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Trump, Gade are the big winners in county

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

While election results are still up in the air nationally, things are settled in Virginia, even though the last absentee mail ballots aren't being counted until today (Friday).

Former Vice President Joe Biden won Virginia with 54 percent of the vote over President Donald Trump (44.5%) and Libertarian candidate Jo Jorgensen (1.5%).

As of Tuesday night, Biden had captured 2,286,406 votes in Virginia to Trump's 1,896,101 and Jorgensen's 62,220.

In the U.S. Senate race, incumbent Sen. Mark Warner, D won with 56 percent of the vote

(2,332,363 votes) to Republican challenger Daniel Gade's 44 percent (1,856,394 votes).

Republican Morgan Griffith, R won re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives for the Ninth District with 270,580 votes. He was unopposed.

On the Constitutional Amendments:

Question 1 (Establishment of a Redistricting Commission) was approved by a vote of: Yes – 2,455,403; No – 1,278,308.

Question 2 (Property tax exemption for disabled veterans) Yes – 3,270,378; No – 533,412

Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith won his election on Tuesday with 13,074 votes.

Griffith, who was appointed

Commonwealth's Attorney after former prosecutor Mike Fleenor was named a judge in the 27th Circuit, took office on July 1. Previously he had served as Fleenor's chief deputy. Griffith now will serve the final three years of Fleenor's term.

He was running unopposed on the ballot, however, he faced a late write-in challenge after a group of citizens promoted Dublin attorney Angi Simpkins for election in a write-in effort. Only 858 people cast write-in ballots on Tuesday, and not all of those were for Simpkins.

"One of the greatest freedoms in this country is a person's ability to vote," Griffith said in a

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Dublin's Jones family are military to their core

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

If the Hallmark Channel ever produced a movie with a military theme, the Jones family could write the script.

Recently relocated to Pulaski County, retired WWII Army Corpsman Richard L. Jones; his son, retired Navy G4 Gunner Mate/GMG3 Rich Jones, and daughter-in-law, retired Navy/National Guard/Army Reservist Sarah Jones have traveled the world; but have chosen Dublin as their new home.

"We were looking for a start-over," explains Rich, "and interestingly, we moved from Dublin, PA

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to Dublin, VA. It's confused our friends," he laughs.

Sarah is more pragmatic and adds, "Dublin is half-way between our families. My family lives in Atlanta and Rich's family still lives in the Pittsburgh area." But they both agree, "We can't think of a

more beautiful place to be than Dublin."

Richard Jones, who will be 96 in January 2021, entered the military during WWII as an Army Corpsman in Atlantic City, NJ where he met his future wife.

"The best thing that ever happened to me was that I met my wife Regina (Reggie) in Atlantic City where she was the secretary to Col. Martin at the U.S. Army Hospital. I thought she was the most beautiful woman I ever met."

They were married for 56 years and, although she is deceased, Richard still carries Reggie's picture in his wallet.

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post-election statement.

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"I am so thankful for the support in the community and everyone in our office. In addition, in this trying time for law enforcement officers, their support for me was simply overwhelming.

I will always seek justice and do what is right. If we do not maintain justice, justice will not maintain us. We are blessed," Griffith said.

President Donald Trump easily carried Pulaski County with a total of 12,066 votes to former Vice President Joe Biden's 4,882. Jorgensen had 273 in the county.

The last batch of votes for president reported on election night and included in those numbers were made up of early in-person votes and those voting by mail absentee. Those voters went solidly for the president, 5,253 to 3,515.

President Trump won Wythe County with 11,717 votes to Biden's 3,135 and Jorgensen's 169.

In Radford, President Trump lost to Biden, 3,330 to 2,773. Jor-

gensen tallied 143.

In the U.S. Senate race, Gade easily won Pulaski County with 11,148 votes to Warner's 5,893.

In Wythe County, Gade also easily won with 10,769 to Warner's 4,037.

In Radford, Warner won the more Democrat-leaning city with 3,523 to Gade's 2,675.

In the Ninth District Congressional race, Rep. Morgan Griffith, running unopposed, gained 13,788 votes in Pulaski County, 12,283 in Wythe County and 4,220 in Radford.

Both constitutional amendments were supported by voters in Pulaski and Wythe County and Radford City – by big margins.

Council hears more on Martin home situation

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski Town Council heard more Wednesday evening from the family of Gary Martin, a long-time former town employee who recently received an eviction notice from the town.

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

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

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

On Wednesday his daughter, Amanda approached council with information on what she said were two scenarios she had discussed with Interim Town Manager Darlene Burcham.

Those scenarios include purchasing a portion of the town's property where her father's home is located or moving the double-wide to another location within the town or county.

She presented the information – along with a petition signed by supporters of Martin – to Burcham at the end of the meeting.

Martin said her family had measured an area around her father's home which they feel would be a reasonably sized area to seek to purchase from the town.

She also included information on one location in town they may be able to move his double-wide to if the purchase of the town's property is not possible. She also included information on two other properties in the county.

Martin said her family did not know how long it might take to move the home to either of those sites.

Martin added her family had spoken with the owner of land behind her father's home. She said the landowner feels he could let the Martins construct a driveway through his property to give access to Martin's home, which would eliminate the need to cross town property to access the home.

Council and Burcham urged Martin to continue to keep in contact with the town on her progress to come up with solutions to the situation that council can consider. They also urged her to approach a surveyor now to survey the property they wish to purchase from the town, as local surveyors are very busy right now.

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Veterans

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Richard said the first time he saw her he thought, "That's the girl for me!" Unfortunately, Reggie didn't agree and turned down his request for a date a dozen times. However, when Richard showed up at a party with one of Reggie's friends, she changed her mind.

"We went steady for three years when I was deployed to France, Italy and Ardennes where the decisive WWII Battle of the Bulge was fought. It was the coldest winter in history there and the terrain was hilly and heavily forested," he recalls. The "bulge" refers to the wedge that the Germans drove into the Allied lines, trying to split the British troops away from the Americans.

Although Richard wasn't attached to a division, as a Corpsman, he went wherever the Army Hospital 238 was located, much like a M.A.S.H. unit. He served in Europe for three years and was discharged from the Army from the Valley Forge Hospital.

"Reggie and I were immediately married on January 9, 1946. We lived in Atlantic City, for seven years, then moved to Levittown, PA where I worked for Fairless Works Steel Mill for 33 years. Since I was the only one who had a chemistry background, I worked in the metallurgy department as a Specific Analyst; making sure the steel met all required specifications. They mixed it by the trainload and we had to match the specifications to each order," Richard remarks.

Richard and Reggie bought a house for \$100 down and a monthly payment of \$59 and started a family. Rich remarks that his father's generation didn't talk about the war when they returned home. "It was really interesting with his generation. They came home, took off the uniform and were done."

While serving in the military, Richard had earned several medals which he never received including the Bronze Star. Sarah, whose sister Martha Rainvill is a two-star General in the U.S. Air Force, arranged for Richard to be awarded the Bronze Star last summer. In a ceremony held in their home, Martha's husband, Paul McHale Jr., former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, awarded the Bronze Star to Richard.

Another medal, the French Le-



Wedding day photo of U.S. Army Corpsman Richard L. Jones and his wife, Regina (Reggie). They were married 56 years until her death.

gion of Honor, is scheduled to be awarded at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. when the embassy reopens in the near future.

"My father was a 32-year Navy Veteran, so I grew up on Naval bases," said Sarah. "He stayed in the military until his retirement and recommended that I join the military to get an education and become an officer. He knew I wouldn't be happy just as an enlisted person."

"In my generation, there was something about not wanting to have your parents support you when you became an adult," explained Sarah.

"All branches of the military had great rewards for those who served. I realized that if I could stay in the military until I retire, I could get my education paid for, have excellent health care benefits, travel and become a teacher. It seemed like the best of both worlds. It wasn't a short-term plan for me when I joined the Navy in 1974," she stated.

Sarah's father also had a home business as a TV repairman and she used to help him as he worked on the TV's. Undoubtedly, her father's influence helped her decision to go into the Navy's Electronics Tech

School.

"Rich and I met at boot camp and we became good friends. When I was in Orlando, the summer was too hot to do much physical activity on the parade ground, so I took classes. I stepped out of the barracks to go to my first class and didn't see any other women; but Rich walked across the sidewalk and said he remembered me from boot camp. We ended up in the same basic electricity and electronics classes. It was me and 99 men," she recalls.

Sarah and Rich both were assigned to Miramar Military Base where she worked on the air strip/tactical air. They married other people and life happened for 44 years. During that extended time, Sarah left active duty because of a health issue, but continued in the reserve and rose to the rank of Petty Officer 3rd class. She returned



WWII Veteran Richard Jones displaying medals he has been awarded during his military service.

to school and received her B.S. Education degree. From there, she taught school in New Jersey and was recruited as an active reservist in the National Guard in 1980. In 1983, she switched from the National Guard to U.S. Army Reserve where she made 1st Lieutenant.

In 1989, Sarah moved to Belgium and into forward deployed Army Reserve units serving at a NATO base. She retired as a Quartermaster Captain in 1989. Later, she taught children of U.S. Servicemen at a Department of Defense School (as civil service personnel) until June of 2019. While in Europe, she toured on a Harley Davidson motorcycle, visiting where there were military bases and historic military sites.

Sarah was surprised when in March of 2018, Rich got in touch with her through Facebook. He asked her, "Do you remember me ... 44 years later?" and since they still felt warmly toward each other, they courted for over a year; then married in April 2019.

"I grew up in suburbia, living the 1960's - 1970's American version of Ozzie and Harriet," Rich Jones said. I chose the Navy in 1974 to get the GI Bill benefits, plus continuing education and it has worked out for me. After boot camp and Miramar, I served for 2 years, got deployed to Beirut, Lebanon where I was injured and that ended my active duty career as a

G4 Gunner Mate/GMG3.

"For the next 10 years I worked as a tool and die maker, but didn't see it as a future. It was very stressful working to atomic tolerances."

Some of Rich's friends had construction businesses so he started doing renovations, eventually becoming a painting contractor.

Now living in Pulaski County, all three of them are retired from the military ... but not retired from life.

All three visit American Legion Post 7 in Pulaski.

Sarah is working on several writing projects including a mystery novel.

Rich raises seeing eye dogs for TheSeeingEye.org group located in Morristown, NJ. Their mission is to enhance the independence, dignity and self-confidence of people who are blind through the use of specially trained Seeing Eye (TM) dogs.

Richard, who now lives with Rich and Sarah, has an incredibly sharp memory, and enjoys sharing his formula for a happy life: "Get the right mate! The Lord provided me with my wife of 56 years and we never had a major fight. I can honestly tell you ... we made a pact to never go to bed mad at each other. If we had a disagreement, we'd sit and listen to each other. Eventually, we'd forget what the fight was about, kissed and went to sleep."

