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# COVID-19

**Still here...**

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*New River Health District's Dr. Noelle Bissell  
updates Board of Supervisors on pandemic*

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
 The Patriot

Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director of the New River Health District, had good and bad news Monday evening for the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

The bad news: COVID-19 is still here, and it is not going away any time soon. However, the good news is people have learned to deal with it and transmission of cases is very low in the NRV.

"As you all know COVID is still here. It hasn't gone anywhere. It's been around 6 or 7 months," Bissell said in beginning her update on the pandemic for the board.

"I think people have settled into kind of learning to live with COVID, which I think is a good thing. It's not going to go anywhere anytime soon," she said.

"It's not going to go away until we have a vaccine," Bissell said.

She noted that the word that is getting out now is we've been a little bit overly optimistic to expect that



Dr. Noelle Bissell

healthcare providers, first responders and folks in nursing homes and long care facilities.

She expects vaccines for everyone else won't be out until next summer or fall.

"So, until then we do expect that

a vaccine is going to happen any time soon.

She said spring of 2021 is more realistic, with the first rollout being for our highest risk individuals that are

we will continue to see some sustained transmission," Bissell predicted.

"When we first started this back in March, when the governor put out the order to stay at home with restrictions and closed businesses and what not, we really weren't in a position at that point to need that drastic measure. We really didn't have cases," Bissell said.

"So, we were just in this position of waiting and waiting and waiting until it got here. And COVID has followed pretty much followed the path of every infection like flu season. Every year, it comes straight down the I-81 corridor or straight up the I-77 and 81 corridor so in Southwest Virginia we know what's coming our way," Bissell explained.

"We know how this thing spreads. I mean, it's a serious disease for sure, but we know how

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## Schools returning to 100% in-person instruction 4 of 5 days next week

### Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County Public Schools announced Wednesday afternoon on Facebook that schools in the county will be getting back closer to normal operations next week.

"After analyzing local data and consulting with the New River Health District, a decision has been made to have all schools at 100 percent attendance for the Week of October 5-9, 2020.

"Students will attend in-person on Monday, Tuesday, Thurs-

day, and Friday. Wednesday will remain a virtual day."

Reserving Wednesday for virtual instruction will allow time for school employees to deep clean each school before students arrive again on Thursday.

### 'Record Numbers'

*Plenty of citizens  
taking advantage of  
early voting in  
Pulaski County.*

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### INSIDE

*GOP HQ Opens  
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Republicans open  
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### Baseball Changes

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# COVID

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it's spread. And there are simple things that we can do to protect each other and to protect ourselves. And that's watching our distance, wearing our masks and washing our hands. And those are the three big things," said Bissell.

"Everyone gets really worried about the surface contamination and disinfecting, but if you touch the surface and you touch your face, that's how you transmit it. If you touch a surface and you wash your hands, you're not going to transmit it. So those three things are very, very protective," stated Bissell.

She added that focusing on those three strategies – social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands – "protect our community and I think they empower our community to realize that they really do have some control. I feel that uncertainty and lack of control has led to a lot of fear and I feel

people are starting to settle down now and realize that we can navigate life with COVID."

"We are at the lowest level of sustained transmission," Bissell said.

After spikes in COVID-19 following the arrival of students at Radford University and Virginia Tech, the number of cases in both Radford and Blacksburg has completely come back down and Bissell said "we know that all of our localities are now in that low level of transmission."

"I think Pulaski County today (Monday) there were zero cases and within the last seven days there were like three or four cases and just under 250 cases since the start of all this. The county has had five deaths and all those involved people older than 65 with multiple morbidities. That's not unexpected," Bissell said.

"We've kind of settled into continuing to do our testing. When we first started out, we had a lot of people who wanted to be tested just to know. Now I think most people have figured out that if I'm not

doing high risk things then I don't really need to be tested because I'm not going to have it," Bissell said. "So testing is for people who are symptomatic, or people who have been in contact with someone who has it and that's actually a good thing. That's the way it should be."

"My team is working really hard. As soon as we get a positive case, we interview that person within 24 hours of seeing the case. Every interview we do is a risk assessment. We want to know where they've been, what they've done, who they've been with, how they traveled. Our goal is always to look at where they intersect with the higher risk population – whether its been in nursing homes, hospitals or mental health, law enforcement, in the jail or schools and that's what we prioritize when we deal with contract tracing," Bissell said.

Bissell said the health district has set up programs with area nursing facilities and the jails, and so far in the NRV Health District has been very successful in keeping COVID out of those facilities.

"People are really cooperating with us. Just like everything else we deal with, this has become very stigmatized and it almost has that negative spin to it that if you have COVID you know you're a bad person. We don't judge anyone. We know you can get it through all kinds of reasons," Bissell said.

"Our goal is to really slow the spread, so we don't judge anybody or give anybody a hard time," she added.

"Our stores, restaurants and other businesses have opened up and everyone has to assess kind of what their risk tolerance is. Our college kids know, by and large, they are very healthy and they are not going to get really seriously ill. In fact, most of the college kids have no symptoms. So, their risk tolerance is different from somebody who may be older and has a lot of actual problems and is a little bit higher risk," Bissell said.

She noted that college kids have kept things to themselves.

"They socialize together and they keep to themselves," she added.

"Things have happened like we expected them to. We expect, moving forward, we've hit our peak and we expect to see some more low-level transmission and that will be the way it will be for a while," Bissell said.

"We continue to urge people – outside is better than inside, physical distancing, wearing your mask especially if you can't maintain that distancing, washing your hands and just being careful in those ways. And we'll all kind of get through this together and move forward to when we have a vaccine," she said.

Supervisor Chairman Joe Guthrie asked if we continue to social distance – or as Bissell said, physical distance – and wear masks, will that be the new normal or will the day come when someone says you don't need to be socially distanced "and can go back to normal now."

"I think we're going to find a middle ground," Bissell responded.

"The reason for using 'physical' distancing is because the mental health consequences of this lockdown have been tremendous. If you look at our amounts of depression and suicide attempts, abuse, substance abuse and overdoses they're all up throughout the state. And that's because these people need that support system."

She noted that the flu still kills tens of thousands of people a year "and we really don't bat an eye at that."

Bissell said, with global travel, there will be other pandemics.

"We are very lucky that MERS originated in the Middle East where there's not that much global travel. SARS originated in Africa and not that much global traffic. This one originated in China. When this one started there were a million people traveling each day between the U.S. and China. All it takes is one person getting on a plane and it's here," Bissell said.

She noted the southern hemisphere currently is having a milder flu season and she believes it is be-

cause of all the precautions people are taking for COVID.

Guthrie noted that Pulaski County is in the bottom 15 localities in Virginia in number of cases.

Guthrie recalled that early in the pandemic the push was to "flatten the curve" on rising hospitalizations so as to not overwhelm the health system.

"How are we doing in reality as far as the number of cases in hospitals versus our capacity for hospitals to absorb the cases," he asked.

"COVID is not overwhelming our hospitals at all," Bissel responded. "I mean, I think as of today, we had six cases between all four hospitals in the valley."

She recalled that back in March everything was shut down. Now hospitals have started back up and started doing surgeries, so now when people come into the hospital they are coming in sicker.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet touched on some of the by-products of the pandemic.

Noting the county had the smallest number of hospitalizations in the valley for COVID, Sweet said Pulaski County saw in August 40 overdose hospitalizations. "Emergency room, needing to transport folks to the hospital for overdoses."

"There are so many right here in the New River Valley who are being hospitalized and harmed indirectly because of COVID, and we need to stay vigilant to that and really understand what it means. When we talk about mitigating COVID and responding to COVID, it is just as important for us to mitigate and respond to all of those comprehensive dynamics and not just talk about wearing face masks and social distancing," he said.

He mentioned the several programs enacted by the Board of Supervisors to assist small businesses, non-profits and others to help them through the stresses of COVID shutdowns.

Bissell said domestic violence is way up.

"Speaking with our social services agencies, cases are down which is actually very concerning. Schools haven't been in session up until August and they are where a lot of the child abuse, child molestation and social service reports are made. No one is thinking the numbers are down because they're just not happening, but rather because schools aren't open to observe students," she said.

"Agencies are saying be on alert for 25 to 30 percent increase in cases as schools reopen," she added.

Food insecurity is another issue, Bissell said, and overdoses are way up.

"Overdoses in the 0 to age 14 group are up by 25 percent, and in the 15 to 19 age group they're up 19 percent. And those are the kids who weren't in school, not getting that structure and supervision and many are overdosing and ending up in the hospital."

"The mental health consequences of COVID are severe," Bissell said.



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# Countians turning out in ‘record numbers’ to vote

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
**The Patriot**

Pulaski County voters are turning out in a big way since early voting opened in Virginia on Sept. 18.

“Record numbers” is how Kathy Webb, Director of Elections and General Registrar for Pulaski County responded when asked how many people had voted so far.

As of Thursday morning, Webb said her office had mailed 2,440 Absentee Ballots to county voters, and another 1,035 registered voters had already cast their ballots in person at the registrar’s office.

So far, 22,882 people have registered to vote in the Nov. 3 election. The deadline to register or to change your voter registration information so you can vote in the election is Oct. 13.

Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office postmarked on or before the deadline.

Webb attributed the heavy early voting to citizens’ concerns over COVID-19.

“Voters are concerned for their health and want to explore ways to vote safely,” Webb said. “Voters are also excited about having the opportunity to vote early.”

Ballot drop boxes are available at the registrar’s office through Nov. 3 and at each precinct on Election Day, when polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

In-person absentee voting at the registrar’s office – located at 87 Commerce Street in Pulaski – is available between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday from now until Oct. 30.

The office will also be open two Saturdays – Oct. 24 (8:30

a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and Oct. 31 (8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.) – for in-person voting.

Absentee voting by mail is encouraged, with Friday, Oct. 23 being the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

ID is required to vote at the polls. Webb said masks are encouraged and appreciated. Social distancing will be practiced.

The Nov. 3 election features races for President and Vice President, U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, Commonwealth’s Attorney and two Constitutional Amendments.

See a sample ballot on the Nov. 3 election inside this week’s issue – and each week until the election.

For questions or other information, contact the registrar’s office at 540-980-2111, or go to [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org).

## Calfee Park to host free Halloween bash

Calfee Park will host two nights of Halloween fun on Friday October 23 and Saturday October 24 with a free Halloween Bash presented by Shelor Motor Mile Growing the Future, Tru Harvest Farms, and Calfee Park Baseball. Both events are open to the public and free.

Gates open at 4:30pm each night for trick or treating with

local businesses, games, costume contests, and pumpkin painting. Friday night’s activities will conclude with a 6:30pm screening of the Wizard of Oz on the video-board, and Saturday evening will feature a showing of Hocus Pocus. Free popcorn will be provided during each movie.

The first 250 kids each night will receive a free pumpkin pre-

sented by Shelor Motor Mile. The event will cap at 1,000 people each night, and attendees will be asked to comply with social distancing requirements. Calf-E’s Kitchen will be open with full concessions for purchase each night.

If you have any questions about the Calfee Park Halloween Bash or are a local business looking to set up a booth for trick or treating, please contact Melissa Epperly at (540) 250-1732 or [mepperly@shel.com](mailto:mepperly@shel.com).

## Branco named new Chief Deputy Commonwealth’s Atty.

Dina M. Branco has been named the new Chief Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney for Pulaski County.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Justin Griffith made the announcement Monday.

“I am proud to formally announce that Dina M. Branco is the new Chief Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney for Pulaski County. She will continue in that leadership position after the election. She will be the direct supervisor of five Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorneys. Ms. Branco has been a stalwart prosecutor for this office for over a decade. Her radiant personality has been infectious in the courtroom since the very beginning of her career,” Griffith stated in a press release.

Griffith added the numerous accommodation letters she has

received over the years speaks volumes for the work she has accomplished.

“For example, in Commonwealth v. Underwood she demonstrated outstanding effort in researching all the facts and was tenacious in her prosecution for this County. The citizens of Pulaski County were the beneficiaries of her dedication to justice in that case,” Griffith continued.

He noted a Chief Deputy must be someone that the Commonwealth’s Attorney sees as a leader within the office and trust implicitly to always do the right thing.

“Make no mistake, Ms. Branco fits those needs and more. This county is blessed to have her and her promotion is another example of how this County is served by the best,” Griffith said.



## National Drug Take Back Day

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for October 24th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Pulaski Police Department will set up at the side of Food City located on Bobwhite Blvd. for a drive-thru style service.



Look who is turning 50 today!

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The Finance Director has no authority to change any tax assessments or adjust bills. If you believe there is an error in the assessment, please contact the Commissioner of Revenues office: 540-980-7750.

**Note:** The Town of Pulaski Finance Office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st Street NW, Pulaski, VA. Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a drop box available to place your payments after hours. Payments can also be made online at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com), locality #6210 or by phone 1-800-272-9829.



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**MRS. MARY DORIS  
CANTRELL JONES**

A private graveside service for the family of Mrs. Mary Doris Cantrell Jones, 88, of Dublin, Virginia, formerly of Anniston, Alabama will be held at Forestlawn Gardens in Golden Springs, Alabama. Mrs. Mary Jones passed away on Monday, September 28, 2020, at Highland Ridge Rehab in Dublin, Virginia.

