans that gained prominence was: "We're all in this together." My mother told me stories about neighbors sharing ration stamps and sugar with each other when one or the other ran low. Probably some had voted for Franklin D. Roosevelt and others for his Republican opponents, but that didn't matter when it came to the greater good.

One of the numerous spin-offs of the original Monopoly board game is called "We're All In This Together." It is described on amazon.com this way: "Build support and rally the troops as you establish Camps and Headquarters on your way to victory!"

This is the attitude we most need now in order to obtain victory over this virus, rather than using it as a club to gain political victory, which would not bring a cure. Perhaps every politician should be sent and required to play this version of Monopoly with members of the opposition party.

(Readers may email Cal Thomas at 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" (HarperCollins/Zonder-van). Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaditors@tribpub.com.

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Additional Obituaries

REV. ELMON THOMPSON
 May 9, 1927- March 4, 2020
 Rev. Elmon Thompson, 92 from Dugspur, VA went to his heavenly reward on March 4th after battling extended illnesses. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wyatt and Elsie Thompson, brother Aubrey and sisters Dana Slusher and Wilma Thompson.
 He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Janette M. Thompson, son Stanley (Kathy) Thompson, daughter Sherry (Jerry) Vaughn, grandchildren, Jeremy (Ginger) Vaughn, Kristin Vaughn and great grandchildren, Alyssa Carroll, Beckett and Porter Vaughn, brother, Dale (Linda) Thompson, several loving nieces and nephews and faithful, canine companion, Miss Dolly. He is also survived by many loving church friends and neighbors that are like family.
 Visitation will be held from 5-8 Sunday, March 8th at Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel in Hillsville VA with family being present 5-7. Service will be held at Sky View Baptist Church in Fancy Gap at 1 PM on Monday, March 9th with Wendell Horton and Ricky Atkins officiating.
 Burial will be following the service at the Webb-Skyview Cemetery in Fancy Gap, VA. A celebration of life reception will be held in the fellowship hall of the church after the burial.
 In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sky View Baptist, Pine Grove Missionary Baptist or Gideon's International.
 A guestbook is available online by visiting www.vaughanguynn-nandmcgrady.com. Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel is serving the family.



Pulaski County School photo

Pulaski County Schools Employee of the Month

Pulaski County High School - CTE Center and Pulaski County Public Schools are pleased to honor Brandy Robertson as Employee of the Month for February. "Professional, consistent, and caring are the three words I would use to describe paraprofessional Brandy Robertson", said her nominator, Laura Norris. Ms. Robertson assists each morning with the operation of Common Grounds, a coffee cart service available to faculty and staff at Pulaski County High School. The coffee cart is a collaboration between Culinary Arts Students and Special Education. Brandi helps the students to prepare the coffee and deliver to the faculty customers throughout the 2 buildings in the morning and assists with collecting and cleaning cups in the afternoon. She is consistent and friendly when working with students, helping them to master their customer service and social skills. Ms Robertson goes beyond what is expected of her in that she creates manipulatives and hands on activities to help the students master life skills, such as counting money and taking a coffee order. She is an invaluable part of the classroom and supports our students with disabilities as they prepare for life after high school. Presented by: Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent

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is poised to become a thing of the past.
 With approval from both the House and the Senate, most of my bills are now on their way to the Governor. My overall success rate will be significantly high for a republican from Southwest Virginia.
 One of Southwest Virginia's biggest wins of this session came in the form of the amendment I presented this week. I spent many hours this week talking to members of the majority party, swaying them to support the amendment for Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center. I was able to convince several members of the majority party that VCHEC is both cleaning up regional watersheds and it is pivotal to the economic prosperity and growth of Southwest Virginia. VCHEC is undeniably the cleanest coal burning power plant in North America, and it is my goal to ensure this

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There is almost no enemy of the United States that wouldn't be heartened by a Sanders victory, and see it as an opportunity to make gains at the expense of the United States and its allies. If his decades-long track record is any indication, Sanders would be inclined to make excuses for our adversaries and look on the bright side of their repression and rapine.
 He's doing it with the Cuban dictatorship to this day.
 Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

amendment stays intact in the final version. I will be able to tell you more next week once the bills are out of conference.
 With session winding down, the Capitol is not as crowded with visitors. Still, we had a few friendly faces from home stop by, which included the City of Norton Vice Mayor, Mark Caruso, and Kevin Mullins the Executive Director of Dickenson County Behavioral Health. We also had the pleasure of recognizing Ollan Cassell at the Capitol for the presentation of HJR185. Ollan is a graduate of Appalachia High School and won a gold medal at the 1964 Tokyo

Olympics with the 4x400 relay team.
 With only one week remaining before this session comes to an end, and over 900 pieces of legislation still pending the final days are likely to be very long. I'll provide a final update in next week's column. Until then, have a great week and God bless Southwest Virginia and our great Commonwealth.
 The 38th Senatorial District includes all of Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Pulaski, Russell, and Tazewell Counties, the Cities of Norton and Radford, and portions of Montgomery, Smyth, and Wise Counties.

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Terry McCraw

Blaspheming the Holy Ghost

What does it mean to Blaspheme the Holy Ghost?

Matthew 12:31. "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."

Mark 3: 28-30. "Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit. (Because they said that Jesus hath an unclean spirit.)

Some have taught that blaspheming the Holy Ghost is the rejection of Christ and salvation through Christ. This cannot be true because many reject Christ at first but then accept Him later and are saved. Such was my own case. I fought off the calling God placed on my life at first, but then a few years later, I accepted God's call and was saved. That was 55 years ago, and I'm still saved today. Thanks be unto God who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 24.

Jesus voiced this teaching when some Scribes accused Him of casting out the unclean spirit out of a man by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. Jesus replied that if Satan cast out Satan, his kingdom would be divided and could not stand but would end.

So, to explain what it means to blaspheme the Holy Ghost, it is for someone to attribute the mighty workings of God through the Holy Ghost to the devil.

Paul said in 1 Tim. 1:13 speaking of himself, "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief."

This indicates that a person who does it ignorantly, before they know better, can get forgiveness for it just like they can get forgiveness for any and all other sins.

Paul who was at one time known as Saul of Tarsus, was forgiven because he didn't know at the time when he was persecuting Christians that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah. He was acting in accordance with the prejudices that influenced both he and his countrymen. So God, Who knows all things, knew this about Paul and showed him mercy and forgiveness.

The Scribes knew better than to ascribe the mighty workings of the Holy Ghost to the devil, but did it anyhow in an attempt to try to persuade others that Jesus was of the devil and not of God. So they had no excuse.

The simple truth of the matter is this: If God is dealing with a person's heart about coming to Christ for forgiveness of sins and for salvation from sin, then they can surely and certainly obtain forgiveness for all sins and be saved. God's mercy will rewrite their lives. If they couldn't be saved, God wouldn't be dealing with their hearts for them to come to an altar of repentance and be saved.

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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:
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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

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4576 Miller Lane
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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.psalm1@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-Methodist-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.

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.

Showers of Blessing Church of God in Christ
305 Newbern Road, Dublin
Pastor Elder Stephen Muse
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Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 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

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

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
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Special Activitiy 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.

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

West to speak at River of Life revival

River of Life Church in Dublin will be holding revival beginning March 15.

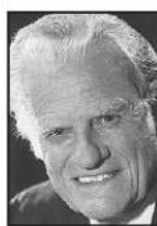


West

J. West, State Evangelist for the Church of God in Va. will be speaking.

Bishop West has been serving in full-time ministry for 36 years. He answered the call to preach God's Word at the age of 16 and faithfully communicates the Gospel with passion and precision.

