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Members of the Pulaski County School Board cut a ribbon to officially open the new Pulaski County Middle School. (From left) Penny Golden, Beckie Cox, Dr. Paige Cash, Tim Hurst and Bill Benson, along with former chairman Mike Barbour.

Ceremony officially opens new Pulaski County Middle School

"Welcome to Pulaski County Middle School!"

- Dr. Kevin Siers

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Pulaski County Middle School was officially opened Wednesday with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours – even though students have been attending class there since early September.

Officially welcoming a large crowd to the school, Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers spoke about the effort to make the school a reality and introduced several who have played a major role in its creation.

Introducing current and former members of the board of supervisors, Siers said, "It's no secret turning Pulaski County Middle School into a reality was a difficult and sometimes contentious under-

taking. However, to quote the late Rev. Billy Graham, 'Comfort and prosperity has never enriched the world as much as adversity has.' As you can see here, adversity turned out the most beautiful middle school in the state of Virginia."

Siers introduced those responsible for the completion of the school's construction, including the design firm, RRMM; construction company Branch Builds and construction management firm Skanska.

He reserved special recognition for the school system's Director of Operations, Jess Shull.

"There is absolutely no way Pulaski County Middle School would be open today, or would it be as nice as it turned out, without the determi-

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ACCE

*Radford Chamber
of Commerce gives
ACCE at NRCC
a boost.*

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readies for 3-1
Boston College;
Hooker to start*

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Radford Chamber boosts ACCE at NRCC Board increases business grant funding



In the group photo from left: Deborah Kennedy, Jamie Little, Ciara Harris, Brad Angell, Micah Price, Keith Weltens, Radford ACCE Students, Angie Covey, Erika Tolbert, Abram Williams, Ryan Seavy, Kim Repass

From the Radford Chamber of Commerce

On Tuesday, October 6th the Radford Chamber of Commerce presented a check to New River Community College at the West End Triangle Plaza. Radford ACCE students, along with the chamber Board of Directors, Radford City Public Schools and NRCC representatives were present.

The Chamber is excited to announce that after fundraising efforts of the business community, the Directors elected to assist in the support of NRCC ACCE for Radford!

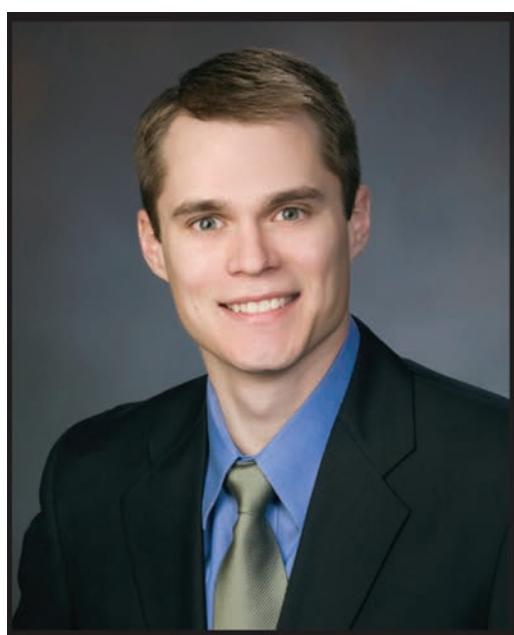
The Radford Chamber hopes to continue to raise funds to help support the education and training of local students, to be placed into the community and work in local businesses.

The chamber works to understand the importance for growing and driving economic development in the NRV and for Radford through this initiative. Thank you for continued support of the scholarship program!

If you'd like to make a donation to the program on behalf of your business, please visit our website www.radfordchamber.com/about.

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October 9, 2020, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will once again be allocating additional funding in the amount of \$125,000.00, for a total amount of \$750,000.00 to their Pulaski County Small Business Recovery Grant Program to further support 25 more local small businesses with recovering from the comprehensive impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist them with expenses in response to COVID-19.

This allocation will take the program's maximum capacity to 150 - \$5,000.00 grants.

The Small Business Recovery Grants are available in amounts ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 through a direct application on a first-come-first-serve basis for registered small businesses located in Pulaski County, who have 25 employees or less, are in good standing with the State Corporation Commission and/or local business licenses (if applicable), and are up to date on all Pulaski County taxes, charges and fees.

The grants are easily applied for through a simple two-page application comprised of only nine questions and a written summary of how your business has been impacted by COVID-19. Approved expenses that have occurred after March 1, 2020, and before December 30, 2020, are items such as: rent/mortgage, payroll, employee benefits, reopening costs, utilities, marketing, vendor payments, equipment purchases, personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies and new software. A W-9 must be completed and attached to all applications.

Griffith applauds \$32,940 for N.R. Water Trail Expansion

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The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Wednesday awarded \$32,940 to the New River Valley Regional Commission for the New River Water Trail Expansion project.

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) issued the following statement:

"Our region's natural scenery draws visitors while offering recreation to residents, supporting economic growth. ARC's award of \$32,940 will advance the work of the New River Water Trail Expansion project to make local natural assets into destinations for tourists and locals seeking recreation activities."

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Town opts for virtual costume contest, won't sponsor Treat Trail

From Town of Pulaski

Following a discussion held last Thursday morning regarding our Trunk or Treat and Treat Trail Halloween events, the Town of Pulaski has made several decisions in relation to these activities.

Trunk or Treat, which is usually held in Jackson Park, will be cancelled. Due to the large number of people that would be present, there isn't a safe way to implement the required social distancing guidelines to ensure a successful and responsible event for everyone involved.

However, the Costume Contest portion of the event will still be taking place, virtually. We plan on expanding on the contest this year to make it even more entertaining for those who wish to enter, so look for more news on that activity in the near future.

In regard to the Treat Trail, we have decided that participation will be at the discretion of individual businesses. As such, the Treat Trail will not be officially sponsored by the Town. As we

get closer to Halloween, we will update you on which businesses will be participating so that you can map out a trick or treating route.

We know that this news may not be what some were hoping to hear, but we believe that this is the best course of action to allow families and children to still have fun on Halloween night without additional risk regarding COVID19. There are other events being held that you may consider participating in, such as the drive-through Treat Trail at Randolph Park or the Halloween Bash at Calfee Park.

As a reminder, the Town is not involved in decisions regarding door-to-door trick or treating. We continue to recommend that you follow the CDC's guidelines on best social distancing practices while out on Halloween night with your family, which you can find at the link below.

CDC Halloween Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

Fall Festival planned for River of Life Church in Dublin

A Fall Festival will be held at the River of Life Church in Dublin on Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This is an outdoor event. Masks and social distancing encouraged. Forty (40 plus vendors) including food vendors will be featured. Parking in field beside church (limited space in parking lot for handicap parking only).

The church is located at 5311 Black Hollow Rd., Dublin.

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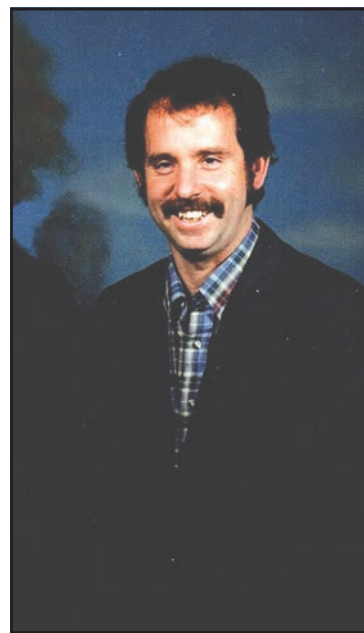
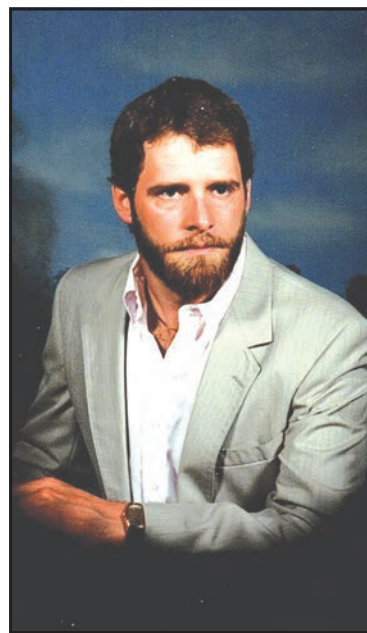
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The County of Pulaski is administering this program. Forms can be downloaded from the Pulaski County website at: www.pulaskicounty.org Applications will continue to be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. The entirety of the program is now funded at a level of \$750,000.00 through a CARES Act appropriation to Pulaski County, Virginia. The Pulaski County Small Business Recovery Grant Program will now conclude on October 30, 2020, or at which time the funds for the program have been depleted.



Pulaski County's 'Crown Princes'

Pulaski County triplets Jerry Melvin, Perry Alvin and Terry Calvin Selleck were born on Oct. 19, 1956, to Mr. & Mrs. John and Frances Selleck of Dublin. The triplets are fraternal. They will soon celebrate their 64th birthday. They were born in the Pulaski Hospital and delivered by Dr. Yonne Varese of Newbern. They were dubbed Pulaski County's "Crown Princes" at the time they were born and were met with an outpouring of best wishes from the citizens of Pulaski County. The triplets joined four other siblings at home. (Top photo – left to right) Jerry Melvin, Perry Alvin and Terry Calvin Selleck pose for a photograph in their United Clipper wagon. (Below – left to right) brothers Jerry, Perry and Terry a few years later. (Submitted by their oldest sister Billie Gerringer)



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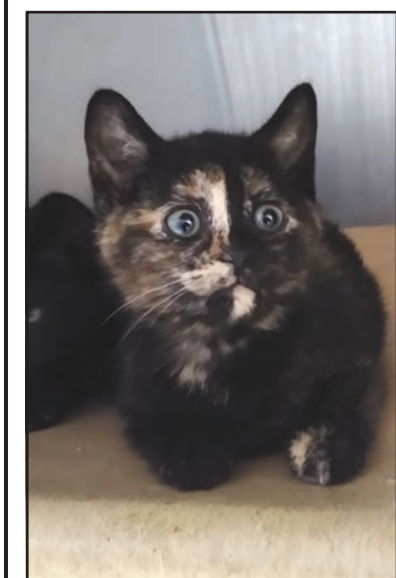
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**JAMES GREGORY
"GREG" LOVERN**

James Gregory "Greg" Lovern, age 46 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, October 10, 2020 at his home surrounded by family. Born August 9, 1974 in Pulaski he was the son of James Franklin Lovern and Regina Lovern. His uncle, Herman Smith "Buddy" preceded him in death.

He is survived by his
Wife Shane Malone Lovern - Pulaski

Children
Faith Ann Wright & fiancé,
Daniel Bowman - Pulaski

Gregory Dewayne Lovern and fiancée, Jackie Kilbert - Pulaski
Nathanial Ray Lovern - Pulaski

Mother Regina Lovern - Pulaski

Father & Stepmother James Franklin (Linda) Lovern - Pulaski

Brothers & Sisters
Travis (Nikki) Lovern - Pulaski

Raymond Bates - Bland
Samantha Bates - Dublin
Kathryn Bates - Radford

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM - Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Amazing Grace Ministry (4892 Veterans Hill Road, Pulaski) with Pastor Justin Phillips officiating. The family will receive friend before service time at the church.

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

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



**BRENDA KAY HUBBARD
VIERS**

Brenda Kay Hubbard Viers, age 63 of Pulaski passed away Monday, October 12, 2020 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born December 11, 1956 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Thomas Green Hubbard and Thelma Louise Hubbard.

She is survived by her
Husband
Jerry Viers - Pulaski
Children
Gary Horton - Richmond
Steven Horton - Pulaski
Her Grandchildren
Brother
Thomas Hubbard - Wytheville
Sisters
Dorothy Peak - Pulaski
Linda Shaffer - Pembroke
Jeannie Yoder - FL

The family will have a private memorial service later.

To sign Brenda's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

BILLY RAY SAUL

Billy Ray Saul, 66, born January 23, 1954 of Pulaski, VA made the journey to his heavenly home at 3:50 AM on Sunday, October 11, 2020. Billy passed from this life from his home here in Pulaski. Billy was retired from working 29 years of faithful service as Gas Service Technician for Southwestern Virginia Gas Service in Radford, VA.

