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Sunday

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Voters have 3 options for casting ballot

Early voting begins next Friday in Virginia

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County Citizens have three ways to cast their ballot in November's election. One of those ways begins next Friday (Sept. 18).

Kathy Webb, Pulaski County's Registrar and Director of Elections says there are three options for local citizens planning to vote in this year's election - in-person on Election Day, through early voting and voting by mail.

Option 1: Election Day is November 3rd. All polling sites will be open for in person voting. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Please do not forget your ID," Webb said, adding "Masks are strongly encouraged and social distancing will be required."

Option 2: Virginia now allows for early voting. Early in-person voting will begin Friday, Sept. 18 and will take place at the Office of the General Registrar at 87 Commerce Street, Pulaski. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

"The office will also be open Saturday, October 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and October 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.," Webb said. She noted that Saturday, October 31st is the deadline to vote early. She reminded, "Please do not forget your ID and masks are strongly encouraged and social distancing will be required."

Option 3: Vote by Mail. Voters can request a ballot be mailed to them.

"An application must be received by the Registrar in order for a ballot be mailed. Applications can be completed online at the Virginia Department of Elections website. An application can also be mailed to you by calling the Registrar's Office at 540-980-2111. The deadline to request a ballot be mailed is October 23rd at 5:00 p.m.," Webb explained.



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IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

According to Webb, the deadline to register to vote or update your information is Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

- The deadline to request to vote by mail will be Friday, October 23rd, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

- The deadline to vote early is October 31ST, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

Early In-Person Voting Hours:

- Monday through Friday beginning September

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Town of Pulaski offering grants for non-profits

From Town of Pulaski

Following a CARES Act funds allocation of nearly three million dollars to Pulaski County, the Town of Pulaski has received a portion of these funds for uses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through part of our received funds, the Town of Pulaski established our Small Business Grant Program.

Now, after receiving another round of funding from Pulaski County, we have the funding to create the Non-Profit Grant Program.

The Non-Profit Grant Program will function very similarly to our Small Business Grant Program. Starting Tuesday, September 8th, non-profits located within the Town of Pulaski were able to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to assist with various costs associated with the operating expenses of their non-profit organizations.

Our hope is that these funds will offset the impact of the recent shutdown brought about by COVID-19.

The funds may be used for critical expenses including but not limited to rent, supplies and utility payments.

Pulaski County has also implemented their own Non-Profit Recovery Grant Program. For non-profits located within the Town, you may apply for both our grant and the County's for a possible combined payout of \$10,000.

The application is available online at www.pulaskitown.org. Hard copies are also be available at the Municipal Building in the Town Manager's office.

Online applications may be submitted to Jordan Whitt, Social Media Manager at jwhitt@pulaskitown.org. If you have any questions regarding the

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COVID-19 concerns force cancellation of Pulaski Fire Parade

The Pulaski Fire Parade – one of the area’s largest if not the largest in the area – won’t roll through Pulaski this year.

Pulaski Fire Chief Robbie Kiser announced today the parade has been canceled for this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

“It is with great sadness that I inform everyone that due to the COVID-19 circumstances and all the risk associated with it, that Pulaski Fire Department is CANCELING the Fire Prevention Parade scheduled for October 10,

2020,” Kiser said.

“We do apologize to all for this decision, but we feel with all the risk and factors involved regarding COVID that this is the best and right decision for our great citizens within our town, community, and County of Pulaski as well as the New River Valley.

“We will now focus on the 2021 Fire Prevention Parade and strive to make it even better than last year’s parade for our community,” he stated.

PET OF THE WEEK



In order to protect both the citizens of Pulaski County and our personnel, we will be closed to the public until further notice.

We will alter our adoption process during this time. If you are interested in an animal here at the shelter, please submit your application with you may access on our Face Book page: Pulaski County, VA Animal Control

Once your application is approved, you will be contacted and a time will be made available for you to do a meet and greet.

With all of the stress in this crazy world today, what an adorable way to lower your stress level and bring your blood pressure down. Consider adopting one or even 2 of the many cats and kittens we have available. This male kitten is just one of the 44 cats that came into the shelter last week alone so there are many to choose from!

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Election

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18th, 2020, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

- In addition to these hours, our office will be open two Saturdays for in-person voting - Saturday, October 24th, 2020 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. and Saturday, October 31st, 2020, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (LAST DAY TO VOTE EARLY IN PERSON!)

BALLOT DROPBOXES ARE AVAILABLE:

Ballot dropboxes are available at the Registrar’s Office Sept. 18 through Nov. 3 and at each precinct on Election Day.

The Nov. 3 ballot in Pulaski County will have the following races:

- President and Vice President
- Member, United States Senate
- Member, House of Representatives, 9th District
- Commonwealth’s Attorney
- Constitutional Amendment #1
- Constitutional Amendment #2

On the two Constitutional Amendments, one is about whether Virginia should establish a redistricting commission, and the other concerns whether or not to grant some state and local tax relief for veterans.

Here is the exact wording for each of the two amendments:

Constitutional Amendment #1

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor’s involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?

[[Yes

Grants

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program or application, please contact the Town Manager’s office by phone at 540-994-8600 or by emailing Darlene Burcham, Interim Town Manager at dburcham@pulaskitown.org or Jordan Whitt at jwhitt@pulaskitown.org.

[[No

Constitutional Amendment #2

Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the

United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?

[[Yes

[[No

If you are unsure if you are registered, do not know where you go to vote, or have any other question about the election on Nov. 3, please call the Registrar’s Office at 540-980-2111. You can also check your registration status online at the Virginia Department of Elections website.

The deadline to register to vote for this election is October 13th, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

RFP for GrantWriting Services Town of Pulaski

The Town of Pulaski is seeking proposals for the provision of grant writing services. Individuals or firms meeting the requirements of this Request for Proposals (RFP) are invited to submit their credentials.

Submission Requirements:

- Name, education, and experience of the individual.
- Demonstrated areas of practice which illustrate candidate’s ability to provide services in the areas identified in the General Requirements portion of this RFP.
- Describe experience involving the successful research and receipt of grant funds. The location and normal operation hours of the offeror’s office(s).
- If the offeror is a firm, please include a description of the firm experience and expertise as identified in the RFP. Please include the name and biographical information including resumes of any partner or associate that may be presented to the Town of Pulaski to represent the firm.
- Offerors should provide thorough submissions, addressing all aspects of the RFP. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.
- Offerors must provide a writing sample as part of their proposal.
- Offerors should provide a minimum of three (3) references for whom grant writing services have been provided within the last five years.
- Offerors should describe payment terms and arrangements.

The Town will use competitive negotiation to finalize a selection.

It is the intent of Town to award a contract to a highly qualified firm or independent grant writer with experience in successfully securing grant funding and other grant related services. Proposals must be received by 5 pm on Wednesday September 30th in the Town Manager’s office. A full list of services can be found on the Town’s website, www.pulaskitown.org

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Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays 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 is 540-440-0066. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing observed.

The Radford Clothing Bank is open by appointment only. To qualify for free clothing, you must receive Medicaid or SNAP (Food Stamps). Call the Clothing Bank at 633-5050, Monday – Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. to make an appointment. Hours for shopping are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Clothing Bank is located at 2000 West St., Radford, Va. Donations of clothing, shoes, purses, and linens are being accepted.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing is observed.



Photo (L - R) David Slomka - Loyal Knight; Jeff Back - Lodge Esquire; David Boyd - Exalted Ruler; Mike Sink - Leading Knight; John Akers - Lodge Chaplin; Anthony Hagee - Lecturing Knight; Lynett Kyle - Auditor of the District Deputy; Barry Buckner- Lodge Secretary/Treasurer; Joel Bridges - Esquire of the District Deputy, and Robert Stegall - District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Southwest Virginia.

Pulaski Elks visited by District officials

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Pulaski Lodge # 1067 Host Grand Lodge Visitation

The Pulaski Elks Lodge met in regular session on Aug. 28. The meeting coincided with the annual visitation of Elks Home Lodge Deputy visitation and inspection.

Robert Stegall, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Southwest Virginia BPOE was accompanied by his officers, District Deputy Esquire Joel Bridges and District Deputy Auditor Lynette Kyle joined Lodge officers in the mid-afternoon to inspect and review Lodge business records to assure compliance with Grand Lodge protocols.

After the tour and review of BPOE #1067 Lodge operation the visitors joined the officers and members in an evening meal prepared by Main Street Café.

The Lodge meeting proceeded and was called to order by Exalted Ruler David Boyd. After a brief

business session Stegall spoke to the Lodge on Elks programs and issues during this pandemic season and the effect on Lodge business, implementation of Lodge social and community goals, as well curtailment of activity within the state and national organization. All in all, it has been a paralyzing year to Elks goals in physical support to youth, veterans, and community development programs.

Near the end of the meeting Boyd recognized both past and present Grand Lodge leadership as well as his officers for their support and hard work to keep the lodge on level footing.

The Pulaski Lodge was chartered in 1907 and held its early meetings in the Maple Shade Hotel. In 1910 the lodge moved into its present location at #10 West Main Street. A steadfast platform of 113 years of service, help, and support to the citizens of the community.

YMCA announces Duck Derby 2020 for Oct. 2 at Calfee

By Jessie Woods
Pulaski County YMCA

The YMCA of Pulaski Co is excited to announce Duck Derby 2020, on Friday, October 2 at Historic Calfee Park. Come enjoy live music by the Eric Gress Band, games, cash prizes, delicious food and more in this safe, socially-distanced, family-friendly event.

This has not been a normal year, and neither will this be a traditional derby race - it's a Duck Pluck! Picture 5,000 rubber ducks scattered around the outfield, that will be plucked at random for your chance to win one of ten prize packs. Could you take home the grand cash prize of \$1,500? To enter, adopt one or more ducks, at \$5 each. Visit the YMCA, participating locations, including Calfee Park events or www.duckrace.com/pulaski for ducks and more info. Additional prizes include over \$500 in gift cards and merchandise from local businesses and an annual family membership to the YMCA.

And, that's not all the fun. The night kicks-off at 6pm with a Home Run Derby. Adults compete to knock one out of the park, while kids age 17 and younger bat in a youth division, both for cash prizes. Cheer on these sluggers through exciting semi-finals, finals, and an awards ceremony. Advance registration required; details posted on September 9 at www.pulaskiymca.org and on the Y Facebook page.

The YMCA is seeking sponsors for this event, as well as local businesses who would like to contribute to the prize packages. For more information, contact Jessie Woods, YMCA CEO: 540/980-3671 or excedirymca@comcast.net.



About the YMCA of Pulaski County: Since 1947, the Y has promoted youth development, healthy living and social responsibility in our community. As a non-profit, the YMCA relies on grants, donations, and fundraising events like the Duck Derby to continue to provide much-needed services. COVID-19 has presented many challenges, but also many opportunities for the YMCA to better connect with and support the community: essential summer childcare, supply distribution and connection with seniors, hosting ACCES volunteers who receive free tuition at NRCC, and all-day-Wednesday and after school care at four Pulaski elementary schools. The YMCA hopes to expand its Bridging the Gap scholarship program, offer new Day Camps, and provide more programming and services in 2021. Fundraisers, like this second annual Duck Derby, can make these hopes a reality.

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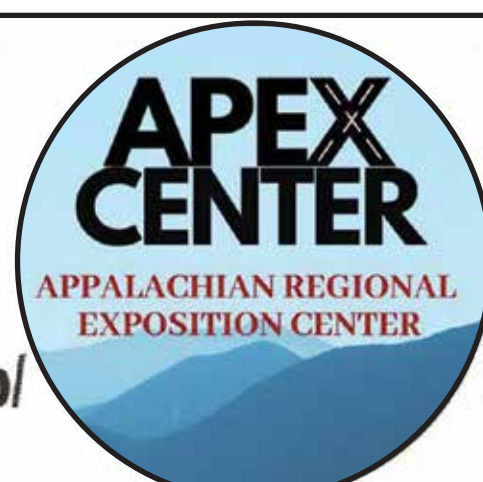
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CAROL R. KITTS

Carol R. Kitts, age 74 of Cartersville, Georgia, formerly Dublin, Virginia passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at her home.

