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Perry A. Hodge, 49, of Dublin, Va., died at the scene. State Po- remains under investigation.

back solar project anners

By MIKE WILLIAMS The Patriot

The Pulaski County Planning Commission voted 4-2 Tuesday night to recommend approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow construction of a solar farm on over 2,700 acres of farmland in Pulaski County.

The commission's recommendation now goes to the Board of Supervisors which will ultimately decide whether the SUP is approved, paving the way for the solar farm project to be built.

issue at their monthly meeting set for Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. when it also holds a public hearing in the Little Theatre of Pulaski County High

commission hearing was held.

Commissioner John Travis, the Board of Supervisors' representative on the planning commission, offered the motion to recommend approval to the supervisors. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Doug Warren.

Voting "yes" on the motion were Commissioners David Clark, Warren, Travis and David Dean. Voting against the motion were Commissioner Melanie Lester and Commission Chairman Andy Hall.

Commissioner Al Smith left the The supervisors will take up the meeting during its opening minutes after recusing himself from the discussion and vote for professional reasons.

Following the vote to recom-School - where Tuesday night's mend approval, a second vote was

taken and passed on whether the SUP as requested is in "significant accord" with the county's Comprehensive Plan. The Commission voted 5-1 that it is, with Hall again voting "no."

During the public hearing, five people spoke in favor of the solar farm proposal, while 17 spoke in opposition.

Elaine Holeton, Planning and Zoning Director for the county, opened discussion and gave a brief outline of the proposed project – noting that staff recommends approval of the SUP request and that it is compatible with the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Next up was Chris Tuck, an

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Continued from Page A1 area attorney working on behalf of Hecate Energy Pulaski who is seeking the SUP.

Tuck said Hecate believes the positives of the solar farm proposal "vastly outweigh the negatives."

He said development of the solar farm and the boost it will give renewable energy in the county will keep "high-tech" jobs here

and bring more to the community. He said the project will be the second largest solar farm in Virginia and the third largest on the East Coast.

Tuck said high-tech companies that are looking for renewable energy will see this is the place to come and that Pulaski County is "looking toward the future."

Tuck mentioned the 160 construction jobs that will be created by the project but noted that another 190 "ancillary" jobs will also be created. Those jobs, he

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added, would create approximately \$18 million in associated labor income and about \$47 million in economic output.

He also said 12 full-time equivalent jobs would be created by the project with annual labor income of some \$850,000 and approximately \$1.7 million in economic output.

Approximately \$735,000 in tax revenue would be generated for the county in the first year as well, Tuck noted. He said over 25 years tax revenue for the county would be approximately \$12 million. All with no impact on county services, he said.

One Pulaski County farmer speaking for the project, Malcolm Booth, noted he has no vested interest in the project. He said to his knowledge no one had said "save that farm" where the new Mack plant is being built next to Volvo on what was once the Joe Hardie farm.

Booth said property rights begin and end at "your property line, no further.'

While he said he understands the concerns of property owners adjacent to the solar project, there is no guarantee the farmland to be used will always stay like it is.

He said the project is economically sound for the landowners, who will lease their land for use by Hecate, and "extremely economically sound for the county."

He said some say the electricity

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produced by the farm won't stay here. "Beef, milk, fiber produced [by farms] here doesn't stay here," Booth said. "Why should the electricity be any different."

Ken Bowling said he was skeptical of the project when it was first introduced in 2019, but that changed in April 2020.

"That's when our state legislature and governor signed the Clean Economy Act, which in so many words mandates the power companies in Virginia - Dominion Energy and American Electric Power – by 2050 to be 100 percent dependent on sustainable energy sources ... onshore wind and sunlight. Those are the two sources the law states that will be used," Bowling said.

"So, these solar farms are going to be big," Bowling said, noting Wythe County and Montgomery County have already been approached about solar projects.

Sandy Brunner said the project is a "win, win, win" for the county as well as farmers.

Paul Hendricks said he supports the project "110 percent."

"Solar is the future," he exclaimed.

Ben Davidson, speaking in opposition, said there are "hundreds of families who will be devastated by this project.'

He said, "for 2,700 acres [project size] that is a massive use of land with very little return for the county."

Joe Meek asked the planners to recommend denial of the SUP and said the board of supervisors chairman (Joe Guthrie) has some 400 acres involved in the solar farm project, and he believes Guthrie should recuse himself from discussion and voting.

An opinion from the Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney, however, says Guthrie can participate in discussion of the matter and vote at the supervisors' meeting Jan. 25.

Several other speakers against the project spoke of how it will change the agricultural character of the land involved.

Sandy Davidson said land involved is zoned agriculture and should be left that way.

"It's a quality-of-life issue," she said.

Dates set for State Senate election

By MIKE WILLIAMS **The Patriot**

A Pulaski County native is in the running to fill the State Senate seat left vacant by the death New Year's Day of Ben Chaffin, who died of complications from COVID-19.

Chad Dotson, a law professor at the Appalachia School of Law, former political blogger and retired Circuit Court Judge, is originally from Pulaski County.

According to Virginia conservative political website BearingDrift.com, Dotson is seen by some as having the inside track on the Republican nomination to seek the open seat when a Special Election is held March 23.

Candidates for the Special Election must be nominated by their respective political parties by Jan. 22.

According to BearingDrift. com, the 38th State Senate District Republican Legislative District Committee met Tuesday evening, and decided a "firehouse primary" will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21.

According to Pulaski County Republicans, voters here can cast their vote at the New River Valley Fairgrounds in Dublin. All registered voters in the county can participate.

Radford City residents will also vote at the Fairgrounds.

Other voters residing in the 38th State Senate District can find their voting location by visiting www.ChadDotson.com/ vote.

Those wishing to seek the GOP nomination have until Monday, Jan. 17 to file as candidates.

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The Patriot - January 15, 2021 - Page A3 **County moves into Phase 1b for vaccine**

By MIKE WILLIAMS The Patriot

Pulaski County and the rest of the New River Health District has moved into Phase 1b of COVID-19 vaccinations

According to Dr. Noell Bissell, Director of the New River Health District, Phase 1b means vaccines are now available to police, fire and hazmat response personnel, those living and working in correctional facilities, homeless shelters and migrant labor camps, childcare/K-12 teachers and staff, food and agriculture workers, manufacturers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, mail carriers (USPS and private) and anyone age 75 or over.

"We are all committed to using every available vaccine as quickly as possible. During this time, we will continue to vaccinate any people from Phase 1a who have not yet received a vaccine," Bissell stated.

Bissell urged residents to find the most up to date information on vaccinations by visiting NRV-RoadToWellness.com.

"This website is supported by the New River Valley Public Health Task Force and is updated continuously. We also will be posting information on the New River Health District Facebook," she advised.

"Many Phase 1b recipients who are eligible because of your occupation may be getting your vaccine through your workplace, and we have started scheduling employing week," Bissell said Monday.

"While many people are anxious to receive their first vaccine, we are already booked solid for this week. We are continuing to make appointments for those in Phase 1b and we expect this phase will take us several weeks to complete."

To receive a vaccine, pre-registration and appointments are required, as well as proof of qualification for Phase 1b. Residents should not simply show up at a clinic. Without pre-registration, appointment and proof of qualification, you will not be vaccinated and you may delay or prevent someone else from being vaccinated.

"Pre-registration does not guarantee an appointment or a vaccination, but our process enables the health department to contact you when vaccines are available, to make an appointment. After you pre-register, please answer your phone when you see a call from the health department. This will confirm your appointment, and your vaccine," Bissell explained.

How do you pre-register?

"If you are an employer with workers in Phase 1b occupations, the best option is to sign up your workforce online through the NRV Business Continuity Team at the NRVRoadToWellness site. Or call Ashley Briggs at (540) 427-7341," Bissell said.

'If you are an individual aged 75

er-based vaccinations for this com- ness website. We also have a dedi- ers, people age 65 and older, and cated phone line for individuals at people 16 and older with underlying 540-838-8222 (VACC). The number is staffed daily," Bissell said.

She noted the Task Force is working on accommodations and transportation for those residents who need it. Family members, caregivers and others may register on behalf of other persons.

"If you are an individual who works in one of the Phase 1b occupations, please check with your employer before signing up independently. Ask your employer to contact the Business Continuity Team through the NRV Road to Wellness website to begin the process of scheduling your vaccine. If you are a 1b worker that is not affiliated with an employer vaccination program, you may preregister online at the NRVRoadToWellness website.

"VDH will contact pre-registered individuals to schedule an appointment at a local health department, pharmacy or other healthcare provider," Bissell said.

"If you do not qualify for Phase 1a or 1b, please do not call or try to pre-register online at this time. There may be different systems and processes for later phases. If you try to pre-register before your phase is available, your vaccine appointment may be delayed."

To sum it up, here is our process in the New River Valley.