His ministry began in Virginia in 1981 and his revival messages have spread throughout Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi and around the world through social media.



My Answer

Billy Graham

God waits with patience, compassion

Q: Why do Christians claim that Jesus is filled with compassion for mankind while in the same breath say that He will judge people for their sin? -- C.J.

A: Before we label God as unjust for judging sin, we must acknowledge God's infinite compassion that sent His Son to show us the way out of our sinful nature. Jesus came to earth and walked among mankind to experience the same temptations that were set before us and to triumph over them. Satan tempted Jesus, just as he tempted Adam. Satan offered Jesus power and glory if He would forsake God.

The great difference was that Jesus resisted the temptation! When the devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and promised Him all the glory of them if He would but follow Satan instead of God, Jesus said: "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God'" (Matthew 4:10). He completely triumphed over the Tempter to reveal to all peoples of all succeeding generations His sinless character. He is our victory!

Because of our depraved nature, we have proved to be the true sons of Adam and have followed in his steps. We may deplore Adam's choice but we still imitate him! There is not a single day that we do not face the same test that was set before Adam. There is not a day that we do not have a chance to choose between the devil's clever promises and God's sure Word.

God, meanwhile, in His mercy, waits with patience and compassion. He waits to offer individual salvation and peace to those who will come to repentance. We are free to choose. We are living in a period of grace while God withholds the eternal punishment we so justly deserve. His compassion triumphs over judgment.

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

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Griffith to host Academy Day March 28

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) will be hosting his 2020 Service Academy Day on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Students will have the opportunity to meet with invited officials from the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, as well as representatives from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, the Virginia Military Institute, and other university-level ROTC programs. Congressman Griffith will offer opening remarks, and his staff will also be available to answer questions regarding the process for congressional nominations. Congressman Griffith said:

Academy Day Details
Saturday, March 28, 2020
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Students, parents, or school staff seeking information on the application process should contact Congressman Griffith's Abingdon Office at (276) 525-1405.

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LOCAL Flavor

With David Hoover

March is now with us, the days are starting to have more daylight, grass is growing, it will soon be time to cut the grass. Spring is a great time of year, it's also time to try new dishes, and cooking outside.

Here is a simple salad that will be liked by everyone, an old favorite.

- 4 large tomatoes (not too large
- 2 white onions
- ½ to 1 tsp. sugar or 2-3 coffee sugar packets (diet packets, ok)
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. of lemon juice or lime, ok

Peel cucumbers, then slice thin. Peel and cut onions, place the cucumbers and onions in a bowl then add sugar, place in the refrigerator up to six hours before serving. Just before serving, mix ¾ cup mayo and up to ¼ cup milk to thin mayo and lemon juice, pour over salad and serve.

Seafood is found in most supermarkets so, you can try different dishes. Here is a recipe to try.

- Seafood Delight
- 3 cans 2 oz. cans crabmeat
 - 3 cans 2 oz. shrimp
 - 3 cans 2 oz. clams
 - 1 can 16 oz. can of peeled/crushed sliced potatoes
 - ½ cup cheese croutons, crushed
 - 4 Tbsp. butter

It is up to you, you can use canned seafood or frozen is store. You can remove or replace the seafood you don't like or if the price has gone up. For example.

- 3 cans 2 oz. crabmeat, shrimp, clams retaining the juice

Upcoming county meetings

- Tuesday, March 10, 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). This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

- Tuesday, March 10, 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). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

- Monday, March 16, 2020, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, EOC/Information Technology Training Room, 89 Commerce Street S.W., Maple Shade Plaza, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 3 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).

- Tuesday, March 17, 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 Pulaski, 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). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.



in the cans.

All canned seafood is cooked in cans, potatoes are cooked. Melt 4 Tbsp. butter, mix with seafood and place in casserole dish 9" X 9" or 9" x 13". Sprinkle crushed croutons on top of seafood. Pre-heat oven

to 325 degrees and cook for 25 mins.

If you would like you can add cheese on top or mix in cubes of cheese, or add juice from cans of seafood to 3/8 in. in bottom of dish.

Try both the salad and the Seafood Delight, it's easy and good eating.

If you have any old recipes, please send us a copy, to the Patriot P.O. Box 2416, Pulaski, Va. 24301

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Pulaski County High School - CTE Center and Pulaski County Public Schools are pleased to honor James Fleshman as Teacher of the Month for February. Mr. Fleshman has been teaching AutoBody Technology at the CTE Center for 12 years. His nominator stated that former students employed all over Pulaski County and the New River Valley speak to what a wonderful job Mr. Fleshman does. In fact, you can find many of his former students employed in local body shops and manufacturing facilities in their paint departments. His students speak of his care and guidance in class and adults speak about Mr. Fleshman's efforts to prepare students for their future. He is dependable and is always willing to step in and help a colleague. In addition to maintaining his professional license to teach, Mr. Fleshman maintains certifications through the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation to be an ASE Certified teacher and run an ASE Certified Collision Repair Program. We are proud to recognize Mr. Fleshman as the CTE Center Teacher of the Month. Presented by: Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent

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STATE PLAYOFFS

21-6 Cougars to face 26-2 Millbrook

By DAN CALLAHAN
The Patriot

The Pulaski County girls basketball program will renew its quest to win the Class 4 state championship again Friday evening at 6 pm at Christiansburg High School. Tipoff is 6 pm, admission \$10.00 for this state quarter-final contest.

The Cougars, 21-6 on the season after defeating E.C. Glass in Lynchburg last Friday, 70-57 to win the Region D championship will be taking on Millbrook, a strong program from Region C who lost in that region final to undefeated Loudoun Valley, 87-52 in a game that was expected to be much closer. The Pioneers are 26-2 on the season, and will make the trip down I-81 from Winchester.

Millbrook's talent is considerable. The team is senior dominated and led by 6-2 Ali Houck who averages 15.3 points per game and 13.5 rebounds a contest. All five starters are 6-0 or taller for the Pioneers, and the leading three-point shooter Emily McGee is 6-1. Magee, and Venessa Cooper also average in double figures for Millbrook who won the Northwestern District title. Houck started two years ago as a sophomore when Mill-

brook won the Class 4 state title.

The Pioneers are noted for putting big numbers on the scoreboard, scoring 94 points on Culpeper, 91 on Skyline, 86 on Sherando, and 82 on Handley twice. It's hard to compare scores and such between regions because of the unknown factors, but it should be noted that every team to defeat Pulaski County was of playoff caliber and four of them are still playing, and two of them in higher classifications, so the Cougar schedule was formidable.

And while there is certainly balance and firepower on the Millbrook team, Cougar point guard Maddie Ratcliff, power forward Ally Fleenor, and swing player Keslyn Sechrist all average double figures in points scored, and Fleenor double digits in rebounds per game. Fleenor and fellow front line player Taryn Blankenship will have a nights work ahead in the battle on the backboards vs. a tall Millbrook team.

And certainly turnovers will be huge in the game. Pulaski Co. committed a surprising 23 turnovers at Glass, but the Cougars average just under a dozen per game on the season, outstanding for girls basketball in the region this season. Each possession could count big

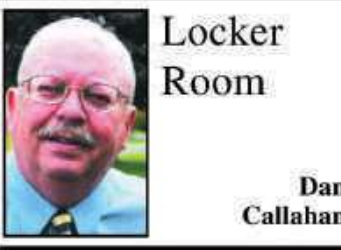
Friday.

