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Staffing issues - not virus biggest problem in schools

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

While fears over COVID-19 and outbreaks of the virus might be driving some school divisions to move from in-person instruction to virtual, such is not the case in Pulaski County.

According to school officials, the problem here is staffing issues.

"We've had a number of conversations, email and text exchanges and input from the community, and there really is a push to try and get back to 100 percent (in-person) instruction as quickly and safely as possible," School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers told the Pulaski County School Board Tuesday evening.

"Our issue, and I can't stress this enough - I probably didn't do a good job of communicat-

ing in the beginning - when we went back from 100 percent attendance to 50 percent it was not because we were having issues over COVID outbreaks. It was because we couldn't sufficiently staff our schools with the substitutes we had," he explained.

As an example, Siers said at Pulaski County Middle School there was one day when eight teachers were going to be out. "We had one substitute that could come in.

"We are having so many teachers having to give up their planning period - not occasionally but almost on a daily basis - to help cover for the teachers who were out for quarantine, medical appointment or ... there are a number of reasons. The stepback was never about concerns for the spread of COVID in schools, it was just our ability to staff the schools," Siers stated.

He added the stepback was mainly just precautionary because of the holidays and the expected increase in the number of COVID cases.

"Not because we were fearful things weren't getting done correctly in our schools. In fact, we believe that schools are the safest place for kids to be," Siers said.

"It seems like we're having more reports of students who are all virtual testing positive than students who are coming to school testing positive.

"We apply mitigation strategies, we clean our schools, we have students wash their hands. Our teachers are doing an excellent job making sure students follow those strategies.

"If we could work out the staffing piece of it there's really no

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Future of old middle school destined to be apartments

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Questions about the future of the county's two old middle schools were partially answered earlier this week.

During Tuesday's meeting of the Pulaski County School Board, it was learned that old Pulaski Middle School has become very much a hot property.

Speaking to the board, County Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie said he appreciated discussion during the meeting on handing the middle schools over to the

county.

"This is certainly something the Board of Supervisors has been looking forward to and has a great interest in," Guthrie said.

"From the county's perspective, we have a strong interest in Pulaski Middle School at the moment," he noted. "We have a developer waiting ready to go on that to turn it into residential units as market rate apartments. So that's something we're looking forward to having new families in the Town of Pulaski and Pulaski County and additional students for Pulaski County Schools.

Those are certainly some goals that we all share."

Guthrie continued that "they (developers) have some grants they want to get started working on as soon as the county is in possession of it (Pulaski Middle School)."

Guthrie said such is not the case at the moment for old Dublin Middle School.

"We don't have a strong lead on Dublin Middle School at the moment. It is in a fabulous location. I think there could be a

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Land Transfers

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Property transfers for November 2020 as recorded by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's office:

Jeannie Haga to Jeffrey Osborne, property at 2758 Barrett Ridge Road, Draper, \$105,000.

Evelyn Hall English to Thomas D. Underwood, property at 2000 Pleasant Hill Drive, Pulaski, \$278,782

Frances Echols to Maria Luise Flynn, property at 1516 Grove Drive, Pulaski, \$169,900.

Michael S. Burke to Steven T. Hammer, property at 4570 Lakeland Drive, Dublin, \$275,000.

Donald J. Holt to Sophia Jovanni Payne, property at 1534 Allison Road, Hiwassee, \$64,660.

Tamara L. Weston to Tim Hudson, property at 6335 Honeysuckle Lane, Dublin, \$301,000.

M. Thomas Fore to Jonathan Carroll Fore, property at 201 Flanagan Avenue, Dublin, \$175,000.

John W. Poff, Jr. to Grant McKinley Sprinkle III, property at 4756 Twin Coves West Road, Snowville, \$650,000.

Zachary A. Chrisley to Carlos Ruiz, property at 2765 Big Valley Drive, Draper, \$352,500.

J. Dirk Akers to David Jacob Prine, property at 1219 Prospect Avenue, Pulaski, \$154,900.

Travis Ray Campbell to Robin M. Saul, property at 6283 Skyview Circle, Dublin, \$125,000.

Joan Thor to Duwayne Duncan, property at 4817 Veterans Hill Road, Pulaski, \$47,000.

Raymond B. Fugate to Donald W. Tanner, property at 816 Paca Street, Pulaski, \$23,000.

Joseph C. Lawson to Caden Sterling Alexander, property at 507 First Street, S.E., Pulaski, \$130,500.

Elizabeth Ramey to Jeanette L. Bach, property at 5198 Airport Street, Dublin, \$144,400.

Samuel I. White, P.C., Substitute Trustee to REO Trust 2017-RPL1, property at 5460 Lovell Drive, Dublin, \$104,483.

Stateson Homes, LLC to Randall Kent Lawrence Jr., property at 6189 Herons Landing Drive, Fairlawn, \$509,570

Karl J. Rundquist Jr. to Eva Ann Stowers Sutherland, property at 2300 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$155,000.

Robert K. Lamp to Jonathan L. Nicolo, property at 7338 Walker Road, Dublin, \$60,000.

Donald E. Murphy to Jessica Lee Blevins, property at 159 Maple Street, Pulaski, \$139,900.

Ernest D. Lee to Tha' Dawg House, LLC, property at 220 N.

Washington Avenue, Pulaski, \$75,000.

Gabriel D. Lineberry to Daniel Gordon Simpkins, property at 7692 Brooklyn Road, Fairlawn, \$174,500.

Hash Properties LLC to Lucid Radford Holding Company, property at 6245 University Park Drive, Fairlawn, \$299,000.

James H. Brown Jr. to Jeffrey M. Coon, property at 3376 Hilton Village Loop, Pulaski, \$151,000.

Laurence D. Moore to Gabriel D. Lineberry, property at 6719 Circle Drive, Fairlawn, \$350,000.

Andrew T. Lawson to Christopher Ryan Whiting, property at 2313 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$236,500.

Robin A. Sherwood to Walter Timothy Saville, property at 4138 Old Mill Road, Pulaski, \$575,000.

Joanne Kathy Hartman to Joshua Blanton, property at 146 Lexington Avenue, Pulaski, \$119,000.

Timothy A. Rorrer to Shah Development LLC, property at 151 Valley Street, Pulaski, \$25,000.

Lynda M. Ratcliffe to Timothy Scott Leake, property at 7578 Jackson Avenue, Fairlawn, \$118,000.

Dennis E. Dalton to Kenneth W. Dalton, .418 acre lot off Second Morehead Lane, Pulaski, \$25,000.

Thomas D. Underwood to Trident Development LLC, property at 807 Lee Highway, Pulaski (Old NRV Rent-All), \$60,000.

Thomas E. Tabor to Angela Crystal Phillips, property at 6623 Aaron Lane, Dublin, \$390,000.

Enid I. Umbarger to James K. Prescott, property at 2695 Draper Ridge Road, Draper, \$35,000.

Wiley and Wiley Construction to Tiffany R. Brown, property at 6593 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Fairlawn, \$445,000.

Michael L. Gallimore to Eric Robert Kuchan, property at 5563 Skewes Lane, Pulaski, \$515,000.

Ruth M. Stuart to John Scott Stephens, Lot 20 and 26, 4121 Cabin Land Drive, Snowville, \$50,000.

Pierce L. Viers to Hannah Grace Winstead, property at 5739 Ridgeview Place, Pulaski, \$229,000.

Kenneth W. Hatten to Seira Mohler Reynolds, property at 2400 Pleasant Hill Drive, Pulaski, \$315,000.

Professional Foreclosure Corp. to One Main Financial Services, property containing .40 acre at

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POM collecting Toys for Tots

Join us as we collect toys for Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots helps those children who are less fortunate, yet no less deserving of the joy of Christmas. We are working with Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce to bring the county together for the spirit of giving. Toys for Tots mission is to provide a "tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas" and your donation will do just that and more.

We the community have the opportunity to help our children this Christmas, and to reward that kindness The Chamber is offering a prize to a lucky donor! Your donation will be met with 5 entries into a drawing for a grand prize of \$1000! So, bring a toy down to Pulaski on Main and help your community!

This year we are accepting gifts at our new office, located at 87 West Main, Pulaski VA, 24301 through to December 16th. Our regular hours are from noon to 5pm, Tuesday through Friday. If you would like to donate during our off hours, or just have any questions, feel free to reach out via email at pulaskionmain@gmail.com! Drawing will be held on December 18th.



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December 12 Robinson Tract Community Club to have Holiday Lights Scavenger Hunt

A RT community scavenger hunt will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at 6 p.m. Participants should arrive 15 minutes early to obtain a map and get instructions. The hunt will be to find decorative lights and holiday decorations that have been identified. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners. \$100 First place, \$50 Second prize and \$25 Third place. Hot beverages will be served.

December 19 Bread of Life/Assembly of God to present Christmas play

The Bread of Life/Assembly of God on Robinson Tract Rd. will be presenting the Christmas play “We will Remember.” The play will be presented two evenings this year on Saturday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. If you are interested in attending please call either 540-980-2150 or 540-818-3434 if there is no answer please leave a message, someone will return your call. Masks and sanitizer will be provided. Only a certain number

of people will be allowed per viewing.

December 20 Mt. View United Methodist Church to have Live Nativity display

A Live Nativity will be on display at Mt. View UMC on Wilderness Rd., Dublin on December 20, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.. Join this “Drive-Through” event that includes live animals, music, hot chocolate, and our Nativity as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing observed.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.



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AmVets Donation

Lonnie Kemp (left), Public Relations Officer for Pulaski County AmVets Post 50 presents a check for \$500 to Bill McCann representing the Vittles for Vets effort in the New River Valley.

Northam enacts overnight curfew, other measures

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam today announced new, targeted measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 as new cases and hospitalizations continue to rise in all areas of the Commonwealth. Executive Order Seventy-Two directs Virginians to stay at home between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., implements a universal mask requirement, and lowers the limit on social gatherings from 25 people to 10 people. The order will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, December 14 and remain in place through January 31, 2021, unless rescinded or amended. “New daily case numbers are higher than they have been at any previous point in the pandemic, and while the trends in Virginia are better than most of the country, we are taking action now to slow the spread of this virus before our hospitals get overwhelmed,” said Governor Northam. “We already have strong public health measures in place, and with these additional steps, we can turn this around.

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CAROL LOUISE COOK QUESENBERRY

Carol Louise Cook Quesenberry, age 56 of Pulaski passed away Friday, December 4, 2020 at the Lewis-Gale Regional Hospital in Christiansburg. Born February 5, 1964 in Radford she was the daughter of the late Richard Lee Cook, Sr. & Margaret Louise Edwards Cook. Her sister, Teresa Lynn Cross also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her Daughter, Tyressa Jade Cook – Pulaski; Grandson, Kian Shawn-Hunter Rumery – Pulaski; Brothers, (Twin) Harold (Tammy) Cook – Pulaski, Richard Cook, Jr. (Tammy) – Dublin, David Cook & John Blair – Independence, MO.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date.

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

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



REBECCA JANE HURST

Rebecca Jane Hurst, age 62 of Dublin, died Wednesday December 2, 2020 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. She was born on July 7, 1958, and was the daughter of the late Josephine Finn Hurst and Hugh Clint Hurst, Sr.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Hugh Clint Hurst, Jr., sisters Joyce Hurst, and Jewell Phillips.

She is survived by a daughter: Robin Costigan of Dublin: a son; Tony Allen Hurst of Pulaski; a brother; Greg Thompson of Youngsville, NC: sisters; Patricia O'Dell of Pulaski, and Kathy McClelon of NC. Also survived by 8 grandchildren: William Daniel Ward, II, Hugh Zachary Bryan Ward, Gabrielle Elizabeth Vaughan, Alexander McBrayer Whitaker, Amelia Grace Whitaker, Brandon Sterling Hurst, Alison Noel Cochran, and Mackenzie Autumn Cochran.

A graveside funeral service was held on Friday, December 4, 2020 at the O'Dell-Moore Cemetery in Hiwassee. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



JEANNE DEFORD BAILEY WHITMAN

Jeanne DeFord Bailey Whitman civic leader, educator, community volunteer, mother and grandmother died on Dec. 2, 2020 in Harrisonburg, VA. She was devoted to her community and home in Pulaski, VA, where she spent over 60 years of her life. Her husband, Robert P. Whitman, Sr. predeceased her in 1993. She was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pulaski and enjoyed deep and lasting friendships and associations there.

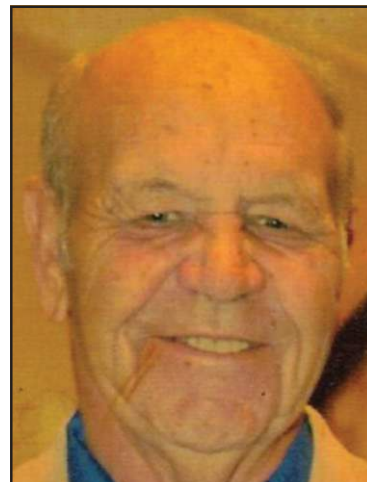
Jeanne was born on July 18, 1930 in Cumberland, VA to Otway Giles and Ella DeFord Bailey. As a girl she moved with her family for her father's work to Abington, VA where she graduated from Wallace High School at the age of 16. She graduated from Madison College, now James Madison University, and moved to Pulaski with two Madison College classmates to teach at Pulaski High School. She later earned a Master's Degree in education from Radford University.