Bissell said that as availability of the vaccine increases, Virginia will or older, you can register online at move to the other phases. Phase 1c the link on the NRVRoadToWell- will include other essential work-

medical conditions.

The complete definitions of all phases, data and other information, are on VDH's Vaccine Response website. The URL is vdh.virginia. gov/covid-19-vaccine.

Virginians who do not fall into these phases will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine when it is more widely available. Once the vaccine is rolled out to the general public, distribution will be similar to the flu vaccine. People will be able to get the vaccine from a local pharmacy, primary care physician, Federally Qualified Health Center free clinic, local health department or other clinic that is participating as a COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider.

"In the meantime, it is important to remain vigilant in COVID-19 prevention. Continue to protect yourself and others: cover your mouth and nose with a mask, wash your hands often and well, stay at least six feet away from others, avoid gatherings with anyone who is not a member of your household and get a flu shot," Bissell urged.

"The vaccine appears to be very effective in keeping you from getting sick. But we do not yet know how well it prevents you from infecting others, how quickly its benefits develop or how long they last.

Patience and vigilance are the keys to beating this pandemic. Get your vaccine as soon as you can But it's critical, even after being vaccinated, to continue to practice the precautions we KNOW are effective in protecting yourself and those around you. Please, take care of each other. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, but the tunnel is still very long," she said.

The NRV Public Health Task Force released its newest COVID-19 Update on Wednesday.

The latest numbers for Pulaski County showed 17 COVID-19 cases reported on Thursday, with a 7-day average of new cases at 23.

Total number of cases for the county since March rose to 1,831, with 82 hospitalizations and 38 deaths since March.

A new stat included on the update is the number of vaccinations given. As of Thursday, 1,152 in Pulaski County had received vaccinations.

Radford City is at 12 cases as of Thursday, with total cases since March at 1,660. The 7-day average of new cases in Radford is now at 14.

Total hospitalizations in Radford are at 33 with 8 deaths.

Total number of vaccinations given in Radford now total 900.

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Republican Party of Virginia says Northam playing politics with SW

week, Gov. Ralph This Northam unilaterally decided that the 38th State Senate District would be without representation throughout the entire upcoming General Assembly session, Republican Party leaders said.

"Setting the date of the Special Election for March 23, 2021, all but guarantees that the eventual Senator from Southwest Virginia will not even get a voice in the Reconvened Session. Northam's partisan strategic decision gives Democrats an even bigger advantage in the Virginia State Senate for this session," a party

Election

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Other announced candidates for the GOP nomination - as of Thursday - include Dickinson County Deputy Jony Baker, lazewell businessman Iravis Hackworth, Rawlings farmer and policy advisor Kimberly Lowe, Buchanan County lawyer Tamara Neo and Lebanon Town Council Member Elijah Leonard. The Patriot has heard no word yet on any Democratic Party candidates for the seat.

statement charged.

Republican Party of Virginia Chairman Rich Anderson issued the following statement:

"Ralph Northam's decision to deny the 38th District of representation during session is as shameful as it is shady," said Anderson. "As much as they want to, Democrats cannot continue to ignore rural Virginia. Every Virginian deserves a State Senator, even if that Senator does not share the petty political games."

Governor's party affiliation."

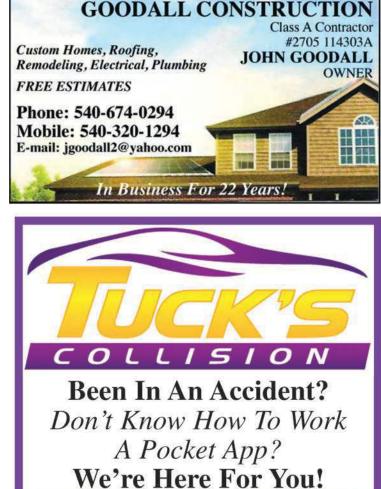
This misguided decision is just the latest in a long line of bumbling, stumbling mistakes that the Northam administration owns," continued Anderson. "From masquerading as a virulently racist character, to letting Virginia drop to 49th in COVID-19 testing, to scandals with the Parole Board, to mishandling the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, Northam's legacy will be one of incompetence and

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BEVERLY (BEV) LUGAR MURPHY

Beverly (Bev) Lugar Murphy, age 69 of Charlotte, NC died Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Atrium Health University Hospital in Charlotte. She was born on September 5, 1951 in Waynesboro, VA, and was the daughter of the late Mildred Lucille Via Lugar and Frank Jackson Lugar, Jr. Bev was a loving wife, mother, Librarian, and homemaker. She enjoyed music and reading. She was an avid gardener, and had become a genius with grass and flowers. Bev also crafted homemade beeswax candles for family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandchild, Timothy Jackson Pekarek in 2012. She is survived by her loving husband, Michael P. Murphy of Charlotte: sons; Benjamin Lawrence (Doris) Pekarek of Chicago, and Peter Jackson (Melody) Pekarek of Wonder Lake, IL: brother; Dr. John Walton Lugar, M.D. of Palm Spring, CA. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Kathy Lee, Jacob, Gillian, Rose Marie, Oliver, John, Carmen and Adalin. Mrs. Murphy was cremated and the family will announce a service at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



ELLA MAE GOAD

Ella Mae Goad, age 89 of Pulaski passed away Monday, January 11, 2021 at her home. Born August 13, 1931 in Pulaski County she was the daughter of the late Diley Washington Goad and Nora Whitt Goad. Her brother, Fred W. Goad and nephew, Frederick "Freddy" Goad also preceded her in death. Ella Mae was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pulaski. After working for Bob's Shoe Center (Wallace's) for 48 years, she worked at the Bower Funeral Home (Pulaski) for 20 plus years and is already deeply missed.

She is survived by her

- Niece Sue & Dallas Edwards Sophia, NC
- Special Cousin Mary Wyrick Roanoke, VA

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM - Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. The family will receive friends one hour before service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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



STEVEN LEE CRONK

Steven Lee Cronk, age 31 of Allisonia passed away Monday, January 11, 2021. Born June 8, 1989 in Radford he was the son of Timothy "Tim" Steven Cronk and the late Karen Denise Marshall Goad. His grandfather, Lee Roy Marshall and grandparents, Nyle & Margie Agnes Cronk also preceded him in death. He was an employee at Volvo Trucks.

Steven is survived by his

Father - Tim (Pattie) Cronk -Pulaski

- Daughter Huntleigh Tibbs Maternal Grandmother - Eve-
- lyn (Robert) Marshall Williams - Independence, VA
- Brother Michael Aaren (Kayla) Goad – Dublin

Sister - Cynthia "Cindy" Ann (Anthony) Camper – Pulaski

Half-sisters - Tiffany (Brandon) Hughett - Dublin

Pattie Adair (Chris) Nuckols -Martinsville, VA

Many special nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Friday, January 15, 2021 at the Pulaski Church of God with Pastor Don Jones and Pastor Mike Coleman officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until service time Friday at the church.

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

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



SHIRLEY JEAN WEAVER **SHELTON**

Shirley Jean Weaver Shelton, age 73 of Christiansburg passed away Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born February 21,1947, she was the daughter of the late Earnest Hampton (Blondie) Weaver and Bessie Andrews Weaver. She was also preceded in death by a stillborn baby; her two sisters, Betty Joyce Quesenberry and Louise W. Dalton.

For the 48 years of their marriage, she walked hand in hand with her husband preaching the gospel all over the world. Her passion was helping other people and loving her family. Missionaries to America.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years- Rev. J. B. Shelton-Christiansburg

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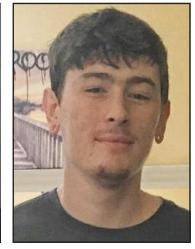
Jerry Ashburn 'JW"- Christiansburg

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Elizabeth Fiore "PB"-Dublin Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the Draper Valley Pentecostal Church may be sent to the family by viswith Rev. J. B. Shelton, Brother iting www.seaglefuneralhome. Ed Gallimore, Rev. Leon Goad com Arrangements by and Rev. Craig Shelton officiating. Funeral Home, Pulaski. Interment followed in the church cemetery. To sign the online guestbook, www.bowerfuneralhome. visit com Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling arrangements for the family.



BRANDON TYLER WHITAKER

Brandon Tyler Whitaker, age 27, of Dublin, died Saturday, January 2, 2021 in Garden Grove, California. He was born in Radford, VA on September 8, 1993 and is the son of Richard Kelly Whitaker and Sherry Lyons Whitaker of Chapel Hill, NC.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Ronald (Ronnie) Guy Whitaker.