"Obviously we need a very good floor game and we cannot afford to turn the ball over like that again," says Cougar head coach Brad Sutphin. "Millbrook is pretty good. They are a long and athletic team. I would compare them to Patrick Henry (Class 5, and River Ridge winner), and our fans are certainly aware of what a good team PH has. Millbrook wants you to turn the ball over and turn it into points, so we must value each possession. We are still working on the total game plan in terms of all the things we might do or look at. A few hours of film will determine a lot, and we'll put in the plan and work on it in practice all week. We just need to do the things that will put us in position to succeed," said Sutphin.

Pulaski County made a big run at the state championship last year before falling to Lake Taylor in the final. Hampton has already knocked Taylor out of the tournament this year. Sutphin says this team in many ways is much the same as last season, but is also different in many ways as well.

"Each team is different. Nothing stays ex-

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Locker Room

How to figure out college basketball

In this season the answer to that headline is simple. You don't. Could this be the year that someone other than a blue blood wins it all. Maybe. I'll ask you this. Would you bet on your favorite team? A lot of us can't do that.

Just consider this. Carolina has had a nightmare season, the talent level was down to start with, then came an extraordinary number of key injuries and suddenly the Tar Heels are last in the ACC. Who would have ever think it. I was convinced this is the worst Carolina team of my lifetime, and it still might be, but for the last couple weeks they have looked as good as anybody in the conference, and most every team in college basketball for that matter. Is something wonderful about to happen for the Tar Heels? Will they be a national champion with an overall losing record? No. The team is still not good enough, but who is? Maybe this is the season something crazy happens.

Since last Saturday 10 ranked teams have lost, Maryland twice, and three of those losses came to top five ranked teams, but this has sort of been the normal. 20 of the ranked teams have five losses or more, seven of them have nine losses or more, and two have double digits. Kansas is under NCAA probation for payola, had to dismiss a player for criminal type actions in a brawl earlier in the season against Kansas State and is still number one, and the Jayhawks might be the best. But Dayton might be too. Yep, the Flyers. Brings up memories of Donnie May back in the day when Dayton lost in the final to Walt Hazzard and UCLA. I know, a lot of you don't know what I'm talking about. It's been that long.

But could it be that year when a Dayton, Iowa, Creighton, or maybe even Villanova returns to the scene. It's that type a deal. Conference tournaments begin next week and things start to get real serious. It's still hard not to think a Kansas, Duke, or Kentucky will win it all in the end, but no doubt, everybody is beatable this year in college basketball. Maybe everybody will be happy with the winner because they've never won before. That would be refreshing.

"Johnny O":

Some seem to be making a big deal that college football will now allow the use of the number "zero," if in fact you can refer to it as a number. I see no big deal. Ally Fleenor wears number "O" for the Pulaski County girls basketball team, and it looks just fine. Don't really know why they decided not to use it in football. I just don't think it's that big a deal, but it is the off-season, so you talk about such things.

But now that you mention it, the number "zero" takes me back to 1958 and "Johnny O." He was the fullback for the Washington Redskins, back in the day when they actually won a few games. His full name was Johnny Olszeski, and he was a tough, hard nosed fullback. I liked him. I was young back then and I figured anybody called "Johnny O" had to be special. This was back when the Redskins had a big feather running down the back of the helmet.

But I'll tell you what I do think is a big deal, and that's college football putting a two-minute time limit on play reviews. There are always ramifications with new regulations and we pay dearly for the millions of rules we have to deal with today, but the unlimited delays and the wasted time over making deci-

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Boone, Hokies win ACC crown

Virginia Tech Women's Indoor Track Team won the ACC Championship at the conference meet held at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana on February 27-29th. The Lady Hokies scored 105.5 points to easily out pace Miami, which finished 2nd with 75. Host Notre Dame was a distant 3rd. Clemson and Duke rounded out the top 5.

Virginia Tech freshman sensation and Pulaski County High School alumnus Grace Boone helped the Lady Hokies earn 11 points in her 2 events.

Boone placed 6th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:09.28. That time was just off her personal best of 2:08.32, which she ran in the preliminary race to qualify for the finals.

Boone also ran the 1,200 meter leg of the 4,000 meter Distance Medley Relay. That relay team placed 2nd in a photo finish with a time of 11:08.41, just 1/100th of a second behind Wake Forest's time of 11:08.40. That was the best time of the season for the Lady Hokies in that relay. Boone ran an impressive time of 3:24 for her 1,200 meter leg.




Virginia Tech freshman and Pulaski County alumnus Grace Boone (center) placed 6th in the 800 meters in the ACC Indoor track Championship.

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PCHS Sports Schedule

- Monday 03/09/20**
Varsity Softball Scrimmage: George Wythe @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm
JV Softball Scrimmage: Pulaski Co. @ George Wythe 5 pm
Boys Varsity Soccer Scrimmage: Giles @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm (Upper Practice Field)
Boys JV Soccer Scrimmage: Giles @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm (Lower Practice Field)
Girls Varsity Soccer: Pulaski Co. @ Giles 5 pm
- Wednesday 03/11/20**
Varsity Baseball Scrimmage: Pulaski Co. @ East Montgomery 5 pm
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- Thursday 03/12/20**
Spring Sports Picture Day: PCHS Sports Fields @ 3:40 pm



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sions that in a simple television replay should take about 30 seconds is irritating, and it destroys the flow of the game.

It wouldn't be so bad if there were just two or three of them a game, but there might be a dozen. People talk about how long the game's are. The games are no longer than they were 50 years ago. It's the management of the games, the officiating, the new rules, all the replays. It's terrible. Officials seem to be hesitant to say that's my call and I'm sticking to it. I'm glad there is going to be a limit. I'll bet the officials will be glad too, and that is at least as important as "Johanny O."

Virginia Has a Big Timer:
Always like to take a look at football recruiting and the state has a strong class this season. The coming senior season might be an up year for talent in high school football across the Old Dominion. There's going to be some interesting players to watch in this region, and that includes Pulaski

County's football team.

But there has been one player that is flying up the national chart. The state has suffered from wide open boarders in football recruiting in recent years. The top players in Virginia have gone to Penn State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Clemson, Carolina, Florida State, and LSU. That's a tough crowd to deal with.

They are all flocking back to the Richmond area right now to Hopewell High. That's where the 17th ranked player in the country plays, Trey Henderson. He pretty much single handedly dominated a good Lord Botetourt team in the Class 3 state title game last season. Henderson is 6-0, 195, runs low to the ground, is quick in a crowd, and very fast in the open field. He is the real deal. He's a runner, a pass receiver, he's whatever you need him to be. He's what spread offensive coaches dream about having these days.

Just consider his junior season numbers. Henderson rushed for 2,424 yards, and had a total of 3,195 all purpose yards. Who wants him? Everybody. The only Power 5 Conference member schools not recruiting Henderson

are the ones that know it's a waste of time.

He's already made a number of unofficial visits over the winter. He's a football only guy. His list of favorite schools will not surprise you, and if you're a Virginia Tech or UVa fan, it might disappoint you. But Henderson says at this time he will likely decide between Clemson, LSU, Michigan, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Texas, Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Notre Dame, Florida State, Nebraska, Carolina, Penn State, or Tennessee. How does one narrow down that list? Henderson has a lot of decisions to make during the process.

That's 15 teams on his list that he seems the most interested in, but the total number of names on his list exceeds 60. And yes, Virginia Tech, Virginia, and West Virginia are on it. He has even visited WVU, spent a weekend in Morgantown. But it just seems to be getting harder all the time to keep the top players in the state at home or even in the region. The competition for talent is intense, and it gets even tougher when the big dogs come barking.