In Pulaski she met and married Robert P. (Bob) Whitman. Jeanne resumed her professional career shortly after the birth of their third child and moved rapidly through a series of administrative posts in the Pulaski County School system, becoming in time Principal of Northwood Elementary School and then Assistant Principal at Critzer Elementary School. In 1971 she retired from her position at Critzer Elementary and devoted her time to volunteer and civic work.

She served on the Pulaski County School Board before her administrative employment in the system and served on the following boards, among others, across the years: New River Community College for which she had a deep affection and appreciation as a vital service to area students; Randolph House and the Randolph House Foundation, Pulaski County Library, New River Rails to Trails and Sovran Bank. She served as an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church and volunteered for Daily Bread and Wonderful Wednesdays.

Jeanne cared for friends whose circumstances left them alone and lonely, taking food and visiting regularly. For a number of years she traveled widely with her sister

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JOHN WILLIAM SMITH

John William Smith, 88, passed away peacefully at home on December 2, 2020. John "Bill" loved his country and served in the Air Force in Japan during the Korean War. Upon returning home he worked as a truck driver, salesman and commercial bus driver before starting a career in the home improvement business. In 1977, John started his own company, Energy Savers of Richmond, which he grew and ran until his retirement in 2007. He was also active in the American Legion at Post 125 in Lakeside.

He is survived by his daughters, Kimberly Hicks and Tammy Athens; son-in-law, Pete Athens; granddaughters, Amy Jackson and Alexandra Athens; brothers, Bobbie Smith and Danny Smith; and special friend, Mary Ann Millikin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara P. Smith; parents, Roy and Anna Belle Smith; brothers, Roy Smith, Jr. and Herman "Ed" Smith; and sisters, Julia Hines and Laura Dodd.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 7 at Mountain View United Methodist Church Cemetery in Dublin, Va.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Legion at Legion.org. Local arrangements are being conducted by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com



JOHN GRAYSON BIGGS SR.

John Grayson Biggs Sr., age 43, of Pulaski, departed from this world on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at the LewisGale Pulaski Hospital. Born on July 4, 1977, in Radford, VA, he was the son of the late Wallace M. and Helen L. Hedge Biggs. John loved to laugh and make others laugh. He will be missed by many; may he rest in peace.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Ruby Elswick. Surviving John is his loving wife of 22 years, Melissa Fields Biggs, and their three children, Lexi, John Jr. and wife Kristin, and his youngest daughter, Shelby Biggs. He is also survived by his sister, Brenda Conner; brother, Mason Biggs; and many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 7, 2020, at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Rich Creek, VA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the family or the funeral home to help offset funeral expenses.

Online guestbook can be signed or condolences may be sent to the family at www.broyles-shrewsbury.com. Arrangements by Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home, Peterstown, WV.

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Merry Christmas To My Son Carroll Ramon Griffith

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*Merry Christmas son,
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Since I last saw you.
Lord, how I wish you were here.*

*We all love and miss you,
Christmas doesn't bring me
much cheer
But I know that you're safe
in heaven,
And God will help me through
all the hurt and tears.*

*Time will pass and life goes on
But the pain I feel will always remain.
But just knowing that God called you home will keep me
going 'til I join you again and then I know you won't be
alone.*

*For I know in my heart that you will
Always be near, for you are loved and missed by all
Who knew you here.
So Merry Christmas my son and Happy New Year.*

*Sadly missed by,
Mom, Dad, sisters, kids and all your friends
who loved you dearly*



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Deaths

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and with local friends. She joined in projects for the betterment of Southwest VA and for Pulaski County. She loved her dogs and her life on the farm, where she remained independent and capable until an injury in 2016 then moving to Harrisonburg near her youngest child, Sarah.

Besides her husband, Jeanne was predeceased by her sister, Ellen Bailey Giannini and her brother, O. G. Bailey, Jr. as well as two nephews, Stephen Giannini and David Giannini. She is survived by her children, Robert P. Whitman and his wife Elizabeth, Jeanne Whitman Bobbitt and her husband Rhodes and Sarah Whitman Hadacek and her husband Dan. She is also survived by four grandchildren, John DeFord Whitman, Julia Pierce Whitman, James Bailey Hadacek and Samuel Gaston Hadacek as well as a nephew, Giles Giannini (Rhonda) and nieces Anna Bailey Michael (Jeff) and Barbara Bailey. She is also survived by her cousin and “fourth child” Bentley Robinson Andrews and her sons Hunter Perrot (Karen) and Cabel Perrot.

Memorials may be made to Scholarships at New River Community College in c/o Angie Covey, Exec. Dir. New River Community College Educational Foundation, 5251 College Drive, Dublin, VA 24084 or to First Presbyterian Church in c/o The Rev. Melissa McNair-King, P.O. Box 824 Pulaski, VA 24301 or to the charity of one’s choice.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Dec. 6th from the Thornsprng Cemetery, Pulaski County, with the Rev. Melissa McNair-King officiating. Arrangements are by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

RALPH EDWARD TICKLE

Ralph Edward Tickle, or Papaw as his grandchildren called him, passed away the morning of December 4th, 2020 at the age of 92. He was born on April, 4th 1928 in Pulaski County, Virginia. He is survived by his two children, Carol Walters and Dennis Tickle, his grandchildren, Kelli Walters and Traci Terry, and his beautiful great granddaughters, Liliana and Eleanora. He is preceded in death by his wife Lois Runion Tickle, his parents John E. and Stella B. Tickle, and his son-in-law Steve Walters.

Ralph was a member of Thornsprng United Methodist Church for 81 years as well as a long-term member of the local Ruritan club. Before retiring, he traveled for 40 years as a paint sales representative and received recognition as salesman of the month and salesman of the year during this time. He always had a story to tell about his time as a salesman or about when he was a child, if you sat down with him and listened. He loved to tend to his vast vegetable garden,

cheered on the Hokies, enjoyed a good Nascar race, and adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Thornsprng United Methodist Church Cemetery in Pulaski County, Virginia on Tuesday, December 8th with Reverend Teresa Tolbert officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Thornsprng United Methodist Church in Pulaski, Virginia, Joy Ranch in Woodlawn, Virginia, or New River Valley Senior Services in Fairlawn, Virginia.

Arrangements provided by Stevens Funeral Home Pulaski, Virginia.

EUGENE DAILY HAVENS March 3, 1935 – December 5, 2020

Born in Rural Retreat, VA, he was the son of the late James Daily Havens and Zear Erie Glass Havens. His first wife, Norma Jean Kahlbaugh, second wife, Arwana Annette Williams, daughter, Barbara Jean and sisters, Della LePearl, Mildred Louise, Elsie Pauline and Edna Ann also preceded him in death.

He attended school in Pulaski and as a teenager he was a caddy at the country club and delivered newspapers. Moving to Washington, D.C. he became a locksmith, he then went to school to become a diesel mechanic. He still liked the Locksmith profession, so he took a job at the George Washington University Hospital. After retiring and not enjoying retired life, he took a job as a greenskeeper for a golf course near Frederick, MD. When asked why, he said, “I get to play all the golf I want.” His favorite passion was golfing. He held the most wins of the The Annual Championship at Rock Creek Country Club.

He is survived by his children from his first wife, Norma Jean Kahlbaugh; Wanda Ann, John Hubert, & Benjamin Daily, 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, siblings; Myrtle Mae Quade, Evelyn Marie Wood and Ernest James Havens.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, December 11, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Newbern Cemetery, Hovory Road – Dublin.

To sign Eugene’s online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

VIOLET CATHERINE MARUNICH

Violet Catherine Marunich, 67, passed away at home in Dublin on Monday, November 30, 2020.

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

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KENNETH WAYNE QUESENBERRY

Kenneth Wayne Quesenberry, age 70, of Galax and formerly Pulaski passed away Monday, December 7, 2020 in the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born January 31, 1950 in Hiwassee, he was the son of the late Owen M. Quesenberry and Essie Emmaline Sutphin Quesenberry. He was also preceded in death by sisters, Elsie Ernestine Smith, Julia Ann Quesenberry Harris, Wanda Gladys Quesenberry Peck and four brothers, Johnny, Billy, David and Bueron Quesenberry.

He is survived by his Sister Edith Louise Quesenberry & husband, Mowyer - Allisonia Brother Danny B. Quesenberry - Dublin Special Nephew Matthew Smith – Mt. Airy, NC. Numerous other Nieces and nephews

Graveside services will be held Friday 11:00 AM, December 11, 2020 at the Trail Cemetery, Hiwassee.

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“These are common-sense things we can all do to take care of each other and stay safe. This is not about getting people in trouble—this is about everyone doing their part and reducing opportunities for people to get sick.”

The following mitigation measures will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, December 14:

Modified Stay at Home Order: All individuals in Virginia must remain at their place of residence between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Exceptions include obtaining food and goods, traveling to and from work, and seeking medical attention.

Universal mask requirement: All Virginians aged five and over are required to wear face coverings in indoor settings shared with others and when outdoors within six feet of another person. This order expands the current statewide mask mandate, which has been in place since May 29, and requires all individuals aged five and over to wear face coverings in indoor and outdoor public settings outside of their own household. These changes are consistent with new CDC guidelines, released December 4, which recommend universal wearing of face coverings.

Reduction in social gatherings: All social gatherings must be limited to 10 individuals, down from the current cap of 25 people. Social gatherings include, but are not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, regardless of whether they occur indoors or outdoors. This does not apply to religious services, employment settings, or educational settings. Restaurants and retail stores are already governed by strict social distancing requirements, and are not included in this limit.

Continued limits on dining establishments: Virginia restaurants are currently governed by strict social distancing and sanitization requirements, which remain in place. The on-site sale, consumption, and possession of alcohol remains prohibited after 10:00 p.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. All restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms must close by midnight.

Teleworking: Employees that can telework are strongly encouraged to do so.

While Virginia’s new cases per capita remain lower than 43 other states, all of the Commonwealth’s five health regions are experiencing increases in COVID-19 cases, positive tests, and hospitalizations. Virginia is currently averaging more than 3,700 new COVID-19 cases per day, up from a statewide peak of approximately 1,200 in May. Statewide test positivity rate is at 11 percent, an increase from 7 percent approximately one month ago.



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Laws on Marijuana

Setting an agenda means setting priorities. Based on the agenda of the U.S. House of Representatives, apparently marijuana is a priority of Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

It must be so, because on December 4 she used some of the little legislative time remaining in this Congress to bring up H.R. 3884, the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act of 2019. H.R. 3884 not only decriminalizes marijuana, but expunges previous marijuana convictions and permits taxpayer dollars to be used in support of the marijuana industry and convicted drug dealers.

I doubt the constituents we represent in the House believe this measure to be such an urgent concern amid the current pandemic and economic downturn.

To be sure, I am supportive of changes to current federal drug laws. I support medicinal marijuana and further research into the effects of marijuana use, which the present laws and regulations make difficult to pursue. I have introduced legislation and worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to achieve these goals.

But with few legislative days remaining in this Congress, now is certainly not the time to focus on full-blown marijuana legalization. Further, H.R. 3884 goes way too far in the other direction from the restrictions currently in place.

In light of the fact that the bill was taken up so late in the Congress and with little chance of becoming law, H.R. 3884 appears to be more of a messaging bill than a serious attempt at legislating. But what kind of message is sent by its provisions?

Consider how it handles marijuana convictions. Any prior conviction for non-violent federal marijuana offenses are expunged, and courts are required to conduct resentencing hearings on any federal convictions that included marijuana as part of the underlying offense apart from crimes of violence. For example, if an individual was convicted of embezzling from a bank but was in possession of marijuana when arrested, he or she could be eligible for resentencing.

This would create tremendous strain on the court system, occupying its time and resources with thousands of resentencing hearings rather than more important business.

Prior marijuana convictions could also not be considered in denying any federal public benefit, granting security clearances, or in regard to immigration laws. So the individuals recently caught in Connecticut with a rental truck carrying an estimated \$15 million worth of marijuana, as an example, could benefit from these provisions.

Not only are these offenses expunged, but H.R. 3884 creates an "Office of Cannabis Justice" in the Department of Justice. The task of the new office would be to administer a grant program providing services to individuals convicted of marijuana-related offenses.

Changing the laws should not mean directing taxpayer dollars to individuals convicted of breaking the law or require federal grants and loans for the marijuana industry.

We still do not have enough data on the effects of marijuana use. This has long been a concern of mine, and why I have introduced or cosponsored bills that would make research on possible effects easier.

Just in September, a bill I cosponsored, the Medical Marijuana Research Act, advanced out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. I had introduced versions of it in previous years and am glad to see it progress now. A floor vote is anticipated this month, a fact I appreciate but which makes little sense considering the vote on H.R. 3884.