Born July 29, 1946 in Danville, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Bascom Rosenbaum and Thelma

Pauline Rosenbaum. She is preceded in death by her parents Bascom and Pauline Rosenbaum, husband Daniel A. Kitts, son Jeffrey A. Kitts, and husband F. Powell Johnson.

Carol was a retired licensed practical nurse, having served as a nurse in various medical offices in Pulaski County. She was a long-time, active member of Pulaski Church of God from 1968 until 2005, serving as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and care giver to many. In 2005 she relocated to Georgia to be with her son and his family.

She is survived by Son & Daughter-in-law J.B. Kitts and Michelle Willis Kitts - Canton, Georgia Grandchildren Austin Kitts and Brady Kitts - Canton, Georgia Sisters Joyce R. Anders, Norma Jean

(Roger) Carico, both of Galax, Virginia

Nieces Rhonda (Brad) Nester, Kelly (Jason) Johnson, Lisa (Stephen) Burnett, Tina Carico

Nephew

Eric (Laura) Anders

Funeral services will be held Tuesday 2:00 PM, September 8, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with her son, Pastor J.B. Kitts officiating. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 12:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

The family request in lieu of flowers donations be sent to the American Cancer Society or the Church of God Home for Children in Sevierville, Tennessee.

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

Bower Funeral Home, 1631 Bob White Blvd., Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

DEATH NOTICES

GEORGE FOSTER CLAPPES, JR.

George Foster Clappes, Jr., 56, passed away at his home in Dublin on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

The Clappes family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

**ADDITIONAL
OBITUARIES
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MAY LOUISE ELKINS GILLIE

May Louise Elkins Gillie, age 73 of Dublin lost her battle with cancer Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Born August 19, 1947 in Pulaski, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Herman Edward Elkins and Daisy Pearl Owens Elkins. Her loving husband, Gordon Ray "Gordie" Gillie (2019), and daughter, Dana Rupe also preceded her in death.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends

She is survived by her Daughter

Christin & Tommy Umberger

Grandchildren

Coty Sadler, Bran Sadler and Chance Sadler

Great Grandchildren

Tyler Sadler, Brookly Sadler and Jackson Sadler

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Monday, September 14, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veteran's Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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



REGINA BRUMFIELD FIELDS

Regina Brumfield Fields, 55, of Pulaski died peacefully on September 5, 2020. She was born in Lynchburg, Va on March 19, 1965 and is the daughter of Carvel Anderson and Agnes Adams Brumfield.

Survivors include her husband Billy and their son Brody of Pulaski. Sister Renee Brumfield Hearn and husband Phillip Keith Hearn of Union, Kentucky. Nephew Austin Brady Hearn and wife Bethany Gilpin Hearn of Union, Kentucky. Niece Adria Baldwin Hearn of Lexington, Kentucky. Great-niece Oakley Rayne Hearn and great-nephew Kanon Pierce Hearn both of Union, Kentucky.

Regina was a former employee at Kollmorgen and J.M. Smucker Company in Orville, Ohio. Regina achieved a B.S. in business management from Radford University. Regina was very active with Relay For Life and was the president of the PTO for Dublin Elementary, Dublin Middle, and Pulaski County High Schools. Regina and her family were very active members of Pulaski Church of God. She Was

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In Memory



*On The Anniversary Of The
Day You Went Away*

Today's the anniversary
Of the day that I lost you,
And for a time it felt as though
My life had ended too.

But loss has taught me many things
And now I face each day,
With hope and happy memories
To help me on my way.

And though I'm full of sadness
That you're no longer here,
Your influence still guides me
And I still feel you near.

What we shared will never die
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While we are apart.

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Deaths

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involved in the greeting ministry and participated with Operation Christmas Child and the annual Back to School Bash.

The family would like to express a special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Roanoke Memorial Hospital; Mountain ICU for taking great care of Regina.

Funeral will be Friday September 11th at 2pm with graveside service at Highland Memory Gardens. Pastor Donald Jones will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorials to be made to American Cancer Society; 2840 VA-419 #1069 Roanoke, VA 24018.

The family asks that you exercise the use of masks and social distancing if possible.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



KENNETH 'KENNY' DUANE MORRISON

On Monday, September 7, 2020, Kenneth 'Kenny' Duane Morrison loving husband and father passed away at the age of 76.

Kenny was born on October 18, 1943, in Pulaski, VA, to George W. Morrison and Margaret Lucille Morrison. He is a veteran of the US Army, retiree from Radford Arsenal (32 years), and retiree from Volvo Trucks (13 years). Kenny was an active member of Community Christian Church in Newbern and a member of The American Legion Post 7 Pulaski and VFW Post 1184 Pulaski.

Kenny is preceded in death by his father, George and his mother, Lucille. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Esther Dalton Morrison, two children, Marlana Diane Morrison (fiancé Anthony Ryan Kimbleton), Charlie Duane Morrison (wife Christine Evans Morrison) with grandchild due October 2020, his brother Ernie Morrison (wife Pam Morrison), and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:00 pm at Bower Funeral Chapel in Pulaski on Friday, September 11, 2020. The funeral service will begin at 2 pm with Ernie Depew officiating. Interment to follow at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin with full military rites.

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

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

LARRY WAYNE PHIBBS

Larry Wayne Phibbs, 72, of Pulaski died early Tuesday morning, September 8, 2020. He was born in Pulaski, VA on November 3, 1947 and was the son of the late Douglas James Phibbs and Dallas Shockley Phibbs. He was also preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Jackie & Karey Phibbs and by a special companion of 20+ years, Patty Quesenberry. Mr. Phibbs was a retired machinist with R.J. Reynolds.

Surviving are:

Brother & Sister-In-Law – Jim & Gayle Phibbs
Sister – Doris June Eads
Nephew – Ken Eads
Special Nephew & Wife – Jimmy & Karen Phibbs
Niece & Husband – Mark & Hope Dalton
Nephew & Wife – Chris & Kelie Phibbs
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Caileigh & Jordan Lytton
Morgen Dalton
Nicholas Phibbs
Sydney Phibbs
Chayla Phibbs
Great-Great Niece – Georgia Raelynn Akers
Great-Great Nephew – “Fat Baby”

Special Family Members – Trish & JD Horton
Derek & Courtney Stuart
Justin & Beth Harmon
Courtlee Stuart
Special Companion & Caretaker – Annette Howard Royal

The Phibbs family would like to say a Special Thanks to Good Samaritan Hospice and nurses Sarah, Denise, Brooke and Alexix.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, September 13th at 2:00 PM from the Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorials be made to Good Samaritan Hospice.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



STEPHANIE ELAINE WHITTAKER

Stephanie Elaine Whittaker, age 50 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Pulaski Health Care Center.

Born September 2, 1970 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of Charles Rodney Whittaker and Brenda Cochran Whittaker.

She is survived by
Daughter
Brittany Nichole (Jason) Suratt-Pulaski
Son
William Charles (Amy) Lesly – Houston, TX
Sisters
Rhonda Lynn (Harry Jr.) Hudson- Dublin
Niece
Megan Elaine (Matt) Melton
Nephews
Harry Hudson, III and Ryan Hudson
Great Niece
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A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

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

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

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HAZEL LEE FIREBAUGH RUPE

Hazel Lee Firebaugh Rupe, age 87 of Pulaski went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 4, 2020. Born August 17, 1933 in Roanoke, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Robert & Carrie Firebaugh. Her husband of 38 years, Robert Arlington Rupe, grandson, Jason Arlington Rupe, brothers, Doug and Jack Firebaugh, sisters, Estelle Hunley, Marie Ratcliffe, Peggy Lefler and Dreama Ritter also preceded her in death.

Hazel will be remembered for her loving and caring ways that have touched the lives of so many

people. She had a desire to care for others and was always ready to give advice when needed. Hazel will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

She is survived by her
Son & Daughter-in-law
Robert Lee “Bobby & Rita Doane Rupe – Rural Retreat
Granddaughters
Lori Lynn “Sissy” & Kevin Taylor – Pulaski
Nikki Renee Buckner
Great Grandchildren
Elijah Job & Brigitte Alison Taylor, Annette Faith Taylor, Marshall Kegley, Shyanne Rupe, Barry Buckner, Jr., Autumn Chandler and Megan Whitlock
Three Great, Great Grandchildren

Sister-in-laws
Margaret Carnal
Alice Firebaugh
Special Friend
Violet Atkins
Barry Buckner, Sr.
Many loving nieces and nephews

A private graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin with Pastor Becky Wheeler officiating.

A special thanks from the family goes to the staff at Carrington

Place, Rural Retreat for their loving care of Hazel.

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

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BETTY JEAN PRICE TURNER

Betty Jean Price Turner, age 88 of Radford passed away Saturday, September 5, 2020 at her home. Born March 21, 1932 in Roanoke, Virginia she was the daughter of the late John Wesley Price and Anna Estelle Tolbert Price. Her husband, Monroe Wilson Turner also preceded her in death in 2016.

She was a loving wife and mother with a big heart and led a full life.

She really loved to plant and grow flowers. She had beautiful Iris flower beds that people stopped and admired in her yard. She is survived by her

Sons
Wesley Turner – Radford
Arthur Turner – Allen, TX
Three Grandchildren
Sister
Linda Keene -Grafton, VA

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Government surveillance of a person’s communications has been a persistent fear in the modern age. The increased means at our disposal to interact with each other also increase the means for someone to read communications not meant for them.

In the book 1984, George Orwell foresaw intrusive personal surveillance as a tool of totalitarians. Fortunately, we do not live in a totalitarian state – at least not yet. Americans enjoy constitutional protections from unwarranted searches and seizures. But maintaining these protections requires vigilance: vigilance by congressional oversight, and vigilance by each one of us.



Every citizen deserves protection from any overzealous government actions.

Events in recent years have shown that U.S. security agencies sometimes lack the regard for privacy and due process that must accompany the trust we bestow on them of surveillance powers. At best, some personnel have been sloppy with procedures. At worst, they have shown more interest in pursuing targets they dislike than obeying the law.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) made outrageous mistakes in its investigation of President Trump’s campaign in 2016. A Department of Justice (DOJ) inspector general’s report issued late last year detailed clear lapses; U.S. Attorney John Durham continues to investigate whether any of those lapses rose to the level of crimes.

But problems with surveillance go beyond the injustices committed against the 2016 Trump campaign, and concerns about surveillance abuses can be found on the other side of the aisle as well.

On August 28, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA) sent a letter to the Director of National Intelligence and the Director of the National Security Agency (NSA) expressing concern about revelations regarding Edward Snowden. You may recall that Snowden, a former national security contractor, revealed classified information in 2013 on the details of federal surveillance programs.

A new book by one of the journalists to whom Snowden leaked information makes disturbing new claims. Snowden said that he used NSA surveillance tools to search a congressional email account. The contractor also claimed to have wiretapped communications from Members of Congress and the Supreme Court. His claim was false, but only because he could not find personal email addresses for these officials.

Congresswoman Eshoo asked in her letter for more information about the extent of surveillance done in the past ten years by the intelligence community on legislative and judicial branch personnel.

I believe she is right to be concerned about these revelations and to demand answers. It is disturbing to think that in our system, one branch of government would use its power to spy on the others, let alone that a hired contractor would be able to do so.

Congress is charged with oversight of executive branch activities, including the security agencies. The intelligence community permitting casual surveillance of Members of Congress by its personnel, and even contractors as the Snowden allegations indicate, would be a dangerous inversion of the Constitution and threaten to insulate the security agencies from meaningful accountability.