Billy enjoyed doing things to help other people, whether on his job or outside of work. There were times he'd be tired but someone would have a need and he'd always go try and help, sometimes even late in the night and in bad weather. His fault was, he had a hard time saying No to people who would call. He had a knack of looking at difficult jobs as a challenge to see if he could find a way of fixing it, which in most all cases he could. Billy was also a long-time member of Hilltop P.H. Church/now Amazing Grace Ministries, in Pulaski, where he enjoyed participating in the church plays. He always enjoyed teasing the little kids at church and they liked him a lot.

He was preceded in death by his father Issac Webb Saul and his mother Georgia Etta Ross Saul

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JACKIE KING TALBERT

Jackie King Talbert, 72 years old, entered into her eternal home on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Jackie was born on March 10, 1948 in Pulaski, Virginia. She spent her life in Pulaski, making friends and spreading happiness to all who knew her.

Jackie graduated from Pulaski High School in 1966. She loved PHS and requested that her high school ring be placed on her hand when she passed. After graduation, Jackie worked at several places, including Virginia Maid, Dublin Garment Factory, the Southwest Times newspaper and the Family Dollar Store. Jackie loved animals and donated to many animal charities during her life. She loved to cook and her family was especially fond of her ham and deviled eggs dish. Jackie did beautiful needlepoint work and her family cherishes a special needlepoint for Halloween that she created for them. Jackie loved her family - especially her grandchildren, Alex and Bubba, and cherished the time she spent with them watching them grow. Her favorite color was purple and that was the color of her favorite clothes.

Jackie was a woman of strong faith and loved the First Christian Church, of which she was a long-standing member. Her pastor, Maynard Powell, was a true friend and counseled her through many rough times in her life. Jackie loved her best friend, Jean Crabtree, and they had many good times together.

Jackie was preceded in death by her father, Oscar David King, her special Mother Mildred, and her husband James R. Talbert.

She is survived by her son, James R. Talbert, Jr. (Jimmy), her daughter in law, Crystal Leigh Renew Talbert, granddaughter Alexandria Dawn and grandson Timothy William. Also son Timothy Talbert (Angela), daughters Jennifer Sherman and Betty Silvas and granddaughters Krista Sherman and Melissa Carter.

Due to Covid-19 precautions, there will be no public service. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski. The family will receive friends from 1pm until 2 pm, with the celebration of life to begin at 2pm.

In keeping with CDC guidelines due to several high risk family members, masks are required for all attendance.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Jackie's memory.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



**DOLLY MARIE
MILLIRONS BANES**

Dolly Marie Millirons Banes, of Little Creek section of Pulaski County, died Friday, October 9, 2020 at Lewis Gale Hospital - Montgomery. She was born in Bland County on May 30, 1946, and was the daughter of the late Rosa Evelyn Millirons and Walter "Pug" Millirons. Dolly was a life-time member of Millirons United Methodist Church in Little Creek. One of her greatest enjoyment while attending church was the singing of old hymns. After finishing high school, on December 26, 1965, she married the love of her life, Ernest D. Banes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son: Ernest Gregory Banes: brothers; Vance Millirons and his wife Wilma, Thomas Millirons, Edgar Millirons.

She is survived by her husband; Ernest D. Banes of Little Creek; her daughter; Angela Banes Trail and her husband Wayne Trail, Jr. of Pulaski; grandchildren; Kyle Trail and his wife Maria, and Cole Trail; sister-in-law; Carolyn Millirons (Thomas) of Little Creek; sister; Delphine (Edgar) Banes of Little Creek; sister; Donnie (Thomas) Phipps of Little Creek: a special "daughter"; Beth Lyons McGee. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Seagle Funeral Home with the Rev. Linda Hale officiating. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Millirons Cemetery in Little Creek. The family would like to acknowledge and give thanks to all those who took care of her at Fresenius Dialysis Center in Radford, and a special thank you to Dr. Ferras Ghoshen. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

QUENTIN DALE FRANKLIN

Quentin Dale Franklin, 62, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at his home in Pulaski.

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



**DELOIS PORTER
EDWARDS**

Delois Porter Edwards, age 90 of Draper passed away Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born September 11, 1930 in Ivanhoe, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Robert Crockett Porter and Betty Catherine Burchett Porter. Her daughter, Rhonda Fox, sisters, Dorothy Lyons, Evelyn Foster, Naomi Burriss and brothers, Dolphus Porter and Marvin Porter also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her
Daughter
Vanessa Dobbins - Draper
Grandchildren
Aaron (Jennifer) Hall
Amber (Brian) Clark
Justin (Katrina) Dobbins
Steven Fox
Great Grandchildren
Andrew, Aiden, Landon, Brady, Ethan, Hailey and Gracie

Sisters
Loretta Stuart - Richmond
Yvonne Taylor - Salem

Graveside funeral services were held Monday, October 12, 2020 at the West End Cemetery, Wytheville, VA with grandson Pastor Aaron Hall officiating.

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

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

JOHN MARK THOMPSON

John Mark Thompson, 62 of Ripplemead, VA departed this life September 21, 2020 under the care of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born October 16, 1957 he was a son of the late Clyde and Nancy Cook Thompson.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Brandon Lee Thompson and Justin Scott Thompson; a grandson, Roland James Thompson; sister, Kathy Thompson of Pulaski, VA; and special friends, Lacy Talbert and Katherine Midkiff.

There was a veterans honor service held in his honor and memory for the service he gave to the United States of America as a Marine PFC on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, VA. Online condolences may be sent by visiting kendallfuneralhome.com.

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and one sister Bobbie Saul Ross.

Surviving are –

Wife – Nancy Saul, Pulaski, VA

Two brothers – Issac Webb Saul, Jr., Radford, VA

Tommy Saul, Dublin, VA

Two sisters – Sue Thorton, Radford, VA

Connie Smith, Wisconsin

Nephew – Wendell Smith & Wife Amy, Wisconsin

Two Sons – Daniel Ray Saul & Wife Kimberly, and sons Steven and Tyler, Pomona, CA

Billy Shawn Saul, Pulaski, VA

One Step-Son – Kevin Joseph Funk, Pulaski, VA

Two Daughters – Christy Saul Willis, Christiansburg, VA

Amanda Kelly Saul Hash, Woodlawn, VA

One Step-Daughter – Teena Alane Funk Lovern, Roanoke, VA

Grandsons – Tyler Saul, CA

Tyle Bordeaux, Christiansburg

One Other Grandson

Three Granddaughters – Emily Williams

Samantha Lovern

Tori Willis

Nieces and Nephews

One Son-In-Law – Bobby J. Hash, Woodlawn, VA

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 15th from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, Randolph Ave., Pulaski. Rev. Justin Phillips and Rev. Albert Carroll officiated. Special music was provided by family friend, Sandra Smith, Dublin. Special family friend, “Cuz” Randy Olverson, Radford.

Burial followed the service at the Appalachian Conference Campgrounds Cemetery, Dublin, VA.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

DEIRDRE F. BROOKNER

Deirdre F. Brookner, 58 of Traphill, North Carolina died Friday, October 9, 2020 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center with her family by her side. She was born August 23, 1962. Her parents Earl Clyde Faulkner, Janet Francis Faulkner preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Brookner; one daughter, Jessica Worrell and husband, Leslie Worrell, Jr. of Draper, Va.; one sister, Beth Faulkner Roark and husband Dean Roark of Millers Creek, NC.; three grandchildren, Justin Worrell, Chance Worrell and Remy Worrell. Three nieces, Jennifer Hale Pruitt and husband David Pruitt ; Heather Roark Powell and husband Nick Powell; Jessica Roark Bryant and husband Scott Bryant, all of Millers Creek, NC. One nephew Jeremy Hale of Millers Creek NC. Four great nieces, Lauren and Madelyn “Maddie” Pruitt, Jaelynn Hall, Kaylee Bryant. Four great nephews, Seth Hale, Noah and Preston Powell, and Riley Bryant.

Her family will hold a special service to celebrate her life at a later date.

MRS. MARY L. MCKINNEY

Mrs. Mary L. McKinney, age 90, of the Locust Hill Community of Max Meadows, VA passed away peacefully at home with her family on Sunday, October 11, 2020. She was born September 19, 1930 in Wythe County, daughter of the late Aaron J. Peake, Sr. and Fannie M. Mills. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred H. McKinney, beloved son, Michael L. Lefler, six

brothers and five sisters.

She was a lifelong member of Locust Hill United Methodist Church. She was a kind, caring and loving person. Friendly and outgoing, she made many friends and acquaintances throughout her life. She was a wonderful cook and avid quilter. She made many delicious meals and treats and beautiful quilted works of art for her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Donna L. Clark of Max Meadows, son, Marty McK-inney of Max Meadows, brother and sister-in-law, A.J. and Snowdeer Peake of Pulaski, VA, granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Ashley and Roger Funk of Dublin, VA, great granddaughter and great grandson-in-law, Erica and Chuck Phillips of Dublin, four beautiful great-great grandsons, Christian, Alex, Michael and John, two special nephews, Ernie and Rachel Peake of Lebanon, TN and Dane Peake of Roanoke, VA, many special nieces and nephews, two very close and special nieces, Juanita Stroupe of Wytheville and Matilda Astin of Wytheville.

Please join us in a Celebration of Life service at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski, VA conducted by the Reverend Rick Lindamood of Wytheville.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.highlandfuneralservice.com

Barnett Funeral Home, Wytheville, VA is serving the McKinney family.



DANNY WAYNE EDWARDS

Danny Wayne Edwards passed away peacefully at his home Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020 after a long battle with cancer.

He was the son of Louise and Jack Edwards, who predeceased him. Also, a brother, Sammy Edwards.

He is survived by a sister, Vanessa Overton, Pulaski.

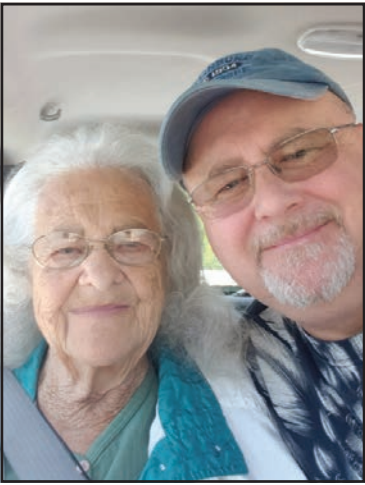
By Danny’s request, he will be cremated.

Bower Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

PULSE

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.



FRANCES ELLEN ROGERS KIDD

Frances Ellen Rogers Kidd, age 86 of Pulaski, died Friday afternoon, September 25, 2020 at her residence. She was born on May 21, 1934 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Ruby Chrisley Rogers and Detroit M. Rogers. She attended Brush Arbor Church, was a long-time member of the New River Valley Rescue Squad, alongside her husband and her son. She also retired with 20 plus years of employment with Jefferson Mills.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Harold Monroe Kidd: daughters; Mary Draper and Debbie Donez. She is survived by her children: H.M. (Tammy) Kidd of Pulaski, Michael (Karen) Malone of Pulaski, James Malone of West Virginia, Jerry Mullins of Draper, and Brenda (Kelby) Gray of Pulaski: brothers; Graham Rogers of Max Meadows, Cecil (Linda) Rogers of Max Meadows, James Rogers of Richmond: sisters; Nancy (Edward) Davis of Max Meadows, and Velma Sue Coffee of Max Meadows. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and 51 great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service WILL BE HELD Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. The family will be receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

Pulaski County native trooper earns top award

SALEM — A Wytheville Division, Area 26 Virginia State Police Sergeant was among the 22 award winners recognized during the annual Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety (YOVASO) Awards Ceremony held Tuesday night, September 29, for the first time virtually via Facebook Live.

Sgt. Troy Dalton received YOVASO’s Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award in recognition of his exemplary efforts and programs to encourage traffic safety among youth in the Wytheville area and across the commonwealth; particularly for taking the lead in starting a Distracted Driving Simulator Program for his region of the state.

YOVASO Awards Ceremony was made possible by a grant from State Farm and other private donations. Dave White, insurance agent with State Farm in Halifax Co. joined YOVASO with honoring the schools, students, teachers, and law enforcement from across Virginia who demonstrated exemplary efforts during the 2019-2020 school year to encourage safe driving and passenger safety among teenagers.

•Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Sgt. Troy H. Dalton, Virginia State Police In recognition of a law enforcement officer’s exemplary efforts and programs to encourage traffic safety among youth in the community, region, and/ or state.

“It is important to recognize our students, schools, youth groups, and law enforcement for helping to save lives on Virginia’s highways,” said Mary King, YOVASO Program Manager. “Peer-to-peer programs are key to changing behavior and influencing safe drivers. We are proud and thankful for everyone’s dedication and hard



Sgt. Troy H. Dalton

work this past year to promote youth traffic safety.”

YOVASO is Virginia’s peer-to-peer education and leadership program for teen driver and passenger safety. YOVASO is a program of the Virginia State Police and is funded by a grant from the Virginia DMV. Membership in YOVASO is free and open to all Virginia high schools, middle schools, and youth groups. YOVASO currently has 78 active member schools.

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A graduate of Radford University and a former volunteer at the Community Health Center, Dr. Pennington has moved back home with his wife Leigh and new son Corbin. Josh enjoys hunting, fishing, backpacking, and playing the guitar.

Welcome home, Dr. Pennington!

Josh Pennington, DMD

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Keep the Electoral College

In presidential election years, we debate the issues our country faces. Increasingly, the way our country chooses the president has become an issue up for debate.

The Electoral College was the mechanism decided upon in the Constitution to elect the chief executive. It gives each state a vote for president and vice president equal to its combined number of U.S. senators and representatives (as well as three votes to the District of Columbia granted by the 23rd Amendment).

Generally, the presidential ticket that wins the statewide popular vote receives the entirety of a state's electoral votes. Maine and Nebraska allocate votes to candidates who win individual congressional districts.

On a few occasions, a presidential ticket has lost the



nationwide popular vote and still won in the Electoral College and thus the election. As a result, some argue that the Electoral College should be tossed aside.

I believe the reasons the framers created the Electoral College are still sound and call for it to be maintained.

One of the divides the young United States confronted was between large and small states, and bridging it was a persistent theme of the Constitutional Convention. States like South Carolina, Delaware, and New Jersey, which were less populated, feared the Union would be dominated by the more populated states of New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

This is displayed in the structure of Congress, with House of Representatives membership established by population and Senate membership guaranteed equally between states at two senators apiece.

The Electoral College also balances the interests of larger and smaller states. Since larger states have more representatives, they carry more weight in the presidential vote, but smaller states have enough weight that presidential candidates cannot afford to overlook them.

Compromises such as the Electoral College created the glue that bound the Union together. Without this constitutional compromise, the United States may never have united at all. Foreign powers then could have picked off individual "states" or parts of the continent piecemeal, leaving whatever independent "states" that remained weak and divided. We would likely not have become the prosperous superpower that has no equal in world history.

Getting rid of the Electoral College today would greatly weaken the bonds of the Union.

If the popular vote became the basis for electing presidents, less populated areas of the country would likely not see candidates at all nor feel represented by them once elected. A few urban areas, chiefly in the Northeast and California, would decide everything. Rural areas and even smaller cities would be ignored.

Because the office of the president has become even more powerful than anticipated at the time of the constitutional compromise, those areas which felt ignored likely would rethink their commitment to the Union.

Critics of the Electoral College believe simply electing a president by popular vote is most important. They cite the occasions when the electoral vote winner diverged from the popular vote winner, but they overlook the fact that the Electoral College has often actually amplified a president's authority to lead the country.

Among the presidents who failed to collect a popular vote majority in one of their campaigns were Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and John F. Kennedy in 1960. Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, and Bill Clinton each won two terms without obtaining a popular vote majority either time. Victories in the Electoral College gave these presidents their mandates to govern.

Electoral College opponents also criticize our system as being one of a kind. They note that no other country picks its leader in the same way.

But the facts are that each country has its own traditions, interests, and values. Ours are served by the Electoral College. Those of other democracies have led them to their own systems, many of which do not elect their leaders by popular vote.

For example, Britain's prime minister takes office as the leader of the party with the most support in the House of Commons. In recent years, some prime ministers have held the position for years only after winning the party leadership, not a general election with themselves as party leader, or having the largest share of parliamentary supporters but not a majority.

In many democracies, such as Germany, no party has a majority and a coalition of parties rules through backroom deals.

In Norway, although the Labour Party has more seats than any other single party, a coalition led by the Conservative Party and the Progress Party currently leads the country.

The Electoral College serves important constitutional purposes. Schemes to eliminate it fail to account for our system, which provides both for majority rule and minority rights. This balance remains essential to preserving our Union.

Our Foundation

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

- Ronald Reagan

There's a new face in town ... rather, in Washington, D.C. ... and while the liberals want to ride her out of town on a rail, the conservatives want her to become a permanent fixture. I'm referring to Amy Coney Barrett who has been hand-picked by President Donald J. Trump to be seated as the next U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Barrett graduated from Notre Dame Law School, clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia and later returned to Notre Dame as a tenured faculty member; where she received the Distinguished Professor of the Year award three times.

Besides the fact that their arch nemesis President Trump nominated her, the liberals seem to have one little problem with this choice. You see, Amy Coney Barrett is too Christian for their taste. As a charismatic Catholic, she is happily married, obviously pro-life with seven

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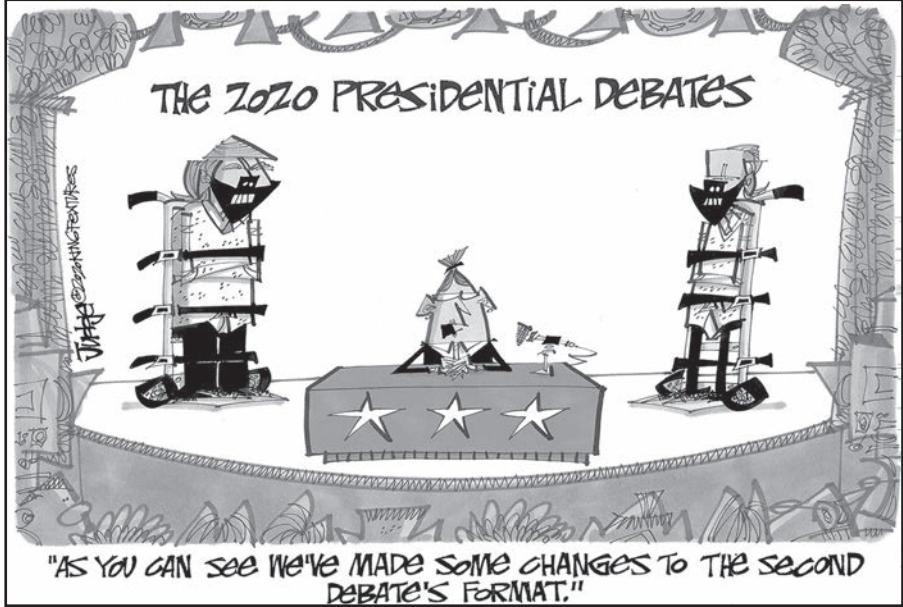
By Danielle Reid

children (5 biological and 2 adopted) and upholds Biblical values as a way of life.

You would think reasonable people would be ecstatic that someone with strong moral values wants to serve in government; but no! Not these liberals. In Barrett's 2017 confirmation hearing for the 7th Court of Appeals, California D-Senator Dianne Feinstein commented, "You have a long history of believing your religious beliefs should prevail...and the dogma lives loudly within you."

It's strange that someone serving in the U.S. Congress wouldn't know that this "dogma" also known as the

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Progressive trick is no treat

By Cal Thomas,
Tribune Content Agency

Halloween, like so much else, will be different this year from previous years, but it also offers an analogy that can be applied to the current presidential campaign.

The purpose of Halloween masks is to hide the identity of the person wearing them. They are also supposed to be scary. Inversely, as I see it, the purpose of the "masks" being worn by Joe Biden and Kamala Harris is to soothe those who see and listen to them and hide the scary faces beneath.

Politico reported last week that "progressives" (that is, the far left) have put together an agenda they hope to use to pull a President Biden in their direction. These include members of the House of Representatives, known as "The Squad," and groups such as Black Lives Matter, whose co-founder described herself and fellow organizers as "trained Marxists," as well as labor leaders, and other far-left organizations.

They are calling it the "People's Charter" and if that sounds a little like titles favored by communist dictators you would not be far off. Think of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as two of several examples.

Some conservatives believe Biden is a tool of the left and this charter adds evidence to that claim. Biden has no fixed positions, having flipped on numerous issues he once claimed were his principles, such as federal funding of abortions, which he opposed for decades, but now favors.

He refuses to say until after the election whether he would favor packing the Supreme Court or whether he would advocate for adding Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., as the 51st and 52nd states, along with four likely Democratic senators, solidifying a permanent Democrat majority and rendering the two-party system dead.

It's the familiar agenda we have heard for years, but with a lot more that should scare everyone. It includes more free stuff -- medical care, college tuition, forgiveness of student debt. The evil

rich will pay for it all, which is impossible at this level of spending.

Democrats style it as Americans caring for each other, but it is really the imposition of government "caring" for us. It would addict even more to government and thus the politicians and activists who run it. Freedom and liberty would be lost as taxes and spending increase and new regulations are imposed on guns and virtually everything else we are used to doing on our own without government intrusion.

Am I exaggerating? Read for yourself the Working Families Party's People's Charter. While you're at it, also peruse the Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations, which reads like it could have come from the Soviet Union, where Sanders and his wife took their honeymoon.

When asked about charges that he is a socialist, Biden likes to respond, "Do I look like a socialist?" As with many of his statements the remark is meaningless. What does a socialist look like? Better to look at those who lust for power behind a potential Biden presidency.

History is full of incidents of what is referred to as "the power behind the throne." For English literature students like me, a re-visit to William Shakespeare's play "Macbeth" depicts the plotting of Lady Macbeth to gain power over her husband. It is a scenario familiar to many countries and cultures.

The "progressives" inside and outside the Democratic Party have revealed their real agenda. It is a seductive one because many people will trade their freedoms in exchange for government promising to take care of them. In the end, though, such people will find they have been tricked when they thought they were being given treats. This is how dictators often rise to power. Read history.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor,
National Review

They've got nothing on Judge Amy Barrett

The Supreme Court fight of the century is, so far, a fizzle.

The ratio of progressive outrage over the nomination of federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett to supposed reasons that the U.S. Senate shouldn't confirm her is completely out of whack -- there's a surfeit of the former and almost none of the latter.

Barrett has received extraordinary testimonials from her colleagues and students, who say she is brilliant, conscientious and kind. The opposition has countered with a dog's breakfast of nonsense, including that her confirmation hearing can't be held in the middle of a pandemic -- when the Senate has continued its business since the pandemic began.

Upon her selection, media outlets ran a spate of stories about her reported membership in a Catholic group called People of Praise, linking the group to the dystopian novel "The Handmaid's Tale."

What Barrett's life and career have to do with the imagined misogynistic world of the novel was never clear -- she's a mother of seven who has ascended to the very top of her profession with the help of a supportive husband.

Barrett's social conservatism has been another line of attack. Her critics have fastened on the fact that she signed a statement in 2006 declaring her opposition to abortion. It's not news that Barrett is pro-life, nor should it be disqualifying unless progressives believe that anyone with a view counter to theirs on a hotly contested moral issue should be, on principle, excluded from the highest court.

It is not true, as has been widely reported, that Barrett said in that same statement that Roe v. Wade should be overturned (Barrett had nothing to do with an ad denouncing Roe that ran adjacent to the statement).

The group that organized the anti-abortion statement also opposes IVF, as commonly practiced, leading Democrats to conclude that Barrett does, too. Regardless, the Supreme Court obviously doesn't police the nation's fertility clinics.

Barrett has also been portrayed as a threat to Obamacare, given that the court will hear an anti-Obamacare lawsuit shortly after the election. But the merits of the suit are so weak, it conceivably could lose 9-0.

It is alleged that Barrett would take a sledgehammer to precedent, but she wrote in a 2013 law review article that the Court's traditional approach to stare decisis "promotes doctrinal stability while still accommodating pluralism on the Court."

