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Rental inspection, vacant building programs to return

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

The Town of Pulaski will soon start back up its dormant Rental Inspection Program and Vacant Building Registry.

Council voted unanimously to do so Tuesday evening at its monthly work session.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham reminded council that several meetings ago she had presented portions of the town code concerning two programs involving property in three areas of the town.

She said some years ago council identified the three areas where it would conduct a Rental Inspection Program and a Vacant Building Registry, and named them West Loop Re-development District, Downtown Conservation Area and the Southeast Crescent Re-development District.

Burcham told council there has



not been a consistent use of either of the programs, but in her opinion, they are vitally necessary to ensure the safety of people living in the town's older structures, particularly those with frequent turnover through rental activity.

"I believe even as we are reaching to secure new housing of various types in the community, we have a responsibility to look at our existing housing stock, many of which have some significant age on them," Burcham told council.

She noted the two programs could potentially be coupled with a third that would involve some state funding that could be made available to the town.

"If obtained, this funding would allow us to engage the services of someone to actually acquire, rehabilitate or demolish and build new houses once they have been identified as being structurally inadequate," Burcham explained.

She said the goal of both the Rental Inspection Program and the Vacant Building Registry is to get current owners to keep their properties in a presentable condition.

"In the case of the vacant property registry you make the owner aware we are interested in what is happening to the condition of their property – even as they are vacant – because many vacant

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County launches new small business development program

From Pulaski County

Pulaski County has officially launched a small business development program that will focus on providing assistance and support to the County's small businesses and local entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their business. The rollout of the program coincides with the acquisition of the NRV Business Center, a mixed-use business incubator in Fairlawn, VA. The County recently received ownership of the facility from the New River Valley

Development Corporation and will now operate the facility and run its Small Business Solutions' services from within the business center. The center will soon be officially renamed the 'Pulaski County Innovation Center.'

"Small business development has been a priority of the EDA ever since we transitioned from an Industrial Development Authority in April of 2018, and broadened our focus to include small business and entrepreneurial support services, tourism and marketing, workforce development, commu-

nity engagement, retail and commercial development, economic diversification and residential development," stated Jon Wyatt, Chair of the EDA. "It is exciting to see the EDA's business plan reaching its goals of supporting small businesses with professional services, having a new tourism department in place to market the County, and to be aggressively advancing many of the EDA's other strategic targets during these challenging times."

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properties deteriorate more rapidly than if they are occupied.

“The rental inspection program – again limited to property in these conservation and rehabilitation districts – would ensure the individuals who rent properties in these areas are living in safe conditions. The checklist used for that is similar to that used for a Section Eight inspection.

“I would like council to indicate if you are interested in continuing these programs or ‘re-invigorate’ the programs,” Burcham continued.

She said the town would use existing staff to move into these programs after a compilation of addresses and notification of property owners - giving them

some reasonable time as well as town staff to get acclimated with the programs.

“I believe what’s on the books we need to enforce, or we need to remove it from the books (town code),” she added.

Councilman Michael Reis asked if the town would keep the three districts already established or make the programs town-wide.

“We can’t make them town-wide. State code doesn’t allow that,” Burcham said. “You have to create districts.”

Burcham suggested conducting the programs in one of the three districts the first year, move to a second one the next year and then the third.

“You can put them on a four-year cycle meaning the fourth year you would go back. And there are probably other areas that should be looked at for possible designation. Council would actu-

ally make a ruling that a particular part of the town designated by street and block either has deteriorated or is in the process of deteriorating and has a significant number of rental properties. Under that determination the council can then create as many districts as you want,” she said.

Burcham said it would be 60 to 90 days before full implementation of the programs, and that time would be used to do the data collection needed to administer them properly and give staff time to conduct an education program.

Burcham said it is not unusual when a rental inspection program is established that you have push-back from landlords.

“My experience is that a year into the program the landlords will tell you it isn’t as bad as they anticipated,” Burcham said. “There’s uncertainty and the unknown is frightening to all of us, so I would expect that we would move into it slowly and that’s why I believe we should start with one of the three districts then move forward. That also makes it manageable from a staff standpoint.”

Councilman Greg East recalled the establishment of the rental inspection and vacant property registration programs.

“Don’t believe rental inspection ever gained traction due to manpower issues. The intention was certainly there. Vacant building registration had to do with our having at least one building collapse. There were vacant buildings that no one were looking at. I think the programs are good and agree with your approach,” he said.

Burcham said administration of the programs would fall under code enforcement.

“There might be other items that you might identify during inspection that have to do with other sections of the code.”

Responding to a question from Councilman Brooks Dawson, Burcham said when a rental property is inspected and it passes, the landlord would get a certificate showing the property is good for four years unless the town gets a complaint.

“Through the process of doing the inspection the tenant is aware of the fact they can bring concerns to the town. I read over the weekend (on social media) someone had a complaint that a landlord was not fixing a water leak and the tenant was having a significant water bill. It’s that type of thing we could better respond to because [with the rental inspection program] we have some teeth to it.

“We can’t do anything about making the landlord fix the leak, but we can tell the tenant the other sources they can go to to get that relief,” Burcham said.

“I think this should be a priority,” East said. “When it was discussed before we said we have a beautiful town with a lot of possibilities. The idea was you raise your neighborhoods by addressing these types of issues, like having dilapidated properties and people living in them as well as in properties that maybe aren’t livable. By addressing that you address a number of problems along with that as well. It has potential long term to raise property values and draw more investment,” he said.

Burcham said that in many communities you have a landlord that owns properties throughout

the community, not just a single property.

“What we found is once you identify the program and where you are going to start, it caused some landlords to begin working on other properties because they knew you were coming. It was just a question of when. Once they understand council supports it and would stand behind it, it has positive effects.

“Some people will see the checklist and see what they need to do and decide they just won’t rent it again. That’s certainly their choice. Then it comes under the vacant building registration,” Burcham explained.

In that situation, Burcham said there’s a concern as to where does that tenant can go?

“I think we have enough housing in our town currently that people can find another place. But I think we also have an obligation to our public to make sure they are in safe housing. And we can’t say that today because we don’t have this type of program.

“I think when people see what you’re doing they understand. For instance, if there isn’t a handrail going up a set of stairs, that is a safety issue. We’re looking at the safety of individuals. Not that they’re living in a palace or anything else, but if they have an adequate heat source, light source, smoke detectors, things that are life safety,” Burcham said.

Dawson noted that the town could possibly promote the fact it has rental inspections and draw more people to live here.

In the end, Reis made the motion to re-invigorate the programs with East offering a second. The motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W. and take action on the following requests:

A request by Pulaski Development LLC, Agent: Kevin Conner, for property located at 1000-1088 Memorial Drive, (Tax Parcel (s) 072-140-48 & 072-140-48a), for a Zoning Amendment to add Section 4.11.2-1.2 Light Industrial Uses a. Cottage Industry, c. Custom Manufacturing, d. Greenhouse or Nursery, e. Industry Type 1, h. Packaging, and k. Warehouses to Section 4.8.2-2 Special Exceptions under B-1 Limited Business District.

A request by Aggregate Capital LLC, Agent: Luke Allison, for property located at 37 West Main Street, (Tax Parcel (s) 072-051-21-37), for a Special Exception per Section 4.10.2-2(1)c of the Zoning Ordinance to construct second-floor apartments and first-floor apartments on the south side of the building with entrances facing Peak Creek.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 10 persons are allowed in the chambers at a time. As a result, in-person attendance will be severely limited. Citizens may attend the hearing virtually via Facebook Live on the Town of Pulaski Facebook Page.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, to 42 First Street, N.W./ P.O. Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W. from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager’s Office at (540) 994-8696 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations.

Weather to delay vaccine shipments

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia is seeing delays in this week’s COVID-19 vaccine shipments because of severe winter weather, the state health department said Thursday.

The Commonwealth will likely see a delay in the delivery of approximately 106,800 doses due to distribution channels in the Midwest and elsewhere that were shut down, the department said in a news release.

The state had been expecting about 120,000 doses this week, according to a department spokesperson.

Multiple vaccination events scheduled in the coming days have already been postponed due to weather conditions in Virginia,

parts of which were covered in sleet, ice and snow Thursday. The department said that if additional events are canceled due to weather or shipment delays, providers will contact individuals about updated appointments.

The health department warned additional delays could be possible for vaccine orders placed this week, also due to weather.

“Even if the roads are clear in

Virginia, the fulfillment of orders and the movement of these vaccine and ancillary supplies may be delayed in other parts of the country,” the news release said.

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Joe Hale Library project goal met

By Rick Gardner
Special to The Patriot

The \$80,000 goal was met, and exceeded.

The RCI-IIBEC Foundation and RCI Foundation Canada are excited to announce that they have received over \$80,500 in pledges and gifts for the Joe Hale Library Project of Fort Chiswell, Virginia.

“This is a very special day,” said Joe Hale. “I am tickled to know that the members of this association, the RCI-IIBEC Foundation, and RCI Foundation Canada came together to make this dream a reality. As I said when I first found out the library was being named after me, I would have argued against it. However, it is an honor, and I am humbled by the outpouring of funding for this project to support this community with a public library as well as the promotion of knowledge and IT access for this area.”

“The foundations are glad to be a cornerstone and example for the Friends of Fort Chiswell Library and their fundraising efforts”, according to Mike Blanchette, Chair of the



Joe Hale

RCI-IIBEC Foundation. “We are grateful for all the donations and support that has been received because of this project and feel this is just a small way to honor a great man who has impacted our lives so much.”

Hale recently stepped down from his position as chair of the



The future Joe Hale Library in Fort Chiswell.

RCI-IIBEC Foundation. In honor of him, the Foundations decided to donate \$40,000 to the Friends of Fort Chiswell Library, a project to which Hale already donates his time and money. The Board then reached out to IIBEC members and the industry to match their gift and create momentum for the new facility. The project involves the purchase of a former bank building and the transformation of that building into a new library serving this rural southwest Virginia community.

“I would like thank everyone for their support and faith in us reaching our dream goal of putting in the new Joe Hale Public Library of Fort Chiswell,” said Tina Quesenberry, board member of the Friends of Fort Chiswell Library. “We can’t thank you enough because of all the dreams that will happen because of this library...internet access as well as the availability of support for education and research for future generations. Thank you so much!”

Gifts continue to be accept-

ed for this project. For more information, contact Rick Gardner, development officer for the RCI-IIBEC Foundation at Rgardner@iibec.org or 919-859-0742.

If you are interested in joining this effort, donations may be made online at: <https://rci-iibec-foundation.org/donate.aspx>

Or you may simply mail a check to:

RCI-IIBEC Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Joe Hale Library Project
434 Fayetteville St., Suite 2400
Raleigh, NC 27601

Moog to expand in Blacksburg, create 75 new jobs

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam Wednesday announced that Moog Inc., a designer and manufacturer of high-performance motion control products and solutions, will invest \$10.7 million to transfer existing jobs and equipment from one of its Blacksburg facilities to a larger building in the Falling Branch Corporate Park in Montgomery County.

The company will have an additional 80,000 square feet at its new operation in Christiansburg to accommodate increased customers and demand and focus on production of its slip ring products for the industrial marketplace. Virginia successfully competed with multiple states for the project, which will create 75 new jobs.

“Moog is an important partner

in the Commonwealth, and it is exciting to see the company grow its capabilities in Montgomery County,” said Governor Northam. “The New River Valley has outstanding institutions of higher education and a world-class workforce, and Moog’s continued investment is a testament to these assets. We are confident that this expansion will propel the company and the Commonwealth’s aerospace industry forward.”

Headquartered in East Aurora, New York, Moog Inc. is a worldwide designer, manufacturer, and integrator of precision control components and systems. The company’s high-performance systems control military and commercial aircraft, satellites and space vehicles, launch vehicles, missiles, automated industrial machinery, and marine and medical

equipment. Founded over 65 years ago with only a few employees, Moog now operates in 26 countries. Moog maintains a large presence in Virginia, with multiple locations totaling more than 1,200 employees.