He is survived by his loving parents, Richard Kelly Whitaker and Sherry Lyons Whitaker of Chapel Hill, NC: great grandmother; Naomi Quesenberry Whitaker of Pulaski: grandparents; Gerald Cline Lyons and Cheryl Howard Lyons of Dublin: grandfather; Ronald Frederick (Fred) Whitaker of Radford: grandmother; Doris Stoots Whitaker of Max Meadows: sister; Brittany Nicole Whitaker of Dublin: brother, Zachery Reuben Whitaker of Greensboro, NC: aunt; Karen Lyons Jones (JD Jones) of Pulaski: aunt; Donna Worrell Whitaker of Max Meadows: cousins; Garrison Michael Thomas of Pulaski, Hunter James Thomas of Pulaski, Autumn Sierra Whitaker of Max Meadows, Eric Duff Whitaker of Max Meadows, Kaitlynn Worrell of Max Meadows, and many other great aunts, great uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 15, 2021 at 12 Noon at Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum Chapel in Dublin. The family will receive friends on Friday at the Mausoleum Chapel from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon service time. Interment will follow. Online condolences

BRENDA SUE GOAD

Brenda Sue Goad, age 67 of Pulaski entered fully into the presence of our Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at her residence. She was born on June 4, 1953 in Pulaski and was the daughter of the late Ida Roseberry Goad and James Cecil Goad. Brenda was a veteran, having served in the United States Army. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: James Walter Goad and John W. Goad. She is survived by her lifetime companion, James Hernandez: one brother, Roger L. Goad of Stafford, VA: a sister; Betty Goad Anderson and her husband Jerry of Goldsboro, NC.: sister-in-law, Vickie Goad of Pulaski, along with several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and nephews. A graveside funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Memorial Christian Church Cemetery in Draper, with the Rev. Tom Underwood officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



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SUE ELLEN MARLOWE AKERS

Sue Ellen Marlowe Akers of Fairlawn, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2021.

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BETTY JEAN COOK HILL

Betty Jean Cook Hill, 81, of Pulaski, VA passed away Sunday, January 10, 2021 in the Henrico Doctor's Hospital - Forest Campus, Richmond, VA. She was born on August 29, 1939 in Pulaski, VA and was the daughter of the late Fred Sidney Cook and Minnie Ellen Elizabeth Jones Cook. She was also preceded in death by one brother and six sisters and her loving husband of 57 years, Herman Lee Hill.

Surviving are:

Brother – William S. Cook (Betsy), Draper, VA

Daughters - Wanda Henley (Terry), Hillsville, VA

Kathy Moye (Wayne), Pulaski, VA

Grandchildren Monica LaRue (David), Hayes, VA

Scott Henley (Lisa), Max Meadows, VA

C.J. Taylor, Fort Chiswell, VA Anthony Moye (Leah), Pulaski, VA

Allen Moye (Carissa), Barren Springs, VA

Dana Johnson (J.J.), Pulaski, VA

Great-Grandchildren - Kendra LaRue (Mikie), Auburn, CA

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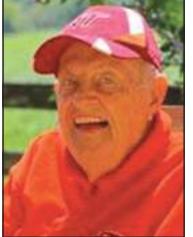
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Lots of Nieces and Nephews

Visitation was held Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Stevens Funeral Home from with the funeral service following in the Chapel. Rev. Terry Henley and Rev. Wayne Moye officiated. A graveside service will take place Friday, January 15th at 2:00 PM at Smith Cemetery, Sylvatus, VA. Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



CARROLL ALTON BOWLING, JR.

Carroll Alton Bowling, Jr., 77, passed away Friday, January 8, 2021 at his home in Dublin. He was a graduate of Pearisburg High School where he enjoyed being in the Drum Corp. He was a retired computer analyst with the Dept. of Defense. He was a longtime member of Dublin Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, Church Clerk, Sunday School Teacher and a member of the choir. He was a past member of the Pulaski Jaycees, former president of the Golden Cougar Marching Band and coached basketball in both the Recreational and AAU leagues.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carol Alton, Sr. and Dora Boyer Bowling; and son, Christopher Aaron-Adair Bowling.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Judith Ann Surface Bowling; son, Curry Bowling; daughters, Natalie Quesenberry (Randal) and Cheryl Hall (Mike); grandchildren, Chandler, Hunter, Kerrigan, Sawyer, Maylee, Cathryn and Savannah; sister, Connie Strasser (Steve); K-9 companion, Trixie; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family received friends on Monday, January 11, 2021 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Dennis Jones officiating and special remarks from Phil Taylor. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Dublin Baptist Church Children's Ministry, PO Box 669, Dublin, VA 24084.

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

ETHEL FRANCES NUNN

Ethel Frances Nunn, age 91 of Hiwassee passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the New River Valley Medical Center.

Born May 9, 1929 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late General Washington Nunn and Lillian Orpha Moore Nunn. Her brothers, Winfred Homer Nunn, William Nunn, Eli Samson Nunn, Alseberry (T-Berry) Nunn and sisters, Lillian Marie Nunn Boyd, Velma Irene Nunn Ward and Elsie Orpha Nunn also preceded her in death.

Hiwassee

Many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly and will cherish her memories forever

Graveside funeral services will be held 11:00 AM - Friday, January 15, 2021 at the Shiloh Cemetery with Pastor Mike Coleman officiating.

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

She will be sadly missed by all, especially her niece, Mary Sheets & husband, "Jock" who took care of her for many years.

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

PEGGY LUCILLE WHITE AUST

Peggy Lucille White Aust, 94, of Pulaski, VA wa born April 24, 1926 and passed away December 19, 2020. She is now with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was the daughter of the late Ernest Franklin White and Ruby Chaffin White. She was preceded in death by Glen Kelly Aust, her husband of 71 years; brother and sister-inlaw, James Conley (Mary Draper Hall) White; daughter, Patricia Inez Aust (Weeks) (Beasley); and son-in-law Michael Paul Weeks.

Peggy is survived by her son, Richard (Betty) Aust, Midlothian. VA; Grandchildren and spouses, Kelly (Mike) Rose, Powhatan, VA, Emily (Walter) Kimpel and Rich (Kelly) Aust both of Chesterfield, VA, Step-Grandson, Matthew (Amnity) Beasley, Springfield. VA and Step-Daughter Meredith (Chris) Crookshanks, Christiansburg, VA. Great-Grand Children, Ava and Michael Rose; Ridgeley, Riley, and Reid Kimpel; Bodie and London Aust; Step-Grand Children, Robert and Leo Crookshanks along with a number of other living cousins, nieces and nephews, sister-in-law, Alice Aust and close friends.

Peggy graduated from Pulaski High School 1944. She worked at McCrory's Dime Store, C&P Telephone Company as an operator, alterations at Mason's Cleaners, Park Belk's, and Hatcher and Askew. She was well known and loved being a seamstress since 1946.

Peggy was the President of the Women's Work and Chairman of Circles several times at Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Girl Scout Leader and chaperoned many band trips with son Richard and daughter Patricia, two different generations. She used her talents and sewed many Majorette uniforms and Flag Corp uniforms.

gy was the years, months, and hours of being a Caretaker to her parents, in-laws, aunts, uncles and lastly her husband. She loved her children, daughter-inlaw, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great grandchildren and step-grandchildren and all the dogs with all her heart.

There will be no visitation as it was her wish for immediate cremation. A private burial will be held at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, VA as her ashes will be placed with her deceased husband, Glen K. Aust.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, PO Box 2349 (319 Franklin Ave) Pulaski, VA 24301 or to 4-H Teens In Action (T.I.A), VA Corp. Extension 143 3rd St. NW Suite 3 Pulaski, VA 24301

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

RACHAEL F. DEHAVEN

Rachael F. DeHaven, age 78, a retired Director and Children's Librarian of the Pulaski County Library, passed away peacefully in her sleep in Roanoke on Monday, January 11, 2021.

She was the daughter of the late Alven Pierce Fariss and Hetty Jo Lindsay Fariss. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Bob DeHaven; and two brothers, Don Fariss, Sr. and Bruce Fariss. She is survived by her two children and their families, Stephen and wife, Shana DeHaven of Oak Ridge, NC; David DeHaven and fiancé Stephanie Krippel of Fincastle, Va., former daughter-in-law, Mary DeHaven of Fincastle, and five grandchildren, Mitchell, Alec, Sean, Ian and Kjersten; sister, Patricia and husband, Clyde George of Winston-Salem, N.C.; brother, Michael and wife, Carole Fariss of Fredericksburg, Va; and her beloved dog, Tonia of Fincastle, Va.