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CHARLES EDMOND COX
 Charles Edmond Cox, age 63 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, October 29, 2020 at his home. Born July 21, 1957 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Edward Andrew Cox & Zelda Davis Cox. Two brothers, Dennis Cox, Rodney Cox and sister, Susie Taylor also preceded him in death. He is survived by his Wife - Vanessa Cox - Pulaski Children - Brandy Cox - Wytheville, Brandon Alley - Dublin Mother-in-law - Ila Marshall - Pulaski Grandchildren - Dylan Alley, Riley Alley, Conner Alley Brother - Wesley Cox - Pulaski Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, November 5, 2020 at the Cox Family Cemetery (Cox Hollow Road-Pulaski). To sign Charles's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



LEBRON HOWARD FINN, JR.
 Lebron Howard Finn, Jr., age 56 of Dublin passed away Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at his home. Born January 20, 1965 in Pulaski County he was the son of the late Lebron Howard Finn, Sr. & Mary Sue Collins Finn. His sister, Lisa Kay Bowles also preceded him in death. He is survived by his Sister & Brother-in-law - Wes & Mary Ann Largen - Dublin Brother-in-law- Mike Bowles-Pembroke Nephews - Scott & Crystal Largen, Clay & Jean Bowles Niece - Kayla & Andrew Gulsler Great Nephew - Landyn Bowles, James Dove Per his wishes services will be private at a later date. To sign his online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



AARON JEFFERSON MCPEAK, SR.
 Aaron Jefferson McPeak, Sr., 89, of Radford, VA passed away on October 28, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, David Houston McPeak and Maude Virginia Rupe McPeak; by his brothers, Daniel, Harold, James, Henry, Kern and Cloyd, and by his sisters Roberta Sebresos and Alma DeCosta. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Annie Mary Mabry McPeak; his children, Sandra Phillips (Danny) of Buda, TX, Gwen George (Mathew) of Salem, VA, Aaron J. (Jeff) Jr. of Radford, and Rita Rochelle Abate (Kenny) of Radford, VA; 10 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Clifford E. McPeak (Theresa) of Moonachie, NJ and his sister, Norma Miller (Orville) of Dublin, VA. He served honorably with the Seventh U.S. Army, 4th Surgical Hospital near Stuttgart, Germany, during the Korean Conflict. He was due to ship out the next day to Korea, when the Armistice was signed. He was happy to run into his brother, Clifford (Elwood) in Germany, not knowing his brother had been stationed there. He worked at many places over his lifetime, but chiefly at Inland Motor and Federal Mogul. He had a strong work ethic and was happiest when working in the yard or making repairs about the home. He came from a long line of family members who were defined by their charisma, their vitality, courage, strength and their sheer will to survive. He will leave a void in our lives that no one can replace. Family private funeral services were held Monday, November 2, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. To sign his online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Arrangements are handled by Bower Funeral Chapel, Pulaski, VA.



ARDEETH CLAIRE GRANT GARAY
 Ardeeth Claire Grant Garay, age 82 of Hillsville passed away Saturday, October 31, 2020 at the Commonwealth Assisted Living Facility in Hillsville, VA. Born August 21, 1938 in Alabama she was the daughter of the late Simon Peter Grant & Shirley Mae Ponder Grant. Her husband, Steve Louis Garay, son; Kenneth Early Garay, brother; Bud Grant and sister; Eva Cunningham also preceded her in death. She is survived by her Children Steve Louis Garay, Jr. & Audrey - Vinton Linda Stowers-Stoots & Jr. - Woodlawn 5 Grandchildren 11 Great Grandchildren Brother Dan Grant & Glenda - Alabama Sister Jean Grant - Alabama Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at the Newbern Cemetery. To sign her online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



BARBARA SUE QUESENBERRY COX
 Barbara Sue Quesenberry Cox, a resident of Hiwassee, Virginia for nearly 80 years and bride of Mark Stephen Cox, Sr. for 54 years has joined her husband in the lands beyond the River of Jordan. She will be laid to rest at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in the spring when the birds return and the daffodils are in bloom. She will eternally live on in the hearts and minds of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May she find peace, happiness and good health on her journey. Amen.

JOAN POOLE GRIFFITH O'DELL
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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)
We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8 (KJV)
 On 10-28-2020 Joan Poole Griffith O'Dell, 80 of Pulaski went Home to be with her Saviour. The daughter of the late James Kermit Poole and Carrie Poole. She is survived by her devoted husband James Richard O'dell. Preceded in death by son L. Lee Griffith Jr., daughter Deborah Griffith Aliff, brother, Charles Poole, and sister Mary-Ann Widner, and stepson Allen O'Dell. Survived by sister Shelby Gibson, husband Jerry, brother-in-law Roger O'Dell, wife Sherry, Larry

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LINDA LOUISE FARLEY COLE
 Linda Louise Farley Cole, age 72 of Max Meadows passed away Monday, November 2, 2020 at the Radford Health and Rehab Center. Born July 26, 1948 in Pulaski County she was the daughter of the late Levi V. Farley & Margerite Claytor Farley. Her brother, Donald Farley, sisters; Norma Quesenberry, Carol Sheets and two brothers; Doug Quesenberry and Billy Sheets also preceded her in death. She is survived by her Husband of 48 years Victor Ray Cole - Pulaski Children Ronald Ray Cole - Max Meadows Tammy (John) Spiker - Max Meadows Grandchildren - Robert Terhune, Cory Ratcliffe, Kirsty Spiker, Amber Spiker & Jonathan Cole Great Grandson - Emory Woodrum Sister - Phyllis (Walter Glen) Kennedy - Dublin Graveside funeral services will be held 9:00 AM - Friday, November 6, 2020 at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin with Rev. Richie Goad officiating. To sign Linda's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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O'Dell, wife Linda, sister-in-law Sharon Crawford. Son James A Griffith, wife Kathy, daughter Teresa G. Coleman, husband Mike, step-daughter Rhonda O'Dell, stepsons Timothy O'Dell and Todd O'Dell. Grandchildren Michael Coleman II, wife Kim, Joshua Coleman, wife Christie, Justin Griffith, wife Rebecca, Amanda Griffith, Tyler Griffith, and Noah Aliff. Great grandchildren McKenzie Coleman, Garrison Coleman, Rylan Coleman, Michael Coleman III, Khloe Ochoa, Easton Griffith, Genieve Griffith, Jedidiah Coleman, Max Ochoa, Sawyer Griffith. Several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, October 31, 2020 from the Max Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in the Sunset Cemetery, 501 S. Franklin St., Christiansburg.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

RUBY ALBERT KIMBLETON

Ruby Albert Kimbleton, 87, passed away Monday, October 26, 2020 at her home in Dublin.

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

ROSIE LANG CRESSELL

Rosie Lang Cressell, 101, of Fairlawn, passed away Saturday, October 31, 2020.

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Supervisors refocus scholarship to COVID-19

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has refocused this year's Lead Through Service Scholarship to award two Pulaski County High School graduating seniors who have demonstrated leadership through serving their community during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's top competitive scholarship will be in the amount of \$10,000.00 and will consider what contributions, impacts, and efforts students have made to respond to and safely mitigate the effects COVID-19 has had on the physical, mental and/or financial health of the community. The Board will also be awarding a graduating senior a second place scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00.

"The priority of Pulaski County's most prestigious scholarship continues to be the fostering of future local leaders and the bolstering of service to the community, but this year an emphasis will be given to students who have given of their time and talents to make a meaningful difference in this unique time of need," stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "It's not only important that we find ways to reward the contributions made in our community by these young leaders, but to raise awareness of how important their involvement is to the health and overall future of our County. We need all hands and hearts engaged to help bring this County through these challenging times, and this is why we are sincerely embracing our most valuable resource, our students."

The competitive scholarships will be awarded to two graduating Pulaski County High School seniors who demonstrated leadership through serving his or her community during the COVID-19 pandemic and ultimately plans to continue to contribute to the community upon completion of their formal education. The applicants must have made meaningful contributions and brought about a positive impact in response to and mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic in Pulaski County and/or throughout the NRV from

March 1, to December 30, 2020. The annual scholarships will be in the amount of \$10,000.00 for first place and \$2,500.00 for second place and both can be utilized at any two- or four-year institution or technical degree program.

The annual competitive scholarship has been funded personally by each individual member of the Board of Supervisors as well as the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator and certain County staff who share in this vision for leadership development. This year's scholarships will be funded through the CARES Act. The members of the Board of Supervisors are as follows: Mr. Joseph Guthrie, Chair, Mr. Charles Bopp, Vice-Chair,

Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. John Travis, and Mr. Dirk Compton. The County Administrator is Mr. Jonathan D. Sweet and the Assistant County Administrator is Mr. Anthony Akers.

The first Lead Through Service Scholarship was awarded to Ms.

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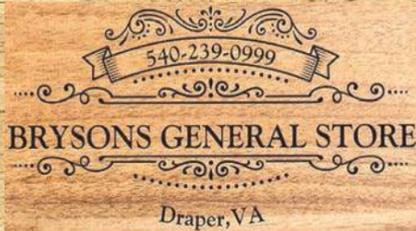
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Protecting Our Interests From China

The nineteenth century British statesman Lord Palmerston once defended his foreign policy by declaring, "We have no eternal allies, and we have no perpetual enemies. Our interests are eternal and perpetual, and those interests it is our duty to follow."

His words should be heeded today. When the policies of the past no longer align with the realities of today, they must be reevaluated.

Certainly, the American relationship with the People's Republic of China demands a reevaluation.

For decades, American leaders promoted closer ties with China and avoided censure of its Communist rulers. This approach was guided by the belief that China's incorporation into global institutions and markets would encourage the governing Chinese Communist



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

Party (CCP) to act more responsibly and in line with our values.

This approach may have seemed reasonable when it was first adopted,

but experience has discredited it.

Over four decades of a normalized relationship have not resulted in a freer, more open China. On the contrary, the CCP routinely exploits its relationships with Western countries to enrich itself and promote its own power while still engaging in abhorrent human rights practices.

Late last year, I heard testimony in the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health about our worrisome dependence on China for pharmaceutical products. As of August 2019, a significant percentage of active pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturers supplying the U.S. market were based in China.

For particular drugs, the percentage made in China can be vastly higher. For example, the country provides nearly 80 percent of the world's supply of the blood thinner heparin. It developed a stranglehold on the world's supply of penicillin after a sustained effort to put manufacturers of the antibiotic in other countries out of business.

A subsequent, separate hearing of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations focused on some of the problems that come with this dependence on China for pharmaceutical products. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducts inspections of foreign sites that manufacture drugs to be exported here. One story was brought to my attention of an inspector and her translator at a northeastern China site who were locked in a conference room for over an hour. This imprisonment prevented the inspection from taking place.

When eventually inspected, the plant was found to be skipping tests of its products and ingredients and omitting cleaning procedures. The incident was an extreme but indicative example of concerns about poor quality, corruption, and lack of transparency in the parts of the drug supply chain under Chinese control.

The pharmaceutical industry is far from the only one that depends too much on China. Critical minerals are essential to many advanced technologies, including those important to national defense. China dominates the supply of these minerals and has not been afraid to use them as leverage in the past; in 2010, after an incident at sea between the two countries, China limited its export of rare earth elements to Japan.

The CCP's economic aggression is accompanied by repression and human rights abuses.

When the United Kingdom ceded Hong Kong to China in 1997, China committed to upholding the policy of "one country, two systems," exercising sovereignty over the territory but respecting the legal and free market institutions and norms it had developed.

But over the past year and a half in particular, the CCP has sought to strip away the liberties enjoyed by the people of Hong Kong. A national security law enacted on June 30 enables Beijing to silence dissent and empower its security agencies in Hong Kong. The law has chilled what had recently been a vocal protest movement for freedom.

The CCP has also oppressed minorities such as the Uyghurs of China's western regions. Its tools of tyranny include internment camps, forced sterilization, and mass surveillance. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has rightfully called this campaign "the stain of the century."

It is no longer reasonable to think that China's Communist rulers will adopt our values. Accommodating them has only weakened our standing in the world.

Our national interests demand a different approach, one that protects our economic interests, diversifies our supply chains or brings them back to the United States, and calls out CCP violations of international agreements and human rights.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Who wants to be president?

