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# Firm seeks to build solar energy project in county

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Hecate Energy LLC, a developer, owner and operator of renewable power projects in North America, is seeking a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a proposed solar renewable energy generation project in Pulaski County.

According to the county's Elaine Holeton, Planning and Zoning Director the project area covers some 2,697 acres on multiple parcels, generally located near the Town of Dublin.

Countians wanting to learn more on the project can attend an informational meeting to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 1 in Pulaski County High School's Little Theater. More on the meeting can be found in this week's issue in a legal notice in our Classified section.

According to Holeton, a preliminary concept of the project was presented to the Pulaski County Planning Commission last week. Planners will hold a public hearing on Hecate's SUP application at 7 p.m. on Jan. 12.



**Hecate Energy**

The Board of Supervisors will consider the matter, along with a public hearing on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Hecate – pronounced HEK-uh-tee – is proposing to construct a 280 megawatt solar project in the county in three phases. According to Jay Poole of Hecate, the total investment in the project is anticipated to be in excess of \$400 million. According to Poole, it would be one of the largest capital investments in the history of the region.

According to information provided by Holeton, the project will generate 130 new jobs during the construction phase.

It is anticipated the project will generate some \$392,000 annually in new additional tax revenue for the county and total tax revenue of \$13.7 million over the 35-year life of the project.

According to Poole, employees constructing the project will

pump tens of thousands of dollars into the local economy during construction.

Poole noted he believes the solar project should be viewed by countians as "an integral piece of a broader economic development strategy."

"Approval of this project instantly makes Pulaski a player in the high-stakes game of Data Center recruitment. Companies which build Data Centers and other high-tech companies which demand sufficient quantities of renewable energy, go to places which make renewable energy more available," Poole noted.

Poole said if the project is eventually approved by the Board of Supervisors, the next step is a review by the state's Department of Environmental Quality. A process, he said, typically takes 5-6 months.

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# Food City distributes Race Against Hunger \$\$\$

From Food City

Since 1992, Food City – in partnership with their customers has conducted their annual Race Against Hunger campaign to raise funds for local non-profit hunger relief organizations. “Hunger is a serious problem throughout our region. Food City is proud to be a part of the “Race Against Hunger,” says Steven C. Smith, Food City’s president and chief executive officer.

Throughout the promotion, customers wishing to donate simply select the desired dollar amount and it is conveniently added to their order total. 100% of the proceeds benefit hunger relief and charitable organizations throughout our region.

“Millions of Americans need food assistance each year. The Food City Race Against Hunger campaign is one way we can help those in need right here in our own area,” says Kevin Stafford, Food City vice president of marketing.

The 2019-2020 Race Against Hunger campaign raised over \$562,000. The Dream Center in Pulaski and Feed My Lambs backpack program in Pulaski received \$2,000 each in proceeds.

“We would like to thank our



Pictured left to right are Joe Blankenship, Dream Center; Timothy Burke, Food City Designated Manager; Michael Wyatt, Food City Store Manager; Preston Douglas, Food City Assistant Store Manager; Mike Holcomb, Feed My Lambs, and Jennifer Price, Food City Human Relations Coordinator display checks for \$2,000 for the Dream Center and Feed My Lambs.

loyal customers for helping make this promotion such a huge success. Their generosity will help feed thousands of our

friends and neighbors in need throughout the region,” adds Smith.

Headquartered in Abingdon,

Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores (Food City’s parent company) operates 134 retail outlets throughout southeast Kentucky,

southwest Virginia, east Tennessee, Chattanooga and north Georgia.

Photo courtesy of Food City’s Jennifer Price

## Burcham’s status with town changes

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The status of Pulaski’s Interim Town Manager Darlene Burcham has changed.

During Tuesday’s meeting of council, Mayor Shannon Collins read a statement describing the change.

“Given the process for naming a new town manager has taken longer than was originally anticipated – and the cost of Ms. Burcham’s service was estimated at three to four months – she has offered to withdraw from the contract and has

agreed to work part time as the interim town manager until the end of the year as a temporary employee of the town,” Collins said.

Collins continued, saying the arrangement “will save the town money in these uncertain times as well as not rush the council to a decision.”

Collins said council has accepted the arrangement and thanks Burcham for her “continued attention to the town’s finances.”

Burcham has been working since July 1 in Pulaski after the town contracted with The

Berkley Group, which provides management services for localities. That action came following the resignation of then town manager Shawn Utt.

Burcham – town manager of Clifton Forge at the time – was joining Berkley as a part of the company’s executive management team.

She has over 40 years of experience in local government, including stints in Norfolk as its deputy city manager and as Roanoke’s city manager for ten years prior to moving on to Clifton Forge.

## Pulaski Police Department investigating shooting death

From Pulaski Police Department

On November 18 at 1:33 am, The Town of Pulaski Police Department responded to the 1000 block of Newbern Road in reference to a shooting with a report of injuries. Upon arrival Officers discovered a male subject suffering an apparent gunshot wound. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

The case is still under investigation by both the Pulaski Police Department and the Virginia Medical Examiners Office in Roanoke. There is no ongoing threat to the community and there are no persons of interest at this time.

If you have any information regarding this incident you are encouraged to contact Detective R. Riddle of the Pulaski Police Department at (540) 994-8680.

## Thanksgiving Week Deadline

The Patriot will publish on Friday, Nov.27.

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# Warming Station announces changes in face of COVID

By LINDA WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The Warming Station is a very important program in Pulaski that helps the homeless and those down on their luck. Even other established agencies and organizations have come to call on the Warming Station during the winter when they encounter people in need of a place to sleep when the temperature is 40 degrees and below at 6 p.m.

Since its founding, the program has faced many challenges. Now it faces another in the form of COVID-19. Because of the virus, the whole landscape of caring for the homeless changes.

The Warming Station has had to alter its program in order to comply with social distancing and other COVID-19 guidelines. The biggest change involves housing for those seeking shelter at the Warming Station.

This winter, homeless people seeking shelter won't be able to spend the night at the Warming Station facility on Washington Avenue in Pulaski. Instead, they will be housed for the night in a local motel, and food will come in the form of \$10 restaurant gift cards rather than from churches and caring individuals.

Pastor Charlie Barbettini, Director of the Warming Station, estimates the ministry will need \$10,000 in order to house and feed guests this season, based on the number of guests housed last season and the anticipated operational costs to comply with COVID-19 guidelines.

"God has blessed us with a \$5,000 grant from the Pulaski County Non-Profit Recovery Program and we have also received a similar grant for \$5,000 from the Town of Pulaski's Non-Profit Recovery Program. We are so very thankful to the county and town in helping us meet our needs this season," said Barbettini with a big smile.

Both grants come from federal CARES Act funds in response to COVID-19.

With the grant funds, Barbettini said the ministry will be able to serve four individuals per night on a rotating basis.

"We strongly believe that God would have us do everything possible to take care of

the homeless and meet as many needs as possible," he added.

While the grants will help the ministry pay additional costs of operation incurred this winter, Barbettini said regular contributions are still needed and greatly appreciated.

"We (the Warming Station Board of Directors) believe the changes we have implemented this season will keep guests safe and well," said Barbettini.

This season, guests will be housed in the Budget Inn in Pulaski, with two guests per room in order to maintain social distancing.

"The dormitory type of sleeping we use under normal circumstances would keep us from complying with COVID rules," said Barbettini.

With that being the new normal, large, unexpected expenses will be incurred in motel room fees and meal cards.

"We continue to ask churches and individuals to support us during the season, but in a different way," said Barbettini.

Meals prepared in the homes of others are no longer an option this year. Barbettini asks that any church or individual who has previously donated hot meals to please consider donating funds for \$10 food cards from Wendy's, Hardee's or McDonald's to provide meals for guests.

"When making a monetary donation, please make a note of what the money is being donated for," Barbettini asked. He explained the costs facing the Warming Station this season are in addition to their regular costs of operation.

"We still have rent and utilities to pay on the apartments that we use for the program regularly," said Barbettini, noting the ministry has taken cost cutting measures to operate the apartments during this time as cost effectively as possible, and will continue to do whatever they can to cut costs and be good stewards of their funds.

"At the present time we have a good situation for men and women needing our services, and we do not want to lose the accommodations that have worked so well for the program in the past," added Barbettini.

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# Council creates 'timeline' in issue over Martin home

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot



Pulaski Town Council is creating a "timeline" for Gary Martin.

Martin, who was a town employee for some 40 years, approached council in early October for its help after receiving notice from the town giving him 30 days to remove his double-wide home from town property located at the Macgill Village Park.

Martin has lived on the site since 1981. Martin told council in October the town had created the home site so he could live there and keep watch over a storage building at the park where the town kept recreation equipment.

Martin told council in October that there had been discussions through the years about the land being surveyed so he could buy it, but nothing was ever finalized.

Since October, Martin and his daughter, Amanda have been going back and forth with council and Interim Town Manager Darlene Burcham over resolving the situation.

At council's work session Tuesday, Councilman Michael Reis asked Burcham for an update on the Martin home situation.

Burcham said she and Amanda Martin had met again.

"She came in primarily to ask about access to some of their personal property which we (town) found out had been stored in a town-owned building, which we had not given permission in the past for it to be used in that regard," Burcham began, noting the town had changed locks on the building and "No Trespassing" signs had been posted.

Burcham told council that at the meeting, Martin "really had nothing to report as to progress on the two options council had suggested they should pursue" – purchasing a portion of the town's property where Gary Martin's home is lo-

cated or moving the double-wide home to another location within the town or county.

The possibility of buying the property from the town can't move forward until the Martins come up with a solution on how to access the property.

"Council had indicated previously that the current access would not be allowed given the development potential of the property," Burcham said.

The Macgill Village Park is approximately 10 acres in size, and Burcham said it "clearly is not in its highest or best use at the present time."

"I think I previously indicated to council that housing is in great need in the town and that is one possibility for the park property," she added.

Burcham said when she and Amanda Martin spoke last week, Martin indicated they had spoken to a representative of Macgill Village Co. about crossing their property to access the Marin home from the rear.

"She said she had not received an answer back from Macgill Village's owners as to whether or not an easement of access could be given at the rear of their current location," Burcham said.

Burcham continued that she had asked about where the Martins stood on the issue of re-location.

"The answer was pretty much what we'd heard before. That they had looked at several properties.

One was only for rent, and she said her father was not interested in renting. One has been sold, and another one was in the county and would require a septic system," Burcham said.

"I strongly encouraged her to bring to my office by last Friday an update to be shared with council prior to this meeting that indicated a timeline for both of those options," Burcham continued. "How long would it take to get a septic system installed? How long to move the trailer? Three months for one, four months for the other? ... so, council could see a plan to execute both options, and on the option to purchase, where are we on the easement issue?"

"I didn't receive anything last week and I expected them to be here this evening because she (Amanda) was very concerned we had locked the building that we did not know they were using or had access to.

"I advised her access to that property would not be given until council was informed as to its contents and that council would participate in the decision about when that property could be made available," Burcham said.

Burcham told council "the public needs to understand that we're (town) not talking about taking someone's property. Their property is only in fact the doublewide located on the town's property."

She added, "We are not going to be able to allow the kind of access that trailer has had in the past if we are going to develop that property."

"I would encourage council to allow us to start marketing that property (Macgill Village Park) to see what potential there is for its future development involving the community and the neighborhood before a decision is made

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**CAROLYN SUE SIFFORD**

Carolyn Sue Sifford, 76, of Parrott VA passed away peacefully with her family by her side on November 13th, 2020. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Dana Harter and Kenneth Sifford; grandchildren, Joshua B, Jessi Malpica (Rafael), and Zachary Harter; great-grandchildren, Ryan, Hayden, and Hannah; brothers, Jackson Reed and Julian Reed (Wanda); sisters, R. Audalene Burress, Geneva Reed, Barbara Bane and Pamela Webb (Harmon); and numerous nieces and nephews. Carolyn was the daughter of the late Ira Reed Sr and Alsie Reed. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clayton Sifford, second husband Robert Sifford; Brother, Ira Reed Jr; sisters, Arlene Reed and Judy McAdams. Carolyn was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She will always be remembered for her compassion, sweet-nature, and selfless acts of kindness to others. Due to Covid precautions, a service in Pulaski County will be held at a later date for family and friends. A private family service will be held Sunday, November 22nd. The family wishes to thank Bon Secours Hospice and the VCU medical team for their care, compassion, and dedication in her last days.



**ARLETA SHELTON DEHART**

April 21, 1942 – November 11, 2020

Arleta Shelton DeHart, 78 of Barren Springs passed away on November 11, 2020. She is preceded in death by her parents, CPL James Ray Shelton and Lattie Bell Simpkins Shelton; sister, Betty Jean; brother, John Daniel "Johnny"; and son, PFC Steven Ray Taylor.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Taylor Steele; granddaughter, Christina Adele Steele-Garcia; great-granddaughter, Lucille Jolene "Lucy Jo" Garcia; son-in-law, Christopher Michael Garcia; brothers, James Hugh, Paul Corporal, David Emanuel Shelton, and adoring nieces and nephews.

Arleta is remembered most by her beauty, smile, laughter, caring heart, and love for people.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made at Bower Funeral Chapels <https://www.bowerfuneralhome.com/obituary/arleta-shelton-dehart>.

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**CLESTA SADLER RIDDLE**

Clesta Sadler Riddle, age 66 of the Little Creek Community departed this life Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at her home. Born July 3, 1954 in Giles County she was the daughter of the late Walter L. Sadler and Sylvia H. Sadler. Her sisters, Julie Ogle and Lucille Gravley also preceded her in death.

She is survived by

Her Loving Husband of 49 years – James "Jimmy" Riddle – Little Creek

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Sisters – Mary S. Stephens & Larry Dowdy, Gloria Lovern and Lona Harrell

Brother – David (Ethelene) Sadler

Brothers & Sisters-in-law – Lewis "PeeWee" Riddle & Salley "Viney", Ernest "Punch" Riddle, Arnold Riddle, Ronnie (Faye) Riddle, Mary (Carl) Woodyard, Eva Mae "Bootie" Woodyard & Feller, Brenda "Sugie" Woodyard & Larry, Lois "Teenie" Morris, Roger Ogle and Jessie Gravley

Many Many Friends

Join us in a celebration of life at the Pathway to Heaven Worship Center (7889 Cleburne Blvd., Dublin, VA), Saturday 1:00 p.m. November 21, 2020 with Pastor Winfred Keene officiating.

The family will receive friends Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 12:00 noon until service time at the church.

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

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



**ANNIE MARY MABRY MCPEAK**

Annie Mary Mabry McPeak, aged 85, of Radford (Fairlawn), VA passed away on November 10, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Aaron (Ernie) J. McPeak, Sr.; by parents, Clarence and Agnes Tickle Mabry; by her two brothers, Larry Douglas Mabry and Clarence (Tommy) Mabry; and by three sisters: Louise Switzer, Virginia Epperly, and Margie Cronk.

She is survived by her children, Sandra Phillips (Danny) of Buda, TX, Gwen George (Mathew) of Salem, VA, Aaron J. (Jeff) Jr. of Fairlawn, VA and Rita Rochelle Abate (Kenny) of Radford, VA; 10 grandchildren and many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, James Otis Mabry of Radford, VA and her sister, Mildred Jones of Salem, VA.

Annie worked at Hercules (Radford Arsenal) for many years. After retirement, she returned to school and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bluefield College in 1995, at aged 60.

She was a determined woman and would not be defeated in achieving her life's goals. Annie had a soft heart for those less fortunate than herself and left behind a legacy of strong family traditions, hard work and a good work ethic.

She will now join her husband, Aaron (Ernie), who just recently passed.

Special thanks to the staff at Pulaski Health & Rehabilitation Center in Pulaski for their care of our parents over the last year, and more recently during their illnesses.

Due to covid precautions the family held a private funeral services Monday, November 16, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Pulaski. To sign her online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements are handled by Bowers Funeral Chapel, Pulaski, VA.



**DALVIN LEE GRAVLEY**

Dalvin Lee Gravley, 57, of Parrott, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Ruth Gravley; and sister, Rita Gravley.

Survivors include sisters and brothers-in-law, Joan and Rusty McCoy, and Mary and Rocky Cullop; brothers and sisters-in-law, Rickey and Diane Gravley, Ken and Theresa Gravley, and Tony and Donna Gravley; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held Monday, November 16, 2020 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastor Eddie Dalton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the funeral home to offset funeral expenses.