Born October 29, 1942 in Allisonia, she graduated from Dublin High School and worked at Jefferson Mills in Pulaski. Later in life she returned to school and graduated from New River Community College with her Associates Degree and Radford University with her bachelor's degree in Library Science and Early Childhood Education. Upon graduation, she served as a teacher in the Pulaski County School System, before finding her passion in Children's literature and the Library. Starting first in Carroll County as a Librarian in their school system, she soon returned to the Pulaski County School System and finally the public library. At the public library, she served as Assistant Director and Children's Librarian for 20 years The biggest job of all for Peg- along with several stints as Direc-

tor as well. Active in the community, she was a leader in the Woman's Club of Pulaski, served as Director of local and state pageants and was involved with local politics serving as the campaign manager for the Commissioner of Revenue, and then working at the local polls each year thereafter. She also enjoyed working with the youth as a Chaperone for the Pulaski County High School Band, and The Joyful Noise of the First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski where she also served as an Elder. An avid Duke basketball fan, she regularly took vacation in the month of March to enjoy basketball games leading to the NCAA Championship. Finally, she was instrumental in bringing Chess to Pulaski County, serving as adult leader and chaperone for the team that won numerous State and National Championships.

Her love of reading persisted until her death, where she served as informal librarian in her senior living facility. She could always be seen with a book in her hand, and she kept up with new authors and literature making reading recommendations to other residents. She truly enjoyed igniting the joy of reading in children, where one of the highlights of her career was being "The RIF lady" and leading a joint effort of the Reading Is Fundamental project and the Miss America Pageant to bring books and yearly summer reading programs complete with story times to the children of Pulaski County. This effort was inspired by President Clinton's challenge to make sure every child could read by the end of third grade. She was driven to bring books and resources to the children of the county and led growth in this area winning numerous awards including the Virginia Educational Media Award (VEMA) Progressive Media Award, the Dickinson Scholarship and the Virginia State Library Institute for Literature Award which included working with children's authors in Cambridge, England. She often said that "a good book can inspire a child and every child deserves their own book."

Outdoor Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021, at the Fariss Family Cemetery (3738 Boone Furnace Rd, Hiwassee, VA 24347) with Rev. Melissa McNair-King officiating. Face masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Pulaski County Library System, 60 West 3rd. Street, Pulaski, VA 24301 in memory of Rachael DeHaven.

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She is survived by her Sister – Buelah Nunn Flinchum



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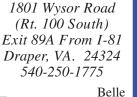
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OPINION

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Priorities for the New Congress

On January 20, Joe Biden will be sworn in as president of the United States. I will attend his inauguration, which I consider one of my duties as a Member of Congress.

I also consider it my duty to conduct rigorous oversight of any Administration to ensure it upholds the Constitution and carries out the laws we enact.

Earlier this year, I was sworn in for a new term. I am honored to represent you for another term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The new Congress presents a chance to renew my work on priorities for the constituents of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District.

Improving access to and lowering costs of health care remain among the topmost items on my agenda. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic obviously poses the most significant challenge in the health care space. Monitoring the rollout of new vaccines and therapeutics are a task for this phase of the pandemic, but this same task also points forward to a health care agenda beyond the pandemic.

The development of multiple safe and effective



COVID-19 vaccines in Operation Warp Speed was a landmark accomplishment. It came about through a partnership between the Federal

Government, private sector, and scientific institutions. Likewise, policies of the Federal Government must be geared toward promoting the development of new cures and treatments for other diseases and medical conditions through cooperation of these various sectors.

At the same time, the high cost of prescription drugs has long been a problem borne by Ninth District residents and a top concern. I have worked throughout my time in the House of Representatives on commonsense measures with bipartisan backing to address this problem.

In the last Congress, the bill passed by House Democrats pursued a different path, purporting to make drug prices affordable but only by a socialistic-style price control scheme that would have stifled innovation and new cures. That bill went nowhere. In this Congress, we have the chance to return to the bipartisan path that addresses costs without sacrificing development of new drugs and treatments.

Before the pandemic, I championed telehealth as a way to provide access to health care to more people, especially in rural and isolated areas such as those found in the Ninth District. The pandemic has increased the use of telehealth and shown just how valuable it can be. I will continue to advocate policies that encourage the use of telehealth to care for patients.

For telehealth to work at its best, communities need reliable internet access. Such access also enables economic growth, educational opportunities, and higher quality of life for residents.

I have supported legislative and regulatory measures that encourage the building out of broadband networks and promote other creative solutions, such as use of TV white spaces and satellite technology, to bring better service to more people. The work of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under outgoing Chairman Ajit Pai has been very beneficial in this effort. I will encourage the FCC to continue its efforts to close the digital divide as well as work on legislation in the halls of Congress. Job creation and economic growth are essential so constituents of the Ninth District can support themselves and their families, communities can attract new residents, and local jurisdictions can fund their services. In Congress, support for this effort means calling for the right tax and regulatory policies that lead to investment, hiring, and wage growth. I have introduced legislation on a regulatory change that I believe would support efficiency and productivity in manufacturing. The current New Source Review (NSR) program, meant to prevent pollution emissions from industrial facilities, actually discourages these facilities from making upgrades that would ultimately lead to lower emissions. My bill would reform these counterproductive rules so manufacturers and others can make pollution-reducing upgrades to their facilities without running afoul of the Environmental Protection Agency. The new Congress and Administration may look different, but my objective in the House of Representatives remains the same: to be a voice for the liberties, priorities, and needs of the people of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District.

1984 All Over Again

Senior citizens of our era had a very different education than our younger generations. We had the Ten Commandments and Pledge of Allegiance displayed on the walls of our classroom. We believed in a Creator God who is acknowledged in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Mostly, we were taught to honor our parents, teachers, police, elders and our lawmakers.

We were assigned books to read that broadened our range of thinking. Two of the most important prophetic books were written in 1947 – 1948 by George Orwell entitled, "Animal Farm" and "1984." These were scarey books that you didn't want to read right before going to bed. They described a world totally foreign to us – a world where evil reigned and governments oppressively dominated and controlled all of soci-

ety...even their thoughts. In case you've never read these books, the plot line of Animal Farm is that the animals feel they are being exploited and rebel against the farmer, causing a revolution and expelling him from the farm. The animals believe everyone should share equally and to ensure fairness, they setup seven rules; but when the pigs gain control, they break all the rules, reduce the other's rations and rights; and become just like the farmer – even walking on their two back feet and One Nation Under God By Danielle Reid

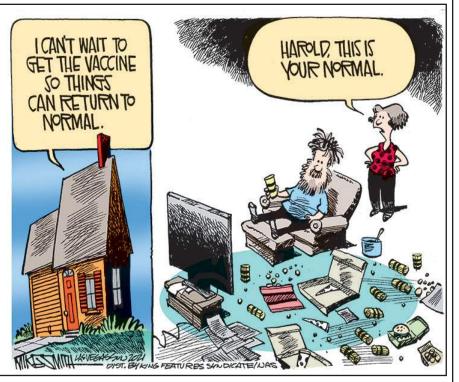
wearing the farmer's clothes.

One of the main themes explores class, equality and inequality, power and control. In a famous quote by one of the pigs who has usurped control: "All animals are equal. But some animals are more equal than others." I can think of many ways this seems relevant to the way our national lawmakers are treating "We the People".

The fictitious government used language to subjugate and confuse the people. Terms such as "Big Brother," "thought police," "unperson," "doublethink/doublespeak" and "newspeak" invoke fears of the presence of constant surveillance, police states and authoritarianism.

The animals start out chanting: 4-legs good (farm animals); 2-legs bad (referring to the farmer). But after the pigs' insurrection and grab for power, the pigs begin walking on their hind legs, and the chant changes to 2-legs good; 4-legs bad. It seems that our

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Free Speech Tested Again

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

Twitter and Facebook have permanently banned President Trump from their social platforms. Former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and attorney Sidney Powell have also been permanently banned as Twitter announced a purge of "accounts dedicated to sharing content related to the far right OA non companies like Facebook and Twitter wield the unchecked power to remove people from platforms that have become indispensable for the speech of billions -- especially when political realities make those decisions easier."

The late writer Nat Hentoff, in addition to being an authority on the history of jazz, was also a fierce defender of the right to free speech. He once told me the answer to speech you don't like is not less speech, but more speech. Banning offensive speech encourages radicals in their extremism. We no longer talk to each other. Too many read and listen only to what supports their point of view and demeans people who believe differently. This is unhealthy for a free society. Facebook and Twitter made their decision after the president incited his followers to storm the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday to stop lawmakers from formalizing Joe Biden's election victory. Perhaps they believe they have nothing to fear from a Democrat-majority Congress, Republicans in the Senate had been holding hearings into charges by conservatives that social media outlets censor conservative opinion. With Democrats in control of the Senate additional hearings are unlikely to be forthcoming. In another display of the double standard, the two social media giants still allow the Iranian leadership and people associated with the Chinese Communist Party to maintain their accounts. Distrust by many conservatives of virtually all media has given rise to fringe platforms that seek to tear us further apart and undermine democracy, while claiming to protect it. These divisions have deepened since the November election as Trump supporters believe the election was rigged. Trump voters deserve to have their concerns addressed, or the cvnicism and division will only get worse, as will the potential for more violence. The best way to lower the temperature would be to create a forum that would fairly and accurately examine all claims of voter fraud and ballot manipulation. As for attempts to ban speech some people don't like, I give you the lyrics from that 1960s musical, "Hair": "Let the Sun shine in." Indeed, let it in, because sunshine - and free speech can lead to "the mind's true liberation."

