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Pedestrian struck, killed in Sunday night incident

**From Pulaski County
Sheriff's Office**

On Sunday, Dec. 20 around 8:55 p.m. Deputy Melton and Corporal Giampodaro were traveling south on Alum Spring Rd. in a marked patrol vehicle when they approached an oncoming Pontiac SUV traveling over the center line marker.

The Pontiac SUV, driven by Henry Fenner Jr. of Pulaski, side-swiped the patrol vehicle causing damage to the driver's side.

The Pontiac then accelerated from that location and continued north on Alum Spring Rd.

Deputies quickly turned

around and began traveling north attempting to locate the vehicle. Around a half mile down Alum Spring Rd., Fenner Jr. attempted to make a right hand turn onto Eugene St. He was unable to make the turn, continued through the intersection striking a pedestrian, Brian Blevins of Pulaski.

Deputy Melton and Corporal Giampodaro arrived on scene seconds after the crash and began rendering CPR to Blevins.

Pulaski County Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and later would pronounce Blevins deceased.

Fenner Jr. along with passen-

gers Austin Zoch and Nelson Malone sustained no injuries in the crash.

Zoch was arrested and taken to New River Valley Regional Jail for Intoxication in Public. Fenner Jr. was arrested and taken to New River Valley Regional Jail for Driving Under the Influence, Hit & Run and Eluding Police.

Further charges resulting in the death of Blevins are pending.

Pulaski County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Pulaski County Emergency Medical Services, Pulaski Fire Department and Virginia State Police for their assistance.

NRV Humane Society soon to debut new home, services

**By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot**

Elizabeth Wray of the New River Valley Humane Society says the organization hasn't fallen off the face of the earth.

Quite the contrary.

The organization has been making moves of late to offer a whole new range of services to people and animals in the NRV – including purchasing a new home of their very own.

"If people were wondering where we went, what was going on – we're still up and running and still doing what we've always done," said Wray. "We're finally going to have our own location at 221 Broad Street in Dublin."

Wray said the humane society anticipates opening their new fa-

cility in early spring of 2021 after some renovation of their new property.

"Once we get that done, we'll have an exam room, a surgical suite, a radiology room and a recovery room. We'll be doing low-cost spay and neuter clinics and offering those services to the pets of residents of the New River Valley at a reduced rate," Wray said.

"We will also be doing TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Clinics for the many Feral Cat populations in our area. This is a huge issue and we want the community to know we will be offering those services as well," she added.

The humane society will be holding annual vaccination clinics – something they typically do four or five times a year.

"We do rabies and distemper

vaccinations at very low cost. And because we now have a place to do it, we'll also be able to offer some wellness clinics," Wray said. "We'll have those periodically. That's where people can bring their animals in for a checkup to see if there's anything going on that maybe needs attention – like 'my dog has really bad breath can you check his teeth? My dog or cat needs dental work. My dog has really bad itchy skin, what's going on?'"

"We won't be a full-service veterinary clinic, but we will offer wellness checks to identify problems that maybe they need to see their full-service vet for. We've never been able to do that in the past, so we're really excited about being able to do that,"

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Wray said.

The humane society plans to also partner with the local animal shelters in the NRV to help facilitate adoptions and foster opportunities for animals at those shelters. They will also work with numerous rescue and transport operations up and down the east coast.

“There are a lot of animals that need good homes because they are in shelters in the NRV as well as other areas, or maybe they’ve become homeless due to the storms they’ve had down in Alabama, Georgia and those areas,” Wray said. “Those animals need to get up north. There are good homes for them up north because like in Rhode Island, New York places like that, they have much stricter spay and neuter laws and so they don’t have an over abundance of adoptable animals. So, we help get these animals out of the kill shelters or out of bad situations – floods, hurricanes, what have you – and we work with these transport groups to get them from there up to the northern states where they have foster homes waiting for them and hopefully forever homes.”

Wray said the humane society will be able to provide medical services for some of these animals.

“So, if they have animals that have become homeless because of a hurricane in Florida, and they’re taking a bunch of them to a rescue facility up north they can stop over here and we can have them checked out. If they need any veterinarian care, we can do that,” she said.

Wray notes that the society’s new Dublin home will not be a direct in-take facility like an animal shelter is.

“You won’t be able to bring animals to us to surrender. We

won’t have kennel space available to be able to do that. We can work with the local shelters to help find placements – fosters, adoptions, that kind of thing,” she said.

The new Dublin facility will also have a food pantry with food on hand.

“We do food drives throughout the year and store that food. People who hit on hard times – can’t make ends meet and are struggling to feed their pets – will be able to come to us and we can offer some food.

“We also offer some emergency assistance for when, say your animal gets hit by a car and you go to the vet and they tell you it’s going to be \$1,200 or whatever, we’ll work with pet owners to help get them a lower cost at the vet and in some cases, we can offer limited financial assistance.

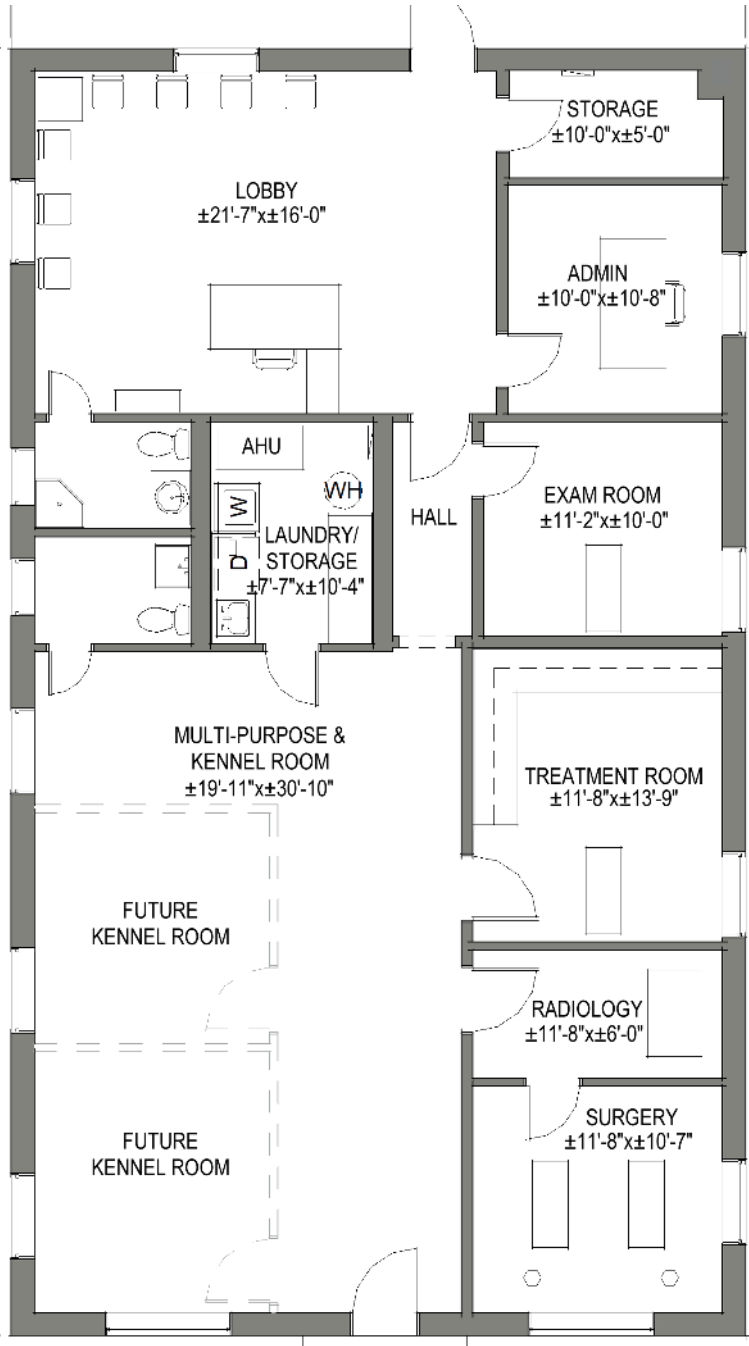
“For a lot of people, their pets are their family and sometimes when they get sick or hurt, they just don’t have the funds available or they don’t know what to do. So, we want to be able to be there,” Wray said.

The society plans to do some community outreach and education and try to help people understand the importance of spaying and neutering their animals, getting up to date on vaccinations, etc.

“And of course, we’re going to work on being animal advocates with our local, state and federal agencies to try and get some different laws passed.”

Wray recalled passage of a law recently in Virginia in which you can’t leave your dog or cat out in the extreme hot or cold.

“We want to help people understand what the current laws are and if those laws need to be updated or changed or whatever, then we can all work together to



NRV Humane Society
Floor plan for the New River Valley Humane Society’s facility at 221 Broad Street (Route 11) in Dublin.

try and get some things changed for those animals.”

Wray said the humane society wants to be an asset to the community – not just to the animals, but the owners as well.

Once open the Dublin facility

will have one full-time office manager and will be bringing on at least one more person part-time.

The organization is a non-profit that is always welcome to volunteers and will especially need volunteers as they get their new home up and running.

Wray said local residents can also become a member of the Humane Society.

“We’re always looking for members to build our member base up. And we’re always look-

ing for people who want to be on the board of directors,” she said.

Wray said the group wants to be an extension of the services provided by area shelters and veterinarians.

“We don’t want to take business away from the veterinarians, but we want to be able to help those people that maybe can’t afford to go. We want to be an extension of all these entities, and we want to be partners with them and work with them. We want to work together and make things better for the animals, their owners and the community.

“We’re super excited to have our own facility to be able to do what we really want to do and have the space to do it,” she said.

The humane society used to have space in the county’s animal shelter building for years. But, according to Wray, it had very limited space and that made it hard to do what they wanted to do.

Wray says the majority of humane society members are local to Pulaski County.

“We’re now known as Humane Society of NRV and want people to know they don’t have to live in Pulaski County to be a part of us. We want to be a part of the bigger community. We’ll serve people from all over the valley,” she said.