"Let me now take a more comprehensive view and warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of (political) party generally. This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind... The alternate dominion of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism (a cruel absolute power). But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism."

-President George Washington regarding the "spirit of party" from his Farewell Speech

Without a doubt, George Washington is one of our nation's greatest Presidents. Because of his strength of character, honesty and patriotism, the office of the President of the United States was granted such great powers. The Founders, aware

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By Danielle Reid

of Washington's character, when forming our government, hoped that succeeding Presidents would follow his example.

Elections during our earliest Constitutional period were not sponsored by political parties. Rather, the individual who received the most votes became the President and the individual who received less votes became the Vice-President.

Unfortunately, during our era, there are those individuals who would do anything to gain the recognition and power of being President of the United States. We have witnessed individuals

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Biden is targeting a great industry

Joe Biden wants to take one of the great American success stories of the past several decades and drive it into the ground.

He would turn his back on the stupendous wealth represented by proven reserves of oil and gas in this country.

Rather than focusing on producing cheap, abundant energy -- a key ingredient to human progress through all of human history -- he'd embark on the fool's errand of trying to adjust the world's thermostat 80 years from now.

After a 50-year effort to diminish our reliance on Middle Eastern oil, which has miraculously happened at last, Biden would force the U.S. to transition to solar and wind, industries currently dependent on Chinese supply chains.

Whereas California has embraced the radical goal of a carbon-free electrical grid by 2045 (and has drastically increased the price of energy in the state already), Biden has seen and raised the Golden State by embracing a goal of 2035. All this was underlined by Biden's statement at the end of the last debate that he wants to transition from oil.

It's a funny time to want to kneecap oil and gas. Proven reserves of natural gas in the U.S. are higher than ever before, thanks to American-made technological innovations. A couple of years ago the U.S. surpassed Russia and Saudi Arabia in crude oil production. In recent years, petroleum and natural gas exports have been increasing. And, of course, the rise of natural gas has cut U.S. carbon emissions.

This should be considered a national strength to be built on, not a national shame to be put on a glide path to extinction. Fossil fuels are a tremendously useful source of energy, and no hope about renewables can obscure that reality.

In 2019, petroleum, natural gas and coal accounted for 80% of overall energy consumption in the United States, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration. Renewables made up only 11%, and biomass made up only 11%, of the bulk of that came from wind (wood and biofuels) and hydroelectric. Despite being heavily subsidized, wind and solar, combined, were responsible for only about a third of our renewable energy.

The oil and gas industry should also be prized as a source of good American jobs. Earnings range from about \$137,000 a year for petroleum engineers to roustabouts at \$44,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The idea that we are going to transition to wind and solar painlessly is a fantasy. Germany has been spending tens of billions of dollars a year trying to make this happen. Its renewable energy program has doubled the cost of energy, while fossil fuels still account for about 80% of its energy supply.

If we think eschewing fossil fuels is going to convince other countries to do the same, we

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Wrong Again

Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

The pollsters got it wrong again. Some claimed going into Tuesday's election that Joe Biden had an unbeatable margin of 17 points in some states. Pundits claimed Republicans would lose between five and 15 seats in the House. It appears they've picked up a few. And because final results will not be known until states count mail-in votes and end their extended vote-counting processes, Republicans could pick up a few more.

Why do some continue to employ these pollsters who miss the "silent majority," or in this case "shy" Trump voters, many of whom refused to speak with or hung up on their robocalls? Some conservatives believe it is part of an effort by the Left to discourage conservative voters so they will give up and not bother to vote. Instead, they showed up in person and in huge numbers at polling places across the country.

Then there's the bad practice of calling races with a fraction of the vote counted. On Fox News Tuesday night one of the members on their "decision desk" was interviewed after Arizona was called for Biden with a small percentage of the votes counted, prompting howls from the Trump campaign and anger from some viewers. Why is this necessary? Some would argue, credibly, that the result can be to drive down voter turnout by discouraging people who might think Trump lost.

There's a golden oldies song and a movie with the same title that featured a fortune teller and potion mixer. The song and film were called "Love Potion Number 9." The fortune teller was named Madame Rue. I think I'll consult her before the next election. Her predictions might be more reliable than the ones by these failed pollsters.

This is -- because it isn't over -- another multi-billion-dollar election. Remember campaign finance reform? Gone with the wind. In Sen. Mitch McConnell's Kentucky election victory, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, nearly

\$100 million was contributed and spent. Much of that money came from people outside the state.

It was the same in South Carolina where incumbent Lindsey Graham won re-election in a hotly contested race. Graham joked that the \$107 million contributed to his opponent, Jaime Harrison, was a "bad investment."

A pipe break in Fulton County, Georgia, delayed voting. Could this be the "hanging chads" of the 2000 election in Florida? Will ballots be water damaged, making some of them unreadable, or questionable?

We need to reform the election process. Campaigning should be made shorter as they do in the United Kingdom. Their election season usually takes weeks, not years like ours. On Tuesday night, some anchors were already speculating who might run for president in 2024. Ridiculous.

The paper ballot -- even those scanned by machines when they work -- is a relic of the past. We live in a digital age. Why can't we vote digitally in a manner that would instantly confirm our votes and send them to a secure database? Having to wait days and possibly weeks to determine the next president reduces the credibility of our election process and makes us a laughingstock in the eyes of the rest of the world.

It would be the shame if this election winds up in the Supreme Court, widening the divide in our already fractured country. Many were hoping for a decisive outcome, whichever candidate won. It looks like we are not going to get it and the rancor, name-calling and demonstrations will continue.

It doesn't have to be this way. Who will step forward and call for meaningful reforms? I'm going to ask Madame Rue.

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

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OPEN FORUM

New middle school could be mystery building

To the Editor:

Have you seen the Pulaski County Middle School?

The new Pulaski County Middle School is a beautiful, state of the art facility, from all that I have read.

Unfortunately, the people of Pulaski County, myself included, agreed to spend 47 million dollars on a much needed facility that is not visible to the public without driving down the entrance road.

Heading South from Dublin to Pulaski on Rt. 11, you can see the North end of the building. Travelling North from Pulaski to Dublin you can see the 1st class ball fields. As you proceed further looking at the building structure, you cannot see the complete front door entrance due to improper landscaping. Continuing North all you can see is a line of shrubbery, trees and a dirt bank blocking the building from the public view, North and South.

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within a political party trying to manipulate and steal a national election, causing a national crisis. Such individuals, for personal gain, will not stop at attempting to manipulate the laws of the land as delineated in our Constitution. Rather they will impose the power of their party before the power of the people.

Washington had a lot to say about such individuals and such perverted political party spirit.

"The disorders and miseries which result (from the spirit of the political party) gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of public liberty."

This week the two leading national political parties have concluded their campaigns and we are awaiting the results of this contentious election. One wonders if any of them have read President Washington's Farewell Address ... and if so, if they will consider his sage advice.

"Without looking forward to an extremity of this kind (which nevertheless ought not to be entirely out of sight), the common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it." Washington continues:

"It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one party against another, foment occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which finds a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus, the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of

Lowry

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are fooling ourselves. Like in the United States, the industrial takeoff in China coincided with a jump in the use of coal. China is still building coal plants at a furious clip, and its already prodigious use of coal accounts for more than half of the world's total, according The Institute for Energy Research.

The Biden plan is an assault on American ingenuity and wealth, not to mention common sense. Now no one can say he wasn't warned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

In my opinion, this could be a security concern and obviously blocks the view of a facility the county should be proud to display.

Drive down Rt. 11 and evaluate the situation noted. Without the sign at the entrance, the building could be a mystery.

Look at our elementary and high school facilities, very much show cased thru proper landscape design and execution.

The problem could possibly be resolved using county labor and equipment. The trees and brush could be cut and hauled to the county dump. The dirt could mostly be dozed to a low area North of the building along Rt. 11 or offered to the public for fill dirt. The Hagan project might have need for fill dirt.

A forty seven million dollar facility, owned and paid for by county residents deserves to be properly displayed

Jim Peters
Pulaski, Va.

another country."

As our nation struggles to overcome the COVID-19 restrictions and regain its financial stability, we need to be united in our desire to rebuild America. Instead, we see the spirit of the party running rampant. Is there a possibility that if the spirit of party can delay our nation's economic recovery, that party will regain political control?

Once more, we look to President George Washington for advice:

"The unity of government which constitutes you one people is also now dear to you. It is justly so, for it is a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquillity at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize."

So, like in the TV broadcast, "Who Wants to be A Millionaire?" will we see our nation divided and destroyed by self-serving individuals whose political aspirations are motivated by the spirit of party? Or will we heed George Washington's profound advice and band together for the good of this great nation and its wonderful people?

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Pulaski County receives broadband deployment grant

October 29, 2020, Pulaski County was successful in applying for and receiving \$391,277.00 in grant funding from a Broadband Grant made available by the state through a portion of their federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding (CARES Act). This funding was part of \$30 million set aside for the specific purpose of improving broadband access in underserved localities for eligible projects that can be complete within the federal spending time constraint of December 30, 2020.

"One of the Board of Supervisors top priorities has been to bridge the digital divide that exists in the rural and topographically challenged portions of Pulaski County", stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "This grant funding will help us deploy much needed broadband services to homes in the Hiwassee and Snowville communities through fixed based wireless infrastructure, enhance our public safety communication relays, and also provide hotspot access to the public at both the Hiwassee and Snowville Fire Departments by the end of this year."

The project will use a private internet service provider to deliver accelerated broadband deployment and broadband infrastructure capable of delivering a minimum of 25Mbps/3Mbps to the Hiwassee and Snowville areas of Pulaski County that has low population density of approximately 30 persons per square mile and broadband connectivity challenges due to low Internet service availability. The identified project area has less than 10% of households with less than 10Mbps/1Mbps speeds. The project will effectively facilitate the rapid expansion and deployment of broadband networks to provide and improve service to the unserved

and underserved residents of the Hiwassee and Snowville area and will increase virtual and distance learning, telework, and telehealth capabilities needed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our County staff has worked hard to put together a solid plan, structure strategic partnerships and secure the essential funding to get internet service out to our citizens in this time of increased need", stated Joe Guthrie, Chair of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. "Utilizing nearly \$400,000 of grant funds and collocating the necessary infrastructure on community properties is real-

ly the only way a project like this would be economically and logistically possible. I again, commend the entire County Administration Team on their creative approach and skillful execution, and look forward to the benefits that will be reaped by the community from improving internet connectivity for so many of our citizens."

This project is expected to provide broadband deployment and service availability to approximately 900 residential serviceable units (approximately 2,050 individuals). The first two placements for the mobile units will be in the Little Creek and Draper areas.