OPEN FORUM Principled, Not Merely Partisan

To the editor,

Political Progressives are suddenly opposed to riots. Aghast at the rioting in the US Capitol yesterday, they are inconsistent as they have allowed, encouraged, aided, abetted, and refused to condemn similar rioting all throughout our country for months. Such inconsistency demonstrates and serves a merely partisan or pragmatic spirit and not a principled spirit.

Mere partisans or pragmatists do what best fits any situation. Such pragmatic partisans only condemn behavior when it does not fit their cause. Such partisans will condone the same behavior they condemn in others as it promotes their agenda.

A Christian, by definition, follows Christ. Such following is necessarily principled, that is, informed and directed by the universal principles for life that Christ has given us in his written word. Indeed, such a principled ethic has been highly regarded and promoted even by those who do not worship Christ.

Principled people conform their actions to over-arching ideals which fit every situation: "Do not kill", "Do not Lie", Do not Steal", "Honor your father and mother" are equally applicable to a variety of situations and stand as unchanging universals to be followed whether or not they serve your own personal agenda or whether or not you like it.

Principles are not plastic, able to be shaped and molded by the user, but are God-given declarations of truth, the truth that has been revealed, not personal preferences, manufactured, used, and then thrown away when they no longer fit my cause.

Principled Christians, who have witnessed the turmoil in our nation's streets for months, are saddened, shocked, and dismayed by the wanton destruction of private and public property (stealing) the bantering of false news, inaccurate reporting, turning a blind eye to the truth (lying) and reckless violence (even the taking of life) No less should principled Christians be aghast and opposed to the recent violent acts in Washington. This time the violence and disruption came from those with whom many Christians are likely to share political convictions (though it appears that several groups were behind the rioting). Despite this, Christians should oppose this rioting with equal vigor as they showed when opposing the rioting that was happening over the course of the past year. Failure to do so is to be as inconsistent and unprincipled as others, who silent before, are now decrying the violence of the mob. To protest, in principle, against certain decisions and actions of a democratically elected government is possible in our system and possible in a Christ-like manner. Surely some of the protestors gathered in Washington with that in mind. There are godly ways and means to speak the truth, to stand for the truth. As principled followers of Christ we speak the truth in love, we do not ignore one commandment in order to advocate for another, and we recognize that Christ's univer-

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. sharing content related to the far-right QAnon conspiracy theory."

Trump has hinted he may announce an alternative social media platform, possibly one created by him. In a statement tweeted Friday on his presidential Twitter account, Trump wrote: "As I have been saying for a long time, Twitter has gone further and further in banning free speech, and tonight, Twitter employees have coordinated with the Democrats and the Radical Left in removing my account from their platform, to silence me -- and YOU, the 75,000,000 great patriots who voted for me. Twitter may be a private company, but without the government's gift of Section 230 they would not exist for long. I predicted this would happen. We have been negotiating with various other sites, and will have a big announcement soon, while we also look at the possibilities of building out our own platform in the near future.

Twitter removed the tweet from Trump's @POTUS account within minutes of when it popped up, and then shut down the account "due to the risk of further incitement of violence." When Trump posted the same message to his campaign Twitter account, "the company permanently suspended that account too." Trump has now also been banned from Instagram, Snapchat and Twitch, and Parler, "the alternative social media platform favored by conservatives, now finds itself virtually homeless on the internet as Amazon (AMZN), Apple (AAPL) and Google (GOOGL) have all booted it from their platforms in a span of a little more than 24 hours."

The American Civil Liberties Union has expressed "concern" over the action by the social media giants. In a statement, Kate Ruane, the ACLU's senior legislative counsel, said: "We understand the desire to permanently suspend him now, but it should concern everyone when

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Aust selected as DAR Good Citizen Award winner

Madelyn Kate Aust, a senior at Pulaski County High School, has been selected as the DAR Good Citizen for this school year. The award is sponsored by the Count Pulaski Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Madelyn has been an exceptional student and has participated in many extracurricular activities both

at school and in her community. She exemplifies the qualities which the Good Citizen program recognizes. She plans to go to college, travel and to become an active, participating member of her community.

The DAR Good Citizen program recognizes outstanding young people who exhibit the equalities of good citizenship in their homes, schools and communities and is intended to encourage and reward these students. This program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited by their state board of education.

The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities:

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esty, punctuality, etc.)

- Service (cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.)

- Leadership (personality, self-control, initiative, etc.)

- Patriotism (unselfish loyalty to American ideals).

Madelyn is the daughter of Brian and Amy Cox of Pulaski.



Nation

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culture is calling what is good as evil; and what is evil has become good. Our moral compass is no longer pointing to True north.

The other main theme deals with rebellion, freedom and the corrupting nature of power. Orwell writes, "they had come to a time when no one dared speak his mind, when fierce, growling dogs roamed everywhere, and when you had to watch your comrades torn to pieces after confessing to shocking crimes."

Considering events in the past couple of years, we are living

Letter

in Orwell's world. We've seen innocent people falsely accused of crimes and jailed – their lives torn to pieces and their reputations destroyed; others dared to challenge the establishment or uncover corruption and instead of praise, faced personal destruction and ridicule. In more recent days, fear has gripped the people because of censureship and the ability of media and tech to ban free speech from social media platforms.

America is in free-fall and quickly beginning to resemble

Orwell's prophetic vision of a nation in chaos; where deception and confusion are the preferred tools used to supress the citizens' abilities to think for themselves.

All through America's history, when people humble themselves, confess their sins and turn back to God, He promises to hear from Heaven, forgive us and heal our land.

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sal laws supersede all human laws. This means in some cases that national or state rights cannot be claimed or even pursued if they contradict Biblical norms (but that is a topic for another day).

As Christ calls us to be like Him in all that we do our Christ-like actions in standing for truth will often be ineffective against totalitarian regimes and institutions who ignore Christ. But ineffectiveness does not warrant departure from principles.

We must not become fickle pragmatists. Therefore, we must ardently oppose the attack on the Capitol building. Not only is such rioting inconsistent with Christ-like behavior, but it has departed from policy opposition and become opposition to a form of government, the institution itself. Christians view all human government with a healthy dose of biblical realism. We are a people of unclean lips: sinners form governments that sin & fall short of God's glory. We should not look back on the history of our country & worship our forefathers--they were sinners too. We should not worship our political party--they are sinners too. We should not presume that God's plan and providence are as flat and simpleminded as we are--He is NOT a sinner & He has displayed an amazing tendency to bring good out of evil through His Covenant of Grace in this broken world!

We hold these institutions and governments lightly, expecting sinners to act like sinners. And yet, Christ has told us that human government; be it the family, the church, or the nation is instituted by God and is, therefore, to be honored.

Wednesday's rioters chose to attack the very center of our national democratic life. Purportedly, they were opposing an action, a particular procedure. But in fact, they attacked the government itself. Thus, instead of pointedly resisting a decision they have chosen to attack the institution, the very form of government under which we live. Furthermore, they ended up attacking their friends. In that building, entered illegally as the mob forced their way in, were other men and women who stood for the very things with which the mob agreed. In that building were people who would stand beside them principally but who also had to flee, even in fear for their lives, because a mob is necessarily unfocused, unreasonable, and unprincipled.

Broad-brush actions are not helpful nor is their intention clear. This is not how Christians are called to act in the Public Square. This is not the example that we are to follow and set if we are striving to live a principled life following Christ. We grieve, we mourn the foolishness of the fallen world. We pray and beseech our God to forgive and stop the sin (including our own). And we cautiously and carefully test all our thinking, all our actions, against the revealed truth of God.

Jesus himself said, "Those who live by the sword will die by the sword." If we allow, encourage, and are pleased (even secretly) by wanton rioting, the destruction of private and public property, illegal entry, and fearmongering then we are going to need to be willing to face such ourselves. If Christians do not stand against such tactics, and instead, even advocate and engage in such, so will others, and we Christians, who are the refuse of society (1 Cor 4:13), will be the be among the first to be attacked.

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SPORTS

Brady vs. Brees: Matchup for the ages and the aged

(AP) - The NFL has never seen a playoff matchup quite like the upcoming one between Tom Brady's Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Drew Brees' New Orleans Saints.

A pair of quarterbacks in their 40s still thriving on the playoff stage at an age when nearly every other great passer in NFL history was already enjoying retirement.

Brees will take the field for the Saints on Sunday two days after turning 42 as the young gun in this matchup against the 43-year-old Brady, who has shattered nearly every record for longevity in the NFL.