Renovation work on their new home will be done in phases, starting with the office, lobby, administration, phones and computers all being set up first. Then comes the exam room, surgical suite and radiology. The last phase will be the kennel area with limited amount of kennel space

Wray says they hope to be able to start with vaccination clinics and spay and neuter clinics by early spring.

Volunteers or those wanting to help through donations can email the humane society at office@hsopcvva.org or contact them through Facebook.

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White named county's first tourism director

From Pulaski County Administration

Pulaski County is pleased to announce that Peggy White has been hired to lead the County's first Office of Tourism as its new Director starting January 4, 2021. The Office of Tourism will come at a time where tourism businesses are finding themselves in both a challenging yet opportunistic time due to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The department will be funded primarily through lodging tax revenues collected from local hotels, motels and bed & breakfast as required by Virginia Code.

"We are excited to announce that Peggy White will be officially joining the Pulaski County Team and employing her experience and talents to take our tourism and community engagements to the next level for the benefit of both the County and our small business community", stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "The time is now to dial up and dial in our focus on tourism, strategic marketing and robust quality of life programming that will bolster our county's and our businesses' standing and profitability in the marketplace."

The Pulaski County Office of Tourism will officially open on January 4, 2021, and will be located at the Pulaski County Visitors Center. The new Director will be tasked with developing public interfaces, preparing tourism and visitor information, producing promotional materials, liaising with local businesses and media, budget management, and will represent the County in various markets. Most counties, cities and towns in Virginia have their own established tourism department dedicated to promoting their locality.

"I'm genuinely excited and ready to take on the challenge of creating the first ever Pulaski



Peggy White

County Tourism Department", Peggy White, Incoming Director of Tourism. "I want to continue to promote and showcase one of the most welcoming and beautiful counties in the state of Virginia and cannot wait to get started."

Peggy White has a degree from Hollins University in Business and Economics. She comes to the County by way of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, having served as its Executive Director since 2008, as well as serving as the Designated Marketing Official (DMO) for Tourism from 2008 to present. Peggy has also served the community as a Board Member to the Lewis-Gale Hospital, SWVA United Way, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Rotary Club of Pulaski, Pulaski Grow, Bike Virginia, People Inc., Pulaski Encouraging Progress Steering Committee and the Pulaski County Partners Coalition.

Peggy was a recipient of the Golden Apple Award from the Pulaski County Public Schools, received the Wall Street Journal Award and an award from the Economic Honorary Society.

Va. policy change offers employers tax relief

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — State officials announced a temporary policy change Tuesday that will provide about \$200 million in payroll tax relief next year to Virginia businesses that laid off workers amid the pandemic.

Under an executive order from Gov. Ralph Northam, the Virginia Employment Commission won't be counting layoffs that took place in April, May or June against businesses when calculating unemployment insurance tax rates for 2021, Northam's office announced.

"We've been working to figure out, how do we crunch those numbers to hold businesses harmless, specifically the ones that have struggled, our restaurants, lodging, hospitality," Megan Healy, Northam's chief workforce development advisor, said in an interview.

Without the change to what's called the experience tax, about 10,000 more businesses than last year would have had to pay the full amount of about \$600 per year per employee, according to Healy.

The impact of the tax relief to the state's unemployment insurance trust fund, which pays the benefits, will be partly offset by about \$210 million in federal stimulus money that lawmakers and Northam directed to the fund earlier this year during a special session.

Land acquired for Va.'s 40th state park

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — State officials say a land acquisition in Gloucester County has brought Virginia one step closer to opening its 40th state park.

The Conservation Fund transferred 643 acres known as Timberneck Farm to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, according to a news release the department issued Tuesday. The land will be part of a state park situated along the York River named Machicomoco that's expected to open in early 2021.

The acreage was an active agricultural farm until 2007 when it was purchased by a residential contractor and developed for large-lot housing. Some of that infrastructure will be used in the park, including 4 miles of paved road with an accompanying bike trail and a gatehouse, which will serve as the contact station and office space, the department said.

Dominion Energy provided \$25 million for the project through an agreement intended to mitigate the effects of the Surry-Skiffes Creek-Wheaton transmission line.



Chamber of Commerce photo

Shirley Goad (left) and the Chamber of Commerce's Shannon Ainsley display a check representing Goad's grand prize winnings.

Goad is Shop Small winner

This year has been a struggle for many, especially our vital small businesses. Each year Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce draws attention to Pulaski small businesses through Shop Small Pulaski, but this year they saw a need to do more. They stepped up their efforts in response to the struggles of the citizens and small businesses alike. Instead of a one day event, which coincided with the national American Express Shop Small Saturday, there was a month long event that included over 20 local businesses and a \$1000 grand prize!

Shop Small Pulaski was a win/win for businesses and shoppers. Participating businesses received promotion through radio, newspaper and social media, organized by the Chamber of Commerce. Shoppers had the chance to win a much needed \$1000.00. Shoppers could earn entries as determined by each participating business; shopping online or purchasing specific items. Community supporters like 107 Country PSK also drew attention to Shop Small Pulaski by offering entry tickets for Toys for Tots donations. Curtis in the Morning told the Chamber of Commerce that this is their second season collecting toys and this year's donations surpassed the previous year.

Shop Small Pulaski came to an exciting finale when the winner was drawn on the air with Cur-

tis in the Morning and live on the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Out of over 6000 entry tickets collected from local businesses, the winner was Shirley Goad of Dublin. When she received the call that she was the grand prize winner of \$1000.00, Shirley was skeptical to say the least. Once she realized it was truly a no strings attached prize that she won just for supporting local businesses, she told Shannon Ainsley of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce "I have never won anything, and surely nothing this big". Shirley said her entry came from visits with friends to Tom's Drive In.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce says the campaign was well received with both business owners and shoppers and they plan to do it again next year. Thank you to Pulaski County for sponsoring the grand prize and to the Town of Pulaski and Town of Dublin for

their sponsorship of advertising and promotion for this event and to participating businesses: Bosslady Boutique, Autosshine Car Wash, The Blue Ridge Fudge Lady, Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley, JD Tire, Main Street Grill, Make -n- Waves, Martin's Pharmacy, Mountain 2 Island, Next Level VR, 107 PSK, Pete Dye River Course, Pulaski On Main, Sal's Jr., Sign Systems, Southern Harts Boutique, Tom's Drive In, Twins Pizza, The Draper Village (Curious Quill, The Village Coffee Shoppe, Draper Blooms Tea Garden), Rock House Marina and Thorn Spring Golf Course and Events.

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BRIAN LEE BLEVINS
Brian Lee Blevins, age 43 of Pulaski died Sunday, December 20, 2020 as the result of a vehicle accident.
Born February 28, 1977 in Pulaski, he is the son of Linda Horton Blevins and the late Roy Everett Blevins.
He was a graduate of Pulaski County High School.
He is survived by
His mother – Linda Horton Blevins – Pulaski
Brother – James Everett Blevins – Pulaski
Favorite Cousin – Sharon Cook
Per his wishes, there will not be any services.
To sign Brian's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com
Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

VIRGINIA FRANCES SUTPHIN MEREDITH MULLINS
Virginia Frances Sutphin Meredith Mullins, 86, passed away Monday, December 14, 2020.
The Mullins family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

MARTHA FAY WHITLOCK GUNTER
Martha Fay Whitlock Gunter, 80, passed away at her home in Fairlawn on Thursday, December 17, 2020.
The Gunter family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



LUCY ANNE NICHOLS
Lucy Anne Nichols, age 62 of Dublin passed away Monday, December 21, 2020 at the Montgomery Lewis-Gale Hospital, Blacksburg. Born April 11, 1958 in Lynchburg, VA she was the daughter of the late Charles William Nye and Alice Elizabeth Sutton Nye. She graduated from Radford University with a Bachelor's degree.
She is survived by her
Husband
Frank Eugene Nichols – Dublin
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Gregory Allen (Jennifer) Nichols – Dublin
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Sage Caroline Short and Sloane Elizabeth Short
Memorial services may be held at a later date.
To sign Lucy's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com
Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



JOHN EDWARD SADLER, JR.
John Edward Sadler, Jr. of Pulaski, Va. passed on Thursday, December 17, 2020 due to complications related to Parkinson's Disease.
John was born in Evanston, IL on July 5, 1935 and was the son of the late John Edward Sadler and Lila Saul Gilmer Sadler. He spent his early life in Richmond, Va. before moving with his family to Pulaski, Va. John was a 1952 graduate of Pulaski High School and a 1956 graduate of Hampden-Sydney College where he was a member of The Kappa Alpha Order.
His early professional life began at Miller Container Corporation in Roanoke, Va. After marrying Betty Neas Sadler in 1961, they relocated to Pulaski where he joined his family's business, Sadler Hosiery Mill. While at Sadler Hosiery, he held the positions of Office Manager and Sales Manager, and later became President. John later held the position of Vice President and Sales Manager at Chesapeake Container Corporation in Roanoke where he retired in 1991.
John was involved in various civic and community organizations including Pulaski Rotary Club, the United Way and was a member of both Pulaski/Thorn Spring and Roanoke Country Clubs. He was an Elder at 1st Presbyterian Church for a number of years. He served as the 1st President of Friends of Pulaski Theatre a role of which he was very proud.
He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement of almost 30 years. John was an avid collector of Donald Duck Comics. He also enjoyed a good game of badminton and participated in the Commonwealth Games medaling in their Senior Division. John's biggest adventure was hiking into and out of the Grand Canyon with his brother in law and nephews. He loved travel and he and Betty drove twice across the United States, visited Canada, took the Queen Elizabeth II to England for a month, and sailed on several cruises. Although John loved to travel, his favorite retreat was at the family cabin in Giles County on Big Walker Creek.
Crossword Puzzles, books, the morning newspaper and a good