Mrs. Jones became a Christian at the age of 13. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of DeArmanville and Harmony Baptist Church. She was most recently a member of Dublin Baptist Church in Dublin, VA. She enjoyed being a housewife, and was happiest taking care of her family. She was an awesome cook and baker. Mrs. Jones was a lifelong resident of Southern California until she and her husband returned to Alabama in 1985.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 58 years and four months, Roy V. Jones; parents, Henry E. and Myrtle Mae Lambert Cantrell; two sisters, Marie McKeever and Patricia Whitaker; two brothers, Ralph Cantrell, Sr. and Perry Cantrell; and nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Ann (Jessie) Bennett of Anniston; one son, Rev. Dennis Vernon (Cheryl) Jones of Dublin, VA; four grandchildren, Lea (Cyndi) Bennett of Longwood, FL, Lisa (Ahmed) Moussa of New York, NY, Corrie (Jason) Yingling of Richmond, VA, and Walter (Christian) Jones of Winston Salem, NC; nine great grandchildren, Dakota and Kaylee Cochran, Zachary Jones, Chloe and Londin Good, Ella Carr, and Seras, Melody, and Esther Jones; a sister, Betty Rice of Seattle, WA; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of Alabama, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 ([www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)) in memory of her late husband, Roy V. Jones.

The family would like to recognize Wanda Rankin for being a caregiver to our mother for two years in Alabama.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.kl-brownmemorychapel.com](http://www.kl-brownmemorychapel.com). or [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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**BASIL LEON NELSON**

Basil Leon Nelson, age 74 of Dublin passed away Saturday, September 19, 2020 at his home. Born August 28, 1946

in Elkins, West Virginia he was the son of the late Basil Hobart Nelson and Ella Block Nelson. One grandson also

preceded Basil in death.

He is survived by his Children

Sandra Rinehart – Dublin

Catheryn Dennis – Mt. Dora, FL

Deborah Nelson – Mansfield, OH

Sherry Smith – Upstate, NY

Several Grandchildren

16 Grandchildren

Brothers

Tommy Nelson, Don Nelson,

Jack Nelson, Rick Nelson and

Terry Nelson

Sisters

Doris Snyder and Michelle

Mallory

The family will be holding private services.

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

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

**DONALD ALFRED  
QUILL**

Donald Alfred Quill, 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 20th, 2020 in Pulaski, Virginia.

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**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 Chrysler 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. (wife) Kidd of Pulaski, Michael (Karen) Malone of Pulaski, James Kalone 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 Oct. 17 at Seagles Funeral Home in Pulaski. Visitation will be at 5 p.m. with the service to follow at 6 p.m. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

**BARBARA SIFFORD  
FOSTER**

Barbara Sifford Foster, 83, of Parrott, left this world to enter the gates of Heaven on September 9, 2020.

The Foster family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory, Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).



**ALTA JEAN CHRISTIAN**

Alta Jean Christian, age 82 of Dublin joined her heavenly Savior, Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the Roanoke Memorial

Hospital. Born December 14, 1937 in Peterstown, WV she was the daughter of the late Samuel Shaver and Lacey Wilkerson

Shaver. Several brothers and sisters also preceded her in death.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and was an avid bingo player.

She is survived by her

Husband

Hubert Russell Christian – Dublin

Children

Kathy Bagley – GA

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Barry (Kathy) Christian – Pulaski

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Sister

Muriel Miller – West Virginia

A graveside funeral service was held Monday, September 28, 2020 in the Highland Memory Gardens

Mausoleum, Dublin with Pastor Marcus Harrison officiating.

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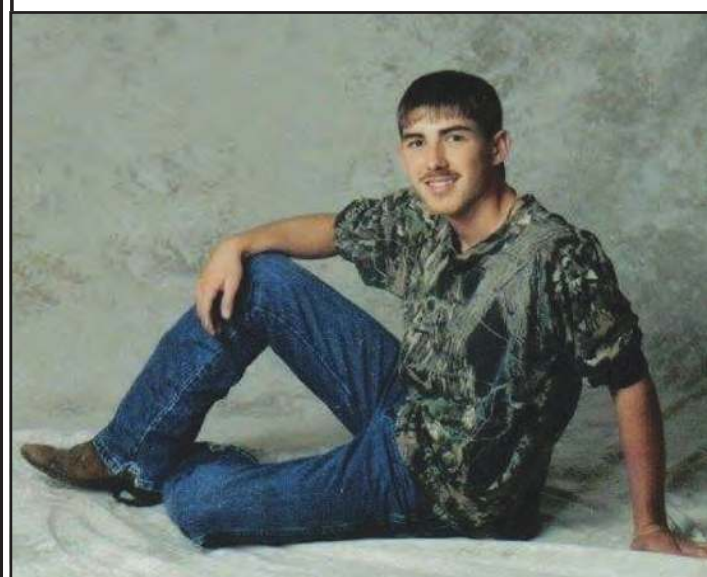
Sue Sifford Bullion, 74, of Parrott, passed away Friday, September 11, 2020.

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# Poor Joe Biden

## Guest Column

By Pat H. Guthrie

Poor Joe Biden, a man in the throws of obvious and growing dementia; a man attempting to become President of the United States. I have sympathy for this man, for I have seen this same thing before, when my intelligent husband was in the middle stages of his Alzheimer's Disease.

As a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Weston preached for nine years after his retirement, but at the end of that time, I saw him struggling. He couldn't put a sermon together well. While preaching, he had to read his sermon and follow the lines with his finger because he could no longer recall what he was going to say. When talking to me or others, he would sometimes say something that didn't make a lot of sense, or would forget a quote that he had known so well, or couldn't remember what day it was, or where he was. He would be-

come confused if there were lots of people in the room or when some big event was coming up. He would have flare-ups of anger over small things. All this was a result, not of who he really was, but of what was happening in his brain!

He would have "good days" and "bad days" when he would appear to be fine and completely normal, and other days when it was clear that he had increasing dementia. Yes, I've seen in my husband what I'm seeing on television in Joe Biden.

I cannot understand a wife who has to know that her husband has dementia, supporting his bid for president when she must know that he is not able to handle such a tremendous job. When asked about it, she refuses to talk about it. And his campaign must also be very aware of his mental decline, and that is the reason we haven't seen him out in the public taking hard

questions as President Trump has to do every day, almost all day long.

Poor Joe is protected by most of the media. Unless you happen to watch Fox News which shows clips of Biden when he does appear, you won't be shown Biden's moments of complete confusion, loss of memory, forgetting how many years he has been in congress (he said 180 years), forgetting the words of the preamble to the Declaration of Independence and such. But I have seen them over and over again. Drugs such as Aricept or other dementia drugs may help him for a while, but they are not a permanent help. Their effectiveness fades away.

Is it possible for a man with increasing dementia, (and it does increase; it never stops), could a man like this handle the affairs of State, meet with foreign leaders, come up with great plans for America to bless us and protect us? I say that the answer is "no".

In my view, if poor Joe Biden wins, there will be several things that will happen. First, he will be dominated by the liberal left in his party. After all, Kamala Harris as his vice-president, is one of the most liberal women in the congress as to her voting

record.

I believe that control is what the liberal left wants, and they see their control in poor Joe Biden, this man who already becomes confused easily, and will in the future become so confused he won't be able to stand against them.

Second, when it becomes clear that he cannot handle the presidency, he will have to be declared incompetent, and Kamala Harris will become President of the United States. Even before he becomes completely incompetent, he will just be a pawn in Kamala's hand. She will be subtly suggesting things and pushing her liberal agenda on him.

And what is the liberal agenda which will take over our country? Higher taxes. Government run health care with higher premiums and fewer doctor choices and long waiting periods. Socialist agenda. (If you have ever been in Russia or Ukraine, you will see how devastating to the people the socialist agenda is! I have been there. I know.)

What else? The continuation of murder through the horror of abortion of little babies made in God's image, all the way up to after birth. The approval of the destruction of our history in our monuments, and projecting anti-American, revisionist history curriculum for our children in our schools. The continued anti-police agenda hidden under the disguise of social justice. The destruction of our second

amendment – the right to bear arms. The pushing of the LGBTQ "rights". (Remember that these people pervert the way they were made by a good and wise God.)

In schools, teaching little children as young as kindergarten that they might be a male or a female, thus sowing confusion. The continued, dishonest media which supports and promotes the liberal agenda and denigrates those who lean to the right, towards freedom and who attempt to uphold Biblical principles. Judges who legislate from the bench instead of by the rule of law only. And there is much more. Do we honestly want an America like this? Is party so important, that we ignore the true issues which each party presents?

Do we really want to vote for a man who is so obviously unable to handle the vigor and mental demands of the presidency of the United States? Do we really want liberal Kamala Harris to be president, probably in the near future if Joe Biden wins?

Have you thought about these issues deeply, or are you "party-driven"? Are you certain that you want poor Joe Biden to take on the responsibilities of this country and the world on your behalf? I hope that you think about these important issues. Should a man with progressive dementia be elected President of the United States of America?

## OBITUARIES



### PATRICK CURREN SURRATT

Patrick Curren Surratt, age 90 of Pulaski, died late Wednesday evening, September 23, 2020 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. He was born on September 2, 1930 in Pulaski, and was the son of the late Martha Virginia Gott Surratt and the late Benjamin Franklin Surratt. "Pat" retired from the Pulaski County Department of Social Services as an eligibility tech. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Korean War. He was a member of the First Christian Church (DOC) in Pulaski. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Jacquelyn Gallimore Surratt: a son; Benjamin Franklin "Frankie" Surratt and a daughter; Patricia Joyce Downing, and a daughter Denise Surratt. He is survived by his grandchildren: Kari Beth Sartin, Kristin Surratt, Emily Downing, and Stuart Downing. Also survived by three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 28, 2020 at Seagle Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. John Dunston officiating.

Interment followed in Oakwood Cemetery with military honors. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com)

Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

### TOMMY LEE WALL

Tommy Lee Wall, age 63 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the New River Valley Medical Center, Christiansburg.

Born May 28, 1957 in Wythe County he was the son of the late Henry William Wall and Bessie Jane Ring Wall. His wife, Tammie Bolt Wall; sisters Ella Mae Whited, Mary Nickols and brother, Roy Wall also preceded him in death.

Tommy worked for the Town of Pulaski for over 40 years.

He is survived by his Son  
Jason McCoy Wall – Pulaski Brothers  
Ray Wall – Pulaski Co.  
James Wall – Pulaski  
William Wall – Pulaski Sister  
Wanda Smith – Bassett, VA  
Brothers-in-law  
Jimmy Bolt – Pulaski  
Randy Bolt – Wythe County  
Danny Bolt – Pulaski  
Several nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held September 28, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Mike Bond officiating. Interment followed at the Newbern Cemetery.

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# Pandemic Procedures and Poor Policy

Responses to the coronavirus pandemic introduced a distinction between “essential” and “non-essential” workers.

Based on how Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has been running the U.S. House of Representatives lately, she seems to think Members of Congress fall in the “non-essential” category.

I have written previously about how the proxy voting rules instituted in the House run afoul of the Constitution and reduce our effectiveness as legislators. Representatives currently have the ability to let another member cast their votes for them. Among other serious constitutional flaws, I believe this setup violates the requirement that the House have a quorum to conduct business.

Quite simply, it allows some representatives to not



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

do their jobs. The Washington Post noted this fact in a story published earlier this month, highlighting the views of Majority Leader Steny Hoyer

(D-MD), who supports proxy voting, and Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA), who opposes it:

In a late July exchange with Hoyer, Scalise noted that there is a 15 percent increase in those using proxy voting late in the last legislative day of the week.

“You’re literally signing a document on your stationery to the clerk of the House saying you’re physically unable to be here, when you were physically here that day,” Scalise said.

A recent energy bill that came to the floor, H.R. 4447, highlights many of the problems in Speaker Pelosi’s rule over the House.

Some individual pieces of the bill had gone through the committee process, but others did not, and the 900-page overall bill went straight to the floor.

It contains a jumble of policies that add regulatory burdens and impose more mandates on the American people while impeding the innovation that could actually solve our energy challenges.

Some aspects of H.R. 4447 have bipartisan support, but others cater to Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s (D-NY) Green New Deal agenda, thus making it a show vote rather than a serious piece of legislation.

A total of 97 amendments to the bill were allowed to go to the floor, but they were divided up into four packages of amendments that had to be voted on en bloc. Just like the overall bill, these amendments contained some policies I would support on their own paired with unacceptable policies that would harm energy security, reliability, and affordability in this country.

While reading over those 97 amendments, I found at least a half-dozen Democratic amendments I could have supported on their own in addition to many of the Republican amendments that I believe would have improved the bill.

Notably, the only amendment that received an up or down vote on its own was offered by Congresswomen Debra Haaland (D-NM), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the latter two members of the liberal “Squad.” It would increase spending on renewable energy research by 50 percent.

I am a supporter of research, but in addition to spending money we do not have, this drastic increase would serve purposes far removed from our country’s energy needs. In fact, without the increase, we still spend more on renewable energy than on the U.S. Department of Energy offices of fossil energy, nuclear energy, electricity, and cybersecurity combined.

During hearings of the House’s Climate Committee, I have asked witnesses about parity in research dollars on sources of energy production. Many of those who are more liberal agree that also supporting fossil fuel research is important to the goal of lowering carbon emissions.

As many parts of the world, including China, India, and sub-Saharan Africa will continue to burn fossil fuels, research could bring about ways to burn them more cleanly.

In any event, there was no way allowing a separate vote solely on that amendment and the other 96 only in large groups could produce good legislation.

Packaging en bloc amendments for fewer votes supposedly minimizes the chances of contracting COVID-19, but I believe we can make other adjustments, such as assigned seating, using the visitors’ gallery, and adding more congressional voting machines, to safely accommodate more votes on amendments.

I believe we were elected to take tough votes. I read the amendments and was ready to vote on them. But Speaker Pelosi’s pandemic procedures do not let us do the jobs we were elected to do. Clearly, she believes lawmaking is non-essential.