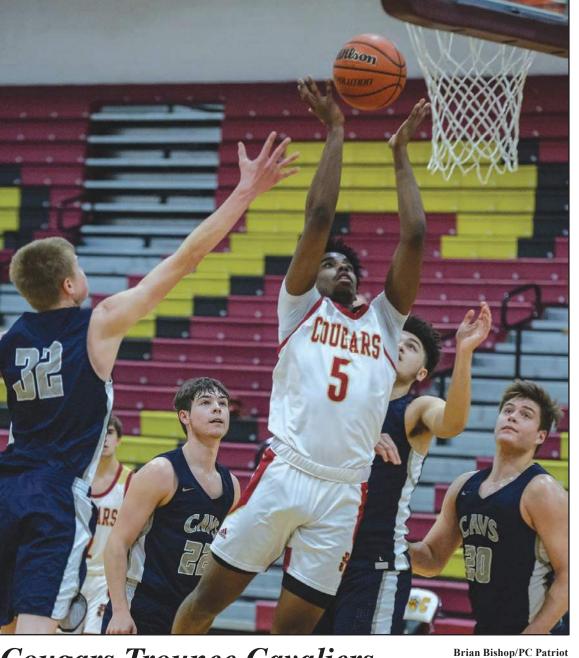
Brees has thrown for more yards than any QB in the regular season with 80,358 and ranks second in TD passes with 571. Brady holds the mark for touchdowns with 581 and trails only Brees in yardage with 79,204.

This marks just the second time since at least 1950 that the NFL's top two players in career yards passing will meet in the playoffs. Second-ranked John Elway's Denver Broncos beat then-leader Dan Marino and the Dolphins 38-3 in the divisional round following the 1998 season.

This will be the first time since at least 1950 that the two career leaders in TD passes will meet in the postseason.

The combined age of the starting quarterbacks will be an NFL-record 85, surpassing the 84 from their two starts in the regular season this season. The previous playoff record for combined age of starting QBs was 78 when 41-yearold Brady outdueled 37-year-old Philip Rivers two years ago in the divisional round.

Brady, who is seeking his record seventh Super Bowl title and 10th appearance, has already lapped the field when it comes to playoff wins. He won his 31st postseason start last week and can double second-place Joe Montana's career total of 16 this week. Brady's 75 TD passes in the playoffs are already 30 more than Montana had.



Cougars Trounce Cavaliers

Pulaski County's boys basketball team walloped Carroll County Wednesday night in the Cougar Den, 74-50. Scoring for the Cougars: O'Neal, 14; McDaniel, 12; Bourne, 11; Gulley, 11; Johnson, 10; McCoud, 8; Nester, 6, and Crouse, 2. Here, A.J. McCloud grabs a rebound for Pulaski County.

Hokies to face S. Carolina in 2025 Kickoff Game

From Hokiesports.com

will face South Carolina in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta on either Sunday, August 31 or Monday, Sept 1, 2025. The game will be televised by either ABC or ESPN. An exact date and kickoff time will be finalized at a later date.

The contest will mark Tech's third appearance in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game series. The Hokies previously played Alabama in 2009 and 2013. The 2025 season opener will mark Tech's first meeting with and President Gary Stokan added.

South Carolina since 1991.

"The Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game ATLANTA - Virginia Tech has often become a showcase for the SEC and the ACC to faceoff in a high-profile contest to start the season," said Bob Somers, Peach Bowl, Inc. chairman. "This matchup looks to continue that tradition and renew an old rivalry between two historic programs."

"It's an honor to welcome Virginia Tech back to the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game after 12 years, and we're looking forward to hosting South Carolina for the first time in the game," Peach Bowl, Inc. CEO

Tech previously announced it squads on its future schedules would renew its series with South

Carolina which has its roots in the Southern Conference. The Hokies will travel to Williams-Brice Stadium to square off with South Carolina in 2034 with the Gamecocks making the return trek to Blacksburg in 2035.

"Our team always looks forward to the opportunity to play in 'trophy games' and I'm sure our team will relish the chance to compete for 'The Old Leather Helmet' trophy against South Carolina in the 2025 Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game,' Virginia Tech head coach Justin Fuente said.

Hokies hold off **No. 19** Duke **By JIMMY ROBERTSON**

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) -His team seemingly stunned by Duke's second-half surge, Virginia Tech coach Mike Young opted against a momentum-halting timeout.

He told his Hokies to get tough and play on - and that's just what they did.

Tyrece Radford had 18 points and 12 rebounds to lift No. 20 Virginia Tech over the 19thranked Blue Devils 74-67 on Tuesday night.

The double-double was the first of the season for Radford, who helped the Hokies (10-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) jump to an 18-point, first-half lead and hold off Duke's rally to win for the sixth time in seven games.

"I've got a pretty good team," Young said. "Let's not beat around the bush. We've got a pretty good team. I think we've got a chance to be really good."

The Hokies had led from the tip, making six of their first eight shots and shooting 63.3% (19 of 30) in the first half mainly behind Radford, who made 6 of 8 in the first 20 minutes.

Duke, though, cut the deficit to 56-55 after Matthew Hurt hit a corner 3-pointer with 13:12 remaining. At that point, Young decided not to call a timeout, letting his team continue to play.

Radford led the way, scoring the game's next five points, and Duke went scoreless on six consecutive possessions. The Blue Devils got no closer than four points the rest of the game.

"I was telling (teammates), "We've got to go," Radford said.

"I saw a level of poise," Young said. "I didn't want to call timeout when Duke took off on us in the second half. Part of that was by design. I wanted to see us figure it out and fight through it."

Keve Aluma added 17 points and seven rebounds, and Jalen Cone finished with 14 points for Virginia Tech.

Jeremy Roach led Duke (5-Tech currently has 22 non-con- 3, 3-1) with 22 points. Hurt, ference games against Power Five the ACC's leading scorer (19.6

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points per game), finished with 20.

"They're really good," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of the Hokies. "Mike's team, they know who they are.

"In the first half, they really hit us hard," he added. "They played great defense, really strong, physical. They played tough, and it knocked us back. We have not played in an ACC game like that, our players, especially the freshmen."

BIG PICTURE:

Duke: The young Blue Devils have a lot of individual talent, but they're still a work in progress as a team, particularly on offense. Questionable shot selection and turnovers led to a first-half deficit, and they shot just 40% (24 of 60) for the game with more turnovers (12) than assists (11). Given their talent, they figure to get better as the season goes along — and probably be a force again in March.

Virginia Tech: The Hokies have three wins over ranked teams this season and continue to enhance their NCAA Tournament resumé. But they've played just one true road game and only three games away from Cassell Coliseum. That's going to change, as they now play five of their next seven on the road.

"We've got the potential to make a run for it," Radford said. "We've just got to stay level-minded, level-headed, and not get the big head or anything. We've just got to stay humble."

HIGH PRAISE FOR RAD-FORD

On four occasions this season, Radford had missed a dou-

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January 12

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families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing is observed.



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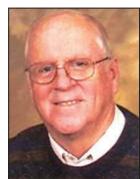
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Ratcliff Has Big Game

Former Pulaski County Cougar freshman guard Maddie Ratcliff came off the bench with 11 points on 5-of-7 shooting in the Concord Mountain Lions' 70-67 win last Sunday against West Virginia State. Down 50-31 with 17 minutes left in the contest, the Concord women's basketball team erased a 19-point deficit to clip West Virginia State in Mountain East Conference play in Athens, W.Va.

Duck Hunting with Black Jack

My wife, Linda, saw a flock of Canadian Wild Geese flying in formation toward Radford from Dublin about a week ago. They may have been some of a large gathering on New River seen by my hunting and fishing buddy, Dick Gregory. He watched them past the Western end of Bisset Park while walking there. They were active there as they swam around an island in the process of feeding in the reeds. Now may be a good time to find how the duck and goose hunting has been since coming in this past fall. To do this, I am going to turn it over to Black Jack, a big black Labrador Retriever for all the details. He is owned by Jim Brown and his Creole wife, Margo, but it is the other way around as only Black Jack can tell it. He is fluent in English and some of the French language as well. Jack learned some French words from Anna Marie who claimed Margo as her own who had met and later married Jim Brown. She was from the French Quarter and met Jim when he was attending a dog show in New Orleans.

I am Black Jack, and live with Jim and his wife and Anna Marie in Southwest Virginia. Jim was into hunting for the "Big Three" (deer, bear and turkey) through the end of firearms season in November, 2020. As a result, we did not get into duck hunting that came in the 19th. We, the four of us, did take my boat on Saturday, the 28th and the day before the last day for duck hunting in November and cruise the "New" checking on the duck population hangouts. The

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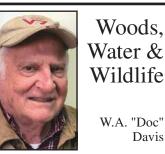
The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will convene to review a Special Use Permit application, host a Public Hearing to receive public comments and take action on the matter. The meeting will be held at 7 PM on MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021, at the Pulaski County High School Auditorium, 5414 Cougar Trail Rd., Dublin, Virginia 24084.