Since progressives haven't gotten traction with any substantive arguments against Barrett, they've been relying on dubious process arguments. Not only is it wrong, they charge, to confirm a justice so close to an election, it's a public health danger to do so now when three Republican senators have tested positive. As a headline in the online magazine Slate put it, "The GOP will still seat

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Community Foundation issues call for scholarship applications

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) is pleased to announce its annual call for scholarship applications, which opened October 1, 2020.

High school students, college students, and adults returning to college in the New River Valley (NRV) can review over 40 available scholarship opportunities and apply at <https://cfnrv.org/scholarships/applicants-information>.

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Christian faith, has been the foundation of our nation’s laws for hundreds of years. From the founding of Jamestown in 1607 and the signing of the Mayflower Compact, going forward, the evidence that this nation was built upon Judeo-Christian principles is overwhelming.

Here are just a few pieces of overwhelming evidence of our country’s Christian foundations, as documented in our nation’s history:

Read what America’s first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, had to say: “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest, of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

The Mayflower Compact was fairly brief: “In the Name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten...having undertaken, for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and Honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the First Colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these present solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one another, Covenant and Combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices...for the general good of the Colony...”

General George Washington in his personal prayer book reflected his love and devotion to Jesus Christ. He would encourage his men to fear God and practice Christian virtues: “To the distinguished character of a Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of a Christian.”

On July 4, 1821 President John Adams gave a rousing speech in which he stated, “The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”

The original constitutions of every one of our fifty states includes a reference to God or Almighty God or divine guidance and indicates that the reverence of the Creator God is an integral part of the fabric of this nation. For instance, here is the Preamble for the constitution of California —“We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its blessings, do establish this Constitution.”

Delaware’s state Charter of 1701 declares: “Almighty God

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Amy Coney Barrett because entrenching minority rule is more important than human life.”

This is laughable. First, it’s a long-standing norm that when the president and the Senate majority are of the same party, Supreme Court nominees get confirmed in an election year. Second, the Senate Judiciary has already been holding hybrid in-person and virtual hearings all year. There’s no reason it can’t do the same with Barrett.

At this rate, the Barrett confirmation is going to be the epic battle that wasn’t.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

tion/. Applications are due by February 1, 2021, and recipients will be announced in April of 2021.

Established in 2002, the program aims to support the educational aspirations of students so that they can achieve their full potential, to nurture a skilled workforce in the region, and to cultivate future community leaders. It has grown steadily over the past 18 years, awarding over \$729,000

being the only Lord of Conscience, Father of Lights and Spirits; and the Author as well as object of all divine Knowledge, Faith, and Worship, who only doth enlighten the Minds, and persuade and convenience the Understandings of People . . . And that all persons who also profess to believe in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, shall be capable . . . to serve this government in any capacity, both legislatively and executively . . . ”

In the original Harvard University Student Handbook, rule number one was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the Scriptures: “Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies, is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life (John 17:3); and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation for our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.

The McGuffey Reader was used to teach school children how to read and write by utilizing Biblical scripture for the lessons. Here is what McGuffey had to say about his faith: “The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our nation, on the character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrine are founded the peculiarities of our free Institutions. From no source has the author drawn more conspicuously than from the sacred Scriptures.”

Noah Webster, the author of the Webster Dictionary, also wrote books that were used in the public elementary schools. His Elementary Spelling Book, also known as the Blue Back Speller, contained many scriptures. His goal was to provide a uniquely American, Christ-centered approach to training children. “No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.”

Notre Dame’s president, The Rev. John I. Jenkins after hearing Feinstein’s 2017 comments implored the senators to “respect those in whom the ‘dogma lives loudly’ – which is a condition we call faith. For the attempt to live such faith while one respects the legal system should command respect, not evoke concern.”

As the Bible declares in Isaiah 1:18, “come, let us reason together...” and consider the overwhelming evidence that America was indeed founded on Christian principles.

to 690 students from over 40 endowed scholarship funds. Individuals, families, and NRV businesses establish the funds, which the CFNRV invests for long-term growth. The CFNRV also manages the application process. Each scholarship fund has its own unique criteria, meeting the unique interests of the donor and ensuring that there is an opportunity for students of all kinds

to earn a scholarship.

The COVID-19 pandemic prevented donors, recipients, and their families from gathering at the Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, but many recipients and donors alike expressed their gratitude for scholarships in such an uncertain time. Tracey Linkous established the Living4Bri Scholarship in 2019 following the loss of her daughter,

Brianna, “We are so pleased to be growing our Living4Bri Scholarship Memorial with the Community Foundation. With the help of the Foundation we are able to offer opportunities to Christiansburg High School graduates pursuing a future in nursing. We have created a legacy for our daughter and are able to participate in the future education of those in our community.”

FALL HARVEST SALE

at Shiloh Christian Church

Saturday, Oct. 17

Breakfast, Baked Goods and Applebutter

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pulaski County Christmas Store

2020 Application Process

All applications and/or wish list forms must be submitted by October 31, 2020. No applications or wish list forms will be accepted after this date.

The Pulaski County Christmas Store (PCCS) will operate differently due to the pandemic. Eligible parents and guardians will provide a wish list, and PCCS will work to provide these wishes. There will not be a shopping experience this year. Instead, parents will pick up gifts at PCCS, 5th Street, Dublin, VA, at designated times.

Applications and Wish Lists will be available:

On website (www.pulaskicountychristmasstore.com)

Pulaski County Library

Pulaski County Department of Social Services

Note: If you received assistance from the Pulaski County Christmas Store last year (2019), you will only need to complete and submit a wish list form. You do not need to submit a new application.

Completed applications, wish lists, and copies of documentation must be submitted by October 31, 2020, by one of the following methods:

Mail to Pulaski County Christmas Store, P. O. Box 2227, Pulaski, VA 24301

Email to pulaskiccs2020@gmail.com

Place in drop box at Martin’s Pharmacy, 400 N Washington Ave., Pulaski, VA 24301

You will be notified if your family is eligible for assistance from PCCS by email or phone. All applications must include a valid email address and/or telephone number. Please be sure to indicate your preference (email or phone) on your application. This will be the only way that we will be able to contact you.

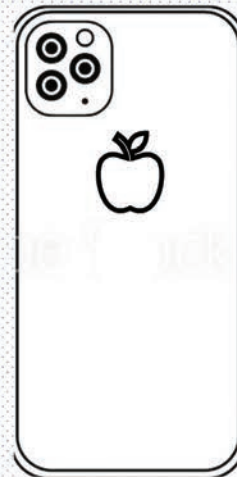
You and your family must be residents of Pulaski County. The age range for children eligible for services through PCCS is birth through 18 years if in high school. Only one application is accepted per household. More than one family in the same household counts as one application. Bikes and electronics will not be provided by PCCS. In addition, if you apply for Christmas assistance with the Salvation Army or some other organization, you will not be eligible for assistance from PCCS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR GRANDPARENTS

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have grandparent's day this year. However, grandparents who have legal physical custody of their grandchildren may apply for assistance.

Questions? Leave a message at 540-553-1309

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A beautiful fall day was the perfect setting for Wednesday's grand opening ceremony at Pulaski County Middle School.
Mike Williams/The Patriot

School

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nation, vision and hard work of our director of operations, Jess Shull," Siers said. "Jess brought several years of experience in middle school construction to Pulaski County and we are very fortunate to have had his expertise, experience and leadership throughout this process."

Siers recognized two special guests for the ceremony.

"Pulaski County Middle School is not a recent development. Conversations began as soon as Pulaski County High School was completed when Ken Dobson was superintendent. Representing the beginning of this conversation today is Mrs. Sue Dobson and former Assistant Superintendent Eddie Cruise."

Siers also recognized a group of citizens who led the way in getting a bond referendum passed in the county that paved the way for the school's construction.

Siers recognized "The hard work and effort put in by the parents, grandparents, educators and community members who made up the Pulaski County Citizens for Education. There were many players in bringing PCMS to fruition, but everyone knows that without this group we'd probably just be celebrating the fact that we made it through another year without a wall or a roof caving in at our old buildings, instead of opening a brand new 'nothing like it in Virginia phenomenal new middle school.' These folks worked tirelessly to advertise, advocate, and coordinate numerous community events about why a new middle school was needed, and answer questions on how it would impact our community. All their efforts were rewarded when on Nov. 7, 2017 citizens of Pulaski County voted with a two-thirds majority to fund the construction of PCMS."

Siers said the completion of



Portraits of Joe Reed (left) and Cpl. Lewis Kenneth Bausell were on display outside the school.



School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers welcomes everyone to Wednesday's event to open Pulaski County Middle School

Pulaski County Middle School is a highpoint of his career.

"Being involved in this has definitely been one of the highlights of my career and I am

thankful for everyone who helped assist and guide the process along the way."

"It is highly probable that Pulaski County Middle School will

be in use long after most of us here today are gone – either to our Heavenly reward or a retirement home in Tampa," he said.

"It bears noting that we attempted to create a school that is solid in every way, but flexible enough to change with the times as public education evolves. I sincerely hope that you agree that we were successful in our mission as PCMS is a facility unlike any other in our region," Siers concluded.

School board chairman Tim Hurst said, "If I could sing, I

would sing. If I could dance, I would dance."

Hurst told the large crowd assembled outside the school, "It is fitting that Mrs. Dobson and Eddie Cruise are with us today as this was the longtime vision of Mr. Dobson. The conversation about a consolidated new middle school began about 40 years ago in the late 70's and early 80's."

"That was a very difficult economic period of high interest rates and high inflation. So, the conversation about a new middle school and Mr. Dobson's dream got put on hold, and it got backed up even more when Mr. Dobson retired."

"About seven or eight years ago the conversation started back up again, however, with former school board members – Jeff Bain, Joe Guthrie, Linda Hill and Mike Barbour – and our previous superintendent, Tom Brewster," Hurst said.

Hurst noted that, according to the state Department of Education, the average life of a school building is about 50 years.

"If you get 50 years out of a school, you're very fortunate. Pulaski Middle School served this county – or old Pulaski High School for you Orioles out there – for nearly 100 years. Dublin Middle School – or for those of us who were Dukes at Dublin High School – served our county for 70 years. So, we got about 170 years of use out of those two schools. I think we did okay," said Hurst.

Hurst spoke of all the meetings that were held in developing the new middle school.

"Meetings, after meetings after meetings. And as Dr. Siers mentioned earlier, some of them became rather contentious at times. He was being very kind," Hurst said. "However, that comes along with the territory. That's part of it. Part of public service. At each meeting some would speak in favor of the new middle school, some would speak against the new middle school. And all had legitimate concerns."

Hurst said there was one comment he heard back then that bothered him more than any other.

"The one comment that bothered me the most was, 'It was good enough for me,' speaking of our old schools," Hurst said.

"I'm so thankful that when Volvo decided to expand their

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When your pharmacist makes a change, don't you think you should as well?



Ashley Williams



Doug Futrell

Coming to Serve Dublin in 2020



Competition heats up for pumpkin carving contest

From Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce

Halloween looks a little different this year. With the creativity and spirit of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, trick-or-treating embraces 2020 with a Drive-Thru Trick or Treat experience. The event will be DJ'ed by 107.1 WPSK's Curtis in the Morning and also includes the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.

"Like last year, the Pumpkin Carving Contest will be a lot of fun and just a good-spirited time," said Anthony Akers, Assistant County Administrator. "This will be a safe, exciting Halloween night filled with a little friendly competition."

The 2020 Pumpkin Carving Contest includes five local competitors, including 2019's reigning champion, Dublin Town Manager Tye Kirkner.

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facilities in Pulaski County and create new jobs for our residents, that they didn't say 'what we had is good enough.' Or that people like David Hagan didn't say when he invested so much into Pulaski County that Montgomery County was good enough. And when I drive around our county and see banners hanging off telephone poles that say 'Pulaski County Is outdoor adventures or Pulaski County Is advanced manufacturing or Pulaski County Is live music' – all great things that define Pulaski County – I'm so thankful for those. But I'm even more thankful that not one of those banners says that 'Pulaski County is good enough.'

"I hope for our county and schools that our standards and goals will never be good enough. That we will always strive to be better," Hurst said.

He recalled that ground was broken for PCMS on July 21, 2018, then the rains came.

"Where you're standing or sitting today was a big mud hole," Hurst said.