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

# Hanging By A Thread

I was at a conference this weekend and listened to people talking about their marriages. It seemed that one of the marriage partners always had to be right and the consequence was that it was destroying their family, affecting the jobs of both partners, and their marriage was hanging by a thread. It is difficult to understand how two people, who once were in harmony and had the same goals, could come to despise each other. Unless they learn to balance the power in their marriage, there will be devastating consequences.

America is like that marriage. We have two strong political parties that both claim to have the same goal – the good of the people. But they have two very different paths to get there.

My personal preference for candidates is conservative Christians who support, uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Biblical values upon which this nation was founded. There is solid evidence that both of these concepts existed at the inception of our beloved nation and that these

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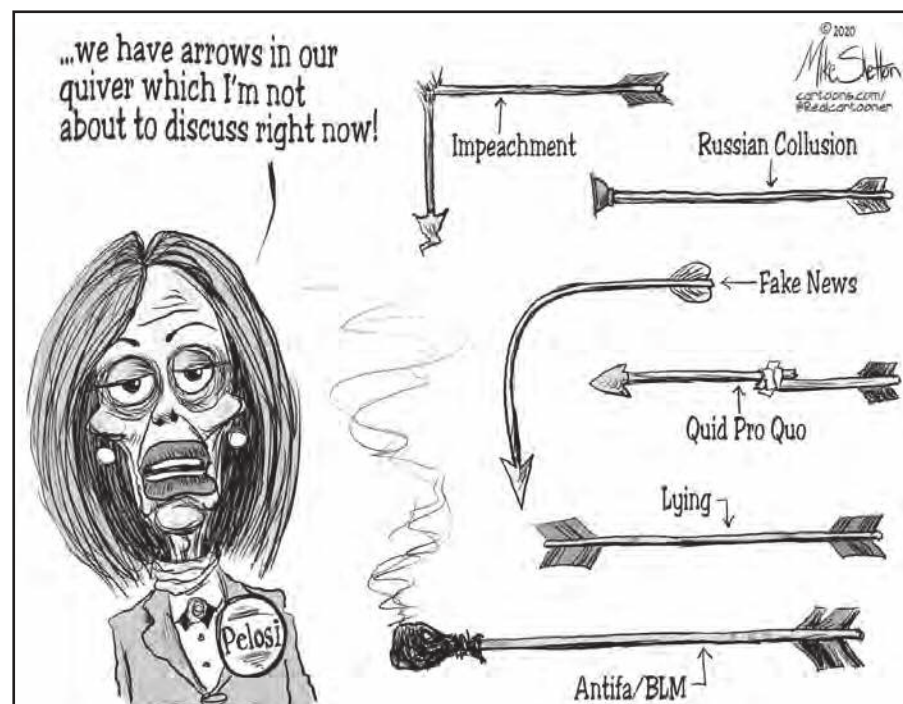
By Danielle Reid

values continue to guide our laws, even though powermongers try to subvert the laws for their own personal and political purposes.

Many Americans deplore the cheap talk and personal attacks that liberals have perfected as a way of intimidating good people into silence. Added to that are the actions and rhetoric of home-grown anti-American organizations whose purposes are to cause chaos and division resulting in a people splintered into fiercely opposing factions.

Those differences of opinion have cascaded down into the very heart of

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## Debate #1: Advantage None

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

I had initially thought of Tuesday night’s first presidential debate as the equivalent of a heavyweight boxing match, something like the classic fights between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali in the 1970s.

Instead it was less a “thrilla in Manila” or a “rumble in the jungle” and more like a phony professional wrestling match. Let’s take that analogy one step lower and call it mud wrestling.

The interruptions, first by President Trump and then by former Vice President Biden were the antithesis of civility. In this, Biden displayed the worst behavior, calling the president a “liar,” a “clown” and a “racist.” At one point Biden said, “will you shut-up, man?” Classy.

Having done a considerable number of debates myself over many years, including with former senator and presidential candidates George McGovern and Birch Bayh and with my good friend, Bob Beckel, who managed Walter Mondale’s 1984 campaign against Ronald Reagan, a little respect and deference to one’s opponent goes a long way toward establishing credibility with an audience and gaining a respectful hearing for one’s policies.

This was more a battle of personalities and less a real debate about substantive issues and political philosophy. The president likely helped Biden when he interrupted, keeping him from possibly committing some of his famous gaffes. He did have a few of those, but not as many as people might have thought, allowing him to cross the bar of low expectations. In a way, by not losing, Biden lived to fight another day, assuming he engages in the two remaining debates.

Trump’s advantages included his correct claim to have the power to name federal judges, including to the Supreme Court, “because I won” the election. That is what President Obama said to Republicans. Both are right.

One of Biden’s tactics was to look into the camera and address “the American people.” Trump mostly looked at Biden, or at moderator Chris Wallace, who at times appeared like a frustrated referee in one of those wrestling matches when opponents

refuse to stop punching each other.

Lost in it all was a clearer distinction between the policies of the two men. Seeking to defend himself against Trump’s claim that Sen. Bernie Sanders and the “far-left” wing of the party is in control, Biden claimed he is the Democratic Party. In light of his rush to embrace the left’s agenda, that seems to lack credibility.

In the end these debates should focus on their ideologies. Biden, with his promise to raise taxes, eliminate fossil fuels and create “100 million green jobs,” his flips on federal funding of abortions and other issues (which did not come up in this debate, but should in the remaining two), reinforced his position, despite his denials, that he is a big government liberal.

By contrast, President Trump is for empowering individuals by loosening government’s grip and the escalating costs of regulations and programs created in Washington where one size is imposed on everyone, even when half the country disagrees.

It will be understandable to his supporters that President Trump felt the need to “fact-check” Biden because he believes the media and establishment are doing everything they can to undermine him and have since he announced his candidacy.

Still, there is a way to do that without looking like a person whose parents failed to teach you manners. Biden is without excuse for calling the president names.

With polls showing most voters have already made up their minds on who will get their vote, the shrinking number of undecideds remains a key component in the remaining four-plus weeks of the campaign.

In boxing, one can sometimes reach a draw in which both sides have fought valiantly and courageously. Not so much in wrestling and not at all when things descend into the mud.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

## Ideological Vengeance

Constitutional revolution is going mainstream.

If the Republican Senate confirms a Trump appointee to fill Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Supreme Court seat right before or after the election, progressives say Democrats, if they sweep in November, should retaliate by packing the Supreme Court.

None of this comes out of the blue. The left is disenchanted with our country, and especially its governing institutions, which it believes are shot through with racism and deeply undemocratic. Democrats have gone from assuming a few years ago that they have a permanent majority to assuming that they can’t possibly win under such a rigged system.

They no longer want to live under a government that checks majoritarian passions, recognizes the importance of states in our federal system and features a Supreme Court that is supposed to render independent judgments based on the law and the Constitution. All of this, once a matter of basic civics, is now for suckers.

Before its new fashion, court-packing used to be notorious, the ill-considered move that President Franklin Roosevelt couldn’t see through even at the height of his power.

For good reason. To add a bunch of new seats to the Supreme Court explicitly so a Democratic president could fill them would radically diminish the Court’s standing. It would invite Republicans to counter with their own bout of court-packing when they again return to power. The Court would become merely a partisan plaything and essentially an adjunct to the legislative branch -- all that would stay the same would be the black robes.

And for what? To compensate for a duly elected Republican Senate acting on its prerogatives to block one Supreme Court nominee (Obama nominee Merrick Garland) and potentially confirm another (Trump’s nominee to fill the RBG seat).

The Senate itself is now an affront because small states get equal representation with large states. Never mind that this arrangement was at the center of the deal that gave us the Constitution. Never mind that the Constitution stipulates that this provision is unamendable. Never mind that prior to 2014 the Democrats controlled the Senate and didn’t seem overly concerned about the body’s alleged lack of legitimacy.

It’s not a failing of our constitutional design that Democrats have made themselves so hateful to rural voters that they despair of reliably holding the Senate going forward. As a corrective, they are threatening to eliminate the filibuster to allow them to add Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico as states to boost their number of senators, a maneuver that smacks of pre-Civil War era power politics.

All of this talk is an awkward fit for Joe Biden’s candidacy. We are told that Biden is an inoffensive institutionalist and committed moderate, but if Republicans defy his wishes on the RBG seat, he will respond by blessing outlandish changes

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# Defending religious freedom and Amy Coney Barrett

To the editor,

An influential group of Black Pastors penned the following letter in defense of the First Amendment Religious Freedom and Amy Coney Barrett, “our sister.”

This letter is HUGE and must be shared with all of America because it brings front and center the TRUTH that the majority of Black people in America love God and America and its founding principles.

The Truth is, we are a spiritual people at Heart and a forgiving people as Jesus taught. The Left/ Democrats/Media/Hollywood/ Professors of Education have successfully mischaracterized who we are. We are the SOUL of this nation.

It behooves anyone no matter which side of the aisle, who would continue as a matter of public national policy touch our God-given rights and the founding principles of our nation to pay attention. We are sisters and brothers in Christ and as the Pastor’s letter states we

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our society and culture effecting the media, entertainment, religious institutions and education system. Have not most of us grown weary over the battle waged in our educational system for our children’s minds and hearts. Who ever thought our children would be taught to disrespect their parents and hate their nation?

Our liberal courts support killing innocent unborn children in the womb up to the moment of birth and beyond but allow violent criminals to roam our streets by hindering our police due to defunding efforts or ostensible paperwork technicalities.

Good American citizens are denied their First Amendment right of freedom of worship because of COVID-19 restrictions regarding religious services. Yet, hundreds of rioters (not peaceful protesters) are permitted to run rampant in the streets with no restrictions. Public displays of the 10 Commandments or the classroom teacher displaying a Bible on his/her desk are prohibited. But public displays of offensive anti-religious artwork, graffiti and profanity are permitted and encouraged by progressives.

Because we are a generous and trusting people, our borders are vulnerable to anyone who thinks they deserve to come to America. We want good people to come here. That is the way America was built up, but we want people to go through the correct selection process. During former liberal administrations, this selection process was greatly relaxed and some experts claim that the results of illegal immigration are causing hardships in our economy and placing our citizens in danger of vicious violent gangs, escalating crime and use of illegal drugs.

Folks, like that marriage, our nation is hanging by a thread. There is an enormous power struggle taking place between

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to our system passed by narrow majorities. And, by the way, Biden better win. Shadi Hamid of The Atlantic wrote a piece expressing his worry “that Trump will win reelection and Democrats and others on the left will be unwilling, even unable, to accept the result.” He raises the possibility of “mass unrest and political violence across American cities.”

Accepting the result of an election is a pretty important norm -- unless you’ve convinced yourself you live under a hideously undemocratic regime with no legitimacy.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**

are over 600 million Charismatic Christians representing 8.5% of the world’s population and Sanctity of all life, including life in the womb is sacred to our God and therefore sacred to us. We are one people with our God. That is true unity. America was founded as a Christian nation and will always be. You will be encouraged as you read their letter.

**Jo Anne Bolding  
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### A Black Defense of Freedom of Conscience and Amy Coney Barrett

**Fellow Americans,**

Every individual has the right to follow their conscience, a right that is a founding principle of this nation, protected by the First Amendment. As bishops, pastors, other clergy and intellectuals from the various Pentecostal-Charismatic and Full Gospel denominations we write to appeal to the sense of justice of every American, and to

freedom and democracy versus fear and socialism. The election on November 3rd will determine more than who will sit in the White House, Senate and House of Representatives for the next few years.

The choices American citizens make this year will establish the very future of our families, our nation and the balance of power worldwide. It is imperative that Christians pray and vote in this election! According to MyFaith-Votes.org, more than 25 million Christian Americans chose not to vote in the 2016 presidential election. By standing on the sidelines and staying silent, they are permitting secular people to decide who will run our government and create public policies. This is unacceptable going into 2020 with so much at stake.

The Rev. Charles Finney (revivalist during America’s 2nd Great Awakening) stated, “The Church must take right ground in regard to politics ... Politics are a part of a religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as part of their duty to God ... (God) will bless or curse this nation, according to the course (Christians) take in politics.”

Wake up America! Our freedoms are hanging by a thread.

**First Amendment to the United States Constitution:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Founder and second U.S. President John Adams: “*Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*”

the American tradition of individual freedom. Our society benefits in immeasurable ways from service of people of faith, Republican and Democrat, in particular as they care for the needy. The right to serve through a variety of avenues, especially through public service, must never be hindered by discrimination on the basis of religious belief.

As Christians, when we see others being abused and mistreated, we must speak out in defense of their rights. We must defend the rights of our fellow Christians, of people of other faiths and of those who hold no faith. Today we stand with, and speak in defense of, Judge Amy Coney Barrett.

As black Christians we will not stand by in silence as our sister in the faith is persecuted for the “political crime” of her beliefs.

We know that attacks on her Christian beliefs and her membership in a charismatic Christian community reflect rank religious bigotry that has no legitimate place in our political debates or public life. We condemn these vile attacks—which began three years ago during the process of her confirmation for the judicial post she currently holds. As the descendants of slaves we are particularly sensitive to acts of discrimination and we demand an end to this reprehensible conduct.

