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## New tourism department Ok'd by board on 3-2 vote

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Action to create a first-ever tourism department for Pulaski County was approved Monday night by the Board of Supervisors, but not without opposition.

A vote on the new department passed on a 3-2 vote with supervisors Dirk Compton (Draper) and Charles Bopp (Robinson) casting the dissenting votes.

As Supervisor Chairman Joe Guthrie (Cloyd) began discussion of the proposed new department, Compton interrupted.

"Before we get to far into this, I just want to make a point that we haven't publicly announced through the papers that we were going to discuss this," he said, adding that no public comment on the subject had been gathered as



well.

"All of a sudden I'm reading in the newspapers that we've already approved a tourism department," Compton said, alluding to a county press release published last week by The Patriot and other media announcing creation of the new department and plans to hire a Tourism Director.

Compton pressed his point that

he believes the county should "follow the proper procedure" of advertising that the issue will be discussed and gaining public comment before a decision is made.

Guthrie responded that in the past tourism promotion had been done by the county's Chamber of Commerce, and that county staff had prepared a concept for the board to consider involving handling tourism in-house with a tourism department.

He added that the board had received public comment earlier in the evening when it heard from four people directly involved in county tourism efforts. Addressing the board in support of a tourism department were Michael Valach of Mountain 2 Island;

## Patton Logistics hiring, planning expansion of new Dublin facility

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Nearly a year ago, local and state officials gathered in Dublin to announce the Patton Logistics Group would be investing \$12 million to establish a new logistics and warehousing operation in the New River Valley Commerce Park in Pulaski County.

And before construction on that 250,000 square foot facility is complete, company officials are already announcing an 80,000 square foot addition.

Now the company is ready to hire employees, and Patton officials are hosting a job fair Satur-

day (Nov. 28) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New River Valley Airport terminal off Route 100 north of Dublin.

According to Thierry Lindor, a Partner with Patton Warehousing and Logistics, the next step for the operation in Dublin is to open the warehouse facility in February or March.

"We're very close to securing a project in which we will need to hire at least 10 to 15 people to get started in the warehouse - logistics part," Lindor said.

In addition to that the company will need to hire 15 to 20 additional truck drivers for various trucking projects that will be as-

sociated with the Dublin logistics center.

"We're looking for staff that would be involved with movement of material inside the warehouse, and then obviously staff that will be involved with moving that material to customers that we are transporting to," said Lindor.

"That's the reason for the job fair," he added. "We want everyone to meet us and know what we're about. We're hopeful we'll have a successful day."

Patton Logistics is comprised of three separate organizations employing over 560 people throughout the U.S.

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# Tourism

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Chris Doss, Claytor Lake State Park Manager; Adam Fariss, owner of Ironheart Winery, and Sam Sweeney, New River Trail State Park Manager.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet laid out the reasoning behind creation of a tourism department.

Sweet said the proposed department would be funded through transient occupancy tax revenues gained by the county through tourist spending on lodging and other amounts already targeted for tourism efforts.

According to Sweet, 40 percent of all transient occupancy tax revenue gained must – by state mandate – be reinvested back into local tourism efforts.

“Our tourism industry has asked for a very long time how those monies are spent, and are they being spent effectively – are we getting the biggest bang for our buck,” Sweet told the board.

Up until now, he said, the county has utilized the chamber to deploy the county’s tourism initiatives and “they’ve done a great job at that,” Sweet added.

“With COVID and a variety of other challenges, we’ve looked at when we might answer the call of our tourism and small business industries and launch something that is more specific and more focused for our business community by way of a tourism department,” Sweet said, noting that COVID has presented challenges to the tourism industry, but had also presented opportunities.

Sweet said while tourists haven’t been able to go to football games or couldn’t go to certain gatherings, they have ended up

going to places where they can rest and enjoy social distancing while experiencing some of the greatest parts of “God’s country” with cabins and trails and such.

Sweet suggested a tourism department could do more than just invite people to the county. By re-directing funds to such a department, those funds should yield a greater rate of return for both the county’s private enterprises and the county’s coffers.

Aside from funding gained through lodging taxes, other funding for the department, according to Sweet, would come from money provided by the county to the chamber and Visitor’s Center for tourism work, and reimbursement from the Economic Development Authority for tourism. Sweet explained funds from the EDA are not taxpayer money, but rather are lease funds generated by the EDA – a stand-alone private enterprise. “So, we’re not taking money from other departments,” because of money spent on the tourism department, Sweet explained.

Compton pressed again.

“My question is did we properly advertise this and was there public comment on it,” he asked.

Guthrie responded that since the discussion was not a public hearing, “it doesn’t require advertising it.”

County Attorney Tim Kirtner agreed.

“My issue when I read the

papers is it was already a done deal and we were advertising for a Tourism Director to be interviewed in January,” Compton said.

Sweet acknowledged the timing for creating a new department was different than usual, and called the issuance of the county’s press release “perhaps premature.”

Compton said he and Sweet are “good friends.”

“We had a conversation and I told him good people can disagree on things,” Compton noted.

“I appreciate the work he does. I think we have the best county administrator in the nation – bar none,” Compton said of Sweet.

He also praised the Chamber and its director, Peggy White on the job they had done on tourism.

But, he said, there are several projects waiting to be completed in his district, including the Draper Community Park, paving for the Draper Volunteer Fire Department, road signs to be erected and others.

“I want to get these issues done before we put the cart before the horse on this tourism department and its director,” Compton said, noting the cost of adding a department with director’s salary and benefits could rise to around \$200,000 a year.

“Right now, everybody is getting their property reassessment notices and that’s the elephant in the room. I just think we can talk

about this another time, maybe later down the road when people aren’t seeing reassessments. My issue is I’m not sure it’s right for right now,” Compton said.

Sweet noted the expected salary for the Tourism Director would be less than \$60,000.

In making a motion to approve the tourism department proposal, Ingles District Supervisor Laura Walters said tourism is the greatest untapped resource in the county.

“I’ve felt that way for a long time,” she said.

“Two businesses and two state parks were represented here tonight all in favor of this. What the chamber and its staff has done is excellent, but it’s time to take the next step,” she said, adding that diverting funds to a tourism department “isn’t taking money from one thing to put on something else.”

Massie District Supervisor John Travis seconded Walter’s motion, and the issue passed, 3-2.

## PULSE

**November 27**  
**Holiday Craft Sale to be held**  
 A Holiday Craft Show featuring handcrafted holiday items will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Jackson-Hewett office 5262 Alexander Rd., Dublin (across from Walmart). Face covering required.

**November 28**  
 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 for the final time this Saturday Nov. 28, 12:30 – 2 p.m. Watch for signs at 4th St. and 3rd St. pointing to the church. Also signs showing where to turn 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.

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# Patton

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Watson­town Trucking is a family-owned and -operated as-­set-based motor carrier com-­pany founded in 1941. It operates a fleet of 400 trucks and 1,150 trail-­ers with a workforce of 475.

Patton Logistics, LLC was or-­ganized in 2013 as an affiliated entity of Watson­town Trucking to provide transportation broker-­age and third-party logistics ser-­vices for its expanding customer base.

Patton Warehousing, LLC was formed in 2015 and currently manages 1.6 million square feet of warehouse space in Pennsylv-­ania, Ohio and New Jersey.

Patton Logistics Group pro-­vides integrated supply chain solutions for clients throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Lindor said most of the deliv-­eries truck drivers will make out of the Dublin facility are regional and will include customers in North Carolina, Maryland, Penn-­sylv­ania, Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee. He said trucks will travel out in a 150- to 200-mile radius of Dublin.

However, quite a few routes, Lindor said would be what the company refers to as “shuttle jobs” delivering to clients in a 5- to 20-mile radius.

“Our initial hiring is just the tip of the iceberg,” said Lindor. “Our employment numbers will triple or more in the near future.”

Establishing their operations in Dublin puts Patton near its truck supplier – Volvo.

“The power units we operate in our fleet are purchased through Volvo and the trucks are made right in Dublin,” Lindor noted.

“That’s a good thing,” he added.

“We just committed to pur-­chasing about \$15 million worth of equipment from Volvo over the next four years. We have an excellent partnership with Volvo, and we love their trucks and the way they are built,” Lindor con-­tinued.

“We have really in a big way made a commitment with Volvo that they will be our main truck supplier. We were already a cus-­tomer, but became a more signif-­icant customer since our move to Dublin. We don’t think it would be right for us to build a logistics center 5 miles from Volvo and not buy their trucks,” Lindor said.

“We’ll definitely be enhanc-­ing our fleet with more Volvo power,” Lindor said. “We just took delivery of 13 trucks last week, and I know they’ll be building more for us in the near future.”

Lindor said the new trucks are replacements for older trucks in their fleet, which he said shows the company is investing in its fleet and looking to the future.

When the company’s expan-­sion to Dublin was announced in January, company officials raved about the reception they had re-­ceived locally and how they had been made to feel welcome. That feeling hasn’t changed nearly a



Patton Logistics photos

Construction on Patton’s new Dublin logistics center facility is expected to be completed by February or March of 2021.



One of 13 of the recently purchased 2021 Volvo trucks built at the NRV Plant. Steve Patton (right) is handing the keys to a 25-year

year later.

“It’s still that way and might have gotten better,” Lindor said.

“Even in advance of the job fair, we have really had a significant hiring of drivers in the Dublin and Roanoke areas just in the last month. I think our presence there will enhance the ability for us to recruit and retain drivers,” Lindor said.

Another important factor in gaining and keeping drivers, he added, has come in the last 30 days as the company has in-­creased its pay rate for drivers.

“As you can see in some of our advertisements, drivers can earn between \$80,000 and \$100,000 a year. That’s really significant,” he said.

Lindor said the pay increase was the result of two things: the safety record of its drivers and their excellent work history.

“Employees are loyal to the

company, dedicated, come to work on time and are good peo-­ple,” Lindor said.

“Our turnover is very low,” he said. “The trucking industry has 100 percent turnover so every year they have a complete turn-­over of their people. Our turnover is 25 percent.”

Lindor credits that low turnover to the way the company treats its employees.

“We really listen to them and hear their concerns if they have them and react accordingly,” he said. “People like our open-door policy to ownership and man-­agement, and I think they really care about the way they’re treated here. It’s a family-owned com-­pany and the employees really feel like they’re a part of it.”

While employees are attracted to Patton, so are customers.

“We can offer a complete pack-­age of services in one phone call,” Lindor said about the company.

“Someone can call us that has warehousing work and discuss

the logistics work to get that product moved from supplier to warehouse, and then from ware-­house to the end user. They can also discuss with us those move-­ments. We can take care of the over-the-road trucking, the ware-­housing and logistics and then we can take care of the shuttle pro-­cess to take it to the end users. Not many companies can do that. Not many who have 400 trucks and growing, plus have a couple million square feet of warehou-­sing operations and the freight brokerage on top of it. It gives us a huge advantage,” he said.

“That’s a powerful marketing tool that has been very success-­ful for us. People don’t want to call three different people to get a single logistics project done. Customers are really attracted to us because of it,” Lindor said.

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**CLARENCE ALLEN MILLS**

Clarence Allen Mills, 90, passed away Monday, November 23, 2020 at his home in Fairlawn. He was a U. S. Army veteran having served during the Korean War and a member of Va. May Lodge #38. Clarence was retired after 43 years from Radford Army Ammunitions Plant where he was a mechanic. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Virgie Mills; brother, Nelson Mills; sisters, Helen Pritchett and Carolyn Mills.

Survivors include his sons, Gary Mills (Susan), Gregory Mills, Mark Mills (Cassey); daughter, Cynthia Mills Bain (Ronnie); special granddaughters, Carolyn and Monica Mills; mother of his children, Deloris Q. Mills; brother, Jesse Mills; sisters, Kathleen Viers, Marjorie Keister, and Barbara Dudley; special friend, Greta Boyles; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family would like to give special thanks to Medi Hospice for their loving kindness and care.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Bobby Lorton officiating. Interment will follow in Rockford Cemetery in Fairlawn.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Rockford UMC, 6867 Viscoe Road, Fairlawn, VA 24141.

The Mills family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia.

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**PHYLLIS JEAN BESSLER**

Phyllis Jean Bessler, 73, of Dublin, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at her son's home in Pulaski County. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glee Mark Carter and Wilma Page Carter.