H.R. 3884 leapfrogs over more careful measures, disregarding public health consequences. It deschedules marijuana entirely from the list of scheduled substances under the Controlled Substances Act instead of moving it to another schedule that more appropriately assesses the risk of use.

Earlier this year, the House rushed to ban flavored tobacco products and vaping after a spate of sicknesses. Most of the people who fell ill were vaping products that contained THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Yet H.R. 3884 takes no action to ban flavored marijuana vapes, or generally to prevent marijuana use among young people.

H.R. 3884 would introduce more problems than it solves at a time when our attention is best directed to other topics.

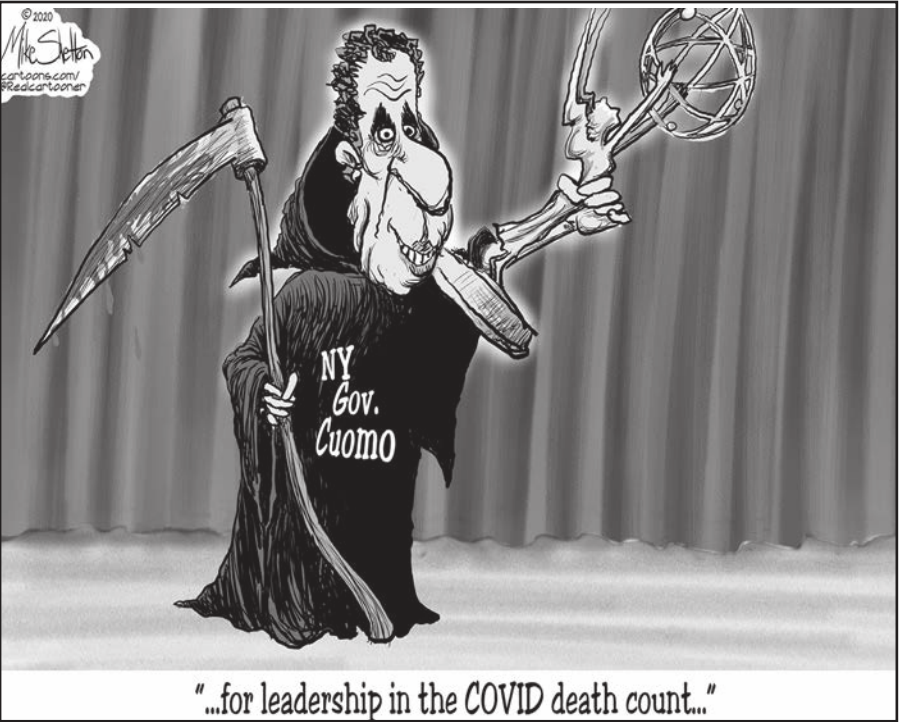
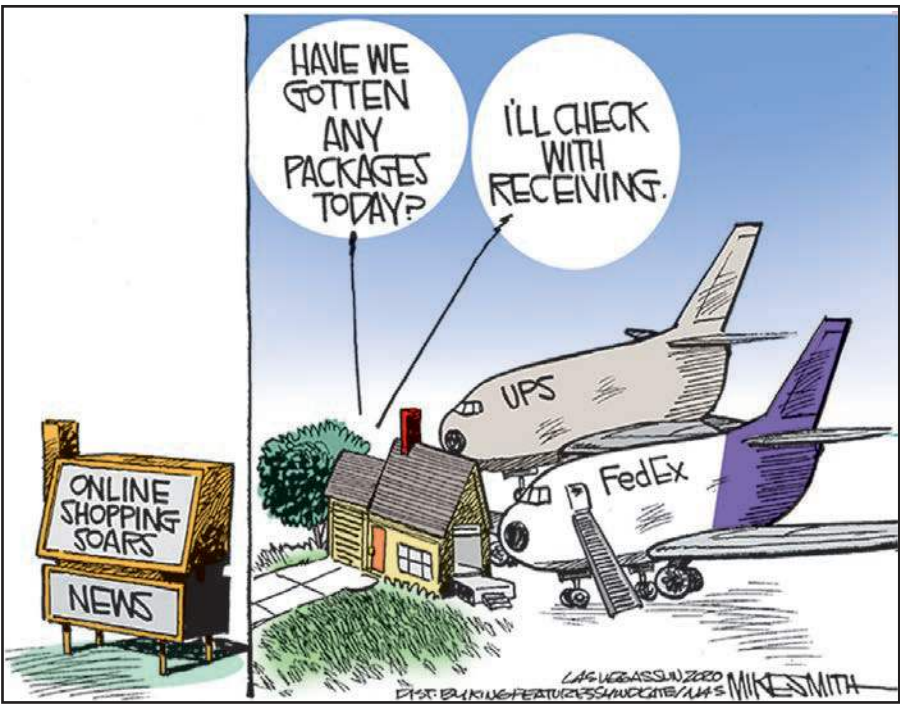
My position on marijuana remains the same: legalization for medicinal purposes and loosened restrictions for research. I am ready to work with Democrats and Republicans to achieve these goals and more generally to rationalize federal policy at a time when more states are opting to legalize marijuana to various degrees. The path away from the perplexing current state of marijuana policy need not lead to the reckless policy regime created by H.R. 3884.

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.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative



Trump Is Still Winning On The Economy

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

Some people can't handle success. The latest jobs report shows that despite the pandemic President Trump's policies of lower taxes and reducing regulations continue to work. Raising taxes and imposing regulations, as Joe Biden has pledged to do, has historically had the opposite effect, but there are people who continue to deny the history, believe lies and appear ignorant of sound economic theory.

Yes, some businesses are struggling, or have closed, thanks to arbitrary orders from politicians, some of whom ignore their own directives. Employers added 245,000 jobs in November, down from 638,000 jobs the previous month. Overall, future signs remain positive and additions are better than subtractions.

The November jobs and economic numbers were released last Friday. According to a tweet by the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), a U.S. agency within the Executive Office of the President, which advises the president of the United States on economic policy, "Despite newly imposed lockdowns by States and local governments, the unemployment rate has dropped by 8.0 percentage points since April. As of November, there were 4 million MORE Americans with a job than what the CBO in July estimated would occur at years-end."

This recovery is phenomenal by any objective standard, if objective standards exist anymore because we are so polarized and no longer seem to listen to each other.

November also posted strong gains for minorities, the CEA reported, "as nearly 70 percent of job losses by Hispanic Americans and over half of job losses by Black Americans have recovered." It makes one wonder why so many African Americans continue to vote for Democrats when under this president they have done better with jobs, wage increases, prison reform and in some states, school choice, than they did under the Obama-Biden administration and previous Democratic presidents.

CEA also reported, "The construction industry has recovered 74.2 percent of all pandemic job losses as of November. Nearly two-thirds of all job gains over the past seven months occurred in relatively low-wage sectors vulnerable to shutdowns,

including retail, leisure & hospitality, and education and health services."

That record alone should have ensured Donald Trump's re-election, but combined efforts by Democrats and their media allies refused for the most part to report on these and other successes. On the rare occasions when they did, little or no credit was given to Trump and his administration. Instead, the media featured Democratic congressional leaders downplaying the results, or crediting Barack Obama.


This is beyond unfair. It is the deliberate manipulation of truth to benefit a party and politicians preferred by the media and establishment Democrats and, sad to say, establishment Republicans.

It does not take a prophet to accurately predict what Democrats and the media will say after presumptive President-elect Biden takes office, assuming all challenges to the November 3 election are unsuccessful. Especially if there is a downturn in the economic and jobs numbers in a new administration, the media and Democrats will blame Trump.

All anyone needs is a rudimentary recall of history. When taxes have been cut, going back to those proposed by President John F. Kennedy and extending through the Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump administrations, the economy soared. No one doubts what the economy would have looked like had there not been a pandemic. If Congress would cut unnecessary spending and reform entitlement programs, which is unlikely, the economy and the jobs that go with it would likely soar as never before, reducing, or even eliminating, the \$27 trillion debt.

During the 2016 campaign, candidate Donald Trump predicted people would get tired of winning. His policies kept the economy going and he received more than 74 million vote in the election. If Biden succeeds in raising taxes and re-imposing unnecessary regulations, while radically increasing spending on dubious programs to combat "climate change," Americans may have to get used to losing again.

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).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Biden's radicalism on immigration

One of Joe Biden's first priorities as president will be to risk stoking a new migrant crisis.

After much trial and error, President Donald Trump came up with cooperative arrangements with Mexico and Central American countries that drastically diminished the pressure from asylum-seekers on our southern border.

Biden is pledged to overturn these policies, as well as undermine enforcement and boost immigration numbers across the board. The lie about Biden is that he's "a moderate," when the truth is that he's always been smack in the middle of his party, which is increasingly radical on immigration policy.

The new Democratic Party bristles with contempt for borders and the agents who police them, and its attitude will color everything Biden does.

The migrant crisis that had Trump adopt, then quickly abandon, a zero-tolerance policy that separated children from their parents wasn't of his making. President Barack Obama struggled with the same surge at the border, and many of the photos of children in cages used to condemn Trump date from the Obama years.

Trump only got a handle on the border when he secured deals for help. Mexico agreed to allow migrants seeking asylum in this country to remain in Mexico while their claims were adjudicated. Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, meanwhile, signed safe-third-country agreements, meaning migrants seeking asylum could be sent to those counties to pursue their claims rather than doing so in the U.S.

All of this was necessary to try to close effectively an open-border for migrants from Central America. Once they showed up and claimed asylum here, they were waived into the country and rarely, if ever, removed, even if their asylum claims ultimately failed (as the vast majority did).

Biden has promised a 100-day moratorium on deportations, a measure that will keep us from removing illegal immigrants even when they are released from jails after committing crimes. This is presumably a step toward re-instituting the Obama administration's policy of gutting interior enforcement.

He will restore DACA, the amnesty for illegal immigrants who came here as minors that Obama lawlessly imposed by dictat.

He will propose to Congress a broader amnesty for more than 10 million illegal immigrants. If the Senate balks, as is likely, Biden will be tempted to follow Obama's (and Trump's) example and implement as much as possible through his own authority.

He will boost the number of refugees to more than 100,000 a year, the highest level in 30 years.

Trump's signature failure on immigration was missing the opportunity to pass significant legislation reflecting his priorities through Congress when

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Virginia’s McAuliffe makes gubernatorial bid official

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Terry McAuliffe is trying to get his old job back.

The former Virginia governor announced a formal bid for governor Wednesday morning in Richmond, according to a McAuliffe aide.

McAuliffe, once best known as a top Democratic money man and close friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton’s, is entering an already crowded Democratic primary. The governor’s race in Virginia will be one of the country’s marquee political contests next year, serving

as a barometer of the public mood during President-elect Joe Biden’s first year in office.

As governor, McAuliffe had a largely successful four-year term starting in 2014 that saw him tirelessly market the state, make major transportation deals and restore

voting rights for thousands of convicted felons. He stepped into the national spotlight as a leading liberal voice on certain social issues, winning kudos for undoing a vestige of the state’s Jim Crow era and restoring voting and other civil rights to felons who had completed their sentences.

And McAuliffe’s blunt criticism of the white nationalists who sparked a deadly rally in Charlottesville in 2017 drew a sharp contrast with President Donald Trump’s shaky response to the violence.

But it’s unclear how broad his support is among Democratic primary voters today. McAuliffe largely governed as a centrist and some of his business-friendly policies and actions as governor may alienate the party’s progressive wing.

And to win the Democratic nomination, McAuliffe would have to defeat three Black candidates who have said the state is ready for new leadership.

Sen. Louise Lucas, a powerful Black lawmaker who is set to serve as a co-chair for McAuliffe, said the state is facing “desperate times” amid the coronavirus pandemic and a faltering economy. She said McAuliffe has proven he can fix things.

“I want somebody that I know can deliver,” Lucas said.

She added that McAuliffe plans to make improving public education the top priority of his campaign.

Virginia bars governors from seeking consecutive terms and McAuliffe left office at the start of 2018. He briefly flirted with a presidential run last year but decided against it.

His set-to-be-announced candidacy has long been an open secret. He’s been a major fundraiser for Democratic candidates in Virginia and filed paperwork to run in August but said no formal decision has been made.

Other announced Democratic candidates for governor include state Sen. Jennifer McClellan and Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy, either of whom would be the nation’s first African American woman to lead a state. Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax is also running.

On the Republican side, former House Speaker Kirk Cox has announced he’s running for governor. GOP state Sen. Amanda Chase has said she’s running as an independent.

Carroll Foy has been a frequent critic of McAuliffe, calling him a “rich political insider with strong ties to the special interests” in a

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2020 challenging year for Pulaski County Christmas Store

The year 2020 has been a challenging one for all residents of Pulaski County.

The Pulaski County Christmas Store, a nonprofit organization that provides Christmas assistance for children of families in need, was faced with a difficult dilemma. In

past years, parents were able to shop for their children from the inventory maintained by the Christmas Store. The Christmas Store Board of Directors realized during the summer that providing this shopping experience in a safe manner would not be possible during the pandem-

ic.

The Christmas Store Board decided to make changes in order to hopefully keep everyone safe and still serve the children of the county this year. The board had to eliminate Grandparents’ Day and did not distribute bulbs for shopping to individuals, churches, schools, and civic organizations.