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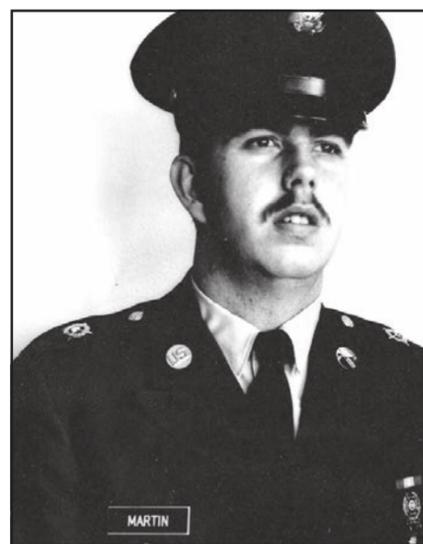
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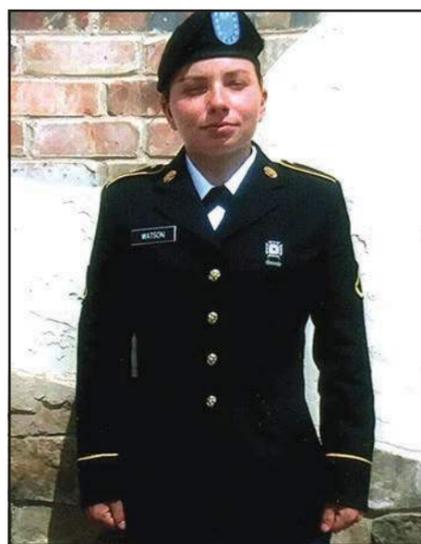
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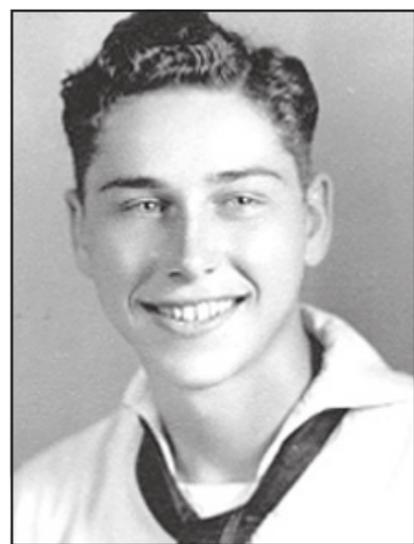
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1971-1973



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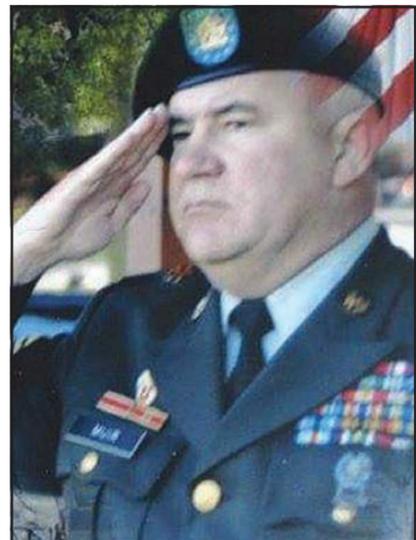
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Town of Pulaski Provides \$25,000 Grant To Daily Bread

Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins (left) presents Pulaski Daily Bread's Archie Boothe with a check for \$25,000 to help support the work of Daily Bread. According to the Town of Pulaski's Jordan Whitt, the money comes from Federal CARES Act money given to the town to help with its COVID-19 response. Also pictured are Daily Bread volunteers and its Director Debra Harrell. Boothe said the grant comes at a good time as the cost of providing take-out meals has taken its toll on the program's resources.

Mike Williams photo

PULSE

November 7

Randolph Ave. United Methodist Church to have Fall Festival

Randolph Ave. UMC will hold a Fall Festival Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. This event will be in drive thru pick-up format. Featuring Barbecue by 3 Leigh Barbecue: Barbecue sandwich \$5 with cole slaw on the side; can of soda, \$1; bottled water, \$1. The church is located at 1607 Randolph Ave., Pulaski.

Seventh Day Adventist to hold month long "Drive by Soup" event

The Pulaski Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 227 4th St. and Henry Ave., in Pulaski would like to announce their "Drive by Soup" event to be held every Saturday, in November beginning this Saturday, Nov. 7, 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. or until the soup is gone. Then again on Nov. 14, Nov. 21 and Nov. 28. Service time is the same on all Saturdays of Nov. 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.

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 to host 25 cent BINGO

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 Pulaski will host 25 cent BINGO on Saturday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Post home. The Post is located on the corner

of Dora Highway and Washington Ave.. Everyone is welcome.

November 15

Bluegrass Gospel event featuring Gate 10

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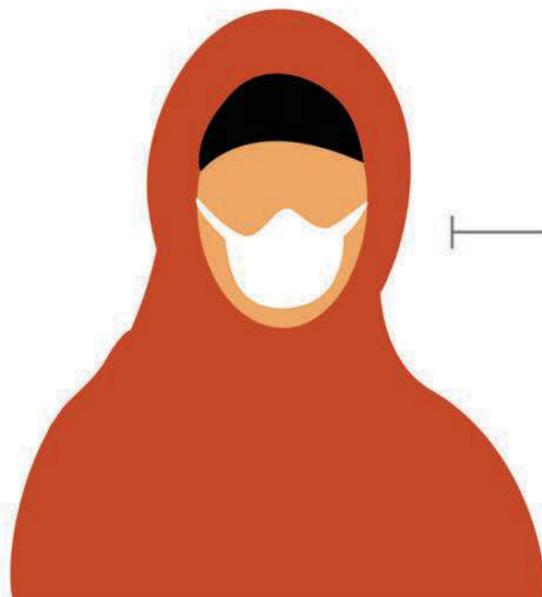
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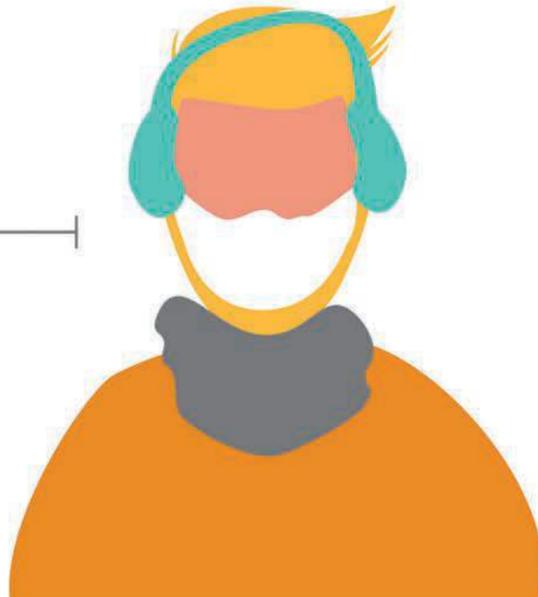
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Hokies pass halfway mark of season

By Jimmy Robertson
For Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech coach Justin Fuente and coordinators Justin Hamilton and Brad Cornelsen met with media members via video teleconference Tuesday morning and touched on an assortment of topics, as the Hokies recently concluded the halfway point of their season and now gear up for an interesting – and dangerous – nonconference match-up with unbeaten and No. 25 Liberty on Saturday.

The game pits Fuente against Liberty coach Hugh Freeze, and the two of them know each other well. While at Memphis, Fuente coached against Freeze on two occasions when Freeze was the head coach at Ole Miss. The two touch base from time to time, including most recently at a Nike clinic.

Freeze has quickly turned Liberty into a formidable opponent. In his debut season last year, the Flames went 8-5 and won the Cure Bowl, and this season, they are 6-0, with wins over Syracuse and Southern Miss.

"I'm not surprised, no," Fuente said. "He's at a place with resources, and he's been proven to be a more than capable football coach through his many, many stops. I'm not surprised at all."

The Hokies sit at 4-2 on the season, thanks to an offense that averages 290.2 yards rushing and 37.7 points per game. The Hokies rank first among Power 5 schools in rushing offense and fourth nationally, and they rank in the top 20 in scoring offense.

Here are some takeaways from the day's media teleconference:

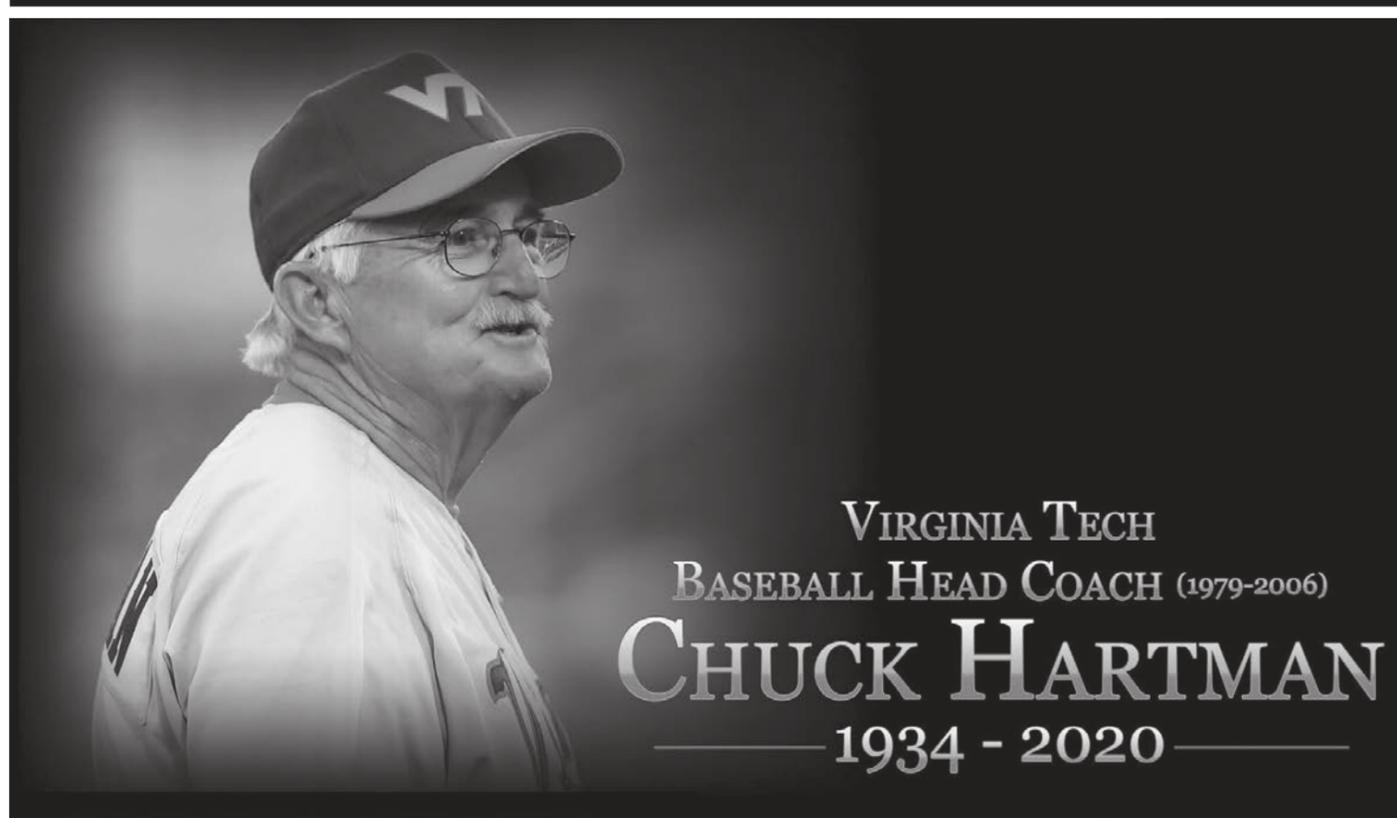
- Before the season kicked off, Fuente had planned on playing both Hendon Hooker and Braxton Burmeister at quarterback. But Burmeister hasn't played a snap in each of the past three games, and Hooker – given his 10-for-10 performance Saturday against Louisville – appears to have widened the gap between the two. Hooker moved to 8-3 as a starting quarterback at Tech with the Hokies' win Saturday at Louisville.

"There have been a lot of things happen that most people don't know about," Fuente said. "Obviously, Braxton's been dealing with things. It's just the way this season is, so we just take it week by week and keep going. With what information we had at the time, which seems like two years ago, but when we were starting the season, or thought we were starting the season, we announced that Hendon was going to start and Braxton was going to play and so on and so forth. Those were basically the best decisions we had at the time, and that's the way we'll keep doing. It's just you never really feel settled in 2020."