Survivors include her children Rick (Kathleen) Bessler of Pulaski, Kimberly Hall of Bland, and Ray Bessler of Dublin; 10 grandchildren; brothers, Sam Carter, Roy Carter, Sr., and Danny Carter; sister, Liz Hamblin; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family requests that contributions be made to Carilion Hospice, 701 Randolph St. Suite 110, Radford, Virginia 24141. The Bessler family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

**NANCY DIANE FRIEND HODGES**

Nancy Diane Friend Hodges, age 74 of Max Meadows passed away Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the Pulaski Health and Rehab Center.

Born July 20, 1946 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Oakley Friend and Fannie

Cleo Reynolds Friend. She was also preceded in death by a nephew, Jason Eliot Rorrer.

She is survived by

Her husband of 25 years - Ronald Dean Hodges- Max Meadows Daughters - Annette Jones and Becky Minster- AZ

Four Granddaughters

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Thomas Oakley Friend- Jr. - Draper

Funeral services were held Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Mike Ingo officiating. Interment followed at the Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery.

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

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



**RAMONA LYNN (MONA) WHITT WILLIS**

Ramona Lynn (Mona) Whitt Willis born April 9, 1955. She peacefully passed away at the Lewis Gale Pulaski Hospital on November 20, 2020.

Ramona was predeceased by her father James R "Bob" Whitt, her son-in-law Mitch DeCosta, her mother and father-in-law Burman "Fatty" and Gladys Willis, a nephew Brandon Friend and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Surviving Mona are:

Husband: Stacy Willis of Newbern, Va

Daughter: Missy Decosta of Dublin Va

Son: Douglas (Andy) Willis of Newbern Va.

Grandchildren: Tori Stayrook and Piper Decosta of Dublin Va and Brandon Willis of Newbern Va

Mother: Pearl Whitt of Newbern Va

Brother and sister in law: James R Jr "Jim" and Tammy Whitt of Newbern Va

Sister and brother in law: Lisa and Cardy Friend of Newbern Va Many Caudill and Whitt Aunts, Uncles and cousins

Mona graduated from Ansted High School in Ansted WV in 1973, and married her husband Stacy that same year.

She went to work for W&H Construction Company in Oak Hill WV where her dad was a road construction superintendent. She worked at several clinics and hospitals after earning her MLT from the VA Hospital in Beckley WV before moving back to Newbern to be close to her family.

Upon moving back home, Ramona went to work for Lewis Gale Community Hospital in Pulaski as a Medical Lab Technician. She worked at the hospital and other local clinics in the area until her health made it impossible to continue.

Her life was blessed by her love for her children and grandchildren, whom she would do anything for. She kept all the kids, Tori, Brandon (Bubba) and Piper as much as she could. She loved to take them places and generally spoil them rotten.

Ramona will be greatly missed by all her knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The American Diabetes Association, or The Amer-

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**HUBBARD EDWARD "ED" JARRELLS**

Hubbard Edward "Ed" Jarrells of Dublin entered Heaven peacefully on November 19, 2020. He was born in Hiwassee, Virginia April 23, 1948 to the late Dorothy Q. Jarrells and Hubbard P. Jarrells and preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Allan Jarrells and Gary Jarrells.

He attended Highland Park Community Church, Dublin.

He is survived by the love of his life and best friend of 54 years, Judy Jarrells. Theirs was a true love story few have experienced. A daughter, Alicia Sutherland (Jeff), son Aaron Jarrells (Kristin), two special grandchildren that he dearly loved, Daxton Sutherland and Frankie Jarrells. A special sister-in-law, Susan Jarrells, special nephew P. L. Jarrells, and special brother-in-law Jimmy Stallings. Also, many other nieces, nephews, cousins, biker friends, church family and fellow Veterans. His very special friends whom he considered brothers, the members of "Gang of Five"-Lee, Glen, "Double D", and Norm, who affectionately called him Mountain Man.

Ed was a combat Medic in the U. S. Army with the 584th Medavac Unit, Long Binh, Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and served his country faithfully 1968-1970. He worked for and retired from VDOT after 37 plus years working his way to Highway Superintendent. He was a true Patriot, fiercely loyal to his family, friends, fellow Veterans and his country. A lifetime member of the Pulaski VFW Post 1184, he served faithfully on the Honor Guard Team. He was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association-Dublin Chapter Mountain Curve Riders. He loved riding his Harley and made many wonderful trips all across the country with Judy and friends.

Donations may be made in his memory to the CMA Mountain Curve Riders, 6740 Dunkard Rd, Dublin, VA or Highland Park Community Church, Dublin.

Due to present covid restrictions, no services will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date and burial will follow at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

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

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



**BETTY DELOUISE MITCHELL**

Betty DeLouise Mitchell, age 86 of Radford passed away Sunday, November 22, 2020 at the Commonwealth Assisted Living Facility. Born November 3, 1934 in Radford she was the daughter of the late Taylor Lee Mitchell & Inego Edith Goad Mitchell. She worked in lab testing at Virginia Tech with over 38 years of service and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church (Radford). Her brother, James G. Mitchell also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her Son

William W. "Bill" King - Virginia Beach

Grandson

Todd W. King - Fairfax

Sister

Geneva Day - Chesapeake

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at the Calvary Baptist Church (624-6th Street, Radford, VA 24141) with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating. Entombment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Mausoleum (Dublin).

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

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

**REV. LESTER WASHINGTON KENNEDY, JR.**

Rev. Lester Washington Kennedy, Jr., 94, of Fairlawn, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

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

**MARY HILL CARICO**

Mary Hill Carico, 91, of Draper, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

The Carico family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia.

**PETE CAPALDINI, JR.**

Pete Capaldini, Jr., formerly of Dublin, VA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening, November 18th, 2020, and was reunited with Betty Louise Williams Capaldini, his wife of 64 years.

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

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# Joe Hale: Quiet generosity is his lifestyle

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

During this season of thankfulness and sharing, many people begin to consider how they can help others in their community.

But there are a few individuals with a spirit of generosity and a desire to help others year-round; and not just during the holidays. Wythe County is blessed by a former supervisor, Joe Hale, whose quiet generosity isn't seasonal – it's his lifestyle.

Longtime friend Helene Hardy Pierce is familiar with Hale's professional engineering career and his lifestyle. "Joe is a very humble, understated person. He speaks the truth and has a way of simplifying things with the ability to bring it down to the simplest terms. There are certain people, when they touch things, they make them better. Joe is one of those people who is always making things better." Pierce is Secretary of the IIBEC Foundation Board (IIBEC stands for International Institute for Building Enclosure Consultants) where Hale served as Chair for many years.

When Joe Hale recently stepped down as Chair of the RCI-IIBEC Foundation, his friends and colleagues wanted a way to honor him for his years of dedication and service. Although Hale has initiated numerous projects in the Wythe County area, the Foundation chose to donate \$40,000 to his current project of establishing a branch public library in Fort Chiswell, VA. They recently presented the donation in a ceremony held at the Max Meadows Ruritan building.

Hale is now director emeritus with the Foundation, a past IIBEC president and an IIBEC Fellow. He helped create the Roofing Consultants Institute Foundation in 2001 which has evolved into the current RCI-IIBEC Foundation. Their world-wide mission is to support research, education, and the dissemination of information for issues important to the building enclosure industry.

Because of Hale's focus on education, the library project made perfect sense.

Hale, whose ancestors settled in the area circa 1750 is a descendent of the Draper and Cloyd families, and believes we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the land. As such, he has a 400-acre property that he has transformed into a nature preserve for people and wildlife to enjoy. "That project kept me alive. When my daily work pressures built up, doing manual labor helped."

He adds, "God has a purpose for us. We are here so everybody can make a difference. I was lucky to be able to help some people. It's the way I was raised, and I was very fortunate to be able to meet some of those people's needs."

According to Rick Gardner, Development Officer for RCI-IIBEC Foundation, last fall Hale approached him about how to fundraise for a new project he was working on.

"Joe started sharing an idea with me, and little by little as the project developed, revealed his dream: to buy a former bank building and turn it into a public library for the people in the eastern portion of Wythe County. We eventually met with interested supporters of the initiative but then COVID-19 hit, and the project was put on hold until June. A few weeks ago, when Joe stepped down as Chair of RCI-II-



Photo courtesy of RCI-IIBEC Foundation

**The RCI-IIBEC Foundation recently donated \$40,000 to the Joe Hale Public Library of Fort Chiswell project. Pictured left to right are: Robin Liebal and David Liebal, Jody Minich, Tim Hale and Bill Hale. In front are Patsy and Joe Hale.**

BEC Foundation, his friends, colleagues and people he mentored were trying to find a way to honor him," explained Gardner. "That's when we came up with the idea of donating the initial \$40,000 to the library project in his honor. The Board latched onto it because Joe has always been about education and serving the community," he said.

Tina Quesenberry, who is a freelance photographer, describes herself as an avid cookbook collector. As a member of the Friends of the Fort Chiswell Library Board she was given the honor of announcing the official name to Hale during a recent meeting. "The Joe Hale Public Library of Fort Chiswell. It is one of my proudest things I've ever done. Joe was so moved by the gesture. What makes him amazing is that he is humble and asks for nothing in return. You see good deeds, but you don't know where they come from," she shared.

"The library will bring so much benefit to so many people and will service the middle and high schools located just across the street. The students can go to the library after school and do homework there before playing their after-school sports. Also, countless people will benefit because of the library's computers. Many people in this part of the county don't have internet in their homes because internet service is not available there. This is going to help them when applying for jobs, doing research, and can be utilized in so many different ways."

"Joe drew up the floor plan for the interior of the library, which is a huge building. I never thought it looked like a bank but more like a library with the columns up in front. He suggested using the bank vault for storing and doing research with valuable historical records and offering the six breakout rooms as commemoratives to help with the cost of maintaining the library," Quesenberry added.

Tony Stroupe, President of the Friends of Fort Chiswell Library, Inc. project officiated at the initial

meeting and says "Interest has really started to peak now and enthusiasm for the library is growing. We are receiving donations almost daily."

Stroupe has been an integral part of the project since it's inception. "It took me months to get the non-profit paperwork filed with the help of Atty. Rachel Jones because it entailed completing the 30-page 1023 IRS long form which included our By Laws, Mission Statement, Conflict of Interest Policy, etc. Tommy Jackson helped with incorporation which was complete on May 12th. We've also enlisted the help of Andy Kegley with Hope Ministries, Judy Knudson, Earle Libby, Vice President, Friends of Fort Chiswell Library Board; and the other members of the Friends of Fort Chiswell Library Board: Frances Watson, Tina Quesenberry, Sid Hankins, RCI-IIBEC Foundation Treasurer and Brian Pallasch, IIBEC CEO and Executive Vice President," said Stroupe.

"Hope Ministries in Wytheville is to be the fiscal agent. They will take donations (tax deduction) at least through the end of this year. Hope Ministries does a lot of good community projects such as the Open-Door Café, Virginia's first pay-it-forward restaurant, Habitat for Humanity; bookkeeping for other non-profits, etc. You can go to WytheHope.org then click on the drop-down box for Friends of Fort Chiswell Library," explained Stroupe. There is also a GoFundMe account for the Fort Chiswell Library.

Friend and neighbor Jeffery Lienhart explained how Joe vol-

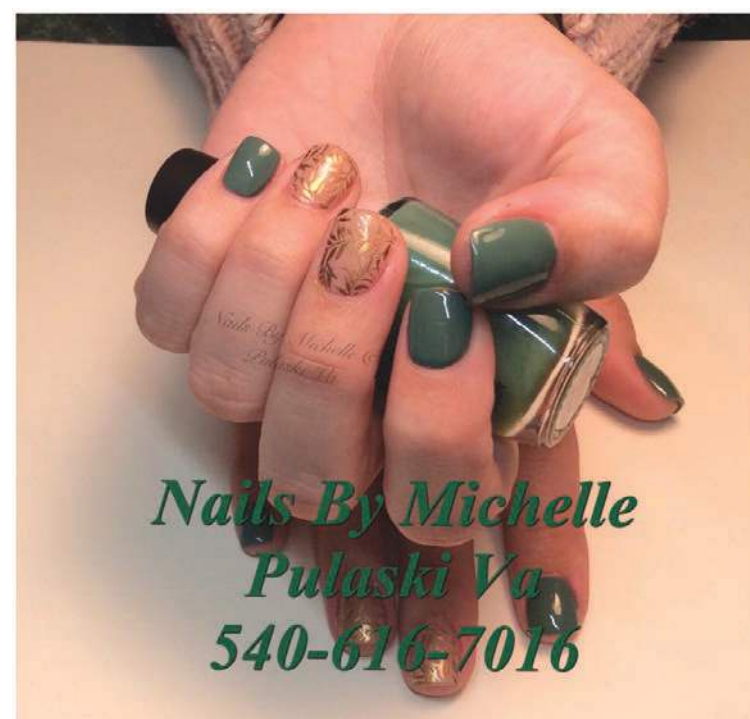
untarily helped clear trees from Lienhart's property and a one-mile road to help other neighbors in the area. "Joe worked for 6-weeks using his own dozer and backhoe so everyone else could have power and electric and never charged for his services. The list of Joe's volunteerism is long. He brought back Heritage Days, a fair the second week in September for Max Meadows; got lights installed on the athletic field and maintains the fields; he raised funds to build an athletic building and bathrooms; he has repaired houses for older residents who couldn't afford the repairs; helped upgrade the rescue squad's facility and added showers and a kitchenette; donated funds for equipment; had a big hand in making sure the community had an Air Lift Life Helicopter so every area in the county was covered; donated funds through the Ruritan Club to help kids afford sports fees or equipment; helps struggling businesses keep afloat; was instrumental in the APEX Center project; put in handicapped accessible deer blinds for wounded veterans; and so much more. He is truly a benefactor for Wythe

County."