The board did receive generous monetary donations from many sources, including grants and donations from civic organizations, churches, foundations, and individuals. Purchase of inventory was done online, and some board members shopped. The Christmas Store still received large donations from groups like the Christian Bikers, TOYS FOR TOTS, and other regular donors.

Since applications and wish lists could not be taken in person as in the past, the board received applications online, through the mail, and through a drop box at Martin’s Pharmacy in Pulaski. Board members filled the wish lists for about 480 children and had the bags ready for a contactless pickup on four scheduled distribution days.

The Board missed the in-person shopping and the many dedicated volunteers in our county and hope to return to normal operations in 2021.

OPEN FORUM

Soccer started in Pulaski County in 1986

To the editor,

Prior to 1986 soccer was not played anywhere in Pulaski County. Football was the big thing for this area. So, two ladies and one man got together and formed DYSA, Dublin Youth Soccer Association.

After getting organized a lot more citizens got on board. We were sanctioned and used FIFA rules. Don Staley was the Sports Director at Radford University. He heard about the response and each year would send his men’s soccer team and the girl’s team up to do a camp for the organization. They would take a group of children and put them in small groups and teach them the fundamentals of the sport.

Marshall Hamden, who owned Lee Ralphs Sporting Goods at the time would bring soccer cleats and shin guards up to the field and let the parents purchase them for their child to play. The three people who started soccer in Pulaski were Pat Ford, Fred Gravely and the coordinator, Brenda Blackburn of Dublin.

Soccer became the most growing sport around here. Some of the other people who were coaches were Carson Dalton, Mr. and Mr. Dunnaway, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forbes, Robin Whitesell and Brett Whitesell, Nancy Myers, and Beverly Hamblin.

The recreation dept. tried to take this program over, but the children refused to play for them and would start calling the coordinator in February to see if DYSA was still going on.

Finally, in or around 1990 the recreation department was told that they could start running soccer and DYSA sold them their goals, which were made by New River Community College.

It wasn’t until this organization started soccer at the high school. It then started up there and has really grown.

One of the players that played for DYSA is now the coach of soccer at Galax High School and has taken them to state and won more state championships than any other school in the state. Thanks Troy! He played for the Draper team. The coordinator was Calvin Smith.

One of the soccer players name was Dante Deneen Washington who is a retired American soccer striker and currently a TV soccer color analyst. Washington played soccer at Radford University and was named a first team All-American in 1991. He is the NCAA Career leader for assists in men’s soccer.

DYSA had Radford University’s boys and girl’s soccer teams come and call all the games. At the end of each season, we all got together on Saturday and had an All Sports Day which consisted of playoffs, parent games, selling hot dogs, parents brought cookies, candies, and had an enjoyable day. The monies made on that day were used to start our next season. When the organization gave it over to the recreation department all monies left were spent on all the kids playing. We ended our program with a \$0 balance.

Those were very enjoyable days, lots of our parents are deceased, and most all of our children that enjoyed the soccer program have gone out in life and succeeded.

When this program started, they had around 50 children participating and when it was given over to the recreation department there were approximately 200 kids playing.

**Brenda Blackburn,
Draper**

Lowry

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Republicans controlled both chambers. But, as Steven Camarota of the restrictionist Center for Immigration Studies notes, the net growth of the immigration population still declined markedly.

Despite all of Trump’s incendiary rhetoric, the upshot of his approach was entirely reasonable -- levels of immigration shouldn’t inexorably increase, and immigration policy should be subject to a rigorous test of national interest.

Biden represents a return to the old status-quo assumption that more immigration is, ipso facto, a good thing, at the same time he leads a party that is more zealous on the issue than ever before.

Democrats aren’t much interested in immigration controls, and it’s entirely possible that, soon enough at the border, it will again be uncontrolled.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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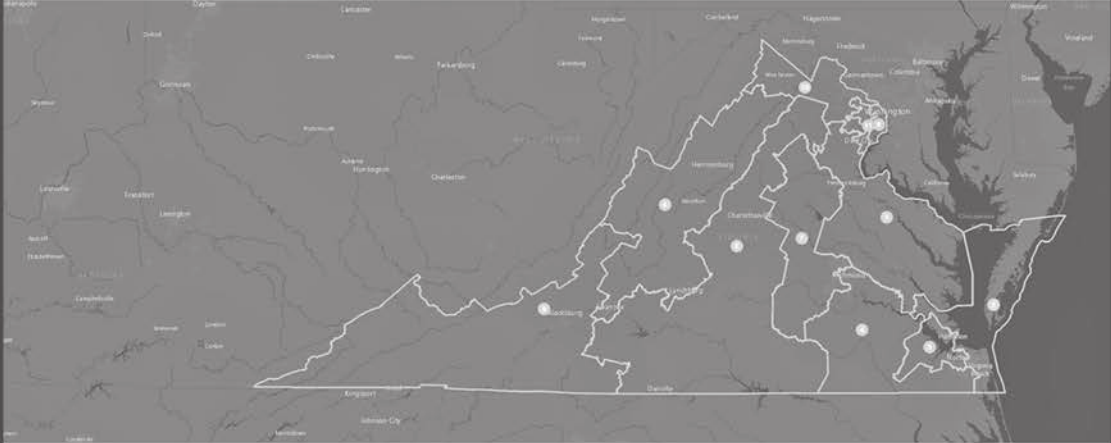


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Schools

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reason why we couldn't be back at 100 percent," Siers said.

He added that New River Health District Director Dr. Nolle Bissell fully supports the school system's efforts to try and get back to 100 percent in-person instruction.

"She sees the mental health aspect of students not being in school, the increasing rates of depression and teen suicide across the country and its highly concerning too. These are things we have to take into consideration," Siers said.

"So, if we can get the staffing issues taken care of, we stand a good chance of getting everyone back to 100 percent and hopefully be able to stay there. But we can't do that if we can't somehow get more people on the substitute list," he said.

Siers presented a plan including a list of things the school

system can do to hopefully increase the number of substitutes available to step into classes when teachers must be out.

"The first thing is to plead and beg for people to apply to be subs," Siers said only partly joking. "If folks can do one day a week. If you work another job and you're off say on Tuesday and are willing to come in and sub on Tuesday, we'll put you through the training and we can use you on Tuesdays," he said.

Besides trying to increase the number of substitutes available to schools, officials also want to try and get better control of absences within the teacher ranks. Such as asking personal leave requests be made 15 days in advance and spreading requests out rather than so many scheduling leave requests on Fridays and Mondays. They want to encourage teachers to schedule appointments later in the afternoon so as to not use a whole day of sick leave.

Siers said he is looking to create a standby list of available substitutes including administra-

tors, counselors, media specialists — "pretty much anyone with a teaching license or professional license in the school division."

Most of the issues with substitutes, Siers said, occurs at the secondary level.

"We're also looking at support personnel to substitute. They could be a paraprofessional or be a bookkeeper," he said.

"I've thought about this a lot. I've got people who are emailing me that we are in a pandemic and we can't go back to school at all, and I've got people who are emailing me and saying that we've got to get kids back at 100 percent," said Dr. Paige Cash (Robinson District).

"We're kind of at a point where we need to say, 'we're going to either try to go back or we're just going to throw in the towel for this year.' And I don't think we can do that.

"I think the kids need to be in school. I think this is extraordinary and we've got to do this (substitute effort) in order to keep the school staff. I would like to request the administrators and counselors be at the very bottom of the standby list if at all possible, however," she said.

"I had one person contact me and said they were concerned we would be pulling in every stranger from the street to substitute. We won't do that. They'll get their background checks. I feel confident we'll be okay there.

I think we need to do this, or we throw in the towel," Cash said.

"I think if we can get this plan off the ground and working, I think we could probably be at 100 percent in-person the whole second semester for four days a week," Siers said.

He added, too, that the approach going forward probably needs to be changing instructional schedules on a school-by-school basis.

"Looking back, we probably should have stayed at 100 percent when we first encountered the substitute problem because elementary wasn't the issue. The middle and high school, that's where we were having the sub problem and we didn't really break it down by school. In the future might have to put one school on virtual, but keep everyone else open," he said.

Bill Benson (Cloyd District) added he'd like to take counselors off any standby list and, "I'm not so sure I wouldn't want to take administrators at elementary school off list as well."

"We need counselors in elementary schools, and I'd hate to see administrators out of the elementary schools. I know they have assistants, but maybe let the assistants be on the list and keep

principals off the list," he said.

Siers said it is becoming impossible to cover all the people who are quarantined.

"The number of people in quarantine has grown greatly each day. Right now, we're making it work even without having a sub plan. But we're getting close to the breaking point."

"We're not really experiencing outbreaks in our schools. The outbreaks are in the community where people aren't following mitigation strategies. The schools are probably the safest public places that anyone can be in right now because of the enforcement of mitigation strategies," he said.

"We've had no student-to-student infection or transmission in the schools," stated Beckie Cox (Massie District).

"That's correct," Siers responded. "We've had no transmission in the schools that we've been made aware of. We've had people who have brought it (COVID) into the schools, but in all instances, they were exposed outside the school building."

"So, all the issues are with the adults who work for the schools, not in schools because we're keeping them (students) safe. The schools are cleaned and cleaned constantly and they're just doing a very good job with that," Cox said, adding problems occur when people are going out and not taking the precautions that they need to take and then carrying it back into the schools.

"We're seeing a lot of family exposure," said Jana Beckner, Human Resources Director for the school system.

"I think the uptick in cases we're seeing now is the result of the Thanksgiving holiday. A lot of family members that became symptomatic during the Thanksgiving holiday and now family members are coming down with it," Beckner said.

"I'm just going to say this publicly for everyone to hear me. You are responsible for each other. And we need to take precautions. If that means staying at home or staying away from other people, that's exactly what we need to do. We cannot continue to spread this and kill each other. Whoever is hearing me, virtually or otherwise, you need to be responsible," demanded Cox.

Responding to a question from School Board Chairman Tim Hurst, Beckner said the school

system — as of Tuesday — had 33 employees in quarantine with 12 of them being teachers and 21 being ancillary staff.

"I appreciate what we're trying to do to get kids back in school safely," said Hurst. "It's obvious that's where they need to be. When we look at the results of virtual learning vs. face to face there's just no comparison.

"Some people think we close schools just to close schools because there might be a little more of an outbreak in the area and that's not necessarily the case.

"I hope folks understand the challenges and the time that went into all this and how we're doing absolutely everything we can as a school system to keep kids in school. Pulaski County's kids have probably been in school more than any of our surrounding neighbors," Hurst said.

"Pulaski County has had more face-to-face instruction for all students than any other county in the New River Valley Health District," Siers said. "We were 100 percent for elementary for seven weeks and the secondary for five weeks."

"Let's do a little marketing," Cash said. "If you need extra money to pay off your Christmas bills and you're a decent human being, this (being a substitute teacher) is a great opportunity for you."

Beckner noted that currently substitutes are paid between \$75 to \$105 per day depending on whether they are a licensed teacher or degreed.

Siers' substitute plan calls for raising those pay rates by \$15 per day.

Siers planned to fine-tune the plan and bring it back to the board for their consideration in January. However, the board opted to move immediately with the plan and decided to approve it Tuesday. It passed on a 5-0 vote.

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tremendous number of opportunities for Dublin Middle School for any number of things. Fabulous recreational facilities there, Soldier’s Field is an excellent facility. Softball fields are there. Dublin Middle may or may not end up in private hands, it could end up in the hands of a public entity,” he continued.

Guthrie stressed the county does not need Pulaski Middle School cleaned up.

“Just whatever condition it’s in, the developers are ready to take it,” he said.

Massie District Supervisor John Travis, also in attendance Tuesday evening, concurred with Guthrie’s comments.

Guthrie’s remarks preceded a presentation by Jess Shull, Director of Operations, Transportation and Maintenance for the school system.

Shull told the school board that kitchen equipment, furniture and other items left over from the move to the new Pulaski County Middle School have been auctioned off on GovDeals.com – a website where surplus public property is sold.

“We started auctions on Oct. 23 and to date have run 154 auctions,” Shull said. “We started with kitchen equipment because it is normally your best seller and most valuable items. Of the auctions, 111 were of kitchen equipment and the school nutrition department has made \$27,537 to date.”

Shull said another 43 auctions consisting mostly of school furniture have yielded \$1,460 in sales.

“Typically, school furniture doesn’t go for much,” he added, noting 40 or 50 student desks might sell for as little as \$10.

“If we want to sell everything that’s left in the buildings, we probably have another 300 auctions to go,” Shull estimated.

He added his maintenance crews have managed to get the second floors of the two old middle schools completely clean. “We have a couple big ticket items left. We have one mobile unit left at DMS. We might get \$2,000 out of it and we might not. Sometimes you’re just willing to let someone take it if they’ll just move it,” Shull said.

“We’ve got some ag equipment that sometimes sells for decent money. But mostly we’re down

to school furniture – filing cabinets, desk chairs, teacher desks, student desks.”

He noted that the other schools in the county have had an opportunity to look at the furniture.