- Speaking of Hooker, the red-shirt junior would be in the top 25 nationally in individual passing efficiency provided he had enough passing attempts. Aside from a three-interception game at Wake Forest in a 23-16 loss, Hooker continues to impress the staff. He's completing 63.4% of his passes, with four touchdowns, and he leads the team with seven rushing touchdowns.

"Certainly, there's been some ups and downs, but that comes with the position a little bit," Cornelsen said. "He continues to compete. It's what he brought to us last year the most. He got out there and competed, and the element that he adds, kind of that X factor, with his athleticism and carrying the ball and breaking tackles and scrambling out of the pocket when things break down and breaking one tackle, he's continued to do that, which is huge. It's been a crazy year for

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Hokie Nation mourns loss of Hartman

By JIMMY ROBERTSON
For Hokiesports.com

Heaven gained a new skipper Monday evening.

Chuck Hartman, who oversaw the Virginia Tech baseball program for nearly three decades and who coached college baseball for nearly half a century, passed away at the age of 85 while living at a local assisted living facility. A hero, a gentleman, and a member of seven Halls of Fame, Hartman had been in poor health for quite some time.

Hartman's passing leaves an undeniable void in Hokie Nation. As a coach, he was an ace, and in his 2006 walk-off, he left as the all-time winningest coach in Virginia Tech history in any sport. He finished his career with 1,444 wins, including 961 in 28 seasons at Tech.

But Chuck Hartman was more than just wins on a baseball diamond. In baseball parlance, he was a five-tool person – a father figure, a disciplinarian, a professional, a mentor, and a friend. Hartman possessed an uncanny gift of knowing when to be each and did so with a magnetic charm and booming laugh that made him such an appealing figure. Everyone knew Chuck Hartman, and Chuck Hartman knew everyone, whether he actually did or not.

Gosh, Virginia Tech was so lucky to have him. He not only won games and championships

and sent guys to the pros, he and wife Ellen passionately supported the other sports. They rarely missed basketball games – probably a homage to Hartman's earlier days as a college basketball official – and often went to both softball and baseball games even after his retirement. He continued the tradition even after Ellen's passing in 2014.

They also contributed financially to Virginia Tech's student-athletes, giving more than \$100,000 in support of the Hokies over the years. Others may have given more money, but no one cared more.

That statement seems a touch ironic because Hartman never actually sought the job as Virginia Tech's baseball coach. In 1979, then-director of athletics Bill Dooley turned to his closer, Bill Matthews, to finish off the coaching search to replace Bob Humphreys, who had resigned in December of 1978. Matthews reached out to Hartman, then the coach at High Point, and Hartman told him "no" because Matthews wanted him to come in January. Hartman felt that was unfair to High Point and his players.

Matthews called him three more times, finally convincing Chuck and Ellen to come to Blacksburg for a visit. That persistence won out, and Hartman arrived in February, coaching in his first game three weeks later.

That was the first pitch of an unprecedented career – one with vic-



tories, championships, All-Americans, draft picks, and memories. His 1982 and 1985 teams won 50 games. In 1992, he became just the ninth baseball coach in Division I history to win 1,000 games. His 1994 team won the Metro Conference tournament and made the school's first NCAA regional appearance in 17 years. His teams won three Atlantic 10 tournament titles. His 1997, 1999 and 2000 teams all made NCAA appearances.

He coached 12 All-Americans and four first-round draft picks, in-

cluding Franklin Stubbs – arguably the best player to play for him.

And there were plenty of great moments. In 1985, a kid named "Pie" Webber hit a pinch-hit grand slam in the top of ninth to beat Louisville – and Webber entered the game hitting .191. In 1986, Tech rallied from a 10-run deficit against Liberty, winning on Trey McCoy's walk-off grand slam and capping one of the biggest comebacks in program history. Hartman's 1994 team won the Metro tournament

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Motor Mile Speedway releases 2021 schedule

The 2021 Motor Mile Speedway schedule has been released with some old favorites and many exciting additions. MMS opens on April 10th with reigning Champion Mike Looney looking to defend his title against what is stacking up as a very full field for 2021.

The FASS Big Rig Racing Series comes to town on May 1st and the schedule has a highlight on May 22nd with NASCAR Hall Of Fame inductee Rusty Wallace in the house. The ever popular Monster Trucks return on June 25th and 26th.

Kenny Wallace gets behind the wheel against the local stars on August 14th, followed by Championship Night September 11th and the Tour Of Destruction on September 18th.

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Advances of Archery Equipment

Archery deer season in our area is winding down and muzzleloader came in last Saturday the 31st. If you got a deer using a bow of the several options now available, you have to in some respects give credit to the progress the archery equipment that have come about over the last fifty years. The many advances to bows, arrows and related items has been phenomenal and I hope to touch on a few of them.

Archery is one of the oldest type of weapons going back to the stone age. Bows were pieces of wood fashioned in a bent shape with a string of fibers or sinew. The arrows were tipped with stone or bone and feathers attached to help the shafts to fly straight. The Ancient Egyptians were known to have used archery for hunting and warfare around 3,000 B.C. There were bows made by the ancient Persians that were the forerunner of composites of today. The weapon was constructed by using wood and horn laminated together using animal resin for glue. In the Middle Ages, long bows six feet or longer in length constructed of yew wood and shot a "yard-length" arrow capable of killing an enemy soldier where the narrow steel-tipped arrows could penetrate armor at distances of 200 yards. The Native American Indians used bows made of wood. The more powerful ones were made using wood with sinew backing. Some tribes constructed composite bows made from horn backed with sinew that could shoot an arrow completely through a buffalo. Arrowheads were of



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flint, bone or other hard stone and later copper and steel. The Arrows were most often fletched with feathers.

Most all youngsters growing up fifty years ago some experiences shooting the bow and arrow as I did. My dad even made me a bow of hickory and I purchased some cedar arrows that had metal tips and turkey feathers for fletching. I, in my later teenage years and into my adult life made bows using woods such as Osage orange and fiberglass backing. The arrows were made using purchased kits of round cedar shafts that I attached steel broadheads, feather fletching and plastic nocks that fit onto the bowstring. I later started purchasing fiberglass arrows that were manufactured by Fred Bear. They were a great improvement over wooden arrows that had broadhead tips that could have razor-inserts that kept them from hydroplaning as the plain broad tips that I had been using. They were still using turkey feathers as fletching, but this was soon to change.

Great improvements in bows have come about over the years and I have tried to stay with the flow. I purchased a com-

pound bow that was one with a complete bow with the cams that is much easier to draw. The advanced ones come with sight pins, stabilizers and hand release aids for the arrows. The arrows now are smaller diameter carbon with plastic vanes in lieu of the old feather type. Points are equipped with fold up broadheads that open up only on impact and thus reduce friction and drag. Crossbows are now the vogue as they are legal for all hunters. They are a great improvement over the crossbows that were used in Medieval times. Some models come with scopes that can cast bolts at over 400 fps.

Even the best bowhunters with the top of the line equipment have missed what were thought to be sure shots. Anyone that has engaged in bowhunting has experienced misses even at short distances. I mentioned the late-great Fred Bear and a recorded video showed him missing from a distance of around twenty yards at a grizzly he had been stalking.

The advances to better archery equipment over the last several years is in line with last day prophesy as noted in Daniel 12:4b KJV, "even to the time of the end: many will run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Over the last couple hundred years, riding on a swift horse was the fastest way to travel. We have moved from horses to railroads to autos to airplanes to space travel.

Until next Time

Redemption for Freeze part of wild ride for No. 25 Liberty

By HANK KURZ Jr.
AP Sports Writer

Hugh Freeze is fine with his own redemption being part of the story as Liberty's football team makes school history. The coach also knows the very public legal battles engulfing the school's administration drives much of the narrative about the university.

He just hopes the success the Flames have had in earning their first national ranking in the Top 25 is isn't overshadowed by his past or any other off the field news — and that the team's success offers those connected to the embattled school some respite.

"This is something you're going to remember and set on the rocking chair or the swing or your back porch and you're going to tell your kids about. You're going to tell your grandkids about," Freeze said he told his team while displaying a photo of the poll.

"And so if I were you, I would take this and get it framed. It's special."

The Flames (6-0), despite having played opponents with a combined 4-28 record, slipped into the Top 25 in only their second full season at the Bowl Subdivision level. It's a lofty perch that will be tested when they play at Virginia Tech on Saturday.

But no matter what happens going forward, nothing can take away the milestone, Freeze told his team on Monday — the first time they were together since the ranking was announced.

It was some good news for the evangelical school in Lynchburg, Virginia that in recent months has been at the center of so much negative attention. Former school president and chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., the son of the school's founder, was placed on leave this summer after a questionable Instagram post. He then resigned after a business partner said he'd been involved in an extramarital affair with the younger Falwell's wife.

Falwell has denied details of the story and is suing the school for defamation and breach of contract, saying the university "moved quickly" to destroy his reputation.

The football team's success, Freeze hopes, shines a different light on the university.

"I do hope in some way for those that are experiencing whatever negative things that could go on in life in general that, I would hope that if they're a Liberty fan, that our football team certainly gives them something to have some joy about," Freeze said.

"As far as being some beacon, I don't know if we're that, but I do think we've played in such a way that gives the Liberty family something to be proud of and receive joy from."

For Freeze, a surprising hire after personal indiscretions involving an escort service cost him his job at Mississippi in 2017, the year so far has been "a blast." The toughest part of Liberty's schedule lies ahead with upcoming games against the Hokies, at North Carolina State and at No. 15 Coastal Carolina.

Being back in coaching though, and having already helped the Flames achieve a series of firsts — first bowl victory last year in the Cure Bowl, first

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title when he started a guy named Ron Gibson in the championship game, and Gibson, who entered with a 6.00 ERA, threw 8.1 innings of one-hit ball.

The 1997 team provided one of the greatest moments in Virginia Tech Athletics history. Matt Reynolds hit two home runs, including a solo homer in the top of the ninth inning, and Denny Wagner threw 140 pitches to help Tech beat 11-time national champion Southern Cal 3-2 in a first-round NCAA regional game in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. That was Tech's first NCAA win in 28 years.

The 2000 team, though, held a special place in Hartman's heart. Tech went to the Atlantic 10 tournament without its ace, Joe Saunders, who missed the tournament with mono, and also without All-American first baseman Larry Bowles, who tore his ACL earlier in the season. Two other regulars – Christian Simmers and Chris Hutchison – weren't 100%, and even worse, the Hokies were in a somber mood after the death of Carrie Foutz, the mother of third baseman Chad Foutz.

Just hours prior to arriving in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, the site of the Atlantic 10 tournament, the Hokies had attended the funeral of a woman widely considered the "team mother." Carrie Foutz had passed away after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Yet the Hokies fought and scrapped and got great performances from unlikely players. Poetically, Chad Foutz's grounder with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning of the championship game skipped off the glove of UMass' second baseman, allowing good friend and high school teammate Gray Hodges to score the winning run. The play set off an emotional outburst disguised as a celebration.

"I really think this has made us all stronger individuals," an emotional Hartman said shortly after the game. "In 10 or 15 years, when these guys come back for an alumni game, they'll be talking about everything that happened to them this season and what they were still able to accomplish."

There were memories on international stages, too. Hartman served as an assistant on several U.S. national teams, including one that played in the World Amateur Championships in Cuba. That team featured a young slugger named Barry Bonds – yes, that Barry Bonds – who was struggling at the time. Hartman offered to meet with Bonds on an off day, and the two worked on Bonds' swing. Bonds went on to slug a homer in the next game, a foreshadowing perhaps of things to come.