Judge Barrett has a record as a lawyer, law professor, and U.S. Court of Appeals judge. She should be judged on that record, not on her religious beliefs or membership in a religious community, be it charismatic or otherwise. Contrary to the claims of some, this is no marginal group. Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians together represent almost 600 million people, or 8.5 percent of the world’s population and almost twice the population of the United States. If Judge Barrett’s belief in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and in the moral convictions associated with the historic Christian faith

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disqualifies her for an office of public trust, then our American values of individual freedom and the right to follow one’s conscience are simply hypocrisy. The truth, however, is that the Constitution of the United States itself prohibits religious tests for public office. Those who say that Judge Barrett’s charismatic Christian faith—or ours—is a threat to the Constitution are themselves enemies of the Constitution. They are enemies of the freedom of the individual. Such behavior cannot be tolerated. We must stand in defense of freedom of conscience in principle and defend Judge Barrett’s right to practice her faith in particular.

Now that Judge Barrett has indeed been nominated to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court, we look forward to examining her record. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with her to discuss key issues of federal constitutional and statutory law, especially those that are most critical to the communities we are called by Jesus to serve, including the poor, the incarcerated, the immigrant, and the marginalized. We are eager to discuss questions of racial justice; affirmative action; voting rights; the sanctity of human life in all stages and conditions; marriage and the family; and religious freedom.

We trust that all Americans, on the right and on the left, will accord Judge Barrett fair treatment, evaluating her judicial record and not discriminating against her religious beliefs. This is what individual freedom, freedom of conscience, demands.

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## Pulaski County GOP HQ Opens

The Pulaski County GOP held their Headquarters opening on Monday September 28 at 6:00. PC GOP Chairman Andy McCready joined Congressman Morgan Griffith, Delegate Nick Rush, Commissioner of Revenue Kim Matthews, Chairman of PC BOS Joe Guthrie, Vice Chair Charlie Bopp, and BOS members Dirk Compton and Laura Walters in cutting the ribbon. Many guests, volunteers and local PC GOP party members were present. Headquarters hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4 pm til 6 pm and Saturday 10 am to 1 pm. Stop by for signs and many Trump items.

### OCTOBER 3

#### VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 to host BINGO

VW Aux. Post 1184 will host 25 cent BINGO Saturday, October 3, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Everyone welcome!

### OCTOBER 10

#### Renfro Employee Reunion planned

The Renfro Employees Reunion will be held Saturday, October 10, 1 p.m. at Jackson Park in Pulaski. Participants must wear face masks. Bring your own lunch if you would like to eat, along with a fold-up chair.

### ON GOING:

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at

Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing observed.

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

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

## PULSE

Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing is observed.

#### Special Announcement about 2021 Randolph Park Shelter Rentals

This year Pulaski Parks and Rec is making sports sign ups and shelter reservations convenient with an easy to use online system. This transition will not be ready until October 15th. (as opposed to the normal October 1st opening for shelter reservations). Please watch for more information about sign ups as we get close to October 15th.

#### Randolph Park Drive Thru Trick or Treat

October 31st  
Randolph park  
This year there are 2 ways to participate:  
1. Businesses can set up a trick or treat stop along the drive thru trick or treat loop to hand out candy. (trick or treaters will stay in their vehicles to keep with social distancing)  
2. Donations of candy  
Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 540-674-1991 to reserve your trick or treat stop or to arrange a donation.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Business Survey

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) are conducting a survey of Virginia employers to better understand how businesses have changed their worksite operations and what their plans are for returning to the office. Please have only one representative from each company/organization respond to the survey. Virginia Employer Survey: <https://VAEmployerSurvey.metroquest.com>

#### YMCA Duck Day at Calfee Park October 2nd, 6-9 pm Calfee Park

The YMCA of Pulaski County is excited to announce Duck Pluck/ Derby 2020, on Friday, October 2 at Historic Calfee Park. Come enjoy live music by The Eric Gress Band, a Home Run Derby, games, cash prizes, delicious food and more in a socially-distanced and family-friendly atmosphere. Adopt your duck today for a chance to win!!!!  
<https://www.duckrace.com/Pulaski>  
General Admission: \$5, 6 yrs and under free!  
\*Prizes include \$1,500, Free year membership to YMCA, and over \$500 in gift cards and merchandise from local businesses.  
-Must be present or have someone there to claim prize(s) for you.

#### Business Class LIVE: Summit for Success

October 20, 2020, 9-5 pm  
Webinar  
Business Class LIVE: Summit for Success is an entirely virtual experience that takes place from 9 am to 5 pm ET on October 20, 2020. Learn more at ShopSmall.com.  
Here's what small business owners can expect  
• Network with a diverse group of fellow business owners, industry experts, and entrepreneurs.  
• Engage in workshops and panel discussions that address their business and personal development.  
• Get inspired by speakers and motivating round-table talks that can spark their next move.

#### Classic Car Show Parade

October 1, 2020, 2:00 pm  
Pulaski Health and Rehab

#### Go Pulaski

October 3, 2020  
GO PC is one day a year when volunteers of all ages come together to serve on one of numerous work projects across Pulaski County that benefit local schools, libraries, parks, neighborhoods, etc. in an effort to stimulate a sense of community and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Sign up here: <https://www.gopulaskicounty.org/volunteer/>

## Have You Really Thought Of Everything?

From weddings to retirement, and everything in between, you have probably planned lots of important events in your lifetime. There is another event that will happen in our lives, yet most people don't plan for it—our funeral. Provide peace of mind – knowing your wishes in advance will ease the burden on your loved ones.

#### For a no-obligation explanation, contact:



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## 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, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Dublin, VA, at designated times.

#### Applications and Wish Lists will be available:

- ▲ On website ([www.pulaskicountychristmasstore.com](http://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:

1. Mail to Pulaski County Christmas Store, P. O. Box 2227, Pulaski, VA 24301
2. Email to [pulaskiccs2020@gmail.com](mailto:pulaskiccs2020@gmail.com)
3. 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

## PET OF THE WEEK



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

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

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

Saturday October 3, 2020, 9 am till 1 pm Pulaski County Animal Control will be hosting a **vaccination clinic** at the shelter located at 80 Dublin Park Road in Dublin.

Rabies will be five dollars each (bring previous rabies certificate to get a three-year certificate) Distemper/Parvo vaccines are ten dollars. CASH ONLY . Check Pulaski Co. Animal Control VA FB page for more info.

Call today to register your pet call 674-8359. Walk-ins welcome.

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Courtesy of Guy Span

## New parking restrictions for West Main Street

New parking signs are going up on West Main Street in Downtown Pulaski, eliminating the 15-minute parking at the corners and now restricting parking to two hours maximum, Monday – Friday. This change will not likely impact the remaining retail businesses, as parking has not been an issue in this business area. For those who need longer times, a public lot is located at North Jefferson and West Main.

# State Police arrest Marion man for incident at Grayson church

From VA. State Police

Shortly after 12:30 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 29), Virginia State Police were alerted to information related to the male suspect in Sunday night’s incident at a Grayson County church.

With the assistance of the Town of Marion Police Department and Grayson County Sheriff’s Office, state police took Gregory D. Graham, 31, of Marion, Va., into custody without incident at his residence in the 300 block of Brushy Mountain Road. State police arrested Graham on one count of malicious wounding.

He is being held without bond at the New River Regional Jail. Additional charges may be placed after further consultation with the Grayson County

Commonwealth’s Attorney. The incident remains under investigation.

Sunday, Virginia State Police began investigating an unusual incident at a rural Grayson County church Sunday night (Sept. 27, 2020).

At approximately 8:30 p.m., about 20 people were gathered inside a church in the 11000 block of Flatridge Road in the community of Troutdale when a banging was heard on the doors at the main entrance.

An off-duty Virginia State Police trooper opened the door and encountered a man and a dog standing just outside. The trooper asked if he could help and the man yelled back at him. It was at this point that the trooper observed the man was holding a hatchet.

As the trooper attempted to close the door, the man swung the hatchet and struck the back of the trooper’s hand. The trooper was able to close the door and directed the members of the congregation to immediately go to the church basement for their safety.

The man and his dog then left the property, at which time the trooper assisted everyone safely to their vehicles. The off-duty trooper could hear the man yelling and howling from the woodline. State police resources responded to the scene to search for the male subject who is described as a white male in his 30’s with long, brown hair. He is approximately 5’10 in height and of medium build. He was wearing a backpack and was accompanied by a small, black, collie-mix dog. He may also be in the company of an adult female.

Anyone with information about this individual is asked to please contact the Virginia State Police by dialing #77 or 276-228-3131 or by email to questions@vsp.virginia.gov.

The trooper suffered minor scratches to his hand and was treated at the scene. No one else at the church was injured.

## Chamber seeks support for Halloween Spectacular

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Halloween Spectacular at Randolph Park on October 31. In 2020 fashion, this year’s spectacular consists of a Trick or Treat Trail drive-thru adventure packed with more than ten candy stops followed by a Halloween DAK Lights show. An event entry fee is not required, but \$10 donations will be encouraged and accepted to support Coats for Kids.

Spreading joy amidst an untraditional year, the Chamber has planned a unique celebration rooted in traditional Halloween essentials. Besides the drive-thru candy trail and lights show, the Trick or Treat Trail will include a Facebook Live Pumpkin Carving Contest where attendees can vote for their favorite pumpkin carving. The contest features WPSK’s Curtis in the Morning as the DJ. The 2020 Pumpkin Carving Contest includes reigning champion, Town of Dublin Manager Tye Kirkner. Kirkner’s challengers include Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan Sweet and Assistant Pulaski County Administrator Anthony Akers as well as Laura Walters, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and Robin Burnette, the Blue Ridge Fudge Lady.

In these unprecedented times,

community is the glue that holds us together. Candy booth stops are hosted by Pulaski County, Alliance Express Urgent Care, Town of Dublin, Women’s Resource Center, Building Bridges, LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, Americare Plus, Pulaski County Schools, NRV Credit Union, TG Howard, Duncan Suzuki, New River Resource Authority, Martin’s Pharmacy Dublin and SERVPRO. Special thanks to Luttrell Staffing Group, Thomas Holsinger, Coats for Kids, First Bank and Trust and the Women’s Resource Center for candy donations. The Chamber would also like to thank the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Department and the Town of Dublin Police Department for managing traffic control.

In order for this Halloween to be the best one yet, the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce is asking for candy donations and local businesses to be candy stops. Candy donations can be brought to the Pulaski County Visitor Center or New River Valley Radio at 7080 Lee Highway, Fairlawn. Please drop off donations by October 23.

Want to help or be a candy stop? Contact the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce at 540-674-1991. Happy Halloween!

### Let’s Celebrate Fall Ya’ll!

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## Family Mealtime with Pulaski Coop. Extension

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Not only is it important to sit down as a family during meal-times, preparing meals at home is a great way to improve family relationships and personal health.

When preparing your own meals, you have control over the ingredients and can modify recipes to your personal preferences. Including children in meal preparation can provide a sense of inclusion and participation

that can benefit them.

Pulaski County Cooperative Extension is offering a free virtual program to emphasize the importance of family meals. Topics on nutrition, meat labels and food safety will be covered to enhance the cooking experience.

This program will be held October 21 and 22 from 6-7:15 pm. Space is limited to the first 20 families to register. Food will be provided the day before the program.

Contact Laura Reasor with the Extension Office at 540-980-7761 to register before October 14, 2020!

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# Fall Craft & Vendor Event

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# New Glencoe exhibit



When is the ice cream coming?



Raisins on my cheeks



Mirror, mirror on the wall.



Self portrait.

## Glencoe Mansion to Host Gallery Show by Portrait Artist Teresa Regil

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of the gallery show by portrait artist Teresa Regil, "A Painted Portrait of a Beloved. A Family Heirloom." The show will be on display October 6 through December 4.

Teresa Regil discovered her passion for painting almost by accident after many years of being a mother, entrepreneur and dentist. She realized she had an ability, a talent, to draw the likeness of her favorite subjects: her family members.

Born in Mexico City, and retired from a long career as a pediatric dentist in Maryland, Teresa is now established in Radford as a happy Abuela (grandmother) and portrait artist. Self-taught, guided by masters such as John Singer Sargent and Mary Cas-

satt, she creates her portraits in oil and incorporates a myriad of techniques, including alla prima, indirect approach, and mixed media. Often her backgrounds are made with acrylics and the main subject or figure with oil.

Teresa Regil is generously donating one of her paintings for a silent auction to help benefit the museum. The painting is her master copy of a work by her artistic inspiration John Singer Sargent. The piece will be open for bidding throughout the length of the show, and the winner will be announced at the end of the show.

Everyone is welcome to visit the museum. There is no admission charge. "A Painted Portrait of a Beloved. A Family Heirloom." will be on display through December 4.

# The Faithfulness of God

As an earthly father takes care of his  
Children you do for us and much more.  
We say thank you for your kindness,  
Our love for you we adore.

You give Salvation to everyone this  
Is your task.  
All we have to do is believe and just ask.

So many nice things that you do for us  
Especially giving us good health.  
This is the greatest gift, of all riches or wealth.

When we lay down to sleep at night,  
You wake us up early with the morning light.

Sometimes pain and suffering may come our way,  
You step right in giving us a brighter day.

It is with no goodness of our own  
That you allow us your mercy and grace.  
We need your help always to run this Christian race.

As the Psalmist sings, Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness, morning  
By morning new mercies I see,  
All I have needed thy hands hath provided  
Great is they faithfulness, O Lord unto me.

Written by Naomi Davidson, Pulaski, Va.

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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.

**To vote for a candidate who is not on the ballot**, fill in the oval next to the "Write-in" line and print that person's name clearly on the line.

**To vote on a question**, fill in the oval next to Yes or No.

**If you want to change a vote or have made a mistake**, ask an election official for another ballot. Do not make marks other than filling the oval.