Illegal surveillance of a presidential campaign or a Member of Congress raises concerns not because these individuals deserve more privacy than the average citizen but because if they can be victims of illegal surveillance, what protections do citizens truly enjoy?

As a follow-up to the report on mistakes made during the investigation of the Trump campaign, the DOJ inspector general audited 29 applications for warrants by the FBI to conduct surveillance on American citizens under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). The inspector general found problems with every application.

U.S. Attorney General William Barr recently issued instructions to reduce the possibility of FISA abuses. One change will require more rigorous internal auditing at the FBI. Another will encourage investigators to first warn federal elected officials, candidates for federal elected office, or staff that they might be targeted by foreign governments before seeking a FISA warrant.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have called for more protections for American citizens from surveillance. I am encouraged by the Attorney General’s changes, but they cannot be the end to reform. We need permanent changes in order to assure that due process and privacy are protected.

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Every citizen deserves protection from any overzealous government actions.



Anti-Trump conspiracy

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

The cable networks, including Fox News, could talk of little else Labor Day weekend but the Atlanticmagazine piece by Jeffrey Goldberg alleging President Trump had said Americans who have died in wars are “losers” and “suckers.” The comments allegedly were made two years ago during the president’s visit to France and have been denied by numerous current and former administration officials who say they were with the president and that he never said any of the things attributed to him.

So why are these allegations coming to light now? Do you have to ask?

This is the latest in a stream of political toxic waste being dumped into the campaign environment to harm the president’s re-election. With less than two months to go before November 3, opponents can be counted on to dump even more. Too bad there isn’t a political environmental protection agency. So far, none of it has worked. Most people have made their judgments about the president, his policies and character. The piling on by his detractors seems to have moved the needle hardly at all, especially in the battleground states, which are the only states that truly matter. According to Pew Research Center, the president’s approval ratings are “unusually stable ... and deeply partisan.”

In all of the “reporting” (a word that has lost all meaning in contemporary opinion journalism), too many “sources” are anonymous. None has the courage to step forward and tie their name to the allegations. Are people who were the sources of Greenberg’s article and later those of Fox News reporter Jennifer Griffin holdovers from the Obama administration at the Pentagon, or disgruntled former administration officials who didn’t get their way? Are they part of the cabal to elect Joe Biden? Knowing the sources of these slanderous accusations would help the public judge their veracity.

What are the motives behind these and other anonymous quotes? If among them is to keep their jobs while undermining a president they are paid to serve, they should resign and go public. Let them come out from hiding, join the debate and be held accountable instead of throwing mud balls from behind the high wall of media protection.

In courts of law one has a constitutional right to face one’s accusers and to have them cross-examined. In the political court one has no such rights. Slander and innuendo are the norm.

At least some members of Trump’s family have spoken publicly, or written books about objections they have to their famous relative, allowing the president to respond. Those who won’t come forward are cowards, seeking to save their skin while burning his.

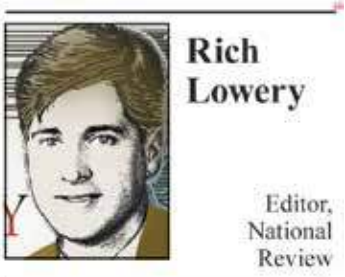
One doesn’t have to be part of a conspiracy to achieve the same end. Similar worldviews produce the same results, with or without coordination.

In fact, the definition of the word “conspire” fits: “To act or work together toward the same result or goal.”

Within journalism there has been a debate over the use of anonymous sources. While on occasion it can provide information to the public that could not be obtained any other way, its overuse has added to the declining credibility of all media, which numerous surveys have shown has been the trend in recent years.

If these latest anonymous sources believe they are trying to save the nation, rather than adding to its toxicity, there could be no better time for them to shed their cloak of anonymity so we might know their political associations and the target of their attacks and smears can confront his accusers.

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



Trump GOP Isn’t All That Different

Donald Trump took over the Republican Party, but it’s still discernibly the Republican Party.

The Republican National Convention was obviously very Trumpy. At least one member of the family had a slot every night, and it featured theatrical touches worthy of reality TV.

There also are notable differences of substance. Trump’s party has reversed itself on trade and jettisoned concern over deficit spending. The party is much less hawkish than George W. Bush’s GOP and much more skeptical of immigration than Ronald Reagan’s. It doesn’t have the focus of the 2004 Republican convention on terrorism or the 2012 Republican convention on out-of-control entitlement spending.

And yet there is a clear through line between today’s Republican Party and the GOP of the past several decades. Someone transported from the floor of a Republican convention in the 1980s, 1990s or 2000s to the Mellon Auditorium would unquestionably have known where he or she was.

Take Don Trump Jr.’s forceful speech, which by lineage and inclination should be most representative of the Trump GOP.

Sure enough, on trade and immigration, Trump Jr. hit distinctively Trumpian notes. But much of what he said echoed high-profile speakers at past Republican conventions.

Trump Jr. argued that “Biden’s radical left-wing policies would stop our economic recovery cold,” in part by raising taxes.

This contrast with Democrats is a GOP commonplace. The keynoter at the 1984 convention during the high tide of Reaganism, Katherine Davalos Ortega, then treasurer of the United States, hit Democratic nominee Walter Mondale for his long record “based on the idea of high taxes, big spending and more government regulations.”

Trump Jr. called the former vice president “Beijing Biden” and said he’s “weak on China.” Harsh? Yes. But name-calling aside, Republicans have been hitting Democrats as weak for decades.

In his acceptance speech as vice president in 1984, George H.W. Bush referred to the “Carter-Mondale era of vacillation, of weakness, of lecturing to our friends and letting them down.”

At the 2004 convention, Democratic Sen. Zell Miller scorned John Kerry as “more wrong, more weak and more wobbly than any other national figure.”

Trump Jr. declared that “in the past, both parties believed in the goodness of America. We agreed on where we wanted to go. We just disagreed about how to get there. This time, the other party is attacking the very principles on which our nation was founded.”

In her famous 1984 foreign policy speech, Jeane Kirkpatrick hit a similar note, saying that Democrats once “were not afraid to be resolute, nor ashamed to speak of America as a great nation.”

Republicans have long promoted national pride and national strength, or as Trump

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Deaths

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 Brother
 Dale Price – Tacoma, WA
 Graveside funeral services will be 12:30 PM – Friday, September 11, 2020 at the Southwest Virginia Veteran’s Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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HUBERT LYNN (H.L.) SUTPHIN SR.

Hubert Lynn (H.L.) Sutphin Sr., of Pulaski, VA, went home to be with the Lord on September 7th at the age of 77.

H.L. was a lifelong resident of Pulaski County where he worked for Pulaski Furniture Corporation for 32 years. He retired from the United States Army Reserve with 20 years of service. After he retired, he went to work for the Pulaski County School Board where he drove a school bus part time.

He was a member of Belspring Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He was also a member of the Pythagoras Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. H.L. was born on Jan. 12th, 1943 and is preceded in death by his parents, Pauline Allen Sutphin and Worley McCullen Supthin, both of Pulaski; and his brother -in-law, James Edward Umberger, also of Pulaski.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Frances Kesling Sutphin. He was a devoted husband and loving father to his children, Hubert Lynn Sutphin Jr. and Angela Harris of Draper, Amy Sutphin Cundiff and Thomas Glenn Cundiff of Pulaski, and Kenneth Wayne Sutphin and Traci McIntyre Maginnis, of Mocksville, NC. He was a very proud Pawpaw to his grandchildren Brittny DeGraffinried, Amanda and Daniel Cox, Jamie and Patrick Smallwood, Corey Cundiff, Dylan Maginnis and his 5 Great Grandchildren. He was also survived by his sisters, Gladys Jane Sutphin Umberger of Pulaski and Senita Sutphin Haga and her husband Dennis of White Gate and many nieces and nephews.

Lowry

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 Jr. put it, “this land of promise and opportunity -- of heroes ... and greatness.” In 2012, Chris Christie ended his keynote speech by declaring, “together, we stand up for American greatness.”

This perspective sheds some light on the future of a post-Trump GOP. In the main, it’s not likely to be radically different from the current one. As Michael Barone argued in The Wall Street

The funeral was Thursday September 10th from Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with a graveside service following at Highland Memorial Gardens. The service was conducted by Rev. Darrell Linkous, Rev. Charlie Drake, and Rev. Dennis Haga.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

CHARLES MARK MCGLOTHLIN

Charles Mark McGlothlin went peacefully to be with the Lord on Friday, September 4, 2020. Born in Pulaski, VA March 4, 1932 he was a life-long resident of Pulaski. Due to continued health concerns he moved to Roanoke, VA in 2019 to be near family.

He was retired from Coleman Furniture Company and later Pulaski Furniture Company with nearly 40 years of service. Charles was a member of the First Church of the Brethren in Pulaski and Hiwassee Church of the Brethren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Robert B and Ruth Moore McGlothlin, a daughter Melissa Kay McGlothlin, brothers Kelly McGlothlin, Eugene McGlothlin and sister Alice Hoback.

Left to cherish his memory is the love of his life Dorothy L Cregger McGlothlin. Known by all simply as Dot and Charles they would have celebrated 59 years of marriage October 18. Brother Johnny McGlothlin and wife Wanda of Pulaski, son Mark McGlothlin and wife Julie of Roanoke, VA and daughter Malana McGlothlin of Bristol, VA. Five grand children Sarah McGlothlin Vickers and husband Ron, Chassity Draper, Dustin Cox and wife Britney Sara Zook and husband Logan, and Cody Melton. Three great grand children Gavin Vickers, Conner Draper and Trey Swick as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, September 12, 2020 from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Frank Peters officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers the family request that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

The family would also like to

extend our sincere gratitude to the staff at Pulaski Health and Rehab Center and to the staff at Raleigh Court Health and Rehab Center in Roanoke for their care and compassion.

The family is in the care of Stevens Funeral Home, 815 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, VA.

SHIRLEY ANNE BEAVERS

Shirley Anne Beavers, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Friday, September 4, 2020 at her home.

Born April 27, 1946 in Big Rock Township of Little Rock, Arkansas she was the daughter of the late Jay Emmons & Anna Mae Camp Reynolds. Her stepfather, I.B. Reynolds also preceded her in death.

Shirley was a veteran of the United States Navy and worked in both healthcare and education fields. She was creative and loved to sew, knit, and had her own arts & crafts business. Shirley loved animals of all kinds and bred award-winning livestock.

She is survived by her Husband of 55 years Kenneth Ray Beavers – Pulaski Children Kevin Glenn Beavers – CA Kim-Eric Beavers – TX Karla Alice (Bradley Allen) Bavousett – Pulaski 5 Grandchildren Half-Sister Fae Elaine Reynolds Cole – IA

Funeral services were Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veteran’s Cemetery, Dublin where she will receive military honors.

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

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

DORIS IRENE MCCAMBRIDGE MABRY

Doris Irene McCambridge Mabry, age 84 formerly of Hiwassee passed away Thursday, September 3, 2020 at the Skyline Nursing Center, Floyd.

Born July 24, 1936 in Radford, she was the daughter of the late Douglas McCambridge and Fannie Quesenberry McCambridge. She was also preceded in death by her husband, David Edward Mabry; and brothers, Everett, Marvin, and Donnie, and LeRoy McCambridge; and sister, Brenda Looney.

She is survived by Son & Daughter-in-law Thomas and Cindy Mabry- Pulaski

Grandchildren Shane Mabry and Rachael Webb, Pulaski

Sister Kay Phillips & husband, Bill – Pulaski

Brother Ronald McCambridge & wife, Frances- Collinsville

Private graveside services were held Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at the McCambridge Family Cemetery, Hiwassee with Burl Bowman officiating.