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



**LYDA RITTER FARLOW**

Lyda Ritter Farlow, 83, of Pulaski, VA died early Wednesday morning, November 18, 2020 at her home. She was born in Virginia on June 24, 1937 and was the daughter of the late Ranold Frantz "RF" Ritter and Posey Leta Sutphin Ritter. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Hensil (Pete) (Smiley) Farlow, by sisters, Marguerite Richardson, Ruby Simmons, Catherine Pickeral, Bonnie Jones, and Mary Firebaugh and by her brothers, Roy Ritter, Ray Ritter and Hensel Ritter. She was a retired employee of Kroger's.

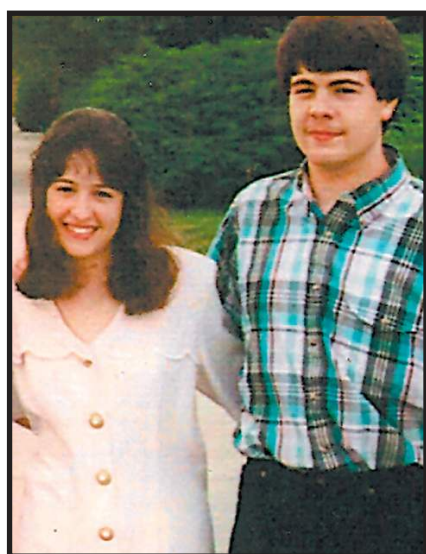
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## In Loving Memory of Chris and Stephanie Yonce

It's been 24 years and we can hardly believe that you have been gone that long. "Stephanie you would be the same age I was when we lost you and Chris." We will never stop missing you all or loving you no matter how long it has been. But we know one day we will meet again and that keeps us going.



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**JERRY FRANKLIN RUNYON, SR.**

Jerry Franklin Runyon, Sr., age 71 of Radford passed away Thursday, November 12, 2020 at the New River Valley Medical Center. Born February 25, 1949 in Arlington County, VA, he was the son of the late Hardy Runyon & Carrie Frazier Gallihugh. His son, Jerry Runyon, Jr. and brothers Warren, Mike Runyon also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his  
Wife of 48 years  
Linda Gail Brunk Runyon – Radford  
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Lisa Lavonne Duncan & Greg Duncan – Willis  
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Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Kenneth Poston officiating. Interment followed at the Hickman Cemetery (Pulaski County).

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

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

### PHYLLIS “GAYLE” SLATE OWEN

Phyllis “Gayle” Slate Owen, 69, of Pulaski, VA passed away peacefully Sunday night, November 15, 2020 in the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin. She was born in Pulaski on January 4, 1951 and was the daughter of the late Rex and Ida Belle Slate. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Crystal Smith Evan; brothers, Billy and Jerry Slate; a sister, Becky Slate Dehart; a brother-in-law, Rodney “Shep” Shepard, a sister-in-law, Libby Taylor Slate and by a niece, Carrie Sue Slate. Ms. Owen was retired from New River Castings and a member of Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She is survived by –  
Granddaughter: Nicole and Isaac Bowman  
Great Granddaughter: Aria Bowman  
Brothers: Rusty and Sue Slate  
Chuckie and Monica Slate  
David Slate and Dianna Easterling  
Steve Slate  
Ricky and Angie Slate  
Sisters: Doris Sheppard  
Barbara and Timmy Smith  
Brother-in-law: Floyd Dehart  
Her special fur-babies: Burt and Bella

A graveside service was held Thursday, November 19th from the Hufford Cemetery in Pulaski, VA with Pastor Mike Ingo officiating.

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



**CAROL MAE HOLIDAY MCDOWELL**

Carol Mae Holiday McDowell, age 82 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, November 14, 2020 at her home.

Born September 13, 1938 in Radford, she was the daughter of the late Lewis Holiday and Josephine Bishop Holiday. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Paul Robert McDowell.

She is survived by  
Daughters and Sons-in-law-  
Debbie and Tim Hurst- Newbern  
Faun and Tim Hutchison-Pulaski  
Three Grandchildren-  
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Garrison Coleman  
Rylan Coleman  
And Kenna Smith

Twin Sister- Carolene Talley-Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
Niece- JoAnn Hofstad  
Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Don Singleton and Pastor Mindy Chaffin officiating.

Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to the charity of your choice.

Special thanks from the family to Good Samaritan Hospice for their excellent care.

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

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

## Farlow

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Sue & Wally Jones  
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Gary & Pam Farlow  
Grandchildren – Andrea Duncan (Ed Fortune)  
Katie Williams (Alex)  
Kelli Fox (Chad)  
Luke, Erin and Ellie Russell  
Shae Farlow  
Great-Grandchildren – Cayden Snow

Kendal Bagley  
Kendyn Bagley  
A graveside service will be held Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM from the Thornspring Cemetery, Pulaski with Rev. Teresa Tolbert officiating.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



**EDWARD ARNOLD WILSON**

Edward Arnold Wilson, 67, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020 at his home in Pulaski. He was a truck driver and preceded in death by his parents, Ira R. Wilson, Sr. and Louise Brown Simmons; daughter, Carhi Hughes; and brother, Ira R. Wilson, Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Karen Wilson; daughters, Dana Guynn and Roni Trull, both of Pulaski; grandchildren who he raised, Ashley Tabor of Dublin, Autumn Melton of Radford, and Ryan Melton of Pulaski; grandchildren, Kelsey Currin of Wilmington, N. C., and John Hughes of Pulaski; brothers, Jack Wilson of Ohio and Mike Wilson of Virginia; sisters, Mary Zerby and Joyce Stevenson; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be private.

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

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**MARY SUSAN BURCHAM CHINAULT**

Mary Susan Burcham Chinault departed this life on Sunday, November 15, 2020. She was a long time resident of Dublin, Virginia. Funeral services will be a private graveside service on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at West End Cemetery, Wytheville. Family will meet at the cemetery before the graveside service.

Mary was the daughter of James R. (Jim) Burcham, Sr. and Mamie Roxie Monroe East. She grew up in Max Meadows and attended Wythe County Schools. She was a happy, contented person who loved everyone. She was excellent with children, telling stories, singing to them and at time a child caregiver.

She devoted her life to her husband and family.

Her parents, James Burcham, Sr and Mamie East Burcham preceded her in death as well as a beloved brother, Junius (Cecil) East.

Her loving husband, Clarence Thomas Chinault, survives to cherish her memory, and is a patient in Radford Health and Rehab Center. Others include her brothers and sisters:

Garnie East and wife Evelyn of Max Meadows, Bessie Tickle, Draper; Gerri Collins, Wytheville, and James (Bob) Burcham and wife Enola of Dublin. Other survivors include her many nieces and nephews. Kathy Christian, Draper and Betsy Bartlett, Ireland.

Mary was a woman of faith who loved everyone. She and Clarence loved reading the Bible daily and was proud of the fact they had read it in its entirety.

She loved to laugh, keep people happy, and was a joy to children. Throughout her life she never met a Stranger telling everyone, “I love you, Darlin”.

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

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



**LARRY WAYNE ‘DIRTY LARRY’ ROOPE**

Larry Wayne ‘Dirty Larry’ Roope, 69, of Pulaski passed away November 16, 2020 with family by his side. Born March 3, 1951 to the late Estel E. Roope and Nellie McDaniel Roope, he was also preceded in death by his sister Nancy Roope Spraker and her husband Richard.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Rachel Roope, and beloved dog, Sadie Jane. He was Dad to Bradley Roope and Hillary, Thomas Phillips and Melinda, John Lewis Phillips and Jessica, Deanna Roope Alls and Brent. He was PawPaw to Katelynn, Samantha, Maddison, Cory, Alivia, Jesse, Cooper, Tucker, Peyton, Lennon, Caylix, and Caiya. He was the baby brother to Donald E. Roope and Bessie and Sue Roope Shores and Larry. He will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and family members.

Larry was a graduate of Dublin High School Class of 1969 and New River Community College. He was an employee at Radford Foundry and retired from Volvo Trucks. Larry always found the humor in everything! He was always telling inappropriate jokes and stories. That’s how he got the nickname ‘Dirty Larry’. Larry loved the outdoors and spent time hunting and fishing. He especially loved going to The Cabin in Grayson with family and friends. One of his most memorable trips was during the summer when he chased Brad and Thomas with a black snake.

The family will have a private service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hunters Helping Kids, 4039 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, VA 24084.

The Roope family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhom.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhom.com)

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### ROBERT JOSEPH “BOB” CODY

Robert Joseph “Bob” Cody, 77 of Pulaski, VA passed away on Monday, November 16, 2020 at LewisGale Hospital Pulaski. He was born in Fall Branch, TN in 1943 to the late Elmer Cody and Lydia Alice Page Cody.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer Cody, Jr. and Kyle Cody.

He graduated from Fall Branch High School in 1961 then Holston Valley Hospital Radiologic Tech School in 1964. He moved to Pulaski in 1965 after accepting the job of Radiology Manager for Pulaski Community Hospital where he worked until his retirement in 2005. His favorite saying was “I enjoy every minute of my job.” His joy was spending time with his family, work, raising cattle, and salt water fishing.

He is survived by his wife Linda Phillips Cody of 56 years, son Robert Cody, Jr. and wife Debbie of Newport News, VA, daughter Lydia Ann Aker of Holly Springs, NC, two granddaughters, Emily and Rebecca Cody, sister, Margie Long of Greensboro, NC and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date at Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

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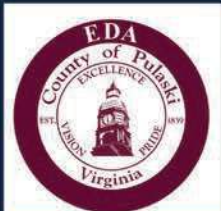
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# October Property Transfers

Property transfers for October as recorded by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s office:

Henry A. McGee Jr. and Associates to Shah Development LLC, 240 acres of lakefront property in Dublin (Draper District), \$1.2 million.

Robert A. Millirons to Sabrina S. Cox, property at 719 Prospect Avenue, Pulaski, \$252,354.

Judy L. Ruben to Benny Ray Spencer Jr., lot in Snowville, \$10,000.

Michael W. Cox to Michael S. Ferguson, property at 3531 Boone Furnace Road, Hiwassee, \$143,685.

Ryan D. Reeves to Robert Andrew Millirons, property at 1973 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$234,000.

Jason Ray White to Elizabeth Howard, property at 1283 Little Creek Road, Dublin, \$158,000.

Norman W. Dowdy, II to Richard J. Romeo, property at 336 Maple Street, Dublin, \$165,000.

Whitney C. Jackson to Jack Richmond, property at 6014 Dolphus Avenue, Dublin, \$55,000.

Veronica Kenny to Makayla D. Wilson, property at 5355 Howery Road, Dublin, \$142,000.

Thomas G. Tyson, Jr. Estate to Jonathan T. Snider, property at 4538 Old Tavern Road, Pulaski, \$205,000.

East River Two Properties, LLC to Brian Juanmarena, property at 8298 Sawgrass Way, Fairlawn, \$77,000.

Charlotte G. Shrewsbury to Robert E. Reynolds, property at 721 Kerry Street, Dublin, \$175,000.

H&H Housing, LLC to David Taylor, property at 5199 Cypress Avenue, Dublin, \$289,900.

David L. Taylor, Jr. to H&H Housing, LLC, property at 1001 Forest Hill Drive, Pulaski, \$47,500.

Curtis J. Sink to Vicki L. Brown, property at 1384 Lakewood Drive, Pulaski, \$168,000.

Abba Investments, LLC to Aaron K. Strickland, property at 3314 Lavendar Road, Pulaski, \$119,400.

John Johnson Lipsey, II to Tyler R. Parnell, property at 6889 Pinehour Place, Fairlawn, \$388,600.

Jason S. Wachnowsky to Cheryl R. Boyd, property at 3878 Bainbridge Drive, Pulaski, \$245,000.

D&D Diversified, LLC to Donna L. Cram, property at 5702 Tanglewood Drive, Dublin, \$205,000.

Andrew Cullip to Tyler Eaves, property at 216 Greenlea Street, Pulaski, \$147,000.

Howard W. Phillips II to James Woodall, property at 6682 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Fairlawn, \$132,500.

Thomas Zuckerwar to Christopher Rogers, property at 2931 Blackberry Lane, Hiwassee, \$255,000.

Darian D. Durham to Robert M. Walker, property at 6255 Harbour Town Drive, Fairlawn, \$415,000.

Morefield Holdings, LLC to Kelly A. Altice, property at Lot 12, Fair Acres, Dublin, \$42,500.

Robert J. Longo to Thomas Joseph Walker, Jr., 25-acre parcel off Valhalla Lane, Hiwassee, \$45,000.

Ryan S. Smith to Mark R. Lattanzi, property at 3988 Redd Budd Lane, Pulaski, \$409,000.

James C. Ivey, III to Richard Christian Rober, property at 4461 Irish Mountain Road, Hiwassee, \$225,000.

Thomas W. Kirk, Heir to Noah A. Malavolti, property at 6143 Ebb Hall Road, Dublin, \$276,000.

Bonnie L. DeHart to Shawna Shepherd, property

at 6381 Parrott Mountain Road, Parrott, \$115,000.

John T. Farmer to Andrew A. Rickey, property at 5480 Shepard Drive, Dublin, \$100,000.

Linda G. Snider to Samantha C. Sheppard, property at 5131 Wildwood Drive, Dublin, \$128,000.

Gary A. Lucas to Neil D. Hunwick, property at 2719 Fairway Drive, Draper, \$400,000.

Jeffery W. Foutz, Jr. to Jay M. Boone, property at 722 Henry Avenue, Pulaski, \$210,000.

Dorothy L. Wright to Bruce M. Andrews, property at 2102 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$150,000.

Fannie Mae to Adaisha Wright, property at 419 2nd Street, SW, Pulaski, \$103,000.

Brian M. Belcher to Layden B. Wood, IV, property at 1909 Wilshire Lane, Pulaski, \$299,900.

Logan T. Edwards to Kalley Miller, property at 730 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$91,950.

Shah Development, LLC to Daniel Lynn, property off 14th Street, NW, Pulaski, \$169,500.

William N. Hrones to Benjamin Bondurant, property at 7390 Little River Dam Road, Snowville, \$225,000.

Estate of Thomas M. Compton to Danny L. Houghton, property at 5576 Blenna Court, Dublin, \$412,000.

Roger H. Riley, Jr. to Jamie Leigh Ianson, property at 712 5th Street, NE in Pulaski, \$86,000.

Donald E. Murphy to Charles R. Slate, lot off Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, \$2,700.

Raymond Lee Singleton to OKOBOJI (2015) LLC, property on the top of Little or Bushy Mountain off Dry Branch Road, Parrott, \$250,000.

Bridget H. Moore to OKOBOJI (2015) LLC, 168 acres off Dry Branch Road, Parrott, \$252,000.

Walter Douglas Sifford to Berry Jean Sifford, property off Parrott Mountain Road, \$35,800.

Jennifer Lyle-Miller to Jack Richmond, property at 6207 Highland Road, Dublin, \$125,000.

Ruth E. Milstead to Christopher St. Louis, property at 815 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$8,500.

Brandon Stanley to Destiny Paige Shelton, property off Monroe Avenue, Pulaski, \$103,000.

Shirley Page Webb to Zachary M. Dillon, property at 6102 Dudley Ferry Road, Fairlawn, \$233,300.

Millirons Properties, LLC to Alice Schaff, property at 336 Northwood Drive, Pulaski, \$75,000.

Evelyn M. Wood to Bobby L. Gravley, property at 4841 Veterans Hill Road, Pulaski, \$45,000.

David M. Mauck, Trustee to Stephen O. Hubbard, property at end of Howell Drive, Dublin, \$50,000.

George A. Williams, Jr. to SK Lake Property, LLC, lakefront property at 6339 Old Ferry Road, Hiwassee, \$410,000.

Jesse K. Easterling to Jesse R. Easterling, property at 6469 Church Street, Fairlawn, \$108,000.

James L. Webb, Jr. to Raymond L. Singleton, property at 1311 Hopkins Drive, Pulaski, \$154,500.

ITAC 446, LLC to Michael Shannon Wohlford, property off Cabin Land Drive, Snowville, \$300,225.80.

Neda K. Peoples to Jeffery D. Long, property at 601 Vermillion Street, Dublin, \$210,000.

Steven B. Jarrells to Jessica L. Jarrells, property at 5108 Charles Drive, Dublin, \$154,400.

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# Homeless

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During this winter season, the Warming Station has engaged an attendant for the season and will use one of the two apartments as its base of the operation.

The program will operate as follows.