“We can sell what’s left or, as Mr. Guthrie mentioned, we can give the buildings to the county with what’s left still in them,” Shull stated.

He told the school board that after going through the process to empty the old schools, he couldn’t believe they were in use just last school year.

“I couldn’t believe we went to school in those buildings last year after being in this building (Pulaski County Middle School),” Shull stated. “Seeing those buildings and some of the furniture, I can’t believe we were in there last year.”

Shull continued that the school system would be “Looking at March” if it continues running auctions to get all the furniture out.

“That still leaves us with a couple of questions. What do we do with the stuff that doesn’t sell? Do we bring in maintenance crews and clean them out and polish the building. Doesn’t sound like that’s what the county is after. So, do we leave it and just move on,” he asked.

Shull said another question facing school officials is what to do with the Maintenance Department?

“Some people may not know, but Maintenance operates out of the basement of the main Pulaski Middle School building right now. It’s been there since we left Renfro,” Shull said.

“I don’t know which direction we’re moving. We’ve kicked around some ideas but have no direction.”

Shull outlined a couple options including moving the department to the old Tech Ed buildings – one at the back of the PMS property and the other next to DMS. He estimated such a move would cost the school system well in excess of \$300,000.

“Do we spend money and try to move into the old ag shops at PMS or DMS? Or do we build a new

maintenance shop,” Shull asked.

Shull noted the department currently operates out of eight individual facilities around the county, one of which – a storage facility – is rented from the Town of Dublin for \$15,000 per year.

Beckie Cox (Massie District) told Shull she doesn’t want to “see us move back to a building we lease from anyone and get kicked out of it again,” in reference to the Renfro site.

Dr. Paige Cash (Robinson District) asked Shull what direction he wanted to move in.

“I want to build a 16,000 square foot building on a site at Pulaski County High School with a loading dock, a climate-controlled storage area and bays,” he said, estimating that would cost around \$500,000.

Shull added that if the two Tech Ed buildings at the two middle schools are used, each would require “chunks” of the surrounding property to go with the shops. Shull said he didn’t know how that would affect marketing the two school buildings to new owners.

Plus, he said, using the old Tech Ed buildings would still require continuing to rent the storage facility from Dublin.

“I told Mr. (Tim) Hurst (School Board Chairman) instead of putting money into these old buildings around the county, put the money toward building a maintenance building at PCHS and everything would be right there on property we already own,” Shull said.

He estimated building a new facility would take around a year and a half.

“If I knew for sure the direction we’re going, we’d operate out of two old school buses for a year and half if we had to,” Shull said, only partly joking.

“We could temporarily operate out of DMS,” he added.

Cox wondered about the money that would be made by the county in selling off the schools to developers, and if it could be used to help offset the cost of the Maintenance move.

“I don’t think the county is anticipating getting much from selling them,” said School Superin-

tendent Dr. Kevin Siers. “I think the value comes from getting them refurbished and back on the tax rolls.”

For his part, Hurst said he favors going with a new facility for around \$500,000 as opposed to refurbishing old facilities for \$300,000-\$350,000 and the department still be scattered out around county.

“Why wouldn’t you do that, plus save \$15,000 year for rent on the storage facility in Dublin,” he asked.

“That’s the route I would love to see us go. I know the county would love to get that school in their possession as quickly as possible. So, I would love to move forward as quickly as we can,” Hurst said.

Bill Benson (Cloyd District) agreed.

“A new building is the only way to go,” he stated.

“We either do this or do the other,” Siers said. “The question is what can the county do to help ex-

pedite the process,” suggesting a meeting between school and county officials.

“Sounds like we’re going to have to come up with about \$300,000 no matter what,” Siers said. “If the county can somehow kick in the rest, we could get started on this and re-locate everyone to DMS for a year and a half.”

Guthrie agreed that meetings needed to take place soon.

“This is a high priority for the county, and we’ll prioritize it,” he added.

“To Ms. Cox’s point, the county intends that PMS would be sold for a very nominal charge and handed to a developer with a performance agreement that they would be required to turn it into what they promised they would do. Hard to say with DMS whether that will even be sold. It may remain public property,” Guthrie said.

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John W. McMullin Jr. to Michelle Carreras, property at 6702 Lake Drive, Snowville, \$260,880.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance to Lofton Leasing LLC, property at 4984 Old Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski, \$102,000.

Anita Lynn Reed to Emily Michelle Allen, property at 7791 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, \$210,000.

BGB Equipment Rental LLC to James Christopher Bowling, 6354 Hazelwood Drive, Dublin, \$60,000.

William O. Powell III to Brock Turner, property at 1271 Cavern Lane, Hiwassee, \$368,000.

Boyd R. Chumbley Estate to Robert Webb, property at 3090 Greenbriar Road, Draper, \$76,000.

Sonya Gullion Edens to David A. Thoma, property including 530 acres in Little Creek Section, \$1,450,000.

Gracia Jarrells Nipper to Gary Lee Hornsby, 7.53 acres off Hurston Road, Newbern, \$60,000.

U.S. Bank National Association to NRV Integrity Rentals, LLC, 0.033 acre off Henry Avenue, Pulaski, \$28,500.

Gary M. Martin to Nathan Lane Smythers, two acres in Mt. Olivet area off Haynes Road, \$2,000.

Pedro Orlando Salazar to Poth Properties LLC, property at 7705 Brooklyn Road, Fairlawn, \$175,000.

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Renee Donnarumma to Morgan Paulette, property at 6537 Belspring Road, Fairlawn, \$280,000.

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Jerry W. Lester to David F. Dean, property at 4745 Barton Drive, Dublin, \$254,000.

Lois Ann Howard to Brian S. Earles, property at 5654 Pine Grove Drive, Dublin, \$249,900.

Donald Moliver to David Carroll, property at 4271 Little Irish Road, Hiwassee, \$160,000.

RAS Properties of Va., LLC to Humane Society of the NRV, Lots 6 and 7, Trinkle Addition, Section A at 221 Broad Street, Dublin, \$125,000.

DVM Investment Properties LLC to Claffey DVM Properties LLC, Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17 at 7367 Lee Highway, Fairlawn, \$450,000.

Jason Grubb to Angela Stango, property at 5360 Empire Street, Pulaski, \$145,000.

John Blair to Scott Bonomo, property at 504 Walnut Avenue, Pulaski, \$163,000.

Regina Southard Montgomery to Jason H. McGraw, property at 3650 Lake Ridge Drive, Pulaski, \$275,000.

Erisman C. Tate to Jonathan R. Cottle, property at 3461 Ferncliff Road, Pulaski, \$60,000.

Mark C. Dalton to Steven R. May, property at 5961 Chicwood Drive, Pulaski, \$342,000.

Linkous Investments LLC to Robert Edward Cann, property at 6572 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Fairlawn, \$125,000.

Waldy V. Sulik Jr. to Charles A. Childress Jr., property at 3084 Farmer Lane, Pulaski, \$413,500.

Danielle A. Goad to James B. Long, lots in Case Knife area off Crescent Street, Pulaski, \$63,000.

Michael Lee Allen Jr. to Alisha S. Nester, property at 4268 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, \$65,000.

Harrison and Harrison Investing to Bobby W. Bain, property at 5092 Lizzie Gunn Road, Pulaski (Shiloh), \$141,500.

Teresa J. Barrett to Randall L. Meadows, 8.04 acres near Boone Furnace Road, Hiwassee, \$19,000.

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Glen E. Conrad to Robert M. Cornelius, property off Cabin Land Drive, Snowville, \$267,000.

Charles S. Nichols II to Candice D. Shay, property at 2520 Pleasant Hill Drive, Pulaski, \$252,000.

Commonwealth Trustees LLC to Quicken Loans LLC, lots 34 and 36, Block 3 at 140 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, \$114,750.

Dr. Jackie R. Scruggs-Taylor to Darrin Quesenberry, property at 6714 Lake Drive, Snowville, \$253,950.

McAuliffe

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statement Tuesday.

McAuliffe's record has plenty for his opponents to attack during the primary. He supported a natural gas pipeline project bitterly opposed by environmentalists and his most notable tax policy proposal was to cut the corporate income tax rate, which was part of an unsuccessful bid to expand Medicaid under a GOP-held legislature.

McAuliffe also was the subject of a federal investigation looking at donations to his gubernatorial campaign, a probe that never produced any charges. And an electric car company he once lead, which received millions of dollars in economic incentives from state and local officials to build a plant

in Mississippi, faced criticism for falling well below expectations in production and job creation.

But McAuliffe is almost certain to be the race's top fundraiser and has shored up support from many key lawmakers. Biden even gave an unofficial endorsement at a campaign rally in Norfolk in March, calling McAuliffe the "once and future governor of Virginia."



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VT-UVa: Teams heading in opposite directions

By HANK KURZ Jr.
AP Sports Writer

Virginia and Virginia Tech find themselves in a more familiar place amid this unpredictable year in college football: ending the regular season against each other.

The game Saturday night at Lane Stadium comes nearly three months after their attempt to open the season against each other was postponed because of COVID-19.

Much has changed since then

as the teams are heading in opposite directions.

Virginia Tech (4-6, 4-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), whose COVID outbreak forced the Sept. 19 postponement, won three of its first four games and climbed to No. 19 in the Top 25. But since that stretch, the Hokies have lost five of six, raising questions about coach Justin Fuente's future.

Virginia (5-4, 4-4) won its opener, then hit a rough patch and lost four straight. The Cavaliers have rebounded, winning

their last four and they beat the Hokies last season, ending a 15-year string of losses in the series.

Cavaliers coach Bronco Mendenhall doesn't think much of that factors in this week.

"I can't speak and won't speak for Virginia Tech, but I think one of the values of having a rivalry game at the end of the season is motivation," he said. "And regardless of how your season has gone, there's always that game."

"This year, maybe more than any, as you look around college football, I think there's some

teams that are just treading water and trying to make it to the finish. Others have something to look forward to and are excited for another opportunity because of a specific opponent," he said.

Hokies defensive linemen Jarrod Hewitt and Justus Reed agree.

"We're not in a great state at the moment, but we have a chance to go feel really good after this game Saturday," Hewitt, a fifth-year senior, said. "It's our big game, if not probably the biggest game of the year going into

every year, playing UVA. It's if you can't get up, just the simple fact that you're playing UVA, you're in the wrong spot."

Reed, a graduate transfer from Youngstown State, only joined the Hokies this season but it hasn't taken long for teammates to share with him the importance of winning back the Commonwealth Cup that had been a fixture at Virginia Tech for so long.

"It's been a long season and obviously hasn't been going the

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Team Sports Return As PCMS Teams Rout Floyd

In Pulaski County's first team sport matchup since March, the boys and girls teams from Pulaski County Middle School traveled to Floyd and walloped the Floyd Middle School teams. The girls beat the Floyd County girls, 59-19. While the boys from PCMS whipped the Floyd boys, 55-29. One of the stars on the night was Taylor Goble, shown above scoring on an easy layup after making one of her several steals on the night.

Brian Bishop/PC Patriot



Virus forces ACC to juggle schedule again

By HANK KURZ Jr.
AP Sports Writer

In the year of the coronavirus pandemic, traditions — and logic — matter not.

There are five games in the Atlantic Coast Conference this weekend, all important to the teams playing but none involving No. 2 Notre Dame or No. 4 Clemson. The league gave the Fighting Irish and the Tigers the weekend off before they meet in the ACC Game of the Year, Part II, in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Dec. 19 for the ACC title.

But the 10 teams that are playing are focused on this week.

No. 9 Miami and the 20th-ranked Tar Heels meet at North Carolina in a pivotal matchup that will determine bowl position. Virginia will visit Virginia Tech and renew a fierce rivalry that grew more intense a year ago when Bronco Mendenhall's Cavaliers ended a 15-year losing streak in the series with a 39-30 victory.

The rest of the games -- Wake Forest at Louisville, Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech and Duke at Florida State -- largely involve the bottom half of the ACC standings, with only Wake Forest (4-3, 3-3) having a winning record. The Demon Deacons, because of the pandemic, have played four fewer games than expected and are slated to play two more.

But the most of college football looking at the ACC are talking about Notre Dame and Clemson. The Fighting Irish won the first, at home, 47-40 in overtime, when the Tigers were without Trevor Lawrence because of a COVID-19 infection. The Heisman Trophy candidate and probable No. 1 choice in the NFL draft is back for the rematch.

The league traditionally wants all eyes on its two top teams battling for a spot in the College Football Playoff, but this year on championship Saturday, Georgia Tech also will play at Miami and Florida State will play at Wake Forest.

While it could be a case of television money driving the proverbial bus in the ACC, coaches and players refuse to see it that way.

"These guys are competitors. We are a young football team. We're one of the youngest teams in college football. We need every rep that we can get," said Florida State coach Mike Norvell, whose team (2-6, 1-6) has played only twice in five weeks. "I understand the challenges that come with that, but our guys are excited about being able to go through a week and implement a plan to do all you can to prepare for a game."

"When that's taken away from you, it is emotional ... we want to play," he said.