Lienhart continues, "Joe believes charity should be anonymous. He doesn't want recognition. He just gets satisfaction from helping. Joe is a tireless person when improving the community. You can't drive around Max Meadows without seeing things he has done in the community. He is quite an extraordinary individual and his story needs to be told. Maybe it will inspire others to be like him."

If you would like to donate to The Joe Hale Public Library of Fort Chiswell, to WytheHope.org website. Click on the drop-down box for Friends of Fort Chiswell Library. There is also a GoFundMe account for the Fort Chiswell Library. Current funding goal is \$100,000.00 to purchase the bank building by the end of 2020.

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# Giving Thanks and Giving Help

(Written Prior to Thanksgiving)

On Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season that follows, we count our blessings. As we do so, it is also important to remember those who may be less fortunate, both in our neighborhoods and around the world.

At a recent meeting of a bipartisan, nondenominational prayer breakfast that convenes when the House of Representatives is in session, David Beasley gave the featured remarks. Formerly a governor of South Carolina, he now serves as executive director of the World Food Programme fighting hunger around the globe. This agency was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on October 9 in recognition of its work to feed people in 88 countries.

The Nobel Prize has brought attention to the fight against hunger at a critical time. The coronavirus pandemic added a layer of difficulty to feeding the world atop the food insecurities that already



existed. Before the pandemic, in 2019, almost 135 million people suffered from acute hunger. The World

Food Programme estimates that the number could reach 270 million by the end of this year.

Reports from the World Food Programme have noted how economic shutdowns provoked by the pandemic worsen poverty and could cause more people to die than COVID-19 itself. World Bank projections indicate that up to 150 million additional people could be pushed into extreme poverty by 2021.

Shutdowns can put people out of work and interrupt the supply chains that bring people the nutrition they need. Shutting down schools also denies children access to school meals – a report in April noted that 370 million children were thus deprived at the time. Certain countries in Africa and the Middle East are most susceptible to these tragic outcomes.

The United States is fortunate not to face the dire extremes of poverty and hunger that too many in other countries confront every day. Ours is a land of plenty, even if we are not immune to hardships. This is a fact that the early European settlers of the eastern United States, including the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony, would recognize.

Last year was the 400th anniversary of the Thanksgiving celebration at Berkeley Hundred in Virginia.

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower, but next year is the 400th anniversary of the Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims. After arriving in present-day Massachusetts on November 9, 1620, they had to endure a grim winter of cold, starvation, and disease. Yet they also met members of the local Wampanoag tribe who taught them how to plant corn and where to find the best hunting and fishing spots.

The Thanksgiving celebrated by Plymouth Colony in 1621 came out of both the harshness of that first winter and the bounty and peace of the next year.

When Thanksgiving was first instituted as a regular national holiday in 1863, the country was locked in a bitter civil war. Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation in gratitude for the country's blessings even as the war's toll mounted with no end in sight.

We would do well today to remember these examples. They took place amid widespread hardship and tragedy, yet they helped define the way we observe Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving this year can best be celebrated by remembering our blessings and remembering those who may not seem so blessed. This may take the form of contributing to the alleviation of hunger abroad, as the World Food Programme does, or to the reduction of hunger and want closer to home.

Around Virginia's Ninth District, I have been honored to meet and know many who make helping others the cause of their lives. From food banks to charitable health clinics, the people who work or volunteer at these sites and contribute to their missions are performing good works for our families, friends, and neighbors, and they continue their labors amid the pandemic. They are among the many blessings I am grateful for this Thanksgiving.

As a Member of Congress, I cannot solicit donations for specific groups in this official newsletter, but I trust that the charitable organizations and causes in your community are not hard to find.

I wish you and your family a safe, peaceful, and blessed Thanksgiving.

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

# Rejoice In The Lord

Have you ever noticed that when you praise God – continually praise Him for who He is and what He has done – that your life is filled with His presence? When our relationship with God is on that level, it doesn't matter what is going on around us because we feel His joy and strength.

For the Christian the world can seem a mean, nasty place right now! If we constantly focus on all the bad things that are happening, we can find a lot to be unhappy about. We can become fearful, disenchanted, drained and even depressed.

Several prominent Christian leaders have tapped into this reality and are calling for all Christians in the United States to stand in the gap for America. One of the prayer coordinators said he believes we're at the most critical stage in our nation's history; that this could be the "final straw" for America. He believes that we are in a moral crisis as a nation, struggling with issues such as abortion, redefining

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

marriage, removal of Judeo-Christian evidence in our society, immorality in our entertainment and overwhelming complacency.

This reality paints a bleak picture. Even so, millions of Christian Americans are rallying around the need to pray for our nation and our leaders. They believe that "the fervent prayers of millions of American Christians availeth much." (paraphrase of James 5:16)

A national cooperation of Christian leaders has launched a call to pray. During the past 45 days we have seen

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# The Unraveling Of Trum's Case

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

The Trump legal team's move over the weekend to distance itself from attorney Sidney Powell as it seeks to overturn the November 3 election results is a major blow to the president's attempt to win a second term.

Powell, whose 2014 book, "Licensed to Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice," along with her work as the attorney for former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, made her a darling of conservatives. But her assertions that Chinese communists, voting machines once used to flip Venezuelan elections and foreign money were behind Trump's defeat lack as much credibility as Sen. Joseph McCarthy's claim in the 1950s that communists had infiltrated the U.S. State Department.

Last Saturday, U.S. District Judge Matthew Brann dismissed a lawsuit that attempted to reject some of Pennsylvania's votes for Joe Biden, calling the effort "a Frankenstein monster." The lawsuit, as reported by Reuters, had alleged inconsistent treatment by county election officials of mail-in ballots. Some counties notified voters they could fix minor defects such as missing "secrecy envelopes" while others did not.

The president's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, snatched victory from the jaws of defeat: "Today's decision turns out to help us in our strategy to get expeditiously to the U.S. Supreme Court."

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia will be asked to expeditiously review the ruling. Giuliani hopes the Republican-dominated circuit court (it includes four judges named by President Trump) will overturn the lower court ruling.

Powell had said she has kept evidence of voter fraud secret for fear of retaliation against the more than 200 poll workers and poll watchers who she alleges witnessed ballot tampering. She says some of them might have to be placed in witness protection. Along with allegations of communist interference it became too bizarre even for a Trump campaign that has often displayed bizarre behavior.

There have been numerous charges of voter fraud over the years, though none

have been substantially proven. It was believed that is how Lyndon Johnson stole a Texas Senate seat in 1948. LBJ had first run for the Senate in 1941. He lost by 1,311 votes and blamed voter fraud for his defeat. In 1948, Johnson ran again. On election night in the Democrat Primary runoff against former Texas Governor Coke Stevenson, it appeared LBJ had lost.

Then, as if out of a magician's hat, a box of uncounted ballots was "discovered" in the south Texas town of Alice. By the end of that week, LBJ had "won" by 87 votes, earning him the title "Landslide Lyndon." Each side accused the other of voter fraud.

The 1960 presidential race between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy was another contest in which voter fraud was alleged. Out of 68 million ballots cast (roughly half the number in the Trump-Biden race) Kennedy won by just 112,803 votes. The controversy arose over the Chicago Mafia and the corrupt mayor of the city, Richard J. Daley. They were accused of providing the necessary number of votes for Kennedy to prevail in Cook County and thus the entire state and nation.

Then there was the 2006 Minnesota Senate race between incumbent Norm Coleman and comedian Al Franken, which Franken "won" after numerous ballot recounts that stopped when Franken had acquired enough votes to be declared the winner. Franken's margin was 312 votes. Once again, voter fraud was alleged.

The most recent election presents a much higher mountain for President Trump to climb. His attorneys promise to reveal their evidence of voter fraud this week. We'll soon see if it is credible and whether new judges will be persuaded.

Will the Supreme Court intervene, if asked, as they did in a case involving only a few hundred votes in Florida in the 2000 presidential contest and again decide an election? I'm doubtful, but in this strange and unpredictable year anything seems possible.

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 Failure of Black Lives Matter

Black Lives Matter came up with the single most effective political slogan of the year.

While no one was likely to be overly impressed with Joe Biden's line, "Build Back Better," and Donald Trump's "Keep America Great" or "Make America Great Again, Again" didn't have the resonance of the original 2016 version, BLM broke through the clutter with a catchphrase that was memorable, pungent -- and utterly devastating to Democrats.

After a surprising Tory victory in the British parliamentary election in 1992, the pro-Tory tabloid The Sun famously boasted, "It's the Sun Wot Won It." In the same spirit, it could be said that in this year's congressional election, "It's 'Defund the Police' Wot Lost It."

Democrats have an uphill battle to take the U.S. Senate -- pending two Georgia run-offs -- and suffered shocking setbacks in the House that drastically diminished their majority.

All over the map, Democrats got hammered on defunding the police, which couldn't have been better designed to extract maximum political pain with zero upside.

Black Lives Matter has been a stunning success in the elite culture. It won the obeisance of almost every major institution, from corporate America to sports leagues to colleges. It created a powerful, if dishonest, narrative of systemic police racism. It got invested with nearly a holy significance, such that criticizing it is considered at least a sin and perhaps a firing offense.

Much more importantly, at least for a time after the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis, it won the goodwill of a clear majority of Americans.

To take this position of strength and use it primarily to associate your allies with a politically radioactive position requires extraordinary strategic folly and heedless ideological fanaticism. BLM had both, in ample supply.

The notion of defunding the police had been rattling around the left for a long time, but the George Floyd protests took it mainstream. BLM pushed municipalities to actually act on the proposal.

Whenever someone tried to take the edge off defunding the police by redefining it as simply reallocating some law-enforcement dollars, defenders piped up to say, No, we really mean it. The New York Times ran an op-ed against incrementalist interpretations, "Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police."

Predictably, Republicans took the weapon handed to them and used it, as Democrats would have done if a voluble faction on the right called for, say, abolishing child welfare agencies.

The effectiveness of the attack now has Democrats who are otherwise loath to speak ill of BLM complaining about what its

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# Deputy nabs two after B&E *Nation*

From Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

On Tuesday, Nov. 24 at around 6:30 am Deputy Bruce with Pulaski County Sheriff's Office observed a suspicious vehicle at the old Newbern Elementary School on Lyons Rd.

Due to past trespassing incidents Deputy Bruce stopped the vehicle and identified the occupants as Brandy James of Christiansburg and Daniel Poff of Pulaski.

While the investigation continued, Officer Spicer of Dublin Police Department responded with K-9 Lex to perform an open air sniff for the odor of narcotics around the vehicle. After receiving a positive alert, the vehicle was searched by Deputy Bruce.

Bruce located methamphetamine in the vehicle along with a crowbar, bolt cutters, around 2,500 rounds of ammunition and a large amount of hunting equipment that still contained price tags.

Investigating further Deputy Bruce discovered that the ammunition and hunting equipment had been stolen after James and Poff had broken into Bryson's store in Draper a few hours prior to the stop.

James and Poff were both arrested and charged with Breaking and Entering with the intent to commit a felony, Possession of Burglary Tools, Grand Larceny, Felony Possession of Controlled Substance, Trespassing and Destruction of Property.

James and Poff were held without bond at New River Valley Regional Jail.



Daniel Poff



Brandy James

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prayer events held in Washington, D.C. such as The Return, As One Rally, Franklin Graham's Prayer March and Christian Musician Sean Feucht's Let Us Worship.