MALCOLM CARLTON BURCHETT, SR.
Malcolm Carlton Burchett, Sr., 84, of Dublin, VA died Monday, December 14, 2020 in the LewisGale Hospital Pulaski. He was born in Virginia on March 12, 1936. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, sisters and one grandson.
Malcolm is survived by his son Malcolm Burchett, Jr. (Capri) of Greensboro, NC, and his daughters Sandra Hardy of Ash, NC, Crystal Evans (Danny) of Alabama, Patty DeVries (Brett) of Burlington, NC, and Misty London (Jesse) of Burlington, NC. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. He was a father figure to Michael Thompson (Patricia) of Pulaski, Susan McGuire (Greg) of Richmond, VA and Tresia Nester (deceased) of Pulaski.
Malcolm's career as a cab driver afforded him the opportunity to meet many, many people and he never forgot a face. His friendly demeanor brought a smile to everyone he met. He was a friend to all and never missed an opportunity to stop and talk. Malcolm was an avid sports fan and enjoyed reading his bible. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed.
Memorial services will be held at a later date.
Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



LOUISE KATHERINE FARMER VAUGHAN
Louise Katherine Farmer Vaughan, age 94 of Pulaski, died Saturday, December 20, 2020 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. She was born on February 11, 1926 and was the daughter of the late Elsie Smith Farmer and Nathan B. Farmer. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pulaski. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, who recently died last month in November, Ronald Gleason Vaughan, and a brother Oakley J. Farmer. She is survived by her two sons; Dr. Ronald O. Vaughan of Pulaski, and Dr. Dennis L. Vaughan of Radford; six grandchildren; Erik (Holly) Vaughan, Brian (Erica) Vaughan, Mark (Sarah) Vaughan, Courtney (Tighe) Harris, Andrew Vaughan, and Emily Vaughan, along with seven great-grandchildren. A private graveside service will be held at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you make memorial contributions to the First United Methodists Church Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

*In Memory
of Andy Ridpath*



*Merry Christmas, my sweet boy.
Your mama misses you more than
words can say. I love you with all
my heart.*

Mom

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LYLE GLENN TEFFT
Lyle Glenn Tefft, age 93, died Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center of complications following surgery for a hip fracture.
The Tefft family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

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*I wish that I could talk to you
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Life has changed so very much
Since you went away.*

*I miss the bond between us
And I miss your kind support,
You're in my mind and my heart
And every Christmas thought.*

*Merry Christmas Sandy!
We love and miss you
so much.
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Kimberly, Heather, Terrell,
Trinity, Ashton and Aiden*

*I'll always feel you close to me
And though you're far from sight,
I'll search for you among the stars,
That shine on Christmas night.*



Sadler

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hot latte was part of his day. John relished a good debate about multiple topics. He felt certain that everyone deserved the benefit of his opinion.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Betty Neas Sadler. He is also survived by his son, Dr. John (Jay) Edward Sadler III and daughter-in-law, Suzan Edwards Sadler of Chesapeake, Va., grandson Stephen Sadler of Virginia Beach, Va. and granddaughter Katie Sadler of Brooklyn, NY. His son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren brought him great joy.

Surviving siblings include sister Lila Sadler Foster (John) of Marblehead, Ma. and brother Howard Gilmer Sadler (Su-Su) of Pulaski, Va. Numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins also survive.

A special note of gratitude goes out to the staff of Pulaski Health & Rehabilitation Center and Dr. Richard Williams.

A private interment will be held at Oakwood Cemetery. A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to 1st Presbyterian Church of Pulaski, Box 824, Pulaski, Va. or a charity of your choosing.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

DAVID LEONARD BLACK

David Leonard Black, age 79 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born September 28, 1941 in West Virginia he was the son of the late Mose Black & Esle Severn Black. His brothers, Walter, Daniel, Donald and sisters, Peggy Kilbert, Patricia Black and life companion Lora Whitaker also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Brother – Stanley Black – GA Stepchildren Tammy Whitaker – Pulaski Melvin Whitaker – Dublin

Grandson Kenneth Whitaker – Pulaski Nieces and Nephews Memorial services will be private. To sign David's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



ALICIA SNIDER PRICE

Alicia Snider Price, 51, joined her mother in their Heavenly Home on Wednesday, December 9th at 8:07 am at UVA Medical Hospital. Alicia was born to Wayne Snider and the late Barbara DeHart Snider of Dublin, Virginia on January 16, 1969.

She was a graduate of Pulaski County High School in Dublin, Virginia in 1987 and attended college at New River Community College also in Dublin, Virginia.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, watching Atlanta Braves baseball, and attending her daughter's softball games.

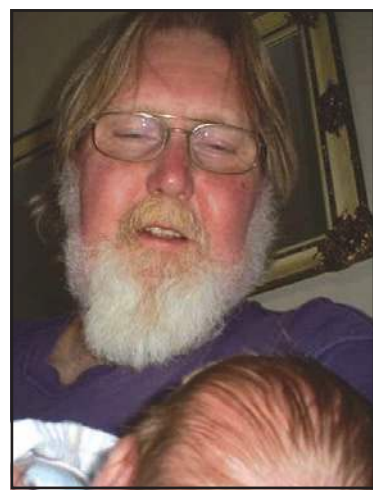
She was preceded in death by her beloved mother Barbara DeHart Snider, grandmother Della Snider and grandfather Charles Snider, grandmother Katherine DeHart and grandfather John DeHart, and her uncle Johnny DeHart.

She is survived by her husband Terry Price, her daughter Kayla Price both of Fairlawn, Virginia, her father Wayne Snider of Dublin VA, sister Chrissy Price and brother-in-law Mike Price of Draper VA, brother Tony Snider and sister-in-law Sabrina Snider

of Christiansburg, VA, brother Gary Snider of Alexandria VA, nieces and nephews and all her wonderful aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Alicia requested to be cremated, and wished to be placed near her mother. A celebration of life will be held for family and friends in the coming months.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your charity of choice.



RANDALL WAYNE WOOLWINE

Randall Wayne Woolwine, age 70 of Pulaski passed away Friday, December 18, 2020 at the Charleston Medical Center (Charleston, WV). Born June 9, 1950 in Roanoke he was the son of the late Cosby Vernon Woolwine and Alice Marie Smith Woolwine. His brother, Troy Woolwine and sister Inez Cowling also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Daughter – Lauren & husband, Richard Warden – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Alex Warden, Stanley Warden and Tanner Warden

Brother – Bruce Woolwine – Roanoke

Nephews – Sam Cowling and Steve Cowling

Nieces – Donna Dudley, Debra Barrineau and Tracy Woolwine

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

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



CARSON L. COMPTON

Carson L. Compton, of Pulaski, VA, husband of Ilene Cannaday Compton, passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at home at the age of 94.

Born in Floyd County Virginia, to Ashby and Carrie Compton on June 29, 1926, Carson grew up off of the Blue Ridge Parkway where

his father was an accomplished carpenter who was later known for his craftsmanship of grandfather clocks. Carson was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during World War II in the European Theater in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. Carson returned to Floyd County and married Floyd native Ilene Cannaday in December 1948 and later moved to Pulaski County. He was retired from the former Pulaski Motor Company and was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski, where he served as an elder. He will be dearly missed by his family who hold many treasured memories as well as possess hand crafted furniture and keepsakes he and Ilene lovingly made each Christmas in earlier years.

In addition to his wife of 72 years, he is survived by son David Compton & wife Teresa Pendleton, daughter Judy Compton Gilmore and husband Conny, son James Compton and wife Bartlette; grandchildren, who called him simply 'Pa', are Sam Compton, Drew Compton, Tim Compton and wife Sarah, Laurie Comings Turner and husband Scott, Daniel Comings, Joseph Comings and Kathryn Whitney, Carson Spraker, Madison Gilmore, and Patrick Compton; greatgrandchildren Harrison and Isabelle Compton; son-in-law Jim Comings, and sister Edna Randall.

He was preceded in death by his dear daughter Janie Compton Comings, sisters Aileen Lewis and Odell Compton, and brother Clyde Compton.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Medi Home Health & Hospice and Patti Anderson

for their care and support, and to kind neighbors and friends during this time.

Visitation was held Saturday, Dec 19, Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA; and a graveside service was held Sunday, Dec 20, Lee Cemetery, Tuggles Gap, Floyd VA. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski, VA or to Boy Scout Troop 249, in care of First Presbyterian.

Military graveside rites will be provided by the U.S. Army.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

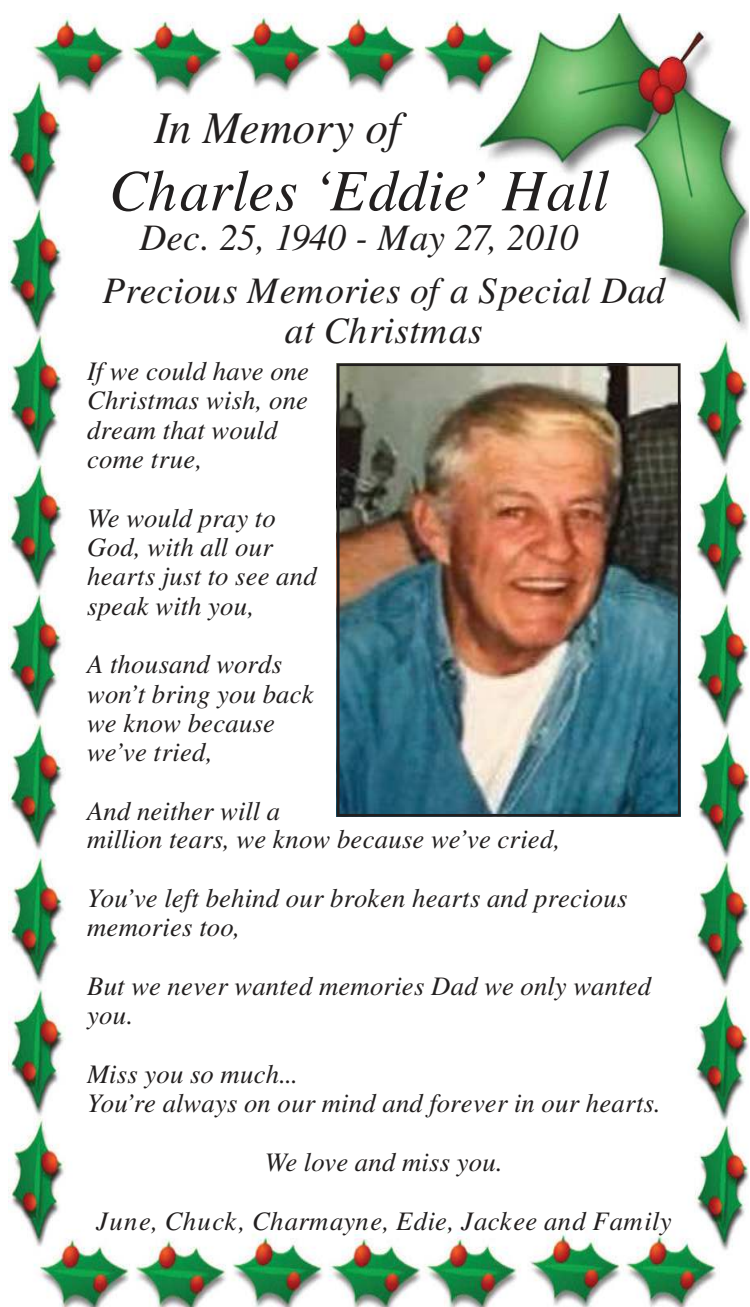


MARY KATHERYN COOPER CLARK BYRD

Mary Kathryn Cooper Clark Byrd, age 76 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born March 23, 1944 in Richmond she was the daughter of the late Lawrence John Cooper and Sadie Coakley Cooper. Her twin brother, Johnny Cooper also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her