Duke junior running back Mataeo Durant will get his last

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Virginia Tech starting QB Hendon Hooker is expected to get the start Saturday night against Virginia.

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chance for the year at Florida State on Saturday and isn't inclined to pass up the opportunity to play again.

"It's all about competing. Everyone wants to go out there and compete to the best of their abilities," he said. "At the end of the day, we all play the same game and so we're in it for the same reasons, trying to go out and get a win every weekend."

All teams hope to be playing games that matter at the end of the season, and that's the case for the Hurricanes and Tar Heels. With a dwindling list of bowl games available, North Carolina coach Mack Brown has told his players "it's their responsibility to stay clean so they get to play, because that's not happening in a lot of different places."

That is true for after the game against the Hurricanes as well, he said.

"We do the same thing with bowl games. We've told them that: 'Here is the list of ACC bowl games,' when one cancels

out. We've told them the Pinstripe Bowl will not be played this year, the Sun Bowl will not be played this year," he said. "Coach, do you think they're going to have enough bowls for us to go to?" "Yes, so plan on having bowl season."

The Virginia-Virginia Tech rivalry has taken on new nastiness, adding even more intrigue to the re-scheduled game in Blacksburg, Virginia. The teams are going in opposite directions: The Cavaliers have won four in a row; the Hokies have lost four in a row.

They were slated to play to start the season and the Hokies couldn't because of a COVID-19 outbreak, and a Twitter battle about responsibility and willingness emerged between the teams.

Though COVID caused the game to be postponed, now its being played when it normally has been — at the end of the regular season.

"All bets are off, you know," Hokies defensive lineman Jared Hewitt said Tuesday. "We definitely would have wanted things to be differently, but we're just going out all the way. Who cares? We've got UVA. Let's go win."

Big Salmon Fishing

When the subject of salmon is mentioned of these fish returning to spawn and then die, people often think of the Columbia River of the Pacific Northwest or on up into Alaska. There are rivers on the Eastern Northeast that have migrations of several species of salmon that do the same. They do not necessarily all die and do the same more than one year.

I had the chance to do some of this type of fishing the last of October of this year at the invite of my fishing buddy, Dick Gregory. In the past, he had fished the waters of the Salmon River located in the Northwestern part of New York where it empties into Lake Ontario. This lake as well as remaining four are stocked with the Chinook, Coho, Pin, Sockeye and Atlantic. They return in similar fashion to their origins as those of the Pacific Northwest. This is not up the river like the mighty Columbia, but small tributaries (even springs) that empty into small streams and the larger rivers.

Dick kept after me to go with him on this trip that was about a twelve-hour drive up Interstate 81. He related that he had a motel in the area lined up for a weeks' stay. I recall going with two other friends to fish down on the Virginia coast about fifteen years ago and staying at a motel along the Rappahannock River. I have never smoked and could not stand the smell of cigarettes in the room from previous occupants and took my sleeping bag and slept in the back of our station wagon. Also, the covid-19 was beginning to spike again in New York around the last of October, and I held off going. I sure missed out on some trophy fish as the accompanying photos will show.

Dick related how he traveled about 35 miles North of Syracuse, New York to a town of Pulaski on the Salmon River. The only difference from our own town and county pronunciation is the last "ski" sounds like sky. He found the motel and checked in and became acquainted with town's people and soon found a resident by the name of Glenn Zimmerman. They teamed up as fishing buddies and found that several of the salmon varieties were returning from Lake Ontario and making the run up the Salmon and its tributaries. They used several types of flies as well as live bait. The various fish were hungry after traveling around ten miles from the lake and hit about all types of bait put in the water. Most of the salmon were around twenty-five pound and a meter of three feet in length. They managed to catch Coho, Chinook, Sock-eye, and Atlantic. They reeled in some Steelhead as well which is fish of the salmon family.

When Dick returned from his trip fishing and texted several pics of the catches that he and his fishing buddy had gotten, I



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really felt bad that I had not gone along. Salmon is a great fish to eat and is pretty steep price at a restaurant or at the market. Another friend of mine I attended high school spent several years in Alaska as a missionary. He shared with me at class reunions how it was great fishing for the salmon there and you could catch enough to eat throughout the cold winter months. He had to return

from there a few years ago as arteritis had set in his arms and hands. The reason being when the temperature got to be forty below, he could not shovel off the roof of his house to keep it from collapsing. I always wanted to go to Alaska and fish, but may never make it. I loaned Dick my state atlas and he is looking at some places in Colorado and Montana where we can get into some great trout fishing a member of the salmon family.

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way we wanted it to, but we still have one more shot to get after these guys we don't like a lot," he said.

Some other things to watch when Virginia plays at Virginia Tech:

QUARTERBACKS

First-year starter Brennan Armstrong has gotten better each week, both as a passer and running threat, and last week against Boston College became the first Cavaliers quarterback with 400 total yards in consecutive games. The Hokies used three quarterbacks in their 45-10 loss to No. 4 Clemson when Hendon Hooker had issues with the cold and Braxton Burmeister was injured, forcing Fuente to use redshirt freshman Knox Kadum. All three appear ready to go against Virginia, Fuente said this week.

GROUND GAME

The Hokies rank 11th nationally with an average of 238.9 rushing yards. Much of that comes from graduate transfer Khalil Herbert, who has 1,020 yards in 10 games, but Hooker has been prolific as well with 620 yards and nine touchdowns. The Cavaliers are 26th nationally, allowing 125.9 rushing yards, but 127th out of 127 teams in passing yardage allowed, yield-

ing and average of 314 yards. The Hokies allow 265.9 (102nd).

THE QUIET

Nothing highlights a rivalry more than crowd noise, which typically is the proverbial 12th man for the home team. Virginia's coronavirus guidelines currently allow only 250 people to attend football games, even in a stadium that can seat more than 65,000.


COVID CONCERNS

The Hokies opened the season missing 20 or more players for their first two games, many because of the coronavirus, and while Virginia has done a very good job of keeping infections down, they were without several key players against Boston College.

"I think what I underestimated is the constant state of uncertainty and adaptability necessary to get to this point," Mendenhall said. "And quite frankly, I think most teams and most coaches around the country, you're coaching a different roster each week."

BAD MEMORY

Hewitt said he was "enraged" by watching film of last year's game, especially when the coaching staff picked out clips clearly showing that the Cavaliers played harder. "There's no way that they can play harder than us in our stadium. It just can't happen," he said.



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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on December 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W., Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following variance request:

A request by Claremont School Apartments, LLC. (Agent : John Stiltner) for a variance to Section 5.3.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pulaski for property located at 800 Ridge Avenue (tax parcel (s) 072-092-0000-0007) in the R-3 Multi-Family Residential District. Section 5.3.3 Table 2: Off Street Parking Space Requirement permits two and a half spaces (2.5) per dwelling unit for Multi-Family Land Use. The applicant requests a variance to allow one and three quarters spaces (1.75) per dwelling unit for Multi-Family Land Use on this parcel.

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

Virginia Tech falls to Penn St.

From [Hokiesports.com](#)

BLACKSBURG – In the annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, the No. 15 Virginia Tech men's basketball team fell to Penn State 75-55 in Cassell Coliseum, ending the Hokies nonconference home winning streak at 35 games.

The Hokies (4-1) could not get it done against Nittany Lions (3-1) in the fourth meeting between the two programs in the challenge, with Penn State improving to 4-0 against Tech in the challenge, although Tech does still lead the overall series at 6-4.

Penn State received key offensive performances from junior Izaiah Brockington, who recorded a career-high 24 points and also tied a season high in rebounds with eight. Three other Penn State players reached double figures in scoring, including Myreon Jones (14 points), Myles Dread (11) and Sam Sessoms (10).

The Nittany Lions hit 12 triples, which is the most an opponent has made against Tech all season.

On the defensive end, Penn State forced Tech to commit 14 turnovers, which is tied for the most all season and the Nittany Lions scored 22 points off those

mistakes. Penn State also came up with six steals and six blocks and held Tech to its lowest point total of the season with 55 on the night.

Despite the loss, sophomore

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Copies of the contract documents and specifications may be obtained from the Town of Pulaski Engineering Department in Room 223 in the Municipal Building or by e-mailing nsmythers@pulaskitown.org. When obtaining the contract documents, the bidder must designate a representative who will be responsible for all correspondence between the Town and the bidder, and shall notify the Town of his name, title, address and contact number.

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Each bidder submitting a proposal must be registered as a contractor in the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with Title 54, Chapter 7, Code of Virginia 1950. Each bidder shall place on the outside of the envelope containing his bid, "*Town of Pulaski Street Improvements Project 2021*," address of the bidder and Virginia Contractor's Registration Number.

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By: Bill Pedigo

Town Engineer

Tech

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Jalen Cone had his breakout performance of the season, as he earned his season high in points with 11. Tech out-rebounded Penn State 39-33 and recorded 15 offensive rebounds for the second straight outing. The Hokies bench scored 26 points, which is their second-highest total of the season and the third outing this year Tech has had 25 or more points off the bench.

THE GAME

With the Hokies trailing early, Cone came off the bench and hit two triples along with a jumper to bring Tech within single-digits at 21-13. The Nittany Lions answered each run that Tech attempted to spark, though, as Penn State stretched its lead to 37-20 with just a few minutes left in the half. Guard Tyrece Radford finished off a driving layup to close out the half, as the Hokies entered the half down 42-23.

The Hokies and Nittany Lions came out of the gate trading baskets early on in the second. Penn State would then go on a 13-4 run to put them up 58-31 at the 15-minute mark. The Nittany Lions would not look back, as they would control the rest of the contest and go on to win 75-55.

GAME NOTES

- Forward Aluma tied his season high in rebounds for the second straight game with 12 on the night.
- Cone nailed a season-high three triples in the loss against Penn State.
- Freshman David N'Guessan tallied his career high at Tech in points with five and dished out his first-ever assist as a Hokie.
- Tech tied a season high in offensive rebounds with 15 for the second straight game which marks the third time it's happened in the Mike Young era (15 vs. VMI 12/3/20), (19 vs. UMES 12/29/19).

UP NEXT

The Hokies will stay at home to take on Clemson in their ACC opener on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. ET inside Cassell Coliseum.

Beamer named 36th coach at S. Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Shane Beamer, considered to be one of the rising stars among coaches in college football, has been named the University of South Carolina's 36th head football coach, Director of Athletics Ray Tanner announced Sunday.

"I believe that Shane Beamer is the perfect fit to be the head football coach at the University of South Carolina," said Tanner. "He has worked under some of the greatest coaches in college football and has taken those lessons to become one of the bright, young minds in the game. I believe Shane's energy, enthusiasm, commitment and fondness for our school and program will be met favorably by our student-athletes, staff and fans."

Beamer, 43, has been an assistant coach at seven Football Bowl Subdivision schools for 21 seasons. During his career, he has coached in 17 bowl games, including a College Football Playoff National Championship Game, has posted 18 non-losing seasons, six of those with double-digit victories and his teams have won 62.5 percent of its games.

"I have been preparing for this moment my entire life," said Beamer. "I am ready and excited to be the head football coach at the University of South Carolina. I am thankful to all the head coaches that I have worked for, the assistant coaches and student-athletes I have worked with. My family and I are thrilled to be coming back to Columbia and the state of South Carolina."

Beamer has been a part of building programs throughout his career. He has been a part of three coaching staffs, where the head coach was in his first or second season at the school. He joined Lincoln Riley's unit at Oklahoma in his second

season, Kirby Smart's program at Georgia in his first season and Sylvester Croom's staff at Mississippi State in his first season.

He comes to Carolina from Oklahoma, where he has served as the assistant head coach for offense for the last three seasons. The Sooners led the nation in total offense, scoring offense and yards per play in 2018.

The Charleston, S.C. native, returns to one of his previous coaching stops, having been with the Gamecocks for four seasons (2007-10), coordinating special teams and coaching outside linebackers, as well as serving as recruiting coordinator during his last two seasons.

In 2009 at South Carolina, Beamer was nominated for the Frank Broyles Award, which goes annually to the nation's top assistant coach. His special teams' units recorded five blocked kicks that season, tying for the SEC lead and tying for the eighth-highest total in the nation. He also helped coach a defensive unit that ranked third in the SEC and 15th in the country in total defense, and second in the league and eighth in the country in passing defense.

As the Gamecocks' recruiting coordinator, his 2009 class was ranked 12th-best by both Rivals and Scout, and the 2010 and 2011 classes were ranked in the Top 25.

"President (Bob) Caslen, (Senior Deputy Athletics Director) Chance Miller and I talked to some outstanding candidates for this position," said Tanner. "Shane's candidacy set the bar high as we were talking to other coaches. I want to add my appreciation for Chad Chatlos of Turnkey Search, who helped us navigate through this process."

During Beamer's tenure as recruiting coordinator at Carolina,

nine of his signees were selected in the NFL draft. Those include first round selection Stephen Gilmore (Buffalo Bills) and second round selections Alshon Jeffery (Chicago Bears) and D.J. Swearingen (Houston Texans).

In between stops in Columbia and Norman, Beamer spent two seasons on the staff at Georgia as

tight ends coach and special team's coordinator.