Then the arrival in the spring of this year of COVID-19 provided another construction delay.

"But through all the things we went through and the adversity we went through, here we are today. And we're on budget," Hurst exclaimed.

The last reported cost for the school was \$46,888,376.

So, what does PCMS mean to Pulaski County?

"Most importantly it is a more positive and productive learning environment for our students," said Hurst. "Gone are the days of 85-degree classrooms with very little breeze blowing and teachers trying to teach over the sound of two or three fans in the classroom. Kids are attending today one of the safest, most secure schools in all of the state of Virginia here at PCMS."

"Increased offerings are what it means for our students," Hurst continued. "Like robotics, drama – programs that are complimented by programs at the high school like cyber security and drama that are second to nobody in the state of Virginia. What a wonderful message this sends to not only families of Pulaski County,

"The trophy is coming home to Dublin again this year," Kirkner said. This year's competition also features a new competing carver.

"It's my first time taking part in this competition," said Laura Walters, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. "I'm just excited to be a part of the pumpkin carving, but I have the feeling that Pulaski is definitely going to win this year."

Pulaski love and passion runs deep when it comes to earning the Pumpkin Carving Champion title. With the goal of creating an exciting, fun and thrilling event for the community, talk among pumpkin carvers spices up.

"Competition? My fellow pumpkin carvers are extremely skilled, but when it comes to competition I don't have any," said Jonathan Sweet, Pulaski County Administrator. "This will be a fair contest, but I do need to keep my eye out for Kirkner and

the Fudge Lady."

Besides a little spirit and smack talk, competitors plan to bring strategy and lessons learned to the carving face-off.

"Last year, I showed up with my little pocket knife, and to be completely honest, I had never carved a pumpkin before," Akers said. "Everyone else showed up with fully-packed suitcases of supplies. I was still proud of myself and my pumpkin, but this year, watch out - I'm coming prepared."

Whether its supplies or strategy, the most important quality each competitor possesses is spunk and confidence.

"The Blue Ridge Fudge Lady has got game. My competition better watch out," said Robin Burdette, The Blue Ridge Fudge Lady.

Drive-Thru Trick or Treat is from 3-7pm on October 31 at Randolph Park, and pumpkin

carving occurs at the beginning of the event. Drive-Thru visitors can vote for their favorite pumpkin on Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

"I love the Chamber. I love Pulaski County. I love this community, and, believe it or not, I also love my competition," Sweet said.

Want to see who takes the crown? Come out to the Halloween Drive-Thru Trick or Treat and see!



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Closing the event was a four-stage ribbon cutting, with student, parent, faculty, and staff representatives cutting alternating cardinal and gold ribbons, followed by the school board members, along with former member Mike Barbour cutting the final ribbon.

After the event, all in attendance were allowed to tour the new school.

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Radford's Craft & Draft Handmade Market goes virtual

Craft & Draft, a beloved annual Radford festival will be back this year with a new look. Locally made jewelry, pottery, clothing, letterpress and woodworking are just some of the featured items that will be available this year as the event moves online.

From October 22-25, 2020 hand-made items will be featured on www.CraftandDraftVA.com. Website visitors can shop from the featured local artists and makers any time during those dates-all from the comfort of their own home!

Now in its sixth year, Craft and Draft is known for its large array of handcrafted artisans, makers and crafters, live music, festival food and a selection of craft beer on tap. Event organizer MountainTrotter Arts, made the decision to put the in-person event on hold due to current pandemic conditions but instead will host a new Virtual Market version of the popular festival.

"MountainTrotter Arts wants to continue to provide outlets for artisans in a variety of ways. We know things look a little different this year, but our organization is adapting and discovering new ways to bring the arts to our community and to continue to support artisans and crafters," says MountainTrotter Arts Executive Director Lauri Murphy. She continues, "Handcrafted artisans, small businesses, performing artists are part of our backbone - and we need to continue to support them, even if we can't do it in person this year."

Craft and Draft Virtual Market will feature a variety of modern and indie artists, crafters, and makers all on one central website, www.craftanddraftva.com. From Craft and Draft's website, patrons can browse vendors, acquire discount codes, and shop directly with the artists. Visitors can also discover and listen to local bands and musicians that were scheduled to perform if the event were held in person. Artists from the original lineup, Gate 10, a large bluegrass group out of the NRV, and Jo Jo Stockton, a blues guitarist & singer from Roanoke will be featured on the website.

Radford Info & Welcome Center (VisitRadford.com) has partnered with MountainTrotter Arts & Craft and Draft Virtual Market and will provide online visitors with highlights of Radford's craft beer scene including beer pairings and recommendations from local restaurants and pubs.

Craft & Draft Virtual Market links can be found on Facebook and Instagram and with the hashtag #CraftandDraft2020. To discover more information about MountainTrotter Arts and its array of local events, please visit www.mountaintrotterarts.com.

Craft and Draft will return to Glencoe Mansion Museum and Gallery in Fall of 2021.

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Commonwealth of Virginia SAMPLE BALLOT County of Pulaski General and Special Elections Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Instructions

To vote for a candidate, use a black ballpoint pen to fill in the oval next to the name.

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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**

☐ **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?

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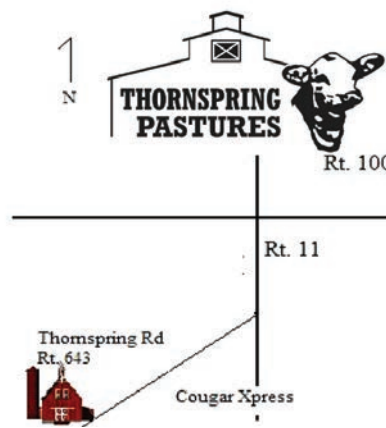


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Hokies, BC renew old rivalry

By HANK KURZ Jr.
AP Sports Writer

Virginia Tech coach Justin Fuente and the No. 23 Hokies have battled two opponents each time they have taken the field: the other team and COVID-19.

It's unclear how many players the Hokies will be missing due to coronavirus-related issues when they face Boston College (3-1, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) on Saturday night, but nearly 20 have sidelined each week over the first three games.

They were first missing 23, then 21 and the last time out 15, and the decrease in the numbers hasn't necessarily meant things have gotten easier for the Hokies (2-1, 2-1).

"The last two weeks, it's been really concentrated in places that were already thin to begin with," Fuente said. "That's had a pretty adverse effect on us."

A depleted defensive backfield created issues in a 56-45 loss at No. 5 North Carolina last Saturday, but not necessarily where one might expect. Virginia Tech gave up 257 yards and three touchdowns through the air, but also 399 yards and five touchdowns on the ground.

The Tar Heels averaged 9.3 yards per carry, including a 62-yard run by Michael Carter with 8:49 to play that essentially put the game out of reach at 56-37. The run also represents more yardage than the Eagles have averaged on the ground per game (60.2 yards).

Boston College's Phil Jurkovec has fueled the Eagles' offense. He is averaging more than 295 passing yards with eight touchdowns and two interceptions.

Defensive lineman Emmanuel Belmar said the Hokies' front look forward to the chance to put pressure on Jurkovec, "but you know, going off of last week, what we gave up, they might come out running the ball, so we've got to be prepared for both," he said.

On defense, Eagles coach Jeff Hafley knows where his team's priorities are this week. The Hokies have gotten starting quarterback Hendon Hooker back after a COVID-19 quarantine kept him out, only enhancing a rushing attack led by graduate transfer Khalil Herbert. He averages 149.7 yards, the Hokies 299.3, both ACC highs.

"The number one thing with our defense every week is stop-



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Hendon Hooker gets the start this week at QB for Virginia Tech.

ping the run because if we can't stop the run, we have no chance," the Eagles' first-year coach said. "We'll continue to do so. It is one of the best rushing attacks in college football. I mean, 300 yards is crazy. We have to prepare and strap our shoulder pads on a little bit tighter and go to work."

Some other things to watch when Boston College visits Virginia Tech:

WHO PLAYS?

With the ACC testing teams three times a week -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday -- Fuente won't know until Friday night at the earliest who he'll have to do without. He is likely to have Hooker, his dual-threat quarterback who has been playing himself into shape.

PASSING FANCY

If the Eagles continue to try to move the ball through the air against a depleted Hokies' secondary, it could be a big day for Zay Flowers. After totaling just 22 receptions for 341 yards in 13 games in 2019, the sophomore already has 21 catches for 405 yards and four touchdowns in 2020.

KHALIL FACTOR

Herbert has been a revelation for the Hokies. Besides his ACC-best rushing average, he's tied for second with five touchdowns, sec-

ond in kickoff return average at 34.9 and tops in all-purpose yards 246.3. Don't expect fatigue slow down Herbert, who said: "I'm just relishing every opportunity."

UNDER PRESSURE

Last week's showing left Virginia Tech last, or near the bottom, in most defensive categories among ACC teams, but they are fourth in sacks with 14 through three games. Sacks can lead to fumbles, or rushed passes that get intercepted, and that could be a

problem for the Eagles, who are 13th in the ACC, allowing four sacks per game.

OLD RIVALS

The teams have met every year since both became ACC members, with streaky results. Virginia Tech holds a 10-7 lead over Boston College as ACC rivals, but BC has won the last two meetings, including 31-21 two years ago at Lane Stadium. The Hokies are just 7-5 against BC at Lane Stadium.

Match Up

Boston College (3-1, 2-1 ACC) at No. 23 Virginia Tech (2-1, 2-1), Saturday at 8 p.m. (ACC Network).

Line: Virginia Tech by 12.

Series record: Virginia Tech leads 18-10.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

The Hokies are looking to bounce back from a defensive disaster at No. 5 North Carolina in which they gave up 399 rushing yards, 656 yards overall and lost 56-45. Boston College is trying to continue a surprising start under first-year coach Jeff Hafley.

KEY MATCHUP

Boston College quarterback Phil Jurkovec against Virginia Tech's pass defense. Hokies coach Justin Fuente said a secondary depleted by 15 players being unavailable because of coronavirus-related issues left them vulnerable, and exhausted. How many return, and their conditioning level after being sidelined, could play a big role in whether Jurkovec can continue his ACC-best average of throwing for nearly 300 yards and two TDs per game.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

BC: WR Zay Flowers. He's not the Eagles' leading receiver, but their most productive with four touchdown grabs already among his 21 catches for 405 yards, seventh nationally.

Virginia Tech: RB Khalil Herbert. A graduate transfer from Kansas, he leads the ACC in rushing (149.7 ypg) and all-purpose yards (246.3) and already has an 83-yard kickoff return. He could become harder to focus on with dual-threat QB Hendon Hooker working his way back into shape after missing appreciable time in quarantine.

FACTS & FIGURES

The Eagles have won two straight against the Hokies, including a 31-21 victory at Lane Stadium, where they are 5-7 since both joined the ACC in 2004. ... Jurkovec has three 300-yard games and his 1,181 yards and eight TDs through four games are the most by a BC quarterback in his first four games. ... Hafley, the co-defensive coordinator at Ohio State last season, saw his team force five turnovers in his first game, a 26-6 victory at Duke. ... The undermanned Hokies trailed 21-0 at UNC, but closed to within 42-37 before running out of steam. ... The Hokies rank third among Power Five teams with an average of 42.7 ppg.

Eight drivers remain in playoff hunt

From NASCAR

Just eight drivers remain in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs as the series heads to Kansas Speedway for the first race of the Round of 8, the Hollywood Casino 400, this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. ET on NBC, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Those eight and their points so far are:

- 1-Kevin Harvick 4,067
- 2-Denny Hamlin 4,054
- 3-Brad Keselowski 4,035
- 4-Chase Elliott 4,027
- 5-Joey Logano 4,022
- 6-Martin Truex Jr. 4,017
- 7-Alex Bowman 4,009
- 8-Kurt Busch 4,006

The 2020 season marks the first time Kansas Speedway has hosted the seventh race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs and the first race of the Round of 8.

Since the inception of the Playoffs in 2004, Kansas Speedway has occupied five different positions on the Playoff schedule - from 2004, 2005, 2011, 2013 and 2014.