- Guests will continue to arrive at the Warming Station located at 223 N. Washington Ave. behind Taking It To The Streets Ministries (rear entrance) between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on

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For more information contact Pastor Charlie Barbettini at 276-620-4293. If you would like to make a donation please send it to: Taking It To The Streets/Warming Station, 223 N. Washington Ave., Pulaski VA 24301.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” NKJV

# Woman whose body was found in Bland identified

From Virginia State Police

The Office of the Medical Examiner in Roanoke has confirmed the identity of a woman found deceased Nov. 5, 2020 in Bland County. The investigation into the circumstances and cause of death of Janice McBerry Poole, 56, of Griffin, Ga., remain under investigation by the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation’s Wytheville Field Office.

At 8:42 a.m. on Nov. 5, state police was notified of human remains being located in a gravel lot near the intersection of Ar-

rowhead Drive and Route 666/ Indian Village Trail off of Interstate 77 Exit 58 for Bastian. Later that day, the investigation led to the arrest of Gilbert Lee Riggs, 58, of Bluefield, W.Va., on one felony count of 2nd degree murder and one felony count of hit-and-run. Riggs and Poole were acquaintances.

Anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in the immediate area or has any information about this incident is still encouraged to contact the Virginia State Police at 276-228-3131 or by email at questions@vsp.virginia.gov.

# Martin

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as to its eventual use. Ten acres in the community that is basically flat ... given the demand for housing there is a viable solution out there that would benefit the community in general, and certainly provide housing for people I would like to see live in the town – not just work here and go someplace else at night,” Burcham told council.

Burcham noted there is a fairly recent report that indicates something like 18 -20 percent of people who live in town actually work here. Everyone else is actually commuting and living someplace else.

“We need to reverse those numbers,” she said.

Reis suggested that, “If we’re not being given timelines, then maybe we need to be providing the Martins with timelines. I think we all agree we need to see something happen with that property. Now it is essentially under used or at least not to the potential it should be.”

Councilman Greg East asked Burcham if she had told the Martins that “the current right of way won’t be acceptable – given the fact [the park] is a 10-acre tract and the current driveway [to the

Martin home] would divide the property and de-value it greatly and that would not be an acceptable option.”

“Absolutely,” Burcham exclaimed.

“We need to establish a timeline on having a decision from Macgill Village about rear access to the Martin home. If that is not feasible or a viable option, that changes where we are with our discussions,” East suggested. He added that if the access could be available, both sides can proceed with the Martins making an offer for the property.

East and Reis suggested giving the Martins 30 days to get response in writing from Macgill Village.

Burcham said that, at the same time, the Martins could determine what value to propose to the town on a purchase.

Town Attorney Spencer Rygas suggested giving 30 days on the access question, with the Martins presenting a signed commitment on access from Macgill Village at a council meeting.

Burcham suggested too that the Martins consider the other options during the 30-day period.



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Instead, states count the votes for the purposes of choosing electors to vote in the Electoral College, and the Electoral College's tally must be certified by Congress. In many presidential election years, these actions are viewed as mere formalities, but in some close races throughout our history, they have been contested well after the ballots of individual voters were cast.

The act you are likely most familiar with is going to the polls on Election Day to vote for president. This process is primarily under the control of the states, so the 50 states can differ on which candidates are on the ballot, absentee and mail-in voting policies, early voting, and so on. As we have seen this year, states also differ in how quickly they count the votes.

The Constitution and federal laws, however, do guarantee fundamental protections to voters.

For example, the Fourteenth Amendment holds that a state cannot "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." This clause was decisive in 2000. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a statewide manual recount in Florida ordered by the state Supreme Court would violate the Fourteenth Amendment because counties had different standards for the recount, denying equal protection for voters within the state.

That case was decided by the Supreme Court on December 12, 2000, after more than a month of recounts and litigation between the campaigns of Al Gore and George W. Bush. This example shows that candidates have the right to pursue legal remedies well after the polls close.

The vote count in the states decides their slate of electors for the Electoral College. The Constitution allows state legislatures to decide on their electors however they want, but all states except two award every one of their electors to the winner of the state's popular vote. Maine and Nebraska allocate electors based on winners in their congressional districts.

The electors meet in their states on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, which falls on December 14 this year. They vote by ballot, and the results are sent to Washington for counting.

Federal law sets January 6 as the day for the House of Representatives and the Senate to meet in joint session to count the Electoral College vote. The vice president, acting in his or her capacity as president of the Senate, presides. He or she opens the certificates from each state in alphabetical order and gives them to the four tellers, two appointed from each chamber, to be announced. The final results are announced by the vice president.

During the count, Members of Congress can challenge votes, and they have. I was in the House chamber on January 6, 2017 when several House Democrats frequently interrupted the count by challenging the results of multiple states. Their protests failed because the law requires challenges to be submitted in writing with endorsements from at least one representative and one senator, and no senators had joined their protests.

In 2005, the joint session certifying President Bush's reelection had to recess because a challenge to his victory in Ohio did have support in both chambers. As a result, the House and the Senate had to separately debate and vote on the challenge. Both rejected it.

As you can see, the standard procedure for electing a president takes a few months, and while it can be a formality, the system allows for contention and legal challenges.

This does not even take into account extraordinary circumstances, such as those found in the 1876 election during the Reconstruction era. That year, the results in Florida, Louisiana, and South Carolina were disputed, while an elector in Oregon was disqualified and replaced. The deadlock led Congress to appoint a commission to decide the matter; it awarded the disputed votes and thus the presidency to Rutherford B. Hayes only days before the inauguration was to take place.

In the presidential election process, the length of time to declare a winner is not as important as ensuring that all the steps are conducted fairly and with integrity according to our Constitution and laws.

That is the process we are wading through and waiting for now. And that's why it's not over.



Morgan Griffith  
9th District Representative

A Legacy Could Be Something as Simple as ... Soccer

It was great to get out and get some fresh air this fall while watching our community's kids safely enjoy youth soccer through our Pulaski County Recreation Department.

It was so good to see them competing and getting a whole lot of exercise after almost a year of dealing with the pandemic and all of its complicating factors.

Soccer is one of those few sports where I can still enjoy watching both my 13-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter play, compete and have fun together on the same team.

We as parents and grandparents love watching our kids run around that field from the time they are 5 years old and just learning to kick the ball all the way to their early teens.

Organized youth sports create so many memories and teaches so many fundamental life lessons. I am thankful to the



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county staff and the volunteer coaches for finding a way to safely have an abbreviated season for the sake of the kids as well as the benefit to parents like me.

However, youth sports programs do not just happen, someone had to come along and help get a league like this started and foster it to the point of ongoing interest,

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Where Should Evangelicals Go Now?

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Evangelical Christians have unquestionably been a loyal and largely unmovable base of support for President Trump since he has been in office and in some cases before. Should the election results not be overturned by recounts or court decisions, where do they go and what should they do?

Perhaps no evangelical pastor has been a stronger and more consistent supporter and defender of President Trump than Dr. Robert Jeffress, who leads the 13,000-member First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

In an essay written for the Foxnews.com, Jeffress urges his fellow evangelicals to return to their first love. He's not calling for their withdrawal from politics, but for them to focus on something that is often beyond understanding.

Presuming a confirmed win by Joe Biden, Jeffress asks, "What is God doing in this outcome? Why would He allow this to happen?"

The presumption is that the God of the evangelicals should be on the side of Republicans and conservatives, but as Scripture notes, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord." (Isaiah 55:8)

While acknowledging that "for millions of Christians across our nation" the election of former Vice President Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris "is a bitter pill to swallow," Jeffress writes he once quoted Daniel 2:21 to Donald Trump the year before he was inaugurated: "It is God who changes the times and the epochs. He removes kings and establishes kings."

Jeffress adds, "Human government and rulers change at God's direction and design. Our faith and our salvation lie not in any human ruler, but in the ruler of rulers, the King of kings. The fact that God has established authorities means that by obeying the government, we obey God."

For many that is going to be the bitterest pill of all. How can they pray for an administration that promotes values and ideologies they oppose? The scriptural command leaves no room for debate,

much less disagreement.

This is another opportunity for evangelicals to obey what their leader -- Jesus -- commanded them to do. While He presides over governments and rulers, what influence on culture and even government would it have if evangelicals en masse began obeying His commands? As most should know and have heard in sermons in many of their churches, these include, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and 'Hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous..." (Matthew 5:43-45)

That politics and politicians may work contrary to evangelical beliefs does not mean they have been deprived of opportunities to do good. On abortion they can support a local pregnancy help center. When it comes to reaching poor children trapped in failing schools, they can start a fund to help at least some escape to good private schools.

Poverty? A church might organize retired professionals to reach out to the poor to help them find meaningful work and train them to qualify for it. They could also visit those in prison, as Jesus commanded. It isn't difficult to find them. Research ministries already helping and volunteer.

Jeffress concludes his essay by saying that God's command "applies all the same, whether the emperor was the faith-friendly Constantine, or the evil emperor Nero.

"When Joe Biden becomes president, we should commend him for the things he does right. We should condemn the things he does wrong. And above all, we must pray fervently for our president. If President Biden succeeds, we all succeed."

As Baptists might respond: Amen!

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

The Blue Trickle

Ordinarily, it's not possible for a party to win the presidency and have a bad election night, but the Democrats managed it.

Pending the outcome of two Senate runoffs in Georgia, Joe Biden looks set to become a caretaker president who won't be signing any legislation that doesn't pass muster in Mitch McConnell's Senate first.

He isn't riding into the White House on the strength of a Blue Wave, as was so often predicted, but a Blue Trickle that saw Democrats fail to win control of the Senate (they need to win both Georgia seats in January to get to a 50-50 tie), suffer shocking setbacks in the House, and lose ground in state legislative races after investing heavily in them.

Biden clearly owes his victory (which President Donald Trump, of course, is still contesting) in large part to Trump's personal unpopularity. In races where the president wasn't on the ballot, in contrast, the weakness of the Democratic Party stood exposed and it paid the price.

If the former vice president succeeded in making the presidential race a referendum on Trump, Republicans succeeded in making House races, in effect, a referendum on Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the woke socialism that animates Democratic activists and draws so much attention. (Nancy Pelosi posed for a cover of Rolling Stone with members of the Squad, and Ocasio-Cortez is on the cover of the latest issue of Vanity Fair.)

Bolstered by the media, Democrats were so certain they were riding the tide of history to inevitable pickups in the House that they didn't pause to take note of the unpopularity of their agenda and the left of their party.

Republicans took the socialist label and hung it around the neck of Democrats. It was especially devastating in South Florida, where voters from Cuba, Venezuela and Colombia came to the United States to flee socialism. Republicans knocked out incumbent Democratic Reps. Donna Shalala and Debbie Mucarsel-Powell in heavily Hispanic districts.

In New York, Republicans used the most idiotic slogan of our times, "defund the police," and the state's law curtailing cash bail to pummel Democrats on law and order, and likely defeat two House incumbents. The GOP wielded the Democrats' anti-fossil fuel agenda in the Southwest and Biden's tax increase in California to defend their seats and make pickups across the map.

When all is said and done, Nancy Pelosi's House majority may be the smallest in 20 years, and it will certainly be highly vulnerable in 2022.

It is usually the losing side that is beset by a bitter civil war after an election. Make no mistake, there is plenty of that to come in the Republican Party. But despite winning the White House, the Democrats will be riven by recriminations and fights over the path ahead.

It is always a danger for a

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# Northam: Stay home for Thanksgiving Solar

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Gov. Ralph Northam on Wednesday urged Virginians to stay home for the Thanksgiving holiday, saying it would be “an act of love” to help keep people safe amid steadily rising coronavirus cases.

If people must get together, Northam said, they should keep gatherings small and celebrate outside.

## Former Virginia speaker to make gubernatorial run

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Former Virginia House Speaker Kirk Cox is making his gubernatorial run official.

Cox announced Tuesday his run for governor in 2021, saying he had the right background and approach to win in a state where no Republican has won a statewide race in more than a decade.

Cox was elected as speaker in 2018, but he lost that role after Democrats won a majority in both the House and Senate last November. He announced in August that he was seriously considering a run for governor, citing what he called a “vacuum of leadership” created by Democrats. In October, he filed a “statement of organization” to establish a campaign committee.

His formal announcement comes two weeks after Democratic President-elect Joe Biden defeated Republican President Donald Trump by huge margins in a state where a growing number of suburban voters has flocked to Democratic candidates in recent election cycles.

But Cox, a retired high school teacher, said in a Monday interview with The Associated Press there’s a strong chance swing voters will be unhappy with how

“Let’s not make this winter any worse than it has to be,” Northam, the nation’s only governor who is also a doctor, said at a news conference.

The Democratic governor’s comments come a few days after he announced substantial new statewide restrictions on gatherings and certain businesses in an effort to slow rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

Democrats have led the state and will be looking for an alternative.

He said he plans to run as a conservative, particularly on social issues like guns and abortion, but also as someone who can work with Democrats on kitchen-table issues in a respectful way.

“I feel like that’s a winning way to be,” Cox said.

Current Gov. Ralph Northam, a Democrat, cannot seek a second consecutive term under state law.

Cox has been highly critical of how Northam has handled the coronavirus, saying the governor has botched school reopenings. He’s also blasted Democratic efforts at criminal justice and police reforms in the wake of the killing of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis. Cox has characterized some of the police reforms as “anti-law enforcement.”

Cox has strong pro-business and anti-abortion credentials, but he also helped push through Medicaid expansion, which many conservatives opposed.

Firebrand conservative state Sen. Amanda Chase has announced she’s running for governor. Northern Virginia businessman Pete Snyder may also run.

## Lowry

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political party to believe its own PR. That’s a risk especially hard for Democrats to avoid when practically every instrument of the culture celebrates left-wing causes and works to create the sense that their triumph is inexorable.

This year, Democrats thought they were marching from strength to strength, when

they were really on thin ice with an electorate that was prepared to reject Trump, but not to empower a party that has elevated socialists and outlandish ideas from defunding the police to the Green New Deal.

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



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The state’s cap on gatherings will be reduced from 250 people to 25, the mask requirement will be applied to younger children, the number of spectators allowed at athletic events will be reduced, and alcohol sales will be prohibited at dining and drinking establishments after 10 p.m.

The changes come as the coronavirus is surging across the U.S. at what experts say is an alarming pace. Newly confirmed infections per day in the U.S. are shattering records at nearly every turn.

In Virginia, case counts have been increasing with particular intensity in the state’s southwest, where cases were sparse early in the pandemic.

Some of the state’s largest school systems — Virginia Beach, Henrico County and Fair-

## Transfers

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William Adam Phillips to Wesley A. Underwood, property at 3422 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee, \$227,000.  
James Michael Sexton to Tyler J. Perkins, property at 5486 Shepard Drive, Dublin, \$144,900.  
Bonnie Sue Hurst Wright to Mark R. Hurst, property at 4593 Abby Lane, Pulaski, \$120,000.  
Helen Matugas Rama Bain to William Nester, property at 4950 Trade Winds Road, Dublin, \$15,000.  
Leann M. Peters to Janet Roop Lutz, property at 6514 Wilderness Road, Dublin, \$115,000.  
Jane G. Alley to Samuel Munoz Munoz, property at 5138 Deertrot Road, Dublin, \$55,000.  
Kenneth M. Sullivan to Charles G. Wilson, property at 5433 Cougar Trail Road, Dublin, \$355,000.  
Phillip Jackson Starnes, III to Triston L. Waddle, property at 1977 Medallion Drive, Pulaski, \$185,000.  
Joseph A. Richman to Nathaniel A. Lahn, property at 616 Jefferson Avenue, North, Pulaski, \$265,000.  
Donald Lee Miller to Donald J. Holt, property off Clark Road, Hiwassee, \$60,000.  
Alan Jeffrey Brown to Troy Nicely, property at 1726 Wysor Road, Draper, \$400,000.  
Michael G. Mitchell to Willie G. Yates, III, property at 2941 Birdie Lane, Draper, \$408,000.  
Brittany F. Bond to Michael A. McCown, property at 6399 Spring Avenue, Fairlawn, \$125,000.  
Legacy Builders NRV, Inc. to Anthony Winkeler, Jr., property at 8208 River Course Drive, Fairlawn, \$725,000.  
PMD Properties, LLC to Chandra L. Anderson, property at 228 11th Street, NW, Pulaski, \$49,500.  
Adam Pearson to Hiram D. Leon, property off Horse Shoe Loop Dublin, \$262,000.  
James Monroe Lane to WBH, Inc., property off Lexington Avenue, Pulaski, \$14,000.