The son of Hall of Fame coach, Frank Beamer, he worked with his father as the running backs coach at Virginia Tech from 2011-14. Beamer's first full-time coaching position was at Mississippi State. He also served as the program's recruiting coordinator.



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OH BOY, I CAN'T HARDLY WAIT. CHRISTMAS IS JUST RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

I WANT A NEW XBOX WITH GAMES, AN IPAD, FOOTBALL AND FANCY NEW DIRT BIKE.

THAT SOUNDS GREAT, BUT YOU KNOW THAT IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE?

OH, SURE.

OH... YOU'RE BEING SERIOUS?

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

ONE TOMATO... SIX HUNDRED AND ELEVEN DOLLARS.

SHOPPING AT THE WHOLE FOODS ON EASTER ISLAND.

BNEEP..

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

WHOA!

WINTER DRIVIN'...

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE AROUND...

TO SEE YOU PUT IT IN THE DITCH...

BUT NEVER ANYONE AROUND TO SEE YOUR EPIC SAVES.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I'M A SELF MADE MAN.

THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY YOU KEEP FALLING APART.

Popeye

HEY CESMAN

I SAID, "MAGGIE, MARRY ME AND MAKE ME THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH!"

THEN I SAID... "I LOVE YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS!"

WOT DID SHE SAY T'DAT?

THEN SHE SAID... "I KNOW, SWEETIE! LOVE DOESN'T CONQUER ALL, WIMPY!"

"THEN SHE SAID..." THERE'S A NEED FOR FOOD AND SHELTER... -AND ONLY FULL EMPLOYMENT COVERS THOSE NEEDS!

WHEN DID SHE TURN VI'LENT?

WHEN I ASKED WHAT KIND OF WORK SHE WAS QUALIFIED FOR!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OH MY, THIS TREE IS TOO TALL, TOO EXPENSIVE AND WON'T FIT IN THE CAR... IT'S PERFECT. I THINK WE SHOULD GET IT.

LAFF-A-DAY

"Take one of these pills as often as you can afford it!"

"I hate the idea of my wife never let me take this many coffee breaks."

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!

Entice
PARENT

Fable
GLEEND

Entering
DARWIN

Impede
HERDIN

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Vagrant
4 Poke
7 Femur or fibula
8 Elaine's last name on "Seinfeld"
10 Cook by direct heat
11 Silvery
13 Smooth-coated pooch
16 1/20 ton (Abbr.)
17 Humdinger
18 Moving truck
19 Narnia's Aslan, e.g.
20 Antitoxins
21 Munchie
23 Enthusiasts' emotions
25 Roe provider
26 Group of quail
27 Debtor's letters
28 Muslim maiden
30 Thee
33 High-backed chairs
36 Earthling, in sci-fi
37 Flavor
38 Go over the books

DOWN

1 Give a leg up
2 One
3 Tuneful
4 Spanish wine town
5 Mad
6 Tavern offering
7 Forehead
8 Conductor's wand
9 Whine
10 English channel?
12 Signs of sorrow
14 Kindle competitor
15 Genetic stuff
19 Young fellow
20 Put into words
21 Try for a two-pointer
22 Queasiness

39 Spud's buds
40 Always, in verse
41 Two, in Tijuana

23 Nil
24 Ousted
25 Bro or sis
26 Beyond well-done
28 Throng
29 Where the elated walk
30 Affirmatives
31 Uneaten morsels
32 Work with
34 Verifiable
35 Boxer's successful blow

top ten

Fastest Growing States*

1. Arizona
2. Idaho
3. Utah
4. Washington
5. Colorado
6. Florida
7. South Dakota
8. Texas
9. Nevada
10. South Carolina

*per capita
Source: Zippia

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What was the theme song for the 1997 movie "Titanic"?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is an espadrille?
3. FIRSTS: Which company was the first to use an assembly line to manufacture its products?
4. TELEVISION: What was Marge's maiden name on the animated comedy "The Simpsons"?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What are the main ingredients in a modern mince pie?
6. U.S. STATES: This city has two prominent nicknames, and one of them is The Crescent City. What is the city and state?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby puffin called?
8. ADVERTISING MASCOTS: What product did Mr. Whipple represent for more than 20 years?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What is an old name for north China?
10. MATH: What Arabic number is the equivalent of the Roman numerals MCMLX?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bandanna is backward. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Shade is lower. 4. Object has no wheel. 5. Boy's hat is different. 6. Brown shadow is taller.

Answers

1. "My Heart Will Go On"
2. A rope-soled canvas shoe
3. Ford Motor Co.
4. Bouvier
5. Dried fruits and spices
6. New Orleans, Louisiana. The other nickname is The Big Easy.
7. A pulling
8. Charming bathroom tissue
9. Cathay
10. 1960

King Crossword

Americanisms

CryptoQuip

This is a double 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 E

ZR CLNALWA TUK U IZKA MUBZAXO
LR NLBUY GBZWQZGYAC, ILJYK
OLJ QUYY ZX AXTZO KZMABOZXO?

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RETIRING

Today's Word

1. Entrap 2. Legend; solution
3. Inward; 4. Hinder

Answers

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Americanisms

"Wrinkles will only go where the smiles have been."
— Jimmy Buffett

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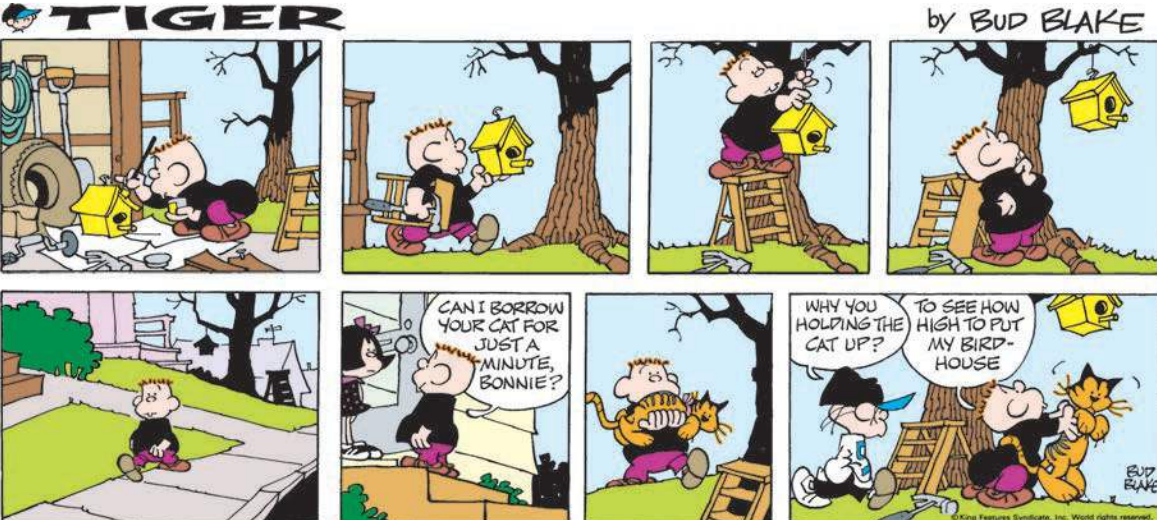
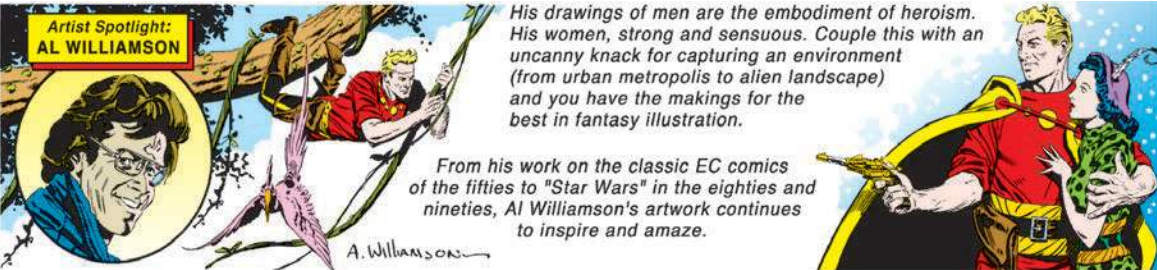
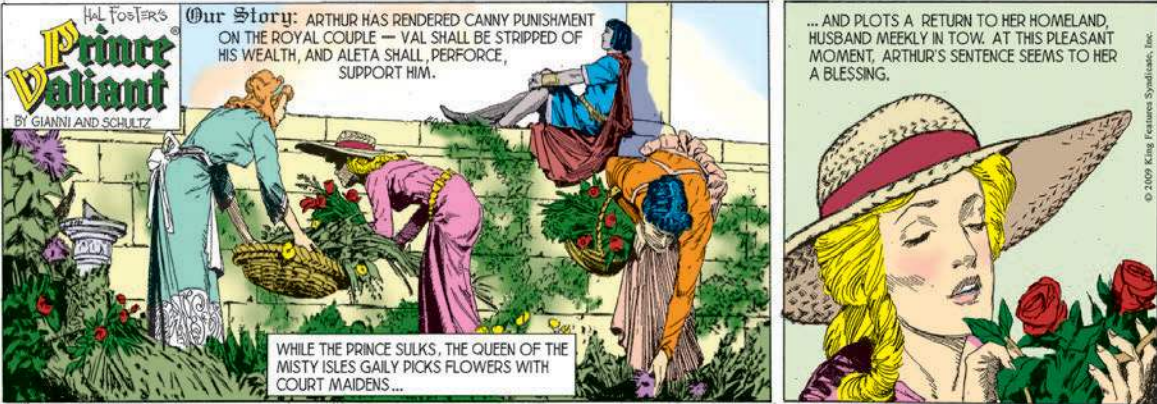
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Watch Holder

There has always been a need to tell time, and early methods -- sundials, hourglasses, water clocks or even large arrangements of stones and shadows -- were not accurate. The first mechanical clocks were invented in the 14th century, the pendulum clock in 1656, and by the 1700s there were many clocks in church towers that rang bells to tell citizens the time. The small watch that could be carried by a person was developed after 1810. Then came pocket watches worn on a chain, and in 1868 the wrist-watch was made. But there was still no affordable clock for home use.

An unknown person made the first watch holder in the early 1800s. The holder was a small decorative stand that held an available pocket watch on a table. They were made of ceramics, metal, wood -- anything that could be shaped into a stand with a large hole. Some were even made by famous artists and jewelers of bronze or gold, or by a company that made ceramic dishes or statues. Most were not signed.

The watch holder is often a "whatsit." The hole in the middle is confusing to a 21st century person who tells time with a wristwatch or cellphone. A Neal Auction in New Orleans sold an early 19th century watch holder of gilt bronze. It is shaped like a harp held by swans on a pedestal base. When the watch is inserted in the hole near the top, it creates a decorative "clock." It sold for \$875.

CURRENT PRICES

Cambridge glass, candy jar, lid, rose du barry, peach-blo, acid etched, silver leaf bands, knob, 6

KOVELS' Antiques & Collecting



This watch holder is an elaborate clock when a pocket watch is put into the hole. An interesting, money-saving idea by an anonymous person in the 19th century.

Hubley doorstop, cat, red, art deco, cast iron, c. 1925, 5 1/4 x 4 1/2 inches, \$375.

Tiffany salt and pepper shakers, owl, silver, 2 1/2 inches, \$920.



* Inexpensive gift idea: On the front of an empty photo album or scrapbook, print out and arrange color photos of your recipient in a collage. Glue the photos to the front of the album and cover with a decoupage glaze, like Mod Podge. Let dry and glaze again. You've just made a one-of-a-kind gift!

* If you are a re-gifter, always document from whom and in what year you received a gift. Then re-gift it to someone who will have little to no contact with that person. For example, if Aunt Emily from out of town sends you a lovely soap basket that you would never use, you could re-gift it for your office party.

* After-Christmas sales are a great time to buy not only gift wrap (look for solid colors that you can use all year long), holiday cards and decoration, but also next season's winter wear. Things like scarves and gloves can be great bargains. And even coats can go on sale. Take advantage -- especially if you have kids -- and buy up.

* "Recycle in the new year by using wrapping supplies to help store your holiday decorations. The cardboard tube from gift wrap can be cut into smaller pieces, which you can wrap strands of tree or house lights around. Boxes can be put to use to hold ornaments or other decorations, and ribbon and bows that are still in good condition can be tucked away for re-use next year." -- E.F. in Oregon

MAGIC MAZE ● DRONE TERMINOLOGY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: NO FLY —

Autopilot	Controller	Gyroscope	Roll
Axis	Fly away	Octocopter	Throttle
Bind	Gimbal	Payload	Waypoint
Camera	GoPro	Pitch	

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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.

Q VHRJ NQR SNHVMR, Q ZQS

NQR ZAQR; ZJVSQKMAI CHSN

QVJ EHVSJ SNJ VKRD.