The inclement weather date for this meeting is the Thursday following the meeting date, at the same location and time. In the event of inclement weather, visit pulaskicounty.org for information. The application under review is described below;

Hecate Energy Pulaski LLC Project Applicant: Special Use Permit to operate a Solar Farm Use in Agriculture Zone Purpose: District Property tax map numbers for the subject parcels: Forty (40) parcels under separate ownership (#026-1-9)(#026-2-1,2,4,5,7,7A,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,24,25)(#027-1-40)(#027-2-3) (#036-1-3A,9,10)(#036-2-20, 21, 22, 23) (#036-4-1)(#037-1-5,6,11,31,32)(#038-1-6) (#047-1-13)(#047-50-9,16)(#056-35-17,18,19,20,21)

The agenda items are available at the Board Docs platform which is available at https://go.boarddocs. com/va/copva/Board.nsf/Public and linked from the pulaskicounty.org home page. Please ensure that the Board of Supervisors dropdown tab is chosen for the meeting you are interested in.

The public can request information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process. Send comments or questions to Elaine Holeton, Planning & Zoning Director E-mail: eholeton@ pulaskicounty.org Phone: 540-980-7877 or 540-980-7710 Regular Mail: Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. In Person By attending the meetings at the location listed. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County upon request will make reasonable accommodations available. Contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.



Water & Wildlife W.A. "Doc" Davis

blinds at each end of the island that I had taken with my man Jim, and his friend the year before, had plenty of mallards (Greenheads) and Mergansers. These were the two favorite ducks for Jim and Margo eating wise. I told them (barking as loud as I could) that we could not go wrong by coming here the 19th of December when the season reopened. Both Jim and Margo agreed to the same after some discussion.

When Anna Marie and I along with our man and woman, got back to our abode, we discussed the upcoming hunt. We did this near the fireplace as this is where they allowed us to stay in the winter time. They fed us well with often times chewed meat (hamburger) in stead of the canned or dried dog food. Anna Marie is a beautiful English Springer Spaniel with two contrasting colors. She is about 50 pounds in weight with a black back and a yoke of white around her neck and continuing onto her undersides. We outlined a contest that we felt that both Jim and Margo would go along with. After we got to the river, we let Margo and Annie Marie at the blind on the first part of the island and Jim and I took the boat to the other end where the other blind was. After setting out decoys as was done at

Margo's site, the sun came up and ducks were soon coming in. Shots rang out from both ends of the island. Margo, a crack shot with her semi-automatic Remington1100 had gotten her limit of six. Jim with his pump Remington 870 only got five ducks but did get a Canadian Goose that had not followed some other geese that had flown from there the night before.

We drove on home and Margo and I went back and forth as what bird would go as the Christmas dinner as we agreed beforehand to who got the limit in ducks, would get their choice as regular cooking my being in VA ham stye or her favorite in Cajun cooking. She finally agreed to having the goose by using a New Orleans favorite (incidentally) included my VA ham – Goose Recipe:

After wild goose is dressed, soak it several hours in salt and water. Put a small onion inside (use clove of garlic-even more Cajan) and plunge it into boiling water for twenty minutes. Stuff with chopped celery, chopped eggs, mashed potatoes, bits of fat pork or cold ham meat, a little butter, raw turnip grated, a tablespoon of pepper vinegar, a little grated onion, pepper and salt to taste.

After Anna Marie and I had finished the great Christmas dinner, we lay by the fireplace almost too stuffed to move. Anna said to me, "Jack. that was some meal with quite a waterfowl." I replied in my best French by saying, "Anna Marie, quel oie? ("Anna Marie,What a goose?").

The Good Lord and our Great Creator of both man and animal is a Great Savior as in John 3:16. Until next time

Hokies

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ble-double by a point or a rebound or two, but he achieved the accomplishment Tuesday, and he also added five assists.

'The kid Radford was the best player on the court," Krzyzewski said. "Double-double, but his intensity, how hard he played really helps their team immensely."

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Virginia Tech plays at Wake Forest — winless in ACC play — on Saturday, and a win there combined with the victory over the Blue Devils should propel them up the Top 25 poll. Duke could fall out of the poll following a loss in their lone game of the week.

UP NEXT

Duke plays at Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

The Hokies play at Wake Forest on Sunday.

More AP college basketball: http://apnews.com/Collegebasketball and https://twitter.com/AP_Top25



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Invitation to Bid Emergency Generators FEMA-DR-4401-VA-005

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The Town of Pulaski (Owner) is requesting sealed bids for Special Services related to the installation of Emergency Generators. The contractor's license or certificate number must be printed on the outside of the sealed bid envelope. The project involves furnishing and installing emergency generators according to AEP peak demand as well as service entrance rated automatic transfer switches and all necessary conduit, cabling, and fasteners at the following water pump stations: Ridge Avenue (25 KW), Pierce Avenue (40KW), and Calfee (40KW). The Town Engineering Department will receive sealed bids at Pulaski Municipal Building, P.O. Box 660 / 42 First Street NW Room 223, Pulaski VA, 24301 until 2:00pm on January 29, 2021. Any bids or unsealed bids received after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

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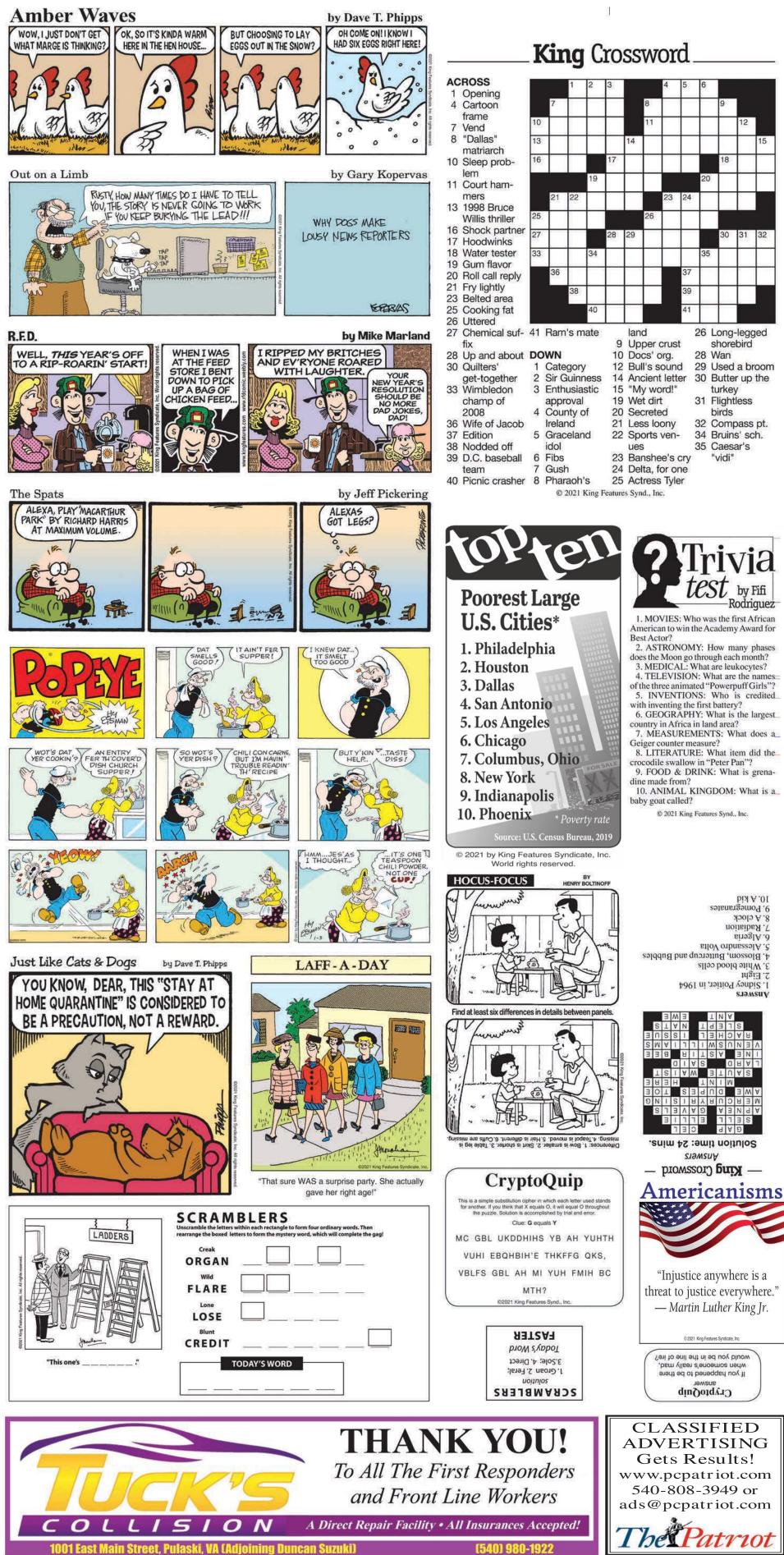
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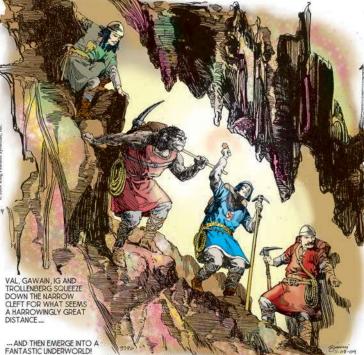