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actly the same. I think we have a little more offensive firepower than we did last season. I do believe we are a little more seasoned even though we still play two freshmen a lot. Everyone has been a part of the process and is a year older and that helps the younger ones when they get a little overwhelmed. Last Friday at Glass was a great environment that helped prepare us for what we will face going forward hopefully," says Sutphin.

The win at Glass was big for the program, and a very satisfying moment for this team. Glass had managed to pull to within six late in the third quarter, but Erin Russell drilled a 3-point shot after a time out, and then Ratcliff drove hard for another basket to get the Cougars off to an 8-0 run and seal the deal.

Sutphin called timeout late in the fourth quarter with the game in hand, and took his starters out. "He just said look at what all the effort has done for ya'll. This is what you're worked so hard for.

over problems, but their shooting was dead eye all night long, hitting 28 of 46 shots, 61% for the game. Sutphin's defensive plan worked too. He backed the Cougar defense up. He wanted Glass to prove they could make a shot from the perimeter. The Hilltoppers couldn't, making only one of 27 three-point attempts.

This Cougar team is a nice blend of proven veteran performers, and youthful playmaking ability and it can make shots. It's hard to say this Cougar team is the best at any one thing, yet you can feel very confident that it's pretty good at most everything. It's big enough, it's quick enough, it's good enough. It has depth. It can break open and fly end to end. It can grind in the half court. It seems to have the ability to do whatever is required.

"We have some young players that have emerged," says Sutphin. "Keslyn has had a really good year, and so has Paige Huff, those are two pretty good freshmen. Paige hit some really big shots for us down at Glass, and Keslyn has been very consistent with her level of play, but really we've had so many girls make plays, and make them when they were most needed. Courtney Cregger has also given up valuable minutes inside, and she really battles in the paint. Kassidy Secrist brings a high IQ to the game for us, and is a real good rebounder and feeds the post well. All those kids that come off the bench have done their jobs and that's what makes a team. Maddie, Alaina (Akers), Kassidy, Hanna (Walson), and Bailey (Nash), those girls (seniors) have been us for the full run. Aubrey O'Dell is always prepared to play. We have good leadership, good seniors, and good underclassmen, and they have blended together great. It takes all of us," added Sutphin.

Pulaski County has played in the girls state championship game twice, the first time in 1993, the second last year, and the goal is to make this the third time, and the first ever crown. But first things first. And first up is Millbrook.

State Pairings

The final eight is now in place for the Class 4 Girls State Basketball Tournament. The quarterfinals begin Friday evening with Pulaski County hosting Millbrook at Christiansburg High School. The Cougars are 21-6 on the season, the Pioneers 26-2. Tipoff is 6 pm. Admission \$10.00.

In the other three quarterfinal matchups 24-1 Hampton will face 22-2 Hanover. Loudoun Valley, 22-0, with take on 22-4 E.C. Glass. And 23-2 Monacan will play 23-2 Grafton.

Next Tuesday in the state semi-final round, the winner of the Hampton vs. Hanover game will play the winner of the Loudoun Valley vs. Glass game, and the winner of the Pulaski County vs. Millbrook game will take on the winner of the Grafton vs. Monacan contest. Should Pulaski Co. defeat Millbrook, the Cougars would again host the Grafton vs. Monacan winner at CHS.

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Grace Boone (right) of Pulaski helps her teammates hoist the team championship trophy at the ACC Indoor Track Meet.

Boone

It was just happiness. It was an amazing moment," said Fleenor.

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The Cougars did have some turn-

Boone was awarded 1st team All-ACC Honors for the relay finish and 2nd team All-ACC Honors for the 800 meters.

"What a great experience," Boone said of the championship meet. "I'm very blessed to be on this team and train with some incredible people."

The Virginia Tech men's team also had a productive meet, finishing as the 2nd place team overall behind Florida State.

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A Walk In The Woods

If you read this paper today, it will be Friday the 6TH day of March, 2020 and in two weeks it will be the 20th of March and Spring official comes in the day before. It has on occasion been like spring all Winter long. We have not had too many cold days or much snow as compared the rest of “Good Ole USA”.

The weather has been all out of whack and this has in turn caused the wildlife to be a little mixed up as well. I commented to my wife, Linda, this morning that I saw robins in January and she informed me that she had seen them some all this winter.

When changes in the seasons come about, we like to look for the first signs especially after a long hard winter. We can’t wait to see these happenings for a breaking forth of the Spring and the new life for both plants and animals. This is why I am advocating a walk in the woods. A well-known author, Bill Bryson, wrote the book, A WALK IN THE WOODS (later made into a movie) – I read and saw it. He tells of walking portions of the famed Appalachian Trail and the many experiences along the way with a somewhat reluctant partner.

Most people reading this column live close to the woods or can observe a lot of the signs of spring in their own back yard. I mentioned the robins that are seen that indicate that spring is just around the corner as worms are near the ground surface and can be pulled up by them for themselves and later to feed their own newly hatched broods. Other birds can be observed and my friend, Dick, took me to the bird club meeting in Blacksburg’s Warm Hearth this January and members shared the birds they had spotted. They went to Burk’s Garden last month and saw several Golden Eagles along with several other species (Regrettably, I did not get to take this in). I came out of the house the other morning and without thinking, I did not realize that the birds were singing. I like to hear them and try to identify their voices. My favorite is the mocking bird. I recall ten years ago, I had a fused ankle operation and would sit on the back stoop of my house on the CREEK and watch and listen to him atop a dead locust – I even tried to mimic his many different calls.

By walking the fields and woods, one can find and identify the first flowers as they come forth. You may wonder, why an old codger like me would be interested in flowers as the ladies are most known for this enjoyment. I have noted in the

Cougar thinclads perform well at state indoor meet

Pulaski County High School’s State Indoor Track Meet results:

High Jump – JJ Gulley – 4th – All State

55 Meter Hurdles – Kelsey Arnold – 6th place – All State

Triple Jump – Kelsey Arnold – 9th place

4 X 200 Meter Relay team – 9th place – Armonte’ Hill-Lewis, John Lyman III, Quemaar Porter, Keyontae Kennedy

500 Meter Dash – Madison Woolwine – 11th place

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Triple Jump – Armonte’ Hill-Lewis – 14th place

55 meter dash – Quemaar Porter – 20th place

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past as advocating herbal cures and all herbs have leaves and flowers that identify them. The first flower noted is the crocus that can first peep through the snow. I am a beekeeper and attend a club in Christiansburg. Dr. Rick Fell, formerly the head of he Entomology has told of the first flowers that bloom that bees can feed on. The first is the pretty bluish flower called the skullcap and is seen in February. Then come the red maple and pussy willow on into March followed by the service-berry, redbud, forsythia, daffodil, dogwood etc. I especially look to see that sourwoods’ buds are not frost bitten and is there for my bees to make the sourwood honey (my favorite) in July.

Nothing is more enjoyable than to see a new sunrise prior to taking in the other wonders of our outdoors. Forest Carter wrote the book, THE EDUCATION OF LITTLE TREE and later the book, THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES. I have the book on Little Tree and have reread it several times. He, (Little Tree)and his Cherokee grandfather would climb the mountain and upon seeing the sunrise would shout out, “It’s alive, it’s alive, to the awaking of a new day. After the observances during the day, noting is more enchanting than to see the sun going down in the West. I have looked into some of these beautiful sunsets and it is like looking into heaven itself. Even the starry nights are something to behold – Abraham Lincoln is said to have remarked, “No one could look into the night sky and not believe that there is a God.”