## Sweet

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involvement and success.  
I am so thankful for those who came along and dedicated their time, energy and passion back in the early 1990’s so we can enjoy this great program today.  
Soccer has become Pulaski County’s largest recreation sport with both a spring and fall league that caters to more than 450 of our kids a year.  
When this was just getting started more than 30 years ago, who could have imagined it would have this level of participation and make such a difference in the lives of so many of our community’s children.  
Many of those who helped get

fax County — have hit the brakes on reopening plans.

Collectively, Virginia is faring better than many other states, with one of the country’s lowest per capita rates of new daily cases. As of Wednesday, Virginia has reported more than 208,000 coronavirus cases and a death toll of nearly 4,000.

Northam also announced he had signed a revised state budget that imposes moratoriums on evictions through the end of the year and puts new limits on evictions starting next year.

A moratorium on utility disconnections also has been extended and requires Dominion Energy — the state’s largest electric utility — to forgive \$127 million of customer debt.

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Poole said the DEQ review is undertaken to assure that concerns regarding water quality, screening the project so neighbors don’t have to see it, impact on local transportation patterns, noise mitigation and decommissioning of the facility itself, etc. are completely and adequately addressed by the developer.

Actual construction of the facility will begin soon thereafter — in the June-August time frame and it will probably take 10-12 months until the project is up and running, Poole noted.

“It is important to note that strenuous regulatory processes are in place and followed to the letter by local and state agencies for solar siting projects,” Poole stated. “Landowners, neighbors and other stakeholders can have confidence that every aspect of the project is thoroughly reviewed prior to approval. No short cuts are taken and safety and resource protection is an integral part of this process.”

The entire project is divided into three individual projects. Each, Poole explained, is named according to the American Electric Power-designated names of the substations to which the electrical power generated by the solar generation facility will be tied in the existing energy infrastructure.

The Wurno project is a 30-megawatt project covering 256 acres and is located immediately to the west and north of New River Community College.

The Morgan’s Cut project is a 100-megawatt project covering 848 acres located to the left of Route 100 in an area roughly spreading from New River Valley Airport to near the Giles County line.

The Hazel Hollow project is a 150-megawatt project in three chunks of land. One being located north of the airport in the McGavock Creek Road and Neck Creek area. A second area is off Route 11 stretching to the north and east of Ruebush Road. A third area if off Old Route 11 and Lee Highway southeast toward Falling Branch Road.

If the project is eventually approved, Poole said the two larger projects — Hazel Hollow and Morgan’s Cut — would likely be constructed concurrently, with the Wurno project following along six to eight months later. Poole said the Wurno project includes acreage within the Town of Pulaski, which he said is progressing on a separate track.

Poole said the acreage included in the project is agricultural — mostly pasture and hay fields — with some small, wooded areas.

“Some of the acreage in the project cannot be used for solar purposes, as it may be too steep, too rocky, too near streams and wetlands, etc. Our landowner partners will still be able to farm the land which is not inside the fence of the solar facility itself,” Poole said.

He noted that Hecate will be leasing the land from landowner partners.

Poole noted that protection of

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# Solar

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the viewshed is one of Hecate Energy’s highest priorities.

“Every step that can be taken will be taken to assure that large, planted trees, native grasses, the natural topography of the land, and native woodlands which already exist will provide a natural barrier to the facility itself. And unlike large, metal buildings in the area which are sometimes taller than surrounding homes, the solar panels themselves will be hidden from view to the greatest extent possible,” he said.

Poole described how power generated by the solar farm would make its way to the electrical grid.

“Within the solar facility itself, THERE WILL BE NO ABOVE GROUND POWERLINES BUILT. PERIOD. Electricity captured will flow through newly created power lines buried in insulated cables in the ground. All the solar energy generated from the facility will flow through these underground lines to a central point within each project. From there, the power will be uploaded to 35KV power lines, which are already in wide use in the area around the proposed facility. Those above ground lines will carry the newly captured solar energy to the three substations and tie into existing 138KV power lines at the substation,” Poole explained.

“Put simply, any concerns about tall metal towers, placed on large concrete slabs, with large power lines on this project are totally unfounded,” he added.

“AgriSunPower, Hecate Energy’s Virginia affiliate, is a home-grown company. One of ASP’s associates grew up in both Pulaski and Wythe counties, living his high school years in Pulaski. Another associate was raised on a farm in Wythe County and has known some of the landowners since he was at Virginia Tech in the 70’s. The CEO of AgriSunPower has lived in Virginia for 40 years and was a member of Virginia’s climate commission.

“None of us would be involved in a project like this unless we were 100 percent sure of the safety and efficacy of this project. I’m confident our partner landowners feel exactly the same way,” Poole said.

“Both Hecate and ASP are every bit as concerned about safety and doing this project the right way as are the people who live near the project. It is important for the people of Pulaski County to be fully informed of the facts.

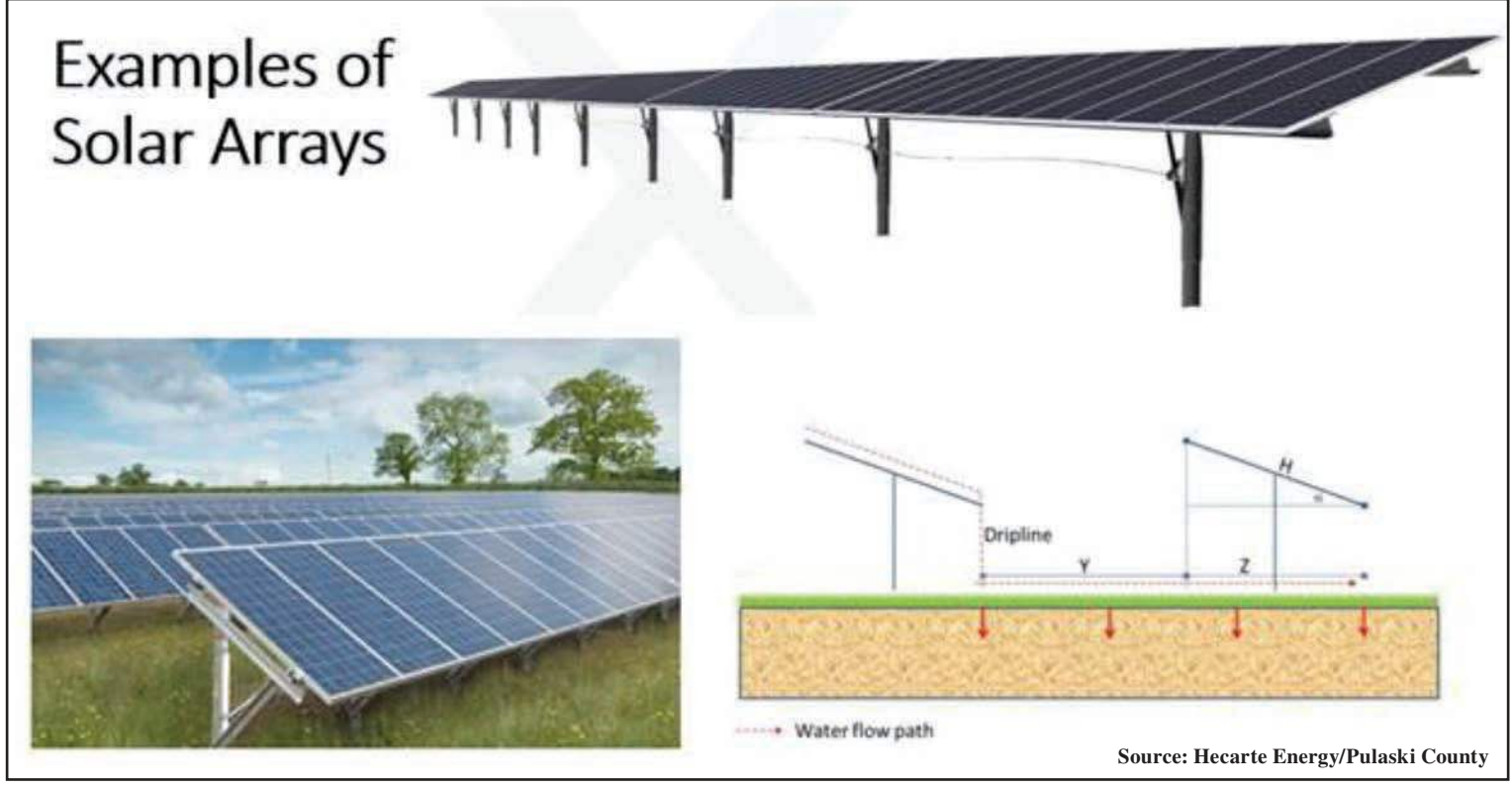
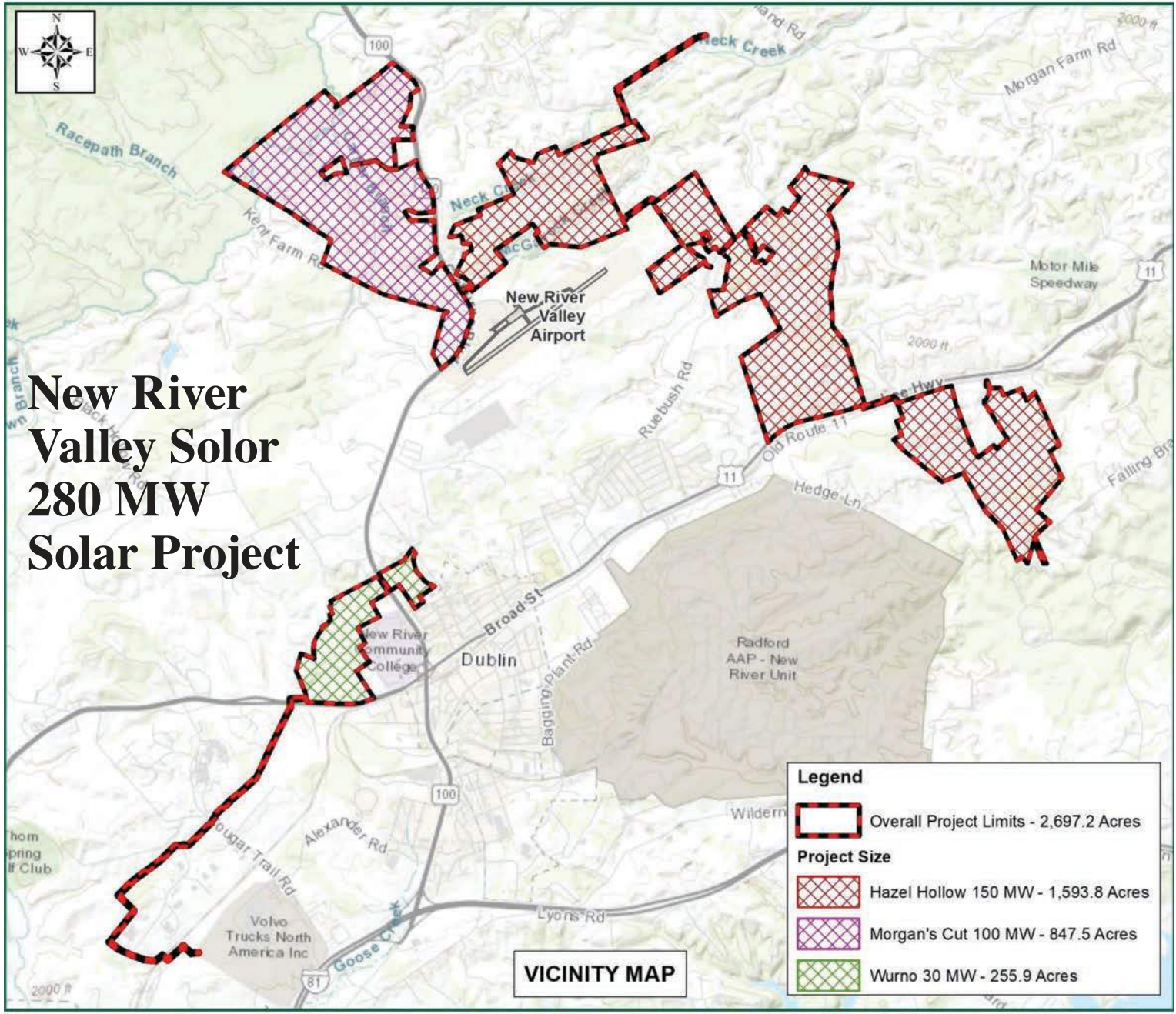
• The solar panels which will be used on this project are Crystalline Silicon Panels. Silicon and steel are the predominant materials in solar panels, and the predominant material in silicon is ... SAND. A solar panel is very much like a windshield – there are layers of silicon and plastic which are encapsulated by glass to prevent shattering during a hail storm, for example. Concerns about leeching into the ground, groundwater and well water contamination, are simply unfounded.

“The kind of solar panels which will be used on this project are already in broad use within the New River Valley. Think about solar panels at Radford Carilion Hospital, at Volvo, on residences all over the Valley, on lots of buildings and garages at Virginia Tech and Radford University, on buildings in the Town of Pulaski. Landowners can rest assured that Crystalline Solar panels are safe.

• Any concerns about EMF – radiation – are totally unfounded. There is NO negative impact from the generation of electromagnetic fields. Someone outside the fence of the fenced perimeter of a facility is not exposed to significant EMT from that facility. The amount of exposure is so low, it is even difficult to measure.

“Consider this example. We all use the microwave ovens in our households and don’t think twice about it. The average EMF exposure to a human while a microwave oven is operating is ten times greater than the exposure to a human standing outside the fence of one of our energy generation facilities.

“In other words, concerns about EMF/radiation are simply unfounded,” Poole said.



“The state of North Carolina is several years ahead of Virginia in terms of solar energy generation. Virginia Tech’s counterpart in North Carolina, North Carolina State University, conducted its own exhaustive research into the Health and Safety aspect of Solar farming. The conclusive findings assembled in this report clearly show that there is no factual basis for some of the concerns which are being raised by landowners who are near the proposed facilities. It is understandable that area citizens might hear all kinds of things about a project like this. We strongly encourage them to take a look at this study and the link to the study is attached below.

[https://nccleantech.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Health-and-Safety-Impacts-of-Solar-Photovoltaics-2017\\_white-paper.pdf](https://nccleantech.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Health-and-Safety-Impacts-of-Solar-Photovoltaics-2017_white-paper.pdf)

Poole acknowledged that 136 acres of the project near New River Valley Airport was removed from the project following a glint/glare analysis commissioned by the airport authority.

“The removal of these acres was not required by the Federal Aviation Administration, but we believed a better approach was to remove even the smallest concerns that anyone might have regarding the safety of airport operations,” Poole said.

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# Northam backs legalizing adult marijuana use

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam today announced that he will introduce and support legislation to legalize marijuana in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The announcement comes as the Northam Administration prepares to release a report on the impact of legalizing adult-use marijuana, which was compiled with robust input from government officials, policy experts, healthcare professionals, and community leaders.

“It’s time to legalize marijuana in Virginia,” said Governor Northam. “Our Commonwealth has an opportunity to be the first state in the South to take this step, and we will lead with a focus on equity, public health, and public safety. I look forward to

working with the General Assembly to get this right.”

The Northam Administration is working closely with lawmakers to finalize legislation in advance of the 2021 General Assembly session. Today, Governor Northam made clear that any legislation to legalize adult-use marijuana will need to address the following five principles.

- Social equity, racial equity, and economic equity. Marijuana prohibition has historically been based in discrimination, and the impact of criminalization laws have disproportionately harmed minority communities as result. A report of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) issued today found that Black Virginians are arrested

and convicted for marijuana use at more than three times the rate of white Virginians. Legislation should focus on undoing these harms by including initiatives such as social equity license programs, access to capital, community reinvestment, and sealing or expunging records of past marijuana-related convictions.

- Public health. Legislation should include substance abuse prevention efforts in schools and communities.

- Protections for young people. As a pediatrician, Governor Northam will require any legislation include protections for Virginia’s youth, including age limits, mandatory ID checks, and education campaigns.

- Upholding the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act. Legislation should be aligned with the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act prohibiting indoor tobacco use, which Governor Northam championed as a state Senator.

- Data collection. Legislation should ensure Virginia collects appropriate and ongoing information on safety, health, and equity.

In 2020, Governor Northam signed legislation that decriminalized simple marijuana possession in Virginia. The legislation also required the Secretaries of Agriculture and Forestry, Finance, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security to convene a Virginia Marijuana Legalization Work Group to study the impact on the Commonwealth of legalizing the sale and personal use of marijuana and report the recommendations of the work group to the General Assembly and the Governor by November 30, 2020.