“Virginia’s aerospace sector is strong, and Moog is a valuable contributor to our leadership position in this sector,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “We are proud that the company develops revolutionary aerospace technology from its growing operations in Montgomery County. This announcement, and the creation of 75 high-quality jobs, represents an important step forward as we work to rebound from this global health crisis.”

“Moog is excited to be expanding in Virginia and Montgomery County, in particular,” said Janet

Byrne-Safier, Vice President of Moog’s Power and Data Sector. “As we look to support our growing business in established and new markets, the focus has been on developing geographic centers of excellence with ready access to a diverse talent pool. Moog places emphasis on retaining and developing its current workforce and new employees. Moog appreciates the assistance and cooperation of Montgomery County and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and its Virginia

Jobs Investment Program in this endeavor.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) worked with Montgomery County to secure the project for Virginia and will support Moog’s job creation through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP). VJIP provides consultative services and funding to companies creating new jobs in order to support employee recruitment and training activities.

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This endeavor is a partnership between the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Economic Development Authority. This new program is a strategic objective identified within the County’s recently adopted Comprehensive Plan and will serve to help attain the County’s 40-by-30 goal of having 40,000 people call Pulaski County home by the year 2030.

“It is vitalizing to see the Board of Supervisors and the EDA concentrate additional resources on assisting our small business community navigate and respond to today’s unique challenges as well as seize upon equally unique opportunities,” stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. “Pulaski County bodes tremendous entrepreneurial and small business growth potential, and providing support to this sector will help further stabilize and diversify our local economy and make Pulaski County a more resilient and attractive place to both live and

invest. This is yet another major step toward making Pulaski County a next-level community.”

The County will be hiring a new Small Business Solutions Manager to manage the Innovation Center and run its Small Business Solutions Center. The Pulaski County EDA will be funding the entirety of the new position from rental income revenues generated from within the newly acquired Innovation Center. The new position will be responsible for managing the overall operations of the Innovation Center and working directly with its tenants on both their business and office needs. The position will also comprehensively assist small businesses and entrepreneurs with their individual and unique business needs and be a one-stop in connecting businesses with whatever assistance or resources they may need.

“Entrepreneurs and small businesses have helped to make Pulaski County the wonderful place it is today,” stated Michael Sol-

omon, Economic Development Director. “I am pleased with the support from the Board of Supervisors and the EDA Board, their commitment will allow small businesses to succeed when they call Pulaski County home.”

For more information on the soon to be named ‘Pulaski County Innovation Center’, please visit <http://nrvc.org/nrvbc.html>

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CHARLES EDWIN DALTON

Charles Edwin Dalton, age 80 of Dublin passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 with his family by his bedside. Born October 31, 1940 he was the son of the late James Edwin "Pud" Dalton and Ola Mae Dalton Marshall. His sister, Ruby & Raymond Fisher also preceded him in death. He was retired from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant as a lab Technician.

He is survived by his Wife of 60 years - Wilma Kemp Dalton - Dublin
Son - David Dalton
Daughter - Susan Ratcliffe
Grandchildren - Christopher (Ashley) Hubbard, Karly Hubbard & fiancée, Cecil Rigney, Jamey Dalton, Alex Dalton, 6 Great Grandchildren
Sister - LaVerne (Johnny) Howlett - Pulaski
Several nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Phil Madison officiating. Interment followed at the Dublin Town Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Hiwassee Church of the Brethren or the Highland Community Church, Dublin.

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

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GLEN ROGER SHUMATE

Glen Roger Shumate, age 81 of Pulaski passed away Monday, February 8, 2021. Born August 15, 1939 in Bluefield, WV he was the son of the late Elisha Anderson Shumate and Sally Elizabeth Burton Shumate. His wife, Joan Gail Doss Shumate, daughter, Diana Lynn Shumate, brothers, Bernard, Ray, Alfred, Harold, Ralph, sisters, Doris, Evelyn, Anna Ruth, Neda May and May also preceded him in death.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He is survived by his Son - Brian Keith (Kim) Shumate - Draper

Grandson - Korey Matthew Shumate
Great Grandson - Bradley Shumate

Many Nieces and Nephews

Funeral services were held Monday, February 15, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Perry Slaughter officiating. Entombment followed in the Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Dublin.

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

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

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VIVIAN JONES COLTRANE

IRMO, SC - Vivian Jones Coltrane, 81, passed away on February 14, 2021. A graveside service will be held Noon on Monday, February 22, 2021 in Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

Vivian was born April 9, 1939 in Pulaski, VA to Thomas Howard and Anna Cregger Jones. She will be remembered as an accomplished artist and doll maker that won several SC State Fair Blue Ribbons. Vivian was employed by Kroger for over 20 years and loved birds and bunny rabbits. Most importantly, she was a loving mother, Meemaw and a dedicated military officer's wife.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, Major David R. Coltrane (U.S. Army Ret.); and her siblings, Peggy Pampley, Charles Jones, Thomas Jones, Jr. and Bobby Jones. Survivors include her children, Kim Grantham (Mike), David Coltrane, Jr., Gaye Coltrane (David Lucke), Cathy Ellington (Al), Tina Pushic (Eric); four grandchildren, Elaine Miller, Annie Mangum, Michael Mangum, Crystal Lucke (Rich Casselman); two great-grandchildren; Ian Miller, and Lilly Casselman; a brother, Kenneth Jones (Mary); a sister-in-law, Linda Aikman; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to www.Operationsmile.org or to www.michael-jfox.org

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PAUL HARVEY SHEPHERD

Paul Harvey Shepherd 'Harvey', 81, of Dublin, VA went to his heavenly home on Monday, February 15, 2021.

Harvey was born on November 24, 1939, to the late Edward McKinley and Helen C. Shepherd. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Nita 'Eunice' Burk, Conston Spradlin, Louise Sarver, and Ruth Moore; and brothers, Marshall and Archie Shepherd.

He is survived by the love of his life - his wife of 62 years, Brenda Shepherd; children, Daniel Shepherd (Virginia), Debbie Pifer (Tim), Chris Shepherd (Mitsy), and Cindy Blankenship (Mike); grandchildren, Chessie Wilf (David), Truly Akers, Danelle Slaughter, Tristi DeBord (fiancé Cody Turman), Michael Blankenship, Christopher Blankenship (Sara), Briana Linkous (Cody), Payton Shepherd; and great-grandchildren, Nick Conner, T.J. Hawkins, Stanley Warden, Davin Akers, Zakk Slaughter, Lukk Slaughter, Braxton Wilf, Blake Wilf, Brielle Wilf, Amiah Miller, Aubrei Stump, Kaylynn Turman, Chloe Blankenship, Braydon Blankenship, Lucas Blankenship, Caden Linkous, Beckham Linkous, as well as another Linkous on the way. Also left to mourn his passing are his brothers, Everett Shepherd (Darlene), Jack Shepherd (Dorothy); and sister, Frances Flores (Marcelo); many nieces and nephews; and his special, faithful four-legged friend and companion, Poppie.

Harvey was a big jokester, but was at the same time, a very loving husband and father who had broad shoulders. He had the ability to make both of his daughters feel they were his favorite, and both of them were Daddy's girls. He retired from the Radford Army & Ammunition Plant after 30+ years of service. After he retired, he worked at the Dublin Wal-Mart as a door greeter for 9 years and during that time drove a school van for the Pulaski County Public Schools. Harvey was very much a people person and loved both of those latter jobs as he enjoyed being around children and making them smile. He loved dancing with his wife Brenda, and enjoyed playing bingo in his spare time. He was an excellent harmonica player and he very much

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EUNICE ANN DILLOW

Eunice Ann Dillow, 72, of Jordan Street, Dublin died Saturday afternoon, January 30, 2021. She was born on November 30, 1948 in Virginia and was the daughter of the late Claude T. Dowdy and Dorothy A. Dowdy.

Surviving are:

Son - Kevin Randolph Dillow, Dublin

Sisters - Melba (Frank) White, Pulaski

Bertha (Andrew) Dillow, Dublin

Peggy Summers, Pulaski

Joyce Dowdy, Dublin

Debbie (Ken) Richardson, Max Meadows

Patty Furrow, Radford

Brothers - Carl (Carolyn) Dowdy, Blacksburg

Danny (Linda) Dowdy, Wytheville

Donald (Greta) Dowdy, Newbern

Charles (Teresa) Dowdy, Dublin

Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many loving friends.

Mrs. Dillow was cremated and the family was in the care of Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski.

DEATH NOTICES

KENNETH NICKLES KIMBLETON

Kenneth Nickles Kimbleton, 89, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, February 13, 2021.

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

DAVID EUGENE HITE

David Eugene Hite, 74, of Dublin, passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

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

DAVIS ERIC WOODRUM

Davis Eric Woodrum, 47, passed away at his home in Pulaski County on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

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

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DAVID JOHN NORMANDIN, SR.

David John Normandin, Sr. 78, resident of Brookdale Senior Living in Bristol, Virginia, went home to be with the Lord peacefully on February 15, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late George and Frances Normandin, Sr. of South Glens Falls, New York. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Ava Costigan Normandin of Radford, Virginia. He was also preceded in death by his brother Phillip Normandin of Queensbury, New York, his favorite aunt and uncle the late Bob and Mary Bonville, and cousins, the late Michael and Claudette Bonville.

A native of South Glens Falls, New York and later Pulaski County, Virginia. He is survived by his children, daughter, Teresa Fleming, of Bristol, Virginia and her late husband Dickie, grandchildren, Wendy Cox, of Floyd, Virginia and great grandchildren Megan and Mason Cox, of Dublin, Virginia, Robin Stoots and husband Derek, and great grandson, Evan, of Pulaski, Virginia, Casey Blankenship, and great grandsons Nicholas, Deion and Jase of Bristol, Virginia, daughter, Michele Normandin Lawson and husband Robert of Austinville, Virginia, granddaughter, Devan Danielle Chandler, great granddaughter, Marlee Ayla Collins of Haysi, Virginia, and granddaughter Emily Cook, great grandson Joseph Aries Mazurkiewicz of Ottumwa, Iowa, and a son, David (DJ) Normandin, Jr. of Fort Chiswell, Virginia. Step-son Gerald (Jerry) F. Danner, Jr. wife Charleen, and grandsons, Dylan and Evan of Dublin, Virginia, and Stepdaughter Teresa Danner Branch, husband Frank, and grandson Andrew of Telford, Tennessee.

David is also survived by his sister Diane Murobayashi, of Queensbury, New York, his brother, George Normandin, Jr. of South Glens Falls, New York and sister Mary Jane Anderson, of New Hampshire, and sister-in-law, Michele Normandin of Queensbury, New York. He is also survived by many special nieces, nephews and cousins.

David (Dave) grew up in South Glens Falls, New York and graduated from South Glens Falls High School. He then served in the military in the United States Navy where he gave 20 years of service and then retired as a Navy Chief. One of his favorite stories he would share was his time spent in Italy, he loved Italian food. He was employed with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Pulaski County, Virginia, for 15 years and then retired and moved to Florida. He enjoyed his retirement in sunny Florida and spent time travelling the world. He then moved to Tennessee to be closer to his family and grandchildren. He loved to travel, could build any type of furniture, was a great historian, a fantastic cook, and he loved his country, community, brotherhood of the FOP, and especially his former coworkers at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department. But he mostly loved spending time with his family, grandchildren and beloved pet Heidi.

Special thanks to the staff at Brookdale Senior Living and Caris Healthcare of Bristol, Virginia for their loving care and support. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund <https://www.cposf.org/> or St. Jude Research <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

Graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, Virginia on Monday, February 22, 2021. Pastor Don Hanshaw of Dublin United Methodist Church will be presiding. Arrangements are by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

'Honoring the past, planning for the future'

By MIA TYLER
(Virginia Tech Student,
Class of 2021)

The history of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center began long before their current plans of renovations and community building projects. George Penn, who remembers when the CCCC was named the Calfee Training School and was the only schooling for African-American children in Pulaski, knows all about both.