Christians are asked to become involved and fast, pray, repent and seek the face of God on behalf of our families, communities and our nation. And while you are involved in this national call to prayer, don't forget to praise the Lord for all of His great mercies and love. As His presence overshadows you, remember that He will be faithful to show His great love and mercy to you.

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catchy slogan did to the party.

After support for BLM surged last spring, positive feelings for it have been declining. A Pew Research report showed support for BLM dropping from 67% in June to 55% in September. Only 45% of white people expressed support for the movement.

Given that BLM elevated the dumbest, most self-destructive slogan in American politics in a very long time, and an even more atrocious policy, its numbers deserve to fall further. Advocates of defunding the police argued that setting out an extreme position could have a political effect even if it had no chance of enactment.

They proved exactly right -- just not how they expected.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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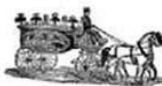


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**Pulaski County Receives Military High Clearance Vehicle and Partners with Local Industries to Ready It for Emergency Service and Disaster Response**

## County obtains life-saving military vehicle

**From Pulaski County**

Pulaski County officially added a new vehicle to its emergency response fleet by way of U.S. military surplus. The vehicle is considered a Military High Clearance Vehicle and is now the County's most capable response vehicle when responding to an array of natural disasters. The vehicle is intended to be used during floods, severe winter storms and wildfire events.

"We are grateful to have been able to acquire this highly versatile vehicle and have this new capability added to our emergency response inventory, and it could not have been possible without the collective efforts of the Pulaski County Emergency Management Department and the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department", stated Jonathan D.

Sweet, County Administrator. "Our local industries understand the importance of having an apparatus like this available in times of need, and it is why I believe they were so willing to help us meet the federal guidelines of modifying it for civilian use."

The vehicle was made available through the Federal Excess Equipment Program the Virginia Department of Forestry manages to help provide volunteer fire departments surplus equipment that is suitable for wildfire suppression activities. The Dublin Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) put in a request for a vehicle to be used to suppress wildfires as well as use for other emergencies such as flooding or winter storms. The vehicle was formerly in use and located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The Dublin VFD worked with Pulaski County Emergency Management to facilitate the inspection, pick up and transport of the vehicle from Fort Belvoir to Pulaski County.

"Once the vehicle made its way to Pulaski County, the real work began of transforming the truck into an emergency response vehicle for local use", stated Brad Wright, Director of Emergency Management. "But before we could even begin that process, it was called into service to assist with a flash flooding event in the Town of Richlands where it and its crew was credited with rescuing and removing 16 people from flood waters. A few weeks later, it was once again called out when the Town of Pulaski experienced flash flooding. The truck and crew were credited with rescuing

and removing another six individuals from flood waters."

The process of turning the truck into a multipurpose emergency response vehicle has been a partnership between localities, agencies and even local businesses. The Town of Dublin career firefighters fabricated two surplus water tanks and pumps into one unit that will be mounted on a detachable skid. Pulaski County purchased the material to build it and Appalachian Machine of Dublin fabricated the skid unit with the tanks and pumps mounted on it.

The County's Fire Medic crew, along with Special Operations Team members, assisted with prepping the truck to be painted. Fontaine Modifications took on the large job of detailing and painting the entire truck. They disassembled portions of the truck and painted it from top to bottom, doing an outstanding job of transforming the once camouflaged military vehicle into a fire engine red civilian life saving machine. Heytex generously donated a roll of material for a new tarp to be fashioned as a rear bed covering.

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## Elks to hold 113th Memorial Service

**By David Boyd  
Lodge Exalted Ruler**

Our order has declared all Elk Lodges to observe the first Sunday of each December to honor our departed members.

Pulaski Elks Lodge #1067 will conduct the 113th Memorial Service on 6 December at 2 PM.

We will be adding departed member, Ronald Semones and Pete Crawford to our Tablets of Love and Memory. Both had achieved 55 years of membership. The ceremony is to honor any and all Elks who have tread the boards of the Lodge Hall.

There will be an announced press release of open lodge to the public. Brother Grant Back will be our musician. Refreshments will be offered following the service as well as a fellowship time for both members and guests.

I have attached to this message the Lodge Email and phone number of the Tyler Gary Cox should you have any questions or special needs entering the building or help with chairlift. Being that our Governor has stipulated the severity of the Communist Chinese Virus the ceremony will be under mask and social distancing guide lines.

The memorial is not just for members. I encourage you to bring a friend or family member to share in this most tender of the ceremonial display. It is an afternoon to gather together and freshen our hearts with the dew of recollection. To honor not just our recent departures but to recall the others from your association with BPOE who have graced us with wisdom, wit, and brotherly love.

Please come and shake the hand of a good and dear friend share a cup of kindness.

I hope to see you there, please bring someone to share this day with.

### AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR

Now is the hour when Elksdom's towers darkened by the shroud of night

And Father time on his silver chime Tools off each moments flight

In cloistered halls each Elk recalls

His friends where they be  
And traces their faces to well-known places In the annals of his memory

Whether they stand on foreign land Or lie in an earthen bed  
Whether they be on the boundless sea

With the breakers of death ahead  
Whatever their flight on this eerie night

Whatever their fate maybe  
Where ever they are, be it near or far

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# Regulators reject Appalachian Power’s rate increase request

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia regulators have denied Appalachian Power’s request for a rate increase after a financial review found the company has been making an appropriate rate of return under state law.

The State Corporation Commission’s Tuesday decision also means customers of the electric utility that serves southwest Virginia are not due refunds.

The review covered calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The company was seeking to increase rates by approximately \$10 per month for a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt

hours of electricity, according to a news release from the commission.

The commission also denied a request to increase the residential basic service charge, from \$7.96 to \$14.

A spokeswoman didn’t immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

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## Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child New River Team is pictured in front of two trucks they loaded with 9,733 shoe boxes that will be among those distributed around the world as part of Rev. Franklin Graham’s Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child for 2020. The NRV Team packed the boxes and loaded the two trucks at Pulaski Church of God.

# Wreath laying ceremonies cancelled at veterans cemeteries

(Richmond) Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) has cancelled the public wreath laying ceremonies at its state veterans cemeteries in Amelia, Dublin and Suffolk during December.

“We sincerely regret that we must cancel the public portion of the annual wreath laying ceremonies normally held each December at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, and the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk,” said John Maxwell, VDVS Commissioner. “Because of safety concerns, along with recent restrictions on gatherings of more than 25 persons enacted to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, members of the public will not be able to participate this year in laying memorial wreaths on each veteran’s gravesite.”

Commissioner Maxwell added, “In lieu of a public event, VDVS cemetery staff will work with the volunteers of the Amelia, Dublin, and Suffolk wreath committees to adorn all graves with wreaths at varying times on Saturday and Sunday, December 19 and 20.”

Families and other members of the public are requested to delay visits to the cemeteries until the afternoon of December 20 when the wreath placements are completed.

Michael Henshaw, VDVS Director of Cemetery Services,

said, “I sincerely hope the community will visit the cemeteries over the holidays to pay their respects to our veterans. Wreaths will remain in place from December 20 until January 4.”

All visitors to the Virginia state veterans cemeteries must wear facemasks, practice social distancing and adhere to all

COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information about Virginia’s state veterans cemeteries including the latest information on visitation and guidelines, please visit <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/cemeteries/cemetery-information> or call the cemetery office directly.

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Ebenezer Scrooge visited by the ghost of Jacob Marley as depicted by John Leech for Charles Dickens' 1843 A Christmas Carol.

Courtesy of Glencoe Mansion

# Glencoe Mansion to Host Holiday Exhibit on Animated Christmas Classics

RADFORD, VA— During the holiday season each year, we all look forward to watching our favorite animated holiday movies and television specials. We all have our favorite characters, and our own opinions on which classics are a must-watch. The Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery will highlight this holiday tradition with its new exhibit, “Misfits, Ghosts and Goblins.”

The exhibit focuses on the main characters, or unlikely heroes, of four classic Christmas stories, which have all had multiple interpretations in print and film over the years. Each of the four period rooms will be decorated along the theme of one of these well-known characters: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Jack Skellington, the Grinch and Ebenezer Scrooge.

All of these characters, in one way or another, helped spread Christmas cheer. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer used what set him apart to help Santa save Christmas. Jack Skellington, from The Nightmare Before Christmas, brought Christmas to Halloweentown. The Grinch stole and eventually returned Christmas to Whoville, learning that Christmas is a feeling more than decorations. Finally, in the oldest story of them all, Ebenezer Scrooge starts out hating Christmas to only realize how important it really is.

Come explore the exhibit and see how our modern culture has been shaped by these beloved characters. While here, check out the Glencoe Gallery Gift Shop, which is open the same hours as the museum, and is the perfect stop for your holi-

day shopping needs. From local art to books by local authors, our shop is a great way to support local artists while finding unique, one-of-a-kind gifts.

The Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on display from December 1 through February 5.



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# Support for the Arts in the New River Valley - Socially Distanced!

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley has been a champion for the arts in the region for more than 40 years. One of the ways the Center has connected with its members and supporters is through its annual Gala, usually held in December. As might be imagined, an in-person celebration isn't possible during a time of social distancing, so the Center has taken a different tack to support their members and supporters as well as meeting its mission to support arts education and appreciation and promote artists in the New River Valley. This year, the Center is hosting its first-ever online auction on December 12 beginning at 9:00 am.

According to the Fine Arts Center's past Gala Coordinator Donia Eley, "We have always enjoyed getting together with our friends and supporters in December to celebrate the arts in the New River Valley. We know we can't do that in person this year, but we still want to support artists and continue our arts programs through this annual fund-raising event. We hope this online auction will be a way we can do that."

The online auction is being hosted by Valley Auction, LLC, an experienced online auctioneer in Newbern, Virginia. The Center has gathered 141 interesting and unique items that include exquisite jewelry, handcrafted art in a wide variety of media, valuable gift certificates, vintage items with local historic significance, home decor, col-

lectibles, fine china, and much more! Items from the auction will be available for pre-bid beginning on "Black Friday," November 27. The actual online auction will occur on Saturday, December 12, beginning at 9 a.m. Items will come up in order, and once they're gone, they're gone! In addition to Valley Auction's assistance, we wish to thank the many merchants and individuals who have made valuable donations to this charitable cause.

John Ross, president of the board of directors noted, "Creating and participating in the arts is still an important aspect of our lives, even as we face current challenges. The arts soothe us, enrich us, and give us an opportunity to express our feelings and ideas. We at the Center are trying to continue to provide free art experiences for an ever-broadening group of children and low-cost workshops for adults. This auction will go a long way towards making those opportunities possible."

Visit the Valley Auction website ([valleyauctionsllc.com](http://valleyauctionsllc.com)) to register and bid on items. If you'd like to view the items in person, the Center will be open on scheduled days and times. (Note: we have a limit of four visitors in the Center at a time; face covering and social distance required). Visit the Center's website at [FACNRV.org](http://FACNRV.org) for our preview schedule, or you can request an appointment via email at [info@FACNRV.org](mailto:info@FACNRV.org).



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# Martin excited over new job as Yankees GM

By LUCAS GOAD  
The Patriot

Next season, the Pulaski Yankees will be led by their new general manager, JW Martin.

With the newly structured Appalachian League, the Yankees will also begin their leap into new territory with Martin replacing previous general manager Betsy Haugh.

James Williams Martin, who goes by JW, grew up in Marion. He went to Marion Senior High School, and eventually went on to attend Radford University, where he graduated in 2009 with

a Bachelor's in Media Studies.

Martin would start out as an intern in 2007 for Shelor Motor Mile's speedway, and then in 2009, he would start full time.

Before taking the role of GM, Martin did take on a role for previous seasons at Calfee Park for the production team.

When it was announced that Haugh was moving on, Martin took the opportunity to transfer from the racetrack.

With all the new changes that are happening to the Appalachian League, Martin appears to be excited.

"I'm definitely excited. I think

that because everything is new next year, with the transition that the Appalachian League is undergoing, and all the positive changes that are going along with that, I think that it will be a good time to get involved. I think it's good for the town to enter a new chapter," said Martin.

To Martin, the idea of supplying the town of Pulaski with great baseball is important. One of the things that he talked about was the fact that players will be staying with the same team during the season instead of moving on to a higher classification.

Martin said that this will be

great because it will allow for the players and the residents of the town to build relationships with each other.

The thing Martin brought up was his excitement over helping the community and bringing events to the Pulaski County area.

"Over the years, I've noticed how special events are. Not just on the baseball field or the racetrack but bringing together families and communities. There is a core group of people who are passionate about what's going on, and there is just this sense of excitement of being involved in

operations," said Martin.