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JEAN CAROLYN O'DELL COX

Jean Carolyn O'Dell Cox
 Born October 16, 1946
 Died September 3, 2020

Husband Dennis Lee Cox
 Children: Jodi Denise Cox Stubbs and Husband Tony. Sarah Louise Cox (deceased), Dennis Jeremy Cox (deceased), Jason Cox and grandchildren Casey Lee Cox, Kaylee McKenzie Cox
 Father: Gunard Hebron O'Dell (deceased)
 Mother: Delma Louise O'Dell (deceased)

Sisters: Loretta Jane O'Dell Fariss – Allisonia and her deceased husband, Don Lewis Fariss

Dreama Darlene O'Dell Gallimore (deceased) and her husband Gordon Winfred Gallimore – Salem

Father in-law: Quentin Roos-evelt Cox (deceased)

Mother-in-Law: Sybol Ewing Cox (deceased)

Brother-in-law: Robert Zane Cox and wife Peggy

Several nieces and nephews
 Jean was a member of the New River Primitive Baptist Church. She joined the Primitive Baptists in October, 1955 at the age of nine (9). She has been a faithful member and never missed a chance or Sunday to go to church.

Jean was employed by Klopman Mills and Pulaski County Schools as Clerk of the School Board.

Funeral service were Sunday, September 6, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Elder Dan Puckett officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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Labor Day Weekend traffic crashes claim 17 in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. – With 17 traffic deaths reported for the Labor Day weekend, the preliminary 2020 statewide statistics match the 2019 statistics. This was a jump from 2018 numbers when there were 14 traffic fatalities and a considerable spike from 2017 when there were five traffic fatalities. The majority of the 2020 fatal crashes occurred after dark and at least five of those that lost their lives weren't wearing a seatbelt.

"The 2020 traffic fatality statistics continue to trend in an unacceptable direction and with 116 additional crashes with injuries over the holiday weekend, I fear that preliminary number of deaths may still increase," said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "It is very possible that five of those who lost their lives could have been saved if they would have taken two seconds and secured their seatbelts. I know this year has been stressful and everyone wants to enjoy a holiday weekend, but every decision you

make, both before and while you are at the wheel, can affect if you or someone else on the road makes it safely home. The decisions are simple: don't drive impaired, don't drive tired, don't drive distracted, don't speed, wear your seatbelt, pay attention and be a responsible passenger."

During the 2020 four-day holiday statistical counting period, 17 men and women were killed in 15 traffic crashes across the Commonwealth. The traffic crashes occurred in the counties of Augusta, Bland, Campbell, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, Isle of Wight, Stafford and Westmoreland, along with the Town of Leesburg and the cities of Chesapeake, Newport News and Roanoke. The city of Roanoke had three fatal crashes including two that involved pedestrians. Henrico County and the city of Newport News each had one traffic crash that resulted in two deaths. State police investigated a total of 484 traffic crashes during the holiday weekend.

The Virginia State Police

participated in two annual, traffic-safety enforcement programs over the 2020 Labor Day weekend: Operation Crash Awareness Reduction Effort (CARE) and Checkpoint Strikeforce. Operation CARE is a nationwide, state-sponsored traffic safety program that aims to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries caused by impaired driving, speeding and failing to use occupant restraints. Virginia State Police's participation in the program began Friday, Sept. 4, 2020, at 12:01 a.m., and concluded at midnight Monday, Sept. 7, 2020.

As a result of state police traffic safety enforcement efforts during the 2020 statistical counting period, Virginia troopers:

- Stopped 4,550 speeders
- Stopped 1,561 reckless drivers
- Arrested 55 drivers for DUI/DUID
- Cited 445 seat belt violations
- Assisted 1,465 disabled/stranded motorists

Healthy Aging

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September is nationally recognized as Healthy Aging Awareness Month. Staying healthy can be a challenge as we get older, however there are steps we can take to manage some of the challenges we face.

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The CDC outlines some of these healthy habits.

1. Eat & Drink Healthy! Make healthy choices like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, low-fat dairy products, and water
2. Move More, Sit Less Throughout the Day: Being active can help you prevent, delay, and manage chronic diseases; improve balance and stamina; reduce risk of falls; and improve brain health.
3. Don't Use Tobacco: If you use tobacco, take the first steps towards quitting by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free help.
4. Get Regular Checkups: Visit your doctor for preventive services, not just when you're sick. This can prevent disease or find it early, when treatment is more effective.
5. Know Your Family History! Share your family health history with your doctor, who can help you take steps to prevent chronic diseases or catch them early.
6. Be Aware of Changes in Brain Health: Everyone's brain changes as they age, but dementia is not a normal part of aging. See your doctor if you have questions about memory or brain health.

Social interaction is also a key part of healthy aging. We encourage you to check with your local Cooperative Extension office for opportunities to grow and learn, as well as volunteer. Many classes and programs are being offered virtually or through social distancing measures. Go to www.ext.vt.edu to find your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office.

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The Lord shall renew their strength,
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He is right there to give us peace.

He sits high and looks low,
He sees and knows everywhere we go.
When the storms of life are raging
He steps right in,
Giving us assurance and forgiving
Our sins.

Trust in the Lord no matter what comes
Your way,
Listen to His voice and earnestly pray.

Remember there is power in prayer,
With His grace and mercy He will be
Right there.

He's done so much more for you and me,
When He took our place on Calvary.

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Written by Naomi Davidson, Pulaski, Va.
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Ruth Whitener captured these colorful scenes recently. At left, a Monarch caterpillar is shown eating a milkweed. While at right, a male Monarch butterfly rests on a thistle flower in a butterfly garden.



Public invited to appeal or comment on flood maps

PHILADELPHIA - FEMA is proposing updates to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Pulaski County, Va. Community stakeholders are invited to participate in a 90-day appeal and comment period.

The updated maps were produced in coordination with local, state and FEMA officials. Significant community review of the maps has already taken place, but before the maps become final, community stakeholders can identify any concerns or questions about the information provided and submit appeals or comments.

The 90-day appeal period will begin on or around Aug. 30, 2020. Residents and business owners are also encouraged to review the updated maps to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements.

Residents may submit an appeal if they perceive that modeling or data used to create the map is technically or scientifically incorrect.

An appeal must include technical information, such as hydraulic or hydrologic data, to support the claim.

Appeals cannot be based on the effects of proposed projects

or projects started after the study is in progress.

If property owners see incorrect information that does not change the flood hazard information—such as a missing or misspelled road name in the Special Flood Hazard Area or an incorrect corporate boundary—they can submit a written comment.

The next step in the mapping process is the resolution of all comments and appeals. Once they are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Submit appeals and comments by contacting your local floodplain administrator: Jared L. Linkous, County Engineer, Pulaski County, jlinkous@pulaski-county.org, (540) 980-7710. The preliminary maps may be viewed online at the FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer: <http://msc.fema.gov/fmfv>. Changes from the current maps may be viewed online at the Region 3 Changes Since Last FIRM Viewer: <https://arcg.is/1CrPbe>.

For more information about the flood maps: Use a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C> (just click on the “Live Chat” icon)

Contact a FEMA map specialist by telephone; toll free, at

1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Region 3 Office of External Affairs at (215) 931-5597 or at femar3newsdesk@fema.dhs.gov.

Fairfax announces bid for governor

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax is launching a run for governor despite facing two high-profile allegations of sexual assault he has strenuously denied.

Fairfax is set to hold campaign kickoff events this weekend, joining a crowded field of Democratic hopefuls looking for their party’s nomination to run for governor in 2021.

The lieutenant governor position is a traditional launch pad for gubernatorial bids, and Fairfax would normally be considered a strong candidate. But unsettled allegations of sexual assault, made by two women last year when Virginia politics was at the center of the nation’s attention, will complicate his ability to raise money and build support.

Fairfax said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday he’s the victim of unfounded political smears and is undeterred.



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The PCPS School Nutrition Program will be providing five (5) breakfast and lunch meals according to the schedule below:

Pulaski County Middle School:

Drive through for Virtual Learners (all PCMS students included) will be available for the first two weeks of school:

- Tuesday September 8th and Tuesday September 16th from 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- After these dates pickup will be changed to same schedule as other schools

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Parent/Guardians may pick up meals for their children at any school site (exception for the first 2 weeks at Pulaski County Middle)

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Fraud Alert: Scammers preying on elderly

Fraud Alert: Scammers Claiming to be with DOJ, Preying on Elderly

ROANOKE, Va. – The Office of Justice Programs' Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has received multiple reports that individuals claiming to represent the Department of Justice are calling members of the public as part of an imposter scam. The Department strongly encourages the public to remain vigilant and not provide personal information during these calls, which appear to be targeting the elderly.

Reports to the National El-

der Fraud Hotline indicate these scammers falsely represent themselves as Department of Justice investigators or employees and attempt to obtain personal information from the call recipient, or they leave a voicemail with a return phone number. The return phone number directs users to a recorded menu that matches the recorded menu for the Department's main phone number. Eventually, the user reaches an "operator" who steers the user to someone claiming to be an investigator. That "investigator" then attempts to gain the user's

personal information.

"It is unconscionable that anyone would seek to prey upon elderly victims. We will continue to work closely with our federal, state and local partners to make sure we prevent and limit the damage done by this fraud scheme, and hold anyone who has participated accountable," First Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Bubar said today. "Please watch out for this scam, and do not be fooled by scammers seeking your personal information – whether they are calling while posing as a DOJ

employee or otherwise."

Those who receive these calls are encouraged not to provide personal information and to report these scams to the FTC via their website or by calling 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357). Fraud can also be reported to the FBI for law enforcement action at <https://www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/report-fraud>.

The National Elder Fraud Hotline is a resource created by OVC for people to report fraud against anyone age 60 or older.

Reporting certain financial losses due to fraud as soon as possible, and within the first 2–3 days, can increase the likelihood of recovering losses. The hotline is open seven days a week. For more information about the hotline, please visit <https://stopelderfraud.ovc.ojp.gov/>.

For local information from the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia, please visit: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdva>

Dogs can't tolerate bug repellent

PAW'S CORNER: I live in an area where eastern equine encephalitis and West Nile Virus are active. On my walks, I make sure to wear plenty of bug spray to prevent being bitten by a mosquito infected with either disease. Are my dogs at risk of catching it? Can I use bug spray on their fur? -- Shellie in Worcester, Massachusetts

DEAR SHELLIE: While dogs (and cats) are at risk of catching either disease, most pets recover fully, especially with veterinary treatment (which is mainly supportive, to keep them strong while their bodies fight the infection).

Humans can get seriously ill from either EEE or West Nile Virus, so I'm glad you're using plenty of bug repellent. Mosquitoes are very active just before sunset, when most of us prefer to



take our pets for walks during the hot summer months.

However, pets do not tolerate bug spray made for humans very well. (Citronella candles also can be very irritating.) They still should have some protection from mosquitoes, as these flying pests also carry diseases that can be very harmful to pets, like heartworm.

Pet-friendly repellents are available at the pet store or through your vet's office. You can try natural repellents like lemon juice (try mixing it half-and-half

with water in a spray bottle and applying to your dogs' coat just before walking), crushed peppermint leaves, or rosemary.

Keep up with your pets' heartworm medication and check them for ticks and fleas after each walk, too. This will reduce their risk of getting a serious illness from an outdoor pest.

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

NRCC offers online pharmacy tech program

Registration is open for the next session of New River Community College's pharmacy technician program. The program will be offered completely online and begins Sept. 22.

The course teaches students information, techniques and procedures needed to assist the pharmacist in the delivery of pharmaceutical products and services. The main objective is to provide students with a working knowledge of most aspects of pharmacy in community and institutional practice settings.