Penn started the first grade at the Calfee Training School in 1953 and walked from his home on Beupel Place across the street every day. According to Penn, the average day for him consisted of walking to school with his neighboring teacher, Mrs. Washington, where he would start the day learning about the legacies of Frederick Douglass and Jesse Owens, hit the playground for recess, return inside for lunch, and then head back to class before dismissal. Everyone knew of the training school not only because it was the only source of education for Black children in the area, but because of how close the community was. "We were a tight knit community," Penn remembers. "We loved each other very tightly. The churches and the school all correlated on one thing and that was education. And we were

Calfee Community and Cultural Center Profile: George Penn

taught well there."

Although the current community surrounding Calfee has dwindled since the 1950's, Penn states that education and community are still at the top of the CCCC's priority list. He shared that his main concern with the project involves the survival of the Black history of the building and the assurance that it will be relayed properly. While Penn is not on the Board for the center, he remains an active voice of input during the project. Penn sounded confident while listing the names of people that are entrusted with this task, one being Dr. Mickey Hickman, the current Board President of the CCCC and former Calfee Training School student.

According to Penn, "Out of our school, out of the former students, we have some with PhDs, we have school administrators. They moved around the country but they got their start right there at Calfee." This highlighting of history does nothing but further solidify the importance of capturing all of the rich information that Calfee has to teach their current



Photograph taken by Virginia Tech student Mia Monroe
George Penn alongside his favorite Calfee teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Deberry Venable.

community members, with hopes of bringing them closer together. A museum is one of the projects that the CCCC is planning within the building to commemorate the training school and Pulaski County. That certainly "honors the hard work that's been done," like the CCCC's motto and Penn himself states.

As for the planning of the future, that revolves around Pulas-

ki and the children. Along with the museum, the CCCC will be creating a community kitchen, child care facility, and a computer lab for the community members of Pulaski county. When asked about his future plans with the CCCC, Penn mentioned spreading the word as best he could and getting as many people involved as he can, especially in surrounding counties.

Jobless claims rise as layoffs stay high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans applying for unemployment aid rose last week to 861,000, evidence that layoffs remain painfully high despite a steady drop in the number of confirmed viral infections.

Applications from laid-off workers rose 13,000 from the previous week, which was revised sharply higher, the Labor Department said Thursday. Before the virus erupted in the United States last March, weekly applications for unemployment benefits had never topped 700,000, even during the Great Recession of 2008-2009.

The figures underscore that the job market has stalled, with employers having added a mere 49,000 jobs in January after cutting workers in December. Nearly 10 million jobs remain lost to the pandemic. Though the unemployment rate fell last month from 6.7%, to 6.3%, it did so in part because some people stopped looking for jobs. People who aren't actively seeking work aren't counted as unemployed.

Still, fraudulent claims for jobless aid in some states and other issues, including potential backlogs of claims, may be elevating the totals. Last week, for example, Ohio reported a huge increase in applications and said it had set aside about half that increase for further review out of concern about fraud. And this week, Ohio reported that applications under a federal program that covers self-employed and gig workers jumped from about 10,000 to over 230,000. That could reflect a backlog of applications, because Ohio hadn't reported data under that program until two weeks ago.

Likewise, Illinois reported this week that jobless claims under its regular state program doubled — from 34,000 to nearly 68,000.

"The unemployment claims data remain a mess," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Amherst Pierpont.

Applications may rise in the coming weeks, economists said, because of ice storms that have caused business shutdowns across the country. Yet economists are generally optimistic that as the

weather improves, COVID vaccines are more widely administered and further federal aid is distributed, the economy will pick up in the spring and summer.

The surge in claims may also reflect, in part, the extension of two federal jobless benefit programs under an aid package that Congress enacted late last year. The extension of those programs meant that some people who had used up all their unemployment aid were eligible to reapply. The federal aid package also provided a \$300-a-week unemployment benefit on top of regular state benefits.

Thursday's report showed that a total of 18.3 million people were receiving unemployment aid as of Jan. 30, down from 19.7 million the previous week. About three-quarters of those recipients are receiving checks from federal benefit programs, including programs that provide jobless aid beyond the 26 weeks given by most states. That trend suggests that a sizable proportion of the unemployed have been out of work for more than six months, reflecting a bleak job market for many.

Yet the two federal unemployment aid programs — one that provides up to an extra 24 weeks of support and another that covers self-employed and gig workers — are scheduled to expire in about a month.

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loved shooting pool.

The family would like to thank Dr. David Boone for the excellent care he gave to Harvey.

Visitation will be Friday, February 19, 2021, from 12-1 p.m. at Horne Funeral Home. Funeral Services will begin at 1 p.m. in the Chapel, with Rev. Everett Shepherd and Pastor John Tibbs officiating. Entombment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

Get Students Back In Our Schools

Barbara Mandrell once sang, “I was country, when country wasn’t cool.” I understood what she meant recently on a different topic: resuming in-person learning at schools.

I have been calling for schools to reopen since last summer. Now, the Biden Administration indicates it is moving in that direction. Further, on February 5 Governor Northam issued a statement urging the same outcome, calling on Virginia’s K-12 schools to plan for in-person learning options by March 15.

I am glad to see the governor join this effort. Reopening schools is in the best interest of students and their families. It is supported by scientific data and expert opinion.

For example, in a June 23, 2020 hearing of the Energy and Commerce Committee on responding to the coronavirus pandemic, then-Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Dr. Robert Redfield said reopening schools would be a “jurisdiction to jurisdiction decision” and that the CDC would roll out guidelines for doing so safely.

Also, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said much the same.

Having participated in this hearing and listening to these comments, I introduced a resolution a few days later urging that schools be allowed to decide whether to return in person at the local level. I knew this was an important issue for Virginia’s Ninth Congressional District, which had remote learning imposed on it by the Commonwealth even though its COVID infection rates at the time were much lower than in other parts of Virginia.

More than six months later, President Biden’s new Director of the CDC, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, told reporters at a White House briefing, “There is increasing data to suggest that schools can safely reopen and that safe reopening does not suggest that teachers need to be vaccinated.”

These voices support calls from the American Academy of Pediatrics from last summer strongly urging the resumption of in-person learning for the health and well-being of children. It has noted the lower rates of virus transmission among young people and the importance in school has on childhood development. Among the benefits provided by being in school: “social and emotional skills; safety; reliable nutrition; physical/occupational/speech therapy; mental health services; health services; and opportunities for physical activity.”

Remote learning options – when they are feasible, which is questionable for areas lacking broadband access – simply do not provide the full range of benefits for the well-being of children, including their mental health.

A recent article from the news outlet Axios puts numbers on some of the harm caused by the lack of in-person learning. American students from kindergarten to fifth grade have lost an average of 20 percent of reading skills and 33 percent of math skills compared to what they would have normally learned. An economic analysis puts the long-term damage to the U.S. economy at \$14 trillion to \$28 trillion.

These numbers astound but still cannot fully convey the damage that lack of in-person learning inflicts on children. Some things cannot be quantified, like the impact on mental health or the socialization that comes when students are around their peers.

Worst of all, indicators such as a doubled suicide rate among teens and children in Clark County, Nevada, during nine months of the pandemic compared to the entire previous year show still more tragic consequence.

Reopening schools does not mean returning exactly as they operated before. Each school district of course must adjust appropriate to its circumstances regarding social distancing, allowances for teachers, staff, and students who may be in a high-risk category for contracting the virus, and other necessities imposed by the pandemic.

One approach could be to have the students in the classroom supervised in person by a teacher’s aide who is not in a high-risk category and does not have comorbidities, while a teacher with a higher risk status could be “Zoomed” into the classroom.

President Biden said after the presidential election that he wanted the majority of schools open by the end of his first 100 days in office. His press secretary on February 9, unfortunately, lowered the bar, saying that this pledge merely meant “teaching at least one day a week in the majority of schools by day 100.”

That’s not good enough. The science has been clear since last summer.

Returning to in-person learning will have difficulties, but the far greater costs of not doing so have been clear. Also clear is the relatively lower rate of transmitting the coronavirus among young people. This should not be a close call.



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

‘Miss Me Yet?’

“In the first week of his presidency Joe Biden signed more than 40 executive orders. For a guy who campaigned on bipartisan compromise, he’s off to a very lousy start. So much for working with Republicans – or even his own party – in Congress! This is just the beginning: in the coming weeks expect more executive orders, government malidates, economy crushing shutdowns, government spending increases and more.”

-Jim Jordan (R-OH)

Remember back in 2009 after “W” left his 8-year term as the 43rd President of the United States and Barack Obama won the presidential election on the slogan “change”?

The conservatives in America were filled with concern about what Obama’s “change” might entail. Many felt that his left-wing agenda would bring the nation to ruin and destruction. In fact, during the election, the definition of change was obscure and left up to the voter to determine what “change” meant.

One significant change did take place during the 2009 election. It was the first time a fledgling network platform, Twitter, was used in an election. Obama used the two-year old Twitter to announce his vice-presidential pick, Joe Biden. By 2016, six in ten Americans claimed they received their news via social media, with a majority of them accessing the news through a mobile device.

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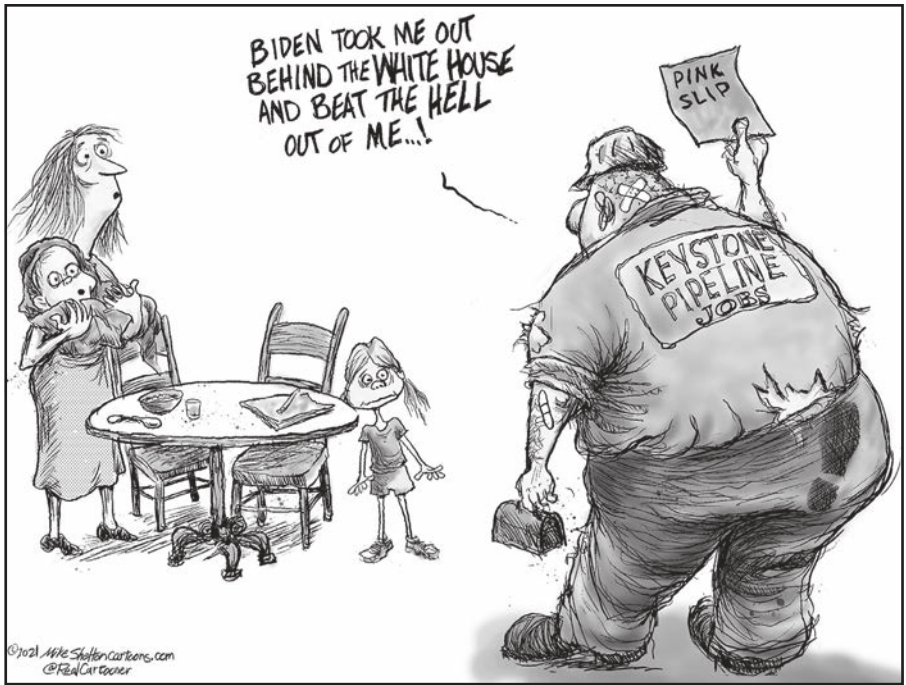
By Danielle Reid

You might remember some of the policies that were put in place during that administration – and the “changes” that made conservatives cringe: Obama-care, Climate Change, World-tour (alleged bow to a Saudi Arabian prince), passage of same-sex marriage act, “rainbow” lights on the White House after passage of the same sex marriage act, lifting the ban on taxpayer dollars for organizations providing abortions, the beer summit, the list goes on and on.

After a short time, some voters were experiencing “voters’ remorse” when they realized their definition of change was different than the left’s definition. You might have seen some of the billboards and t-shirts that began to show up ... featuring a smiling and waving George W. Bush with the caption, “Miss Me Yet?”

It hasn’t even been 30 days since the 2020 inauguration, and many people are becoming uncomfortable with the sudden turn-around in national policies from Trump’s conservatism to Biden’s radicalism. In the first couple of days after inauguration, Executive

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Andrew Cuomo’s deadly lie

By Cal Thomas,
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The people who hand out Emmy Awards should ask New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to return the one they gave him.