According to Martin, the goal is to bring a sense of escape from the realities of everyday life. Whether that be a monster truck show at the racetrack, or a movie night at Calfee, Martin says they will be there.

"It's very rewarding being involved in operations, making an event and seeing it be successful," said Martin.

When asked about certain goals that he has for the organization moving forward, Martin mentioned that he wanted to

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## 'Battle of Bridge' raises \$2,000 for ACCE

From NRCC

The legendary rivalry between Pulaski County and Radford City recently moved to the golf course, and the golf tournament, held on Oct. 24, helped raise \$2,000 to support New River Community College's Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program.

ACCE at NRCC is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years. ACCE will support the youth of participating counties by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt.

The golf tournament was hosted by the Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech on October 24. Radford City Schools Foundation for Excellence Foundation was the gold sponsor of this year's event, donating \$1,000 to support ACCE. Other generous sponsorship support was provided by Fastenal, Gates Flowers & Gifts, H.T.



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Photo L to R: Angie Covey (NRCC Educational Foundation), Fran Davis (Pete Dye River Course at VT), Erika Tolbert (NRCC Educational Foundation), & Micah Price (NRCC Educational Foundation)

Bowling, Martin's Pharmacy, and AECOM.

Each participating golf team signed up to support either Pulaski County or Radford City, and the side with the most points got bragging rights. Radford teams finished first by one

stroke. However, both sides won, as tournament proceeds will support ACCE students from both Radford and Pulaski County.

Special thanks goes out to supporter Ballpark Signs for creating signage for the event.

The tournament is on course to become an annual event, and

a tentative date for next year has already been set for October 23. For information about how to become an early sponsor for next year's tournament, contact play@petedyerivercourse.com or call (540)633-1807.

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## ACC hoops tourney bound for Greensboro

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced today that the 2021 ACC Men's Basketball Tournament will be held at Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, North Carolina, from March 9-13. The tournament originally was scheduled to be played at Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C., which will now play host to the 2024 event. The decision to relocate the March 2021 event was due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"The ACC Men's Basketball Tournament has enjoyed terrific experiences and hospitality at Capital One Arena," said ACC Commissioner John Swofford. "We look forward to returning to Washington, D.C., and appreciate Greensboro for welcoming and accommodating us during these unique and challenging times."

The ACC previously announced the 2022 event will be held at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, and the 2023 event will return to Greensboro Coliseum.

Greensboro Coliseum has hosted the ACC Tournament more than any other venue and will welcome the event for the 28th time in 2021.

The ACC Tournament has been held in eight different cities and 12 venues since the inaugural event in March 1954. Since 2000, the tournament has been played throughout the ACC footprint, including nine times in Greensboro, four times in Charlotte, three times in Atlanta, twice in Washington, D.C., twice in Brooklyn and once in Tampa.

The 2021 ACC Women's Basketball Tournament will also be held at Greensboro Coliseum, as previously announced. The event is scheduled from March 3-7.

The 2021 ACC Winter Olympic Sports Championship schedule has also been confirmed as follows:

Women's Swimming and Diving

February 17-21

Greensboro Aquatic Center, Greensboro, North Carolina

Men's Swimming and Diving

February 24-27

Greensboro Aquatic Center, Greensboro, North Carolina

Indoor Track and Field

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Clemson University

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# Hokies add size, experience, depth to 2020-21 squad

By Jimmy Robertson  
For Hokiesports.com

For 20-plus years, his pregame ritual consisted of sitting on the bench, watching both teams warm up, and taking regular bites from a bag of popcorn. The texture of the warm, fluffy kernels, combined with a pinch of salt and a small portion of melted butter, eased his palate and his nerves.

Last season, Mike Young continued his tradition, enjoying the product from Cassell Coliseum’s concessionaires, and perhaps fittingly, his youthful inaugural team somewhat resembled a bag of popcorn. The young players started out as a bunch of seeds, but expanded and grew upon heating, particularly from the intense pressure of facing the best competition in the ACC.

Now, looking ahead to this season, Young hopes that his players have popped into a product that everyone loves – a fresh and hot distraction for a Hokie Nation suffering, like most, from COVID fatigue. He expected last year’s challenge when he took the job, and it became more of one than perhaps he expected, but he certainly has no regrets about last season, one in which the inexperienced and undersized Hokies went 16-16 overall, beat then-No. 3 Michigan State, and won seven league games.

“That was challenging, but man, were they fun to coach and work with,” Young said.

Young and his staff spent the entire offseason reconfiguring the roster. Only six players who played for Tech last season return for the 2020-21 campaign, and this year’s roster includes three graduate transfers, along with four freshmen. The staff’s offseason haul consisted of size and experience, and the team now features four players at least 6-foot-9 or taller and four players already with college degrees.

So Young expects to be able to play more in the style that he wants, and he expects the Hokies to be more competitive in the ACC, especially against longer, athletic teams such as Florida

State, Duke, North Carolina, and Louisville.

“I knew going back a year ago that it was going to take us a bit to get the roster balanced and where we want it,” Young said. “We’re not there completely, but I do feel a lot better. In a number of areas, we’ll be deeper a year from now. We’ll be bigger and stronger.”

## STYLE OF PLAY

A year ago, a perimeter-oriented Tech team relied on the 3-pointer to be successful, and Young knew how to coach a team with 3-point capabilities. One of his players at Wofford – Fletcher Magee – set the NCAA record for 3-pointers in a career, surpassing the likes of notable NBA stand-outs J.J. Redick and Steph Curry.

The Hokies led the ACC with 315 3-pointers last season, and they finished second with 896 3-point attempts. Tech hit 35.2% of its 3’s, which was tied for second in the league.

But Young felt that the Hokies relied too much on the 3-pointer – the byproduct of a lack of post scoring.


“I wasn’t comfortable with how we played,” Young admitted. “But I thought how we played gave us the best chance to win.”

So Young wants to get back to playing a little more of a traditional offense. Yes, he expects the Hokies to be relevant from beyond the arc again, but he wants his team to score more easy baskets, whether in transition or through offensive rebounds, and he wants this group to get to the free-throw line more.

Tech finished 14th in the 15-team ACC both in free throws made (305) and attempted (429). The Hokies struggled to put pressure on defenses and rarely scored without the clock running.

“That makes me sick to my stomach – not getting fouled more,” Young said. “We’ve got to do a better job of putting pressure on people. We didn’t really have – Wabissa [Bede] would be the exception – a guy that could get into people and get the ball into the paint and spray it out. Obviously,

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# One Bullet For One Turkey

I had observed two flocks of turkeys in our fields during the months of August and September catching grasshoppers as they flew about on our farm on Little Creek. I surmised to myself, go ahead you turkeys and get all these lazy insects that will soon die out after a few killer frosts and do not prepare for the coming winter. You turkeys can later fatten up on the fallen acorns and I'll be looking for one of you guys in the November hunting season. This is a hunting episode that happened several years ago and in the end was a successful one; other times there were failures.

This scenario came about but a little different than the way I had anticipated. I had gotten a deer the first day of firearms season and the week before Thanksgiving. I had not killed a turkey on the South side Walker Mtn. behind our farm but had seen a lot of where they had been scratching. I had related this to a neighbor that lived a couple miles up the “Creek” from my place. He asked if he could hunt there and see if he could jump these turkeys. I gave him the go ahead and two days, he showed up in my back yard with his grown son and both were carrying a turkey. They related that they had jumped a big flock of turkeys and they flew of after they had shot two of them and some even flew across Little Creek into Little walker Mtn. I told them I hoped I could go and get one of these turkeys.

I got the opportunity that afternoon as a boyhood friend, Jim, who had moved to West Virginia after college stopped by and wanted me to go hunting on my



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land adjacent to the land where I had grown up. I got my camouflage clothes on and put a box of cartridges in my hunting jacket and along with my rifle, we took to the old logging road; the same that my neighbors had traversed.

Most of the road was clear of leaves, mostly sandy soil with patches of moss was conducive to be able to hunt in a “stop and go hunting” by being on the lookout for game before moving on to another spot along the way. The old road had served as a way to take timber and props out of the area about twenty years ago and ended near the top of Big Walker. Mtn. Jim liked to climb mountains and as boys of around twelve years of age, he and I and a cousin of mine had crossed over Little Walker Mtn. to hunt arrowheads in the fields of Back Creek. We climbed on to the top and got on a stand to hopefully get a shot at a deer or turkey coming over the top.

We did not have long to wait as I being stationed to the East and a little more down from the top than Jim heard something coming up in the leaves. It was two turkeys and I got one scoped in with my .30-06 and pulled the trigger. The other turkey took off down the mountain but the one I had was killed by a shot to its

backside sustained very little in the way of damage.

I had ejected the spent shell with my bolt action Mauser action and found that there were no more bullets in the magazine. In haste to get into the woods, I had not checked to see if the magazine was fully loaded. Reaching into my hunting jacket, I found a hole in the lower corner where the box of cartridges had come out. Jim was using a 270 and his extra ammo would not fit my gun.

We decided to head on out as it would be dark going about a mile to the fields below. Darkness was setting in just as we were about out of the woods. There had been a light snow in the trees and we crossed into a hollow with some towering hemlocks and some turkeys were trashing about in the tree-tops as we crossed under them. It was too dark by then and Jim would have to wait for another day get a turkey.

He is a pretty good one on the golf course and I joked with him saying, “Hey Jim, I gave you a pretty good handicap today, ‘one bullet for one turkey’ and an extra box of ammo as well.”

Here’s hoping all you hunters have had success in the hunting so far or will still get one or more of the game animals so designated this time of the year. Also, there are many problems facing our world but we can find many places in the Bible to put our trust in the Good Lord as noted in I Chronicles 16:34 KJV, O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.”

Until next time

# ACC updates basketball schedules, lists ACC/Big East Challenge slate

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference today announced updates to its 2020-21 men’s basketball conference schedule.

ESPN announced game times and network affiliations for all games on its networks (ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPNNEWS) through December 6. ACC Network released its broadcast schedule for ACC men’s basketball non-conference games through Dec. 22.

**2020 ACC/Big Ten Challenge**  
Tuesday, December 8  
Purdue at Miami, ESPN2, 5 PM  
Boston College at Minnesota, ESPNU, 7 PM  
North Carolina at Iowa, ESPN, 7:30 PM  
Ohio State at Notre Dame, ESPN2, 7:30 PM  
Penn State at Virginia Tech, ESPNU, 9 PM  
Illinois at Duke, ESPN, 9:30 PM  
Syracuse at Rutgers, ESPN2,

9:30 PM  
Wednesday, December 9  
Maryland at Clemson, ESPN2, 5 PM  
Louisville at Wisconsin, ESPN, 7:15 PM  
NC State at Michigan, ESPN2, 7:15 PM

Georgia Tech at Nebraska, ESPNU, 7:15 PM  
Michigan State at Virginia, ESPN, 9:15 PM  
Indiana at Florida State, ESPN2, 9:15 PM  
Pitt at Northwestern, ESPNU, 9:15 PM

# Martin

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educate the fan base about the changes to the Appalachian League moving forward.

He stated just because there are changes, that it will still be the same baseball that the people of Pulaski County have grown accustomed to.

Along with bringing the same quality of baseball, Martin hopes the organization brings the same experience that the people of Pulaski County expect.

“People expect a lot when they come here, which they should, we’re a high class organization, and I think one of my goals is to build on that foundation, and to build upon David Hagan’s vision for the park,” said Martin

Martin also stated that one of the silver linings from the year 2020 was that he had to think outside the box when it came to approaching next season. According to Hagan, the organization is looking to bring around 38-45 events next year to the county.

Martin will continue in his goal to bring more events and quality to Pulaski County.



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## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING PULASKI COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND HECATE ENERGY PULASKI, LLC

A Special Use Permit zoning application has been submitted for a proposed solar renewable energy generation project in Pulaski County, Virginia. The project area is approximately 2,697 acres on multiple parcels and located near the Town of Dublin. A voluntary informational meeting will be held from 7 to 9 PM, on December 1, 2020 at the Pulaski County High School Auditorium, 5414 Cougar Trail Road, Dublin, VA 24084. Masks and social distancing will be required for those who attend.

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=SWtoOUhNM0F6QlVoZFIybzMvbm08wQT09>  
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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>

#### Public Notice ISSUANCE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR A PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING FUND

Public Notice No.: WSL-046-18  
First Publication Date: November 20, 2020

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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## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the application(s) for zoning variance as listed below:

- Petition by Curtis & Candy Whitt, for a variance to Article 4.7.C (Building Setback Low Density Residential Zone District) Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Property is located on Blenna Court, Dublin, VA, Tax Map# 047-25-3-4, Ingles District.