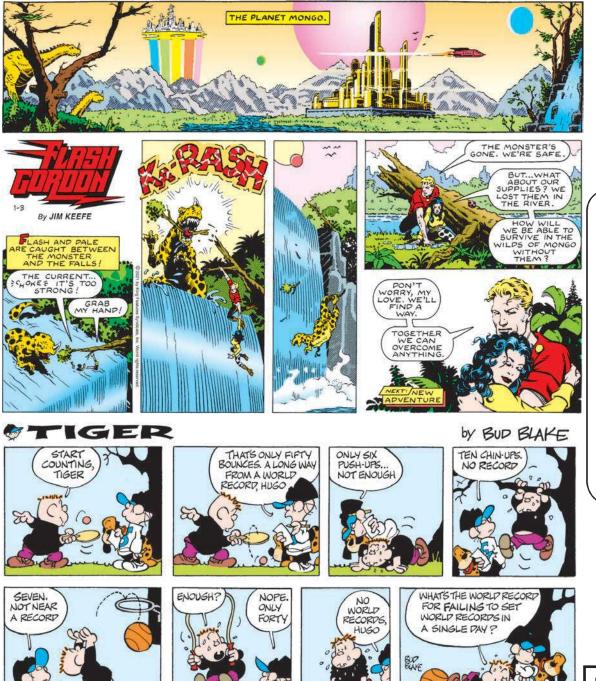
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Proverbs 11:23-27. Living Bible. "The godly can look forward to a reward, while the wicked can expect only judgment. Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The Generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

The righteous delight in keeping God's commandments and living honestly before God and others. They are constantly operating within the will of God. Because of their godly lifestyle, they will be richly rewarded. On the other hand, the desires and expectations of the wicked will be met with disappointment. They will face the wrath of God and utter ruin. The only thing they can look forward to is the vengeance of God.

John Bunyan wrote in Pilgrims Progress, "There was a man, though some did count him mad, the more he cast away, the more he had. He that bestows goods upon the poor, shall have as much again and ten times more." This is God's divine plan for blessings and increase. Those who give generously are the recipients of God's blessings. Th bible says, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure; pressed down; shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom." We can't out give God for He will return it to us in the form of blessings. Every time we plant seed in God's kingdom, it comes back to us in abundance. But the blessing can't come to us until the seed leaves our hands. So give and it shall be given unto you. Tight fist on God and what you keep won't go as far as you need for it to go. God reserves His blessings for those who are honest and compassionate and come to the aid of others. 2nd. Cor. 9:8. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work." We serve an all sufficient God. William Barkley said, "The scripture describes the state of the man who has directed his life, not to amassing possessions but to eliminating needs. We are to use a part of what God has blessed us with to help meet the needs of others who have needs. Clearly we are blessed of God, to be a blessing to others. Spurgeon said, "There is no more blessed way of living, than the life of faith based upon a covenant keeping God, to know that we have no care, for He

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.

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 540-674-4500 www.rolcdublin.com

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 Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 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

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 - Âug.) 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-Methodist-Church

Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy 1021 Macgill Street Pulaski, VA 24301 Church: 540-980-2118 Cell: 276-233-8083 Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972 www.pulaskigracemin.com Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com Pastor Mike Williams Children's Ministry

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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 Morning Worship: 10 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.

Fairlawn Baptist 6758 Oxford Avenue Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

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

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

Freedom Fellowship Church

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

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.

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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.

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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

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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

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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

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Continued from Page B6 cares for us; that we need have no fear, except to fear Him; that we need have no troubles, because we have cast our burdens upon the Lord, and are conscious that He will sustain us."

Proverbs 11:1. "A false balance is abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is His delight."

Here is a call for absolute integrity in business. We must understand that every transaction is performed in the presence of God. Nothing is hidden from Him. We might be able to fool a person with a false balance or false measure but we cannot fool God. He sees it all, and is keeping a record in heaven of it. So knowing that God sees all and knows all, it is unthinkable that Christians would stoop to the unethical practices of the world. Christ is dishonored when Christians operate on a level below His highest standards.

James 5:4. "Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of the Sabaoth."

We ought to pay those who work for us as agreed. "A laborer is worthy of his hire" the bible says. If the laborers had not done their job, we would have no harvest.

As Christians we should maintain the highest standards in our business dealings. We should be honest. Our businesses ought to be operated based on the principles found in God's word. In so doing, we will honor the Lord. We need to pay our bills, respect our bosses, watch our mouths, value our people, know our limits, and do our best.

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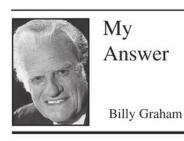
Most important thing is to commit decisions to the Lord

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I am struggling with what kind of college to attend. My church tells me I should go to a Christian college but I am afraid that it will prevent me from getting a job in a company that may not accept degrees from private Christian schools. Isn't receiving a public education better than a focus on Christian education? - C.S.

A: We can put a public school and university in the middle of every block of every American

city, but we will never keep America from rotting morally by mere intellectual education. Choosing an educational pathway can be difficult. Some young people feel they should go to a secular college in order to have opportunities to witness for the Lord, others feel the need to receive Biblical training and have a strong Christian support group. Regardless, it is important to attend a fully accredited school. Research is a good place to start. Talk to others who have already been through this process. Talk to friends who have had experiences in both settings. Talk



with family members and people at church, perhaps even school counselors and teachers, and share with them your thoughts, your apprehensions, and your goals.

The most important thing is to commit decisions to the Lord. He

has a plan and purpose for our lives and it pleases Him when we take our cares to Him and ask Him to direct our decisions. Once God leads us in making a decision, we should not draw back. We must trust His leading, and believe He goes before us - because He does. The most important decision anyone will ever make is the decision to follow Jesus Christ.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

5. From 2 Timothy 1, who was Timothy's devout grandmother? Dorcas, Lydia, Lois, Hannah 6. In biblical times, a "daric" was a Persian ...? Gold coin, Headwear, Sailing ship, Well ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2)

ter, Birds, Lilies, Little child 4. How many books of the Bible (KJV) begin with the letter

"E"? 0, 2, 5, 6

Creation; 3) Little child; 4) Six (Ecclesiastes Ephesians, Esther, Exodus, Ezekiel, Ezra); 5) Lois; 6) Gold coin

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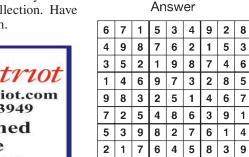
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PSA lists holiday plans

The Pulaski County PSA and all three dropsites will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be garbage collection. Have garbage out by 7 a.m.







mistakes from time to time. Should we step in and fix things when a mistake he made means he can't do something he wanted to do? Ethan Dear Ethan,

Dear Dave,

We just started teaching our seven-year-old about money.

He's very eager to learn, and he

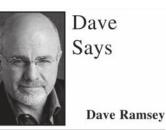
seems to be grasping the ba-

sic ideas quickly. He's young,

though, and of course he makes

It's always hard on parents when they see their children suffer because of a choice the child made. But sometimes it's best to love them so much that you'll let them make mistakes, and make sure they learn from them, while they're still under your protection. Reality can be a great teacher when it comes to learning how the world works, and sometimes one sting from a bad decision when you're young is all it takes to teach a kid a lesson that will last a lifetime.

As a parent, you're always looking for teachable moments. First, make sure you're giving him a chance to earn some money. That means work, no allowances. We're talking about kid-sized, age-appropriate tasks. There's a ton of value and self-esteem that go hand-inhand with being paid for a job



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well done. Once you pay him for the work he does, then you have chances for more teachable moments about saving, spending, and giving-and the importance of each.

If I were you, I wouldn't run in and fix things. By this, I mean I wouldn't just hand him money he didn't earn so he can still get or do what he had in mind. But don't fuss at him or brush it off, either. Gently explain why things didn't work out the way he hoped. Then, talk through what he might have done differently to help make the situation better next time.

Kids are smarter and often

have more understanding and comprehension skills than we give them credit for. My guess, Ethan, is you won't need to have this kind of conversation more than once or twice!

-Dave

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

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