Cuomo received an Emmy for what they called his “masterful” COVID-19 press briefings. The media lauded those performances, extolling his honesty and transparency. It now turns out he was as honest as many other politicians and as transparent as a brick.

The New York Post, which increasingly practices journalism that should shame the major media, reported last week that a Cuomo aide, Melissa DeRosa, privately apologized to Democratic legislators (but not Republicans) for withholding the number of people who died in state nursing homes for fear that the real numbers would “be used against us” by federal prosecutors.

Cuomo was once called “The King of New York” by The New Yorker magazine and similar fawning could be found in other media outlets before and during the early stages of the pandemic. Now it appears his kingship may be coming to an end. There have been calls for his resignation, even impeachment.

Adding to the pain already inflicted on family and friends of those who died because Cuomo had allowed - some critics say “forced” - many elderly people with COVID-19 into nursing homes, was the governor’s callous statement: “Who cares if they died in the nursing home or in the hospital? They died.” Ah, such compassion from a member of a party that likes to style itself as compassionate.

Cuomo’s deplorable comment is reminiscent of Hillary Clinton’s statement about four American diplomats murdered by terrorists in Benghazi, Libya. She told a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing: “was it because of a protest, or was it because of guys out for a walk one night who decided they’d go kill some Americans. What difference, at this point, does it make?”

Comments like these are what contribute to the cynicism many Americans have toward

our leaders.

CNN, which employs Cuomo’s brother, Chris, didn’t appear to do much to look into nursing home deaths in New York or fact-check the governor’s claims. When Chris Cuomo had his brother on as a guest, the two often joked as if they were attending a family reunion. If shame has any meaning these days - and it doesn’t - CNN and Chris Cuomo should be repenting in sackcloth and ashes.

Among the few seeking the truth - other than the New York Post -- was Fox meteorologist Janice Dean. Her parents-in-law died after being infected with the virus in a New York nursing home. In an essay for foxnews.com, Dean wrote: “We lost them both to COVID last spring as the virus ravaged their long-term care facilities. Their death warrant was signed as an executive order by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo who put infected patients into the places where our most vulnerable resided.”

Dean added, “(Cuomo’s) executive order on March 25, 2020, allowed hospitals to transfer over 6,000 COVID positive seniors into their long-term care facilities ... at least 15,049 seniors have died after contracting COVID in their nursing homes. That’s an increase of more than 63 percent from what our governor and his health department were officially reporting.”

The last New York governor to be impeached and removed from office was William Sulzer in 1913 during the Tammany Hall scandals. He was convicted of misappropriating funds.

Covering up the number of deaths and arguably contributing to them is a far worse offense. The state legislature should begin impeachment proceedings and remove Governor Cuomo from office.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcae-ditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas’ new book “America’s Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States” (HarperCollins/Zondervan).



Rich Lowery

Editor,
National Review

Don’t Quit On The GOP

After losing a national election, it’s natural that a political party goes through a period of soul-searching and internal turmoil.

The Republican Party, though, has taken it to another level.

President Donald Trump brought most of the GOP along for the ride during his conspiracy-fueled attempt to overturn the election.

His loyalists have been scouring the landscape searching for Republicans to censure or primary for insufficient loyalty to him.

The most famous Republican House freshman mused not too long ago about a space laser starting the 2018 California wildfires.

And Trump has maintained his hold on the party seemingly effortlessly.

This dismaying chapter has led to declarations that the party is doomed or calls to split it up.

A former chair of the Washington state GOP wrote in an op-ed in The Seattle Times urging, as the headline put it, “Let’s form a new Republican Party.” This prompted a Chris Cillizza item at CNN headlined, “Should Republicans disband the GOP?”

There’s been a spate of articles by erstwhile Republicans announcing they are done with the party.

Jonathan Last wrote a piece in The New Republic titled: “The Republican Party is dead. It is the Trump cult now.” Washington Post columnist Kathleen Parker declared, “The party isn’t doomed; it’s dead.”

This seems a mite premature about a party that represents roughly half the country and is on the cusp of a majority in the House, tied 50-50 in the Senate, and in control of the governorships in 27 states and both the governorship and state legislature in 22 of those.

If we are going to consider this geographically diverse collection of officeholders -- whose careers in many instances pre-date Trump and will outlast him -- a mere personality cult, the word “cult” has lost its meaning.

The fortunes of our political parties ebb and flow and their iterations change over time, but they are deeply embedded institutions of our public life.

As Dan McLaughlin, my colleague at National Review, points out, the Republican Party has, since its inception, been a fusion of a classic liberal wing with a more populist, elemental conservatism.

What’s different about Trump is that he represents the ascendance of the populist wing after it had long been in a subordinate position in the party. Even he, though, retained key traditional policy priorities of the GOP, from tax cuts and judges to religious liberty and abortion.

That said, the party does need to get beyond Trump, who is a three-time loser now -- in the 2018 midterms, in his 2020

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Vaccine delays leave grocery workers feeling expendable

(AP) - As panicked Americans cleared supermarkets of toilet paper and food last spring, grocery employees gained recognition as among the most indispensable of the pandemic’s front-line workers.

A year later, most of those workers are waiting their turn to receive COVID-19 vaccines, with little clarity about when that might happen.

A decentralized vaccine campaign has resulted in a patchwork of policies that differ from state to state, and even county to county in some areas, resulting in an inconsistent rollout to low-paid essential workers who are exposed to hundreds of customers each day.

“Apparently we are not front-line workers when it comes to getting the vaccine. That was kind of a shock,” said Dawn Hand, who works at a Kroger supermarket in Houston, where she said three of her co-workers were out with the virus last week. She watches others getting vaccinated at the in-store pharmacy without knowing when she’ll get her turn.

Texas is among several states that have decided to leave grocery and other essential workers out of the second phase of its vaccination effort, instead prioritizing adults over 65 and people with chronic medical conditions.

Focusing on older adults is an approach many epidemiologists support as the most ethical and efficient because it will help reduce deaths and hospitalizations faster. People over 65 account for 80% of deaths in the country, according to the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention.

“Our main goals with vaccines should be reducing deaths and hospitalizations,” said William Moss, executive director of the International Vaccine Center at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. “In order to do that, we need to begin vaccinat-

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Orders began flying out of the White House almost like carrier pigeons being dispatched. As of February 14th, over 40 Executive Orders had been signed. We see former President Trump’s common sense Executive Orders being overturned like Saturday morning pancakes on a hot griddle.

Biden’s new orders include Executive Orders to stop border wall construction; stop the Remain-in-Mexico program, which will restart the practice of “catch-and-release; pause deportations of illegal aliens entering the country with a criminal history including drunk driving, drug dealing and assault; halt the pipeline causing 11,000 people to lose their jobs, plus all the support jobs in relation to the pipeline; restoring the Affordable Care Act; reinstating using federal funds for organizations providing abortions; changes in gender equality and sexual identity rules allowing access to the restroom, locker room or school sports regardless of chosen gender; and according to LawOfficer.com, “Biden reportedly won’t rule out using executive orders to crackdown on Americans’ constitutionally protected Second Amendment rights.”

The difference between the Obama era and Biden era “change” seems to be that we had not previously progressed as far left as the current administration is taking us.

The switch from Trump’s common sense conservatism and his support for individual and religious liberty, to Biden’s radical socialistic policies will leave many Americans – both conservatives and moderates – missing the good ol’ days when Trump was in the White House.

With a resounding, Yes! We’re missing you, President Trump.

ing those at the highest risks.”

But many grocery workers have been surprised and disheartened to find that they’ve been left out of such policies, in part because a CDC panel had raised their expectations by recommending the second phase of the vaccine roll-out — 1B — include grocery and other essential employees.

Even when grocery workers are prioritized, they still face long waits. New York opened up vaccines to grocery workers in early January, along with other essential employees and anyone 65 and over. But limited supply makes booking an appointment difficult, even more so for the workers who don’t have large companies or unions to advocate for them.

Edward Lara had to close his small grocery store — known as a bodega — in the Bronx for 40 days when he and his employees contracted the virus last spring. He has tried for weeks to get a vaccine appointment and finally figured out he could register through the website of a network of health care providers, which will notify him when a slot opens.

Lara’s father-in-law died of the virus in March. His mother-in-law died in November. Last week, a friend who manages his bodega’s insurance policy also died. And a cousin in New Jersey got the virus for a second time, leaving him terrified it could happen to him.

“Nothing to be done. Cross my fingers and hope that God protects me,” Lara said after registering for the waitlist.

Only 13 states are currently al-

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reelection campaign, and in the Georgia special elections. In electoral terms, “all the winning” stopped circa November 2016.

It if feels now as though the post-Trump GOP will never arrive, American politics moves quickly. Richard Nixon resigned in 1974, leaving the GOP in utter disarray -- and yet Reagan won a landslide six years later. The Tea Party sprang to life from nowhere in 2009 and had disappeared by 2016, subsumed into the Trump phenomenon.

There will inevitably be an overwhelming controversy in the Biden administration or a crisis that moves us beyond the politics of the Trump presidency and the immediate aftermath.

New issues will emerge, and there are plenty of talented, ambitious Republican politicians who think they are better suited



Pulaski County Public Schools Photo

School Board Appreciation Month

Pulaski County Public Schools will join 132 other school divisions throughout the state to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month in February. Almost 850 elected and appointed school board members throughout Virginia will be recognized by schools and communities for their service and dedication to public education. The theme of this year’s celebration, “115 Years of Providing Leadership Advocacy and Support,” reflects the partnership of the Virginia School Boards Association with local school board members as they serve their local divisions and advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders on behalf of all students. The foundation of student success is yearlong leadership advocacy and support from our School Board. We’re proud of our division, and School Board Appreciation Month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees. Pulaski County Public Schools is proud and honored to recognize Mr. Timothy Hurst, Dr. Paige Cash, Mr. William Benson, Ms. Beckie Cox and Ms. Penny Golden for their dedication to the faculty/staff and students of Pulaski County.

Cox promotes #GiveItBack

Former Virginia House of Delegates Speaker, retired teacher, and 2021 candidate for Governor Kirk Cox on Tuesday urged Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly to utilize the approximately \$730 million

in additional projected revenues to provide one-time taxpayer rebate checks. Cox’s proposal would provide approximately two million single filers making up to \$75,000 with \$190 checks, and 987,000 married filers making up to \$100,000 with \$380 checks.

“Virginia families have been through a lot, but they’ve weathered the storms of the last year with amazing resilience. Through small business shutdowns, forced virtual learning, and repeated failed leadership, they persevered,” said Cox. “Because our families and small business owners found a way to keep working and keep succeeding in spite of the challenges, the Commonwealth has almost \$730 million in anticipated revenue for the next two years. That’s certainly good news.

“But let’s be clear: that money belongs to the people who earned it, and I think we should simply give it back. With \$730

million, we can provide one-time rebate checks of \$190 to individuals and \$380 to families.”

“I’ll be the first to admit, these rebate checks aren’t a lot. But for struggling families, it could mean help with the electricity bill, spring clothes for the kids, or tutoring. Whatever it is they use it for, it’s their money and they deserve to keep it,” Cox said.

“In 2018, when Virginia saw a revenue windfall because of federal tax changes, Republican leaders in the General Assembly provided taxpayers with nearly \$1 billion in tax relief,” Cox concluded. “Using that same model, we can provide tax relief, help our families and small businesses, and stimulate our economy, all while making sure we don’t create new unnecessary spending we can’t afford in future years.”

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Teacher of the Month

The Pulaski County Career & Technical Education Center and Pulaski County Public Schools are proud to recognize Mrs. Tara Bird as the February Teacher of the Month. Over the last three years, Mrs. Bird has built the Pharmacy Technician program from the ground up. She selected the Certified Pharmacy Technician exam as her program's Industry Credential, a nationally recognized and notoriously challenging exam offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. When schools closed last March for COVID, Mrs. Bird found a way to offer virtual instruction for her Pharmacy Tech II students and worked with the PTCB to offer the exam through virtual proctoring. Due to her hard work, we now have Pulaski County Public School educated Pharmacy Technicians at Lewis Gale Pulaski, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center, Martin's Pharmacy, CVS- Pulaski, and CVS- Hollins. The Career and Technical Center is a better place because she works there.