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Va. Tech Preview: First season without Foster

By LUCAS GOAD
The Patriot

This season for the Virginia Tech Hokies football team will feature changes in the post Bud Foster era. This will be the first without Foster as defensive coordinator since the 1987 season. Taking over for Foster is former Virginia Tech football player, Justin Hamilton. During his playing years at Tech, Hamilton played wide receiver, Hamilton played free safety. Hamilton was named defensive coordinator on December

8, 2019 after acting as the team's safeties coach. Foster appears to be pleased with the decision, with him actually endorsing the hire himself. "I couldn't think of anyone better to continue our tradition of Virginia Tech defense than Justin Hamilton," said Foster. "Justin embodied our team - first mentally as a player and did anything and everything we ever asked of him. He was a gritty player and he's exactly the same way as a coach. Joining Hamilton on the defensive side will be former Tech defensive end, Darryl Tapp and

former defensive line coach for the Buffalo Bills, Bill Teerlinck. Both will be acting as co-defensive line coaches. During his time at Tech, Tapp made All-ACC twice and went on to the NFL where he played for 12 seasons. Teerlinck began his coaching career at Illinois State alongside current Virginia Tech head coach, Justin Fuente. During Teerlinck's two seasons with the Bills, Buffalo finished third in total defense in 2019 and second in total defense in the 2018 season. With Tapp and Teerlinck both

having NFL experience in some form or fashion, Fuente is excited for the recruiting opportunities that they might both bring. "If you're a defensive line recruit, what more could you want," Fuente said. "You've got one guy that played 12 years in the NFL, was an All-American and played here. Quite honestly, probably got to extend his career in the NFL because he was such a good mentor to young players in the league. You have another guy that's coached however many years in the NFL. A lot of people think he's maybe the foremost expert in the country on

rushing the passer. I mean, that's two pretty good combinations for a young person who's interested in learning how to play the position." Other than changes in the coaching staff, this season will be different from previous seasons for another reason. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the way things have been handled needed changes. The NCAA has made requirements to ensure the safety of all those connected to college football. If students choose to opt out over concern of contracting the

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Hokies Offense: Hooker named starter by Fuente

By LUCAS GOAD
The Patriot

Virginia Tech's offense will be returning more than half (nine) of their starters, with quarterback Hendon Hooker at the helm. After sitting behind Ryan Willis at the beginning of last season, Hooker took over for the Hokies, and will be the starting quarterback to begin this season. Last season, Hooker threw for 1,555 yards and 13 touchdowns and only two interceptions. On the ground, Hooker ran for 356 yards on 123 carries for five touchdowns. Hooker led the Hokies in total offense with 1,911 yards. Hooker finished the season with six straight wins and two losses. In his six wins as Tech's starter, he completed 68 of 108 passes and no interceptions. His six consecutive wins in his first six starts for Tech tied for the third-longest streak by a Hokies' starting signal-caller at the beginning of his career dating back to the 1999 season. He also set the program record for most consecutive passes without an interception with 1,234 attempts. Helping Hooker out in the air game will be returning receivers, Tre Turner and Tavion Robinson. During the 2019 season, Turner caught 34 passes for 553 yards and 4 touchdowns in 11 games last fall. Turner even helped out in the run game, where he recorded 24 rushing attempts for 231 yards and 1 touchdown. In his first season for the Hokies, Robinson had 31 receptions for 404 yards and a touchdown. Like Turner, Robinson was used



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Hendon Hooker led the Hokies last season in total offense.

in the rushing attack, taking 11 attempts for 132 yards. A returning tight end for the Hokies this season will be James Mitchel. Last season, Mitchel caught 21 catches for 361 yards and two touchdowns, and like Turner and Robinson, Mitchel was asked to help out in the run game. In the red zone, Mitchell rushed 5 times for 7 yards and 4 touchdowns. When asked about how he felt about Hooker as the starting QB, Mitchel seems to trust him. "I would say just the way he's leading right now. That's the thing that stands out to me the most," said Mitchel. Joining the offense in the back-

field will be transfer Khalil Herbert. Previously, Herbert played for the Kanas Jayhawks, where he had 320 carries for 1,735 yards and 14 touchdowns. Raheem Blackshear transferred to Tech from Rutgers, but was denied a waiver for immediate eligibility. Blackshear won his appeal and will now play for the Hokies this season. Blackshear is a versatile offensive weapon for the Hokies. In 2019 for Rutgers, he rushed 29 times for 88 yards and had 29 catches for 310 yards. He's a former All-Big Ten Honorable Mention.

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Hokies Defense: Hamilton takes the reins of veteran unit

By LUCAS GOAD
The Patriot

The Hokies defense will be under new direction this season, with new defensive coach, Justin Hamilton. For Virginia Tech, this will be the first season without defensive coordinator, Bud Foster, since the 1987 season. Hamilton was promoted from safeties coach on December 8th before the end of the 2019 season. Joining Hamilton will be former Hokie defensive end, Darryl Tapp, and former Buffalo Bills defensive end coach, Bill Teerlinck, with both acting as co-defensive line coaches. During his time at Tech, Tapp was named All-ACC twice, and eventually went on to have 12 seasons in the NFL. Head coach Justin Fuente seems to be excited to have Tapp on staff. "We've wanted to find a way to bring Darryl Tapp back into our program for some time," Fuente said. "If there is one former player who I've consistently heard Bud Foster use as an example of what it means to play defense at Virginia Tech, it's Darryl Tapp." With Teerlinck on staff, the Bill placed second in total defense during the 2018 season, and third during the 2019 season. The three will be inheriting a defense that ranked 41st in the nation last season, with seven returning starters. This upcoming season, the Hokies will also try to fill a void left by All-ACC corner Caleb Farley, who chose to opt out this upcoming season due to concern



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Justin Hamilton

over COVID-19, and will instead be focusing on his preparation for the NFL Draft. "I started being really conflicted about playing. What this came down to is, I lost one parent. My dad is so important to me. Growing old with him means so much to me, more than football. I don't know what I would do if I contracted it and gave it to him, and he passed. I couldn't live with that," Said Farley. According to Adam Schefter, the NFL insider for ESPN, Farley was the first college football player to opt out of the season. Another Hokie who was named second team All-ACC last season and will be returning this season is Rayshard Ashby. Last season Ashby was named

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Defense

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ACC Linebacker of the Week five times, the most player of the week honors of any ACC defensive player of the 2019 season.

Ashby led the ACC in tackles with 120, the most by a Hokie since Vince Hall who had 128 in the 2006 season. He also led the Hokies with 17.0 tackles for loss to rank third overall in the conference and eighth among FBS linebackers.

Defensive newcomers that transferred to Tech from FCS schools will include defensive end Justus Reed and corner Devin Taylor.

Reed is coming to Tech from Youngstown State, and will be a seven-year senior. Reed appears to be comfortable around Tech's staff.

"It just feels right. Without going to visit anywhere, I got the best feel from them. I have developed a good relationship with the coaching staff and just think it's the right place for me. I think I will fit in really well and will help contribute and win a lot of games and, ultimately, an ACC title," said Reed.

Devin Taylor is coming from Illinois State, Fuente and Teerlinck's old team. During the 2019 season, Taylor recorded 65 tackles, 19 pass breakups and five interceptions. Those numbers and his play helped Taylor earn Third Team FCS All-American honors from Phil Steele and a spot on the All-Missouri Valley Conference First Team.

Other returning starters include junior left defensive end TyJuan Garbutt. In 2019, Garbutt started 11 games with 31 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and one sack.

Starting at defensive tackle will be senior Dashawn Crawford. Crawford started 11 games last season, recording 27 tackles, six tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks.

The role of right defensive end will be filled by redshirt senior Emmanuel Belmar. Belmar start-



ed every game during the 2019 season, posting 39 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and four sacks.

The starting nose tackle will be redshirt senior Jarrod Hewitt. Last season, Hewitt started all 13 games, and recorded 33 tackles with 6.5 tackles for loss and four sacks. This was enough to earn him an All-ACC honorable mention.

Joining Ashby in the linebacker corp will be junior Dax Hollifield as the outside linebacker. Hollifield started every game for the Hokies last season and finished fifth on the team with 67 total tackles, and fifth in the ACC with three interception, tying with Jermaine Waller.

At left corner will be junior Waller who played in all 13 games last season and started ten of them. Waller also had three interceptions and recorded 13 passes defended. He was also named as an honorable mention for All-ACC.

Redshirt senior Divine Deablo will start as free safety. Deablo also started all 13 games and finished second on the team with 84 tackles, a career high. He also contributed with an interception and a 98-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

Finishing off the starting lineup will be sophomore Armani Chatman at right corner. Chatman played in all 13 games last season, making three starts. Last season, he posted 22 tackles and broke up two passes.

The new defense will debut on September 19th against the UVA Cavaliers at Lane Stadium.



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Hokies Head Coach Justin Fuentes.

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disease, they must be allowed to. If the student chooses to opt out, the individual's athletics scholarship commitment must be honored by the college or university.

Virginia Tech corner back Caleb Farley decided to practice this choice. His reasoning for doing so was concern over Tech facilities following protocol.

"Guys were going home, going to Myrtle Beach, coming back to campus, and we weren't getting tested. We're all together, working out, close to each other, and you have no real idea who might have it, if anybody might have it. One day I looked around, and we were like 100-deep in our indoor facility, no masks. My concern grew more and more," said Farley.

In response, the school offered details over the testing and mask wearing procedure in a statement made by the chief medical officer for Virginia Tech athletics, Mark Rogers.

"In addition, daily screening protocols and monitoring measures are in place in accordance with the standards established by the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Virginia Tech and Montgomery County public health officials. An abundance of caution continues to be utilized to ensure all equipment and facilities are sanitized and cleaned appropriately," according to the statement.

Fuente even talked to Farley about the decision.

"I spoke with Caleb earlier today and I feel much better about the context of his comments regarding his personal concerns regarding COVID-19," said Fuente. "In our conversation I also told Caleb that I will always love and support him and that I'm looking forward to cheering him on as he pursues his dream of playing in the National Football League. We at Virginia Tech will always wish Caleb Farley and his family the very best."

Covid also changed the way that Tech had to deal with their off season, with Tech being one of three teams in the ACC without a spring game.

Despite that, Tech was still able to have voluntary practices during June and July.

According to the ACC website, Tech finished fifth in the presea-

son poll. For preseason the All-ACC team, Rayshard Ashby was placed on the first team defense, being the only Hokie to be on the list.

With the pandemic, conferences also had to make changes to the way they scheduled their games.

For Tech, this meant having to drop teams from their schedule, and also rearranging the dates on which they are supposed to play certain schools.

Schools that were dropped from the schedule were Penn State and Middle Tennessee State.

Instead of opening up with Liberty on September 5th, Tech will be playing rival Virginia on September 19th in Lane Stadium. Tech will play Liberty on November 7th, which will also be their only non-conference game of the season.

The Hokies will finish the season playing reigning ACC champions, and runner up in the previous College Football Playoff, the Clemson Tigers on December 5th at Lane Stadium.

Offense

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For the upcoming season, the Hokies will have four of their five offensive line starters returning.

Starting at left tackle will be junior Christian Darrisaw. Last season, Darrisaw started all 13 games. Notable accomplishments include being named to the Phil Steele's second team All-ACC and earning an honorable mention for All-ACC.

At left guard will be redshirt

junior Lecitus Smith. Last season, Smith started 12 games, only missing the game against North Carolina due to an injury. Smith also earned an honorable mention for All-ACC.

The starting center for the Hokies will be redshirt junior Brock Hoffman. Last season, Hoffman didn't see any playing time, due his appeal to the NCAA for immediate eligibility was denied.

Hoffman was able to be on the practice squad.

At right tackle will be redshirt junior Silas Dzansi, who started eight games last season.

Joining Dzansi on the right side of the line at guard will be sophomore Doug Nester. During the 2019 season, Nester started play 11 games, and started 10 of them.