A total of 11 different drivers have won the NASCAR Cup Series Playoff races at Kansas Speedway. Jimmie Johnson (2008, 2011), Kevin Harvick (2013, 2016), Joey Logano (2014, 2015), Greg Biffle (2007, 2010) and Tony Stewart (2006, 2009) lead the series in Playoff wins at Kansas Speedway with two each.

Twice the winner of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race at Kansas Speedway has gone on to win the title that same season:

-In 2008, Jimmie Johnson won the Kansas Playoff race from the pole, leading 124 laps, and then went on to win his third consecutive series title later that season. Kansas was the third race of the Playoffs in 2008.

-In 2017, Martin Truex Jr. won the Kansas Playoff race from the pole, leading 91 laps, and then went on to win his first NASCAR Cup Series title later that season. Kansas was the sixth race of the Playoffs in 2017.

Three non-Playoff drivers have won a Playoff race at Kansas Speedway:

-In 2004, Joe Nemechek was ranked 21st in the points at the time of the win.

-In 2006, Tony Stewart was 11th in the points at the time of the win.

-In 2007, Greg Biffle was 14th in the points at the time of the win.

The worst finish in a Playoff race at Kansas Speedway by a driver that went on to win the title later that same season was 15th by Tony Stewart in 2011. Last season's champion, Kyle Busch, finished third in the Kansas Playoff race.

A total of 10 different drivers have won the seventh race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, led by Hendrick Motorsport's driver Jimmie Johnson with four victories (2004, 2007, 2012 and 2016).

Four times the winner of the seventh NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race has gone on to win the title later that same season:

-In 2007, Jimmie Johnson won from the sixth starting position at Atlanta Motor Speedway and went on to win his second consecutive NASCAR Cup Series championship.

-In 2011, Tony Stewart won from the fourth starting position at Martinsville Speedway, and went on to win his third NASCAR Cup Series championship.

-In 2016, Jimmie Johnson won from the third starting position at Martinsville Speedway, and went on to win his record tying seventh NASCAR Cup Series championship.

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-In 2018, Joey Logano won from the 10th starting position at Martinsville Speedway, and went on to win his first NASCAR Cup Series championship.

Three non-Playoff drivers have won the seventh race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs:

-In 2006, Tony Stewart won the seventh race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs at Atlanta Motor Speedway, he was 11th in points at the time of the win.

-In 2009, Jamie McMurray won the seventh race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs at Talladega Superspeedway, he was ranked 22nd in the points at the time of the win.

-In 2010, Clint Bowyer won the seventh race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs at Talladega Superspeedway, he was 12th in the points at the time of the win.

The worst finish by a driver in the seventh NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race that later went on to win the title that same season was a 42nd-place finish by Kurt Busch in 2004 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The finish was due to engine failure.

In total Kansas Speedway has hosted 29 NASCAR Cup Series races dating back to inaugural event on September 30, 2001. The race was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon driving a Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports. The 29 Cup Series races at Kansas have produced 16 different pole winners and 15 different race winners. Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick leads the series poles at Kansas with five (Playoff race 2013, 2014 sweep, spring 2018 and spring 2019). Four drivers are tied for the series-most wins at Kansas Speedway with three wins each – Jeff Gordon (2001, 2002, 2014), Kevin Harvick (2013, 2016, 2018), Jimmie Johnson (2008, 2011, 2015) and Denny Hamlin (2012, 2019, 2020).

Looking ahead to Sunday, Hendrick Motorsport's driver and last weekend's winner Chase Elliott will start on the pole and Team Penske's Joey Logano

will start on the outside front row. Both drivers are previous winners at Kansas, and both are looking to advance to Championship 4 this season.

NASCAR Cup Series, Etc.

Kansas sells out available seats – NASCAR announced this week all available grandstand inventory for the NASCAR Cup Series Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway on Sunday, October 18 has been sold out.

“We are certainly excited that our fans are eagerly anticipating being at the track to enjoy the intensity that Playoff racing offers,” said Kansas Speedway President Pat Warren. “Hosting them comes with a tremendous amount of responsibility, and our staff is working diligently to provide all of our guests with a great experience.”

Kevin Harvick looking to make history

If Kevin Harvick wins at least one race over the next four races to close out 2020, he will become the 11th different driver to win 10 or more events in a single season in the NASCAR Cup Series Modern Era (1972-Present). It will be the 17th time in the series' Modern Era (1972-Present) the feat has been accomplished and just the second time by a Ford driver; joining NASCAR Hall of Famer Bill Elliott with 11 wins in 1985. The last driver to win 10 or more races in a single season was Jimmie Johnson in 2007 with 10 victories (13 years ago). NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon holds the record for the most seasons with 10 or more wins at three (13 wins in 1998, 10 wins in 1996 and 1997). NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty (13 wins in a Dodge in 1975) and Jeff Gordon (13 wins in a Chevrolet in 1998) lead the series in wins in a single season during the Modern Era (1972-Present) with 13 victories each. Petty also holds the NASCAR Cup Series all-time record for the most wins in a single season with 27 victories in 1967.

My hunting and fishing buddy, Dick, texted me Saturday the 3rd om the opening day of archery season, stating he was on his way out of the woods. He said that he had seen 2 does and 3 bucks, but had held up shooting at any even though they were twelve to twenty feet away. He had passed on them as he wanted to get a buck that had better racks than these and they would be better if left for next year. He was hunting from a tree stand in the woods adjacent to the Radford Arsenal. Last week I spotted three does on the run near woods that also bordered on another section of the Arsenal in Pulaski County. It was too difficult to get a shot off as they ran toward the vicinity of the high fence of the Arsenal and may have jumped back onto the Government side. When I worked there a few years ago, I often had jobs with other engineers that we checked on and drove around together some of the patrol roads when we had a break. Some of the large bucks and their antler spread were out of his world.

I was watching a TV commercial a few days ago that showed some deer standing near a fence and one at a time, they leaped over the fence. I had seen and knew that deer had this ability but never seen it as shown in slow motion and reinforced my belief as how easily these deer at the Arsenal can migrate from one side of the fence to the other. After killing deer in the past, I have observed that the front legs are not attached to the rest of the skeleton, but are held in place by



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tendons and muscles. If human beings had arms and legs so designed, and the leaping ability of deer, they could possibly high jump or pole vault greater heights without depending on cushioned mats to land on. They would not be concerned on tearing joint ligaments or tendons as well.

Getting a deer with a bow from a tree stand or stalking them in the woods is not as sure a thing as with a rifle, muzzle loader etc. I related in a previous column a couple Fall seasons ago of a fellow engineer I worked with at Radford Arsenal losing a trophy deer. He had shot the deer from a tree stand and recovered the arrow which had gone all the way through it as it had blood and flesh on the shaft. It evidently had missed any vitals as another engineer and I had gone that next evening with him back to the kill site on Brushy mountain to try and help him recover it. All our efforts were met with failure and he was deprived of at least a massive head or antler mount.

A few years before while hunting on the South side of Big Walker Mountain came I upon

a good-sized buck with three or four does. He was standing broad-sided to me in the hollow at about 20 to 30 yards. The only problem was that an approximately three-inch sapling was right behind his right shoulder and the best place for a heart shot. I was using my favorite fiberglass-faced wooden long bow and felt if I aimed at the sapling, I would miss it and hit the deer in or near his heart. It didn't happen as Murphy's Law came into effect, "If anything can happen, it will happen." The arrow shaft ending up squarely in the sapling instead of the deer and they were gone before I could nock another arrow. If I had been using a gun, I could have chanced a neck or head shot and most likely tagged the buck and checked him in.

The floating front shoulder of deer described above and many other creatures of the animal kingdom have unique characteristic bodies that point to the fact there had to be a Divine Creator. The theories of evolutions state that animals as well as mankind evolved over billions into their present forms. I feel that the Bible has the answers as all was done in six literal days by none other than Jesus Christ as noted in Colossians 1:15, 16aKJV, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth".....

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ABC: Bob Wischusen (play-by-play), Dan Orlovsky (analyst), Marty Smith (sideline)

Pitt at No. 13 Miami, Noon, ACCN, 81, 81, 81
Series: Miami leads series, 27-11-1; Last meeting: Miami, 16-12 (2019)
ACCN: Chris Cotter (play-by-play), Mark Herzlich (analyst), Kelsey Riggs (sideline)

Liberty at Syracuse, Noon, RSN, 132, 201, 964
Series: Syracuse leads series, 1-0; Last meeting: Syracuse, 24-0 (2019)
RSN: Evan Lepler (play-by-play), Charles Arbuckle (analyst), Abby Labar (sideline)

Louisville at No. 4 Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m., NBC, 129, 129, 129
Series: Series tied, 1-1; Last meeting: Notre Dame, 35-17 (2019)
NBC: Mike Tirico (play-by-play), Tony Dungy (analyst), Kathryn Tappen (sideline)

Duke at NC State, 3:30 p.m., RSN, 134, 194, 956

Series: Duke leads series, 41-36-5; Last meeting: Duke, 38-20 (2013)
RSN: Tom Werme (play-by-play), James Bates (analyst), Lyndsay Rowley (sideline)

Virginia at Wake Forest, 4 p.m., ACCN, 137, 193, 955
Series: Virginia leads series, 34-14; Last meeting: Wake Forest, 16-10 (2012)
ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Roddy Jones (analyst), Jerry Punch (sideline)

No. 5 North Carolina at Florida State, 7:30 p.m., ABC, 132, 201, 964
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Nick Saban, Alabama AD Greg Byrne test positive for COVID-19

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

Alabama coach Nick Saban and athletic director Greg Byrne have tested positive for COVID-19, three days before the second-ranked Crimson Tide is set to face No. 3 Georgia in a clash of Southeastern Conference and national powers.

Both said their tests Wednesday morning came back positive, and Saban said in a statement that he “immediately left work and isolated at home.”

Saban, who monitored practice Wednesday from home, said he didn’t have any symptoms as of early evening. But the second-ranked Crimson Tide will almost certainly be without their iconic 68-year-old coach on the sideline when they play Georgia. Saban said he informed the team via a Zoom call at 2 p.m. Wednesday, about an hour after he learned of the test results, and that offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian will oversee game preparations within the football building while he works from home.

Saban said Sarkisian, a former head coach at Washington and USC, will still call the offensive plays. Saban has led Alabama to five national titles since taking over the program in 2007, and also won one at LSU.

Saban wasn’t sure how game day will go when it comes to communication with his staff, but is confident he can still lead practices and run meetings from home via Zoom calls. He communicated with a team manager when he saw a mistake in practice and wanted a play repeated.

He plans to go through his usual Thursday routine, which includes watching the offense and defense practice, work on two-point plays, and will preside over meetings all from home.

“I didn’t leave the country or anything,” Saban said. “I’m just right down the street. And we have this technology, so it’s really unique.”

“Now, I don’t have experience at that. But we’re going to do the best we can to keep everything as normal as possible.”

The Tide played at Mississippi last weekend, and Rebels coach Lane Kiffin said Wednesday his team had some positive tests.

Walker wins appeal, immediately eligible for Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Virginia says the NCAA’s Committee on Legislative Relief has granted Indiana transfer running back Ronnie Walker Jr., immediate eligibility.

Walker, from Hopewell, filed for a waiver to compete this season after his transfer, but his initial request, and a subsequent one, were denied. Virginia appealed and coach Bronco Mendenhall has said the school has been calling “every day” for an update.

His reconsideration appeal was approved Wednesday and the school said he will travel with the Cavaliers (1-2, 1-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) for Saturday’s game at Wake Forest.

Walker has been practicing, and the team is sorely in need of depth at running back.

Walker appeared in 22 career games for Indiana over the 2018 and 2019 seasons, rushing 59 times for 221 yards and two touchdowns. He also caught 12 passes for 112 yards and one touchdown. He has two years of eligibility remaining.

Saban said Alabama hasn’t “had any indication” of an outbreak within the team.

Saban said he and staffers — from coaches to secretaries — had done a good job of wearing masks around each other while in the football building. Asked about his No. 1 concern, Saban mentioned getting his players ready for the game, not his health.

“It’s a big game for them,” he said. “Our goal as coaches is always to get them in the best position they can be in to be able to have success, and we need to try to continue to do that. That would be the greatest concern that I have.”

“I haven’t blocked anybody or tackled anybody, caught any passes, thrown any passes in a game in a long, long time, so it’s still going to be up to how the players are able to execute and it’s up to us to try to get them in the best position to do that.”