That was in 1984 when the Hokies played in the Metro Conference. Hartman went on to be-

come one of those rare coaches to coach in four different conferences (Metro, Atlantic 10, BIG EAST, and ACC), but the truth is Hartman hadn't planned to coach in the ACC. He had wanted to hang up his spikes and hat in 2004, which would have given him a nice symmetrical 25 seasons at Tech.

But in 2005, the school received the invitation to join the ACC for the 2004-05 season. He knew the Hokies faced a difficult transition in a league that often features six or seven ranked teams at any given time. Yet ever the competitor, he embraced the challenge and saved a

new coach the monumental task of finding early success against difficult competition.

Hartman's 2005 and 2006 teams struggled in the ACC, and maybe he stayed in the job too long. Occasionally, someone whizzes a fastball by Father Time, and Hartman had wanted one more at-bat. But in 2006, he knew Father Time was simply better.

"A little of the fun has gone out of it for me," Hartman said after announcing his retirement plans in May of that year.

Nov. 2, 2020 marked the curtain call for Chuck Hartman.

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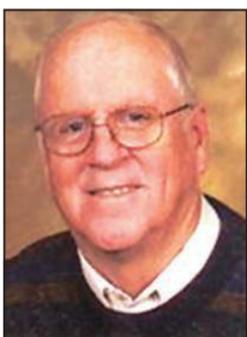
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Tre Turner goes up for a catch against Louisville. He had four catches for 71 yards vs. the Cardinals.

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him and for all of us, so those ups and downs are there, but he continues to show and try to get better every day, and that's what all those guys are doing and need to continue to do."

• Khalil Herbert continues to get the lion's share of carries and attention within Tech's offense, and justifiably so after averaging 134 yards rushing per game in the Hokies' first six games. But Tech's staff wants to get Rut-

gers transfer Raheem Blackshear more involved. The dynamic Blackshear hasn't played poorly, but hasn't exploded yet, ranking third on the team in rushing at 221 yards and averaging 4.3 yards per carry. He's caught just five passes for 29 yards.

Cornelsen said that Blackshear's versatility actually is holding him back, as Tech's staff keeps moving him around and forcing him to learn multiple positions to create added depth in this pandemic-plagued season.

"It's a continual process," Cornelsen said. "I know he hasn't gotten the ball as much as he would



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Hokies quarterback Herndon Hooker scores one of his three touchdowns last Saturday against Louisville.

like to, and we haven't been able to get him the ball as much as we would like to, so it's a continued process. It's not going to be something that you snap your fingers and it happens. It'll be something that we'll continue to work at, and because he's doing so many things, he's still learning the intricacies of those two or three positions that he kind of has to learn."

• Through the halfway point of the season, only three true receivers have receptions – Tré Turner, Tayvion Robinson and Kaleb Smith. Tech's staff continues to rely heavily on tight ends James Mitchell (who leads the team with 18 receptions) and Nick Gallo, who possess the ability to play outside as receivers, but the staff hopes to see a few other receivers emerge, as the Hokies enter the second half of the season.

"Those guys, between Evan Fairs and Changa Hodge, a couple of the young guys – Darryle (Simmons) and E-Bo (Elijah Bowick) – those guys get plenty of work

and plenty of reps in practice, and they're coming along," Cornelsen said. "They've just got to stay the course because their number is going to be called at some point, and they've got to be ready to go."

• Hamilton met with the media for the first time since being hired as the defensive coordinator, and he started out by apologizing for not being available over the past several months. Of course, he's been quite busy as a coordinator, as a father for the third time, and as a recovering COVID victim.

Hamilton missed the first two games of the season, and he talked about the toll that it took on him, as he watched his defense take on NC State and Duke – both victories.

"At home during that time, it was probably the most useless that I ever felt," he said. "I'm conducting meetings, I'm with the players, but there is someone running the film and rewinding, playing, pausing while I'm trying to commentate over Zoom about it. The

same thing in the unit meetings, and then at home, with a week-old son and two other children, I'm isolated to where they can't be around me. They can't be in the bedroom, so I'm of no use to them, and it felt like I was no use to the football team.

"So it was a tough time, and it was very challenging, but I found the hope in knowing that I was there for our kids and that we have a good group of coaches that can step up to those challenges, and they did."

Hamilton made his debut as Tech's defensive coordinator in the North Carolina game, and it didn't go as he wanted. The Hokies played without their starting safeties, were forced to juggle personnel at different spots, and ultimately fell 56-49 in Chapel Hill.

"Your welcome back gift is arguably one of the top three, four quarterbacks in the country and those backs and receivers," Hamilton said. "It's been a challenge. For me, I try to look at it as right now as we just put our head down and just try to get to the next day and the next opponent. I hope in five or 10 years I can look back and say that I really grew and developed as a human being during this time."

Liberty

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victory against an Atlantic Coast Conference school (Syracuse, this year) and now, the Top 25 ranking — has Freeze looking forward and celebrating that he didn't let his darkest days deter his journey.

"People sometimes write things about this being a redemptive story, however you want to phrase that, so I don't want to make it about that entirely because that's such a small part of it," he said. "But I do think failures are probably a very, very, very close kin to successes."

Few who succeed, he surmises, haven't handled some "gut punches" along the way.

At Liberty, Freeze's plan has been ambitious from the start, and earning a spot in the Top 25 was "on my list of things to do in building a program," he said. Now he said the question for the Flames is, "How hungry are you to stay there and be relevant and be talked about?"

They will begin answering that on Saturday.

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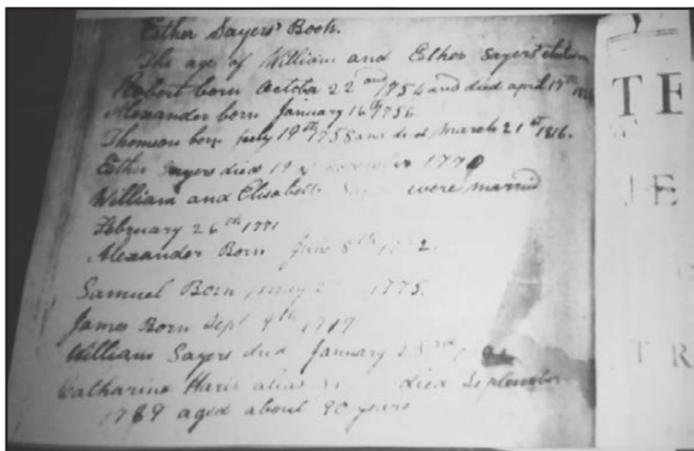
Esther is not forgotten - Part 2

By Davy Davis

In part 1 of this article the life of immigrant and pioneer matriarch Esther Thomson Crockett Sayers (ca.1710-1770) of SW VA was discussed. One local descendant proudly showed Esther's large family Bible published in 1769, the year before Esther died in 1770, and on the front page someone (perhaps Esther) wrote "Esther Sayers' Book". It contains family data of her Sayers descendants. Esther had also inserted a hand written line in her first husband Samuel Crockett's will before his death at his direction. Because of these examples coupled with her father Rev. John Thomson's unusual amount of education, it seems unlikely, as suggested by some, that she was illiterate because of signing deeds with an "x" or an "E". It would certainly be ironic since her father Rev. Thomson counted on his children being able to read a special and lengthy message of spiritual encouragement he left for them. Part of this message advocated a study and constant reading of the Scriptures as an essential practice for Christian growth. His daughter Esther's "X" may have simply been an indication of a vision problem as she aged or a directive from her male co-signer that she could use this perfectly legal but easier form of signature with a witness. More to the point, Rev. Thomson would not have neglected to teach his children to read the Bible if nothing else, and had started more than one school during his career. It would be remiss not to mention more of this remarkable father who immigrated with her when she was a little girl and who died in 1753, the same year she remarried. (It might also be mentioned that William Sayers remarried only 4 months after Esther's death, obtained an ordinary license to run an inn, and had 3 more sons by his second wife Elizabeth Drake, dying himself in 1784, at age 56.) Esther's father Rev. John Thomson became an extremely active and influential minister in the first Presbyterian Synod organized in America, serving twice as its Moderator, once as Secretary, and publishing

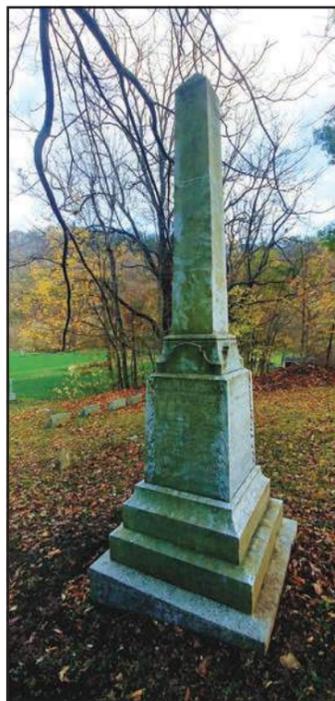


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numerous works, one of which was published in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin in 1728 called Poor Orphan's Legacy, the special message originally meant for his own 13 children, likely composed after their mother's early death and intended as their written legacy in case he should also die before they grew up, but then offered to the general public when published. Other works by Rev. Thomson were published in Williamsburg after he moved to Virginia such as An Explication of the Shorter Catechism in 1740. While living in Prince Edward Co. and pastoring Buffalo Church, Rev. Thomson had started a boys' school that years later evolved into Hamden-Sydney College and another he started years before would evolve into the University Of Delaware long after his death. Over his lifetime he served as pastor of congregations in PA, DE, MD, VA, and finally NC, where he died. He also had taken into his home and

trained a young minister named John Craig, newly arrived from Ireland, who would become significant in SW VA history by organizing and preaching to the very first Christian congregations in Pulaski and Wythe Co. in the 1760's, while pastoring 2 churches full time in Staunton. Rev. Thomson was laid to rest in an area that in modern times was to be flooded by the creation of Lake Norman, north of Charlotte, NC., so his remains were reinterred about 3 miles to the north opposite the Centre Presbyterian Church, which he had founded and pastored. A large monument is inscribed with his notable accomplishments. His daughter Esther was no doubt proud of her distinguished father. Another important relative already mentioned but deserving more attention is her husband Samuel Crockett's first cousin, Joseph Louis Crockett, Jr. whom Samuel made legal guardian of his wife and children in his will and this relationship seems to explain Joseph and Esther's names on deeds together. Joseph settled first in Wythe and then permanently in Montgomery Co. near Shawsville where he died and is buried with his wife



Jean de Vigne, the daughter of a French Huguenot immigrant and refugee. The Crocketts were also said to descended from French Huguenots forced to flee from France because of their adopted Protestant faith after being ordered out of the country on threat of imprisonment and execution. Thousands who stayed were massacred in one day. Many others who fled like the Crocketts ended up in Ireland and later America. Joseph, after settling first in Wythe Co. and then permanently in Montgomery Co., had 4 sons who fought in the Revolution just like Samuel and Esther's sons did, including Col. Walter Crockett, who was one of the 15 signers of the Fincastle Resolutions before the war and who protected the essential Lead Mines from Tory attack during the war. Another son Col. Joseph Crockett became a personal acquaintance of both Jefferson and Lafayette while in service.



He even rode in the carriage with Lafayette on part of his route through KY during his return and American tour many years after the war. Sons Col. Hugh Crockett of Shawsville and Major Samuel Crockett of the Kent's Mill section of Wythe Co. were also sons of immigrant Joseph who were Revolutionary veterans. A sister of these men, Mary Crockett, became the wife of English immigrant Jacob Kent and they are the ancestors of all the Montgomery, Pulaski, and Wythe Co. Kents. Part 3 of this article will look at each of the lives of Esther Thomson Crockett Sayers's 11 children by her 2 husbands Samuel Crockett and William Sayers.