Virginia GOP sorting out its nomination process

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Virginia Republicans hoping to break a 12-year losing streak in statewide elections face an additional self-imposed obstacle this year: They still have no idea how they'll choose their nominees.

Plans right now call for a statewide convention May 1 to choose nominees for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. The problem, though, is that mass gatherings are still banned because of the coronavirus pandemic. And party leaders can't agree on how to adjust.

The confusion is such that Amanda Chase, a Donald Trump acolyte who has been the bane of the state's GOP establishment, sued the Republican Party of Virginia over its inaction.

In an interview, Chase compared the situation to "a game of Monopoly and you just want to know what the rules are."

Chase has long advocated a primary election to choose a nominee, fearing that the establishment can rig convention

rules to her disadvantage. She's worried that the party bosses will throw up their hands and simply choose a nominee themselves, without any input from voters, either through a convention or a primary.

"The people of Virginia need to realize what's going on here so they voice their frustration and concern," she said.

A lawyer for the state GOP responded in court papers that Chase is suing to gain a political advantage by blocking a nomination method that doesn't work in her favor.

Still, party chairman Richard Anderson himself raised the possibility that the party's State Central Committee will have to step in. He laid out the dilemma in stark terms in a Jan. 25 letter to party leaders.

"(W)e are now on a trajectory that will preclude an assembled convention, an unassembled convention, and a primary. That will require that our three statewide nominees be selected by the SCC, which will take on the percep-

tion of party bosses huddled in a smoke-filled back room," Anderson wrote.

Anderson said he'd like to start making plans for an "unassembled" convention, possibly with multiple locations, drive-thru voting, or some combination of tweaks and revisions that would allow Republican voters to participate. A majority of the party's rulemaking committee agrees, but not the 75 percent supermajority needed under party rules to approve such changes.

A group of more than 30 committee members who have advocated for a primary instead of a convention sent out a letter Friday pushing for a canvass or firehouse primary instead of a convention as a compromise. Unlike a true primary, a firehouse primary could be run by the party under its own rules, with far fewer polling places.

It could also employ ranked choice voting that would mimic how voting is done at a convention, where underperforming

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Workers

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lowing grocery workers to sign up for vaccines, according to the United Food and Commercial Workers union, which represents 1.3 million U.S. grocery, meatpacking and other front-line workers.

Some states are still working through an initial phase that prioritizes health workers and nursing home residents. Many states have divided the second phase into tiers that put grocery workers lower than others, including people 65 and over, teachers and first responders. Eleven states have no clear plan for prioritizing grocery workers at all, according to research from United 4 Respect, a labor group that advocates for workers at Walmart, Amazon and other major retailers.

At MOM's Organic Market, a 21-store grocery chain in the Mid-Atlantic region, chief culture officer Jon Croft initially thought the company's 1,500 workers would be vaccinated by the end of January. He now thinks it will be more like March or April. The company has only been able to pre-register workers from two stores in Maryland and two in Virginia.

"Folks feel they deserve to have an opportunity to be vaccinated having been on the front line," Croft said. "The politicians and the health departments have been singing the praises of grocery workers but now they have been silent."

Major food retailers say they are doing their part to get their workers vaccinated. Kroger, the nation's largest grocery chain, said it has been vaccinating employees in Illinois ever since they became eligible, but grocery workers aren't yet eligible in most of the jurisdictions in which the company operates. Target and Walmart also said they would offer their workers vaccines at their own pharmacies as soon as they are eligible.

Kroger, Trader Joe's, Target and online delivery service Instacart have offered bonuses or extra paid time off for workers who get the vaccine.

When grocery chain Lidl got word from Suffolk County on Long Island that it would be given appointments for its local workers, it immediately contacted those who it knew to be at highest risk. So far, more than 100 employees in Suffolk County have now gotten shots.

Joseph Lupo, a Lidl supervisor who fell ill with the virus in March, is one of them.

"I never ever want to get COVID again, or see anybody else get it," said Lupo, 59.

But for many grocery workers, the realization that they won't be

eligible any time soon adds to the sense of being expendable. They have fought a mostly losing battle for hazard pay, which a handful of companies offered in the spring but ended despite multiple resurgences of the virus.

A year into the pandemic, some shoppers still refuse to wear masks and managers often don't force them to follow the rules.

"There are the people who come in wearing a mask halfway down or take it off as soon as they get in the door," said Drew Board, who makes \$13.50 an hour handling grocery pickup orders at a Walmart in Albemarle, North Carolina. "I ask them politely to pull it back up and they do and then take it back down when they walk away."

Francisco Marte, president of the Bodega and Small Business Association of New York, said he tells his own workers not to risk their lives confronting shoppers who won't wear masks. In August, an angry customer slashed thousands of dollars worth of goods at a Bronx bodega after being asked to wear a mask.

"It should be the job of the police," said Marte, whose organization handed out 150,000 free masks in the spring when they were scarce. "I tell the employees, keep your distance and wear your mask but don't put yourself in danger because we are the ones who lose."

Marte said he has been lobbying local officials to set aside vaccine appointments for bodega workers, many of whom are unaware they are eligible. He hopes that the recent opening of a large vaccination site at Yankee Stadium will make access easier.

The virus, meanwhile, continues its march through grocery stores.

Over the past two months, there have been 137 COVID-19 outbreaks in Southern California grocery stores, and 500 Houston grocery workers have been infected, according to the UFCW. The union knows of 124 grocery workers who have died since the start of the pandemic.

Debbie Whipple, a scan manager at a Kroger in Fayetteville, Georgia, said her union, UFCW Local 1996, doesn't expect Georgia to open vaccines to grocery workers until April at the earliest.

"We have to be here, just like a fireman and a policeman, because people need food," said Whipple, who described the frustration of watching customers routinely walk around barefaced and decline offers of free masks. "We should be getting the vaccine."

Man arrested for damage done near Hodge memorial

Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith made the following statement this week:

John Logan Davidson has been charged and arrested for the damage that occurred on Route 11 near the site of the wreck that took the life of Perry Hodge.

Davidson has been charged

with reckless driving, destruction of property, and leaving the scene of an accident.

The county is thankful for the work of the Virginia State Police and the support from the community, yet another example of how Pulaski County is united and strong.

NRCC to offer new heavy equipment operator program

New River Community College recently received state approval to offer a new short-term training program for those interested in heavy equipment operator.

The heavy equipment operator and core craft skills courses will teach students the necessary basics to start a career as a trade apprentice and heavy equipment operator through a combination of online training and live lab training. The heavy equipment operator level 1 course is an 88-hour online class that offers hands-on training using simulators, which replicate real-life operating scenarios through rotation-motion platforms and high-resolution 3D displays for excavator and wheel loader equipment. Students in this course will learn orientation to the trade, heavy equipment safety, identification of heavy equipment, basic operational techniques, utility tractors, introduction

to earthmoving, interpreting civil drawings, and using simulator exercises for equipment basic controls, loading and unloading, excavating, and trenching.

"Implementation of the heavy equipment operator program will assist local business and industry in securing skilled employees," said Ross Matney, workforce training coordinator at NRCC. "The CAT simulators will offer realistic operating situations while the course curriculum also includes employable skills to assist students in obtaining employment opportunities."

An exact date and enrollment details for the first course offerings in the new program will be announced at a later date. For more information, contact NRCC workforce development at (540) 674-3613 or email WFDtraining@nr.edu

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Virginia Harvest of the Month - Squash

By Rachel Burks, FCS
SNAP-Ed Agent, Virginia
Cooperative Extension

The Virginia Harvest of the Month Campaign aims to increase children's consumption of seasonal fruits and vegetables, grown in Virginia. This campaign was developed by the Virginia Department of Education and launched in 2019. During each month of the year, a single in-season, Virginia-grown agricultural product is featured. Teaching children about these fruits and vegetables, at home or in the classroom, can help them develop positive preferences for them that last a lifetime.

Although some schools are providing education and taste tests of these featured harvests as part of their Farm to School programs, there are many ways families can celebrate Virginia's Harvest of the Month at home as well. For example, you can research fun facts about the food with your family on the internet. For younger kids, you can check out a storybook that features the item from your local library. Consider purchasing the product at your local farmers market and asking the farmer questions about how it was grown and harvested. Finally, don't forget to try a new recipe with the item! You can even prepare it a few different ways and hold a family taste test and vote on your favorite recipes.

Let's apply these idea's to January's featured Harvest of the Month - the sweet potato! Although most of Virginia's sweet potatoes are grown in the piedmont region, you will be sure to find them at your local farmers market wherever you live in Virginia. When you find them, ask the farmer about the differences between growing sweet potatoes and regular potatoes. (Hint: they are quite different despite sharing the name "potato"!)

Then, search <https://eatSMART-movemoreva.org/recipes> for

some low-cost, healthy recipes using sweet potatoes. While you're cooking, brush up on these fun facts about sweet potatoes to share with your kids: Did you know that eating sweet potatoes is good for your health? Sweet potatoes have lots of

- Vitamin A, which makes your eyes strong,
- Vitamin C, which helps your immune system fight to keep you from getting sick, and
- Potassium, to help your heart and muscles work better.

Another fun fact about sweet potatoes is that George Washington Carver, a famous scientist commonly known for his experimentation with peanuts, came up with 118 different ways to use sweet potatoes. Some of the products he made from sweet potatoes include glue for postage stamps, rope, and shoe polish.

Want to celebrate Virginia's Harvest of the Month every month? You can see each month's featured harvest in the list below.

January – Sweet Potatoes
February – Butternut Squash
March – Kale
April – Lettuce
May – Strawberries
June – Cucumbers
July – Zucchini
August – Tomatoes
September – Sweet Bell Peppers

October – Apples
November – Cabbage
December – Spinach

For more delicious recipes, educational videos, classroom activities for teachers, and Farm to School and Harvest of the Month resources for families and schools, visit <https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/farmtoschool>. If you work for a school and would like some support implementing a Farm to School or Harvest of the Month program, connect to your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Office.

You can locate your local Extension Office here: <https://ext.vt.edu/offices.html>.



Pulaski County Public Schools Photo

Employee of the Month

The Pulaski County Career & Technical Education Center and Pulaski County Public Schools are honored to recognize Mrs. Robin Dunavant as the February Employee of the Month. Mrs. Dunavant is Career & Technical Education's biggest cheerleader. She keeps the building running smoothly, manages the budget and income for over 20 programs with varying needs, and ensures that every student, employee, teacher, and administrator feels supported and valued. Her energy and enthusiasm is contagious. We are grateful for her service and want to congratulate her on being recognized as the CTE Center's Employee of the Month for February 2021.

Mortgages and Baby Steps

Dear Dave,
We'd like to own a home someday, but we know we're not ready for that kind of financial commitment yet. Where does buying a house fit in your Baby Steps plan?

Heather

Dear Heather,
Buying a home when you're broke is the easiest way I know to become a foreclosure statistic. I'm glad you two are being thoughtful and sensible about taking such a big step.

If you remember, in Baby Step 1 I advise people to save up a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. Baby Step 2 is paying off all consumer debt from smallest to largest using the debt snowball method. Then, Baby Step 3 is where you go back and grow your emergency fund to a full three to six months of living expenses.

With all this in mind, let's call getting ready to buy a home Baby Step 3b. Save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent to avoid PMI (private mortgage insurance). Also, make sure any mortgage loan is a 15-year, fixed rate loan, where the payments are no more than 25 percent of your monthly take-home pay.

Doing it this way may delay your dream of being a homeowner for a while, but it will help ensure your new



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—Dave

Dear Dave,
How far in advance do you recommend figuring future purchases into your budget?

Robbie

Dear Robbie,

I recommend starting to put money aside, and including it in your budget as soon as you know the need for an item is a real possibility. Waiting until things go wrong or something breaks down will leave you in a real mess, more times than not.