The news out of Tuscaloosa was a nother body blow for the SEC, which had postponed two games this week already: No. 10 Florida against defending national champion LSU and Missou-

ri-Vanderbilt.

Alabama’s head trainer Jeff Allen and medical director Jimmy Robinson said in a joint statement that Saban and Byrne were the only initial positive tests.

“All individuals who are considered high risk contacts have been notified and will follow quarantine guidelines,” the statement said. “We will follow the SEC’s Return to Activity and Medical Guidance Task Force Protocol for testing asymptomatic positives.”

Byrne said he would “remain at home and follow all guidelines.”

“We’ve been diligent about mask wearing and social distancing from the start and want to continue to encourage you all to take the necessary precautions to help stop the spread of this virus for yourself and those around you,” the 48-year-old AD said.

Tennessee coach Jeremy Pruitt, one of five former Saban assistants now leading SEC programs, said “it has been a tough day.”

“It’s the reality,” Pruitt said. “I don’t think there’s probably any family across our country that has not been affected during this pandemic.”

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Cavaliers, Demon Deacons looking for signs of improvement

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

Virginia will be looking to put a poor performance in the rearview mirror when it plays at Wake Forest on Saturday. The Demon Deacons are happy to have a chance to play again.

The Cavaliers (1-2, 1-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) turned the ball over four times, had a punt blocked and an interception returned for a touchdown in a 38-21 home loss to North Carolina State last weekend. They also may be without quarterback Brennan Armstrong, who is in the concussion protocol after taking a hard hit to the head in the game.

For Virginia, one problem seems obvious, the answer clear. They have allowed at least 10 points before scoring in each game, have a 34-0 deficit in the first quarter and were down 24-0 against the Wolfpack before they began mounting a rally.

"It's just the urgency that we need to come out with that we've been playing with in the second and fourth quarters," linebacker Zane Zandier said. "... Urgency, mindset, coming out, especially in the first quarter since we've been struggling a lot. We should be able to come out and start firing right away."

The Demon Deacons (1-2, 0-2) hope to do the same in only their second game, and first ACC contest, in four weeks. Since losing 45-42 at N.C. State on Sept. 19, they had a game against Notre Dame postponed because the Fighting Irish had COVID19 issues, moved up their nonconference game against Campbell from Oct. 9 to Oct. 2, and then had another weekend off last weekend. Their game against Notre Dame will now be played Dec. 12.

The light game load has allowed Wake Forest to get younger players more experience, and some early season nicks to heal.

"We've been able to focus on ourselves in the bye week, try to reflect on our first three games, try to grow, try to become an ascending football team," wide receiver Taylor Morin said.

With two of their last three weekends off, and a 66-14 victory over Campbell in the middle, Wake

Forest comes into the game with the same 0-2 mark against common opponents -- No. 1 Clemson and N.C. State -- and determined to avoid the same tendencies that have plagued Virginia so far.

"We can't beat ourselves," Morin said. "We've got to eliminate turnovers, do our job and really just play sound football because if we give them opportunities, they're gonna take 'em, and we don't want to get behind against a team like that."

Some other things to watch when Virginia plays at Clemson:

WHO IS THE QB?

Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall expected to learn later in the week if Armstrong would be able to play, but said if not, he'll go with Lindell Stone again. Stone, who had been working mostly to help the Virginia defense in practice, threw 53 times against N.C. State, completing 30 with three TDs and one interception.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE

Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson gave his team a few days off during their bye week last week, and one day gave the veterans the day off to work with younger players exclusively. The Demon Deacons have nine new starters on offense, and logically, nine more new

backups behind them.

"Sometimes the difference between an average player and a good player is 5,000 reps," he said.

KICKING GAME

The Virginia-Wake Forest series has featured many close games of late, which could make the kicking game key. Virginia's Brian Delaney has converted 15 consecutive field goal tries, while Wake Forest's Nick Sciba has missed three of six, including from 28 and 31 yards.

CASHING IN TURNOVERS

The Demon Deacons have only turned the ball over once, are one of just four schools that have yet to throw and interception and have converted five of their six takeaways into touchdowns. Virginia has turned it over nine times and taken it away eight, but has converted those takeaways into just three touchdowns.

WAKE ROLLING

Virginia leads the all-time series 34-15, but has lost its last three meetings, matching its longest losing streak in the series. Mendenhall and Clawson have gone head to head once, in 2016. The Cavaliers held Wake Forest to just 83 passing yards, but Clawson and the Demon Deacons prevailed, 27-20, at home.

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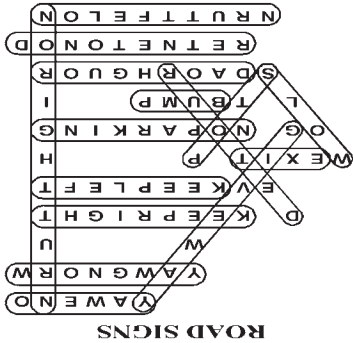
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twinkle in your eye and a
Go forward in life with a
answer

Cryptoquote



Faience Figurines

Emile Galle is a famous artist, a leader of the Art Nouveau movement in France in the mid-1800s. He started his art while working at his father's furniture and pottery factory. By 1877, he managed the factory and started making clear glass. He soon developed a style of his own making vases of heavy, opaque colored glass in layers that he carved into plants and flowers. He called it cameo glass. In 1878, his exhibit at the Paris Exhibition made him famous, and he promoted Art Nouveau designs in his glass and in the marquetry on his furniture. By 1885, he founded a workshop for furniture and made pottery.

Many modern collectors only know about Galle's cameo glass, yet his pottery and furniture are often sold at shows and auctions. Furniture can be identified by the script name "Galle" as part of the marquetry design. The heavy faience (pottery) vases have thick walls, curved patterns and rounded edges and rims. Each is colorful and decorated with natural shapes of plant life.

But little is written about his seated faience. Each cat is about 12 inches high and 7 inches wide. Most are glazed yellow, although some are blue, black or green with small scattered hearts and circles as decorations. A few have elaborate drawings of flowers covering the body. Every cat had glass eyes and a grin.

Morphy Auctions sold a signed pair of yellow Galle figurines with scattered hearts and circles on a yellow background for \$1,476 despite minor damage. At first glance they look like two

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By Terry and Kim Kovel



Emile Galle was a famous French artist who is best known for cameo glass vases. These faience figurines, a bulldog and a cat, sold at auction as a pair for \$1,470. Every cat has a silly grin and glass eyes, so they are easy to recognize.

cats, but one is a frowning bulldog. We wonder why cats are almost the only animal figure he made.

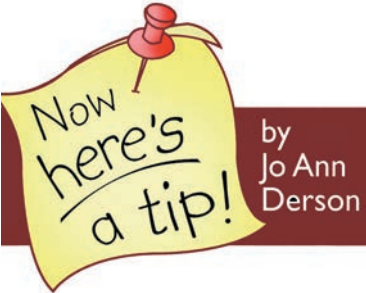
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Staffordshire plate, sailing ship, Cadmus, fishing, dark blue, floral border, 1830, 9 1/4 inches, \$95.

Lightning rod, copper, balls, barbs, circles, verdigris, 112 x 20 inches, \$280.

Sampler, tree of life, serpent, flower and vine border, fruit basket, animals, yellow, green, c. 1820, 16 1/2 x 16 1/2 inches, \$580.

Galle cameo vase, pink and white background, green leafy overlay, signed, 7 3/4 inches, \$830.



* "I find it helpful to set calendar reminders on my phone for working out and meal prepping. I have to treat it like a job so that I'll do it. Thought that might help other people who struggle." -- S.O. in Wyoming

* "Those hide-a-key rocks can be a little obvious -- at least they are to me. I have a spare key hidden outside too, but I sealed mine in a plastic baggie and buried it in a spot known only to our family members. Also, it's not right by the door." -D I.E. in Mississippi

* Home office motivation: Pre-plan your outfits for daily success. When it's all too easy to roll out of bed and log on without a thought, it might help your productivity to prepare for the workday as you would have in the time of commutes and conferences. The right wardrobe choices can help you set the tone for the day.

* "When closing up our cabin for the season, we brought a box of mothballs and scattered them around the porch perimeter. This keeps the small animals like mice and skunks from setting up shop there while no one is around." -- S.F. in Pennsylvania

* Now's a great time to start weatherstripping! Check and recaulk windows. Caulk along baseboards to deter drafts. Add insulation to electrical outlets and under sinks around plumbing. Seal it up to stay toasty this winter.

Celebrity Extra: Jim Caviezel

Q: What is Jim Caviezel doing these days? I really loved his portrayal of Jesus in Mel Gibson's movie years ago. -- O.S.

A: Jim Caviezel grew up in a Catholic family and likely caught the acting bug from his mom, as she was a theater actress. He first gained attention for his role in the war movie "The Thin Red Line." In 2004, he gained worldwide fame starring in "The Passion of the Christ."

Since the mid-2000s, he has done some smaller films, but is probably recognized more for his role on the hit TV show "Person of Interest." It ran for five years on CBS and also starred Michael Emerson ("Lost") and Amy Acker ("Angel"). The 52-year-old Caviezel's current project is the action film "Infidel," which premiered in theaters in September, and the upcoming "Sound of Freedom," which is noted to be in the post-production stage and also stars Mira Sorvino.

If you're keeping track of Gibson's career, he's set to direct a remake of the Sam Peckinpah film "The Wild Bunch," about a group of bandits chased by bounty hunters.

Q: Doesn't Seth Meyers, who used to do the news on "Saturday Night Live," have a twin brother who was on "Mad TV"? Is he still acting or is he doing something else these days? -- G.P.

A. Seth and his younger brother



Depositphotos

Jim Caviezel

er Josh may strongly resemble one another, but they're not twins. For a while they were on competing sketch comedy shows at the same time, Seth on NBC's "SNL" and Josh on Fox's "Mad TV." Seth now has his own talk show on NBC, "Late Night with Seth Meyers," while Josh is still writing and acting. He also pops up occasionally on "Late Night" doing celebrity impressions, including his hilarious Matthew McConaughey and California Gov. Gavin Newsome.

Q: Who is actress Helen Mirren married to? I always thought it was a famous director, but my husband said it's Keanu Reeves. -- P.S.

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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

God's Awesome Power Displayed

God called Moses to do a great work for Him, and Moses proved to be equal to the task. He became obedient to His calling and with God's help, did a phenomenal job of leading the Israelites out of Egyptian Bondage, across the Red Sea, through the wilderness, and to the very threshold of the Promised Land.

God's awesome power is displayed here in the ten dreadful plagues that He sent upon Egypt, to convince the Pharaoh to free the descendants of Israel, previously called Jacob, from bondage.

The Egyptians had made gods out of just about everything. Even the Pharaoh was considered by the Egyptians, to be a god. They had more phony gods than ticks on a hound dog. And yet these so called gods were helpless when the Egyptians called upon them for help during the plagues. Our God Whom we serve is not helpless. He gives help to the helpless and hope to the hopeless.

God showed His power to be much greater than the powers of the devil; the false gods, the sorcerers, enchanters and magicians of Egypt.

The first plague to fall heavily upon Egypt was the turning of the rivers into blood. Can you imagine the consternation of the Egyptians when the great Nile River turned to blood.? The water was so contaminated it was undrinkable.

The second plague was a plague of frogs. Frogs everywhere. Frogs in their food supplies, frogs in their houses, and frogs under their feet. Literally millions of frogs hopping around everywhere.

The next two plagues were plagues of lice and flies. The men, women and even the animals had lice. Lice causes people to scratch the blood out of their body parts. Then came the plague of flies. Swarms of flies. Flies carry diseases of every description. They desecrate the food that is to be consumed.

The next plague to strike the Egyptians was a disease of the cattle. All the cattle of the Egyptians died while the cattle owned by the Israelites lived. The stench of dead cattle would have been strong enough to take their breaths away.

The next plague was boils. The boils were so bad, it even caused death in some cases. The boils were painful and unbearable.

Next came the plague of hail mingled with fire. The hail stones beat down their crops. I was in a hail storm recently and it was an indescribably, painful experience to be out and about without shelter. In the book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ, it declares that when God pours out His wrath upon the inhabitants of the earth, during the latter part of the tribulation period, the hailstones that will fall will weigh 100 pounds each. "And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great." Revelation 16:21.