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Christmas Traditions

Christmas is a time of tradition, for families, communities, and throughout our society. For those of us who celebrate, like me, we each have our favorite customs about this season, whether attending a family gathering or town parade or just hearing a favorite Christmas carol.

How those traditions become things we return to year after year make for interesting stories on their own.

One story caught my eye recently on the Merriam-Webster dictionary website about the phrase “tis the season,” a phrase often said around this time of year originating in the Christmas carol “Deck the Halls.”*

As someone with Welsh ancestry, and as chairman of the Congressional Friends of Wales Caucus, I was glad to learn that this beloved carol had notable Welsh roots. According to Merriam-Webster, the carol’s tune was apparently first recorded in a 1784 book entitled Musical and Poetical Relicks of the Welsh Bards. The book was written by Edward Jones, a harpist for the then-Prince of Wales, the future King George IV, and Jones dedicated his work to the Prince.

A century later, the Welsh tune became linked to



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

a Welsh lyricist. In 1884, a book called The Song Book: Words and Tunes from the Best Poets and Musicians reported that the lyrics

to “Deck the Halls” were a translation by Thomas Oliphant of lyrics written by John Jones, a poet who also went by the Welsh name Talhaiarn.

Those lyrics included “tis the season,” but they also include the syllables “fa la la la la,” and the carol’s Welsh origins are important in understanding their inclusion.

Merriam-Webster quotes composer John Rutter as saying the song was originally intended for performance by a group of singers and a harpist, the harp being Wales’ national instrument. The singers would sing a verse, the harpist would improvise, the singers would move to the next verse, and so on. But harpists are not always available, nor do harps occupy such a prominent place in our culture as they do in that of Wales. As Rutter said, “That only worked in Wales where they had harpists on every street corner.” So “fa la la la la” would be sung to take the harp’s place.

Before reading this article, I had not been aware of the link between Wales and this Christmas carol so widely known and sung in our culture. One of the remarkable aspects of the Christmas season is how traditions from so many parts of the world have been blended into the celebrations in our country. You may participate in several without thinking much about it – for example, if you put up a Christmas tree in your house, a custom brought to our country by settlers from Germany.

The variety of these traditions for one holiday speaks to the universal message of the Christmas season and also to the melting pot of American culture. We should be thankful that we live in a country where we can celebrate, or not celebrate, according to our beliefs.

This year, the coronavirus pandemic impedes our enjoyment of some of these customs. Community celebrations have been curtailed or cancelled, families are reconsidering whether to have as big a gathering as they might normally have, and the festivities that do take place have as a backdrop the pandemic that has inflicted so much suffering.

Most of us have some aspect of the season we treasure that will not take place as usual this year. I enjoy participating in Christmas parades in the different towns of the Ninth District. After riding through a town saying “Merry Christmas” and seeing the bright eyes of children and hearing the warm wishes of the adults, I find it impossible to finish a parade without simply feeling good about the world.

Christmas remains a time of hope, and the traditions we come back to each year are also the traditions we can look forward to. I invite you to share some of your own on my official Facebook page where this column is posted.

If you celebrate Christmas, however you do so this year, I hope that it will bring you comfort and joy, and I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

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

* <https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/why-we-say-tis-the-season>

Oh, What A Paine

During the bitter winter of 1776, the American Revolution against the mighty army of Great Britain was floundering and General George Washington’s volunteer army was at its lowest morale. Food and warm clothing were in short supply and some soldiers didn’t have boots, so they wrapped their frozen and bloody feet in strips of cloth. The Continental Army had lost battle after battle and some soldiers had deserted, believing the dream of independence was over.

Everything was on the line – especially the Colonists’ ideals of freedom from tyranny: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The 27 grievances which had been enumerated in the July 4th Declaration of Independence, were capriciously scoffed at by England’s King George III. Numerous attempts by the Colonies to reconcile were rebuffed by Britain’s King, who had retaliated by sending thousands of his best troops, and hiring Hessian mercenaries to demoralize the colonists.

Someone needed to step forward to unite and encourage the people to stand, persevere and fight for their independence and victory.

Enter American Patriot Thomas Paine,

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

writing under the pseudonym Common Sense. On December 19, 1776, Paine released the first in a series of 13 pamphlets entitled “The American Crisis”. Interestingly, the pamphlet was printed in The Pennsylvania Journal, which was published in Philadelphia. It’s premise was that Great Britain had no right to invade and attack the American Colonies.

Readers in my senior citizen age group have undoubtedly heard the opening lines of the pamphlet. But for younger individuals, who haven’t received sufficient instruction about our nation’s early history, it will be a new revelation.

Paine wrote: “These are the times that try men’s souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country;

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After Trump, what (and who) for the GOP?

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At the 1980 Democratic National Convention in New York, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) delivered a speech following his defeat by Jimmy Carter for the presidential nomination. The speech was boilerplate liberalism. Kennedy criticized Republicans and Ronald Reagan for their ideas, which he said were from the past (today, the past is looking a lot better than the immediate future under Joe Biden and the Democrats).

A part of his closing line would be good for today’s Republicans to consider following the abbreviated Trump era. Kennedy said, “...the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.”

Trump has contributed mightily to the GOP, giving the party a backbone it seemed to have misplaced following the Reagan years. He also has reminded people that conservative ideas work, including tax cuts, a reduction in regulations and constitutional judges. Add to these significant accomplishments his administration’s brokering of four peace deals in the Middle East no one thought possible, much less achievable, and the development of a vaccine various “experts” said was not possible by the end of the year.

As he leaves office, where will Republicans go in 2024? The president has hinted he may run again in four years. If he wins, he and his supporters could enjoy sweet revenge. But should he be a candidate? As much as he has done for the party and the country, should Republicans put all their faith and trust in him? A lot could depend on how President-elect Biden does in office. Biden almost certainly will not seek a second term when he is 82.

Last August, Trump was questioned at a White House press briefing about polls showing his popularity was declining. Asked to explain, he responded, “Nobody likes me. It can only be my personality.

That’s all.” It was a rare moment of transparency for him.

There is still a remnant of old-fashioned values my grandparents’ generation embraced and tried to instill in their descendants. One was not to belittle, demean, talk down to, or call other people names. Trump has consistently ignored that advice. While a large number of Americans still support him and the number who voted for him far outpaced any other Republican presidential candidate, or incumbent president, it wasn’t enough.

The reason can only be his personality. Most Americans expect a certain amount of dignity emanating from one who temporarily holds our highest office. Could Trump have achieved all he has without the name-calling? I think so. At a minimum he might have resurrected a quote from a man who knew plenty about enemies, all of them domestic.

I have referenced Abraham Lincoln’s First Inaugural Address before, but it is worth remembering, even memorizing. At the dawn of the Civil War, Lincoln said: “We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

Could such an attitude have delivered a second term for President Trump? It might have swung enough votes to him from people who place a high value on deportment.

Republicans can continue to embrace Trump’s policies while getting behind someone without his baggage. Who might that be? My view of the perfect candidate is Vice President Mike Pence, who has been loyal to the president without the name-calling, while preserving his own personality, dignity, Christian faith and kindness.

Republicans could do a lot worse than Pence, but not much better.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Trump Hoisted With His Own Petard

One of President Donald Trump’s foremost achievements has been to erect a formidable obstacle to his own post-election legal challenges.

The federal judiciary, now seeded throughout with Trump-nominated judges, has given the back of its hand to pro-Trump election litigation, with Trump judges issuing notably harsh opinions.

It’s always been strange that Trump, who will never be mistaken for a rigorous constitutionalist and who personalizes everything, has elevated a couple of hundred judges who, by and large, are deeply committed to the Constitution and feel no particular personal loyalty to him.

Hardly an institutionalist, Trump has buttressed the institution of the judiciary. Not one to honor norms, he’s generally nominated sticklers for them to the bench.

The paradox reached its height in the weeks after the election. Trump and his allies launched a battery of litigation asking for millions of votes to be thrown out or elections to be decertified, hoping to catch a break from a judge somewhere or from the U.S. Supreme Court. Trump himself put out a call for “courage” from a justice or justices.

Instead, the Trump team got nowhere, even with Trump-nominated jurists.

At a fraught time when most Republican elected officials in Washington were keeping their heads down, Trump judges involved in post-election litigation issued their rulings without fear or favor. They have shown a commitment to facts, reason and the law, and great institutional self-confidence.

Progressives portrayed Trump judges as right-wing hacks. Elizabeth Warren called Trump’s picks “aggressively unqualified,” while the editor of the left-wing website Talking Points Memo, Josh Marshall, tweeted: “The federal judiciary is corrupt. The Supreme Court is the most deeply corrupted.”