There is a God and a Divine Creator and he has promised to come again. Read I Thessalonians 4: 13-18(KJV). A new heaven and a new earth must come to replace this corrupt one which will burn up. This could be at any second as all signs point to the “Rapture” of the Church and us Christians with seven years of “Tribulation” followed by a thousand year reign of Jesus Christ himself – then the New Heaven and New Earth will follow (see Rev. 21:10). I have read that using high powered telescopes, a distant phenomenon has been seen that looks like “Heaven” itself and at its rate of approaching is expected to take a thousand years to get to planet earth. Are you ready?

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Hot shooting propels Hokies past Clemson

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BLACKSBURG – P.J. Horne scored 17 points and the Hokies had their second-best shooting performance of the season en route to a 70-58 ACC victory over Clemson at Carilion Clinic Court on Wednesday.

The victory enabled the Hokies to snap a four-game losing streak, as they moved to 16-14 overall, 7-12 in the ACC. Clemson, which had won four of its past five games coming in, fell to 15-14, 9-10 in league action. The Hokies also swept the season series between the two schools.

Horne connected on 6 of 10 from the floor for Tech, which shot better than 50% for the first time in an ACC game this season. The Hokies also held Clemson to 35.1% (20 of 57) from the floor in playing arguably their most complete ACC game of the season.

Horne tied a career high with four 3-pointers, and Tyrece Radford added 16 points on 7-of-8 shooting for Tech, which shot 54.2% from the floor (26 of 48) and hit 12 3-pointers. Only their 56.5% shooting night against Delaware State in November has been better than Wednesday's performance – one in which the Hokies made 16 of 27 from the floor in the second half to pull away.

Tevin Mack was the lone Clemson player in double figures, scoring 12 points. The Tigers (15-14, 9-10 ACC) had won four of their past five games coming into this game.

Virginia Tech broke open a close game midway through the second half. Clemson grabbed a 42-41 lead on a field goal by Mack with 13:59 remaining, but the Hokies responded with a 13-0 run. Hunter Cattoor and Jalen Cone capped the run, with Cattoor scoring on a breakaway dunk and a 3-pointer and Cone burying a 3-pointer from the wing, giving a 54-42 lead. Clemson never recovered.

Cattoor scored nine points, Isaiah Wilkins had eight, and Cone added six to lead a Virginia Tech bench that finished with 23 points.

QUOTES TO NOTE

Virginia Tech head coach Mike Young

(On his team's moxie during a difficult stretch)

"I'm proud of our team. We've battled through some things and stayed the course and found a way to get out of here in our home finale. Proud of our bunch."

(On P.J. Horne's performance)

"When P.J. Horne has the ability to step out and make multiple 3's, that makes really, really tricky to guard. To make four, that's really difficult, and I rank Clemson in the top three or four, maybe top two, in our league in halfcourt defense."

(On the possibility of receiving



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P.J. Horne hit four 3-pointers, and Tech shot better than 50 percent in a 70-58 victory over the Tigers.

a first-round bye at next week's ACC Tournament)

"I think it would be a pretty nice feather in our team's hat to get off that Tuesday game [the day of the first round].If we've got to play, let's go load it up and fight. But to get off of that and play Wednesday, that would be a real reward for a team that's hung in there together and continued to improve through the year."

GAME NOTES

• The Hokies out-rebounded an ACC opponent for just the third time this season – doing so twice against the Tigers.

• Tech's 17 assists were its fourth-most in an ACC game this season.

• The Hokies' 16 turnovers tied for their most in a game this season.

• Horne scored in double figures for just the seventh time this season.

• Horne hit four 3-pointers in the Hokies' win over Pittsburgh a couple of weeks ago.

• Horne's six field goals also tied a career high.

• Radford scored in double figures for the 13th time this season and he grabbed at least five rebounds in a game for the 18th time this season.

UP NEXT

The Hokies close out the regular season Saturday with a game against Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Tech has won its last two games in South Bend. The game tips at 2 p.m.

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Phoenix might be 'jewel in desert' for Kyle Busch

From NASCAR

For the second consecutive week, Kyle Busch shows up at a NASCAR Cup Series track as the defending race winner, and though the Joe Gibbs Racing driver is till winless this season, he arrives at Phoenix Raceway for Sunday's FanShield 500 (3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) looking to continue a positive upswing after a rough couple early season outings.

The reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion has finished either first or second in the last four races at the Phoenix one-miler, and this weekend, he is the defending winner of both the weekend's NASCAR Cup Series and the NASCAR Xfinity Series races.

Busch, driver of the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota enters Sunday's race ranked 19th in the championship standings, throwing out the 2015 season when he was injured, this is the lowest

he's been after the first three races of the season since his 2005 rookie campaign (22nd after first three races). But Phoenix certainly presents an optimum opportunity to reestablish his championship game.

Busch has won two of the three races since the one-mile Phoenix track was "re-envisioned" with a facelift and new configuration in late 2018. In total he has made 29 series starts at Phoenix posting three wins (2005, 2018, 2019), 11 top fives and 21 top 10s. His 1,190 laps led is second only to nine-time Phoenix winner Kevin Harvick's 1,595 laps out front.

Last spring, Busch led 177 of 312 laps en route to a healthy 1.259-second win over JGR teammate Martin Truex Jr. His win a day earlier in the Xfinity Series race marked the largest margin of victory in track history – 3.025-seconds ahead of Truex's younger brother, Ryan Truex.

Busch was optimistic his first top-10 finish of the season last

week at California was a positive sign of better days ahead.

"Guys are doing all they can, I know along with everybody at TRD (Toyota Racing Development)," Busch said Sunday at Auto Club Speedway. "I appreciate all the hard work. We just have to get a little bit better. We finished the end of last year so strong, I don't know what we're missing here. Obviously, it's a little bit of something here and maybe a little bit of something in a few different areas, but overall a good car today."



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VIRGINIA: IN THE PULASKI COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD TO BE KNOWN AS CARTER JAMES SMITH, born June 30, 2007

STATE OF BIRTH: Virginia
PLACE OF BIRTH: Montgomery County
BIRTH REGISTRATION NO. 145-07-052330

and

THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD TO BE KNOWN AS JAXON JAVIER SMITH, born September 18, 2009

STATE OF BIRTH: Virginia
PLACE OF BIRTH: Montgomery County
BIRTH REGISTRATION NO. 145-09-083483

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to effectuate the adoption of the children to be known as Carter James Smith born on June 30, 2007, in Montgomery County, Virginia, birth registration #145-07-052330, and Jaxon Javier Smith, born on September 18, 2009, in Montgomery County, Virginia, birth registration #145-09-083483 by Petitioners, Nicole Papisdero Smith and James Randolph Smith, husband and wife.

I appearing proper to do so, it is ORDERED that any interest party appear in the Pulaski County Circuit Court on or before 1:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020, and indicate his attitude toward the proposed adoption or otherwise do what is necessary to protect his interest herein.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this order be published once per week for four consecutive weeks in the Pulaski Patriot, a newspaper having general circulation in the Pulaski County, Virginia.

A COPY TESTE: Maele H. Crowe, Clerk

By: [Signature], Deputy Clerk

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Detailed financial statements are available for inspection at the Pulaski County Sewerage Authority, Fairlawn, Virginia	

Public Notice

APPROVAL OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING FUND

Public Notice No.: WSL 023-20
First Publication Date: March 6, 2020

The Virginia Department of Health has under consideration a request for a Categorical Exclusion from an Environmental Assessment for a waterworks project proposed to be funded through the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund. The applicant is the Pulaski County Public Service Authority.