The Hokies will begin their season on September 19th against the UVA Cavaliers at Lane Stadium.

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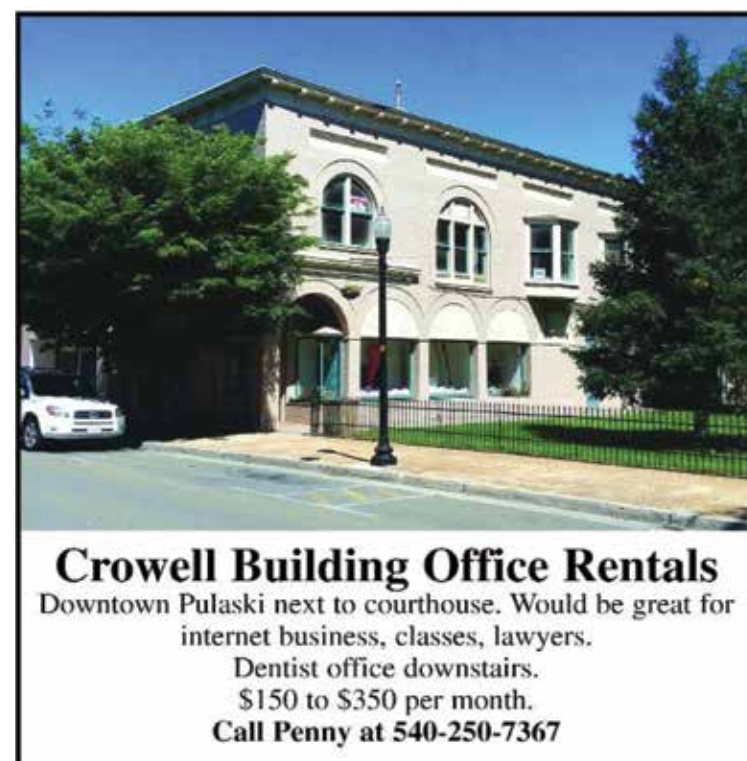
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UVa looks to fill voids, repeat as Coastal champs

By **HANK KURZ Jr.**
AP Sports Writer

One year after dynamic quarterback Bryce Perkins led Virginia to its first Coastal Division title in the Atlantic Coast Conference and a trip to the Orange Bowl, the Cavaliers will show how far long Bronco Mendenhall's rebuilding of the program has come.

Brennan Armstrong will take over behind center, and while the lefthander does not possess the speed or explosiveness that highlighted Perkins' two years in Charlottesville, he's been effective enough through training camp to beat out dual-threat graduate transfer Keytaon Thompson from Mississippi State for the starting job.

Armstrong was impressive enough in camp to also be named one of four captains, but will be operating with an offense that has to replace many of the playmakers that made last year's success possible, most notably Perkins, who led the ACC in total offense.

He will have wide receiver Terrrell Jana, one of three Cavaliers with more than 70 receptions last season, and running back Wayne Taulapapa returns after rushing for 473 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2019. The entire offensive line also returns, and with depth that Mendenhall said allows for more options in the running game than in years past.

Jana, a senior, was somewhat overshadowed by Joe Reed (77 catches) and Hasise Dubois (75 catches) at receiver last season, but "was really the leader of the group," receivers coach Marques

Hagens said. "It's a natural thing to him."

The group also includes Tavares Kelly Jr., and Billy Kemp IV, who both figure to see more action in the passing game in addition to their roles as kick returners.

"It's essential, and they are the most consistent, durable and productive players at the receiver group so far," Mendenhall said. "They've taken a really, really nice step forward that I'm so thankful for ... The dynamic's completely different, but it's clearly noticeable that they're a stage further than where they were a year ago, which was needed."

Attrition also has presented the Cavaliers with some challenges.

Four running backs have left the program, and a fifth, promising sophomore Mike Hollins, has opted out of this season for undisclosed reasons, leaving the Cavaliers in a state of significant transition. The school has appealed an NCAA denial of immediate eligibility for Indiana transfer Ronnie Walker Jr., a junior who played in 22 games with the Hoosiers.

Richard Burney, granted a sixth year by the NCAA, returns to anchor the defensive line as a co-captain, and there are eight returning starters and 25 letter winners back bringing experience to the unit.

Another co-captain, Charles Snowden, seems poised for a breakout season, and is accompanied in the middle by top tackler Zane Zandier and Noah Taylor. Three senior defensive backs -- Nick Grant, Joey Blount and

Last week my hunting buddy, Dick called me and asked me, "Do you know that squirrel season comes in this Saturday?" I told him that my good wife had come home from major surgery with some complications and would have to pass up the opening day as I needed to be with her. This week's column then will be some reminisces of first learning the art of squirrel hunting and some hunts I have been on.

When I was a wee lad of five or six, I recall my dad going out with his Winchester single barrel twenty gauge and killing a few squirrels that my mother fixed along with gravy and biscuits that our family of four enjoyed at breakfast time. I never went along with my dad but really learned from a neighbor and his two sons some of the basics of squirrel hunting. Mel* and his boys, Bob* and Joe* (names changed) moved in next to our farm on the south side of Big Walker Mountain about four miles up Little Creek. I was about eleven or twelve at the time.

Mel liked to watch the squirrels in the tree tops during the month of August and once took his boys and me to watch the acrobatics of them leaping about in the tree tops. They cautioned me to be very still on our way to the hickories in the hollow. I remember thinking I would be like an Indian along the way and walk the top of this log and not creep through leaves as they did. I slipped off the log and

Squirrel Time



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made all kinds of racket righting myself. I was rewarded with their silent stares as they looked back at me.

Bob and Joe got shotguns for Christmas and I enjoyed taking my dad's Winchester to hunt with them. It was a sad day after a couple of years that they moved away and I was left to hunt by myself. "Sam," the squirrel is smart if he spots you and will get on the opposite side of the hickory tree or above a limb high up the trunk. I learned to carry a cord with me and tie to bushes that were on the same side as the squirrels and shake them to bring the rascal my side. A few years later I had a good squirrel dog that took care of moving the squirrel to my side and I with my Marlin scoped 22-rifle brought a number of them to the ground.

I hunted some prior to this with a neighbor, Raymond, and we both had shot guns and were on opposite sides of a hollow with a few hickories between us. His spent shot like mine fell through the leaves to where we were firing our guns. It was an eerie feeling to hear this and glad that it was not fired directly at each other. I'm sure the squirrels are much more frightened

as they population is reduced around them by shot flying though the trees around them and they want to get away and "out of Dodge."

There was the story of two hunters going through the woods and reached their favorite hickory flats where squirrels were in abundance. All at once a couple squirrels hit the ground near them and they wondered what had brought them down as they had not heard any shots. They then spied an old fellow with his back to a tree looking up into the tree tops. When he turned to face them, he had a face of one that was no doubt the ugliest man they had ever encountered. "Hey you, are you the one that brought these two squirrels down?" Yeah, he replied, "I'm staring them down." "You're pretty good at this, right?" the other hunter inquired. "Yep," 'ole ugly' replied. "My wife is even better, but I don't like to take her, she tears them up too bad."

I hope a lot of you had a chance to get into the woods and take in a squirrel hunt followed by a good meal of them along with gravy and cat head biscuits afterwards. If you were there watching for the squirrels to commence cutting hickory nuts, you could reflect upon the beauty of the God's creation as noted Psalm 118:24. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." He is a mighty Creator and Savior as well.

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game after gaining 43 yards on five attempts last season.

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Snowden presents problems for offenses with his length -- he's 6-foot-7 -- and speed, and figures to be the linebacker that follows past stars Micah Kiser and Jordan Mack as the one to watch. He led the nation's linebackers in passes defended in 2018 and had five sacks among his 72 tackles last season.

VIRUS UPDATE

The school announced Friday that students will return to campus in September and begin in-person instruction on Sept. 8. Virginia athletics has had five cases of COVID-19, but none since July 24.

SCHEDULE SCRAMBLE

The Cavaliers missed out on an opener against No. 4 Georgia and lost their next opener, against VMI, when the Keydets opted out of the season. Mendenhall does not expect to add another game.

Clemsopn tapped No. 1 in ACC - Again!

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Atlantic Coast Conference media members selected Clemson as the clear favorite in the league's preseason football poll released Friday.

The nationally top-ranked Tigers are predicted to finish first in the ACC by 132 of the media panel's 134 voters and are also picked to win the ACC Football Championship Game. In addition, Clemson junior quarterback Trevor Lawrence was selected as the ACC Preseason Player of the Year, and the Tigers led all schools with five players voted to the 27-member 2020 Preseason All-ACC Team.

Notre Dame, which will compete as an ACC football member this season, received the remaining two first-place votes. North Carolina placed third in the preseason balloting, followed by Louisville, Virginia Tech and Miami.

Each ACC team is slated to play 11 games (10 conference,

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one non-conference) this season. The two teams with the highest conference winning percentages earn spots in the ACC Football Championship Game on Dec. 12 or Dec. 19 at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium.

Lawrence was named ACC Preseason Player of the Year on 100 ballots, and Clemson senior running back Travis Etienne – the ACC Player of the Year each of the past two seasons – received 30 votes. The pair have led Clemson to a combined 29-1 record over the past two seasons, highlighted by the national title two years ago and a berth in the CFP National Championship Game last January.

Lawrence is coming off a sophomore season in which he completed 268-of-407 passes for 3,665 yards with a career-high 36 touchdowns. The Cartersville, Georgia, native has amassed nearly 7,800 yards of total offense while accounting for 76 touchdowns (66 passing, 10 rushing) in two collegiate seasons.

Etienne, who last season became the first running back in more than four decades to be named ACC Player of the Year in back-to-back years, enters 2020 as the ACC's all-time career leader in rushing touchdowns (56), total touchdowns (62) and points by a non-kicker (372).

Named on 133 of 134 ballots, Etienne led all players in voting for this year's Preseason All-ACC Team. Lawrence followed with 131 votes. Other leaders included Florida State defensive tackle Marvin Wilson (108 votes), North Carolina linebacker Chazz Surratt (106) and Florida State receiver Tamorrion Terry (100).

Lawrence, Etienne, Wilson and Surratt were all first-team All-ACC selections in 2019.

Other All-ACC first-team players from last year named to the 2020 Preseason All-ACC Team on offense include Louisville wide receiver Tutu Atwell, Miami tight end Brevin Jordan and Pitt center Jimmy Morrissey.

In addition to FSU's Wilson and UNC's Surratt, preseason defensive selections who earned All-ACC first team in 2019 include Wake Forest defensive end Carlos Basham Jr. and Pitt safety Paris Ford.

Wake Forest placekicker Nick Sciba was also voted Preseason All-ACC after earning first-team honors at the end of last season.

The 2020 ACC football season kicks off Thursday night (Sept. 10) with Miami playing host to UAB. Six more games are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12, including four conference matchups.