#### President and Vice President Vote for only one

- ☐ **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
Electors For  
**Joseph R. Biden, President**  
**Kamala D. Harris, Vice President**
- ☐ **REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
Electors For  
**Donald J. Trump, President**  
**Michael R. Pence, Vice President**
- ☐ **LIBERTARIAN PARTY**  
Electors For  
**Jo Jorgensen, President**  
**Jeremy F. "Spike" Cohen, Vice President**
- ☐ Write-in

#### Member United States Senate Vote for only one

- ☐ **Mark R. Warner - D**
- ☐ **Daniel M. Gade - R**
- ☐ Write-in

#### Member House Of Representatives 9th District Vote for only one

- ☐ **H. Morgan Griffith - R**
- ☐ Write-in

#### Commonwealth's Attorney For unexpired term to end December 31, 2023 Vote for only one

- ☐ **Justin L. Griffith**
- ☐ Write-in

#### Constitutional Amendment #1

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

- ☐ **Yes**
- ☐ **No**

#### Constitutional Amendment #2

Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?

- ☐ **Yes**
- ☐ **No**

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# New Appalachian League format announced

By LUCAS GOAD  
The Patriot

Major League Baseball and USA Baseball this week jointly announced a new format for the Appalachian League in a press conference via Zoom. The league will feature both college freshmen and sophomores in wood-bat play each summer.

Morgan Sword, Executive Vice President of Baseball Economics and Operations, discussed how the Appalachian League is partnering with USA Baseball. According to Sword, with the new format, they will create a new summer league that will attract the nation's top baseball players.

According to the Associated Press, Tuesday's announcement on the Appalachian League was the beginning of Major League Baseball's efforts to start the

process of eliminating minor league affiliates.

The agreement between MLB and the minor leagues expired Wednesday. MLB has proposed cutting the minimum guaranteed minor league affiliates from 160 to 120 next year, which leaves four per major league organization plus teams at their spring training complexes.

The Appalachian League will become a part of the Prospect Development Pipeline ("PDP"), the collaborative effort between MLB and USA Baseball that establishes a player development pathway for amateur baseball players in the United States, and will be an integral part of the identification and development process for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team and other future national teams.

Appalachian League participants will receive extensive visibility to MLB Club scouts through both in-person observa-

tion and state-of-the-art scouting technology. Players will receive instruction from former MLB players and educational programming designed to prepare them for careers as professional athletes.

Plans include a 54-game regular season and an annual All-Star Game. MLB and USA Baseball will provide support for the league's staffing, player participation, and administrative functions. The parties are in communication with the NCAA to ensure athlete eligibility requirements are met.

To herald the start of this exciting new format, each of the 10 teams in the Appalachian League have decided to undertake a process for changing their names and logos to incorporate symbols and images important to their respective local communities, to be adopted before the 2021 season. MLB and USA Baseball have already begun the process of identifying



and inviting the top 320 players to participate in the 2021 Appalachian League.

"Fans are going to get to see top prospects in their own towns, communities are going to see an influx of new revenue opportunities, players are going to receive state of the art training, and visibility to

See BASEBALL, page B4



The Hokies' dominant rushing attack led by Khalil Herbert and the play of their graduate transfers were two of many highlights against the Wolfpack

## Conditioning issues concern some in ACC

By HANK KURZ Jr.  
AP Sports Writer

Virginia Tech's twice-delayed season-opener could hardly have started any better.

By the middle of the first quarter, the Hokies led North Carolina State 17-0 despite being without almost two dozen players for COVID-19 and injury-related issues, as well as two assistant coaches. The coronavirus had postponed the start of their season by two weeks.

But then Justin Fuente saw a new challenge, one that coaches throughout the Atlantic Coast Conference, as well as the rest of college football, may have to contend with in the early going: fatigue from a lack of conditioning.

"We got off to a good start. I feel like we kind of lost our wind, which is what I was wor-

ried about," Fuente said after a 45-24 victory. The coronavirus had caused the Hokies to postpone a game with Virginia, pause practice for four days and juggle availabilities.

"We hadn't played, practice had been limited for the last several weeks. I was really worried about our conditioning and it was pretty evident," Fuente said. "I mean, we got out there, got it rolling pretty quick and then it was like we were out of breath on both sides of the ball."

For schools choosing to play this fall, the reality is most teams didn't have a traditional — or in some cases, any — spring practice. During the spring and early summer, when players typically would have been on campus working with strength and conditioning coaches and teammates, the pandemic forced them to stay home.

"You don't take away a spring and you don't take away five and six months in the weight room with your strength and conditioning coaches ... and the product isn't going to be affected is not realistic," Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson said. "Now, having said that, now that we're playing football, we're practicing again, you would expect the quality of football to get better."

Duke coach David Cutcliffe has seen the effects of a lack of typical level of conditioning on his team, which has lost its first three games for the first time in his 13 years with the Blue Devils. It was very evident at Virginia, where Duke dominated the third quarter to take a 20-17 lead, then was outscored 21-0 over the last 15 minutes.

"I think it's the biggest off-the-field concern," Cutcliffe said. "... We have a limited amount of time. We've done some running/conditioning, but what I've told our coaches is that we have to condition every minute, every drill in

practice."

Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall detected a conditioning issue for the Blue Devils before the Cavaliers opened their season against them on Saturday. For that reason, he said, and because his team spent the bulk of 12 weeks together without either a game or a positive test for the coronavirus, they played faster intentionally to wear Duke out.

"It was by design. We certainly thought in that particular game, even though it was our opener, we thought we had conditioned well," Mendenhall said. "We thought it might be to our advantage."

His suspicions were confirmed, even after Duke went ahead 20-17 in the third quarter.

"I did think as the game went on, especially our offense versus their defense, there became Duke starting to tire, and they started to become fatigued," Mendenhall said. "That didn't appear to be the case for our offense, and I

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## Pulaski Co. Parks & Rec signups going online Oct. 15

Parks and Activities Director Shayne Dunnigan announced this week a change in registration procedures for the county.

"We are excited to announce that Pulaski County residents will now be able to register for youth sports, activities, facility reservations, and programs offered by Pulaski County through an online service. We will release the information needed to use this online platform prior to October 15, 2020," he said.

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# ACC: No. 12 UNC takes on Boston College

By PETE IACOBELLI  
AP Sports Writer

Here are things to watch in the Atlantic Coast Conference in Week 4:

**GAME OF THE WEEK**  
No. 12 North Carolina at Boston College on Saturday. The Tar Heels (1-0, 1-0 ACC) haven't played since Sept. 12 after Charlotte pulled out of a scheduled game a week later due to the coronavirus pandemic and they had this past week off. That's a long time to go between contests and correct the mistakes that showed up early in North Carolina's 31-6 victory over Syracuse. Quarterback Sam Howell threw for 295 yards but had two interceptions — among the team's three turnovers. Still, the Tar Heels finally got rolling down the stretch to pull away behind Javonte Williams' three rushing TDs in the fourth quarter. Boston College (2-0, 1-0) has found some footing early under first-year coach Jeff Hafley, topping Duke on the road before escaping Texas State 24-21 at home last week. But the Eagles have not defeated North Carolina in four ACC games since joining the league before the 2005 season.

**BEST MATCHUP**  
No. 1 Clemson's passing game against Virginia's secondary. The Tigers (2-0, 1-0) had last week off after battering their two opponents by a combined score of 86-13. A big reason was junior quarterback

— and Heisman Trophy favorite — Trevor Lawrence who's completing 81 percent of his passes for 519 yards and four touchdowns. Lawrence figures to have a sterner test this week against the Cavaliers (1-0, 1-0), who had a solid defensive debut with five interceptions and seven turnovers in their win over Duke. Lawrence riddled the same group only 10 months earlier as he passed for 302 yards and four touchdowns in Clemson's 62-17 victory in the ACC championship game. But Virginia cornerback Nick Grant said the team has learned the effort and commitment it takes to defeat the five-time defending ACC champions.

**INSIDE THE NUMBERS**  
Clemson has established several all-time marks during its run of five consecutive league titles. The Tigers won their 31st straight regular-season game last time out against The Citadel, surpassing the league's old mark of 30 set by Florida State from 2013-15. Clemson are also tied with Oklahoma for most consecutive victories on Saturdays at 45, according to ESPN Stats & Info. The Sooners set their mark between 1953-57.

**LONG SHOT?**  
It might as good a time as any for Jacksonville State to face Florida State. The Seminoles (0-2) have stumbled out of the gate with losses to Georgia Tech and No. 8 Miami —

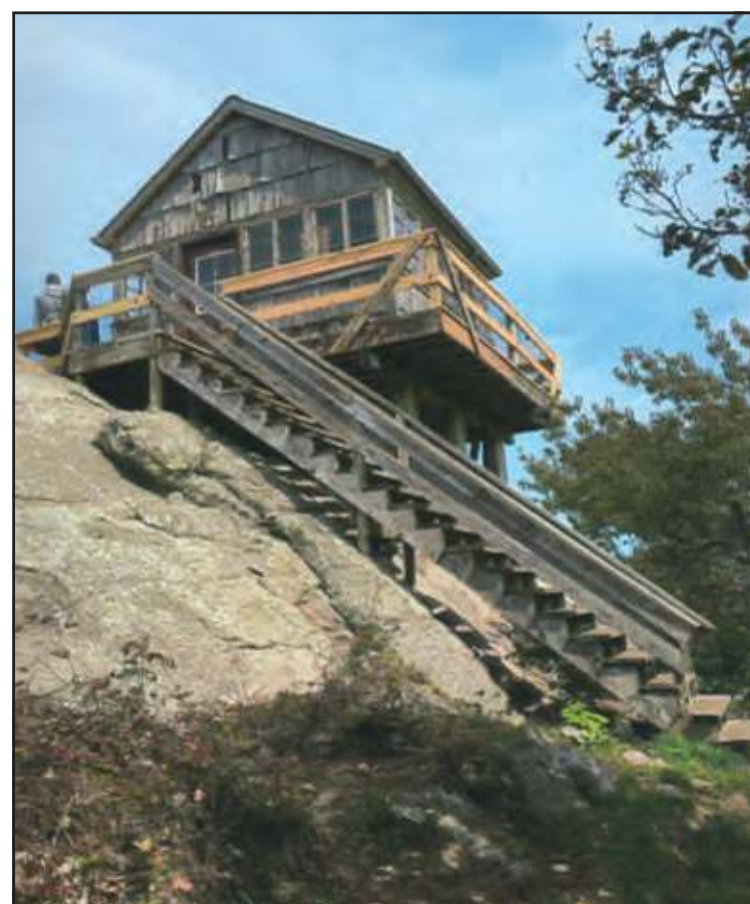
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# High Flying Predators

A couple weeks ago I touched on some of the aspects of Red-breasted Humming Birds and their migratory flights. My hunting and fishing buddy, Dick Gregory, has gotten me into another type of migrations the last couple of years and that is the diurnal predators meaning of or during the day. We have attended some "Birders" meetings together, and last week took a trip to Hanging Rock observatory located atop Peters Mountain. It is in West Virginia but part of the Blacksburg Ranger District of the Jefferson National Forest. There are several ways to get there according to where one is traveling from. I am going to give my preference and closest from traveling from my place on Little Creek and I met Dick at the intersection of Little Creek Road and VA Rt 100.

We went to Pearisburg and took US 460 to Hoge's Store just west of Pembroke and took VA 635 through the lime plant areas and along Big Stoney Creek into Jefferson National Forest and the area that is known as a paradise for fishing and hunting people. A part of the West Virginia line crosses over this Rt 635 to the top of Potts Mountain. The road numbers are confusing as different numbers are assigned to roads by both WV and Virginia and maps of the National Forest. About 22 miles from US 460 traveling into West Virginia is a little settlement called Waitesville. From there take USFS road North 15 approximately 3 miles to mountain top-is about a one-half hike out Peters Mtn to site. From Blacksburg and heading west on 460, take VA 42 at Newport to Newcastle and VA 311 to Paint Bank and VA 600 West 10 miles to Waiteville. If in the Narrows area could cross into WV at Rich Creek and take WV 219 to Zenith and cross the North side of Peters Mountain to Hanging Rock.

The Hanging Rock Observatory is the site of a now abandoned fire tower (still standing) at an elevation of around 3800 feet. From there you spell bound at the many varieties of migratory birds this time of the year. In the early fifties after the Blacksburg Ranger District of the National Forest helped form this public-private reserve. The HMNA serves to



Hanging Rock



Peters Mountain

help migratory birds of North American at this site as well as others across the country. The week of September (13-19) they counted 3,128 of these diurnal raptors such as vultures, falcons, hawks and eagles. We were there last Wednesday 23rd and counted around fifty while there less than half a day.

Some of the species that have been spotted by the NHMS members were the Black Buzzard and the Turkey Buzzards. Of the Falcons were the Merlin and the Peregrines; and the latter can dive from soaring heights of over 200 mph. There were many spotted of the hawk family such as the Red-tailed hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawks (the latter two love "Farmer Brown's" small chickens). An Osprey Hawk was spotted flying over with what most of us observers took for at least a three-pound trout from a nearby pond. Due to appear later are the larger diurnal raptors such as the Golden and Bald Eagle that migrate into the month of December. These birds of prey that have been described are adapted for killing with their hooked bills and talons to catch and rip the flesh of the prey.

A large part of the wildlife are carnivores i.e. live from flesh of other species as all these birds of prey. Originally in the God's creation all members of the animal kingdom were herbivorous feeding on plants. After the downfall of mankind and the Great Flood of Noah's time came, he and his family and future generations became meat eaters



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as did large part of the animal kingdom. There is coming a day of the Lord after the seven years of tribulation (that could begin at any day according to last day prophesy). There will be a thousand year reign after Christ returns and the times as in the beginning will be restored. In Isaiah 11:7KJV we read: "And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. I 'm looking forward to that day and hope all of you reading this are as well or can get ready with only a simple prayer.