## NRCC to offer drive through food pick-up & collection

New River Community College will be offering two drive through food pick-up and collection events to help students in need.

The first session will be Thursday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., outside of NRCC’s Uptown Christiansburg site. The second session will be held Friday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the circle drive in front of Godbey Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

NRCC staff will be present to accept food donations or for students in need to pick up a box of pre-packed groceries. For those

who want to make a monetary donation to support the student food pantry at NRCC, donations can be made through the NRCC Educational Foundation at [https://www.nr.edu/foundation/giving\\_ways.php](https://www.nr.edu/foundation/giving_ways.php).

For questions about the event, contact [here4u@nr.edu](mailto:here4u@nr.edu).

## PULSE

November 20

### Holiday Craft Show to be held

A Holiday Craft Show featuring handcrafted holiday items will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20-21, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Jackson-Hewett office 5262 Alexander Rd., Dublin (across from Walmart). Face covering required.

### Seventh Day Adventist to hold month long “Drive by Soup” event

This is reminder that the Pulaski Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 227 4th St. and Henry Ave., in Pulaski will be offering their “Drive by Soup” event again this Saturday Nov. 21, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. and then again on Saturday Nov. 28, at the same time. Watch for signs at 4th St. and 3rd St. pointing to the church. Also signs showing where to come to the parking lot in the back of the church. Someone will be in the parking lot and will take your order. We will have vegetarian and plant base soups. For more information call 540-616-7412. Hope to see you there.

December 3

### American Legion, HHC Post 30 to meet

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home located at 102 Watts St., in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

December 8

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# College Basketball Preview: Young: Hokies can improve this season

By HANK KURZ Jr.  
AP Sports Writer

Virginia Tech lost almost two-thirds of its Atlantic Coast Conference games in Mike Young's first season.

Now, with a more balanced roster, a talented group of freshman and some experienced graduate transfers, Young expects his team can improve on last year's results (16-16, 7-13 ACC).

"We are deeper. In Year Two, I feel good about the balance of our roster," Young said. "I talked about it in the office yesterday, where our distribution will be in terms of minutes in the early season and how that will compare to the end of the season. That will be interesting as guys come into their own more."

"We can plug different people into some different spots that we didn't have last year," he said.

The Hokies also figure to play the style Young prefers, especially since scoring leader Landers Nolley II (15.5 ppg) and low post presence P.J. Horne have transferred.

The addition of graduate transfer Cartier Diarra is a major factor. He averaged 13.3 points, 3.8 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 1.8 steals at Kansas State last season, and helped them to the Elite Eight in 2018. He will play both guard spots, sometimes alongside Wabissa Bede.



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Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young think Hokies will be deeper, more balanced this season.

"He's about the right stuff," Young said of Bede, who averaged 5.5 assists last year. "As I did last year and it will be the same thing this year, I just have such great trust in him and great admiration for how he goes about his business and who he's about as a person. He's a team guy. He will be a captain again, as he was last year."

Iowa graduate transfer Cordell Pemsl, who stands 6-foot-9, 6-7 Delaware transfer Justyn Mutts and 6-7 Keve Aluma, who followed Young from Wofford, add depth and size.

The biggest gain, Young said, may come from sophomores Hunter Cattoor, Nahiem Alleyne, Jalen Cone and Tyrece Radford, who all played extensively and

should be significantly improved.

"I think the biggest jump ... in a person's game is between his freshman and sophomore year," Young said. "They've got a better idea of what's required physically, emotionally."

Some other things to watch with Virginia Tech this season:

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# Cavaliers to display more firepower

By HANK KURZ Jr.  
AP Sports Writer

Virginia coach Tony Bennett loves it when he knows he can rely on the Cavaliers' defense to win games.

This season, the Cavaliers will look to be more aggressive offensively as well.

The Cavaliers, picked to win the Atlantic Coast Conference this season and ranked No. 4 in the preseason, were just hitting their stride last year, having won eight in a row when they headed for the ACC Tournament as the No. 2 seed, but the coronavirus pandemic ended the season.

"There's some advantages to this year's team, and differences," Bennett said. "Last year they could win because of their defense. We struggled a lot of

fensively. We didn't shoot it great, but we won games just because we were so tough defensively. The year before when we won it all, they couldn't even win games with their defense."

The graduations of Mamadi Diakite and Braxton Key took away two versatile defenders and the team's top rebounders.

"Those are big losses," Bennett said. "I can see we don't have replacements for them, but we're going to have to do it collectively, and certain guys are going to have to step up."

Two players expected to help fill the voids are Marquette transfer Sam Hauser, a 6-foot-8 forward, and 6-11 center Kadin Shedrick, who both sat out last season. Hauser averaged 14.9 point and 7.2 rebounds in his last season at Marquette, and twice hit seven

3-pointers in a game.

Learning Bennett's Pack-Line defense is always a process for new Cavaliers.

"This year's team, they have not shown me up to this point that we can win games with our defense yet," Bennett said "Trust me, that's a point of emphasis, but at times they show some great spacing, the opportunity to knock down shots and score in a variety of ways. It's just adjusting and evolving, and we have some more interchangeable parts I'd say this year."

Some other things to watch with Virginia this season:

## HAUSER'S HOME

He arrived with a reputation as a shooter, and figures to be Virginia's go-to guy in clutch situations, but spent the year on the sidelines working on other parts of his game, too. For Bennett, defense always comes first.

"If I want to play here, I'm go-

ing to have to be able to play some defense, so I took that personally and individually to get better at it, and I think I have," Hauser said.

## KIHEI'S CLUB

Point guard Kihei Clark has had some leadership responsibilities in his two seasons playing as an underclassmen, and now that he's a junior, he's embracing that part of his role more, even as he's still trying to figure it out.

"Some guys like being yelled at. Some guys, you need to give them a little bit of encouragement," he said.

## HONED IN HUFF

Seven-footer Jay Huff has shown flashes of brilliance, mostly as a shot-blocker and occasional 3-point shooter, but will need to add more rebounding and defensive effectiveness to be at his best. He also tested the NBA

See UVA, page B4

# UVa opens season in rare spot: ACC favorite

By AARON BEARD  
AP Basketball Writer

Tony Bennett was pleased how his Virginia team played in the weeks before the coronavirus pandemic abruptly shut down last season.

That's the foundation he is relying on for the fourth-ranked Cavaliers, the preseason Atlantic Coast Conference favorite for the first time in nearly four decades in a race featuring No. 9 Duke, No. 16 North Carolina and No. 21 Florida State.

"I think (it's) pretty much starting over, but I think for some of the returners, I hope there is some carryover because they were playing good basketball," the coach said. "But you do have a different team."

Coming off the 2019 national championship, the Cavaliers closed last year by winning eight straight and 11 of 12 entering the ACC Tournament that was ultimately shut down amid the pandemic. The Cavaliers return three starters and add Marquette transfer Sam Hauser as a pre-season all-ACC pick to provide scoring punch to go with the program's traditional defense-heavy approach.

That combination has the Cavaliers as preseason ACC favorite for the first time since the 1982-83 season, the final year for 7-foot-4 program great Ralph Sampson. It's the first time a school outside the state of North Carolina was picked as ACC favorite since Maryland in 1996.

The Cavaliers face a bit less roster uncertainty than other contenders.

Mike Krzyzewski's Blue Devils, the preseason favorite the past four seasons, had significant losses with Associated Press league player of the year Vernon Carey Jr., point guard Tre Jones (named league player of the year by the ACC) and freshman guard Cassius Stanley all going pro.

The Tar Heels lost one-and-done point guard Cole Anthony from the first losing season of Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams' career. And Leonard Hamilton's Seminoles — who won the program's first league regular-season title — lost starting point guard Trent Forrest along with early NBA draft entrants Devin Vassell and Patrick Williams.

"One thing that's consistent is there are great coaches in this league, always, and there are really good players," North Carolina State coach Kevin Keatts said. "And we lost some good players, but we also have some really good returning players."

Some other things to know about the ACC for the 2020-21 season:

## PREDICTED FINISH

Virginia was picked to finish first on 97 of 155 ballots from media members, followed by Duke with 34. FSU was picked third, followed by UNC, Louisville, Syracuse, Miami, N.C. State, Georgia Tech and Clemson.

The final five teams were Virginia Tech, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Boston College and Wake Forest.

## ALL-ACC RETURNEES

There's a bit more returning all-conference talent this year than last, when only two of 15 players returned from the league-designated all-ACC teams for the lowest total in three decades.

This time there are four: UNC senior forward Garrison Brooks, Virginia junior point guard Kihei Clark, Georgia Tech senior point guard Jose Alvarado and Clemson senior forward Aamir Simms.

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# Hokies to host Radford in 2020 season opener

BLACKSBURG – The NRV will be in for an exciting matchup it hasn't seen in three years on Nov. 25, when the first slate of games in college basketball take place, with the Virginia Tech men's basketball team playing host to Radford in Cassell Coliseum.

The time and which network will carry the game will be announced at a later date.

The last time the Hokies and Highlanders played was in 2017, a 85-68 victory for Tech behind 20 points each from Justin Bibbs and Kerry Blackshear Jr. The Hokies' lone player who's still on the roster is point guard Wabissa Bede, who

tallied six points off the bench in 10 minutes of action.

Tech leads the all-time series 8-2, which first began in 1988, and has won four out of the last five, with the lone loss coming in 2014 (68-66).

Capacity at Cassell Coliseum for the upcoming season is currently set at 1,000 based on Commonwealth of Virginia regulations. This number is subject to change, with it being based off of current day regulations.

Dates for when single-game tickets will be available, as well as the process in place for purchasing, will be announced at a later date.

## ACC

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The 6-foot-10 Brooks, who averaged 16.4 points and 8.7 rebounds, is the preseason ACC player of the year.

### TOP FRESHMEN

FSU has the ACC's highest-rated newcomer with 6-8 forward Scottie Barnes, 247sports' No. 7 recruit and the ACC preseason freshman of the year.

UNC had the nation's No. 2-ranked class featuring point guard Caleb Love (14th overall), and five-star big men Day'Ron Sharpe (15th) and Walker Kessler (22nd). Duke had the No. 3 class headlined by forward Jalen Johnson (13th) and point guard Jeremy Roach (23rd).

### SIDELINE ARRIVAL

Wake Forest had the only off-season coaching change, firing Danny Manning to hire Steve Forbes from East Tennessee State.

Forbes led ETSU to 30 wins last year along with a sweep of the Southern Conference's regular-season and tournament titles. He inherits a program that has been to the NCAA Tournament

once (2017) since 2010.

### PLAYER TO WATCH

Forrest's steady play at the point helped the Seminoles finish at No. 4 in the AP Top 25 poll. Now Hamilton is looking for senior RayQuan Evans to assume that leadership role.

The junior college transfer averaged 3.2 points and 1.4 assists while having a growing role down the stretch.

"I don't think you've seen the real RayQuan Evans," Hamilton said. "He made major contributions to our team last year. He made big plays. He played with a tremendous amount of confidence. He played like he's ready."

### THE SCHEDULE

With the college basketball season starting Nov. 25, the ACC has a 20-game league schedule for the second straight year, with the first league matchup of Syracuse visiting Boston College on Dec. 12. The schedule runs through March 6, followed by the ACC Tournament in Washington, D.C., starting March 9.

## Deer Stands



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to get him opening day but that was not to be. I had sighted him in an old abandoned sawmill site on the South side of Little Walker Mountain and there was a number of deer tracks in this open area there. I planned to be there before daylight on opening day about a week later.

There were a couple of trees near the edge of the sawmill site that had some wooden beams in them that had been there when the mill was in operation. I had climbed up to this as it was a ready-made deer stand with a good view from there. I could await the approach of any deer and hopefully the big buck would show up, but that was not to be.

A hunter came up along the logging and was passing near my stand above him in the trees and never saw me. I made the mistake of speaking out to him saying something to the effect, "How are you doing?" He acknowledged my greeting and disappeared on up into the woods. It was only about a half hour later that I heard the rustling of leaves about two hundred feet above me and near

where the hunter had gone. A gun shot rang out and I saw the big buck come down the ridge dragging its hind legs. It had evidently been shot in the spine and could not run. I in disgust as having missed my chance, climbed down to let the other guy to finish it off what could have been my deer.

All was not lost, as I left Little Walker Mtn. and went over to near the top of Big Walker Mtn. and got a good-sized buck that came over at a gap there. I managed to kill a couple more deer in the following years at this spot, but had to find other areas to hunt. More hunters had started coming into this area and even across from the Giles County side. The same happened to a friend of mine who shot a number of deer from a large rock about three miles toward the Bland County atop Big Walker. Four-wheelers were becoming more prevalent allowing hunters to get into areas that had at one time been accessible by walking.

It is much easier to get a deer today as they are much more plentiful in the valleys and mountain top as well. The Good Lord was able in days past to enable me to climb to the highest mountains as I have recounted. The Psalmist reflects this in Psalm 18:33KJV, "He maketh my feet like hinds' (deer) feet and setteth me upon high places." He can do the same for anyone that invites Him into his or her life.

Until next time

## Hokies

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### LONG-RANGE SHOOTING

Cone averaged just under eight points last season, but showed how dangerous he could be from 3-point range on several occasions. He made at least four 3-pointers in eight games, and actually shot better (45.7%) from beyond the arc than he did overall (40.8%).

tributor and careful with the ball (177 assists, only 53 turnovers), but he's been almost a non-threat to shoot, which sometimes finds the Hokies playing almost four on five when they have the ball. Improving his 37% overall shooting and 50% free-throw shooting would help, especially since he can drive it effectively.

### BEDE EYES

Bede is a fine and efficient dis-

### THE DIARRA FACTOR

The point guard's success at

Kansas State gave him instant credibility with the young Hokies, and when paired with Bede will give them two virtual coaches on the floor.

"He is definitely going to help our team win this year," Cattoor said. "He a quick guard and with being an older guy coming in and helping the young guys out on the mental side of the game."

### SLEEPY JOE

Freshman guard Joe Bamisile has drawn raves from Young and his teammates for being ahead of the other freshmen, especially on the offensive end, and while it's never a sure thing that a freshman's practice play will translate into games, Bede thinks it will.

"Just watch out. That's all I got to say," Bede said after about watching the freshman from Richmond in three weeks of practice. "Just watch out for your head and don't try to block him and that's all I got to tell the ACC or you will be on a poster."

### THE SCHEDULE

The schedule-maker was kind to the Hokies. While they will play No. 4 Virginia, No. 21 Florida State, Louisville and Notre Dame twice, they get No. 16 North Carolina and No. 9 Duke just once each, with the Blue Devils coming to Cassell Coliseum. They also drew Penn State, also at home, in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

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A virtual presentation will also be available from 7-9 PM on December 1st via zoom by using this link: <https://timmons.zoom.us/j/94248827151?pwd=SWtoOUhNM0F6QlVoZFliYbzMvb08wQT09>  
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The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with information about the project and to allow an opportunity for the developers to answer questions and/or receive your input. Public Hearings for both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will be held in January and those details will be available prior to those meetings. If you are an adjacent landowner to the project, you will receive a notice from the Planning Department. Questions can be directed to the Planning Office at 540-980-7877 and information is available at the website <http://www.pulaskicounty.org/planning-zoning.html>

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The Virginia Department of Health has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a waterworks project proposed to be funded through the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund. The FONSI is supported by a Statement of Environmental Review (SER). The applicant is Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA).

The project proposes to extend the raw water intake pipes further into Claytor Lake. The intake is currently at the confluence of Cherry Tree Creek and Claytor Lake, and sediment deposition from the creek requires routine dredging to ensure functionality of the raw water intake system. Extending the intake further into the lake will reduce the need for routine dredging and improve the functionality of the intake system. Work within floodplains is unavoidable, as the project is within Claytor Lake. Best Management Practices would be implemented to minimize impacts, and all federal, state, and local floodplain ordinances will be followed.

A review of the Environmental Assessment conducted on this project indicates that either significant environmental impacts would not result from the proposed project or significant environmental impacts have been eliminated by making changes in the project. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Virginia Department of Health has assessed the potential environmental effects on the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis for this determination was made after the applicant contacted nine federal and state agencies. This determination was made after reviewing the environmental clearance letters from each agency, the Environmental Assessment, results of a public comment period, and conducting an Environmental Review site visit. In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impact, the Virginia Department of Health will require that PCPSA ensure construction is carried out in strict accordance with all applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations. Prior to implementing construction, all applicable permits and approvals must be obtained.