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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: ♦♦

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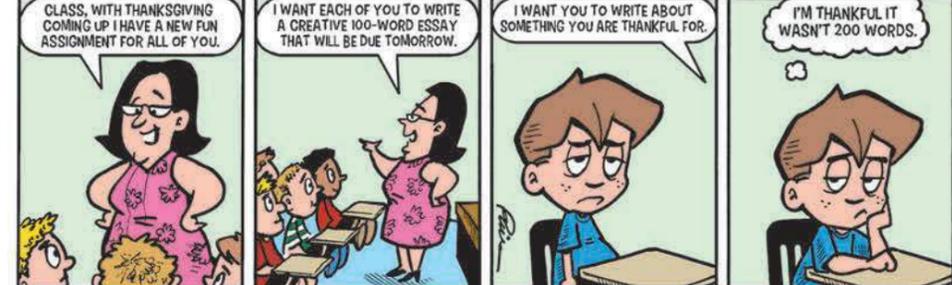
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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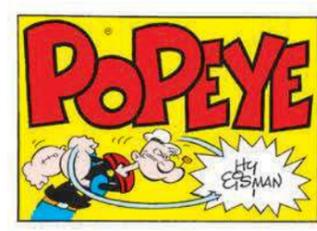
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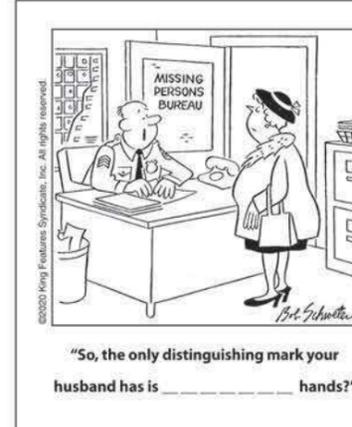
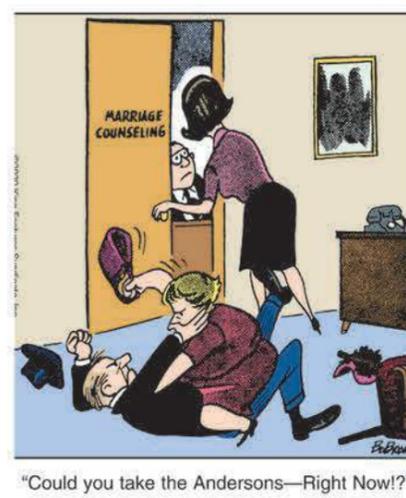


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



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!

Charm
DEUCES

Soothe
PALECAT

Large
GYMHIT

Fable
GLEEND

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Coagulate
 5 Chooses
 9 Evil
 12 Staffer
 13 Father of Japheth
 14 Time of your life?
 15 Battle zone, often
 17 Member of a pride
 18 Unsophisticated
 19 Creates
 21 Yon bloke
 22 Use
 24 Cage components
 27 Cattle call
 28 Glasgow gal
 31 Retirement plan acronym
 32 Museum fill
 33 Agt.
 34 Quarter-bushel
 36 Where — at
 37 Crucial time
 38 Fate
 40 Circle ratio
 41 Alamo combatant
 43 More considerate
 47 — -Locka, Fla.
 48 Half a golf course
 51 Prohibit

DOWN

1 Eatery
 2 Old Italian money
 3 Smell
 4 Cents to dimes, or dimes to dollars
 5 Sans siblings
 6 Luau bowlful
 7 Author Amy
 8 Sometime
 9 BBQ site, often
 10 Chills and fever
 11 Society newcomers
 16 Definite article
 20 Completely
 22 Heart line?
 23 Cookware
 24 Rend
 25 Anger
 26 Contrarily
 27 Cripple
 29 Vast expanse

30 Bond, for one — shek
 37 Main meal
 39 Allude (to)
 40 Orchestra's location
 41 Newsom of baseball lore
 42 October birthstone
 43 Dangling site
 44 Tragic
 45 Oklahoma city
 46 Former attorney general
 49 Carnival city
 50 Sphere

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top ten

Girl Baby Names 100 Years Ago

- Mary
- Dorothy
- Helen
- Betty
- Margaret
- Ruth
- Virginia
- Doris
- Mildred
- Frances

Source: Social Security Admin.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Which of the Great Lakes is the largest in surface area?
- LITERATURE:** Which 20th-century novel's working title was "Tomorrow Is Another Day"?
- MEASUREMENTS:** What does an anemometer measure?
- TELEVISION:** Which 1980s sitcom featured the characters Mrs. Garrett, Tootie and Jo?
- ENTERTAINERS:** Which singer was born with the name Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta?
- ADVERTISING:** Who is the mascot of the snack brand Cheetos?
- ANATOMY:** How much blood does the average human have?
- MOVIES:** What was the name of the 1993 movie in which actor Tom Hanks plays a lawyer with HIV?
- U.S. STATES:** What is the official state bird of Minnesota?
- ASTRONOMY:** Which planet in our solar system has the largest moon?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cloud is added. 2. Grass is missing. 3. Boy on left is taller. 4. Tree is in front of fence. 5. Nose is larger. 6. Number added to shirt.

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Answers

- Lake Superior
- "Gone With the Wind"
- Wind speed and pressure
- "The Facts of Life"
- Lady Gaga
- Chester Chetah
- 1.2 to 1.5 gallons
- "Philadelphia"
- Common loon
- Jupiter, with the moon Ganymede

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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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: A equals O

BD H KARY ADBBXN LEJPNV VAIP,
 B KJNREWN BY IAETV TAAF TBFN
 H XHRN AD LTHXFWHBT.

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Americanisms

"Take it from me, elections matter."
 — Al Gore

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Seduce 2. Placate;
 3. Mighy; 4. Legend

DISHPAN

answer

If a post office burned down, I presume it would look like a case of blackmail.

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10-25
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F-ZASK

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...THE SPACE PORTAL WITHIN MING'S STRONGHOLD FINALLY REACHES CRITICAL MASS!

BRA-DA-BA-BOOM

TO BE CONT'D

TIGER
by BUD BLAKE

Galoshes Ad

Ever wonder when rubber boots replaced shoes on rainy days? Hessian soldiers wore leather boots, and Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington, decided boots made of rubber would be more useful and keep feet drier. Charles Goodyear had vulcanized natural rubber in the 1850s to make tires, and he sold the use of the patent to Hiram Hutchinson in 1853 to use for boots. They became a fashion statement for a few years, but then farmers began to wear them, and then soldiers in both World Wars -- the trenches often held rainwater and the boots kept feet dry. The boots continue to be used by many and they have changed from a semi-pointed toe to a rounded toe, to even a metal toe to avoid accidents.

Boots were first made of leather and went to the knees in the 1840s, then to the calf in the 1850s and to the ankle by the 1860s. Today, the terms "wellies," "gummies" or "gumboots" are used to describe rain boots. The original high Wellington boot is still popular for people in places or jobs where there are puddles and floods.

This picture is part of an 1898 calendar advertising Hood Rubber Boots for children. They are high enough to be considered Wellington boots. The sign, in a gold leaf frame, 14 by 24 inches, sold at a Kimbell Sterling auction in Johnson City, Tennessee, for a bargain at \$81.40. The company called the boots "galoshes."

KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel

Some advertising collectibles are bargains. This picture was the top of an 1898 calendar probably given to customers who bought the Hood company rubber boots. The framed picture cost only \$74 plus a 10% buyer's premium.

Jade urn, lid, double dragon handles, reticulated, puzzle ball, rings, 14 x 13 1/2 inches, \$320.

Cookie jar, cockatiel, ruby art glass, silvered brass head, Murano, Italy, 12 x 7 1/4 inches, \$540.

Stump planter, burl wood, knobby, hollowed out, 18 x 15 inches, \$1,020.

TIP: Don't store an oil painting in a damp basement or a hot or cold attic.

Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- * Yard sales sponsored by churches and other charities can be a great source of bargains, especially at this time of year. Since they are a fundraiser, usually with donated items, they are motivated to sell, even if it's at a lower price. Oftentimes you can get items that still have tags, which make great gifts.
- * "If your toothpaste is almost done, just snip off the top and dip your brush in the container. There's usually more in the tube." -- T.D. in Kentucky
- * If someone has written on your dry erase board with a permanent marker, try writing over it with a dry erase marker. Sometimes this works to remove the permanent marker.
- * Wrap a bit of tape sticky side out around a straightened-out paper clip. You can GENTLY put it in the headphone jack to get out lint that is otherwise inaccessible. Also, keep a lint-free cloth that comes with glasses handy to clean the screen of your smartphone.
- * "If you are inundated by paper, here are some things you can do to at least stem the tide: First, if you can't bear to shred something because you think it might be important, scan it first. If you're the kind of person who prints out and saves things like online bill payment receipts, print to PDF and save it electronically." -- W.L. in Illinois

MAGIC MAZE ● LANDFORMS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: CEDAR —, IA

Archipelago	Bluff	Isthmus	Slough
Atoll	Crevasse	Knoll	Waterfall
Basin	Escarpment	Lagoon	Wetland
Bayou	Hollow	Mesa	

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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.

NMJL KQL GLTK OTL HW VQMK
CT CB ZHOI RHVLI, MBF KMJL
KQL ILTK MT CK QMRRLBT.
— LRCUCLKOT

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Make the best use of what is in your power, and take the rest as it happens. — Epictetus

answer
Cryptoquote

LANDFORMS

Celebrity Extra: Lily James

Q: So I know pictures of actress Lily James surfaced of her spending time with a married man, but was she dating Chris Evans at the time these PDA photos came to light? Did Lily James cheat on Chris Evans? -- B.P.

A: I don't believe so. Lily James ("Cinderella," "Downton Abbey") and Chris Evans ("Captain America") were photographed together in London this past summer, but it appears it was just a fling. The married man you're referring to is British actor Dominic West. The two made the tabloids recently when James rode on the back of West's scooter in Rome during a break from filming their upcoming series, "The Pursuit of Love." West, who is married to an heiress, reportedly told James that he and his wife had an open marriage. I believe this was news to the wife.

As for Evans, I wouldn't worry about him getting his heart broken. He has a reputation as a nice guy and has been spotted with several beautiful ladies since his split with actress/comedian Jenny Slate ("Gifted") several years ago.

Q: Whatever happened to actress Eva Mendes? I just realized I haven't seen her in anything in years. -- K.M.

A: It's been six years since Eva Mendes has acted, but she has a good excuse: motherhood. After her starring turn in the Denzel Washington film "Training Day," Mendes became an A-list actress, landing film after film. In 2012, she acted opposite Ryan Gosling and fell in love. The couple went on to have two children together, and Mendes took a break from the spotlight. When Gosling was nominated for

Depositphotos

Lily James

an Academy Award, Mendes didn't walk the red carpet with him because she said she'd rather stay home with their girls.

Mendes met Gosling while filming the movie "The Place Beyond the Pines" in 2012. She did hint in a recent interview that she's considering a return to acting now that her children are a little older, saying she'd love to play a Disney villain someday.

Q: Is Joe Giudice still living in exile in Italy? Is there any chance he'll be able to live in the United States again? -- W.G.