Until next time.

## NASCAR introduces three new tracks

NASCAR today announced the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series schedule, a historic slate that includes the introduction of three new race-tracks — and new layouts at two iconic venues — to the sport's top level.

Not since 1969 has NASCAR added this many new venues to its premier series schedule.

The 36-race slate includes races at three new road course layouts, and the first Cup Series dirt race in more than 50 years.

The road course at Circuit of the Americas (May 23) joins the schedule for the first time, Road America (July 4) returns for the first time since 1956 and, after a thrilling debut in the NASCAR

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# Baseball

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our scouts. There will also be educational opportunities designed to prepare them for careers as professional athletes," said Sword.

Sword also said that the MLB made it clear that one of the goals with the new format will be trying to preserve baseball in the communities of the Appalachian league.

After Sword was done, he introduced former MLB player and current analyst for the MLB Network and Fox Sports, Harold Reynolds, who was zooming from the studio of the MLB Network.

According to Reynolds, the league will feature ten teams, with 300 players from across the country. According to Reynolds, it takes about four years for players to get to the Major Leagues, and in 2016 within the four teams that were in the Appy League playoffs, 13 out of the 139 players are now in MLB. Reynolds said that one of the goals of this new format is to move the number of future MLB players into the upward direction.

Reynolds then showed a video presentation that even featured Calfee Park. The video mentioned how they were going to try to attract college players, and that the new format would feature new talent.

After Reynolds finished, Michael Teevan, Vice President of Communications for the MLB, introduced the President of USA Baseball, Mike Gaski. One of the things that Gaski mentioned was that the new format will make it easier for the scouts of USA Baseball to check out the players.

"The great thing about this league is that it is going to give our staff a chance to see these guys up close for a longer period of time as we select our national team. Whether that be selecting the college national team, or the professional national team as we compete for world championships," said Gaski.

He then preceded to give the floor to the Dan Moushon, President of the Appalachian League. Moushon started off by mentioning how the league was established in 1911, and the bigger names to come out of the Appalachian league, such as Nolan Ryan and Cal Ripken Jr. He also mentioned that the current MLB playoffs will feature players, coaches and umpires from the Appalachian League.

Another thing that was brought up by Moushon was that teams will be able to create their own names and make their own logos. In 2021, every team in the Appalachian League will have its own identity.

According to Moushon, the league will be operated the same, just with each team having their own individual name.

After Sword, Teevan introduced Senator Joe Manchin who talked about how the league will help younger players.

Another question, which was aimed toward Moushon, was how important it was to keep Pulaski involved in the league.

"We're thrilled to have Pulaski in the league, along with our other clubs. They're one of the premier clubs in our league with the facilities there, and to have them back is just tremendous," said Sword.

Reynolds then added that during

every one of their ten meetings with the Appalachian League clubs, everyone agreed that the new format was good.

"Before the pitch was even half-way through, it was encouraged, it was welcomed. It just got better as we kept talking through," said Reynolds.

Sword later talked about how USA Baseball will be the ones to handle the operational elements of the league and that the Appalachian League will be providing their support.

Reynolds then talked about the fact that with the new league, players will stay with their team during the whole summer.

"When you're in the Minor League, the goal is to get to the big leagues. So, if a player is performing well, you're going to move them to that next level. They're not leaving, they'll be staying. It'll feel nice knowing that when a player starts getting hot, they won't be gone the next week, you'll still get to see them," said Reynolds.

So far reaction over the news of the new league format have been good.

Locally, Jonathan Sweet, Pulaski County Administrator, said: "Minor League Baseball has a storied history in the Town of Pulaski and we so are proud and excited that our community will be a big part of preserving and improving America's pastime. The new Appalachian League format ensures high-level baseball will continue being played right here in Calfee Park for a long time to come. I look forward to seeing the next generation of big-league stars come through our town, and as a community of baseball fans, we are committed to supporting these players and our teams."

Ron Martin, the Mayor of long-time Appalachian League venue Bluefield, W.Va., said: "The City of Bluefield is extremely excited about the prospect of a wooden-bat collegiate baseball league coming to Bluefield and other Appalachian League cities. This will continue the long tradition of excellent baseball being played at Bowen Field. This summer of COVID-19 has shown us what a summer without baseball in Bluefield is like. We are all anxious to see the players take the field at Bowen in 2021."

U.S. Senator Tim Kaine said: "I am delighted that MLB and the Appalachian League have come to this agreement. I've called for baseball to remain in communities like Bluefield, Danville, Pulaski, and Bristol — this format will do just that with high-quality competition on the field for these communities to enjoy for years to come."

MLB views the new status of the Appalachian League as following through on its commitment to preserve baseball in the cities losing affiliated minor league teams. MLB said it consulted with top college coaches in the change.

Many teams from the Pioneer League and the New York-Penn League also are likely to become part of college summer leagues.

According to the Associated Press, the Appalachian League could be in competition with the Cape Cod League for top amateur talent. The 10-team Cape League has long been the No. 1 summer ball destination for college freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Many top college players are

drafted after their junior season and don't participate in summer leagues the year they anticipate signing, meaning the deepest crop of talent for summer league is usually freshmen and sophomores.

The 10 teams that were scheduled to be in the Appalachian League at the Rookie Advanced level in 2020 were:

Bluefield (West Virginia) Blue Jays; Bristol (Virginia and Tennessee) Pirates; Burlington (North Carolina) Royals; Danville (Virginia) Braves; Elizabethton (Tennessee) Twins; Greeneville (Tennessee) Reds; Johnson City (Tennessee) Cardinals; Kingsport (Tennessee) Mets; Princeton (West Virginia) Rays; and Pulaski (Virginia) Yankees

A large number of teams in the Rookie Advanced Pioneer League and the Class A Short Season New York-Penn League also were on an early list of those targeted to lose their affiliations but it is not clear whether those targeted by MLB have changed.

MLB owns most of the Appalachian League teams and has local operators, making the change the easiest of the switches.

The early list included four Double-A teams from the Eastern League and Southern League and several from the Class A Advanced Florida State League, Midwest League and South Atlantic League, and the Class A Short Season Northwest League.

MLB has proposed eliminating the office of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues in St. Petersburg, Florida, and moving administration of the minors to MLB's office in New York. Pat O'Conner, president of the National Association since December 2007, said on Sept. 8 that he will retire on Dec. 31.

Sword said MLB had agreed with minor league owners not to comment on negotiations for a new PDA while talks were ongoing.

Among other changes MLB has announced, the independent American Association, Atlantic League and Frontier Leagues were designated as partner leagues.

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thought, therein lied some of the difference in our separation from them,"

The question, in season, then becomes how teams with conditioning deficiencies can manage to get their team up to par while also attending to a thorough game preparation.

Fuente said it isn't easy.

"Well, it's the ultimate balance, you know, and one of the hardest jobs the head coach has is how to get his team prepared to play and hopefully win a football game, but also have them fresh and feeling good," he said. "That's one of the things usually by this time, it's a standard process."

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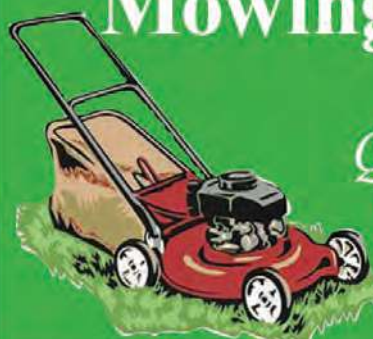


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# Hokies

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well. Certainly, I don't want to make too much of it. There were plenty of things that we've got to do better than plenty of people on our schedule, starting with Duke, will highlight if we don't get fixed.

"I think we're going to have to have that mentality as we go throughout this season that we've got to do our best to get everybody prepared – and that's coaches and players alike – to play multiple roles because we could find ourselves very easily in that situation as soon as this week."

Fuente expects Hooker to be available to play this Saturday against Duke. He wasn't as committed to the status of Hamilton, saying he expected to find out later in the week.

Monday's 30-minute video news conference touched on a variety of topics. Here are some

takeaways:

- Tech's 314 yards rushing marked just the third time that the Hokies have eclipsed 300 yards rushing in an ACC game since joining the league and its third-most ever in an ACC game. Tech last rushed for 300 yards in an ACC game in 2010 (317 vs. NC State).

The Hokies dominated the line of scrimmage behind a big, strong, and experienced offensive line. The staff nominated center Brock Hoffman as its ACC offensive lineman of the week, and PFF placed right tackle Luke Tenuta on its offensive team of the week based on its grades after analyzing all the games played over the weekend.

The Hokies' tailbacks took advantage of the line's work and their talent. In fact, Tech's tailbacks only lost yardage on three carries the entire night.

"I think our kids executed at a high level," Fuente said. "We had them pinned down pretty well in

terms of what they were doing schematically, and our kids then went out there and executed. We got the ball to the unblocked hat a couple of times and made the unblocked hat miss, which led to some pretty explosive plays. We'll have a different challenge this week. We're going to face a really good, talented defense that certainly understands their scheme and executes it at a high level.

"But our execution level last week was pretty high, and I think our kids had a good handle on it. They had been working on that scheme for two weeks. Now we've only got six days to get ready for this one, so it's a new challenge."

- Tech's staff basically played a minimal number of receivers against the Wolfpack – a move that highlights the positions lack of depth. Tré Turner, Tayvion Robinson, and Kaleb Smith all caught passes, and the staff played tight end James Mitchell some as a receiver, but a couple of receivers were out, and graduate transfer Changa Hodge did not play. Another graduate transfer, Evan Fairs, only played toward the end of the game.

So the receivers remain a work in progress.

"I think James Mitchell kind of helps us in that scenario in terms of his ability to not just play in the slot," Fuente said. "We didn't do this very much. We didn't move him outside, but he certainly can go out there and contribute, so he gives you a little more depth there – quality depth that can help you not only just get you out of a tough situation when you're short numbers, but be productive there. So he gives you a little security blanket there. We didn't have to reach too far out of our normal operation. I would like to get a few more of those guys back and up to speed and game ready so that we can shuffle those guys in and out a little more."

- Speaking of graduate transfers, the staff did get outstanding production from Khalil Herbert, Raheem Blackshear, and Justus Reed. Herbert rushed for more than 104 yards on just six carries and scored a touchdown, Blackshear rushed for 28 yards and scored a touchdown, and Reed had five tackles and two of the Hokies' six sacks.

"We've been a huge benefactor of the transfer portal," Fuente agreed when asked. "I don't know that anybody has brought in higher character kids and added more to their locker room than we have. Certainly, we talk about how they produce on the field, but I'm talking about high-end individuals that are leaders, that are doing more than just contributing on the field for our program. I couldn't be happier with how that's all worked out for Virginia Tech."

"I do think there's an element that this place may appeal sometimes to some guys that are a little bit older. I don't know that for a fact – I'm just projecting there. I can tell you this: we do our due diligence on them. There are people out there that a guy enters, and he's played a little for some school, and they just go out and try to get him. We really slow down and try and talk to people and try to get a good handle on what we're adding not just as a player, but maybe most importantly, as a person. Our staff has done a really job of vetting those young men and we have some great additions here on our team."

- Ryan Smith, Tech's cornerbacks coach was pressed into play-calling duties for the defense with defensive coordinator Justin Hamilton unavailable. In his first game at Tech, Smith dialed up a defense that allowed just 5.1 yards per play from the Wolfpack and also registered two takeaways.

# NASCAR

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Xfinity Series in 2020, the Cup stars will race on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course in 2021 (Aug. 15).

The high banks of Bristol Motor Speedway will transform into a dirt track for a NASCAR Cup Series race on March 28, the first premier series race on dirt since Sept. 30, 1970 (North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, N.C.).

And as previously announced, NASCAR returns to the Music City with a race at Nashville Superspeedway on June 20, which will kick off the NBC Sports portion of the season.

"We developed the 2021 schedule with one primary goal: Continue to take steps to create the most dynamic schedule possible for our fans," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR executive vice president and chief racing development officer. "Extensive collaboration between NASCAR, the racetracks, race teams and our broadcast partners allowed NASCAR to create what promises to be an exciting 2021 schedule of races."

In addition, NASCAR announced the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race's return to a high-speed 1.5-mile track in 2021, as the annual star-studded event moves to Texas Motor Speedway.

# Games

Continued from page B2

and didn't look good doing it. Only adding to Florida State's problems was first-year coach Mike Norvell missing the Miami game after testing positive for COVID-19. But Norvell is back this week to face the Gamecocks, an FCS school playing a four-game fall schedule after the Ohio Valley Conference postponed football until the spring. Jacksonville State quarterback Zerrick Cooper is a Clemson transfer who has thrown for 6,820 yards and 60 touchdowns his two seasons with the FCS school.

## IMPACT PLAYERS

Pitt's defensive combo of defensive linemen Patrick Jones II and Rashad Weaver are making their mark early in the season. The two have combined for seven sacks and nine tackles behind the line of scrimmage to fuel the 24th-ranked Panthers (3-0, 2-0 ACC) rise to top of ACC defenses. Pitt leads the conference and is second nationally in allowing opponents just 177 yards per game. Jones and Weaver are both 6-foot-5 with speed and strength to cause problems in opposing backfields. They'll look to do it again vs. North Carolina State (1-1, 1-1).