With the president of the United States raging at our electoral system and desperately seeking assistance from the courts, the alleged partisanship and corruption of the Trump-influenced judiciary has been nowhere in evidence.

Trump nominated University of Pennsylvania law professor Stephanos Bibas to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2017. The signature Trump litigation in Pennsylvania landed in his lap, and Bibas wrote an unsparing opinion for a unanimous panel of the 3rd Circuit dismissing it.

In Georgia, U.S. District Judge Steven D. Grimberg, nominated by Trump last year, denied a request by Trump super fan Lin Wood to stop the certification of the results.

And the Supreme Court denied a request to block certification of the Pennsylvania results in a curt, one-sentence order with no public dissents.

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Deaths

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Daughters
Rose C. (Alvin) Perdue – Pulaski
Elsie C. Chrisley & Dean Rose – Hillsville
Son
Walter Clarence (Donna) Clark – Shelby, NC
6 Grandchildren
11 Great Grandchildren
Sister
Ida (Howard) Mundy – Richmond
Numerous stepchildren
The family will be having private services.
To sign her online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com
Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”
He went on to say, “Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.”
Paine also believed that God supported the cause of the American colonists, “that God Almighty will not give up a people to military destruction, or leave them unsupported to perish, who have so earnestly and so repeatedly sought to avoid the calamities of war, by every decent method which wisdom could invent”.
The Colonists were split on whether to remain loyal and under British control, or to declare their independence from the tyrannical ruler. Paine’s pamphlet became the heartcry to bolster morale in the civilian population as well as the military. It was read to the Continental Army on December 23rd, a few days before the dangerous crossing of the Delaware River led by General Washington; and the ensuing victory at Trenton, NJ which changed the course of the Revolution. The miraculous victory could be considered a Christmas miracle.
Indeed, some would say that we are also in times that try men’s souls! And our citizens need to understand what made and makes America a great nation.
To help in that endeavor, last month President Trump held a White House Conference on American History and signed an Executive Order on December 19, 2020 which establishes the 1776 Commission to promote patriotic education.
In doing so, the President stated, “Despite the virtues and accomplishments of this nation, many students are now taught in

Luke 2, 1-20 (KJV)

2 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Birth of Jesus

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the

shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

PULSE

January 7 VFW Post to Meet

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, January 7, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. In the event of heavy snowfall or ice, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information, please contact 250-2283 or 239-9864.

January 12 Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, January 12, 7pm at Aly’s Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Jonathan McPeak will present the “History

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One of the main Democratic lines of attack on Justice Amy Coney Barrett during her confirmation was that, as Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin said, she was “being sent on assignment to the Supreme Court by President Trump” in order to “be there if the president needs her on an election contest.”
Where does Barrett go to get her apology?
Surely, the overtly transactional Trump would have been happy for her to have actually been his political tool on the court, along with his other two picks. But Barrett and her colleagues, trained and soaked in the law and profoundly cognizant of their institutional role, are not susceptible to such influence. Neil Gorsuch is not Corey Lewandowski; Stephanos Bibas is not Rudy Giuliani.
Nothing underlines the merits of Trump judicial selections quite like their willingness to deny him and his allies, as warranted.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

of the 24th Virginia Infantry Regiment”. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

January 25 Good Neighbor Club

The Good Neighbor Club will not meet this month. Plans are to have a

meeting on Jan. 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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.

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Senior of the Month

Pulaski County Public School and Pulaski County High School are pleased to announce our Senior of the Month for December is Alexanne Brooke Turner. Alex is the daughter of Jack and Leslie Turner of Pulaski. Alex's nominating teacher spoke of her drive and great initiative. Due to a scheduling conflict earlier in the year, Alex was tasked with changing her class schedule and finding an internship within her chosen career path. This change happened very quickly. Alex took on this responsibility and successfully found an internship that was appropriate and within her chosen career path. Alex has also proven to be a great advocate for herself. When questions during this process arose, she was not afraid to speak up and ask questions to find a solution. Alex's resilience and strength is the epitome of Cougar Pride. During her time at Pulaski County High School, Alex has been on the Cougar Cheerleading squad and named Cheer Captain of the Varsity Squad. She also plays on the girls soccer team and was voted Captain. Alex is President of the 2020-2021 Senior Class and a member of the National Honor Society. In her free time, she loves to watch movies and television. Alex is very focused on her school work and plans to attend Virginia Tech upon graduating, majoring in Biological Sciences.



Teacher of the Month

Snowville Elementary School and Pulaski County Public Schools are pleased to honor Mrs. Kendall Colley as Teacher of the Month for the 2020-2021 school year. This is Mrs. Colley's third year at Snowville Elementary School where she currently serves as a special education teacher. Mrs. Colley does an excellent job managing all aspects of her job and always does so with a smile on her face. Her ability to provide specialized instruction is outstanding both in the special education and general education settings. She has an excellent rapport with her students and their families. She never hesitates to lend a helping hand to her colleagues and has worked hard to promote positivity throughout the building throughout the COVID pandemic. Snowville Elementary School is very grateful to have Mrs. Colley as a part of their school community.



Employee of the Month

Snowville Elementary School and Pulaski County Public Schools are pleased to honor Mrs. Donna Long as their Employee of the Month for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Long serves as a para-educator whose primary job is to support the work of special education programs. This is Mrs. Long's first year at Snowville Elementary and she has worked tirelessly from the moment she arrived. Snowville Elementary is proud to have Mrs. Long as a part of their school community and appreciate everything that she does for us each and every day!

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Online sports betting near in state

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Virginians have long been sidelined when it comes to gambling, but it's a safe proposition that sometime before the upcoming Super Bowl they will be able to wager from the comfort of their couches as Virginia joins a growing list of states that allow sports wagering.

The Virginia Lottery is expected to give the go-ahead next month to what will likely be more than a dozen betting sites to take wagers from Virginians on numerous types of sports. Officials predict Virginians will respond by betting as much as \$400 million in 2021, and steadily increasing amounts thereafter.

The change is coming after Virginia legislators approved sports gaming for a state that had been a gambling holdout but is belatedly embracing the trend. The sports betting will precede the arrival of casinos in four cities that approved their construction in referendums last month but are not expected to be open for several years.

Sports gambling, meanwhile, is imminent. Virginia Lottery Director Kevin Hall said the state has received 25 applications from would-be players in the industry. The law requires the lottery to pick a minimum of four and a maximum of 12 providers.

In fact, Hall said, he expects that Virginia will approve more than 12 applications, because the law grants preference to professional sports organizations with a home in Virginia. So any applications submitted by the Washington NFL football team, the D.C. United soccer franchise and NASCAR could be approved in excess of the 12-vendor cap.

The football team did not respond to queries about its plans. Earlier this year, the Denver Broncos announced plans for a partnership with FanDuel — and subsequent deals with other operators — to offer a Broncos-branded betting experience. Hall said he anticipated that any sports clubs in Virginia that enter the market would do so through a similar partnership.

There will be no brick-and-mortar sportsbooks — only online options are permitted under the state law. Wagers are barred on games involving Virginia colleges. Bets on the Olympics won't be allowed, either, to the chagrin of gaming sites that tried to convince state regulators it should be permitted.

Virginia is joining 19 other states that now have legalized sports gambling, according to the American Gaming Association, part of a rush that occurred after a 2018 Supreme Court ruling that gave all states the option to allow wagering.

The states have adopted a patchwork of approaches. Virginia and Tennessee are the only two states that have adopted a strictly online approach.

States also tax gambling at very different rates, from 6.75% all the way up to 50%. Virginia's tax rate of 15% is roughly in the middle of the pack.

Jessica Feil, a lobbyist with the gaming association, said the industry believes a tax rate in the low teens is ideal. While Virginia has more vendors interested in providing gaming than it can approve, she said a higher tax rate might scare off potential operators, especially in a nascent market like Virginia.

While lottery proceeds in Virginia are dedicated to education, tax revenue from sports gambling will go to the state's general fund. **See BETTING, page B2**



Cougars Fall In Opener To Graham, 77-64

Pulaski County fell in its home opener Tuesday night, 77-64 to the Graham G-Men. Shown here (clockwise from top left): J.J. Gulley goes up strong for a score; Josh Bourne takes aim at the basket; A.J. McCloud prepares to fire and Bourne and Peyton McDaniel confer with head coach Tyler Cannoy during a break in the action.

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Nine Hokies earn All-ACC accolades

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Nine Virginia Tech football student-athletes were recognized Tuesday as the Atlantic Coast Conference announced its 2020 All-ACC Football Teams, which were compiled from a vote among a panel of the league’s 15 head coaches and select media members. The group was headlined by T Christian Darrisaw (first-team) and S Divine Deablo, while RB Khalil Herbert and DT Jarrod Hewitt earned third-team honors. Five Hokies were listed as honorable mention: G Lecitus Smith, C Brock Hoffman, DE Amare Barno, K Brian Johnson and DB Chamarri Conner.

ALL-ACC FIRST TEAM

T Christian Darrisaw

Darrisaw started 10 of the Hokies’ contests at left tackle where he anchored the left side of Tech’s offensive line and was part of a blocking unit that helped propel the squad to six 250-yard rushing games. The Hokies registered 27 rushing TDs, the squad’s best total in a decade, and also paved the way for RB Khalil Herbert who posted six 100-yard rushing games in 2020. Darrisaw was named the ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week following Tech’s 38-31 victory at Duke (10/5) and was included in PFF College’s All-America Team as a second-team selection.

S Divine Deablo

Deablo, a team captain, posted 55 total tackles in 2020 despite missing two contests early in the season. He had 2.0 TFL and defended eight passes during the season and also forced a fumble. Deablo, who tied for the ACC lead with four INTs on the season, was the only conference player to do so in nine or fewer games played. The

Winston-Salem, North Carolina native wore Coach Beamer’s 25 jersey in the final game of his college career, a victory over Virginia (12/12) to win back the Commonwealth Cup where he sealed the victory with an INT.