The public can request information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process, by using any one of the following methods; E-mail: Send information request or public comment to Elaine Holeton at [eholeton@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:eholeton@pulaskicounty.org) Phone: Contact Elaine Holeton at 540-980-7710 or 540-440-0025 to learn more, or to have your comment transcribed for the public hearing. Regular Mail: Send your request for information or your comment to; Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. In Person: By attending the meeting at the location listed. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County upon request will make reasonable accommodations available. Contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE TOWN OF PULASKI BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W., Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following appeal:

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

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we didn’t have a back-to-the-basket player that we could expect to get four-to-six foul shots from on a given night. I do think that area will be much improved. It needs to be. You can’t rely on that bomb night in and night out. Again, I do think that we’ll be much farther along offensively in that area.”

On the defensive end, the Hokies played well considering their lack of size. Tech held opponents to 41.6% shooting for the floor, which ranked eighth in the ACC, and the Hokies need to continue to improve in this area.

After all, six of the seven teams that finished ahead of the Hokies in defensive field-goal percentage also finished ahead of them in the ACC standings.

“I thought we took some strides defensively,” Young said. “Not night in, night out, but I thought our team fought, and we had some really nice outings, and we’re going to be better on the defensive end this coming year.”

## ROSTER ANALYSIS

The perimeter

Last year’s leading scorer, Landers Nolley II, decided to transfer in the offseason, but the Hokies return five perimeter players who played extensively last season, including three – Wabissa Bede, Tyrece Radford, and Nahiem Alleyne – who started. Bede started all 32 games, while Radford started 29 and Alleyne 27.

Bede serves as the leader of this team. He led the ACC in assist-to-turnover ratio (3.3) a year ago, and his 5.5 assists per game ranked third in the league. He struggled to shoot the ball, but Tech’s staff thinks a finger injury affected his shot, and the coaches expect him to be more of a scoring threat this season.

Radford was a breakout candidate last season, averaging 10.2 points per game and leading the team with 6.2 rebounds per game. He also shot 60% from the floor and was one of just three players in the ACC to average 10 points, 6 rebounds, and shoot 60%.

Alleyne averaged 8.8 points per game and nearly shot 40% from beyond the arc. As the season went along, Young referred to him as one of the team’s top perimeter defenders.

“I’ve always thought I had good defense,” Alleyne said. “I’m just



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**Hokie guard Wabissa Bede started all 32 games last season.**

glad that he thought of me like that. I’m expected to guard big-time players this year again, but I’m ready for it.”

Jalen Cone and Hunter Cattoor also return for their sophomore seasons. Cone shot 45% from beyond the arc, and his 64 3-pointers were 11th in the ACC. Cattoor averaged 6.5 points and shot 40% from beyond the arc.

The staff added experience to the backcourt with the arrival of Cartier Diarra, a graduate transfer from Kansas State. A 58-game starter in his career, Diarra averaged 13.3 points, 3.8 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game for the Wildcats last season, and he gives the Hokies a playmaker in the backcourt.

The rest of the perimeter contingent includes highly recruited guards Joe Bamisile and Darius Maddox. Both are tremendous shooters with some length.

“He’s what I refer to as another ‘runaway shooter,’” Young said of Bamisile. “He’s a kid that can just fly off a screen, catch it, and elevate, and get the thing in the basket. Darius Maddox is a scorer and has some length. He’s a long, young man on the perimeter.”

The post

The biggest changes to the roster center on the post positions. A year ago, Tech’s post presence consisted of P.J. Horne, a 6-6 forward who played mostly on the perimeter and transferred after the season, and 6-10 John Ojiako, a freshman who

played sparingly. But Young added height, length, and size to the two post positions in the offseason.

The process to improve this area actually began before the start of last season when Keve Aluma, a 6-9 forward, transferred from Wofford. He sat out last season and now figures to be a day 1 starter.

“I love his game, and he was very good for us in practice last year,” Young said. “Chester Frazier [a Tech associate head coach], if I heard him say it once, I heard him say it 50 times, he would make us so much better right now. He had a year in the smokehouse, as I refer to it, and he will be better because of that experience. I’m really excited about what he’ll bring to our roster.”

Young and his staff also tapped into the transfer market to add two more post players in Cordell Pemsl (6-9, 250) and Justyn Mutts (6-7, 230). Pemsl scored 550 points and grabbed 400 rebounds in 96 career games for Iowa before leaving, and Mutts averaged 12.2 points and 8.4 rebounds for Delaware last season. Mutts has caught the eyes of several who have watched him play.

“That’s my roommate. That’s my guy,” Alleyne said. “He comes to work every day. Hustle guy. He can do it all, really – stretch the floor out, 3, slash, dunk on you. I’m really excited for him.”

The other scholarship member of the post contingent is David N’Guessan, a 6-9 forward from the Netherlands who averaged 15 points and seven rebounds for Mt. Zion Prep in Maryland last season. Tech’s roster lacks a true “3,” or small forward, but N’Guessan – an intriguing talent with skills – could grow into that role.

“David’s just a bouncy, athletic young person that can really shoot

the ball, and I think he’s going to get better and better in that regard,” Young said. “He’s got some 3 in him at 6-9, 6-10, but we’ll start him at the 4 early on and just give us a chance to get longer.”

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Young and his staff certainly have added the ingredients for success – experience, size, talent, and depth. Depth was an emphasis, as Young wanted more competition in practices – a sore spot for him last season. He adjusted practices a season ago just to keep a depth-shy team healthy.

Added depth creates a bit of a dilemma, though. Can Young find playing time for 10, 11 or 12 players, or do one or two Hokies take redshirt seasons? Young seems open to the possibility.

“I’ve never redshirted a kid in my 18 years as a head coach and

regretted it. Not one,” he said. “I think that is such an incredible opportunity to grow physically and have a better understanding of the game.

“I think it’s too early to start making those determinations. John Ojiako would have been an ideal candidate to sit a year ago. We just couldn’t do it. Those things will work themselves out. Are we going to have the ability to play 11? I don’t know the answer to that yet. I do think that I like the character on our roster. I like the basketball abilities of the kids on our roster. They’re good basketball players and smart basketball players, we think. We’ll have to get further down the road before I’ve got a better handle on that sort of thing [redshirting].”

At least he’ll have options this season, and the additions also create some excitement about the potential ceiling of this team. A year ago, the team probably exceeded expectations. Everyone associated with the program now wants more.

Predicting a ceiling remains difficult without knowing the schedule – as of the deadline of this writing, the ACC had not released a schedule and Tech had not released its nonconference slate. The league figures to be much better, yet the Hokies think they are, too.

“The biggest thing is we’ve just got to take it one day at a time,” Cattoor said. “We can’t look too far forward, and we can’t look back on what happened last year. It’s just take it one day at a time and just try to work hard and get better each and every day.”

Young admits the program isn’t where he wants it to be. Not yet. But if the Hokies become more balanced on offense, get more out of their post players, and play a little better on defense, they could find themselves in the NCAA Tournament discussion in March.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week’s Issue

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## Taking It To The Streets



**\*\*Big Christmas Celebration\*\***

**Saturday Dec. 19, 2020 3pm-5pm**

**223 N. Washington Ave. Pulaski, VA  
(Old Southwest Times Building)**

**Bring Your Children For A Big Time**

***Come enjoy our Christmas Drive-thru Event  
on the parking lot at the Ministry location.  
We will have gifts ( infant to age 16 ).***

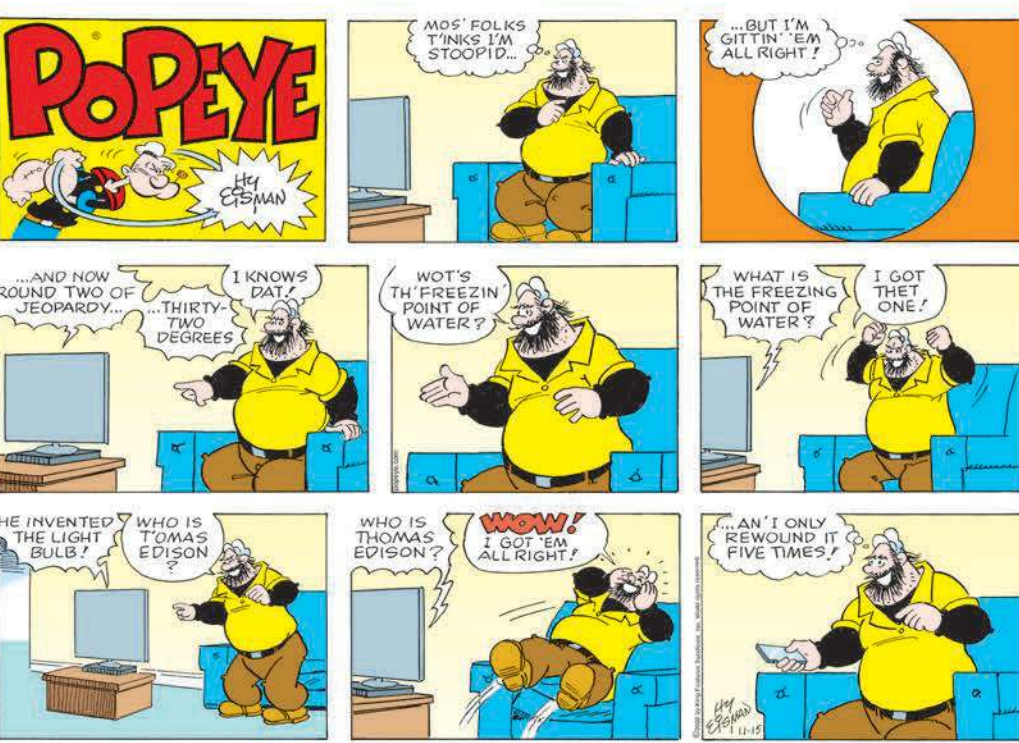
**NOTE: Pre-registration now through Dec.  
12th. Forms must be turned in no later than  
Dec. 12th. Children must be with parent or  
guardian to receive gifts.**

**You can sign up at The Street Ministry,  
Emanuel Bookstore and The Patriot  
Newspaper.**

**Gifts will be distributed as you drive thru  
the parking lot side door entrance and each  
person will also receive a Treat Bag.**

**For more information  
contact Charlie Barbettini  
(276) 620-4293**





### 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!

Crater  
**MASCH**

Unique  
**SACPILE**

Ambiguous  
**CLEANUR**

Scoff  
**PINES**

TODAY'S WORD

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Secondhand  
5 Sphere  
8 Halt  
12 DVR alterna-  
13 Greek X  
14 Authentic  
15 Sheltered, at sea  
16 Hare's defeater  
18 Japan's main island  
20 Comic Phyllis  
21 California wine valley  
23 Zero  
24 Enchilada holder  
28 Plate  
31 — jiffy  
32 Fix a stubborn shoe-lace  
34 Rowing need  
35 Sulk  
37 Harasses  
39 Male cat  
41 Tater  
42 Wall plaster  
45 Warren Commission subject  
49 Bullring VIP  
51 Lotion additive  
52 Yemeni city  
53 Scrap  
54 Anger

**DOWN**

1 Hexagonal state  
2 Missile house  
3 Divisible by two  
4 Fails to  
5 One of eight  
6 Pi neighbor  
7 Avian creature  
8 Unemotional  
9 10 to the 12th

55 Got up  
56 They're between dos and mis  
57 Let fall

power  
10 English river  
11 Equal  
17 Can metal  
19 Locks  
22 Chorus mem-  
24 Quarterback  
25 Yoko of music  
26 States of ecstasy  
27 LaGuardia and Logan, e.g.  
29 Perched  
30 Day fractions (Abbr.)

33 Ostriches' kin  
36 Dawn-of-mammals epoch  
38 Name of many English kings  
40 Longtime record label  
42 Celebrity  
43 Big fuss  
44 Smell  
46 Winged  
47 Corporate symbol  
48 Profound  
50 Raw rock

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## top ten

### Most Dangerous Youth Sports\*

1. Football
2. Basketball
3. Soccer
4. Baseball
5. Softball
6. Volleyball
7. Wrestling
8. Cheerleading
9. Gymnastics
10. Track & field

\* total injuries  
Source: Safe Kids Worldwide

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What is another name for the vegetable known in some parts of the world as a courgette?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "Ars longa, vita brevis" mean?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow"?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a pudu?
5. MOVIES: Which 1983 movie featured the character of Tony Montana?
6. TELEVISION: What was the name of the vacuum cleaner on the children's series "Teletubbies"?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is carmine?
8. SCIENCE: What was the first mam-mal to be cloned successfully from an adult cell?
9. FIRSTS: Who was the first African American man elected to the U.S. Senate?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was the name of President Bill Clinton's family cat?