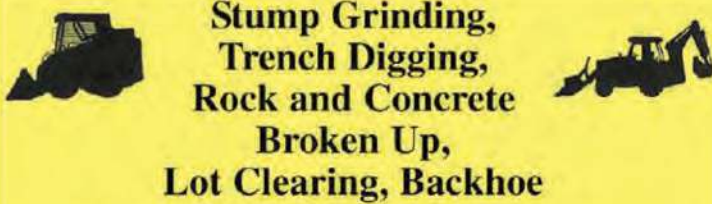


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by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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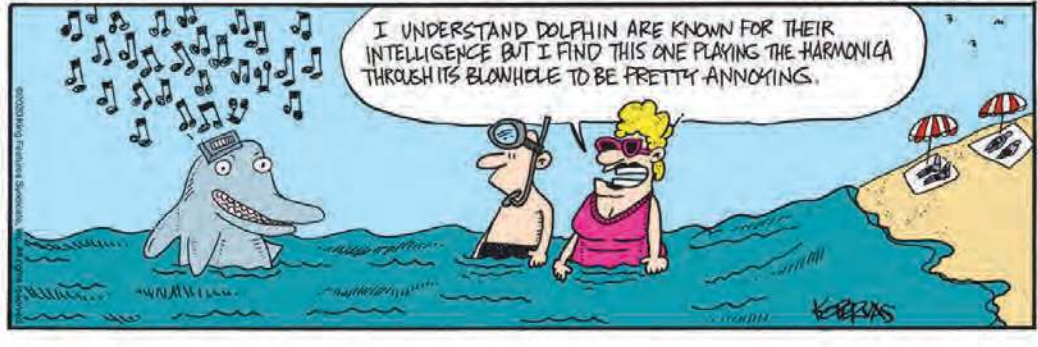
**Wear what you have and come as you are! Come expecting a Blessing  
"Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature" Mark 16:15**



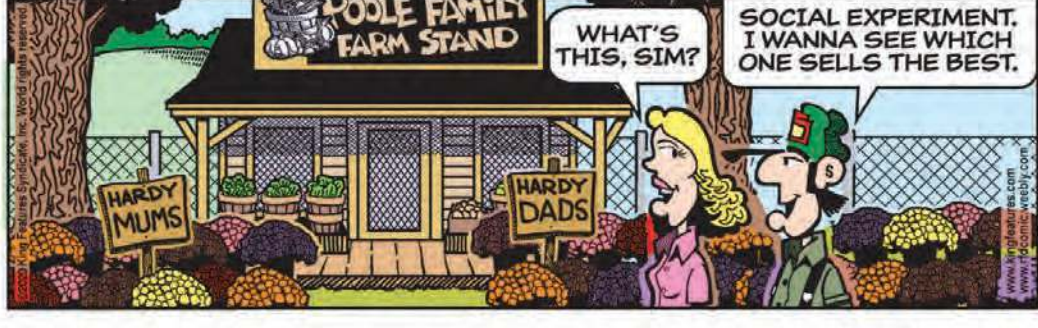
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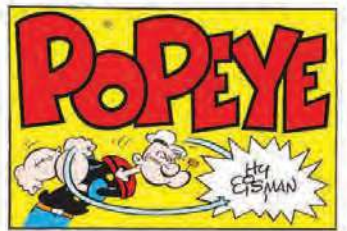
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### SCRAMBLERS

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

Essential	PASTEL		
Fortress	OBTAINS		
Breach	SLEEP		
Cover	PARED		

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

by Dave T. Phipps

LAFF-A-DAY

# King Crossword

### ACROSS

1	Former freshmen
6	Squid squirt
9	Doctrine
12	Construction piece
13	Cattle call
14	IRS employee
15	1492 ship
16	SAT takers' equipment
18	Pet rodent, often
20	Warmth
21	Second person
23	More, to Manuel
24	Portion of a repair bill
25	Great Lake
27	Amulet
29	"Where the Wild Things Are" author
31	"Nighthawks" painter
35	Edition
37	Genesis maker
38	Sings like Ella
41	Apprehend
43	Promptly
44	Sea eagle
45	Downy ducks
47	Necklace ornament
49	"Psycho" star

### DOWN

1	Taste the tea
2	Japanese sash
3	Gotham City super-villain
4	Detest
5	Unctuous flat-tery
6	Mischievous
7	Yule refrain
8	"-Tiki"
9	Less friendly
10	Pie-in-the-face sound
11	Sail supports
17	Winners
19	Supports
21	"Certainly"
22	Mined find
24	Expert
26	Rewrote, maybe
28	Winning
30	Fool
32	Musingly

### Answers

33	thoughtful
34	Swelled head
36	Uncooked
38	One
39	Calyx component
40	Guiding principle
42	Bother
45	Ball VIP
46	Oklahoma city
48	Harvest
50	Carte lead-in
51	"Golly!"
54	Storefront sign abbr.

## top ten

### Lowest State Taxes

1. Alaska
2. Delaware
3. Montana
4. Nevada
5. Wyoming
6. Florida
7. Utah
8. Idaho
9. Colorado
10. Tennessee

Source: Wallet Hub

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: J equals D

CX PRRLHPCM EMPT PVXSC P RXY  
FPTLMGC, VSRV ZTXYMTG ZPLM P  
GCPCM-XE-CFM-XIHXI PJJTMGG.

## PAROLE

Today's Word

1. Staple 2. Bastion; solution

3. Lapse; 4. Drape

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which mountain range is Mount Everest located?
2. AD SLOGANS: "What can brown do for you?" is a slogan for which company?
3. GOVERNMENT: What is the subject matter of the 12th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
4. MUSIC: In what year was Live Aid held, a relief concert to benefit the Ethiopian famine?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What is a fear of flying called?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of porcupines called?
7. LANGUAGE: What kind of sentence is the following: "The five boxing wizards jump quickly"?
8. GAMES: What is the most frequently landed-upon property in the Monopoly game?
9. FOOD & DRINK: In which two U.S. states are coffee beans grown commercially?
10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which modern author wrote, "Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple"

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## Answers

1	LOV	AD	EP	ES
2	AD	AD	EP	ES
3	AD	AD	EP	ES
4	AD	AD	EP	ES
5	AD	AD	EP	ES
6	AD	AD	EP	ES
7	AD	AD	EP	ES
8	AD	AD	EP	ES
9	AD	AD	EP	ES
10	AD	AD	EP	ES

Solution time: 27 mins.

## Americanisms

"Don't tell your problems to people: 80% don't care; and the other 20% are glad you have them."

— Lou Holtz

## Cryptoquip

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harvest, bulb growers gave a low answer

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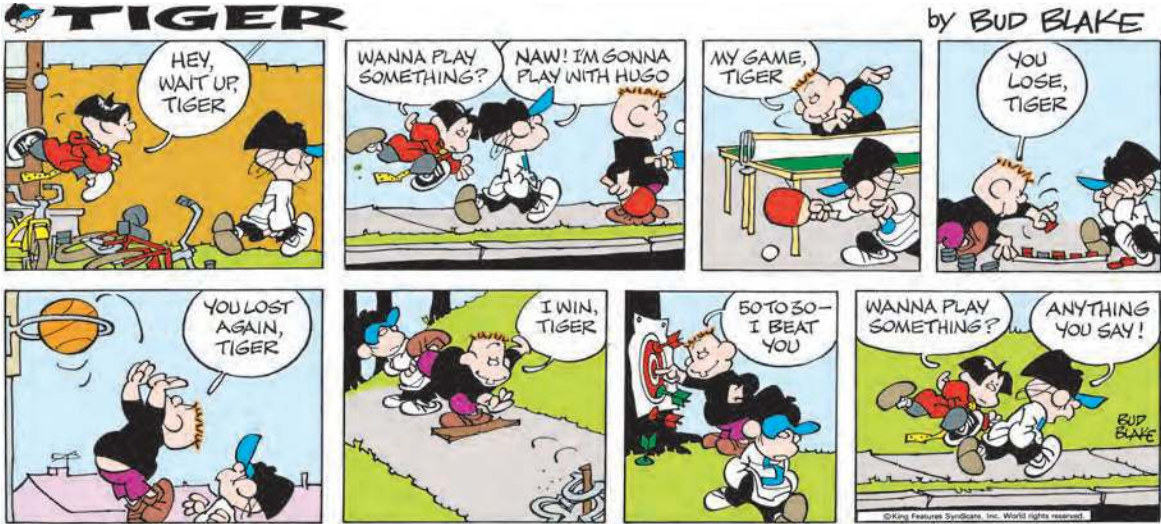
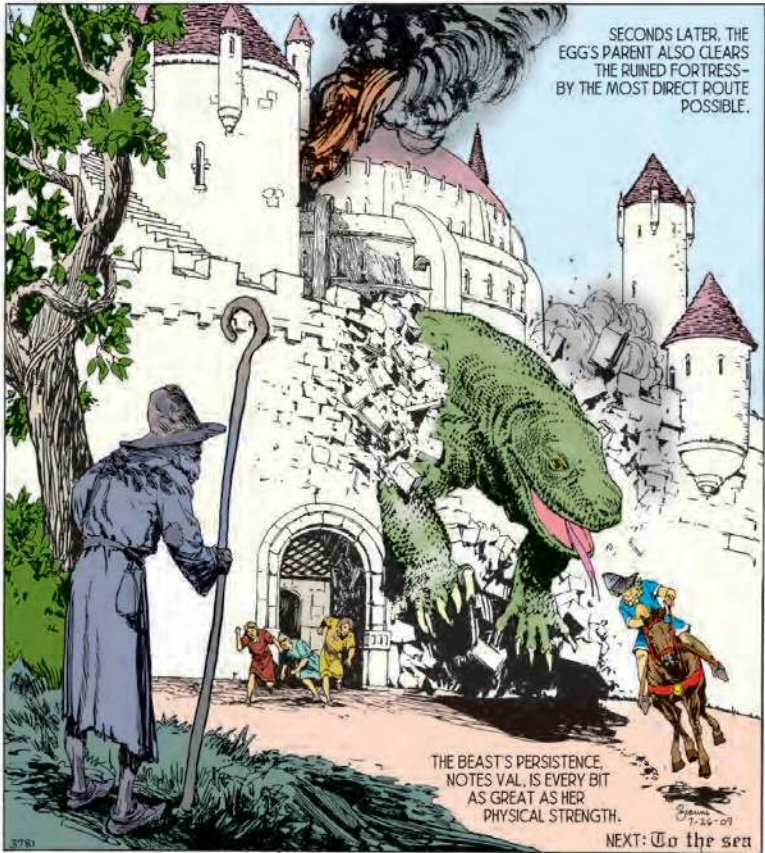
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## ‘Modern Gothic’ Daybed

George Hunzinger (1835-1898) was born in Germany and trained as a cabinetmaker. In 1855, he emigrated to the United States and started making his own style of furniture, chairs and tables made of wood or wire -- inspired by pipes, machinery and his 21 patented designs and methods. He invented or improved extension, swivel top and nesting tables; reclining and folding chairs; platform rockers; convertible beds; and a woven seat made of fabric-covered wire. A woven wire bed was sold recently by Neal Auction Company. It had an adjustable back and curved arms, but most importantly, it still had the original fabric-wrapped metal wire webbing Hunzinger patented in 1879. It sold for \$3,125.

This new material cut the cost of making a chair, and he sold his novel chairs for the low price of \$30. Collectors have no trouble recognizing his work because most of it is stamped with his name and the patent date. He made copies of his furniture in a variety of wood finishes and upholstery materials that were bought by a diverse range of customers. And he had sales offices, agents and catalogs in many countries. Hunzinger furniture was very different from the period designs, and the Neal catalog called the daybed a “Modern Gothic” piece.

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CURRENT PRICES

Scarf, retro, silk, pink, blue and purple circles, black ground, Bob Mackie, 1960s, 20 x 69 inches, \$20.

## KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel



This unusual daybed was invented and patented by George Hunzinger in 1879. It sold for \$3,125 because of the historic look, the importance of the maker and the remains of the original fabric-wrapped wire used instead of upholstery.

Soda fountain canister, Carnation malted milk, milk glass, red and green letters, aluminum lid, 8 1/2 x 6 1/4 inches, \$85.

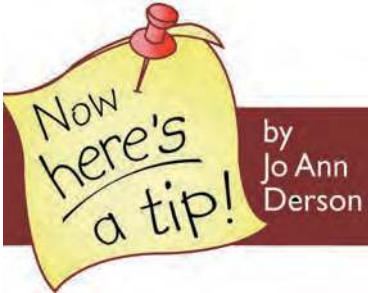
Sunderland pitcher, pink luster, transfer decoration including Mason’s Arms, sailors’ verses, England, c. 1810, 9 1/4 inches, \$130.

Sampler, needlepoint, cross-stitch, houses, family, horse, carriage, flowers, frame, 1960s, 11 x 13 inches, \$150.

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TIP: Never push antique furniture across the floor. Pick it up. Old furniture may have weak glue joints and may be damaged in the process.

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\* For a little extra visibility in the basement, try applying glow-in-the-dark or reflective tape on the edges of the stairs.

\* “Peppermint is a wonderful cure for indigestion. To make a quick peppermint tea, use a rolling pin to smash three to four peppermint candies. Add them to a glass of water and microwave for a minute and a half. Stir to melt the candies completely, and drink slowly.” -- G.L. in California

\* Don’t stop reading just because it’s hard to get to a library! Many public libraries are offering delivery services these days. My local library will let you reserve books online for quick pickup, renew your due date or even have books delivered to your home. Some have regular seminars on all kinds of topics -- and many of them are done virtually.