Project Description: The project proposes to replace existing filter media in the four filter basins in the Pulaski County water treatment plant. There will be no earthwork or land disturbance.

The applicant feels that the project meets the following exclusion categories established by the Department: Replacement of existing equipment or structures at their present location. These activities also include reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, street repaving, and building modifications, renovations, and improvements.

Documentation supporting this request includes:
• Categorical Exclusion request prepared by Pulaski County Public Service Authority dated 11/20/2019

Prior to implementing construction, the applicant will obtain all applicable permits. On the basis of a review of the request and support documentation, the Virginia Department of Health proposes to approve the request.

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NRCC Jamboree March 14

NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Club Jamboree to be held March 14

The music of Java Brothers and Dixie Blue Grass Boys will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club jamboree on Saturday, March 14. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Java Brothers bluegrass band members met during a Monday Night Radford Fiddle and Banjo jam. Their musical influences include Bill Monroe, Stanley Brothers, Jimmy Martin, Old and In the Way, The Seldom Scene, Sam Bush, Tony Rice, JD Crowe and Doyle Lawson. The Java Brothers mix standard bluegrass and newgrass with fiery original tunes in their live shows. The band includes Joe Abercrombie on banjo, Bill Adams on dobro, Ralph Berrier on fiddle, Chris Burgoyne on mandolin, Doug Capobianco on string bass, and Wayne Frye on guitar.

The Dixie Blue Grass Boys is a traditional style group that has been playing for 11 years in the Virginia and North Carolina area. The group performs old-time, country and bluegrass music for dances and concerts. The band members are Adam Burrows, fiddle and vocals; Makayla Burrows, guitar and vocals; Danny Bowers, banjo and vocals; and Jerry Steinberg, bass fiddle.

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(Top photo) The Java Brothers; (bottom photo) Dixie Blue Grass Boys.

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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.

NRCC offering basic motorcycle courses

Several basic rider motorcycle courses and a sidecar/trike riding course are being offered at New River Community College this spring.

The sidecar/trike riding course is a noncredit course that will be held March 13 through March 15. The class is held Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in 135 Rooker Hall at NRCC in Dublin and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the motorcycle range, parking lot H for riding instruction. Tuition is \$149.

The program is offered as training for sidecar and trike operation. It is designed to teach riders the skills necessary to safely operate a three-wheel vehicle on the street, even if they have never ridden any kind of motorcycle. The 16-hour

course takes the rider through the basics of motorcycle operation including effective braking, turning skills, obstacle avoidance and other safe riding strategies.

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The Basic Rider Course (BCR) is a three-day course held in Dublin. The class is held Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in 135 Rooker Hall at NRCC and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the motorcycle range, parking lot H.

The sessions are March 27 through March 29, April 3 through April 5, April 17 through April 19, April 24 through April 26, and

May 1 through May 3.

The one-credit course includes classroom instruction and on-motorcycle instruction under controlled range conditions. Riders will learn the basic skills of motorcycle operation, effective braking, obstacle avoidance and safe riding strategies. Tuitions is \$156.55 for Virginia residents.

Completion of the BRC prepares riders for state licensing with an exemption of skills and written DMV tests and may qualify for discounts with some motor vehicle insurance companies. The program provides motorcycles (no larger than 500cc), helmets and textbooks for each rider.

To register online, visit www.nr.edu/workforce/creditreg.php. For questions, call 540-674-3613.



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Ring Shoes

Photo Club announces winners of February contest

Deborah Ring of Radford won the Old and New theme category at the Feb. 27 Radford Photography Club meeting with a photo of her son's shoes when he was a baby and now. Rebecca Harris of Radford was second with a photo of jail house keys and a modern auto key.

Joyce Crowder of Dublin won the open category with a photo of the Graham's Forge mill. Bob Daniels of Snowville was second with a night photo of the tall ship, Eagle.

The club usually meets the third Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. People interested in photography are welcome. Members come from throughout the New River Valley. The March 19 meeting has no theme but will provide five photo challenges for attendees: a still life station, a close-up or macro station, a black and white station, a portrait station, and outside. Photographers will each present their three best shots at the April meeting.

Elks celebrate 152nd anniversary

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Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than \$4.5 million. The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$48 million towards enriching our communities. There are more than 1,900 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks' members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God. To learn more visit www.elks.org.

The Pulaski Lodge BPO Elks #1067 was chartered in 1907 and met in what was The Maple Shade Inn. In 1910 the Lodge relocated to #10 West Main Street. The lights have been on for over 110 years.

In the fall of 1910, the Elks started building the Elks Opera House and operated it for a number of years. In the early century operations included exhibition hall, musical entertainment, drama and comedy plays, touring groups of actors with motion pictures being added in the 1920's. Today's citizens know the building as the Pulaski Theater.

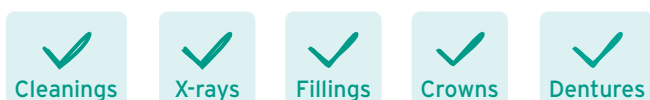
The Elks Lodge has been the location for member meetings, dinners, wakes, reunions, receptions, war bond drives, dances, various parties, and once the site for a judicial hearing. In the 1919 pandemic (Spanish Flu) the entire facility operated as a Hospital to care for the recovering patients. Many a heart was won on the dance floor, possibly some broken too. For the past two years the Lodge hall has served as the cabaret stage for Adair Theater musicals.

The Members of 1067 have al-

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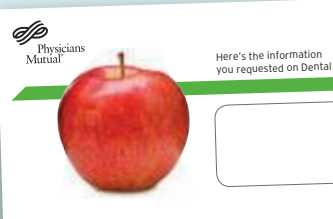
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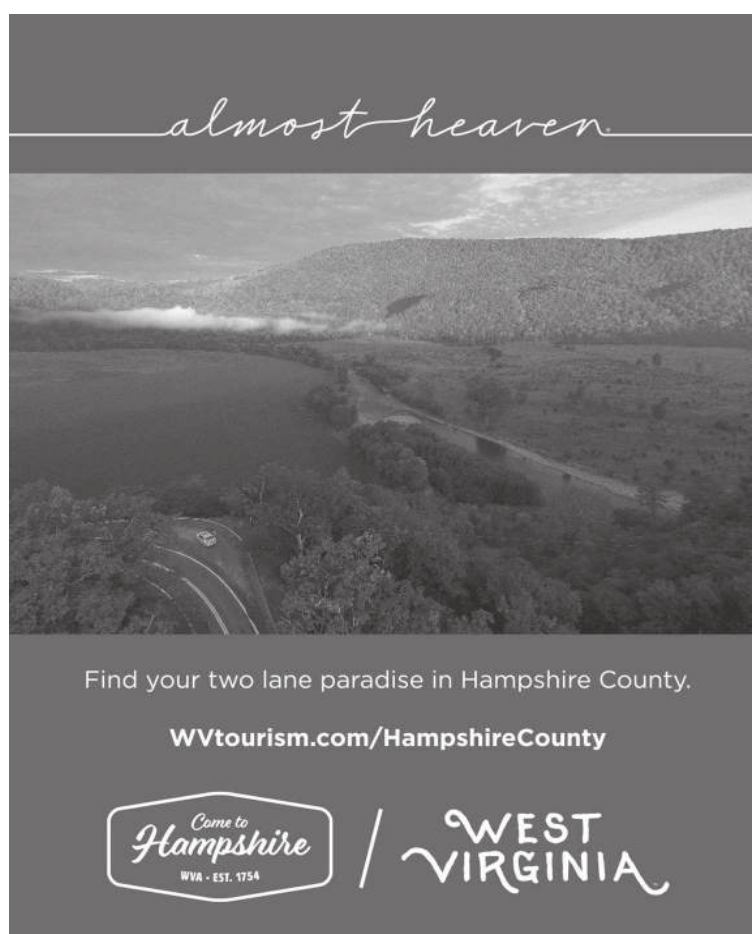
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March 6

Friends of the Library to hold first book sale of the year

Hold its first book sale of the year on Friday March 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday March 7, 10 a.m. - 2: p.m.. The sale is located on 3rd street across from the Pulaski County Library. If you would like to help with our monthly book sales please call 540-239-4882.