Persons may comment in writing to the Department on the proposed decision within 30 days from the first publication date. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Department.

All pertinent information, including the Finding of No Significant Impact, the Statement of Environmental Review, the Environmental Assessment and the support documentation is on file and may be inspected and arrangements made for copying at The Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water, Lexington Field Office, 131 Walker Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450; phone (540) 463-0406. For additional information, please contact Anthony Hess, Project Manager at (540) 463-0419.

Following the comment period, the Department will make its final determination.

All comments should be addressed to:  
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 Director  
 Financial and Construction Assistance Programs  
 Virginia Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water  
 109 Governor Street, Room 633  
 Richmond, VA 23219

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Draft waters following last season, and while it was all done virtually, he said what he learned was valuable.

“I guess just knowing what I should do for this team, not necessarily for the next level, but they were very helpful” in telling what he does well and where he needs to improve, he said. “While those things will be helpful in terms of my basketball future, I also think that it’ll be helpful in terms of helping this team do well.”

### THREES

# RU picked sixth in Big South

From RadfordAthletics.com

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Radford men’s basketball team was selected sixth in the Big South’s 2020-21 preseason poll, the league announced on Tuesday during its annual media day event.

The Highlanders, who have won back-to-back Big South Regular Season titles, totaled 127 points in the voting by the league’s head coaches and select media members, placing 12 spots behind fifth-place USC Upstate (149) and 10 ahead of High Point (117).

Tomas Woldetensae started slow but led the team with 52 3-pointers last season while others expected to help from long range struggled. Adding Hauser as a threat is crucial, but improvements from Casey Morsell (15-85, .176) and Kody Statmann (14-52, .269) would help make the offense less predictable.

### THE SCHEDULE

They open with Maine and then Florida in Connecticut and will play Villanova at Madison Square Garden, but the highlight figures to be their ACC/Big Ten

Challenge matchup with Michigan State, where Hauser’s brother and former Marquette teammate, Joey, will play this season. Sam Hauser said his parents are also excited to see them do battle.

“I’m curious to see who they’re going to cheer for or where they’re going to in the stands,” he said.

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An appeal by New River Valley Works Inc.; VuhVanagon, LLC (Agent: Kevin Lindamood) of an administrative decision regarding a violation notice in reference to the use of 1601 Bob White Blvd (tax parcel (s) 072-140-0000-107A) by Mr. Lindamood. The Zoning Administrator issued a violation notice regarding the numerous inoperable vehicles being located on the premise without current Commonwealth of Virginia inspection certifications which is considered an automobile graveyard. The zoning district (B-2 General Business District) does not allow such usage. The appellant is appealing the violation notice pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2309.

Copies of the violation notice, appeal application, and ordinances may be reviewed at the Zoning Administrator’s office, Town Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W., Pulaski, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



# Hokies getting set for showdown vs. Pittsburg

By Jimmy Robertson  
For Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG – The Virginia Tech football team spent Sunday turning the page from the Miami game, as it looked ahead to Pittsburgh following Saturday’s excruciating one-point loss to the then-No. 9 ‘Canes at Lane Stadium.

The Hokies led by 11 in the second half, but came up empty on their final five possessions, which allowed Miami to come back for a 25-24 victory. The loss left Tech at 4-4 on the season, with three games remaining – a slate that starts with Saturday’s matchup in Pittsburgh. The Hokies have lost five of their past six games in Pittsburgh.

Saturday’s game, though, remains in doubt at the moment, as Pittsburgh paused all athletics-related activities on Thursday because of COVID-19. The school hasn’t officially announced a resumption of those activities.

“I don’t know any more than the rest of ya’ll when it comes to their status,” Tech coach Justin Fuente said during his Monday media session. “I’ll tell you this, we deal with uncertainty every day. I took my 30th COVID test today. Hopefully, I get the text message, like I’ve gotten 29 times before, that says I can keep coming to work. You can imagine all our players and staff that either get a text that’s good or a phone call that’s bad. So we’re all dealing with uncertainty on a daily basis. This thing hasn’t gone away. I think our guys have done a great job of handling it.

“We can’t approach this week with any different mindset. None of us really know that we’ll get to come to work tomorrow. We’ve gotten good training for uncertainty, but we shouldn’t have any change in our preparation. That was one of the things that I brought up to the team yesterday was, ‘You guys have got to understand that we’ll figure it out when we know, but we can’t approach it any other way.’”

Fuente discussed several topics during his 30-minute video news conference, including the pandemic, the play of specific players and positions, Pittsburgh, and more. Here are some takeaways from the session:

- Tech tailback Jalen Holston received rave reviews for his play Saturday after he scored two



Hokiesports.com

Redshirt senior nose tackle Jarrod Hewitt chases down the Miami quarterback.

touchdowns – his first since 2018. Holston ran with power, especially on a 19-yard burst that set up a 1-yard touchdown run, and he also scored on an 8-yard run. He finished with 36 yards rushing on four carries, and according to Fuente, made a difference on special teams, too.

“He’s been fantastic on special teams,” Fuente said. “He’s played really hard, and he’s a really smart kid. On the last punt last week, he jumps in the opposite gap, takes up a blocker, and we almost blocked that punt. They turned another guy scot free. It was just a really headsy play by Jalen.

“I guess what I’m getting at is he’s played really well on special teams and earned playing time at running back and was effective – and I would anticipate that his role would continue to increase, as we go through the remainder of the season.”

- Holston played well on offense for the Hokies, and linebacker Dax Hollifield stood out on defense. Seeing extensive time because of

an injury to Alan Tisdale, Hollifield recorded 13 tackles – the most by a Tech player in a game this season. He also added a sack.

“We’re asking a lot of him,” Fuente said. “He’s working at both positions [both mike linebacker and backer], which, as an offensive guy, I’m not sure I quite had enough respect for how difficult that is. There’s quite a bit that comes with both of those two spots, and he played with quite a bit of emotion

and effort, as you would expect.”

- Much was made last week of Fuente’s decision to jump in and run the scout team offense, which provides a look at what each opponent’s offense likes to do from a schematic perspective. This helps Tech’s defense in its preparation. Perhaps not coincidentally, the Hokies played well on defense against Miami, and Fuente plans on continuing his work with the scout team.

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virtually this year, fans will be able to view the event on ESPN+. Radford’s section will be in part two of the show at approximately 2:45 p.m. The 2020-21 season is slated to open on Nov. 25 in Blacksburg, Va., against Virginia Tech.

All regular-season and conference tournament schedules, times, dates and opponents are subject to change. Radford Athletics is currently evaluating multiple spectator attendance models per state, university and health guidelines for the 2020-21 season. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

### 2020-21 Men’s Basketball Preseason Poll

Rk.	Team (1st votes)	Points
1.	Winthrop (21)	261
2.	UNC Asheville (2)	214
3.	Charl. Southern	192
4.	Gardner-Webb (1)	188
5.	USC Upstate	149
6.	Radford	127
7.	High Point	117
8.	Longwood	111
9.	Hampton	92
10.	Campbell	78
11.	Presbyterian	55

### 2020-21 Big South Conference Men’s Basketball Preseason All-Conference Team

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DJ Burns Jr., Winthrop  
DeVon Baker, UNC Asheville  
Chandler Vaudrin, Winthrop  
Jaheam Cornwall, Gardner-Webb

Second-Team  
Tommy Bruner, USC Upstate  
LJ Thorpe, UNC Asheville  
John-Michael Wright, High Point  
Everette Hammond, USC Upstate  
Kareem Reid, Gardner-Webb

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# Esther Is Not Forgotten - Part Three

By Davy Davis

In part 3 of this continuing article on the SW VA pioneer Esther Thomson Crockett Sayers (ca. 1710-1770) of Wythe Co. our attention is turned to each of her children and some later descendants. She and her first husband Samuel Crockett had 8 children. The first was Samuel, Jr. who served in the French and Indian War and was granted land in Fincastle Co. for his service and appointed a magistrate in 1772 by the governor of VA, but he eventually moved to TN. He and his cousin Maj. Samuel Crockett, a son of Joseph Louis Crockett, Jr. of Shawsville, who moved to the Kent's Mill section of Wythe Co., are sometimes hard to separate in county records because of living at the same time and being close to the same age. Samuel, Jr. was married twice, the second wife being a widow and all 8 of his children were by the first wife. Among the descendants of this younger generation were many Crocketts and Peerys of Tazewell Co. Also, one son was Maj. Robert Crockett who lived on Pepper's Ferry Rd. halfway between Wytheville and Max Meadows near where Cove Creek enters Reed Creek. Maj. Robert Crockett served in campaigns fighting the Indians and was an early clerk of Wythe Co. court. His son Charles Louis Crockett built the home called "Bowling Green" where Andrew Jackson once attended the horse races held there. A daughter Maria married Judge James Ewell Brown, the uncle for whom JEB Stuart was named. The Ingles family is another line of Samuel, Jr.'s descendants since his daughter Margaret married Col. John Ingles, the youngest son of famous Indian captive Mary Draper Ingles. It was Margaret Crockett Ingles' husband John Ingles who wrote an account of his mother's terrible ordeal. The Draper family also descends by marriage from the Shawsville Crocketts and from Esther and her second husband William Sayers.

Samuel and Esther's second child Ann Agnes Crockett married an early 1750's settler of Fort Chiswell named John Montgomery who would become one of the signers of the Fincastle Resolutions as well as a participant in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. He had purchased from the explorer Dr. Thomas Walker the southern



## Fabric of Old Fincastle A Southwest Virginia History Series

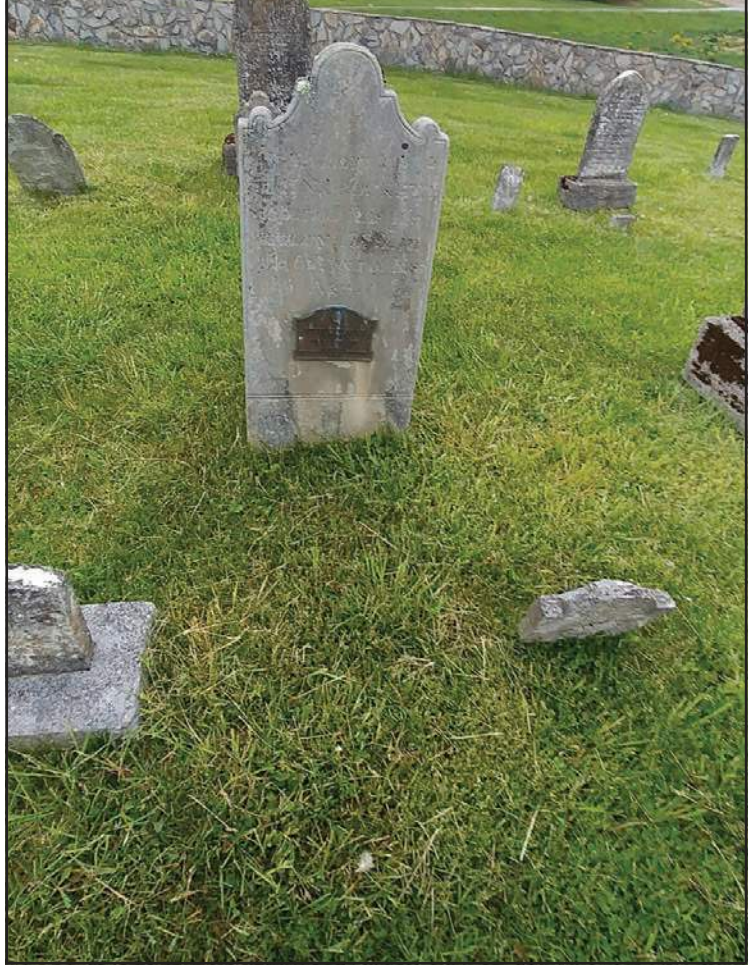


John Montgomery's marker and information.

portion of the Great Buffalo Lick survey of 1748 where the fort called Fort Chiswell would later be constructed in 1760-61 on the northern portion of Great Buffalo Lick, which was known as Sayer's Mill before the fort, was built. It was named for owner Alexander Sayers, a brother of Esther's second husband William Sayers, who would eventually drown in New River. His neighbors, the Montgomery's, owned a large family Bible that was passed down by their descendants along with a ring in which John Montgomery and wife Ann Agnes Crockett had interwoven locks of their hair preserved under glass in the setting. If a person stands on the back porch of Fort Chiswell Mansion and looks south, a giant stone placed by the DAR in the 1930's can be seen in the far distance across two fields. It is located on the spot where a cemetery once existed where the Montgomery's and their descendants are buried. A brass plaque on the boulder commemorates John Montgomery, his wife Ann Agnes Crockett, and others buried there. This family intermarried with the Grahams, Han-

sons, Tates, Craigs, and others. Montgomery served as a justice of the peace and on one occasion he settled a dispute between two parties by having them recite the Lord's Prayer, ruling in favor of the one who knew it better, reasoning that such a person would be less likely to willingly lie to the court.

Samuel and Esther's third child was John Crockett, Sr. who settled Crockett's Cove in Wythe Co. in the 1760's after marrying his wife Elizabeth Montgomery. They entered the Cove by way of Cove Creek before any suitable road had been built. John was active in the French and Indian War and the Revolution. His wife died while visiting their daughter in TN. Disabled and bedfast as an old man, the story is told that he nevertheless got out of bed, dressed, and took down his rifle from the wall to hunt down and kill a bear that he was told had killed one of his infant grandchildren, after tearing it from a horrified mother's arms. John's log home is enclosed today in a larger frame house built by his son John, Jr. The old stone



Crockett Cemetery, Crockett's Cove. The stone kitchen can be seen in the background of the picture. John Crockett's grave stone in the foreground

kitchen nearby and still standing remains a well known landmark in the Cove along with the nearby brick Presbyterian church that was built in the 1850's with money left for this purpose by Nancy Agnes Graham Crockett, the widow of John Crockett, Jr. and daughter of Wythe Co. immigrant Robert Graham. This wife of John Crockett, Jr. is one of the earliest Crocketts whose image has been preserved by an artist in a portrait. The Cove Church became a hospital briefly for wounded Union soldiers after the "Battle of the Cove" (also called the "Battle of Queen's Knob") during the Civil War. Besides the original Crockett homestead in the Cove, several other Crockett homes still exist that were witness to the battle including

the Allen Crockett house at the entrance to the Cove where a nearby historic sign tells about the battle. Allen Crockett was a great grandson of Esther the subject of these articles and the ancestor of writer Lucy Herndon Crockett formerly of Seven Mile Ford, author of many children's books and one famous adult World War II novel that became a Hollywood movie.

The fourth child of Samuel and Esther named Jane, was the second wife of Henry Davis whose father James Davis was one of the earliest settlers of SW VA. Henry's first wife was her cousin Nancy Crockett, a daughter of Joseph Louis Crockett, Jr. of Shawsville. This

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## Hokies

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challenge is we've got to wipe that clean and get ready to go try and do it again."

• Tech's offense finished with a season-low 160 rushing yards, and quarterback Hendon Hooker was sacked six times – the most allowed by the Hokies this season. The numbers begged the question about the offensive line play on Saturday, and Fuente said the group could have played better.

"We didn't play as well as I would have liked," he admitted. "Part of that is their personnel is pretty good. We did make some adjustments that paid off big time early in the second half [the Hokies' first two drives led to a touchdown and a field goal], but when it came down to it overall, it was

not as efficient of a performance as we'd like up front, and we'll have a similar challenge [Saturday]. These guys are just as big and just as athletic on the defensive line, but they put more people in the box than Miami."

• Fuente revealed to the media that linebacker Keshon Artis and defensive lineman Zion Debose both had decided to opt out for the remainder of the season because of the pandemic. Artis played in seven games and finished with three tackles, while Debose played in four games and had six tackles and a sack.

"That's a part of what we're dealing with this year and the way things are," Fuente said. "You see it across the country."

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# Supervisors to advance first tourism department

From Pulaski County

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors is working in concert with the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority to repurpose funds and strategically invest in the development and launch of Pulaski County’s first Tourism Department. The new County department will come at a time where tourism businesses are finding themselves in both

*Esther*

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family moved to TN. Samuel and Esther’s children Catherine (b.1741) and Robert (b. 1743) leave no further record so may have died young which was common at that time.