— XMDMHEM

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CryptoQuote

are worth the risk. — Unknown

A rose has thorns, a cat has claws; certainly both answer

DRONE TERMINOLOGY

Celebrity Extra: 'Good Girls'

Q: I recently started watching the show "Good Girls." A lot of it is hard to believe, but the three lead actresses are so good, I'm willing to overlook the details. I recognize Christina Hendricks and Mae Whitman from "Mad Men" and "Parenthood," but what has Retta been in? Also, what's her full name? -- F.L.

A: Retta, who plays Ruby, one of a trio of felonious housewives on the NBC-Netflix series "Good Girls," was born Marietta Sirleaf. She had planned on becoming a doctor, but took a detour after college at Duke University into the stand-up comedy world. She had the blessing of her parents when she decided to drop her surname while she led the wild and crazy life of a stand-up comedian.

Before "Good Girls," Retta played Donna on the NBC comedy "Parks and Recreation." She was hilarious, but playing Ruby has allowed her to showcase her fantastic dramatic chops as an actress.

Meanwhile, Jonathan Silverman ("No Good Nick") will join the fourth season of "Good Girls" as a member of the Secret Service.

Q: I was a big fan of the show "Veep," starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus. In the final episode, the character playing the role of President Meyer's husband was spotted twice, despite having (supposedly) been killed off, and none of the characters appeared to notice. What's the story on that? -- D.C.

A: "Veep" was a political-satire comedy series that aired on HBO from 2012 to 2019. Julia



NBCUniversal Media

Retta

Louis-Dreyfus won many deserved Emmy Awards for her performance as vice president -- and eventual president D- Selina Meyer.

David Pasquesi recurred as Selina's philandering ex-husband Andrew. He was killed off -- until his surprise appearance in the series finale revealed he was alive all along. According to an article in the "Washington Post," the character "faked his own death to avoid prison time for shenanigans related to her (Selina's) charitable foundation."

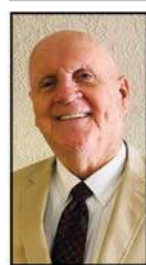
Next up for Pasquesi, who is known for "Groundhog Day" and "Angels & Demons," is the thriller "Last Looks" starring Charlie Hunnam ("Sons of Anarchy") and Morena Baccarin ("Gotham").

Q: Many years ago there was a series on PBS called "The



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Abimelech was a Bad Leader

Abimelech was one of the sons of Gideon. But he had not the character of his father. He was a godless, unprincipled, ambitious seeker of power. He wanted to be King even before God allowed Israel to have a King. But he didn't have the temperate to be a leader.

Gideon has many children. He was cranking them out. By his many wives, He fathered seventy sons.

When Gideon, a great leader and judge of Israel died, Abimelech feared that his 70 half-brothers would promote themselves to be leaders in the place of their father. Therefore he took it upon himself to make sure that none could lead the people except him.

Judges of Israel were called and ordained by God to protect Israel from their enemies. Abimelech wasn't called by God. He wanted to acquire power and prestige for himself. God will never call a man like that to a position of power in the Church. God calls those who have hearts for Him and for the good of the Church, and not those who are self-centered, prideful, and un-trustworthy.

Abimelech hired a gang of worthless Assassins to murder his 70 brothers. This act shows us what a wicked, evil, vile man Abimelech was. The money he used to run his campaign to become king came from the coffers of the temple of Baal.

Verse 6. "And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren, the sons of Jerubbaal, being three score and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. And all the men of Shechem gathered together and all the house of Milo, and went, and made Abimelech king. Instead of getting a good king, they got what they deserved.

Politics can be found on the job; in elections, in sports, in lodges, and in every other venue in life. When men do favors for those who have the power over them to feather their own nests, this is politics.

Good leaders promote Unity. Unity promotes healthy growth

After Abimelech had governed Israel three years, God stirred up animosity between Abimelech and the citizens of Shechem so that they rebelled against Abimelech.

Gaal said, "Why should we serve Abimelech?" So Abimelech and all his armed forces set out by night and took up concealed positions near Shechem in four companies.

Gaal led out the citizens of Shechem and fought against Abimelech. And Abimelech defeated him and drove him and his clan out of Shechem.

The next day Abimelech took his men and set an ambush in the fields. All that day Abimelech pressed his attack against the city until he had captured it and killed its people. Then he destroyed the city and scattered salt over it.

In the battle of the Tower of Shechem, Abimelech's army piled branches against the stronghold and set it on fire with the people still inside and a thousand men and women

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

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Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

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135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski
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website: www.fumcpulask.org

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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
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Ages 5-12
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Service 11 a.m.
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

McCraw

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perished in the fire. As Abimelech attacked the tower to set it on fire, a woman dropped a millstone on his head and cracked his skull.

Thus God repaid the wickedness that Abimelech had done in murdering his brothers. God also made the people of Shechem pay for all their wickedness. The curse of Jothan came upon them. No one gets away with evil. Sooner or later God will see to it that they are judged and punished severely.

During the coronation of Abimelech as King, Jotham gave Abimelech and those who supported him a stern warning. He basically said to Abimelech and his followers, those who serve under Abimelech are going to cursed by God. We can be certain that God will repay wickedness, sooner or later. On Abimelech and his henchmen came the curse of Jotham, the son of Gideon.

Jotham asked the men of Shechem, have you acted honorably and in good faith by making Abimelech your king? Have you been fair to Gideon and his family? Have you treated Gideon as he deserved?

Somebody said, “This shows the problem of following a man who comes into power through violence.” It is only a matter of time until the same violence is turned against him and upon those who helped a violent man come into power.

What we need to understand is, God always knows who is delving in sin and acts of violence, and nobody is going to blue smoke God. God’s judgment will eventually fall heavily upon the guilty.

They were reaping what they had sown. And what happened to them all, was exactly what they deserved.

God will forgive a person for their sins, If they will confess their sins; if they will own up to their sins; If they will admit before God that they have blown it and repent of their sins.

From the story of Abimelech we can learn that jealousy causes people to do ungodly things.

From the story of Abimelech we can learn what happens to a man who turns his back on God.

We can learn that one wicked deed leads to another. And we can learn that too much power can corrupt. We can learn that God’s judgment is slow, but always sure.

We can learn that the problems against God’s people often comes from within and not just from without. Israel was at peace with the outside world, and evil found its way to bring trouble upon them from within, even from one of the sons of one of Israel’s great heroes, Gideon.

When Abimelech became King, he taxed the people unmercifully. He was a cruel dictator. He made their lives miserable. He killed his own people. It was part of God’s judgment upon a backslidden people.

This is a message for the Church. Abimelech wanted to replace his father’s good leadership with his own form of bad leadership. “God is not mocked. Be not deceived. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.”

“A good leader is one who knows the way, shows the way, and leads the way.” John Maxwell.

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Jesus knows everything and He understands loneliness

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My 14-year-old niece lost her little brother and is having a difficult time adjusting to life without him. They always went to church together and enjoyed life to the fullest. How can I comfort her? -- M.F.

A: Jesus knows everything and He understands loneliness. Once there was a little boy who was riding along in an airplane. It was a long and bumpy flight. Someone sitting beside him asked, “Are you tired of the long trip?” The boy smiled and said,

“I’m a little tired, but I don’t mind it much because my father is going to meet me when I get there.” Just like that boy who looked forward to seeing his father at the airport at the end of his journey, we look forward to seeing the heavenly Father at the end of our journey here on earth.

Jesus made a promise to all those who believe in Him and obey Him. He said, “I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:3). So when Christians go on a journey



My Answer

Billy Graham

to meet Jesus, He is waiting there.

For the living, there are many wonderful years of life ahead with many things to look forward to. But someday life on earth will end for everyone. Knowing

that Jesus will meet you at the end of your life’s journey takes any worry away. Our problems shrink when we remember that we will be with Jesus forever!

Jesus loves children and we see this in Scripture when He said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). There is nothing more important than to instill the Word of God in the minds and hearts of the young.

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

Doing Good

“Stop! There’s something hap-
pening here / But what it is ain’t
exactly clear./ There’s a man
with a gun over there / A-telling
me I got to beware / I think it’s
time we stop /What’s that sound?
/Everybody look what’s going
down.”

This Buffalo Springfield song
from the ‘60’s was playing over
and over in my mind as I was
driving into work. Earlier, all of
the news I’d been watching was
becoming a jumbled mess in my
mind, and I just wanted to just
scream, “STOP!” Then that song
came to mind. I quickly turned
on the radio to WPSK and heard
my favorite DJ, Curtis in the
Morning. He did not disappoint
when he delivered the feelgood
news items for the day. It was
just the antidote I needed to
counter everything else that was
reeling in my head.

First, he reported that our
three most recent US Presidents
are stepping up to take the vac-
cines first, and then that a global
teacher of the year from India
who had won a million dollars
took 50%, and then gave the
other 50% to be split among the
nine runner-ups so they could
all make a greater impact. The
third and final story really struck
me. A man covered in swastika,
anti-semitic, and other racist
tattoos arrived at a hospital with



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COVID19 and couldn’t breathe.
The doctor was Jewish, the
nurse was Black, and the other
assisting physician was Asian.
The doctor spoke about how he
checked his reaction and how he
and the team quickly resuscitated
the patient. These incredible acts
of humanity and life missions
were just the prescription I need-
ed to bring me back to center.

While perhaps not making
global news, we are doing good
things right here in Pulaski, also!
If you didn’t catch our Annual
Meeting, then I would ask you
to check it out on our Facebook
page. The thirteen businesses
and individuals we celebrated
are perfect reminders of what
humanity is all about. In this day
and time, those are the kind of
reminders we need to pull us all
together. Together we can sur-
vive, and together we can once
again thrive.

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

Shop Small Pulaski: Win \$1,000!

From Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce’s Shop Small Pulaski cam-
paign encourages and rewards those who choose to shop small this
holiday season. In this unprecedented year, small businesses have
adapted and overcome challenges. Let’s show them some love by
shopping small this season.

Shop Small Pulaski celebrates customers for shopping locally by
giving tickets for shop small purchases. Shop small tickets enter cus-
tomers into a \$1,000 grand prize drawing sponsored by Pulaski Coun-
ty. Participating businesses choose how they want to honor “shop
smallers” with shop small tickets. For example, customers can receive
tickets through purchasing a certain special or by spending a specific
dollar amount.

Just in time for the holiday season, Shop Small Pulaski will run
through Dec. 16. The \$1,000 grand prize drawing will be live Dec. 18
on Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce’s Facebook page.

Celebrity

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**Forsyte Saga” that followed
an upper-middle-class British
family from the 1870s forward.
It reminded me somewhat of
“Downton Abbey.” Is there any
chance it might be rebroadcast?
-D B.B.**

A: The original “The Forsyte
Saga” series ran for one season
in 1967 and starred Eric Porter as
Soames Forsyte. A 10-episode re-
make ran in 2002-03 and starred
Damian Lewis as the lead. This
second installment can be seen
on the streaming service the PBS
Masterpiece Channel. If you have
Amazon Prime Video, you can
purchase Masterpiece as an add-
on for just \$5.99 a month, and
you’d have access to much more
wonderful British programming.
If you’d rather not subscribe, you
can purchase the DVD collection
of the 2002 “The Forsyte Saga”
through Amazon.com as well.

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Also, don’t forget to contact your
local library. Many have entire TV
series in addition to film collec-
tions on DVD that are available to
check out.

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Hope can't be taken from you

Dear Dave,

I lost my job a few days ago.
We had an idea cuts were com-
ing, but I thought it wouldn’t
happen until well into the new
year. My wife works, so that’s
a good thing, and we’re both in
our thirties. Do you have any
advice for how we should han-
dle things during the Christmas
season and until I’m working
again?

Brandon

Dear Brandon,

I’m really sorry to hear this.
Losing your job around the holi-
days can feel like a nightmare.

But before you despair, re-
member this is also the season
of hope. And hope can’t be
taken from you. It can only be
surrendered. Keep your head
held high, and focus on what’s
still in your control.

First, cut back on your
spending. When your income
changes for the worse, elimi-
nating all unnecessary spending
is key. This is not the time to
put Christmas on a credit card,
or dip into retirement to cover
holiday expenses. The last thing
you should do right now is steal
from your future to buy more
stuff. Find some kind of season-
al work. Even if you’re pack-
ing boxes or stocking shelves,
you’re contributing to your
household and easing the stress.
This side income will be a real



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blessing as you continue your
career search.

Be open with your family,
and what this change means.
If there are kids in the picture,
you and your wife should be in
agreement on how you handle
things where they’re concerned.
Explain to them in an honest,
loving way what has happened,
and that Christmas will look a
little different this year. A couple
of inexpensive gifts may not be
out of the question, but as harsh
as it sounds, presents are not
a priority right now. It may be
uncomfortable or disappointing
for everyone, but it can also
offer a bonding opportunity and
a valuable life lesson.

Keep a positive outlook, and
stick to your normal routine as
much as possible in the days
ahead. Wake up early every
morning, and make a list of
things you will accomplish that
day. Update your résumé, start
networking, and begin sub-
mitting applications like that’s
your new job. Work hard, stay
hopeful, and focus on the goals
ahead of you.

Refuse to give up, Brandon,
and you will succeed. May God
bless you and your family!

—Dave

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en-time #1 national best-sell-
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