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Man's hair is different. 2. No. 7 on jersey is now black. 3. Window is shorter. 4. Man's right arm is hidden. 5. Socks are striped. 6. More bricks on house.

### Answers

1. Zucchini!
2. Art is long, life is short
3. "To Kill a Mockingbird"
4. Small South American deer
5. "Scarface," Al Pacino
6. The Neo-noo
7. Dark red
8. Dolly the sheep
9. Hiram Rhodes Revels, 1870
10. Socks

### King Crossword

Solution time: 21 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: Y equals P

BIDV GPR ODSEOD UP YRZSICHD

GPRZ PBV IPZHD, GPR BEMM

DADVURCMMG ICAD UP YPVG RY.

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### ASPIRIN

Today's Word

1. Chasm 2. Special; solution

3. Unclear; 4. Snipe

### Americanisms

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around."

— Willie Nelson

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### CryptoQuip

When you decide to purchase your own horse, you will eventually have to pony up.

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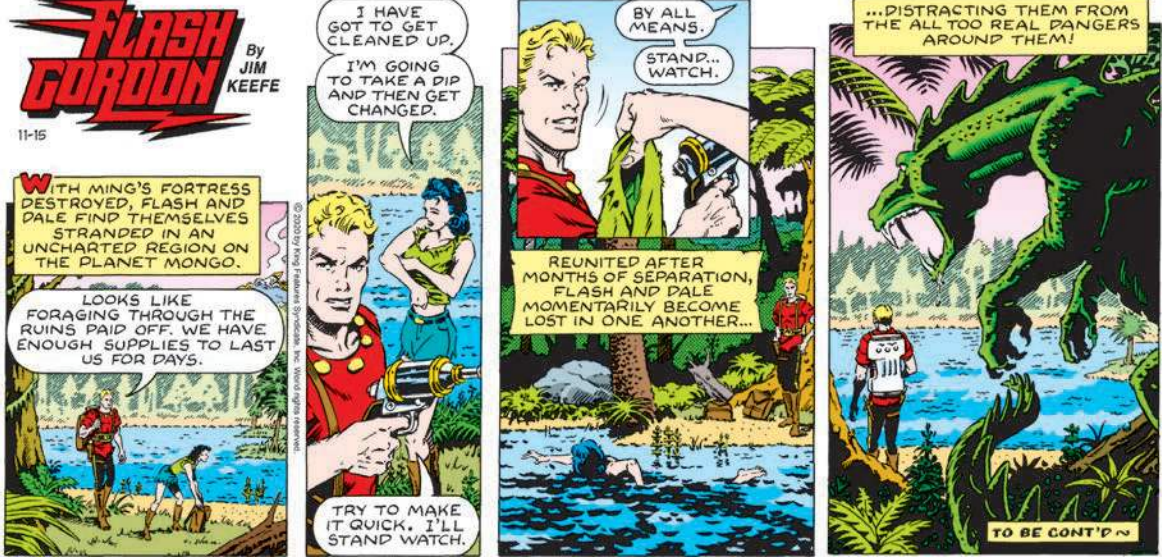
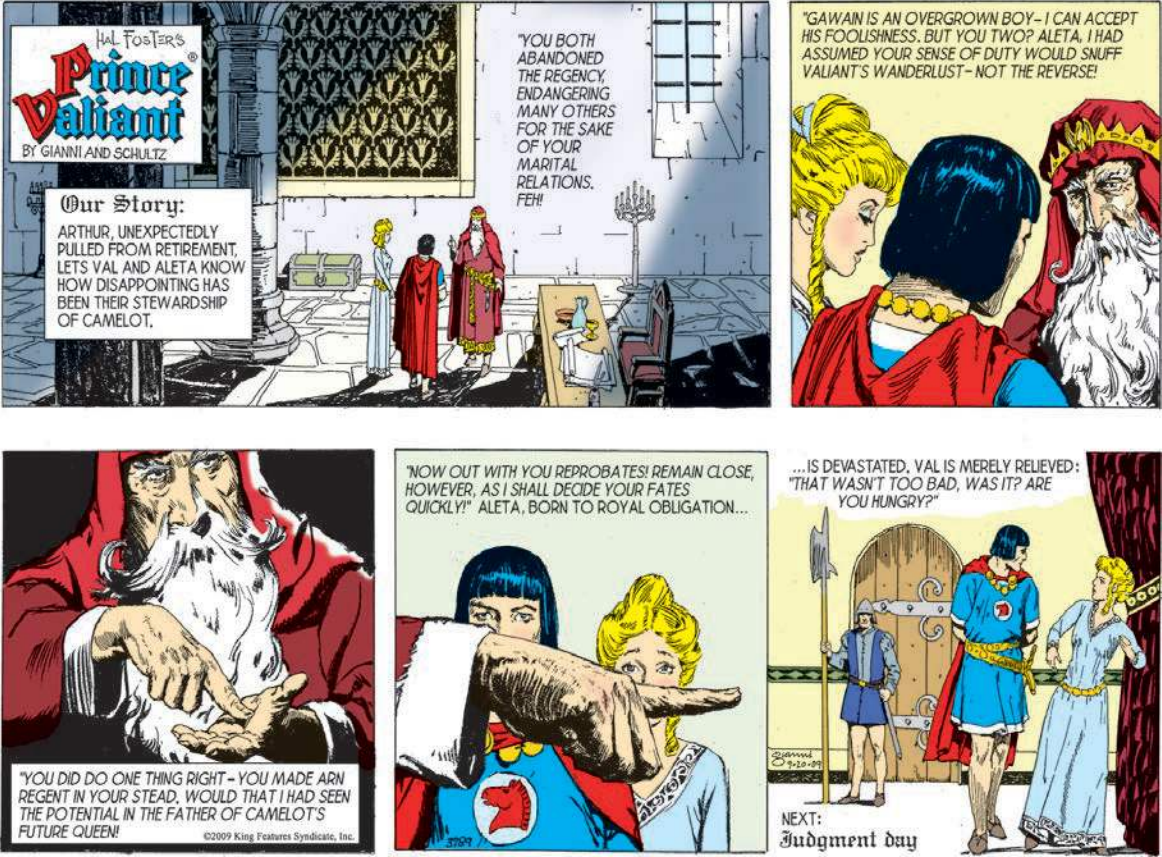
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## Clever Table

A table has four legs and a flat top -- except when it is designed by a clever cabinetmaker. Freeman's Auction in Philadelphia sold an unusual rosewood table with two partial shelves built below the 20-inch square tabletop. It is decorated with carved dragons on the brackets and a spider and fly inlay of mixed metal and mother-of-pearl. The Anglo-Japanese inlaid rosewood table was made by A. and H. Lejambre of Philadelphia around 1880; the company produced work from 1865 to 1907. Similar tables are in several museums. The table sold at auction for \$13,000.

**Q:** My parents bought a home in Florida and purchased the contents, including an interesting table used as a lamp table. The top flips to one side, doubling its surface, and can be raised for storage. Open, it measures 17 inches high by 34 inches square. A label reads "Williams-Kimp Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Mich." Could you tell me more about this table and its value?

**A:** Game tables were popular during the 18th and 19th centuries -- first in England, and then in the United States. Cabinetmakers designed clever tables suitable for writing letters and for pastimes like playing cards, chess or backgammon. The tables looked like regular tables when not in use. Some had a hinged top that folded, swiveled or slid open to reveal a playing surface. Others had a game board inlaid on top. The Williams-Kimp Furniture Co. started in Grand Rapids in 1923. It was purchased by Baker Furniture in 1951. The company made reproductions of American Federal furniture includ-

**KOVELS**  
Antiques & Collecting  
By Terry and Kim Kovel



This unusual table is an example of Anglo-Japanese style. It has a look that was not favored by many cabinetmakers. The table with wooden tiers and carved dragons sold at auction for \$13,000.

ing dining sets, secretaries, desks, chairs and pieces like your game table. Your table is worth about \$175 to \$225.

**Q:** I have 11 Imperial Glass Whirling Star Marigold Iridescent punch cups and have no idea how to price them. Can you help?

**A:** Imperial's Whirling Star pattern in Marigold was only made in punch sets. The complete set, including the punch bowl, base and 12 cups, sells for about \$300-\$450. A set with the punch bowl and six cups was offered for sale for \$95. Whirling Star punch cups in other colors sell for about \$5 or \$6. The set has been reproduced.



\* Five ways to keep yourself from turning up the thermostat this winter: Put on a sweater; have a nice bowl of soup or stew; wear slippers or thick nonskid socks, grab a comfy blanket; snuggle up with someone special.

\* "If you bathe in a tub, try rubbing on bath oil before getting in the tub. You will get greater coverage and more moisturizing power from your bath oil. And at this time of year, who doesn't need that?" -- M.E. in Washington

\* "Here's a great way to use Christmas cards from last year: Trace a child's hand on the back of the pictures. Cut them out and use them to make a wreath for the front door. Or, make small jigsaw puzzles for young children to play with. Any good, detailed artwork on a card front will do. Make squiggly lines in the fashion of a jigsaw puzzle, then cut out. It helps if the cardstock is good and thick." -- M.M. in Utah

\* "To keep light bulbs from sticking in the socket, apply petroleum jelly to the base of the bulb before screwing it into the fixture." -- B.D. in Virginia

\* Here's an oldie but a goodie: Add a few drops of water to votive cups before adding a candle. The wax will float on the water, and when the candle burns down, it won't get stuck in the votive glass.

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

## MAGIC MAZE • SHORT QUESTIONS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: ASKING FOR THE PRICE

For what? May I? Shall we? Who?  
From where? Really? What's up? Why not?  
Happy? Right now? When? Would you?  
Is it? Shall I? Which way?

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## CryptoQuote

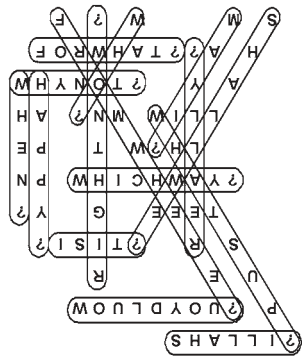
AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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.

G ZHGBPOZ HJ G KVIOM PC  
KPGX QVGQ ZHZ DSXX IOZSU  
EUSJJUIS.

— VSOUT MHJJHOLSU

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— Henry Kissinger  
pressure.  
coal that did well under  
A diamond is a chunk of  
answer  
CryptoQuote

## Celebrity Extra: '50 Cent'

**Q:** Is Sofia Coppola still directing movies? Also, what about her father, the legendary Francis Ford Coppola? -- M.D.

**A:** Despite her family ties, Sofia Coppola did not have a good start in show business. She was slammed by critics and audiences alike back in 1991 when she was cast in her father's disappointing "The Godfather: Part III" after actress Winona Ryder was ill, and her acting career never recovered. Fortunately, she seems to have inherited her father's gift *behind* the lens. She both won and was nominated for an Oscar for writing and directing, respectively, for the motion picture "Lost in Translation" back in 2003. The dramatic film starred Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson, and really turned her career around.

A few years later, Sofia directed Kirsten Dunst in a retelling of historical figure "Marie Antoinette." Her most recent project is the film "On the Rocks," starring Murray once again. It's available for streaming on AppleTV+.

As for Francis Ford Coppola, he appears to have retired from filmmaking. I often wonder if he'll attempt a fourth chapter of "The Godfather" saga, but at 81 years old, he's likely very much enjoying his retirement.

**Q:** Is the show "Pose" coming back? -- R.S.

**A:** Yes, a third season of the Ryan Murphy ("American Horror Story") produced Netflix show "Pose" is expected to premiere around June 2021, assuming that production resumes as planned. The Emmy-nominated series is set



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**Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson**

in the Latino and African American ball culture and stars Billy Porter, who himself won Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series in 2019.

Production for the third season was stopped just a few days into filming because of the pandemic, so that's set everything back, but the good news is that the show has indeed been renewed.

**Q:** A friend of mine was telling me there is a TV show that stars rapper 50 Cent and that he's actually quite good in it. Is it still on the air? -- B.P.