ALL-ACC SECOND TEAM

All-Purpose Khalil Herbert

Herbert amassed a staggering 1,791 all-purpose yards in 2020, a mark that led the nation and consisted of his 1,182 rushing yards, 179 receiving yards and 430 yards gained on kickoff returns. The Fort Lauderdale, Florida native owned the best single-game output of any conference player with his school record 357-yard performance at Duke (10/10). Herbert’s 162.8 yards per game average also led all ACC players.

ALL-ACC THIRD TEAM

RB Khalil Herbert

The first Tech player to gain 1,000 yards rushing since 2015, Herbert, nicknamed ‘Juice’ led the Hokies’ potent rushing attack with 1,182 yards on the ground on 154 attempts. His 7.68 yards per carry ranked second in the conference and sixth nationally. After going for 100 or more yards in each of his first four games for the Hokies, Hebert finished the season with six such efforts after totaling 162 yards and a TD against Virginia (12/12).

DT Jarrod Hewitt

A redshirt senior and captain of the defense, Hewitt registered 31 total tackles (13 solo) this season and ranked inside the top 10 in sacks in conference play with 5.5. He recorded a career-best 8.5 TFL and also had a QB hurry. Hewitt donned Coach Beamer’s 25 jersey for the Miami game (11/14) where he produced 2.5 sacks for 23 yards.

A Classic Gun for Christmas

It was a couple of miles on up Little Creek Road from our house to my grandparents homeplace. They were M. H. and Ressie (Kitts) Davis who raised eight children, seven brothers and one sister. My dad and mother along with my brother often visited there most notably on weekends. I often stayed a few days there during the summer helping with farm work along with other of my first cousins. We took in some good fishing out of the Creek and had many a meal of good country cooking along with the fish that we had caught.

I could not remember my grandfather as he had died when I was less than two years old. I could relate to some of his attributes from what my dad and his siblings related to him. They called him “Poppy” which was a common reference to a father in the early nineteen-hundreds. He had been born on up the “Creek” in Bland County, but had acquired land from his brother-in-law, N. F. White which was the homeplace that I have referred to. He had been a man of several ways of his livelihood. In addition to being a farmer that with a large family was able to work it along with a sawmill and even a country store at one time.

My dad often told of some of Poppy’s hunting exploits as he had killed bears on his homeplace which was across the “Spur” a well-known area of bear populations over the years. I often admired his guns that hung on the wall in the hallway of the homeplace. One was a Buck-



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eye shotgun and the other was a Marlin lever action .22 rifle. I could only guess as perhaps Poppy had shot the bears with the old Buckeye and used the Marlin to shoot guinea heads off that my dad related to me as well.

When my grandmother died, the personal property was divided up among family members and the land bought out by a couple of my dad’s uncles. I asked my dad to see if he could get the Marlin rifle for me as I felt it would be a fine shooting gun if Poppy could shoot the continuously moving head of a guinea. My wish came true as sort of a birthday and Christmas present as well as it was found under the tree on Christmas morning.

The gun, however, did not live up to my dad’s predication as one being able to “drive tacks” with it. I could not hit much of anything with it and upon examining it, found the barrel to be leaded up in its rifled-grooves. The gun was a lever operated 1898 model with an octagon barrel and the same type as Annie Oakley had used in her many shooting exploits. I felt that if I could get it back to its original condition, it

would in deed be a fine shooting weapon.

A gun magazine I subscribed to had a place listed in Flint, Michigan that repaired and relined older guns such as this. I sent it off and after 3 or 4 weeks got back one sweet shooting gun. With its iron-open shots, I hit targets that were unbelievable. I never got to the same class as Annie Oakley of shooting marbles out of the air etc. I did get a crow out of a tree at around 100 yards and a turkey in a field at around 200 yards by holding the elevation over it slightly. The gun was my first endeavor working on old guns and experience that I later continued on others guns that I came to possess.

I wish I could say I still have the ’98 Marlin as it would be quite a collector’s prize today. It was evidently stolen by a person doing some work for me in a building it was stored in and I never missed it until after he had moved away to another state. If I had kept it in a gun safe, I could still be able to admire and shoot it today. It was a great gift to a 19-year old several years ago.

This is Christmas and the time for giving and receiving. If you do not know the “Reason for the Season,” I recommend you receive the free salvation by giving your life to the King of Kings for His saving grace as found in John 3:16.

Until next time - Merry Christmas & Happy New year to all.

Cone’s 18 off bench leads Hokies

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Jalen Cone has regained his confidence — and the rest of the ACC needs to watch out.

The 5-foot-10 sophomore scored 18 points off the bench to lead No. 24 Virginia Tech over Longwood 84-58 on Monday night.

Cone shot 6 of 15 from the floor — all 3-pointers — for the Hokies (7-1), who struggled for 30 minutes but heated up down the stretch to win their third consecutive game. Cone, who missed three games early in the season with an injury, evenly dispersed his production against the Lancers, hitting three 3-pointers in the first half and three in the second half.

“Really just the confidence,” Cone said of his second straight strong performance. “Coach

(Mike) Young has had unlimited confidence in me, and he’s been telling me to shoot the ball — that he wants me to get back in the groove. Just hearing that from the man in charge definitely gives me confidence to knock down shots and take the shots that I know I can make.”

Keve Aluma added 14 points and Joe Bamisile finished with 11, leading a balanced Virginia Tech offense as 10 players scored.

Leslie Nkereuwem paced Longwood (1-7) with 10 points.

The Lancers trailed 45-40 after a basket by Juan Munoz with 11:39 remaining. The Hokies, though, scored on their next 13 possessions to pull away, with Cone hitting three of Virginia Tech’s five 3-pointers in that span.

Betting

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eral fund.

Hall said estimates show that the state will get \$4 to \$5 million in the first year, but that will grow in subsequent years as the market establishes itself to as much as \$55 million a year.

Another unique feature included in the Virginia law is a sports bettors’ “bill of rights” designed to protect the consumer. Those rules were revised after gaming companies complained. The original rules, for instance, required companies to provide the odds of a particular wager and the infor-

mation used by the company to set the odds. Companies complained that their process for setting odds is proprietary, and that it’s impossible to know the true odds of, say, who will win a football game.

State Sen. Jeremy McPike, D-Prince William, who sponsored the legislation establishing the sports betting program, said he’s satisfied that the lottery regulations match legislators’ intent to provide a level of transparency to bettors. And he complimented the lottery for getting the program to

market so quickly in a state that has no history of casino-style betting.

Hall said the lottery expects to grant final approval to would-be operators sometime in January. Once that approval is granted, the companies are free to accept wagers as soon as they are ready. With NFL playoffs underway in January, companies will have a strong incentive to launch quickly to take advantage of some of the biggest weeks on the American sports calendar.



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Christmas Shopping Along the Great Wagon Road

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By April Martin

Holiday shopping can be a stressful adventure in today's high paced consumer economy. But have you ever thought when the shopping frenzy mentality first began? Would New York City, Boston, or Chicago come to mind in the late 1800s? Or would a sleepy little village in Southwest Virginia along the Great Wagon Road in the 1840s and 50s seem like a more likely site to look at Christmas shopping trends in American history? Of course this is a loaded question, full of molasses, red shoes, and lots of sugar and spice.

On March 3, 1810 the Village of Newbern became a recognized township with approval of the Virginia General Assembly. The Great Wagon Road bisected the town and within a few quick years, Newbern was a bustling hub.

Adam Hance, a veteran of the American Revolution, was the visionary for this mini metropolitan village in what was then Montgomery County. Hance's planned town was west of Ingles Ferry on the New River and halfway between Christiansburg to the east and Evansham (Wytheville) to the west. With that location, it was a natural stopping point, and businesses of all types set up shop in Newbern. Taverns, general stores, coopers, wagon makers,



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blacksmiths, confectioners, livery stables, the post office and churches accommodated travelers and local residents alike. The town was thriving and on the map!

But what about Christmas?

One way to determine what people place value on in any given time frame or area is to see what they are willing to trade that value for in monetary terms, such as with shopping. Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Newbern holds many artifacts and archives in its collections that can address this.

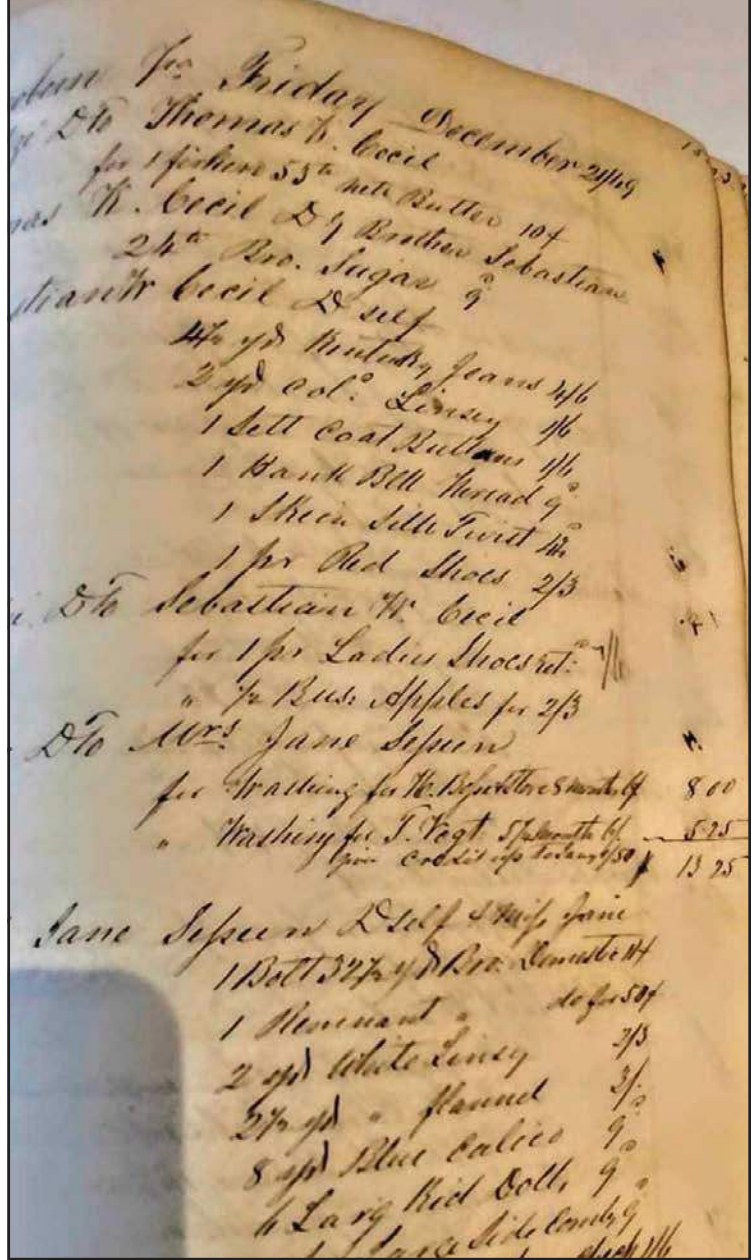
Three original store ledgers were examined to see if and when Christmas shopping became an important social aspect in the mountains of western Virginia. The store accounts of the Henry Hance gen-

eral merchandise store in Newbern covered the early timeframe of the village 1817-1820. In the 1840s, the John Gardener store ledger gives a glimpse into regular spending habits of the established area, and the later Newbern based Bose-Spiller General Store ledger from 1849-1850 shows that Christmas shopping was becoming an accepted social practice in Appalachia.