For example, if you're pretty sure you'll need another vehicle in a year or two, the smart thing is to start putting money aside now. Do some research on prices, then do the math to see how much you'll need to set aside each month.

And remember, it's a whole lot easier to save money when you don't have things like credit card payments and other debt hanging around your neck. That's one of the big reasons I want to help people learn to live debt-free!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The 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.

Pulaski County land transfers for January

Land transfers for January as recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office:

Beverly J. Ingles to Roberta Lynn Simpson, property at 6613 Walnut Lane, Fairlawn, \$199,950.

Ronald L. Dunford Jr. to Lora A. Slusher property at 1157 Taylor Street, Pulaski, \$185,000.

Statson Homes, LLC to Wendy Sumner Dixon, property at 6614 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Fairlawn, \$625,290.

Andrew N. Viers to Sherry H. Freeman, property off Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$308,000.

Kimberly C. Mullins to Kasey McCambridge, property at 724 Oakhurst Avenue, Pulaski, \$210,000.

Randy Lee Baker to Lukas L. Harmon, property at 7192 Depot Road, Belspring, \$130,000.

Michael C. Anderson to Michael Shane Wyrick, property at 4820 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$135,700.

Tyler Scott Hayton to Jane G. Alley, property at Lot 8 Lilly Junction of Old Route 100 Road, Pulaski, \$125,000.

Mary A. Shelton to David Gibas, 1713 Monte Vista Drive, Pulaski, \$202,200.

Janice G. Ratcliffe to Cody R. Hamilton, property at 821 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$42,000.

Ted James Viers to Robert G. Sisk Jr., property at Lot 39 River

Bluffs Section 2, off River Bluff Road, Fairlawn, \$57,500.

Jordan P. Lambert to Ashley R. Jones, property at 313 Darst Avenue, Dublin, \$147,500.

Times Square REO, LLC to Castle 2020, LLC, property at

1701 Lowmoor Avenue, Pulaski, \$29,000.

Stephen G. Hall to Fanteva, Inc., property at 4856 Roger Loop, Pulaski, \$42,500.

Shelba J. Polson to James L. Reynolds, III, property at

3275 Lavender Road, Pulaski, \$99,000.

Richard C. Crawford to Ashley N. Stewart, property at 425 Lafayette Ave. Pulaski, \$135,000.

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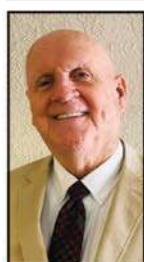
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Rebekah, Isaac's Bride

Abraham, Isaac's father, was concerned because his son Isaac wasn't married at the age of 40. He didn't want his son to marry an idolatrous Canaanite women, so he sent his trusted servant Eliezer, to Mesopotamia to a place near Haran to choose a bride for Isaac from Abraham's own people.

After many days of traveling, the servant arrived at his destination at dusk and waited by the community well until the women came to draw water for the evening meal. While he waited, he put out a fleece, as Gideon did when God told him to gather the troops and to go out and fight and defeat the invading Midianites. Gideon's faith was weak so he put out a fleece, which was part of the woolen coat of a sheep, and asked God to give him a sign that if it was really God speaking to him to let the fleece be wet the next morning and the ground around it be dry. The next morning the fleece was wet and the ground around it was dry. Still Gideon's faith was weak. To be doubly sure, Gideon asked God to allow the fleece the next morning to be dry and the ground around it wet. God again gave him the sign he asked for. Now the servant of Abraham asked God for a sign. If the woman who was to be God's choice as the bride for Isaac, to let the woman to whom he asked to give him a drink of water from the well, and to let her also offer to water his 10 camels.

Some may wonder if it is a lack of faith to put out a fleece to ascertain God's will. It IS a lack of faith, although we do need to make sure it is God's voice we are listening to instead of another voice that is not of God. God has made His will well known in the Bible. He also endows those who are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit with confidence to be lead, guided and directed by His Spirit. Putting out fleeces shouldn't necessary to discern God's will for our lives. Spirit filled believers standing on the written word of God should be able to prayerfully make right decisions without a fleece. However, we must make sure that it is really God's voice that is speaking to us and not another voice. Jesus said that "a wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign." Rather than depending on a sign, we should have a close enough relationship with God, that we recognize His voice as He speaks to us. Jesus said, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." (John 10: 4, 5.)

If we are in daily, prayerful communication with God, we will recognize His voice when He speaks to us. Be it an audible voice, through an Angel, a still small voice, the written word of God, a dream or a vision. God's voice will never be contrary to His revealed will in the Bible.

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6887 Depot Street
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Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
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Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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995 Peppers Ferry Road
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11:00 am - Worship
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Freedom Fellowship Church

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Trinity United Methodist

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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

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Dublin, VA 24084
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McCraw

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good paying job with benefits,
to go out and take another job
on commission only with no
benefits. As I prayed over the
matter, I was strongly impressed
in my spirit with an answer to
my prayer. The strong im-
pression was just three words.
“Consider the Lilies.” And I
remembered the whole passage
of scripture. Jesus said, “Con-
sider the lilies how they grow:
they toil not, they spin not; and
yet I say unto you, that Solomon
in all his glory was not arrayed
like one of these. If then God
so clothe the grass, which is to
day in the field, and tomorrow
is cast into the oven; how much
more will he clothe you, O ye of
little faith?” (Luke 12: 27, 28)

I took that as an answer to
my prayer and to assure me that
whatever job I took, God would
take care of me. It's been over
50 years now and I have never
missed a meal yet thanks to my
heavenly provider.

Immediately, before his
prayer was completely finished,
a young woman of surpassing
beauty came to the well, was
hospitable enough to give him
water to drink and then offered
to water his ten camels. A
camel can drink up to 20 gal-
lons of water at a time. And yet
she voluntarily offered to do it.
This quick answer to the prayer
shows us that it doesn't take
God long to answer our prayers
if they are in His will.

The servant was assured by
this sign that this beautiful
young woman was God's choice
to be a bride for Isaac. The serv-
ant followed her home to ask
for lodging for the night. When
they arrived, the servant told
her and her family that he had
come to the area to get a bride
for Isaac. Rebekah and all of her
family agreed that she should
journey with this servant to be-
come the bride of Isaac. When
they arrived at Abraham's home,
Isaac met Rebekah for the first
time. His eyes must have nearly
popped out of his head when
he saw his beautiful bride to be
and he agreed to marry her right
away.

Rebekah is to be admired
for her faith in God in that she
believed that God had chosen
her to be the bride for Isaac and
responded favorably. God has a
plan for every life. If we'll walk
by faith, God will reveal His
plan for our lives in due time.
And our response to God's plan
for our lives, is to get in His
plan and allow God to work His
purposes through us.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Darius in the Old or New Testament or nei-ther?
2. From Philippians 4, what does the apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? Cry, Pray, Love, Talk
3. Who, perhaps, did Jesus give a standing ovation to in Acts 7:55-59? Herod, James, John the Baptist, Stephen
4. How long did the journey of Ezra take from Babylon to Jerusalem? 3 days, 2 weeks, 4 months, 4 years
5. Who's the runaway slave in the book of Philemon? Lem-uel, Marcus, Doulos, Onesimus
6. All of Job's children were killed in a ...? Flood, Fire, Wind, Stampede

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Pray; 3) Stephen; 4) 4 months; 5) Onesimus; 6) Wind

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The kingdom of God is peace and joy

From the writings of the Rev.
Billy Graham

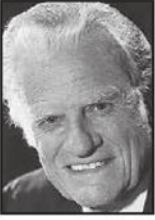
Q: I am having a hard time
being joyful. Discouragement
follows me. Living through
COVID-19 has deepened my
sorrow and loneliness. What is the
secret to overcoming this horrible
emotion and finding peace and
happiness? - S.L.

A: We should be a “glimmer”
for someone who may be discour-
aged. The Bible tells us to apply
our hearts unto wisdom (Psalm
90:12). While our tendency is to
live in the past and sometimes
dread the future, it is important

to remember that the devil wants
us to live discouraged lives. If we
focus on what is bad we pull the
shade on future's light. We must
put our eyes on others and most
important is to keep our eyes on
Jesus.

Desire to live an outgoing,
outflowing life in the context of
eternity. When Jesus left this earth
after His resurrection, He said,
“It is to your advantage that I go
away; for if I do not go away, the
Helper will not come to you; but
if I depart, I will send Him to you”
(John 16:7). That Helper is the
Holy Spirit of the living God.

My Answer



Billy Graham

Do not be trapped by the
world's darkness. If we belong to
Jesus Christ, we are children of
light. We must remember when
we're discouraged how much
more discouraged others are.
Make a point to be pleasant and

smile. People from every race and
culture respond to a smile. Try it
and you will see. There is indeed
so much unpleasantness in this
world, but the Bible says that the
kingdom of God is peace and joy
(Romans 14:17).

We will never be free from
discouragement and despondency
until we know and walk with the
very fountainhead of joy, the Lord
Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Find a smile for your family,
neighbors, co-workers and, yes,
even strangers. You will find that
you will leave your house each
day with a sweeter spirit.

GOP

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candidates are eliminated at each stage and a new ballot is conducted until one candidate achieves an outright majority.

But it's not at all clear that this proposal could get the necessary support from the committee, either.

The details of how the nomination process will work are of critical importance to the candidates, particularly in a gubernatorial race that has multiple well-funded candidates who currently appear unlikely to win a majority vote on a first ballot.

"(W)e now stand at an impasse with no apparent way forward," Anderson wrote in his Jan. 26 letter. "From my perspective, the clock is ticking."

In an interview Friday, RPV spokesman John March said no significant progress has been made in the weeks since Anderson wrote his letter, but he downplayed the possibility that party bosses will choose a nominee.

"I've not seen anyone who wants that option," he said.

Republican gubernatorial candidates, meanwhile, are eager to see the rules put in place so they can tailor their campaigns to whatever the nomination process will be.

"The State Central Committee will take care of its business, hopefully sooner rather than later, but that isn't stopping us from doing everything it will take to win no matter the nomination," Del. Kirk Cox said in an emailed statement.

Another candidate, former Carlyle Group CEO Glenn Youngkin, expressed frustration with the party central committee in a Friday interview with Lynchburg radio station WLNJ.

"I am so happy to run for governor no matter what state central decides. But this idea that we're not going to decide is just unacceptable," Youngkin said.

Republicans in Virginia have long been leery of picking nominees via primary. Voters in Virginia don't register by party, so any registered voter can participate, and Republicans worry that Democrats would cast ballots for weaker candidates who would then be defeated in a general election.

Ideologically, some conservatives also have preferred conventions, on the theory that those motivated to attend will be more likely to choose a strong conservative over a moderate.

Democrats, meanwhile, are set for a June primary to pick a nominee to succeed Gov. Ralph Northam. Virginia governors are barred from serving consecutive terms.

Virginia and New Jersey are the only two states in the U.S. with gubernatorial races this year, and only Virginia has an open seat. The off-year elections are watched closely by both parties to see which might have an advantage heading into national midterm elections.

Republicans last won a governor's race in Virginia in 2009, but they often fare better in the year after Democrats win the White House. A recent exception was in 2013, when Democrat Terry McAuliffe beat Ken Cuccinelli. McAuliffe is running for governor again this year.



Mike



Senior of the Month

American Pickers to film in Virginia in April

The American Pickers are excited to return to Virginia! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in April 2021.

We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times. We at American Pickers are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by the state and CDC. While we plan to be in Virginia this April, we will continue to reschedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking!

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would



Mike and Danielle

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Lady Cougars win to gain spot in title game



Brian Bishop/PC Patriot
Ally Fleanor scores 2 of her 20 points during the 4th quarter.

Pulaski County to face Louisa County Saturday at 6 p.m.

Pulaski County Lady Cougars' Keslyn Secrist hit a shot at the buzzer in overtime to beat Loudoun Valley, 41-39 to advance to the state championship game Saturday at 6 p.m. at PCHS. The Lady Cougars remained unbeaten with the win at 11-0 on the COVID-shortened season. The Lady Cougars will host Louisa County in the Group 4A State Championship on Saturday night at PCHS. Louisa County defeated Grafton, 48-26 Wednesday.