March 7

Youth Lead Conference to be held at VHM

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

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 to host BINGO

VFW Aux. Post 1184 will host 25¢ BINGO on Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Post home located on the corner of S. Washington and Dora Highway in Pulaski. Everyone welcome!

Community fundraiser for victim of house fire

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

March 10

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

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at Ray's Restau-

rant 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 320-4315 or 239-9864.

March 13

Annual Denny Bryant Open Mic Night to be held at Woodlawn Church

The Annual Denny Bryant Open Mic Night will be held Friday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn P.H. Church. The church is located at 3874 Oak Grove Rd. You're invited to sing, play or just sit back and enjoy! If Interested, call 276-728-2088. Refreshments will be served.

March 20

Delton Church of God of Prophecy to hold Spring Revival

DCOGOP will hold a Spring Revival beginning Friday, March 20 & Saturday, March 21. Eric Pratt will be provide special music for the Saturday evening service. Service time is 6:30 p.m. nightly. Bishop Stephen Board from Christiansburg will be guest speaker. The church is located at 4570 Boyd Rd., Draper. Then on Sunday, March 22, Bishop Board will be speaking at the 11 a.m. service. Special music will be provided by Ron Ireland of Wytheville. For more information, contact Pastor Vickie L.Viars at deltoncogop@gmail.com or call (276) 620-3191.

On-going:

Barren Springs Church offers ride to church.

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

American Legion Post 7 Auxiliary to host BINGO every third Saturday

American Legion Post #7 Aux. will host BINGO every third Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The Post is located at 338 Washington Ave., Pulaski, Va.

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 Seagle Funeral Home. Everyone welcome!

Pulaski High School Class of 1970 plans reunion

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

WOTM (Women of the Moose) host monthly quarter BINGO

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

AA

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

Al-Anon - Pulaski

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

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.

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.

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.

Narcotics Anonymous

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



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Salt and Pepper Shakers

Looking for an inexpensive, amusing collection for a small display area in your house? Or perhaps an item to encourage your children to be collectors and go to antiques shows with you? Kids can learn a lot about prices, money and history without a cellphone. Salt and pepper shakers come in all sizes and prices, but the figural ceramic ones are the most fun for a beginner. Salt cakes into a lump in damp weather, so in the 1700s, salt was served in a small dish with a tiny spoon. Pepper was in a tall shaker or a caster. Most were made in thin pear shapes or cylinders. They usually were glass or silver.

But by the late 1800s, inexpensive novelty sets were popular, in shapes that did not match the dinnerware. Sports were popular, with ball and bat or mitt and glove sets. McCoy made a set from two different vegetables. There might be a Dutch girl and a windmill, or a pair of dogs. Animals and birds, fruit, miniature furniture, even toys or typewriters, movie stars and celebrities were inspirations for salt and pepper sets. You could tell which was the salt because it had at least five holes in the cap; the pepper had one or two. The salt often had a few grains of rice in the container to keep the salt dry.

Glass sets were the rage in the 1930s. You can find clear bottles with metal caps, McKee glass art deco square sets in amber, a green glass called jadeite, or ball-shaped ceramic sets to match Fiesta or Harlequin dinnerware. Enesco imported sets that look like mice or snails. Holt-Howard made pixies. Pick a theme and enjoy the hunt. Most sets cost less than \$20.

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By Terry and Kim Kovel



I had a collection of fruit-shaped salt and pepper sets and kept them in a bowl where they looked like a salad. Next to the bowl was a cut-glass cruet for salad dressing.

coral beads, gilt embellishments, cobalt blue ground, c. 1920, \$350.

TIP: Never glue or tape a piece of paper that a sports player has autographed. The glue could bleed onto the signature. The tape could leave stains.

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



by Jo Ann Derson

* "Loosen a stuck ring by putting a little bit of butter on your finger to help it slide." -- D.F. in West Virginia

* If you've gone up or down a size, please consider donating your suits or dress clothes to the organization Dress for Success. It gives businesswear for interviews to women who could not otherwise afford it, helping them to look the part so that they can get the part!

* DIY Hand Pampering: Mix together 2 tablespoons of olive oil, 1/5 cup milk, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup honey. Soak hands in mixture for 2 minutes, then rinse and dry hands.

* How to pack a suitcase: Roll pants and tops, adding to suitcase first, toward the handle side. Then add heavy items (shoes, boots) toward the wheel end. Make sure you choose the right size case for the trip; too much room will cause items to shift around. You can always throw in a light jacket if you have the space.

* In a pinch, you can use toothpaste to scrub your faucet in the bathroom.

* Got unexpected company? For a quick, clean look, vacuum the floors and take care of these four things: the bathroom, dishes in the sink, piles of junk on tables or counters and an overflowing trash can. Your house will look great.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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!

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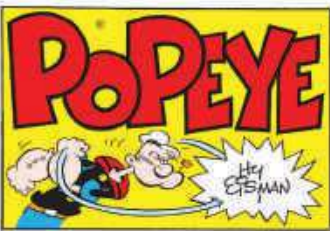
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by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

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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!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 4 Bing's buddy
- 7 Block the flow
- 12 Just out
- 13 "Hail!"
- 14 Become one
- 15 Meadow
- 16 High-flying tourist
- 18 \$ dispenser
- 19 Soviet cooperative
- 20 Genius
- 22 Decorate
- 23 Boast
- 27 Discoverer's cry
- 29 Weaken, in a way
- 31 Nary a soul
- 34 Star in Orion's left foot
- 35 "Now" or "never"
- 37 Drench
- 38 TV dinner veggies
- 39 "Go, team!"
- 41 Wild and crazy
- 45 Rescues
- 47 "The Raven" writer
- 48 TV show for entrepreneurial hopefuls
- 52 Transgression
- 53 Asian nation

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- 54 Hockey surface
- 55 Superlative ending
- 56 That is (Lat.)
- 57 "Ben-Hur" author Wallace
- 58 Vast expanse
- Grable
- 7 One-on-one fight
- 8 Pismire
- 9 Bay State sch.
- 10 Multipurpose truck
- 11 Apiece
- 17 Start a garden
- 21 Regions
- 23 All-out attack
- 24 Carpet
- 25 Consumed
- 26 Solidify
- 28 That woman
- 30 Anger
- 31 Siesta
- 32 Praise in verse
- 33 Eggs
- 36 Unruly kid?
- 37 From what place
- 40 Use
- 42 Church recesses
- 43 Din
- 44 Busybody
- 45 Old card game
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- 49 Scuttie
- 50 Exist
- 51 Scale notes