The handwritten store ledger of the Henry Hance store from 1817-1820 is one of the prized possessions of the museum. It contains at least two hundred different account holders who purchased store items during the three years it covered.

Sundries, lead bars, gunpowder, pen knives, salt, hats, school books, pipes, whiskey, rum, pepper, fiddle strings, blankets, and all types of fabric and tools can be found in the inventory of items sold. Local residents as well as travelers along the Great Wagon Road were the customer base. Both women and men frequented the store and had established lines of credit.

One of the most frequent transactions other than sundries was loans of cash. However, there are no patterns of gift buying, or specialties buying of any type near the holiday months. As noted in the list above, there were purchases that went above and beyond necessity spending, but they showed up sporadically throughout the annual accounts. And by number of transactions, the month of December was sparse



Bose-Spiller entry from Dec. 21, 1849 showing many Christmas present transactions.

for the three years included in the Hance Store ledger.

Twenty-five years later, the village of Newbern was well established and now the county seat for the newly formed County of Pulaski. It was also the largest population area. More businesses such as lawyers, distillers, milliners, and tailors added to the earlier travel related occupations. Stores and collateral businesses focused more on the needs of local residents while still offering services to those just traveling through or in town for court.

The store ledger from John

Gardener's business reflects the changing needs of the market. Gardener's store was not located directly in Newbern, but on the wagon road to the east. He took in overnight guests and offered feed and care for horses as well. Gardener's accounts were listed in a way similar to Henry Hance's accounts, which showed several years of purchases under each person's name.

This accounting style makes it very easy to see shopping patterns year to year for comparison. And from numerous examples, trends can be noted about December shopping. In 1845 Josiah Cannaday, who typically only purchased animal feed and sundries, bought coffee twice, a thimble, and an Almanac in December. Those purchases alone do not truly suggest Christmas presents, but they were out of the norm compared to his other transactions.

That same year, patron Thomas Bratton, who likewise typically only purchased animal care items such as curry combs and bridles along with feed, purchased a fur cap, silk, buttons, buckskin gloves, and one pair of small shoes the week before Christmas.

James Kent's shopping also included buttons, pink ribbon, and pink silk in the month of December only for several years running.

Two women with active accounts had different spending habits. Polly Bratton consistently in the years 1845, 1846, and 1847 bought nice items such as dishes from Liverpool, shoes, gingham umbrellas, along with shot and whiskey throughout the year, but never purchased anything other than sundries in November, December, and January. Melvina Barger also purchased more high-end items from the store throughout the year, but only butter and cotton purchases became the norm in late months of the year. In early December 1848, however, a pen-knife and box along with two pairs of "Fine Woolen" socks indicate a possible Christmas gift.

The following year from the Bose-Spiller store ledger from Newbern, a very noticeable shift in holiday spending occurs. This ledger covered two years only but really gives a fascinating look at Christmas spending and changing attitudes of the clientele served. The store accounts were likewise handled differently implying a need to speed up transactions and a sole focus on only general merchandise. Cash advances as noted with the Henry Hance store were non-existent. Lodging and stabling

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needs were handled by other businesses in Newbern. This allowed Bose-Spiller to focus on general merchandise only and thereby enabled them to purposely stock their shelves with Christmas gifts. From numerous examples, the frenzy of holiday shopping may have started in 1849.

Starting about mid-December purchases reflected the Christmas spirit on display at Bose-Spiller General Store. On December 21st Jockel Vaght bought a bottle of cologne water, and Stephen Morgan paid for three fiddle strings. On December 22nd, the tailor Mathias Vogl bought ginger, baking soda, and molasses.

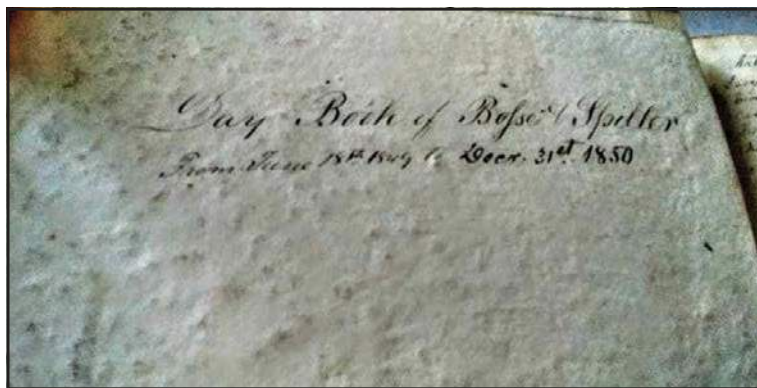
On Christmas Eve 1849 sales started out with more cookie ingredients: Andrew Mulhollen purchased baking powder, Jabin Alexander picked up sugar, Jeremiah Early paid for molasses and ginger, husband Harvey Jameson purchased molasses and ginger, then his wife Mary came later in the day for sugar and coffee. Sebastian Cecil purchased ladies shoes and apples, Michael Beirne bought one German violin, while his brother bought two fine wool caps. David McGavock ran up a tab for black silk, a large coat, a black satin vest and numerous other fine fabrics. Jane Spence also bought various fine fabrics, one large tin of candy, and several large kid dolls, the only toys discovered in the ledgers.

Christmas Day sales for 1849 were also very much in the spirit of the season. John Martin purchased a pair of shell side hair combs. Garland Ellis ran up a large order: one pair of ladies' red shoes, black lace, a compass, vest buttons, a horse rasp and a shoe knife. John Cecil also went into the red paying for red silk bonnet ribbon and checked Swiss muslin. William Ganter stayed in the black with a modest pair of ladies black kid gloves.

On the day after Christmas Day, Bose settled out for "Christmas gives"—an odd misspelling on his entry.

By the following year, Bose-Spiller knew what their local clientele wanted, and once again December sales in 1850 showcased the holiday spending habits of Newbern.

It appears the Christmas merchandise may have hit the shelves a few weeks earlier in 1850. The first noticeable gift items were sold



Bose-Spiller store ledger reads : "Day Book of Bose & Spiller from June 18th 1849 to Decr. 31st 1850"

on December 4th when Gordan Cloyd, one of the wealthiest men in Pulaski, purchased trimming for "a fine cloth coat" and a large amount of red calico fabric. Crockett Grayson bought ladies black silk gloves, while Fielding Wall picked out two pairs of women's shoes, a woolen shawl, and ladies' woolen gloves. James Henderson bought knitting needles.

By December 19th David Martin picked up his special order of covered whale bone splits for a hoop skirt. James Henderson returned for nutmeg, baking soda, and coffee, while Sebastian Miller bought one black fur hat. Gordan Cloyd's brothers also made a few transactions on the 19th. David Cloyd got allspice, madder [a red dye], and Cream of Tartar, and James paid for a silk plush cape.

When Christmas Eve 1850 arrived, the Bose-Spiller store was busy again. The day started with the purchase of an anvil and vise for Sabastian Wygal. Harvey Jameson bought a pair of shoes. And there were many individual sales to a variety of shoppers for sugar, buttons of all types, coffee, and molasses. Jabin Alexander made a large Christmas Eve purchase of ten white blankets, four colorful blankets, and two caps for

his enslaved. He returned later in the day and bought a large order of molasses, but did not indicate for whom on that transaction.

Christmas Day 1850 was likewise bustling with gift purchases. George Summer bought a pocket knife, Michael Beirne a large amount of peppermint, John Caddall eight pounds of sugar, and David Cloyd and "Lady" purchased one pair of shears and an Ivory ring. At the end of sales on Christmas Day, just like the year previous, Bose settled out for Christmas "gives" again.

The day after Christmas each year the sales returned to the normal transactions of whiskey, shot, nails, tobacco, sundries, and a few extra orders of Smith's Pills for headaches.

All in all, Christmas Shopping in Newbern 1849 and 1850 reflects trends that are more closely associated with larger metropolitan areas in the late Victorian period or even the crazed rush society still does today. The trends and evidence presented in the ledgers suggest that Newbern was a village that stayed ahead of the needs and wants of the region—or maybe just had a little extra Christmas spirit to share.

Merry Christmas!



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Lean Six Sigma training offered online through NRCC in 2021

New River Community College has two upcoming online Lean Six Sigma training sessions that can help businesses reduce costs and increase productivity.

NRCC, in partnership with the Manufacturing Technology Center (MTC), is offering training in Six Sigma Yellow Belt beginning on January 14 and Six Sigma Green Belt beginning February 23.