The last two children of Samuel and Esther were Andrew and James Crockett who were involved together for a while in the production of iron. Their iron works and furnace were later sold to “Squire” David Graham, the builder of the “Major Graham Mansion” which was called Cedar Run by the Graham family for the stream beside it and which in recent years has been operated by the current owner as a lucrative “haunted house” during Halloween season. Andrew Crockett’s land on Reed Cr. near this location was part of Col. James Patton’s original Purgatory Tract Survey. Both Andrew and his brother James Crockett served in the American Revolution. Andrew eventually moved to Williamson Co., TN, where his descendants built some impressive homes. James remained in Wythe Co. and continued his iron production business near Graham’s Forge until selling it to David Graham. James married Mary Drake and their daughter married James McGavock, Jr. and they were the parents of two bachelor sons Stephen and Cloyd McGavock who built “Fort Chiswell Mansion” in 1839 not far from their parents’ log cabin at the original fort site on the opposite side of the present interstate. Their brother James McGavock, III, and his wife Agnes Crockett (a daughter of Maj. Robert Crockett) inherited the James Crockett place that had been Samuel and Esther Crockett’s home. It later belonged to the Richardsons by marriage and then to Williamson McGavock, a nephew of Stephen and Cloyd McGavock of Fort Chiswell, who built a large new home there, which later burned. A son of James, named Nathaniel Crockett married Polly Graham and their old home, “Bachelor’s Retreat”, is now surrounded by the Draper Valley Golf Course.

Esther’s 3 sons by second husband William Sayers were Robert, Alexander, and John Thomson. Alexander, the middle son, must have died young since a son of William by his second wife was given the same name. Both were named for their uncle Alexander Sayers of Sayers’ Mill (or Fort Chiswell). The oldest son of William and Esther Sayers was Robert who never married.. He was a Lt.-Col. In the Revolution and served 7 years in the VA legislature. He became one of the wealthiest men of SW VA, coming to own part of his relative Col. John Buchanan’s Anchor and Hope Plantation south of Reed Creek at Max Meadows and large holdings in Burkes Garden in Tazewell Co. as well many slaves in both locations. Robert is buried by himself on a hillside opposite the John Crockett cemetery and home in Crockett’s Cove after he became ill and passed away while visiting his nephew John Crockett, Jr.’s family. He was treated so kindly by Nancy Agnes Graham Crockett, John, Jr.’s wife, that he left her his most prized personal possessions rather than leaving them to any blood relative. A local teacher in the 1800’s upon meeting Mrs. Crockett at a party wrote she was “a very agreeable old lady indeed.” Some of the things Robert Sayers son of William and Esther left her included his desk, his silverware, and his library of books. At Smithfield

a challenging yet opportunistic time due to the novel COVID-19 pandemic. The tourism department will be funded through transient occupancy tax revenues. Forty percent (40%) of all lodging taxes received by the County are required by code to be reinvested back into local tourism, and it has been determined that this new office is a qualified investment.

“We have identified tourism as an important component of the

Plantation in Blacksburg Robert had courted Jane, the daughter of his father’s first cousin Col. John Buchanan, and on the very day she accepted his proposal, John Floyd, her true love, returned to Smithfield after having been captured at sea by the British and imprisoned in England. He had escaped to France and with Ambassador Benjamin Franklin’s financial assistance made it back home to America alive and well after being presumed dead. Jane immediately broke her short-lived engagement to Robert Sayers and married Floyd. It was a blow from which Robert perhaps never recovered, as he never married. His own military and political career and great wealth may have been little consolation.

Esther and William Sayers’ youngest son John Thomson Sayers was known by his middle name Thomson and was badly wounded at the Battle of Cowpens in the Revolution serving under Gen Daniel Morgan as his brother Robert had at Saratoga. He earned the rank of major and miraculously survived, though never fully recovered, after being shot through the lungs and left bleeding on the battlefield and in the rain all night. He would inherit the William and Esther Sayers homeplace but even so apparently had his eye on land in KY, since he paid Daniel Boone in 1785 for surveying 2000 acres there, as a document preserved in the family proves. But he never left VA as some of his relatives, instead raising a large family in Wythe Co. One of his daughters married an Oglesby and they inherited the homeplace. Peggy, a daughter of Thomson Sayers, married Congressman Joseph Draper whose mother was a daughter of Maj. Samuel Crockett of Wythe Co. so the Drapers are descended from both Samuel and Esther Sayers and the Shawsville Crocketts as well. Another son of Thomson named Robert Sayers for his uncle came to own the part of Anchor and Hope Plantation near Max Meadows that his uncle Robert had owned and a direct descendant of this Sayers line founded Reynold’s Aluminum Company. So ends this sketch of Esther Thomson Crockett Sayers and her two families by two husbands. Today her descendants are innumerable and include not only many families of SW VA, but countless others spread across the entire country all because of her being able to come to America as a child with her parents and seek a new life.

County’s overall revenue and critical to the stability and success of many of our community’s small businesses”, stated Joe Guthrie, Chair, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. “We have also realized as an outcome of the pandemic, that to expansively bolster tourism, we need to market our many commercial, retail, and lodging assets to both potential visitors and our local residents in order to ensure that the small business community is best positioned to take full advantage of the ever evolving consumer demand opportunities.”

In the recent past, the County has relied on the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce to serve as the County’s tourism agent by way of an annual service contract. Although the Chamber of Commerce has done an great job of serving the county’s tourism needs, the County is looking to invest in its own tourism department to maximize its resources

## Austinville man faces multiple charges in Nov. 16 incident

From Virginia State Police

A Wythe County man faces multiple charges, to include assault on a police officer, after he fled from Virginia State Police early Monday (Nov. 16). Joshua D. Brown, 37, of Austinville, Va., is being held at the New River Valley Regional Jail on three felony counts of assault on a police officer, two felony counts of hit and run, one felony count of eluding police, two felony counts of destruction of property, one count of possession of a firearm while in possession of Schedule I/ II narcotics, one count of possession of Schedule II narcotics, one misdemeanor count of destruction of property, and for driving on a revoked license. Brown also had outstanding arrest warrants issued by the Wythe County Sheriff’s Office.

The incident began at approximately 7:20 a.m. Monday when Virginia State Police responded to a suspicious vehicle at a truck

and ensure that Pulaski County and its small business community is well represented and has a competitive advantage in the regional, state and national marketplace.

“We feel that we can provide enhanced support for the tourism sector and increase offerings to our small business community by establishing a more robust tourism, marketing and quality of life program that is managed as fully functioning department of the County”, stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. “This redirection of funds should yield a greater rate of return for both our private enterprises and the County’s coffers, and it couldn’t come at a more crucial time when revenue stability is important to our collective subsistence.”

The County is preparing to officially launch the Pulaski County Office of Tourism on January 4, 2021 and will be advertising for an executive director throughout



Joshua D. Brown

stop off Exit 84 in Wythe County. Upon arriving, troopers approached the couple seated inside the Ford Taurus to engage them in conversation. Approximately five minutes into the conversation, the trooper requested the male driv-

the month of November 2020. Most counties, cities and towns in Virginia have their own established and funded tourism departments dedicated to their locality.

“The Economic Development Authority is excited to be a part of advancing this concept, as it falls under the umbrella of the EDA’s more comprehensive mission of supporting our small business community and pursuing non-traditional ways of fostering economic prosperity for our citizens”, stated Jon Wyatt Chair, Pulaski County EDA.

“There is a quantifiable return on investment to marketing and promoting our county and the businesses who call it home, and we are confident that this endeavor will prove meaningful to growing our small businesses and will help the county reach our stated goal of 40 -by- 30.”

er - Brown - to exit his vehicle. Brown refused, put the vehicle in drive and narrowly missed running over a trooper standing in front of his vehicle. Brown then rammed the two troopers’ patrol vehicles in order to flee the parking lot.

A pursuit was initiated and ended when the Ford Taurus came to the end of a driveway in the 600 block of Major Grahams Road. Brown then fled the scene on foot. The 37-year-old female passenger from Max Meadows, Va., was taken into custody at the scene and without incident.

Wythe County Sheriff’s Office, a Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office K9 Team, and Virginia State Police Aviation, Tactical Team and K9 Team searched the immediate area for Brown. By 8:15 a.m., Brown was apprehended in a field adjacent to the driveway without further incident.

No troopers involved in the incident were injured.

## Broadband study announced

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the County of Bland, announces a regional initiative to study broadband internet accessibility and capacity. This study is part of a larger three-county broadband project which includes Montgomery County and is in partnership with Appalachian Power and private internet service providers. The intent is to establish the demand and develop a plan to deploy fiber optic and other broadband infrastructure to both un-served and under-served areas of the three localities.

“Facilitating the deployment of broadband throughout Pulaski County remains a priority of the Board of Supervisors and we are pleased to be working creatively and expediently with Appalachian Power and with our neighbors to the east and west of us

on this important project,” stated Joe Guthrie, Chair, of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. “The initial step to advancing this project is a targeted study of our existing infrastructure and determining what download and upload speeds are available to residents and businesses throughout the County.”

Pulaski and Bland Counties are now working together with the same consultants (Thompson & Litton / Blue Ridge Advisory Services Group), to analyze their current broadband capacity.

Pulaski County residents are being asked to complete a short survey to assist in obtaining information for the study. The survey can be accessed from the Pulaski County website at: [www.pulaski-county.org](http://www.pulaski-county.org) As part of the survey,

residents are requested to conduct an internet speed study using their home internet connection, not a cellular connection, and report back those findings. If residents do not have access to the internet, that information can be reported as well. Please notify Pulaski County Administration at: (540) 980-7705 with your name and street address so that this info can be recorded.

“The success of this next-level project relies heavily on our ability to capture the data necessary from the surveys to make the case that additional investments in broadband infrastructure are needed in these un- and under-served portions of Pulaski County and neighboring jurisdictions”, stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator.

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Amber Waves

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LISTEN PIP SQUEAK, YOU ARE GONNA GIVE ME YOUR DESSERT AT LUNCH TODAY.

AFTER THAT MAYBE I'LL HAVE YOU DO MY HOMEWORK.

YOU LISTEN TO ME YOU BIG DUMMY. STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES BUT....

OK, WORDS HURT PRETTY BAD TO.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SIGH... I'M BORED.

BACKSEAT DRIVERS IN A DRIVER-LESS WORLD

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

NOT SELLIN' THANKSGIVIN' TURKEYS THIS YEAR, SIM?

NOPE, SORRY, JOSIE. WE'VE BEEN DOIN' A LOTTA DOWN-SIZIN' THIS YEAR.

CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A THANKSGIVIN' CORNISH HEN?

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

THAT'S IT!! I CAN'T READ THE NEWSPAPER ANYMORE!!

WHY, IS THE NEWS TOO DEPRESSING FOR YOU?

NO, MY SUBSCRIPTION RAN OUT.

POPEYE

HEY EESMAN

I HAVE A PROBLEM, DOCTOR...

YAH! I KNOW...

...UNDT I KNOW VOT DOT ISS!

YOU KNOW WHAT MY PROBLEM IS?

UF COURSE, MR. VIMPY!

WE JUST MET... HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY KNOW?

MANY YEARS UF SCHOOLINK...

...PLUS MANY YEARS UF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE...

...HAVE SHARPENED MY DEDUCTIFF POWERS!

...UNDT SO BY VARIOUS CLUES I CAN DETERMINE YOU HEF ZE PROBLEM MIT...

... COMPULZIFF OFER EATINK!

AMAZING!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

YEAH, THIS GAME IS REALLY FUN. I HAVE ALMOST NO MONEY OR OPTIONS. WHAT A NICE ESCAPE FROM MY LIFE.

LAFF-A-DAY

PIERRE and YVONNE

APACHE DANCE

"Oh, no! Eating again!?"

Well, if you're such a good driver, how come Joe's Auto Body Shop gives you a \_\_\_\_\_?"

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!

Smart  
STATUE

Empty  
INARD

Close  
BRANEY

Berate  
CLODS

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Flourish

6 "Rabbit, Run" author

12 Tearjerker

13 Construction piece

14 "Anna Christie" playwright

15 Coats

16 Lima's place

17 Father of Thor

19 Away from WSW

20 Style

22 LummoX

24 Most Wanted List org.

27 Elite alternative

29 Bart's sister

32 Lincoln's election year

35 Region

36 Location

37 Storm center

38 Inseparable

40 Osso buco base

42 A cont.

44 Level

46 Apiece

50 Boardroom props

52 Prophet

54 Half a story-book duo

55 "My heavens!"

56 Clothing

57 Unlike a rolling stone?

DOWN

1 Part of N.B.

2 Lecherous look

3 Poppy drug

4 Lubricate

5 Tunes

6 Wrinkly fruit

7 Challenge for Hardy in "The Music Box"

8 Saharan

9 Obsession

10 "Show Boat"

11 Gaelic

12 Doo- music

18 Fool

21 Make a choice, with "for"

23 "The Greatest"

24 Shriner's cha-peau

25 Life story, for short

26 Unknowing

28 Waiting area

30 Pigpen

31 Nay canceler

33 Coop denizen

34 Multitude

39 Old anesthetic

41 Starts

42 Turkish potentate

43 "Animal House" group

45 Capri or Wight

47 Dogfight participants

48 23-Down's old name

49 The lady

51 Sixth letter after 53-Down

53 See 51-Down

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Source: MoneyWise

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1/2 cup?
2. TELEVISION: Which 1990s sitcom featured the theme song "I'll Be There for You"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the city of Timbuktu located?
4. GAMES: How much money does each Monopoly player get at the start of the classic game?
5. SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
6. MOVIES: Which 2004 animated movie featured the character Edna Mode?
7. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Michigan?
8. COMICS: Which comic character's favorite exclamation is "Good grief!"?
9. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the phobia cynophobia?
10. ANATOMY: What is the condition of "pes planus" more commonly called?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy is taller. 2. Picture is vertical. 3. Chair back is different. 4. Fewer papers on floor. 5. Boy's collar is different. 6. Two checks on book.

Answers

1. Eight
2. "Friends"
3. Mali in west Africa
5. About 71%
6. "The Incredibles"
7. Lansing
8. Charlie Brown in "Peanuts"
9. Fear of dogs
10. Flat feet

Solution time: 24 mins.

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: S equals T

MFUO XBY MOFDJ SMFS SMO

UFKJFGH JOHSDBXOJ DBFJ HQTKH,

NYGGQKT BYS FGG SMO HSBNH?

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Today's Word

1. Astute 2. Drain; solution

3. Nearby; 4. Scold

Americanisms

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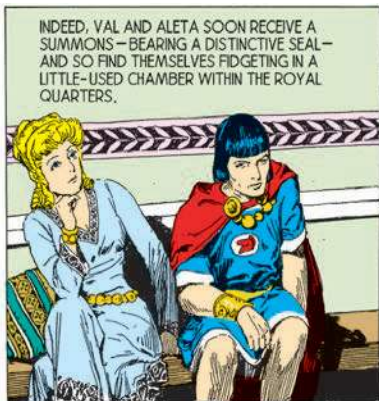
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# Iron Clown Head

Part of the fun of bidding at auctions is seeing unusual, and perhaps useless, antiques selling for a lot of money. A very noticeable iron head of a clown with a mask, about 20 inches high, was offered in a Michael's Auctions in Alameda, California. It was marked "J.T. Dickman, Pat'd Sep 19, 1911." Only the clown, squirrel and rabbit shooting gallery target shapes with the Dickman patent information are listed for sale online. The clown sold for \$12,000.

Iron tools were the only antiques to be pricey before 1950. Tongs, building supports, fences, hardware, boot scrapers, safes and windmill weights were selling at antique shows. By 1900, iron was used to make frying pans and attractive pieces like bookends, doorstops, large statues of animals and garden furniture. Iron can be molded or shaped by hand, is heavy and durable, and is often used for manhole covers.

Q: I inherited two unusual 14-karat gold and pearl tuxedo studs from my father's estate. They are square with what looks like a lace-edge handkerchief folded over in a triangle shape. A long pin with a pearl head is stuck through the "handkerchief." I don't want to scrap them. How can I find their value for resale?

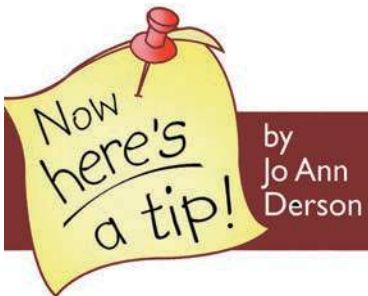
A: Even though you don't want to "scrap them," it helps to know the meltdown value in order to determine the resale value of gold or silver items. You can take the studs to a jeweler to see how much the gold weighs and to find

KOVELS  
Antiques & Collecting  
By Terry and Kim Kovel



This heavy 20-inch-tall head is made of iron. It was painted red and white. The auction catalog said it was a clown because of the pointed hat with a tassel. It's a not-very-funny shooting gallery target that pictures a clown with a mask. The strange item was wanted by many collectors, and the high bid was \$12,000.

out the current meltdown value. The pearl also adds value. Jewelers often measure gold in troy ounces, which are heavier than standard ounces. The meltdown value of 14-karat gold fluctuates, but the value of a troy ounce is about \$1,850. The jeweler may offer to buy them for a lower price because the jeweler must be able to make a profit. Most tuxedo stud sets include at least four studs and a pair of cufflinks.