ACC Preseason Poll

(First-place votes in parenthesis, followed by total points)

1. Clemson (132) – 2008 - also picked to win ACC Football Championship Game
2. Notre Dame (2) – 1824
3. North Carolina – 1682
4. Louisville – 1434
5. Virginia Tech – 1318
6. Miami – 1280
7. Florida State – 1177
8. Pitt – 1132
9. Virginia – 994
10. Wake Forest – 659
11. NC State – 634
12. Duke – 618
13. Boston College – 532
14. Syracuse – 449
15. Georgia Tech – 339

All-ACC Preseason Team

(Total votes in parenthesis)

Offense

- WR – Tamorrion Terry, Florida State (100)
WR – Tutu Atwell, Louisville (96)
WR – Dazz Newsome, North Carolina (75)
TE – Brevin Jordan, Miami (77)
AP – Michael Carter, North Carolina (82)
OT – Jackson Carman, Clemson (64)
OT – Ben Petrula, Boston College (61)
OG – Zion Johnson, Boston College (78)

OG – Aaron Banks, Notre Dame (34)
C – Jimmy Morrissey, Pitt (80)

QB – Trevor Lawrence, Clemson (131)
RB – Travis Etienne, Clemson (133)
RB – Javian Hawkins, Louisville (80)

Defense

- DE – Carlos Basham Jr., Wake Forest (89)
DE – Patrick Jones II, Pitt (37)
DT – Marvin Wilson, Florida State (108)
DT – Tyler Davis, Clemson (75)
LB – Chazz Surratt, North Carolina (106)
LB – Rayshard Ashby, Virginia Tech (66)
LB – Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, Notre Dame (47)
CB – Asante Samuel Jr., Florida State (90)
CB – Derion Kendrick, Clemson (85)
S – Paris Ford, Pitt (62)
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Special Teams

- PK – Nick Sciba, Wake Forest (69)
P – Trenton Gill, NC State (43)
SP – Damond Philyaw-Johnson, Duke (48)

ACC Player of the Year

1. Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson – 100
2. Travis Etienne, RB, Clemson – 30
3. Sam Howell, QB, UNC – 1
4. Chazz Surratt, LB, N. Carolina – 1
5. Ian Book, QB, Notre Dame – 1
6. Carlos Basham Jr., DE, Wake Forest – 1

Upcoming ACC Football Schedule

WEEK 1 - Sept. 10-12

Saturday, Sept. 12, Time, TV, Sirius, XM, App/Web

Syracuse at North Carolina, Noon, ACCN, 105, 193, 955
Series: SU leads series, 3-2; Last meeting: SU, 40-37, 2ot (2018)
ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Roddy Jones (analyst), Taylor Davis (sideline)

Duke at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m., NBC, 129, 129, 129

Series: Notre Dame leads series, 4-2; Last meeting: ND, 38-7 (2019)
NBC: Mike Tirico (play-by-play), Tony Dungy (analyst), Kathryn Tappen (sideline)

Georgia Tech at Florida State, 3:30 p.m., ABC, 105, 193, 955

Series: FSU leads series, 14-10-1; Last meeting: GT, 22-16 (2015)
ABC: Joe Tessitore (play-by-play), Greg McElroy (analyst), Holly Rowe (sideline)

Austin Peay at Pitt, 4 p.m., ACCN, 81, 81, 81

Series: First Meeting
ACCN: Chris Cotter (play-by-play), Mark Herzlich (analyst), Quint Kessenich (sideline)

Clemson at Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m., ABC, 105, 193, 955

Series: Clemson leads series, 67-17-1; Last meeting: CU, 52-3 (2019)
ABC: Sean McDonough (play-by-play), Todd Blackledge (analyst), Todd McShay (sideline)

Western Kentucky at Louisville, 8 p.m., ACCN, 146, 194, 956

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by Gary Kopervas

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by Mike Marland

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

GUYS, I THINK WE'RE GETTING OLD. WE USED TO COMPARE HORSE POWER ON CARS, NOW WE'RE COMPARING IT ON LAWN MOWERS.

LAFF-A-DAY

"You'll like this report card, Mom. I traded with Joey!"

STEAM ROOM

Sometimes I wonder if finding a _____ is worth all this!

SCRAMBLERS

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

Scold

REBATE

Origin

ACUSE

Adorn

SHARING

Emanate

DEUXE

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Drink heartily

5 Coffee, in slang

8 Snatch

12 Maze option

13 Possess

14 Elderly

15 Not all one kind

17 Clinton's Arkansas hometown

18 Delivery co.

19 Source

21 Song of praise

24 "East of Eden" character

25 Charged bits

26 Lit into

30 Explosive letters

31 External

32 Eisenhower

33 Lent a hand

35 Appear

36 Dud

37 Familiar form of address

38 1954 doo-wop hit for The Crew-Cuts

41 Pirouette pivot

42 Deserve

43 Transferred, in law

48 List-ending

DOWN

1 Hot tub

2 Existed

3 Part of FWIW

4 Grave robbers

5 Writes quickly

6 Have bills

7 Backed

8 Sesame paste

9 Quite eager

10 Military visored hat

11 Paradise

16 Spinning stat

20 Bellow

21 Pocket bread

22 Half of the offspring

23 Picnic invaders

24 — in the right direction

26 Convert to computers

27 Told a tale

28 — out (supplemented)

29 Showroom

31 Norway's capital

34 "I wish"

35 Prolonged attacks

37 Japanese pond carp

38 Caraway, for one

39 Loathe

40 Cereal choice

41 Despot

44 Vast expanse

45 Sister

46 Mound stat

47 Pooch

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top ten

Most Censored Countries

1. Eritrea

2. North Korea

3. Saudi Arabia

4. Ethiopia

5. Azerbaijan

6. Vietnam

7. Iran

8. China

9. Myanmar

10. Cuba

Source: Committee to Protect Journalists

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Azores Islands located?

2. GAMES: In poker, what is a "dead man's hand"?

3. AD SLOGANS: Which company has a series of advertisements asking the question, "What's in your wallet?"

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only president who never married?

5. LITERARY: The pet rat Scabbers belonged to which character in the Harry Potter book series?

6. MUSIC: Which American singer/songwriter was nicknamed "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business"?

7. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the only active diamond mine in the United States?

8. MATH: What is the date of the annual Pi Day?

9. ASTRONOMY: After the sun and moon, what is the third brightest object in Earth's sky?

10. MOVIES: What was the name of Quint's boat in "Jaws"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Portugal

2. Two pair of black aces and black rights, named after the hand Wild Bill Hickok reportedly held when he was shot to death

3. Capital One

4. James Buchanan

5. Ron Weasley

6. James Brown

7. Arkansas

8. March 14 (3.14)

9. Venus

10. The Orca

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals D

TS JIQ TH AIUPQNW JI DJV CAUD

CNWLNTWITQ ZJ AHQ, T'Y LAQHH TZ

VJAPY EQ EAZQW UJISAHTJII

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

HUSBAND

1. Berate 2. Cause; 3. Garnish 4. Exclude

Americanisms

"In the future, there will be no female leaders. There will just be leaders."

— Sheryl Sandberg

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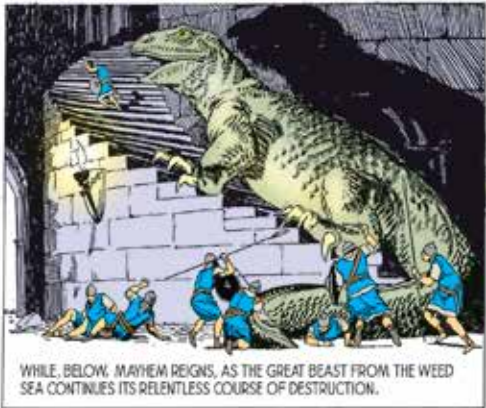
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Carved Stone Bust

A Rago auction catalog called a large carved bust made of black stone a "Haida Argillite carving" and then explained the meaning of the word "argillite." Antiques can be made by people, companies or methods with unfamiliar names, but this time the auction house realized that bidders needed help. Argillite is a fine-grained black silt stone found in only one spot, the Slatechuck Creek on Haida Gwaii, also called the Queen Charlotte Islands, in the Pacific Ocean off the northwest coast of British Columbia, Canada. The Haida, a North American native culture, were the original people living on the islands.

They have been making carvings of wood and argillite since about 1800. Pipes used with tobacco have been found that were made from 1810 to 1840. The location of the quarry is a secret and only the Haida are permitted to use the stone. Today, Haida carvers make and sell carved argillite jewelry and decorations -- "tourist art" made to be sold to visitors. Both the Haida and European cultures are depicted. Many pieces are amusing.

The bust of a man, made about 1840s to 1850s, sold for \$18,750. A carving of one piece as large as a bust is unusual and valuable because the stone breaks easily. Twentieth-century interest in the antique arts of native peoples has led to higher prices.

Q: Do McDonald's restaurant giveaway toys have any resale value? My children have been saving them in the unopened packages for more than 15 years.

KOVELS' Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel



This 9 1/2-inch-tall carved bust made of black argillite sold for more than twice its estimate at \$18,750. It depicts a European trader.

Is there a way to tell the age?

A: Very few McDonald's Happy Meal toys are worth a lot of money. Most full sets (eight or more toys) given away in the past five years are worth under \$50 at a retail source. That means a single toy is worth less than \$5, and they usually are just \$1 or \$2, if you are lucky. The 1987 set of 12 Mr. Potato Head toys retails at \$75. It is said that a set of eight Furby toys from 2000 sold for \$900, but that may be a myth. Other old sets (be sure it is the original set, many have been repeated) including Beanie Babies, Lion King or even Jerry from the movie "Despicable" Me can sell for over \$100.

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



* "My child has so many toys that they were starting to take over his room and our house. We got three big plastic storage tubs and distributed the toys among them. Now the rule is that only one tub can be open at a time, so if he wants to play with other toys, he must pick up all the toys from the tub he is playing with first. It has made such a difference since the house gets picked up at least once a day." -- C.I. in Tennessee

* Here's a boating safety tip: Make sure you check the weather before you head out for a day on the water. And everyone needs a life vest, large or small!

* "Lots of people are selling things online now to make a few bucks, and that's cool. I know I have things I've picked up that I don't use. Why not make a little money? Here's a tip though: Do a little research on price for your item. You want to avoid listing it for too much (no interest) or too little (yes, it gets snapped up quickly, but you could have gotten more for it). A little homework goes a long way." -- C.A. in Florida

* No red wine for your recipe? You can substitute an equal amount of grape juice or beef broth in most recipes.

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

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

Disease	Research	Seams	Seat belt
Inseam	Seal	Search	Seats
Loveseat	Sealants	Seasick	Useable
Nausea	Seaman	Seasoning	

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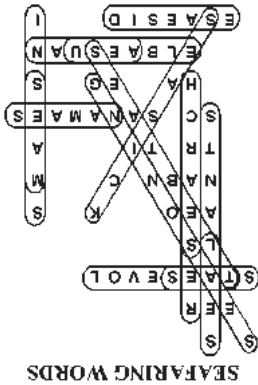
CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

E PEQ NGEN STMA TXN E LTTD
VEQQTN YOHM TY AEOD
GOPAMD L OQNT VTPPTQ AMQAM.
- RTAMZG EHHOATQ

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— Joseph Addison
himself into common sense.
cannot ride or sail
A man that goes out a fool
answer
CryptoQuote

Celebrity Extra: 'Shark Tank'

Q: Has the TV show "Shark Tank" been canceled? I haven't seen any new episodes in a long time, even before the pandemic. I do watch the reruns on cable though. -- S.P.

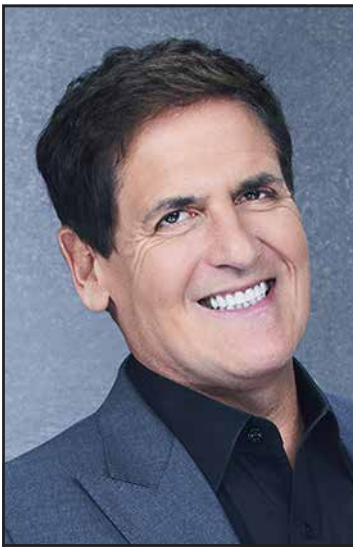
A: "Shark Tank," ABC's show about aspiring entrepreneurs presenting new products to a group of well-established investors, is gearing up for its next victims. In fact, initial filming for a new season has already begun in a Las Vegas hotel, with strict safety precautions in place.

One of the show's "sharks," Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, told "Variety" magazine that each of his fellow investors sat at least 6 feet apart during filming and were quarantined inside the hotel. (They used to film in a studio pre-pandemic.)

Be sure to mark Friday, Oct. 16, on your calendar for the 12th season premiere of "Shark Tank."