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Sat. Dec. 12th: "A Night of Singing" with Various Local Singers

Fri. Dec. 18th: Pastor Todd Garwood
Sat. Dec. 19th: No Service
NOTE: Big Christmas Celebration Drive Thru Event 3 pm until 5 pm at the ministry location (side door entrance on the parking lot)

****PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION****

Pre-registration Sign Ups continue through 12/12 for the Big Christmas Drive Thru Event 12/19/20 3—5 pm. Gifts for Infant to age 16. Children must be with parent or guardian to receive gifts. Sign up at the Ministry, Emanuel Book Store and The Patriot Newspaper

Fri. Dec. 25th & Sat. Dec. 26th: No Service and No Sunday Morning Outreach Service. Merry Christmas! God bless everyone and God bless America!

Each Service Broadcast Live on streaming video at: www.streets4god.com

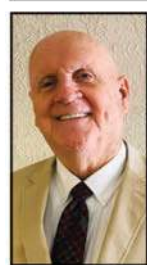
For More Information Contact: Charlie Barbettini. : 276.620.4293

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



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Worship Each Week In The Church Of Your Choice



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Why Christ Came

Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a distance of some 90 miles to register for the tax. There was no room for them in the Inn, but they found shelter in a stable. Jesus was born in poverty and humility to identify with the poorest and weakest among us. 1 Cor. 8:9 says “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.”

There was no room for Jesus in the Inn. And many still have no room for Jesus in their hearts.

The child that was to be born of Mary was no ordinary child. He was God in the flesh. When Mary kissed the face of Jesus, as the song says, “She kissed the face of God.”

The incarnation is when the second person of the Triune Godhead became a human being to save fallen man. Jesus in order to be an acceptable sacrifice to die to pay for the sins of the world, had to take on the form of a human being so He could legitimately die as a man and pay for the sins of man. As God He couldn’t die but as a man, He could.

Galatians 4:4. “But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law.”

Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. When Man-kind was lost and dying with no hope of avoiding the horrors of Hell, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, to pay the ultimate price to save fallen man from sin, from the punishment of sin, from the habit and dominion of sin, and to purchase eternal life for whosoever will accept Jesus as their own personal Savior.

Jesus is help for the helpless and hope for the hopeless. He helps us understand the love, grace and mercy of God and He provides hope for all of us, that once this life has ran its course, we know that eternal life awaits us.

“If it had not been for the Lord on my side, where would I be, where would I be?” Helen Baylor.

No person has ever had the ability to save himself or herself. No amount of good works can save us. “For by grace and ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.” God intervened and make a way where there was no way.

Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross of Calvary to purchase our salvation. They didn’t take his own life, but He laid it down willingly, to bring many sons and daughters to glory. He could have called ten thousand angels to take him down from the cross and to destroy the world but if He had, we’d all still be lost in our sins and on our way to a devil’s Hell. He didn’t have to do it but He did.

What a wonderful plan of salvation that was devised by God. To give His one and only Son to die for the sins of the world so we wouldn’t have to.

Now thanks to Jesus, God the Son, those who accept Him as Savior, can enter into Heaven

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Draper Valley Baptist Church

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

Grace Baptist Church

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

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Newbern Christian Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

Newbern United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

First United Methodist Church

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

Belspring Baptist Church

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

Memorial Baptist Church

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

River of Life Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services
announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at
later future time until COVID-19 ceases
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safety guidelines of social distancing, masks,
cleaning, and disinfection.

Heritage Church

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

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Fellowship Church

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

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

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

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
Pastor Mark A. Miller
markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com
Cell) 540-320-2431
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message):
11 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry
Facebook.com/Fairlawn-United-Method-
ist-Church

Grace Ministries

Church of God of Prophecy

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

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McCraw

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and receive eternal life.
Jesus came to die. He knew
it His entire earthly life. Many
times, no doubt, he passed
Mount Calvary, thinking to Him-
self, that's where I'm going to lay
down My life so that the world
might be saved.
What a wonderful Savior Jesus
is. Larnelle Harris and Sandi
Patty have a beautiful rendition
of the song, More than Wonder-
ful.
"For He's more wonderful than
my mind can conceive,
He's more wonderful than my
heart can believe,
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hopes and fondest dreams;
He's everything that my soul
ever longed for,
Everything He's promised and
so much more,
More than amazing, more than
marvelous,
More than miraculous could
ever be,
He's more than wonderful,
that's what Jesus is to me."

Jesus Christ is Born

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Tell it to all people over the
Land here and there.

He was born into this world as
our Savior, healer and
Almighty King,
Hallelujah to the Lamb of God
we can all rejoice and sing.

Wonderful Counselor,
everlasting Father,
our Prince of Peace,
For your divine love that
will never cease.

Thank you, Lord we say in our
hearts, as we continue to pray,
Christmas Day and always
Jesus Christ is born today.

Many blessings to everyone this
holiday season and always.
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year.

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Bible Trivia

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? Mark/ John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/ Luke, Jude/Revelation
2. From Luke 2:34, who prophesied to Mary that this Christ child is set for the fall and rising again of many? Melchior, Simeon, Cyrenius, Felix
3. What bright phenomenon led the wise men (Magi) to the young Jesus and Savior? Whirlwind, Star, Rainbow, Rainfall of sparkling gold
4. Where was the young child when the Magi came to visit Him to present gifts? Manger, Under the stars, House, Temple
5. By what method did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? New star, Angel appearance, Walking stranger, Donkey speaking
6. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/ Luke; 2) Simeon; 3) Star; 4) House; 5) Angel appearance; 6) Zero

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God may sometimes seem slow, but He never comes too late

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: What does it mean spiritually to bear fruit? -- F.B.

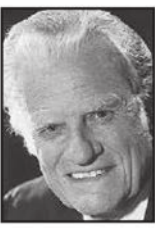
A: In order for a tree or any plant to grow and bear fruit, its seed must first be planted in the ground and die. In order for fruit to appear in our lives, the Word of God must be planted in our hearts and then we must die to self, making Christ the center of our lives.

In the face of chastening, adversity, discipline, and affliction, fruit begins to appear, because the

Holy Spirit is strengthening us and the attributes of the Lord begin to manifest themselves in our thinking and in our actions.

This process, like steel which has been tempered and made strong by the heat of a furnace, makes us useful to God. But what baby is sent out to fight a battle? The baby must first grow in strength, in size, and in wisdom before he is able to fight. It is the same for those whom God wishes to use.

Joseph would never have been of use to God had he not been



My Answer

Billy Graham

sold into slavery by brothers who hated him and was later wrongly accused and put in prison. Joseph had to wait two more years for release from prison. All of this was God's preparation for Joseph's ultimate rise to a position of power and authority second only to that

of Pharaoh himself, a position Joseph used to feed all of Israel during a famine.

As we wait upon the Lord, God may sometimes seem slow in coming to help us, but He never comes too late. His timing is always perfect.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.... And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ... Let us also walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-25).

Christmas

Wow! The week of Christmas is here! Has anyone else wondered whether we would get through the year, and, if we did, what would things look like?

As I think about past holidays, I realize that I have always been on the road during the holiday season. As a matter of fact, I can't remember a time that I didn't have to travel. Not traveling during the holidays this year has really allowed me the time to get into all things I have never had time to do in the past. For the first time in years, my family and I have put up a live tree, baked cookies, completed some on-line shopping, and "of course" shopped locally. We've sat by the fireplace with roaring fires, listened to music, and shared stories. This time together has given us the chance to reminisce and to re-live family memories.

One such memory came with the first snowfall last week. As soon as the snow started, we got dressed and went out to walk in the snow! I had to laugh as my daughter recalled that she fondly remembered me waking them up and having them get dressed to go outside and walk in the first snowfall of the year. I had forgotten all about that, but I'm so glad that she excitedly recalled that memorable time.

Something about the first snowfall is magical, especially at night. The feeling of magic



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comes because of the way we embrace the event. It was so nice to feel that magic again and to know that despite everything that's happened this year, it can't change the memories we have made, the relationships that we have built, the love we have shared with our family and friends, and the simple fact that we have had the chance to make another Christmas memory. We get to decide how to frame the outcome. I hope you and all of those you love will have an amazing holiday season filled with a sense of peace, wonderful memories, and exciting experiences!

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

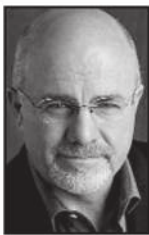
Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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5	4	1	6	7	8	3	9	2
6	8	2	5	3	9	1	7	4
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Dear Dave,
I've been following your plan, but recently I experienced a medical emergency. I'm about halfway through Baby Step 2 and paying off my debts using the debt snowball system. Considering the circumstances, should I stop doing the debt snowball for now?

Brooke

Dear Brooke,
That's exactly what you should do. But make sure you're only pressing the pause button on paying off debt. I'm talking about temporarily stopping the debt snowball, and making only minimum payments on all non-mortgage debt for now. Cash is your umbrella when it rains, and you never know just long the rain will last. Even if you have great health insurance, you might end up paying a chunk out of pocket. That's why it's important to save up and have plenty on hand. Things like this are often just a bump in the road, so don't get discouraged. They can be expensive, and they're part of life, but taking care of these kinds of issues doesn't have to mean giving up on getting control of your finances. Emergency issues, especially a medical emergency, come first. Then, go back when things are better and pick up where you left off knocking out



Dave Says

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debt using the debt snowball system.
You can do this, Brooke. God bless you!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband and I just bought a small business with cash. My sister let us live with her while we saved up the money for it, but things are starting to get a little cramped for everyone. The other day, my sister offered to co-sign on a house for us. Do you think this is a good idea?

Cari

Dear Cari,
Ok, so you just bought a business. I love your entrepreneurial spirit and the fact you saved up

and paid for it with cash. But at this point, you don't know if the business is going to be successful or not. On top of that, you told me you'd need a co-signer for a home. If you need a co-signer for anything, it means you're not financially ready for that purchase.
I know you don't want to hear this, but you guys need to just forget about buying a house for a while. If I were in your shoes, I'd find a decent, inexpensive place to rent, and spend two or three years getting the business up and running. Pay off any debt you have, while saving as much money as you can in the process.

I want you and your husband to have a nice house someday. But right now, it would be a burden instead of a blessing.
—Dave

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