**A:** Your friend was talking about the ABC prison drama "For Life," which is based on the true story of Isaac Wright Jr., who was falsely convicted of drug charges in 1991. While behind bars, he became a paralegal and helped turn around prison sentences of some of his fellow inmates, and eventually his own

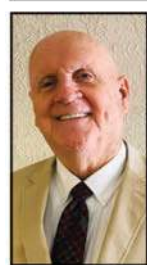
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# Church Directory

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## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## The Just Shall Live By Faith

The Book of Habakkuk is the 8th book of the 12 Minor Prophets of the Bible. Habakkuk prophesied about 15 years before the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon.

One question that Habakkuk asked God, when he saw how wicked and idolatrous Judah had become was “Why don’t You do something about it?”

Sometimes we might ask God the same question. How long O Lord will you continue to allow so much wickedness to go on before you judge the world?” And Gods answer to us would be the same as it was to Habakkuk. “The just shall live by faith.”

Four times that scripture is in the Bible. Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; and Hebrews 10:38. God wants us to trust Him, that He will eventually judge all wickedness. We must leave all judgment up to God and trust in Him that judgment will come according to His plans and purposes and not ours.

As we look out upon the gross sins of humanity today, and see the signs of the times, it shows us that it can’t be long till Jesus comes. Rather than worrying about when God is going to judge the world, we should be concentrating on making sure that we ourselves are ready to meet the Lord when He comes or calls.

God judged the world already once by the means of a great flood that took the lives of all of wicked humanity but Noah and his family who were protected in the Ark. When God saw the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah, He destroyed those two cities and everyone in them but Lot and his two daughters who were led out of harm’s way by the Angels of God. Now today, it’s almost as bad as it was in the days of Noah and in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. God has judged sin in this world before, and He will do it again.

Until then, those who have been justified by faith, need to trust God that He knows what He is doing. He will judge the wickedness in the world, in His own time and in His own way.

We are now living in a gone crazy world. When folks are calling evil good and good evil. There is now an attempt by some in America for the gender of a child NOT be put on their birth certificate but to let the child decide what gender they want to be. That is beyond crazy. God has already decided their gender when he created them in their mother’s womb.

God the Creator knows each person who is to be born while they are still in their mother’s womb. And He has a plan for every life, from before they are born. Every life is important to God. Abortion takes the lives of the innocent and interferes with the plans of God.

Today, we have same sex marriage to deal with of all things. God has already established the boundaries of marriage. It is to be between one man and one woman.

Secular society has caused Prayer and Bible reading to be taken out of our schools. God is going to hold humanity responsible for not living within the

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### Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.  
Prayer Service, Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
Phone: 980-1028  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

### Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street  
Dublin, Va. 24084  
Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
Primary Services:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

### Open Door Baptist Church

4576 Miller Lane  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  
Primary Services:  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046

### Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road  
Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor: Mark Asbury  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 276-477-3835

### Newbern Christian Church

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

### Christ Episcopal Church

144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
Phone: 980-2413  
Email: christ24301@gmail.com  
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

### Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Rev. Becky Wheeler  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

### Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
Rev. Paige Wimberly  
674-6111  
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

### Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place  
P.O. Box 458  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Senior Pastor Steve Willis  
Associate Pastors:  
Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

### Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Phone: 540-674-6111  
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/  
Pastor: Paige Wimberly  
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

### Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org  
Website: dublinbaptistva.org  
Pastor: Dennis Jones  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Children's Church and Nursery  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski  
(physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski  
(mailing address)  
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton  
Associate Pastor:  
Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor  
Sunday Services  
9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship  
9:00AM - Contemporary Worship  
10:00AM - Sunday School  
11:00AM - Traditional Worship  
Contact Info.  
Phone: 540.980.3331  
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org  
website: www.fumcpulask.org

### Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street  
Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and  
Youth Group: 7 p.m.  
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

### Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Michael S. Jones  
Sunday  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting  
(540) 980-4731  
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

### River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
Shawn Burchett, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life  
Building Service 7:00 PM  
www.rolcdublin.com 540-674-4500

### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
Service Times  
Sunday school - 10 am - 11 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm  
Sunday Evenings - Devoted to  
Evangelistic Outreach  
Wednesday- 6 pm  
2nd Wed Each Month - Free Community  
Dinner - 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm  
2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service  
6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

### Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Pastor Mike Pierce  
Service Times:  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  
Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/  
HeritageChurchDublinVA

### Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

### First Missionary Baptist Church

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

### Dublin United Methodist 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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### Grace Ministries

### Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children’s Church 10:30 a.m.  
Children’s Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5-12  
Men’s & Women’s Ministry Wed. 6:30

### Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Jim Linkous  
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
540-980-5433  
www.facebook.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

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Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible  
Classes, 7 p.m.

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www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org  
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Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,  
Service 11 a.m.  
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.



**Thornspring United Methodist Church**  
5670 Thornspring Church Rd.  
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-2927

**First Baptist Church**  
5473 Baskerville Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Wallis Brown  
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**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**  
5331 New Dublin Church Road  
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**Community Christian Church**  
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Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman  
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

**Pulaski Church of God**  
1621 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Donald Jones  
540-980-8880  
www.pulaskicog.church  
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

**Aldersgate United Methodist**  
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Pastor Becky Wheeler  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
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Worship Service: 11:00am

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www.fwcpulaski.church

**Pulaski First Church of the Brethren**  
1749 Newbern Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
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Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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Pastor: Julie Armbrister  
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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  
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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth  
Group - 7 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**  
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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.

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Pastor: Allen Harman  
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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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boundaries He has established.

Our Churches of today are given the duty and the responsibilities by God to preach and teach the truths of God, and the necessity to live within the boundaries that have been set up by God. God is going to hold those responsible who ignore the boundaries that He has established.

There are some church organizations who are ordaining homosexual ministers. God must be highly angry with such sinful actions by churches who claim to be living by the word of God. The Pope recently said He was the head of the Church. Christ is the real head of the Church and we in the Church are members of His body, the body of Christ. We are living in a crazy mixed up world. Some are violating the boundaries of God and are going to be judged for it.

Verse 5. "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard and wonder marvelously, for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you."

God was telling Habakkuk to turn his gaze in a different direction. Instead of dwelling on the injustices and wickedness in Judah, he should be patient and trust God to act. Habakkuk had complained that the Lord was doing nothing to stop the evil that was going on in Judah. But the Lord declared that He was about to stop it. That He was about to do a marvelous and astounding work. It would be such a work that Habakkuk would hardly be able to believe. God took His hand off of wicked Judah and they were defeated and enslaved in Babylon for 70 Years.

God doesn't change, but God change things. If we only look at all of the problems that are in the world, it will be discouraging. But if we have faith in God, and trust God to right the wrongs of the world, then we can have victory over discouragement. The just shall live by faith.

God has always blessed America. He has protected America for 244 years from our enemies. But sad to say many in our great Nation are now ignoring or changing the boundaries that God has set up for us to observe in the Bible. And if America doesn't repent of their sins, and turn back to God, I'm afraid that God will remove His hand of protection from America and America will fall as both Northern and Southern Israel fell because of their sins. We as Christians should be living by faith and praying and believing God for a revival to sweep our nation that will turn hearts back to God. Until then, the just shall live by faith.

# Bible Trivia


1. Is the book of Obadiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 9, after Jesus healed a paralyzed man, what did the man pick up and carry home? Brother, Bed, Mother, Cart
3. What is the largest number phrase specifically mentioned (described) in the Bible? Scores upon scores, One hundred thousand, Thousand thousand, Thousands of millions  
ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Bed; 3) Thousands of millions (Genesis 24:60)

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

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# Work is a part of God’s plan for our lives

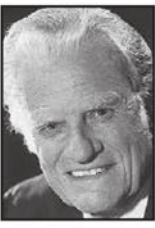
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: I was contemplating an early retirement before COVID-19 hit, but after being home for months I wonder if it is the best thing to do. -- E.R.**

A: A pilot and his wife had traveled the world and began to think about a retirement haven, and actually bought a cottage in a place they believed they would enjoy for years. The couple put their house up for

sale and began the journey into a new way of life.

They lived it up: long walks beside the crashing waves, the easygoing life of a small town, the freedom to set their own schedules and do whatever they wanted. Everything was exactly the way they had always envisioned it. This was living at its best! By the fifth week, however, unease began to creep over them, and they knew they had made a mistake. Watching the waves crash against the rocks wasn't enough to fill the



My Answer

Billy Graham

void left by their former lives 1,200 miles away.

After their few weeks of rest, frequenting all the restaurants, coffee shops, and stores began to lose its charm. "Is this all

we're going to be doing for the next 20 or 30 years?" they asked. "What were we thinking to leave our children and grandchildren?" They were fortunate that the home they had lived in for 30 years had not yet sold, so they packed their belongings and returned home. The airline executive took on a part-time consulting job with his former company and commented, "I thought I was ready for retirement, but I just didn't think it through."

Work is a part of God's plan

for our lives. The Bible says that whatever we do, do it all for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31). We need to pray about every decision in life because God desires to guide and direct us in all things.



This Saturday kicks off the biggest shopping season of the year. Don't panic! Just because this year looks different doesn't mean it can't still be good, we just have to incorporate some modifications.

The SHOP SMALL PULASKI campaign kicked off in Pulaski County on Friday, November 20th and it will run through December 16th. What does that mean for small businesses like yours? Shoppers can earn entry tickets to a \$1000 grand prize by shopping at participating local businesses!

If you're a small business, I found a great article that gives tips on how to prepare for this season.

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## Kirby Completes Doctor of Chiropractic Program at Sherman

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Robyn Kirby of Pulaski, VA, was one of twenty-four students from around the world who received the doctor of chiropractic degree from Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, SC, on September 19, 2020. The 137th commencement ceremony was Sherman College's first ever virtual commencement; the program premiered on the college's Facebook and YouTube platforms and featured award presentations, speeches, and a photo presentation of the graduates.

The doctor of chiropractic program at Sherman College requires students to complete approximately 4,600 hours (14 quarters) of classroom and lab-



### Down To Business

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#### Business

5. Go old-school with flyers or mailers
6. Offer a special discount or promotion
7. Collaborate with other nearby businesses
8. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce
9. Follow best practices for a safe environment
10. Create blog posts targeting keywords

They had some great ideas. Here is the link to the entire article by Brett Farmiloe: 10 Small Business Saturday® Marketing Tips.

We got this! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

## Celebrity

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conviction.

In the series adaptation, Wright's story is told through a character named Aaron Wallace, played by actor Nicholas Pinnock. Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson plays a violent inmate named Cassius. He not only acts in the drama, he's an executive producer.

Season two debuted this November and airs on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. ET on ABC. In real life, after his release from prison, Isaac Wright Jr. went on to earn his law degree and still practices to this day.

Send me your questions at

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com,  
or write me at KFW5, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

# Don't let money fights steal joy

Dear Dave,

My husband and I usually have a few disagreements around the holidays when it comes to Christmas spending. Do you have any advice for eliminating this kind of thing, and making the financial side of Christmas a little less stressful?

Kellie

Dear Kellie,

I imagine every couple has a few disagreements over Christmas spending. The trick is in how you handle them, and come to a compromise you each feel is fair, smart, and affordable.

One of the keys is to start talking before you start shopping. Being on the same page—and creating a plan and sticking to it—are great ways to bring peace and togetherness into the picture. Honestly, Christmas spending can be part of your monthly cash flow plan the whole year. Get the picture? I'm talking about living on a written, monthly budget. You know Christmas is December 25th every, single, year, so why not set aside a little each month leading up to the holidays?

If you haven't planned ahead, now is a great time to become a unified team. Huddle up, not only to talk about Christmas priorities, but devise a game plan moving forward so that this doesn't happen again next year.



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Together, figure all your regular monthly income and expenses into a budget. If you've saved anything at all for Christmas, include that, as well. We've all got necessities, so take of those first. Then, make a general list of everything you'd like to spend money on for Christmas—I'm talking about the things we often overlook like food, cards, party expenses, and decorations. Now, make a gift list. Write a dollar amount beside each name or expense on your lists, and if the grand total is the same as—or less than—your Christmas budget total, you're ready to roll!

If you can't agree, or the num-

bers don't work, run through things again. This doesn't mean to repeat your positions until you get what you want. It means both of you acting like mature, responsible adults, finding some middle ground, and making sacrifices. If you really want to show your commitment, you and your spouse can sign your new budget. Signing your name is a simple, psychological signal that means you're committed to your agreement. Then, post it somewhere you'll both see it regularly.

Give it a try, Kellie. It just might help reinforce your commitment to the budget—and each other—when the shopping frenzy sets in!

—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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