\* If you are replacing a hinge to re-hang a door and you need to use the same holes, make sure you add grip by placing a matchstick or toothpick in the hole before re-screwing the attachments. Just break it off flush with the frame. It will add some security to the hole so it won’t be as loose.

\* “My mother swears by wrapping her feet in a vinegar-soaked rag once a week to soften calluses. She does this before her bath, and uses a pumice stone to rid her heels of hardened spots on the skin. It seems to work for her, so I thought I would pass it on!” -- C.D. in Colorado

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

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Ethiopia	India	Laos	Vietnam
Guatemala	Indonesia	Mexico	

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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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KDEJKLFLV EZ Y ORYBD EWYE

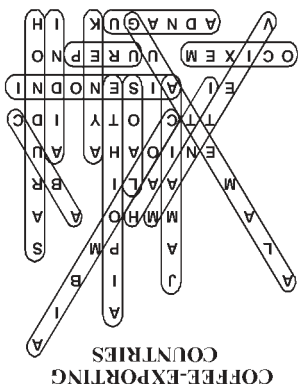
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There is nothing like  
returning to a place that  
remains unchanged to find  
the ways in which you  
yourself have altered.  
— Nelson Mandela

Cryptoquote

## Celebrity Extra: Kelly Ripa

**Q: I was a big fan of the daytime soap “All My Children” for years before it was canceled. I remember when Kelly Ripa met her husband on the show and acted with him. Is there any chance the couple will do a reality show together with their beautiful family? -- B.T.**

A: Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos met on the ABC soap “All My Children” in 1996 while playing characters Hayley Vaughan and Mateo Santos. Their on-screen romance grew into a love affair that has lasted a quarter of a century. They were recently profiled with their children in “People” magazine, but their careers have been thriving without the need of a reality show. However, they are teaming up as producers, recently inking a deal with the Lifetime network to produce two movies as part of its “Ripped from the Headlines” theme.

“I am beyond thrilled to welcome Kelly and Mark and their company into the Lifetime family. We feel like Kelly and Mark have our same sensibilities and instincts for good storytelling,” said Lifetime representative Tanya Lopez. “We know our ripped from the headlines slate will be energized by their enthusiasm, and we all look forward to bringing these timely stories to their fans.”

Even if they only produce and don’t star in anymore projects together, perhaps Kelly and Mark will make brief cameos.

As for “AMC,” several soap castmembers participated in a re-



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**Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos**

union online when the pandemic first started, including Kelly and Mark. If you’d like to watch it, just follow this link: <https://ew.com/tv/tv-reunions/watch-all-my-children-cast-reunion/>.

**Q: I saw comedy legend Bob Newhart on the recent Emmy Awards show. I used to love listening to his comedy albums years ago before his TV shows. Are they still available? I should have saved them. -- T.H.**

A: Comedy legend is right! The 91-year-old Newhart actually won several Grammy Awards for his comedy albums back in the 1960s. If you can’t find the albums at a record store, they’re

**See CELEBRITY, page B10**





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## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## Dealing with Trials and Temptations

God gives us grace to endure the trials that comes upon us, and the strength to overcome temptations.

We shouldn't be surprised when a trial comes along. 1 Peter 4: 12-13 says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Charles Spurgeon says, "Trials teach us what we are; they dig up the soil, and let us see what we are made of."

Trials come our way sometimes, and it gives us the opportunity to show what we are made of. It's what we do in times of trial that shows whether we're pure gold or not.

We are all on God's anvil ~ where God is shaping us up for higher things.

Everyone experiences trials, temptations, adversity, persecution and tribulations.

There are three reasons we experience trials. Firstly, all of us are part of the human race. Humanity has been under a curse ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden.

Our first parents were tested and sad to say, they miserably failed the test. Ever since their sin, mankind has had to deal with sickness, sorrow, death, trials and tribulations. When they failed God, the curse of sin was placed upon mankind and the whole earth. And the curse of sin will not be eradicated until Jesus comes in great power and glory and puts all sin and rebellion under His feet forevermore, and sets up the everlasting Kingdom.

Secondly, trials of our faith comes make us stronger, and they cause us to put more faith and trust in the Lord.

Thirdly, trials of our faith test us and give us the opportunity to prove how strong our faith is. It takes faith to make it through a trial. But if we'll trust God, He will bring us through it.

Smith Wigglesworth said, "From great fights will come great faith. Every time we are tested and we overcome, we grow stronger and stronger in the Lord."

James 1: 1-4. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

According to James 1: 1-4, joy is the best response to trials. A joy that comes from deep down within because of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Trials produce in us, endurance and patience. Patience to work through the trial. Endurance because trials teach us to persevere. "Even in our trials, we can experience joy and peace." Robert D. Hales.

Trials test the strength of our character. There's no way to ascertain the strength of one's character without a testing. God doesn't allow trials to come our way to destroy our faith, but to build it up.

Temptations to sin are not from God. However trials of our faith come because God permits them to come in order to test us. Someone said "the fingerprints of God are on our trials, while the fingerprints of the devil are on our temptations."

See MCCRAW, page B9

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9:00AM - Contemporary Worship  
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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
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11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
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Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm  
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Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
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Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &  
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
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Pulaski, Va.  
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Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com  
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Sunday Worship (with children's message):  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.  
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Worship 11 a.m.  
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
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Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
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# McCraw

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There is a big difference between the two. Temptations test our weaknesses, whereas trials test our strengths.

Now, here are some examples of trials. When we have to struggle against sickness. Or when we lose our job and don't know where our next pay check is coming from. Or when we have to deal with a death in the family. Or when a friend betrays us. These are examples of trials, and are morally neutral.

Temptations come to draw us away from God, and into sin; whereas trials come to draw us closer to God.

The devil can't snare us with a temptation to sin, if we are prayed up, fasted up, and full of the presence and power of God.

All that is good comes from God. We get nothing good from the world or the devil. God is the source of all good and perfection. He rebirthed us spiritually through the process of regeneration and we were born again, afresh and anew. No better gift comes from above from the Father of Lights than salvation for our souls.

The first time we are born, we are born of earthly parents. The second time we are born of our heavenly parent. The first birth is a natural birth, but the second birth is a spiritual birth. Jesus told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again in order to enter into the Kingdom of God." Our old carnal nature cannot obey God so our carnal nature must be changed. We must be transformed by God and given a new nature like unto God's own nature in order to be able to live right.

Jesus didn't say ye should be born again. He didn't say you can be born again. He said, ye MUST be born again." We cannot enter into Heaven without being born again of the Spirit of God.

The word of truth, the gospel, led us to God so we could be saved. We are saved because we have entered into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, the living word of the living God.

If we flee from temptation, we will be able to overcome it. We need stay away from tempting situations and from tempting associations.

If we hang around the barber shop too long we're going to end up getting a haircut. If we hang around others who sin, sooner or later, we're going to join them in their sin. Temptation is everywhere, but so is God. He will help us to overcome temptations and He will deliver us from every trial. "Casting all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

Someone said and rightly so, "Trials without God will break you, trials with God will make you."

# Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Tamar in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. Why had Jonah been thrown overboard from a ship, later to be swallowed by the big fish? He asked to, For stealing, Being a stowaway, Brandishing his sword
  3. From Genesis 29, which of Jacob's wives was first to bear children? Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, Zilpah
  4. In 2 Kings 16, who burned his son alive as a sacrifice? Joab, Ahaz, Isaac, Josiah
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) He asked to; 3) Leah; 4) Ahaz**

He went on and spoke of the lilies of the field. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Matthew 6:28-29).

Since He cares for tiny birds and frail flowers, we can count on Jesus Christ for every aspect of our lives.

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

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# Trust is one answer to anxiety

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: Worry has always been an enemy for me, but my husband doesn't worry or show any emotion, and this worries me. How can a person win over this unwelcome companion? -- W.A.**

A: Almost no emotion is as common as worry. Most of our worries concern things that will never happen, or else things we cannot change. Jesus said, "[Who] of you by worrying can

add a single hour to his life's span?" (Luke 12:25, NASB). Someone once said, "Worry is the interest paid on trouble before it comes due."

Trust is one answer to anxiety. Let's cast our care on the Lord remembering that He is our salvation also in the time of trouble, and this is a continuing process. We aren't only to take our burdens to the Lord; we are to leave them there.

A poet once wrote:



## My Answer

Billy Graham

Said the robin to the sparrow,  
/ I should really like to know,  
  
Why these anxious human beings / Rush about and worry so.

Said the sparrow to the robin,  
/ Friend, I think that it must be,  
  
That they have no heavenly Father / Such as cares for you and me.  
  
Jesus used the carefree attitude of the birds to underscore the fact that worrying is unnatural. "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26).



## Waiting

One thing that really perplexes me is how little thought or notice is given to the word “waiting.” Waiting is one of the most powerful words we have in the English language, and, for some reason, it doesn’t get its just due. Waiting is a way of life right from the beginning. I bet there was someone waiting for you to be born! It seems that it should get more attention than it gets; it should be in the top rules of life: don’t steal, don’t lie, learn how to wait.

Waiting should have its own rule book. Think about how much time we spend in our lives waiting. We wait to graduate, to own a car, to have a job, to get a promotion, and on and on..... And, the only guidance we get is that you have to learn to be patient. Being patient while “waiting” is, after all, a virtue. It’s a good character trait to have, but no one tells you that waiting is a very large part of life or that there is a flip side when considering who should be expected to wait patiently.

You see, in business you never, ever, want the customer to wait. In restaurant and retail businesses, you’re trained as a service person to greet the customer within 30 seconds. If it takes longer, you tell the customer to go. You can’t tell the customers to have patience or suggest they weren’t taught that golden rule. Somewhere along the line, the rules change, and it’s up to us as good adults to interpret that and teach it to the upcoming generation. Since there is no rule book for the waiting game, the rules are primarily based on an individual’s preference and left open to interpretation.

Shoot, they even have studies that determine the average amount of time a person will wait on a call before hanging up. Retail chains tell their sales people to greet every customer the minute they walk in the door. Greet that customer, acknowledge them. (Maybe they think that will soften the blow when you get something serviced and they tell you it will take three weeks.) “Don’t be mad! I greeted you the minute you walked in the door. Now you have to wait.” Remember “patience.”

For something that is such a big part of life maybe, we should be taught that waiting and life go hand in hand and that there is nothing, and I mean nothing, that

## Celebrity

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available in several formats on Amazon and Ebay.

**Q: I saw that Disney+ cast the role of “She-Hulk” with a different actress than Alison Brie. I could have sworn Brie was chosen last year. What happened? -- W.O.**

A: Rumors swirled earlier this year that Disney’s new streaming service, Disney+, was looking for an “Alison Brie type” to play “She-Hulk” (the Incredible Hulk’s cousin) in a new series. In fact, it turned out to be just wishful thinking from fans as it



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doesn’t require waiting.

Check out some of these statistics. According to a Timex survey, Americans wait, on average --

20 minutes a day for the bus or train;

32 minutes when they visit a doctor;

28 minutes in security lines when they travel; and

21 minutes for a significant other to get ready to go out.

This means that on average -- Americans wait --

13 hours annually while on-hold for customer service and

38 hours each year waiting in traffic (in metropolitan areas, more than 50 hours annually).

This totals to more than 37 billion hours each year that Americans will wait in line somewhere.

And in the bigger picture from the same survey --

The average human, in a lifetime, spends approximately;

6 months waiting in line (which averages about 3 days a year);

43 days on hold with automated customer service in one lifetime; and

27 days waiting around on the platform or at the bus stop (for those who regularly ride busses).

Seeing those numbers helps to put “waiting” in perspective, and makes clear that a little more guidance than to have patience might be needed.

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

#### Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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was recently announced that Tati-ana Maslany will be donning the green makeup instead.

Since Brie plays a female wrestler on the Netflix series “GLOW,” it seemed only natural that fans would picture her as part of the Hulk family. However, Maslany definitely deserves it. She won an Emmy for playing more than a dozen clones in the series “Orphan Black,” a very physically demanding role.

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

## Handling Debt Collectors

Dear Dave,

Do you have suggestions on how to interact with debt collectors? Sometimes they are reasonable and easy to work with, but others are rude and pushy. Your advice would be appreciated.

Paul

Dear Paul,

You’ll run into all sorts of collectors, no matter what kind of debt you have. Occasionally they are friendly and understanding, while others can be downright mean and nasty. Whatever their approach is, you have to keep in mind they’re all after one thing—your money.

Most debt collectors prey on a person’s emotions and lack of confidence. If you don’t know your rights, they can scare you by using bogus threats. Understand what I’m saying here, Paul. If you have debt, you have a legal and moral obligation to pay it. At the same time, you need to calmly and confidently control these kinds of conversations. You might have made some financial mistakes, but that doesn’t mean you should allow someone to abuse you.

When it comes to dealing with debt collectors, keep track of all the calls and emails. Write down the names of anyone you talk to and when they called. A record of all contact is important, and it will make it easier to report them if



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they violate the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If the collector agrees to settle the debt, get it in writing and keep the document as proof in case they “forget” they made the offer.

Also, be completely up to speed on your accounts. Know what you owe, who you owe, and have a record of all the payments you’ve made. Knowing the facts gives you the upper hand in any situation. Don’t be intimidated by debt collectors, either. Calmly explain your situation, the reason you’re behind on the debt, and how you plan to pay it off. Don’t get emotional and let yourself get drawn into an argument or shouting match. If

they insult you, or yell or curse at you—yes, this happens sometimes—hang up immediately.

Financial troubles like debt can make every aspect of your life feel messed up. If you want to get back on track, start living on a written, monthly budget, and attack your debts using the debt snowball system. It’s not easy, and it takes discipline, hard work, and sacrifices, but it’s worth it!

—Dave

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