Then came swarms of locusts. Whatever crops survived the hail, were eaten by millions of locusts. Locusts are the most destructive migratory pest in the world. They are ravenous eaters who consume their own weight per day, targeting food crops and forage.

The next plague blotted out

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Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324

Pastor: Alan Pearce

Service Times:

Bible Study Sunday, 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.

Prayer Service, Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 980-1028

www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084

Pastor: Doug Testerman

674-1762

Primary Services:

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11 a.m. Sunday worship

Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.

Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

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4576 Miller Lane

Pulaski, VA 24301

Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett

Primary Services:

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship, 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.

Phone: 980-2046

Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road

Draper, VA 24324

Pastor: 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

Christ Episcopal Church

144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski

Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday

Phone: 980-2413

Email: christ24301@gmail.com

www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Rev. Becky Wheeler

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,

Hiwassee, VA 24347

Pastor Mark Asbury

Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am

Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am

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Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road

Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern

Rev. Paige Wimberly

674-6111

Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place

P.O. Box 458

Dublin, VA 24084

Senior Pastor Steve Willis

Associate Pastors:

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Wednesday School 7 p.m.

www.vhmdublin.org

540-674-4729

Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road

Dublin, VA 24084

Phone: 540-674-6111

mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/

Pastor: Paige Wimberly

Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Morning Worship with Children's Church at

11 a.m.

Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street

Dublin, VA 24084

540-674-6061

secretary@dublinbaptistva.org

Website: dublinbaptistva.org

Pastor: Dennis Jones

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Children's Church and Nursery

Evening Service: 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski
(physical address)

135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski

(mailing address)

Pastor's Name: Will Shelton

Associate Pastor:

Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor

Sunday Services

9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship

9:00AM - Contemporary Worship

10:00AM - Sunday School

11:00AM - Traditional Worship

Contact Info.

Phone: 540.980.3331

e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org

website: www.fumcpulask.org

Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street

Belspring, VA 24058

Pastor Darrell Linkous

Service Times:

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study and

Youth Group: 7 p.m.

Darrell Linkous: 353-0081

belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road

Pulaski, VA 24301

Pastor: Michael S. Jones

Sunday

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

(540) 980-4731

Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084

Shawn Burchett, Pastor

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening Life

Building Service 7:00 PM

www.rolcdublin.com 540-674-4500

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324

Pastor Vickie Lee Viars

deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191

Service Times

Sunday school - 10 am - 11 am

Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm

Sunday Evenings - Devoted to

Evangelistic Outreach

Wednesday- 6 pm

2nd Wed Each Month - Free Community

Dinner - 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm

2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service

6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin

Pastor Mike Pierce

Service Times:

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;

Sundays, 10 a.m.

(540) 674-9220

Website: www.heritagechurch.net

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Fairlawn, VA 24141

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7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90

New River, Virginia 24129

(540) 639-5331

email: fmbc1872@verizon.net

Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.

Associate Minister:

Rev. Annette Cheek

Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis

Sundays:

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday

Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 577

424 East Main Street

Pastors Don Hanshew & Don Shelor

(540) 674-5128

office@dublinumc.com

Early Worship - 8:45 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am

Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am

Worship - 10:55 am

Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street

Radford, VA 24141

Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins

540-577-5780

jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com

Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

11 a.m. Children's Church

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service

7 p.m. Youth Service

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324

Mailing address: Same as above

Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis

Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews

Primary Service Times:

Sunday Morning Worship Service

8:30 and 11:00

Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday Evening (5:45 Supper in the

Fellowship Hall (Sept thru May) - Youth Groups

and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.)

Contact Info:

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e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org

website - www.dvpca.org

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski

540-980-3624

The Rev. Terrie Sternberg

trinitypulaski@gmail.com

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

(Sept. - May)

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

(June - Aug.)

Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30

www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

Pastor: Judy Yonce

Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

528 5th Street, S.E.

Pulaski, Va.

Phone - 980-0820

Snowville Baptist Church

3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee

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

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141

Pastor Mark A. Miller

markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com

Cell) 540-320-2431

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship (with children's message):

11 a.m.

Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry

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Pulaski, VA 24301

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

Community Christian Church
Jason Allmon, Pastor
5382 Grace Street
Dublin VA, 24084
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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.

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www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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

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

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1607 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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

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

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

Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)
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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org
Website: www.pulaskipca.org
Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess
Sunday School: 10:00am
Worship Service: 11:00am

Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship
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Pastor Steve Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm
Wednesday Night
Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm

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11 a.m. Sunday Service

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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
KidsZone 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
www.fwcpulaski.church

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren
1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

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Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Telephone: 980-8186
Pastor Johnny Howlett
Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
Group - 7 p.m.

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

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

Warriors for Christ II
Bishop Sherman Buckner
600 Skyline Circle
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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3826 Bob White Boulevard
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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.
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McCraw

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the sun so that there was darkness upon the land for 3 days. “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.” Revelation 6: 12, 13.

Our prayer should be for Jesus to catch us away in the rapture of the saints, before these great and notable things come to pass. Jesus will rapture God’s dear children out of the world so we will escape these things which shall come to pass.

Then the Pharaoh told Moses that he could take the adults out into the wilderness to do sacrifice to their God, but not the children. But Moses refused to compromise. Not so, said Moses. We will not leave our children behind. The devil would have the Church to compromise God’s standards and become just like the sinful world. A Church that compromises its beliefs in order to get along with the world, is not going to be included in the Church that Jesus is coming for.

The last and final plague was the death of the firstborn out of every family and animal in Egypt. This plague took the life of the Pharaoh’s son. This was the straw that broke the back of the will of the Pharaoh. God protected His people from this plague by having the children of Israel apply blood from a slain lamb to the lintels and doorposts of their homes. This was where the old gospel song originated. “When I see the blood, I will pass, I will pass over you.” After the Israelites were delivered from the bondage of Egypt, they have religiously observed a Passover festival every year.

Let me close with a question? Do you have the blood of Jesus, the living lamb of God, applied to your heart and life? If you do, you won’t be judged for sin, because your sins will be under the blood of Jesus. If you don’t have the blood of Jesus applied to your heart and life, today is the day when you should get it done. Today is the day of salvation. Now is the accepted time. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. And God will abundantly pardon you and save you from the guilt and penalty of sin.

“What a mighty God we serve!
Angels bow before Him,
Heaven and earth adore Him,
What a mighty God we serve!”
Hezekiah Walker.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Rehoboam in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. How many times is the word “Bible” mentioned in the scripture of the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 3, 49, Over 1,000
 3. From Genesis 4, what righteous man started the practice of herding sheep? Adam, Cain, Abel, Job
 4. According to Jesus, what was Satan from the beginning? Deceiver, Evil, Thief, Murderer
 5. In biblical times, which was a large unit of money or weight? Levy, Talent, Shekel, Sepulcher
 6. Of these, which wasn’t a son of Noah? Shem, Ham, Levi, Japheth
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Zero; 3) Abel; 4) Murderer; 5) Talent; 6) Levi**

Bible doesn’t tell us which sin is worst in God’s eyes

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Which is the worst sin in the eyes of God? -- W.S.

A: From a human standpoint some sins are certainly worse than others; sins like murder, assault, or stealing. These things deeply hurt others. But the Bible doesn’t tell us which sin is worst in God’s eyes, and the reason is because God hates all sin. God is absolutely pure and holy; even the smallest sin is evil in His sight.

We have largely lost sight of the holiness and purity of God today. This is one reason why we tolerate sin so easily and casually dismiss so many sins as minor or insignificant. It is also the reason why we ignore sin in our lives and neglect to repent of it. We need to know God and how it breaks His heart to see man’s tolerance of sin. His Word commands us to do away with sin. “The fear [reverence] of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate”



My Answer

Billy Graham

(Proverbs 8:13).

The enemy [Satan] attempts to blur the lines between right and wrong until we are able to convince ourselves that our sin isn’t that bad or, perhaps, even

sin at all. We must acknowledge the seriousness of our sin and receive, through repentance, the grace offered through the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

No matter how good we think we are, God’s judgment still stands: “There is none who does good, no, not one” (Romans 3:12). But God loves us despite our sin, and He yearns to forgive us and welcome us into His family forever. We must never excuse sin or tolerate it in our lives but repent, and ask God to help us begin following Him


daily. The best way to do this is to saturate our minds with His truth.

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



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How many of you own your own business? How many of you have dreamed of owning your own business? If you have ever owned a business you will understand what I'm about to say. If you haven't and have been thinking about opening your own business this might give you some real insight into owning your own business.

Opening and running a business is not for the weak at heart. It takes more than just a good idea or a good product. You have to know and understand your financial model before you can even think about doing anything. Then, once you understand your own operating model and what it is going to cost, you will need to be 110% committed. By that I mean you will need to live and breathe that business 7 days a week 24 hours a day, 365 days out of the year. The buck will stop with you - if you need information about your business, it's up to you to find it. No excuses for not finding it. You don't have time for excuses. You and only you will have to be responsible for finding the answers. If you're lucky, you might break even in the first year - and that means if you are lucky. You have to take that financial model that you de-

Celebrity

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A: British actress Helen Mirren has been married to Hollywood director Taylor Hackford for more than two decades. His credits include the Oscar-nominated Ray Charles biopic "Ray," which starred Jamie Foxx, and the acclaimed "An Officer and a Gentleman," which starred Richard Gere and Debra Winger.

He met Mirren while directing her in the drama "White Nights," about a Russian ballet dancer. However, they took their time with their relationship and didn't marry until a decade later. In fact, Mirren has said in interviews that previously she had no intention of ever walking down the aisle, but then she "met the right turnip" in Hackford, and they've been together ever since.

As for Keanu Reeves, your husband might have gotten



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velop and then manage additional components of the business that may include bookkeeping, marketing, advertising, networking and managing personal time - simultaneously. Then when you think you have it all figured out - the economy changes and you have to start all over again re-positioning yourself.

Steve Jobs said it best, "I'm convinced that about half of what separates the successful entrepreneurs from the non-successful ones is pure perseverance."

Let's applaud and support all the locally owned businesses in our community that have survived and continue to be a viable part of our community. These folks understand what it takes to be in business for themselves.

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

the idea because Reeves' silver-haired girlfriend, artist Alexandra Grant, resembles Mirren. He walked the red carpet with her last spring, and online message boards lit up with questions asking if Keanu was dating Mirren. Both of these beautiful, accomplished ladies probably took this as a compliment.

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Try to help him, but slowly

Dear Dave,

My boyfriend lives in a different state, and I'm planning to move there when we get married. I know I love him, but sometimes he is not what I consider to be responsible with money. There have been times in the past when he has taken out small loans or paid bills late in order to buy something he wanted. How can I talk to him about this?

Heather

Dear Heather,

If it were me, I think I'd make sure things move a little more slowly in the relationship until he gets his spending under control. Sometimes when things like this happen it's just a situation where a person needs to learn the benefits of budgeting and handling money in a mature, responsible way. You can't do something if you haven't been taught how to do it, and hopefully this is the case with your boyfriend.

You mentioned marriage, so that tells me you're both taking this relationship seriously—that you're in the process of making sure you want to spend the rest of your lives with each other. Bring it up gently, and tell him why you're concerned. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with him. You might even offer to help him make out a monthly budget. That way, once he understands the process and value of spending



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money on paper before the month begins, it will be easier for him to stick to it.

Good luck, Heather!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

A friend recently told me about you and your teachings about money. While we were talking, she mentioned something called a "legacy drawer" for important papers. Can you explain more about this?

Anna

Dear Anna,

Simply put, a legacy drawer is a collection of your essential documents in a safe place where your family and loved ones can find them when you die, or if you're

sick or disabled. It doesn't have to be a drawer, specifically, just a safe, secure place where you keep all the pieces of your financial life—your will, living will, estate plan, investment statements, insurance policies, and property deeds. You should also include stuff like power of attorney documents, bank and lock box access information, and any other instructions for and information about your last wishes and what you leave behind.

The stress and grief when someone becomes seriously ill or dies is bad enough. Don't make it any harder than it has to be by leaving your finances and other essentials in a mess!

—Dave

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