Q: I agree with Crissy Teigen. I find it hard to believe that the women on the reality show "Selling Sunset" are real estate agents. They seem more like models who just show off the houses, and all the contracts are done by someone else behind the scenes. -- O.T.

A: "Selling Sunset" is a reality series on Netflix that features a group of agents selling multimillion dollar homes in Los Angeles. The Oppenheim Group is an actual brokerage in the Hollywood Hills that's owned by twin brothers. Teigen, a social media star



Mark Cuban (ABC/Andrew Eccles)

and former model herself, has her doubts about the female agents' credentials, stating "I look at LA real estate a lot and have never seen any of these people, LOL. [Neither] have our agents, who I have obsessively asked."

One of the leggy realtors, Heather Rae Young, responded by saying she's had her license since 2014 and that "you can look up the proof." She even invited Teigen to come to visit the Oppenheim Group, where "we've all been in the office for years and years." Another agent, Maya Vander, told "E! News" that she actually sold a house on the same street where Teigen and her husband, singer John Legend, recently closed on a home.

You can check out a photo of

See CELEBRITY, page B10



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Holy Angels

Angels are supernatural, spiritual beings, created by God. They act as intermediaries between God and Humanity. The title, Angel, means “Messenger” in the Hebrew.

Angels are innumerable. Revelation 5:11 says, “And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many Angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.” The math shows that there are over 100 million Holy Angels.

The power of a Holy Angel is inconceivable. “Then the Angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: (185,000) and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.” Isaiah 37:36.

Angels are ministering spirits. “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” Hebrews 1:14.

Angels appeared unto Jesus after his temptation in the wilderness and ministered unto Him. An Angel appeared to Jesus as He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane to strengthen Him. A mighty Angel rolled away the massive stone at the tomb of Jesus.

The highest order of Angels are Arch Angels. Michael is the only Arch Angel who is identified as an Arch Angel in the New Testament, although some believe that Gabriel, the Angel of the Annunciation, is also an Arch Angel.

Seraphim and Cherubim are also high ranking Angels. Seraphim are mentioned in the bible as having six wings. They fly around the throne of God never ceasing to say “Holy, Holy, Holy.” Cherubim are similar Angelic Beings (Living Creatures) who are involved in bearing the throne of God and who are attendants to God. When Adam was driven out of the garden of Eden, the two Angels placed at the entry to the garden with a flaming sword, to guard the way of the tree of life were Cherubim. Golden Images of two Cherubim were placed on top of the sacred Ark of the Covenant, kneeling with wings touching, over the mercy seat. Images of Cherubim were woven into the veil of the Temple and the Tabernacle.

Concerning Guardian Angels, it is very possible that there are Angels who are sent out by God to protect us. They protect and guide whoever God assigns them to.

Some believe that the saints of God will become Angels after death but that is incorrect. We who are saved will never be Angels. While we are here on the earth, we are made lower than the Angels, but in heaven, our position shall be higher than the Angels because we have been overcomers of temptation and sin; and have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus; and they haven’t. They were created as sinless creatures whereas we who are saved were born in sin but now, thanks to Jesus, we have become the sons and daughters of God.

Angels are not to be worshipped or prayed to. They are not gods but rather servants of the Most High God.

Angels appear to humanity at times in other forms as a test to see if we who believe in God will be hospitable to them. “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers:

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674-1762
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Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
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3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Mark Asbury
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835

Newbern Christian Church

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

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Rev. Becky Wheeler
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

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
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Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
Associate Pastors:
Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton
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Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
540-674-4729

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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Phone: 540-674-6111
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/
Pastor: Paige Wimberly
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Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street
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540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
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Pastor: Dennis Jones
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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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.
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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.rolcdublin.com 540-674-4500

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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
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Fairlawn Baptist

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Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
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Sunday School - 9:45 am
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Worship - 10:55 am

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Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service
7 p.m. Youth Service

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8:30 and 11:00
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Evening (5:45 Supper in the
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website - www.dvpca.org

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The Rev. Terrie Sternberg
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
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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
Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

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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.
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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

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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook.com/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
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(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Richard R. Goad, Jr.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor Melissa McNair-King
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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
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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
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Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon
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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
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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
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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.

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Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
FUNDAMENTAL

McCraw

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for thereby some have entertained Angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:2.
When Lazarus the beggar died, the Angels of God carried his soul over into the Paradise of God.
Angels are not omnipotent, omniscient, or omnipresent because they are not gods. Only God possesses these attributes.
Anytime in the bible where an Angel of God appeared to a human being, their presence was so overwhelming that those who saw them fell down before them filled with fear and trembling. The guards at the tomb of Jesus fainted before them, and fell out like dead men.
Angels are mentioned in the Bible more than 300 times. To be mentioned in the Bible once is amazing, but to be mentioned that many times is undeniable proof of their existence.
Concerning Angels having wings, it seems that some do and some don’t. Certainly the Sera-phim and Cherubim have wings because the bible bears that out.

When human beings mentioned in the bible have seen Angels, there is no mention of wings at all. They are generally dressed in spotless white and have a glory about them that frightens those to whom they appear.
Angels are generally invisible to the human eye. They are only visible on certain occasions when God allows them to be visible. They have the power to assume the identity of man when the need arises. The two Angels who appeared to Abraham before going to Sodom and Gomorrah appeared to Abraham not as Angels but as two men. Also with them as they visited Abraham was God and His appearance was what is called a Theophany. A Theophany is a visible manifestation of God to humankind.
The manna from above that God provided for the Israelites during their travels in the wilderness has been called by some, Angel Food. But we have no concrete evidence that manna was really Angel food. It was bread from Heaven that God sent down to feed His people.
Angels are celestial beings who make up the Heavenly Host of God and are not to be worshipped. Only God is to be worshipped. In Rev.19:10 John the beloved was about to worship an Angel and the Angel forbade it. “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not.”
When Jesus comes back in great power and glory at His second advent, He will be accompanied by ALL of the Holy Angels of God. “And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.” (Rev. 19:14)
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It’s tough to be a Christian in our world

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

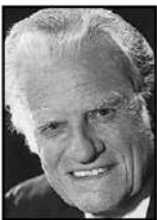
Q: There are times in my life, particularly when I am lonely, I feel close to making a decision to believe in Jesus Christ. Other times I feel that I should wait and see if life can get better without depending upon religion. Why do people tell me this is a dangerous way to live? - I.D.

A: People often have one of three reactions to the message of the Gospel. First, some

people will deny the Gospel is true. They laugh and scoff and say, “This talk about sin and resurrection is foolish and ridiculous.”

Pride may prompt this scorn. Others fear what people would think, so they don’t give credence to God’s truth. Other fears also can keep us from committing our lives to Christ and following Him closely.

Some people delay. They say, “I’ll think about it and maybe make a commitment to follow



My Answer

Billy Graham

Jesus some other time.” But it’s dangerous to delay making a decision, because you may never hear the Gospel again.

Another attitude toward God may be different. Some may

not see another tomorrow. Others will make a decision for Christ, even though they know that being a believer may place them in a minority.

It’s tough to be a Christian in our world. But Jesus does not allow us to be neutral about Him. He demands that we decide about Him, and living for Him will cost us our pride. We just give up our sin, and He strengthens each person who comes to Him in repentance. We need to be willing to take on Jesus’ unpopularity and the

scorn that is often heaped on Him. What is your response to Jesus? Denial or delay is a decision. Be bold and give yourself to Christ who gives the promise of eternity in Heaven. Today is the day of decision.
(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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We've 'zoomed' right into 21st Century

What a year it has been...a year that few of us will ever forget. Twenty-twenty has brought change, seemingly at the speed of light. It has been a challenge just to keep up with all the changes. I feel like I went from being Wilma Flintstone to Judy Jetson in the span of a few months! For example: Just think about the major transformation as we transitioned from fully in-person meetings to completely virtual meetings!

We have "zoomed" right into the 21st Century! Everything has been affected, from the business basics of how we were taught to greet people, how we advertise, and how we view our competitors. One day, our focus was chiefly on the competition in our back yard, and the next day that back door opened to include the whole world. That has been a lot of adjustment, and, on top of that, we have had the stress of constant worry about health and safety.

Overall, though, we seem to be adjusting and handling things quite well. However, it is important for our businesses to put the focus on the future, to try to create plans that are looking five-years out, while at the same time keeping up with the changes that are taking place today.

Our local business owners and managers are strong entrepreneurs. Consider the amazing things they have done over the past few months: Restaurants went from in-house to take out and curbside delivery; personalized shopping is a new normal; and on and on. These successes give us faith that we will survive these difficult times.

Additionally, we at the Chamber want to share the good news that we are working with a professional strategist on planning support for our businesses as we move forward.

Be on the lookout for that information to be coming out soon.

We need to pat ourselves on the back and appreciate how

Celebrity

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the entire Oppenheim Group staff at their official website, Ogroup.com/our-team/.

Q: Is singer Britney Spears' father still in charge of all her money? Why won't the courts allow her to be free from his control? -- S.U.

A: Spears, now 38 years old, has been living under a conservatorship controlled by her father for 12 years. It seemed necessary at the time, as Spears appeared to be suffering a mental breakdown.



Down To Business

Peggy White
Pulaski Co.
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well our business community has handled things. Instead of COVID-19 dividing us, we all came together from different sectors to try to manage the pandemic and support each other. When I was looking over the nominations for this year's Annual Meeting Awards at our COVID Champions, I swelled with pride about how strong and innovative our businesses have been.

Look briefly at what some of our business folks have done: making masks, providing meals, encouraging support for local businesses, quickly redeveloping business practices (and some were getting really creative), and the grants Pulaski County is distributing. This is a unique community where we live and work together through any crisis; we should be extremely proud of the fellowship that we have experienced during this difficult time.

Every day when we wake up and look around this beautiful area we need to remember how great it is to live in a place where we have the freedom and the good fortune to go outside and enjoy the great outdoors. In our community, social distancing can be compatible with our lifestyle.

In the past few weeks, we have shared stories about staycations and shared what those folks love about Pulaski County. It has been nice to be reminded of all the great things Pulaski County offers. Let's continue to support our community and the NRV. Whenever possible, spend locally, and support the great businesses that we have right here.

Since then she's performed a live show in Las Vegas for four years but has since taken a break.

The court recently extended her conservatorship through February 2021, but has given some control to her sister, actress Jamie Lynn Spears, who was named a trustee of Britney's estate.

As for why this has been going on for so long, no one is saying.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Christmas in ... September?

Dear Dave,

I know it may be early to talk about Christmas, but do you have any advice on saving for the holiday season?

Carlie

Dear Carlie,

It's never too early to talk about Christmas! I'm glad you're thinking about things ahead of time. A lot of people wait until December to buy gifts and make plans. That's fine if they've got the money set aside to handle things, but most of them don't. Then, they panic and turn to credit cards. You don't want to end up in a situation where you're still paying off Christmas in April.

If you don't have anything put aside yet, I'd suggest setting some spending goals now. Taking a close look at your income and expenses should be part of this. If you're not doing it already, what I'm talking about here is living on a written, monthly budget. Look at how much you can afford to put toward Christmas each month, make a gift-giving goal amount, and stick to it. Along with this, you might consider opening a separate account just for your Christmas savings. Start looking for gift deals now, too. There are end-of-summer sales still going on, and you never know what you might find.

You don't have to spend a lot of



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money to have a wonderful Christmas or make the season special for others—even when it comes to giving. Thoughtful handmade items, meaningful photographs set in a frame, or special baked goods are great ways to show the folks in your life you're thinking about them and how much you care.

Now, let's talk about next year. There's absolutely nothing wrong with including a line just for Christmas in your budget each month. Christmas doesn't sneak up on you. It's on December 25th every single year. Putting a little money aside all year long might just take some of the stress out of your Yuletide planning.

Good question, Carlie!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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