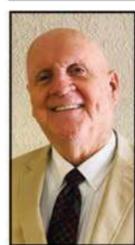
A: Even though "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star Joe Giudice had lived in the United States since he was an infant, he never became a legal U.S. citizen. After being convicted of various fraud charges and serving his sentence, the judge ordered him to return to

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Church Directory

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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

I Shall Not Want

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want for REST, for He maketh me to lie down in Green Pastures. We are so blessed of the Lord and *so contented in the LORD, that there is nothing else, we could possibly want.

Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST."

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for my yoke is easy and my burden is light and ye shall find REST unto your souls."

He takes away the heavy burden of sin that we've been laboring under, and gives us peaceful REST.

He also give us eternal rest. When we depart this life, we immediately go to be with the Lord, and we enter into His eternal rest. Then, we'll rest from all of our labors.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want... for REFRESHMENT, for He leadeth me beside the still waters. He has given us living waters from the fountain that never runs dry. Those who drink of the living water shall never thirst again. He satisfies our thirsting longing souls.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.... for FORGIVENESS, for He restoreth my Soul.

"All we like sheep have gone astray and have turned everyone to his own way." When and if our feet should happen to stray from the straight and narrow way, good Shepherd brings us back in line and restores unto us the joy of His salvation. He forgives us and gives us a fresh start.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.... for RIGHTEOUSNESS... for He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

He has taken away all of our sins, and has credited us with His own righteousness. When our own righteousnesses were as filthy rags before God, He dressed us in spiritual robes of His own righteousness, and made us fit for the Kingdom.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want for COMPANIONSHIP. For yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.

Our good Shepherd never leaves us. He never forsakes us, but He goes with us all the way. No one is able to pluck us out of His hand, because while we are holding on to Him, He is holding on to us. We are "in His grip."

He has taken the substance and fear out of death and all that remains is a shadow. A shadow can't injure us. The shadow of a gun can't wound us. The shadow of a knife can't cut us. The shadow of death cannot make us afraid. Our Good Shepherd watches over us and will lead us through the valley of the shadow, to safety.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want for COMFORT. Thy Rod and Thy Staff, they comfort me. Shepherds carry a Rod which is actually a club to beat off the dangerous enemies of the Sheep. He never beats His sheep with the rod, but lovingly leads them in the right paths. The Shepherd's Staff is a long slender stick with a crook in the end. The Shepherd ever so gently taps the Sheep on the side with the straight end, to guide them in the way He wants them to go. He uses the crook to reach out and pull the Sheep from danger. The Good Shepherd keeps a con-

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 Hanshaw & 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.psalml@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
Facebook.com/Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

First Baptist Church
5473 Baskerville Street
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Wallis Brown
540-674-2677
Service: 11 a.m.

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

Community Christian Church
Jason Allmon, Pastor
5382 Grace Street
Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308

First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Minister:
The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

Max Creek Baptist Church
3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church
220 Magazine Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-3336
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship
6598 Annie Akers Road
Radford, VA 24141
(540) 639-3443
Pastor Steve Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm
Wednesday Night
Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm

New Hope Chapel
1555 Case Knife Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080
Pastor Gray and congregation invite you to
New Hope Chapel.
Service Times:
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Family Worship Center First Pentecostal Holiness
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
540-980-7287
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
KidsZone 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
www.fwcpulaski.church

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

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7
pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages
Adult Bible Class
THRIVE Teen Class
Children's Bible Class and
Special Activity Classes

New Life Church of the Nazarene
45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Warriors for Christ II
Bishop Sherman Buckner
600 Skyline Circle
Pulaski, VA
540-315-2317
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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stant watch over us, and has the power to deliver us from evil. All power has been given unto Him in Heaven and in the Earth. And He will use that unlimited power to protect and preserve His sheep.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want for SUSTENANCE, for Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. He puts food on our tables. He is the bread of Life, and those who partake of Him, shall never hunger after righteousness.

He is preparing a welcoming feast for us in Heaven and we're going to sit down and eat the marriage supper of the Lamb with our Blessed Lord, the Good Shepherd, and all the rest of the redeemed.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want for the ANOINTING, for Thou anointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over.

Our Shepherd anoints us with the oil of the Holy Spirit and the oil of Gladness. It is an abounding, overflowing, Holy Ghost anointing.

Our cups ARE running over. We can try to count our blessings but they are so plentiful, we'll never be able to count them all. Our Good Shepherd makes sure that we receive all that we need, and so much more.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want for GOODNESS and MERCY, for surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...

The world, the flesh and the devil can do their *WORSE* to make our lives miserable, but they will not succeed! Every time they send something unpleasant our way, our good Shepherd sends more than enough goodness and mercy to sustain us and prosper us. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

He is able to do exceeding abundantly more than we can ask or think, according to His power that worketh in us.

Goodness meets all of our needs... and Mercy forgives our shortcomings.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want for an ETERNAL HOME for I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." The resurrected Lord is in Heaven now, and that is where we're going, to be with him for ever and ever.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Ananias in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Micah 7:19, where does God place forgiven sins? Depths of sea, Heathen hearts, Past the stars, Fiery pits
 3. In the book of Revelation, Jesus said, "I am Alpha and ..."? Beta, Omega, Eternity, Delta
 4. From Psalms 60:8, David said, "Moab is my ..."? Terrier, Washpot, Courier, Warrior
 5. What was the home of Peter, Andrew and Philip? Caesarea, Assos, Sardis, Bethsaida
 6. On which mount did King Saul die? Sinai, Moriah, Pisgah, Gilboa
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Depths of sea; 3) Omega; 4) Washpot; 5) Bethsaida; 6) Gilboa**

O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

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We've all been hurt by the words of others

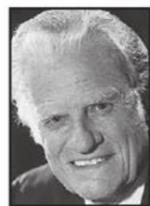
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My longtime co-worker has seemed to turn on me and has become so critical toward me and just about everything that touches her. I don't think I've changed in any significant way so I am perplexed why she is acting so hostile. When I ask her what I've done she just says, "You know," but I really don't. What does a person do in a situation like this? -- H.W.

A: The way in which we

react to hurts and disappointments influences the impact we have on others. We've all been hurt by the words of others. Perhaps more often than we realize, what was said was simply spoken thoughtlessly or carelessly. But sometimes hurtful words come from others -- words meant to sting.

When others criticize us or say something hurtful or insensitive, our first reaction should be to ask ourselves if there is any truth in what they say. If so, we need to be honest



My Answer

Billy Graham

with ourselves and ask God to help us correct it. But even if words from others were spoken maliciously, we need to turn our hurts over to God and ask Him to help us respond with forgiveness and grace. We can

also use the opportunity to share the love of Christ with those who may have other things in their lives causing hurt. Offer them a Scripture that might help them think differently.

In addition, if we're honest we have to admit that we sometimes hurt others by our words. We should never excuse it or ignore it, but admit it and seek forgiveness -- both from God and from those we've hurt. Then we can make the psalmist's prayer ours: "Set a guard,

O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

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County is Amazing

Here we are right before one of the biggest days of 2020...and you know what? I'm not going to mention it because, no matter what, Pulaski County is an amazing community, and we need to celebrate that! During this unprecedented year, there have been numerous businesses, organizations, and individuals that have shown what it means to live in a community that comes together. Despite all the negative things... people fearing for their personal welfare and livelihood, worried about losing their businesses, and concerned about overall world economic collapse...and yet through it all, Pulaski County has risen to the occasion by showing grace in times of need.

So, despite what happens this week, we are going to celebrate the strength and grace of our community, Pulaski County! I want to shout out to everyone, "Look at what these amazing people who are leading businesses and organizations did during these challenging times!" On November 19, at 7:00 p.m., we are going to share the stories of our Pulaski County Champions at the Chamber's annual dinner. They deserve to be celebrated just as the folks that came together this past weekend for the "Drive Thru Trick or Treat Trail."

In what other community would you find so many leaders and people working just to bring joy to the children of their community? We had the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, Pulaski Administration, Pulaski Sheriff's Department, Dublin



Down To Business

Peggy White
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Town Council, Dublin Administration, and Dublin Police Department, and twenty-plus businesses all determined to make sure Pulaski County kids could celebrate Halloween in a safe and fun way. I have lived in a lot of different places, and I have never experienced anything like the pulling together of a community such as what happened and continues to happen over and over in Pulaski County.

When the event leaders for this occasion couldn't participate, Economic Development Director Michael Solomon jumped into action along with Megan Bird and CJ Burgess, and they worked to make this event happen so that the kids would not be disappointed. It was a huge success! It's what happens when our people come together. This event was a testament to what happens when people work together as part of a caring community where leading by example and welcoming everyone is the rule, not the exception. We have so much to be proud of in our community!

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

Ninth District Traveling Staff Office Hours for November

Congressman Griffith's Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of November.

Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 22 counties and nine independent cities of the Ninth District. As local governments offices reopen, office hours will be resumed.

Please contact the Christiansburg Office at 540-381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at 276-525-1405 with any questions.

Nov. 12

Wythe County: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Wythe County Sheriff's Office

Pulaski County: 2:30 pm – 4:00pm
Pulaski County Library

Celebrity

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his native Italy. His four heartbroken daughters visited him, along with estranged wife Teresa Giudice, who still appears on "RHONJ." It's been a year since his banishment, so it doesn't appear the law will change its mind.

Joe announced that he's currently in the wholesale furniture business and is training for a celebrity boxing match. He longs to visit the U.S., though, where his family is, but has accepted his fate.

As for Teresa, a new season of the "Housewives" franchise will air sometime in 2021, having been delayed like most Hollywood productions due to the pandemic.

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

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Refinance in Baby Step 2?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are on Baby Step 2, and we've paid off about \$30,000 in consumer debt since March. We were wondering if we should refinance our mortgage. Our current rate is 4.875%, with 28 years remaining on the loan. We found a 15-year refinance at 2.5%, which would raise our monthly payments about \$200, but we can handle that. We have \$150,000 in equity in our home and about \$207,000 left on the loan. What do you think we should do?

Dear Raye,

You two have done a great job this year! I'm so proud of what you've accomplished and that you're looking to the future. Baby Step 2 wouldn't be affected, except that your monthly mortgage payment will go up a little. I wouldn't pay the refinance costs out of pocket, though. I'd roll them into the loan. You'd be saving more than 2% by locking in this crazy-low interest rate, and you're knocking the whole thing down to a 15-year loan. I love all that. It's definitely worth the extra \$200 a month to make it happen.

Think about it this way. You're going to be saving more than \$4,000 a year with the interest rate reduction. You're not going to see it in cash flow because of the \$200 increase in monthly payments, but



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Raye

over the scope of the loan, you're going to be charged between \$4,000 and \$4,500 less per year for interest. All that money is going toward paying back the closing costs and reducing the principal built into the move from 28 years to 15 years.

Yes, you should do this!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I just saved up my \$1,000 beginner emergency fund, and I'm looking at paying off my car and credit card debt—a total of \$3,400—by the end of January. Before I started your plan, I took out a \$7,500 student loan to pay for my fall and spring semesters. I still have a year of school left, which will cost

about \$10,000. Should I save up the money for my final year before attacking my student loan debt, so I don't have to take out another one, or go ahead and begin paying it off?

Emma

Dear Emma,

Well, it doesn't make much sense to pay off the current student loan, then turn around and take out another one. Your first goal—after you get the credit cards and car paid off—should be saving cash to finish school. Once you've done that, start paying off the student loan.

Long story short, you've got to stop borrowing money. The idea of saving up to pay for things should be the default setting in your brain, Emma. Otherwise, you're going to spend the rest of your life with car payments and other debt hanging around your neck. That's not being responsible with your money, and it will keep you from saving for stuff that matters and becoming wealthy.

Stop. Borrowing. Money. I hope I haven't been unclear.

—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. Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives.

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