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top ten

CARDIO MACHINES*

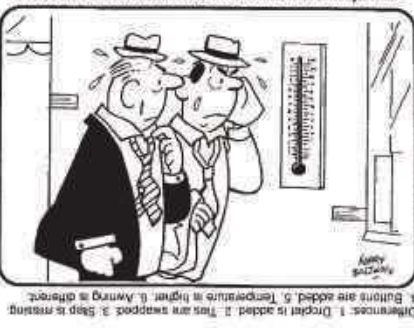
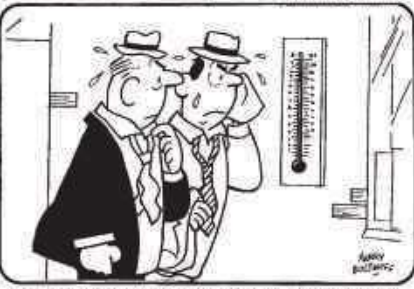
- 1. Treadmill
- 2. Stepmill
- 3. Elliptical
- 4. Upright bike
- 5. Arc trainer
- 6. Exercise fan bike
- 7. Rower
- 8. Recumbent bike
- 9. Recumbent stepper
- 10. Arm ergometer

*Calories burned in 30 minutes
Source: American Council on Exercise

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



Differences: 1. Upright is added. 2. Hair is swapped. 3. Ship is missing. 4. Buttons are added. 5. Buttons are added. 6. Buttons are added. 7. Buttons are added. 8. Buttons are added. 9. Buttons are added. 10. Buttons are added.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: V equals P

TQQBUSCR T RSKO USQVOTALE YLK
QYXVVSQR ITR, SH AXBOE IL QLLC
TQ T HXHL-TOO OXQQ.

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ALLOWANCE

Today's Word

3. Signal; 4. Whack

1. Score; 2. Alert;

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: In which state was the fictional town of Mayberry set for the series "The Andy Griffith Show"?
- 2. MEASUREMENTS: How many years is a sesquicentennial anniversary?
- 3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Haunting of Hill House"?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border China?
- 5. MUSIC: Which 1990s popular band's original name was Mookie Blaylock?
- 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to be born a U.S. citizen?
- 7. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which Austrian poet once wrote, "Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems"?
- 8. MOVIES: Which futuristic 1970s movie's tagline was "Boy, have we got a vacation for you..."?
- 9. PSYCHOLOGY: Which abnormal fear is represented in the condition called apiphobia?
- 10. ADVERTISEMENTS: Which product featured the manicurist Madge in TV commercials beginning in the 1960s?

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- 10. A wizard
- 9. "Midnight Cowboy"
- 8. Three: the head, the thorax and the abdomen
- 7. A tower
- 6. Tony Flow and the Miraculously Majestic Masters of Mayhem
- 5. Faust
- 4. "Breaking Bad"
- 3. Jupiter, and the moon is Ganymede
- 2. John Adams
- 1. 1942

Trivia Test Answers

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Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms



"He who thinks he knows, doesn't know. He who knows that he doesn't know, knows."

— Joseph Campbell

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Assuming a girl mislabeled her shopping bag, it could be seen as a tote-all loss.

answer

CryptoQuip

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ways been active and a source of community support. In finances, volunteer, and hands of help the Lodge has reached out to serve in many areas. At present the main thrust of Elks CARE and SHARE is directed at youth activities, scholarships, Veteran and Military Support, and downtown enhancement.

In 2018-19 the lodge donated in goods, services, and cash over \$8,500. The Lodge was recently acknowledged as contributing to Elks National Fund, Elks Pearl Harbor project, and scouting support from the Virginia Elks State president.

Please take a tour of the Elks organization at elks.org or drop a line to elks1067@gmail.com for an invitation to visit the historic Pulaski Lodge.

Take time to heal and to learn

Dear Dave,

I went through a divorce a couple of months ago, and I'm not sure what to do next. I received custody of our kids, ages 13 and 15, plus I have a good job and I got the house in the settlement. It's a nice, simple home, but it's paid for and worth about \$200,000. I receive \$1,400 a month in child support, and I got \$125,000, which was half our savings. I also have no other debt. Most of my friends are telling me I should begin investing, but they all have different ideas about where I should put the money. Can you give me some guidance?

Michelle

Dear Michelle,

I'm so sorry to hear you're going through this. Divorce is hard enough when it's just a couple, but it must be incredibly difficult with kids involved. Make sure you spend lots of time hugging on them, and telling them how much you love them. God bless you guys.

Ok, I know your friends are just trying to help, but I wouldn't follow their financial advice right now. The trauma from your divorce is still fresh, and you should never make important, long-range decisions when your emotions are messed up. If there's anything positive in all this, it's that you're in a really nice place where your finances are concerned. You've got a good job, you have no debt, and you've got six figures sitting in the bank.

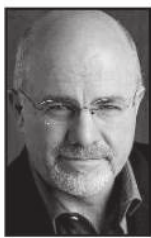
My advice is to park that money in a CD until you feel you're getting over the shock of what has happened. You won't make



Pulaski County Schools photo

Cole Leads Pledge of Allegiance

Jonathan Cole, a junior at Pulaski County High School is shown here with School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers at last month's meeting of the school board in which Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cole is the son of Ronald Cole and Mary King. He is a member of the Criminal Justice Color Guard, and is responsible for carrying the American Flag during their presentation of the colors. Ms. Jenny Anderson, his advisor for the Color Guard said, "John takes his roles of a student and carrier of the American flag seriously. He remains calm under pressure and is dedicated to making the school and the community a better place."



Dave Says

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much money doing this, but you won't lose any, either. Then, after some time has passed, I want you to find a good financial advisor—one with the heart of a teacher—and look into investing \$25,000 in good growth stock mutual funds. I'm talking about ones with at least a 10-year track record of success.

Time and knowledge can help erase fear, Michelle. Plus, you've got a responsibility to yourself and your kids to invest wisely.

—Dave

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Trust

If you had to describe in one word the crux of any relationship, what do you think that one word would be? I'll give you a hint: It just might be the single most powerful factor of any mutually positive, collaborative, long term relationship. It is at the heart of every relationship whether it is personal or business and is also the determining factor in the longevity of relationships. The outcome comes down to this one factor – TRUST.

We live in a highly competitive world, and, consequently, it has become much easier for people to overlook the lack of integrity and honesty displayed in order to create quick results in the short term. However, that puts stress on people that still believe - in and value honesty and integrity.

The Chamber takes this role very seriously. If we put our support behind a business or individual, we are saying that person is trustworthy. It sounds simple, but it's not. Frequently, we are chastised for not supporting or promoting someone we could not fully endorse.

For example, in one recent situation a business leader had been dishonest and took advantage of others. Some people were encouraging the Chamber to support and promote this business. We declined. It took some time, but, as with all things, the truth eventually came out. When busi-



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ness leaders don't take a stand on the issue of integrity, the whole business community suffers.

The bottom line is that without honesty and integrity, there can be no trust. Without trust there is nothing to build upon. As Warren Buffett says, "Trust is like the air we breathe. When it's present, nobody really notices. When it's absent, everyone notices."

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

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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

Large item drop site hours to change due to Daylight Savings Time

Effective March 9th , 2020 the large Item drop site and recycling centers will be operating on the daylight saving time hours.

Pulaski Site – Dora Highway Monday – Friday 3PM – 7PM

Dublin Site – Bagging Plant Rd Monday – Friday 8AM-5PM

Fairlawn Site – Mason Monday – Friday 3PM – 7PM

All three locations Saturday 8AM – 5PM

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