Brian Bishop/PC Patriot
Keslyn Secrist goes the length of the court as time runs out in overtime to score the winning basket.

2021 Pulaski County Football Preview

Cougars set to kick off different season

Season begins Monday night at Cave Spring

By LUCAS GOAD
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougars are preparing for a season that will be unlike any we've seen before. And it's the first season for new head coach, Mark Dixon. Before signing on to lead the Cougars, Dixon was previously the head coach at Galax. During his time there, Galax won a state title in 2015, and finished as runners-up in the 2011 and 2019 seasons. During his time with the Maroon Tide, he finished with six region championships in ten seasons. Coach Dixon is looking forward to keeping the well-known PCHS football tradition alive. "I'm super excited," Dixon exclaimed. "I certainly know the tradition of Pulaski County football and Coach (Joel) Hicks. I've met him before and so I understand how important football is to the community and that really just got me super excited at the chance to just try to continue the

tradition that he built." Dixon said he is good friends with his PCHS predecessor, Coach Stephen James. "So, I had some insight there. On this side of the state, this is the job! To have an opportunity to come here and be a part of the tradition is an honor for me and my wife," said Dixon. Dixon will be taking over for James who resigned after accepting a teaching position at George Wythe High School. Last season, the Cougars finished third in the River Ridge District with a 9-3 record. During the season, the Cougars finished 5-1 at home, 4-1 on the road, and 0-1 on neutral turf. When asked about what he's looking forward to the most this season, Dixon said he is looking forward to watching his players grow. "I'm just looking forward to watching these young men grow, I can't wait to see them grow and become better players." Dixon said the school has been following COVID protocols to



Head Coach Mark Dixon

keep within the Virginia High School League guidelines, and he has been impressed with how the players have been handling things. "We've been keeping up with the protocols, the school and the

administration has been great about everything, doing everything we can to make sure that there is a football season. I'm also super proud of the boys, they've been handling every little curveball that's been thrown

their way," he said. This season will be different from other season due to the fact that it will be starting during February, as opposed to the beginning of fall. When asked about any concerns, Dixon said that the weather was a big one. "I would say that the big concern right now is the weather. It is a new thing, in terms of playing in this weather. We're having to practice inside more than we're probably used to. Trying to find time to be efficient in a gymnasium or in a parking lot, while still getting the work done to get these kids ready to play." Dixon is also still trying to figure out what his starting lineups for both defense and offense will be. He does say that offensively, he wants to be more physical. "Long story short, we've always run the ball a ton and then last year we threw it more, but historically we like to be physical and run the football." On the defensive side of the ball, he wants to continue the things that Pulaski has been doing in order to help the kids to be in the best position possible. The roster is currently made up of 47 students, all ready to make some noise this upcoming season. Players returning from past season include 6 ft., 180 lb. sophomore quarterback, Cam Cooper. Next up is Ethan Gallimore, a 5 foot 10, 195 lb. senior who will be playing at the fullback and outside linebacker positions. Another returning player will be Chase Dotson, who will be playing as wide receiver and both safety positions. Joining them will be 5'7", 150 lb. senior, Jacob Crabtree, who will be handling both the kicker and punter duties. Returning to play wide receiver will be senior Parker Arnold. Another returning player will be senior lineman Clayton Phillips, who stands at 6'3" 285 lbs. On the defensive line, 6'4" 250 lb. senior Cooper Dunnigan will be returning as defensive tackle. When asked about the Coaching staff, Dixon seemed to be very impressed with what he's seen so far. "I believe that this is the same staff from the previous season, and these guys are great. They're wonderful guys, they love Pulaski County, and Pulaski County

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Friday 03/05/21	Pulaski County @ Christiansburg	7:00 PM
Friday 03/12/21	Blacksburg @ Pulaski County	7:00 PM
Friday 03/19/21	OPEN	
Friday 03/26/21	Patrick Henry @ Pulaski County	7:00 PM
Friday 04/02/21	Pulaski County @ Salem	7:00 PM

PCHS Cougars JV Football Schedule

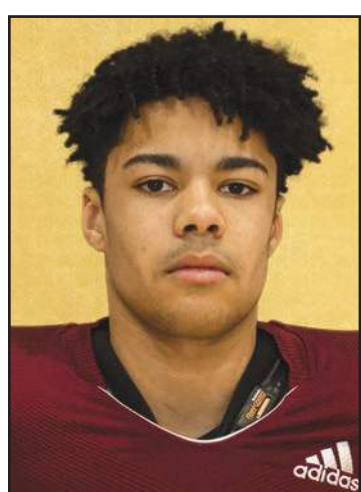
Tuesday 02/23/21	Patrick Henry @ Pulaski County	6:00 PM
Monday 03/01/21	Pulaski County @ Franklin County	6:00 PM
Thursday 03/04/21	Christiansburg @ Pulaski County	6:30 PM **
Thursday 03/11/21	Pulaski County @ Blacksburg	6:45 PM **
Thursday 03/18/21	OPEN	
Thursday 03/25/21	Pulaski County @ Patrick Henry	6:30 PM **
Thursday 04/01/21	Salem @ Pulaski County	6:00 PM

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2021 Pulaski County Cougars



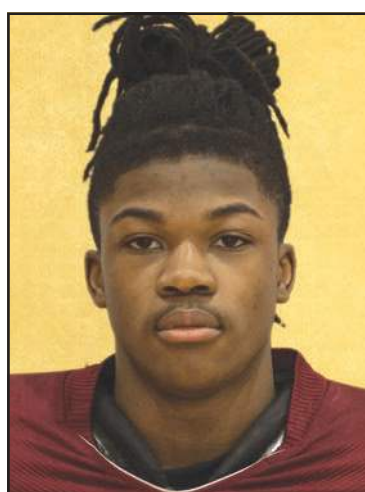
Meet The Cougars



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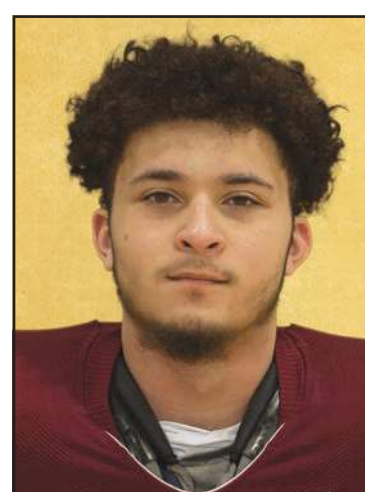
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And he would love to talk about it and share his knowledge and opinion with everyone who would listen. Occasionally adding a mild complaint about how hard he had worked getting the preview to the new season ready for the paper. And lamenting the fact he'd have to carry all that radio equipment from place to place during the season. He was getting too old for that he'd say.

But not this season.

For the first time in 47 years, Dan Callahan will not be covering Cougar football this season.

Dan left us on May 20, 2020

after a short illness. He didn't like going to hospitals and fears over COVID made things worse, and the end result was he waited too long to seek medical help.

The last several years Dan wrote football and a weekly sports column for **The Patriot**. He told me once just a couple years ago that in the recent few years he had enjoyed what he was doing more than any time in his career.


Shortly after his death I sat down with his older brother, Tony and we reminisced about Dan. We laughed and shed a few tears.

It's taken this reporter a while to be able to sit down and write about the things Tony and I shared about his little brother. It only seems fitting to include this column within the edition that includes a preview to the Cougars' upcoming season.

Tony said he and Danny, as he always called him – his real first name – grew up in Caretta, W.Va.

"As kids we always had each other's back. I'm 14 months older than Danny. I'll be 75 in October (2020) and Danny would have been 73 in August," Tony said.

He recalled how Dan was so



Column One

Mike Williams
Publisher
The Patriot

skinny as a youngster and was a good baseball player, making the local little league All-star team as an outfielder.

"Pretty good defense, but an excellent hitter," Tony said of Dan.

As he got older, Dan kept up with Major League Baseball and Tony said he could tell you all the statistics about the players and teams.

"He knew what he cared about. In school he was a mediocre student because he wasn't interested in it. He liked history and he was into all the sports stuff."

Tony said their dad, Louis, told Dan once that, "One of these days you're going to grow up and you're going to have to make a living son," and all this sports information won't help you.

"That's one of the few times Dad was wrong," Tony said.

I asked Dan a couple of months before his death if he would provide me with a resume' of sorts. It was my sly attempt to secure from him the details of a 50-year career that I could use to nominate him for a spot in either a local or statewide hall of fame to recognize his work and how much it had meant to the community.

He didn't want to go into a lot of detail. He said the hallmark of his career was his experience, and not a lot of big jobs or college degrees.

He did offer details on how he got his start in the newspaper business.

"I started at the old News Journal in 1970 at the age of 22," Dan wrote. "My first assignment in sports was the final four years of old Dublin High."

Dan had made his way to this area and got a job with Metropolitan Life Insurance.

"I got hired in one day and worked for Met for most of two years. I was doing fine, but while looking for a new customer's address in the DeVilbiss Funeral Home area of Radford I passed by

the News Journal.

"I had worked in odd jobs at the Welch Daily News in the summers of my high school years (the hot metal days) and liked it. That also made me realize that the circulation department would have the address and directions I needed to find that new customer.

"Turned out the paper was hiring. I walked in the front door and was almost immediately offered a job. I told them I had a job, but about two hours later I was in the newspaper business and resigned from Met Life and the rest is history," Dan recalled.

Tony recalled Dan's first football assignment for the News Journal.

"I remember Danny called and said, 'Hey, I'm covering the game for the paper. I'm going to do a write-up.' He was a nervous wreck. I could tell he was really wired up. I think it was Giles vs. Dublin," Tony recalled.

"For the News Journal, Dublin was secondary. They were all about the Bobcats. Dan had to write two paragraphs about the game. He was up to 3 a.m. and