\* "At a home center recently, I saw a zip-up bag to store artificial Christmas trees in. This bag looked like luggage, with wheels on one end. I have purchased two, and I use them under my bed to store off-season clothes. I can pull the handle and they wheel right out, and I no longer have to get down on the ground and tug them out as I used to do. It's a back saver." -- I.W. via email

\* If you get a scratch in a white enamel sink or other white enamel surface, try touching it up with white fingernail polish.

\* "Try soaking an ink stain in rubbing alcohol for a few minutes before putting the garment in the wash." (Test first on a scrap.) -- B.D. in Virginia

\* "If you have a picture frame that just won't stay straight, cut the eraser tip off of a pencil and glue the flat (not the domed) side to the back of your frame at the bottom. For stubborn frames, use one at each corner. Then re-hang. Once you situate it on the wall, the erasers keep the frame from slipping to either side. It works great." -- R.I. in California

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

## MAGIC MAZE • MAY WORDS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: HEAD OF A CITY GOVERNMENT

Cape May	Mayan	Mayenne	Mayhem
Dismay	Mayapple	Mayfish	Mayonnaise
Karamay	Maybe	Mayflower	Maypole
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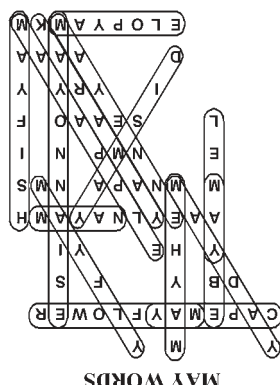
## CryptoQuote

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.

GLCXBHO WIHOILO XOSSW HO  
B PGL'X UI WIHOXFBLQ,  
B KGLX XI UI BX HIJO.  
— XGCSIJ WKBDX

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— Taylor Swift  
I want to do it more.  
I can't do something,  
Anytime someone tells me  
answer  
Cryptoquote

## Celebrity Extra: 'Mom'

Q: Is Anna Faris coming back to the show "Mom"? I hope she's not off it permanently. I love the dynamic between her and Allison Janney. -D U.C.

A: Faris made the sudden announcement in September that she was leaving the hit sitcom "Mom" just before its eighth season began. The fate of her character, Christy, was explained on the season premiere this month. I won't spoil it for anyone who hasn't seen it and plans to, but it's a positive direction for the character. "Mom" airs on Thursdays at 9 p.m. ET on CBS.

Faris' exit was unexpected, as her contract was supposed to commit her through the eighth season. Jaime Pressly, who plays Kendall on the show, stated that Janney's character will still speak to Christy on the phone and give updates to viewers about her on-screen daughter.

Off-screen, Faris is set to play twins in the comedy film "Summer Madness." According to Deadline.com, the twins consist of "the flat-broke and foul-mouthed Georgie Cole and her successful, elegant twin sister. Disowned by her wealthy and conniving mother, Georgie must rally her dysfunctional family to appear picture perfect in order to win a large cash prize at her mother's annual gala." It's written and directed by Fred Wolf of "House Bunny," which also starred Faris.

Q: What's next for the actors of "The Good Place"? I'm sad the show ended so soon, but I guess that's better than it dragging on and becoming stale. -- P.B.



Robert Ascroft/CBS  
Anna Faris in "Mom."

A: "The Good Place" was a very clever NBC comedy that wrapped up its story about the afterlife after four seasons. Its main star, Kristen Bell (who played Eleanor), has a couple of projects lined up. The one I'm most excited about is a live-action musical "Molly and the Moon," co-starring Jonathan Groff ("Frozen 2" and "Mindhunter").

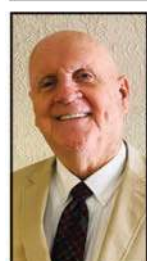
William Jackson Harper (who played Chidi) will star in the second season of HBO Max's "Love Life," in which he plays a single New Yorker wading through the dating pool after a long-term relationship ends. Ted Danson (Michael) will play the mayor of Los Angeles in a comedy created by Tina Fey. It will air on NBC -- eventually. Jameela Jamil (Tahani) continues to thrive in her other career as a voiceover actress. Manny Jacinto (Jason) can be seen in the upcoming "Top Gun: Maverick," with Tom





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Terry McCraw

## Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

“And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.” (2 Cor. 12:7-10)

The Apostle Paul tells us in the bible that he had been given a thorn in the flesh. He said he prayed to God three times to get it removed but God told him, “My grace is sufficient for thee.”

If you read the text closely, you will see that Paul's thorn in he flesh was a messenger of Satan (A demonic spirit) sent to buffet him. It wasn't from God. But God allowed it remain to keep Paul humble and so that Paul would continue to depend upon Him for strength to cope with trials and persecutions brought upon him by the devil.

In Acts Chapter 16 we find an account of one of Paul's problems with the thorn in his flesh. “And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.” Paul didn't want anyone to think that he was in league with demonic spirits or with the prince of devils.

“And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.”

At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God and God sent an earthquake to shake off their bonds, shake open the prison house doors, and an Angel down from out of Heaven to deliver them and to set them free. Paul was able to get the jailer saved as well as all

See MCCRAW, page B11

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100 Hawkins Street  
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Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church

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135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski  
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### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
Rev. Annette Cheek  
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
Sundays:  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Dublin United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 577  
424 East Main Street  
Pastors Don Hanshew & Don Shelor  
(540) 674-5128  
office@dublinumc.com  
Early Worship - 8:45 am  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am  
Worship - 10:55 am

### Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins  
540-577-5780  
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com  
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.  
11 a.m. Children's Church  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service  
7 p.m. Youth Service

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Mailing address: Same as above  
Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday Morning Worship Service  
8:30 and 11:00  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening (5:45 Supper in the  
Fellowship Hall (Sept thru May) - Youth Groups  
and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.)  
Contact Info:  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org

### Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

### Trinity United Methodist

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

### Snowville Baptist Church

3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee  
Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

### Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message):  
11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
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Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5-12  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

### Faith Bible Church

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

### Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road  
P.O. Box 1330  
Dublin, VA 24084  
(540) 674-8434  
www.dublinchristianchurch.com  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship and  
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible  
Classes, 7 p.m.

### First Presbyterian Church

408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski  
Pastor Melissa McNair-King  
(540) 980-2132  
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www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org  
Sunday Services:  
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,  
Service 11 a.m.  
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.



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

**First Baptist Church**  
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 Service: 11 a.m.

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 5331 New Dublin Church Road  
 Dublin, VA 24084  
 Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon  
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 540-674-6147  
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 Jason Allmon, Pastor  
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**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**  
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 www.maxcreek.org  
 www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  
 Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman  
 Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  
 Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman  
 Sunday Services  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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 1621 Bob White Boulevard  
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 Pastor Donald Jones  
 540-980-8880  
 www.pulaskicog.church  
 Sunday Services  
 Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
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 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain  
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
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 4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
 www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
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 (540) 250-2974  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship 11 a.m.  
 Worship 7 p.m.  
 Monday Bible Study  
 7 to 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study  
 7 p.m.

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

**First Baptist Church**  
 220 Magazine Street  
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 540-980-3336  
 Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
 Pastor: Rev, Douglas Patterson  
 Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
 Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday  
 Evening 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)**  
 975 Memorial Drive  
 Pulaski, VA 24301  
 Office Phone:980-2631  
 Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org  
 Website: www.pulaskipca.org  
 Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess  
 Sunday School: 10:00am  
 Worship Service: 11:00am

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 Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
 www.fwcpulaski.church

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

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 Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**  
 2640 Max Creek Road  
 P.O. Box 326  
 Hiwassee, VA 24347  
 Pastor: Jason N. Aker  
 Phone: 276-699-3176  
 pastorjasonaker@gmail.com  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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

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 600 Skyline Circle  
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 540-315-2317  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
 Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

**Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church**  
 3826 Bob White Boulevard  
 Pulaski, VA.  
 Pastor: Allen Harman  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Preaching: 11 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.  
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## McCraw

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 of his family. When day came,  
 the Magistrates set them free.

No messenger from out of Hell  
 will be able to turn a believer in  
 Christ Jesus from their faith. Sa-  
 tan has some power but God has  
 all power. When we are weak,  
 we turn to God for strength and  
 it is then we become the stron-  
 gest we can ever possibly be.

God's grace will carry us  
 through all of the storms of our  
 lives. God's grace is always  
 sufficient. God's grace never  
 runs out. He gives grace, grace  
 and more grace. Grace on top of  
 grace. Since we are all undeserv-  
 ing of God's kindness, He gives  
 us, by His grace, strength and  
 courage to bear up under all of  
 the difficulties of life.

Thanks be unto our God for  
 His wonderful grace. Our God  
 will sustain us through all the  
 trials of our lives and then some.

## Bible Trivia

1. Which book of the Bi-  
 ble (KJV) mentions the word  
 "thanksgiving" the most times  
 at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah,  
 Psalms, Isaiah
2. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what  
 human qualities does Paul list  
 as being signs of the last days?  
 Adulterers, Sun worshipers,  
 Renegades, Unthankful people
3. From Psalms 106:1, "O  
 give thanks unto the Lord; for  
 his ... endureth forever"? Love,  
 Good, Mercy, Spirit
4. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In  
 every thing give thanks: for this  
 is the ... of God"? Power, Will,  
 Gratitude, Travail
5. From Leviticus 22, a  
 sacrifice of thanksgiving is most  
 meaningful when it is ...? Sin-  
 cere, Often, At your own will,  
 Extravagant
6. Where was Jonah when  
 he prayed with the voice of  
 thanksgiving? Fish's belly,  
 Aboard ship, In the wilderness,  
 Mountaintop

**ANSWERS: 1) Psalms; 2)  
 Unthankful people; 3) Mercy;  
 4) Will; 5) At your own will; 6)  
 Fish's belly**

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## Even in the midst of grief, we can still be thankful

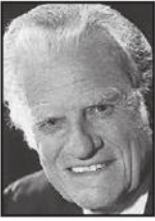
From the writings of the  
 Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: Thanksgiving is ap-  
 proaching and I am afraid to  
 face the day because I buried  
 my husband a few weeks ago  
 after 60 years of marriage.  
 All I have are my memories.  
 -- C.L.**

A: Surrounding grief-stricken  
 hearts with gratitude is a key  
 factor in dealing with sorrow.  
 God does not expect us to be  
 joyful over loss, but He does  
 enable us to be joyful for the

blessings He has given.

Even in the midst of grief,  
 we can still be thankful for  
 many things and a thankful  
 heart acts like a soothing balm  
 on our deepest hurts. Though  
 we mourn the loss of loved  
 ones, we can still thank God  
 for the joys that enriched our  
 hearts. It pleases the Lord when  
 His people thank Him "in all  
 things." The Bible says, "In  
 everything give thanks; for  
 this is the will of God in Christ  
 Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians  
 5:18).



### My Answer

Billy Graham

We must not just recall the  
 good times. We must thank  
 Him for giving them to us in  
 the first place. If our loved ones  
 knew Christ as Lord, we can be  
 thankful that we will one day

see them again. We must also  
 remember to thank God for  
 being near us. For those who  
 belong to Him, this is a glori-  
 ous promise. "Be content... for  
 [Jesus] Himself has said, 'I will  
 never leave you nor forsake  
 you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

The Lord does not abandon  
 His own and we must look for  
 His purposes in leaving us here  
 in this present life. All around  
 us are people who are expe-  
 riencing heartache and pain  
 of some kind and they need  
 encouragement. One of the best

things we can do is to reach  
 out to others. When we do, we  
 discover thankful hearts.

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



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# How do they do it?

I was recently talking to a restauranter who had been in the business for over 25 years. He has owned restaurants all up and down the East Coast. We were discussing the effects the pandemic has had on his business. Mind you, he wasn't complaining. He was just stating the facts and all the challenges that he has been confronted with from personnel, rising costs, reduced seating, and so on and so on. In all the years he has been in business he told me, "This by far has been the most challenging year I have ever had." It's those stories like that, that you hear time and time again, that make you wonder, how do people do it? They have so many obstacles to overcome, but they continue to hope that they will survive the pandemic.

It has changed the course of so many businesses. All your past knowledge and know-how are useless. You can no longer know from one day to the next what your business will be like. Everything that you have known in the past that helped you assess your business, from consumer behavior trends and buying habits, has suddenly changed, and there is no rhyme nor reason for one day being great for business

## Truliant Announces Merger with WJC Federal Credit Union

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (November 13, 2020) – Truliant Federal Credit Union announced today that WJC Federal Credit Union will be merged into Truliant in order to align the southwest Virginia-based credit union with a financially strong, leading financial institution. The merger provides substantial benefits to WJC members, such as greater access to digital banking tools, more financial products and services, and an extensive ATM network. Truliant currently has two locations in southwest Virginia. "We're excited to welcome WJC members into the Truliant family. We celebrate the cooperative spirit and share the same commitment to our members and the respective communities we each have been serving for decades," said Truliant President and CEO Todd Hall. "By working closely with WJC on a smooth transition, members will have options for easier account access, more services and improved technology."

# Celebrity

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Cruise.  
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Q: When is "9-1-1: Lone Star" returning with new episodes? I hope it was renewed for a second season. -- A.M.

A: The Texas-based spinoff of the Ryan Murphy-produced drama "9-1-1" is scheduled to return in January. However, one of its main stars will be missing. Actress Liv Tyler, who lives in London, was concerned about traveling back and forth to the U.S. during the pandemic, so she chose to exit the show. Joining Fox's "9-1-1: Lone Star" is Gina Torres, best known for playing Jessica Pearson on "Suits" from 2011-18 and in its



## Down To Business

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to the next with no business. The only fact we all know for sure is the fear of the pandemic.

That fear has impacted most of us and our total society. It has kept us from being able to enjoy the activities and celebrations that we once enjoyed. But, dog-gone it, that is not going to happen to our 2020 Annual Meeting and Awards. No, there are people that should be recognized, and we are going to celebrate them no matter what!

On Thursday, November 19th, we were live on the Chamber's Facebook page. I hope you were able to tune in and celebrate with us because we still have a lot to celebrate.

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

subsequent spin-off, "Pearson," which aired for just one season.

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

### Weekly SUDOKU

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## PET OF THE WEEK



Pictured is just one of the MANY kittens that are awaiting adoption here at the shelter. Please consider opening your heart and home to a shelter pet this holiday season.

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.

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# Save to get out of the rust bucket

Dear Dave,

I let my fiancée use my car to get back and forth to work, and it has a lot of miles on it and a few mechanical issues. The money we've put into the car to fix the issues is about the same or more than the car is actually worth. We just started your plan a couple of months ago, and we've almost got a beginner emergency fund saved up. We also have very little consumer debt to pay off. I'm afraid, though, if we get into a second \$1,000 to \$2,000 car, we'll just experience the same kinds of issues and it will turn into another money pit. I bring home about \$5,000 a month, and she works part-time and goes to school. How do you think we should handle things?

Thaddeus

Dear Thaddeus,

Well, if you're serious about following the plan, you don't really have a choice right now. But you're bringing home a nice paycheck, man. You ought to be able to buy a better \$1,500 to \$2,000 car with cash in a month or so, just to give you some relief. Then, stick some money aside each month until spring and get something that's a big step up in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range.

Listen, I don't want anyone driving around in a rust bucket



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longer than they have to. And it sounds like you really need to get up out of the junk. But if you do some research and buy wisely, you can get a good year or two out of a \$1,500 car. The car may not look like much, but you're not trying to catch a girl's eye. You've already got a fiancée. If you find an old Honda or Toyota that's still mechanically sound—and yes, they're out there—it'll get you by while you save up for something a lot better.

But remember, you and your fiancée don't need to own anything together until you're married. The kind of arrangement you have now can cause

real problems. If you guys get married and combine your resources and dreams, it'll be better for everyone relationally and financially. You're playing house already, so you might as well go ahead and get married and combine your lives on every level.

It's time to paint or get off the ladder, dude!

—Dave

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

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