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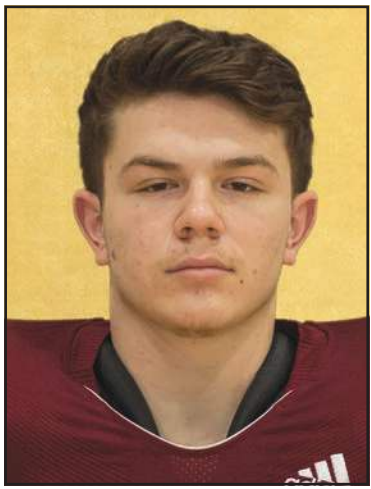
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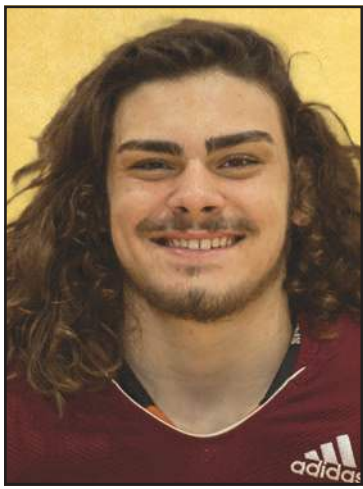
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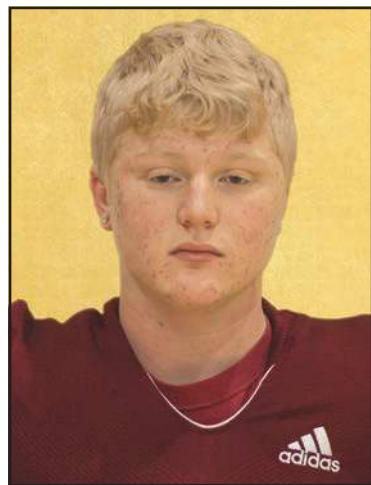
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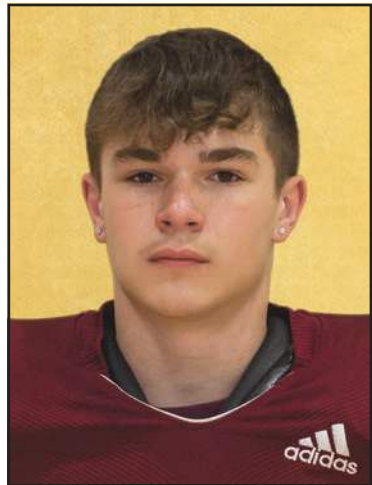
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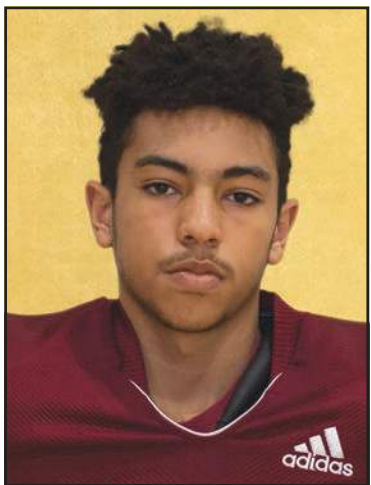
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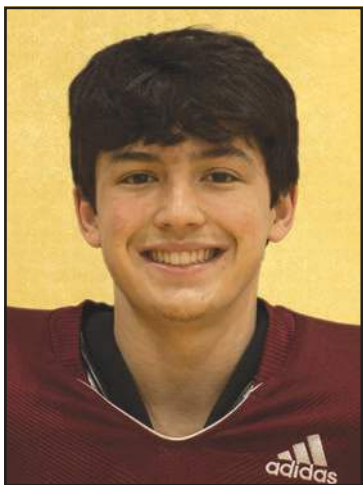
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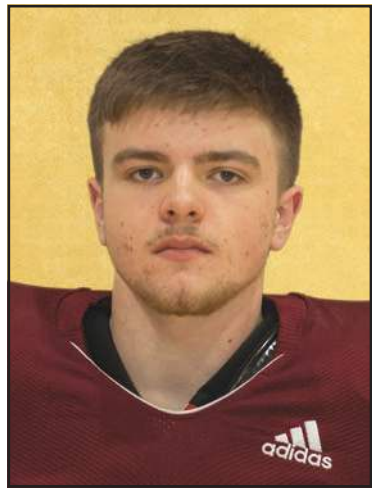
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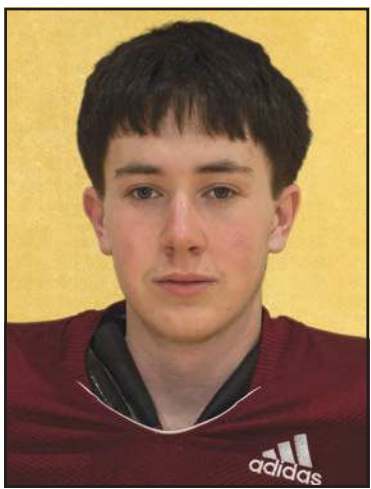
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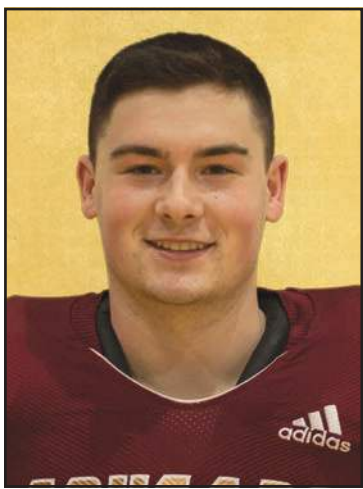
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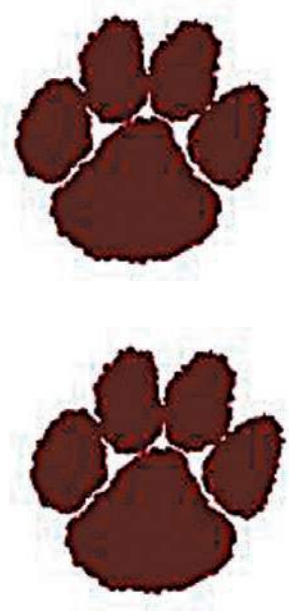
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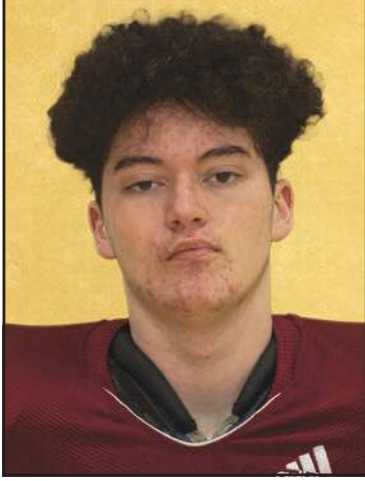
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football. I'm blessed to inherit such wonderful coaches."
The Cougars will start the season against Cave Spring on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. at Bogle Field.



2021 Pulaski County Seniors



23- Quemar Porter



24- Nicholas Woolwine



28- Connor Compton



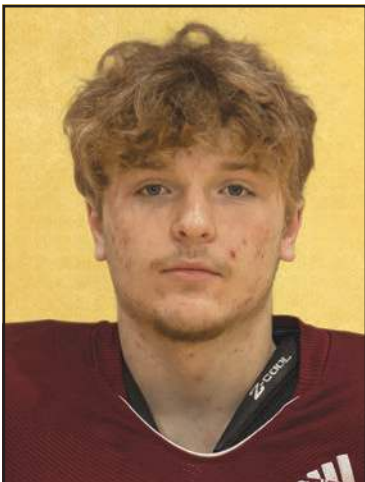
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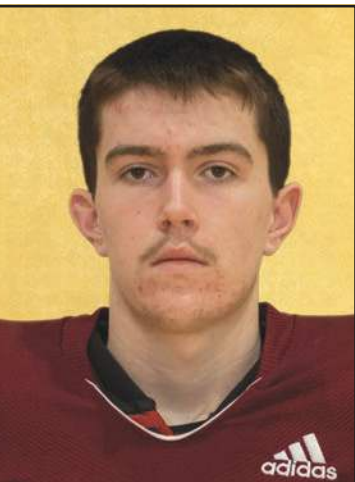
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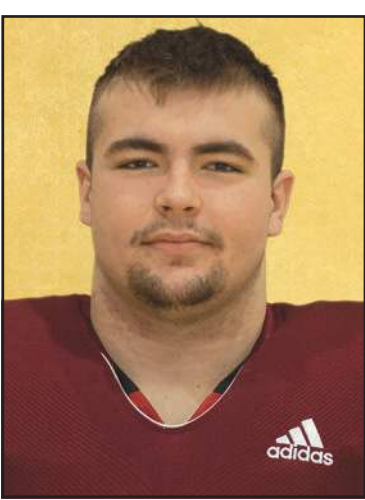
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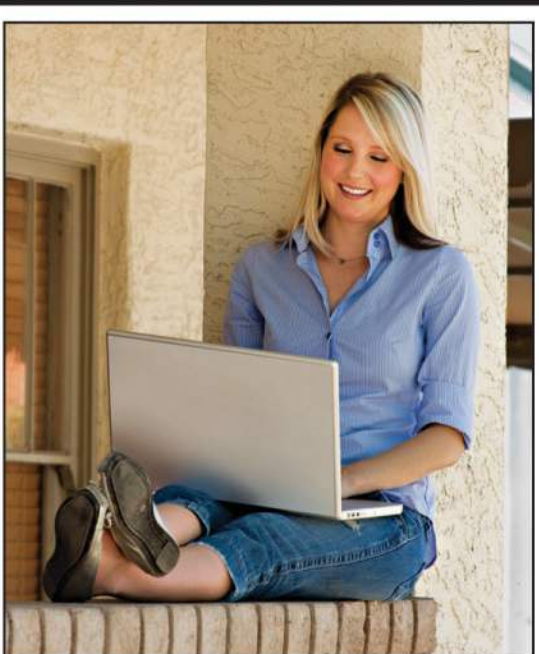
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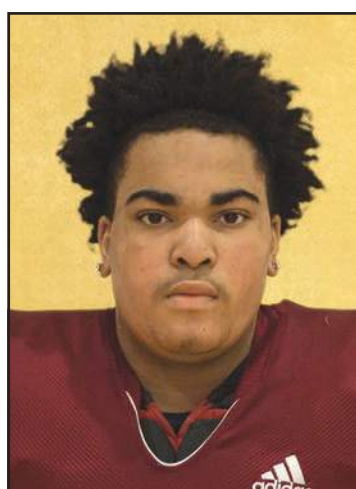
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Saturday, Feb. 27 vs. Hidden Valley
Friday, March 5 at Christiansburg
Friday, March 12 vs. Blacksburg
Friday, March 19 OPEN DATE
Friday, March 26 vs. Patrick Henry
Friday, April 2 at Salem



Williams

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went through 40 sheets of typing paper.

“I’m not turning it in until I think it’s what I think it should be,” Tony recalled Dan telling him. “He was determined about it.”

That’s how Dan worked the rest of his career. Friday game nights meant covering the game – either from the sidelines or the radio booth in the press box – working for hours after the game, writing his story, checking game stats, looking at photos for use in the paper, writing captions and when the game story was complete, he’d sit and write a column to go with it. Plus, there would be eating, phone calls, “Friday Football Extra,” and football talk with his stats crew.

It was about 1980 when I got the opportunity to help Dan on the sidelines keeping game stats. I was a member of the paper’s press crew, but Dan allowed me to help on Friday nights, and that’s how I got my eventual start in news and sports reporting.

That was a great time. Joel Hicks had just arrived, and the Cougars’ fortunes were about to turn in a big way. It was great just to be around it.

Tony told of how Dan was instrumental in Pulaski County’s hiring of Coach Hicks.

He recalled how Dan later turned down the job of Assistant Sports Editor for the Tallahassee Democrat – the paper for Florida State athletics – because he’d built a life here, loved Pulaski County and didn’t want to leave.

He recalled, too, how Dan was such a favorite on the radio all those years serving as the “Voice of Cougar Football.”

Tony said one of Dan’s favorite on-air comments actually came from their uncle Garland.

“We were at one of the big games and it was late in the game and our running back broke loose down the middle and unless you were a track star you weren’t about to catch him,” Tony said. “Garland jumped up and said, ‘Hold her Newt, she’s heading for the barn.’ And that’s how that saying started. Dan stole it from Garland.”

Tony said that, to Dan, the big game of the week was always on Friday night.

“You think about Virginia Tech, West Virginia or anybody else. Dan didn’t care. The big game was Friday night. The Cougar game. To Dan, they could be holding the national championship game on TV, but he couldn’t care less. He was going to be right there at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium. That was the BIG game. The Cougar game was all that mattered to him.

“He knew every player on the team. From the star player down to the youngster who wasn’t talented physically and isn’t going to be a key player on the team. ‘He wants to be a Cougar and that’s all that matters,’ Dan would say.

“He called me a few years back and he was upset and I said, ‘Dan, what’s wrong.’ He said, ‘King Harvey just died.’ King was in Pittsburgh working with a program to help needy and disabled children. Dan loved him. ‘What a great Christian kid he was,’ Dan would say.

For those new to Cougar football, King was one of the early “stars” of the team during Hicks first seasons.

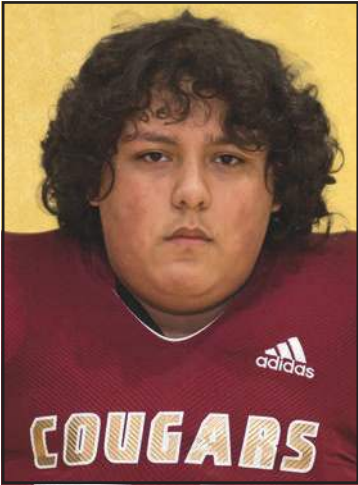
Tony had a message for Cougar fans he wanted to share in The Patriot, and I’m sorry it’s taken so long for me to pass this along.

“Pulaski County can know he loved ya’ll. For all the Cougar fans, thank you all for the love you showed my brother. The goodbye you gave him at the funeral was overwhelming. He would be so proud because he loved you all. With all my love thank you. Tony.”

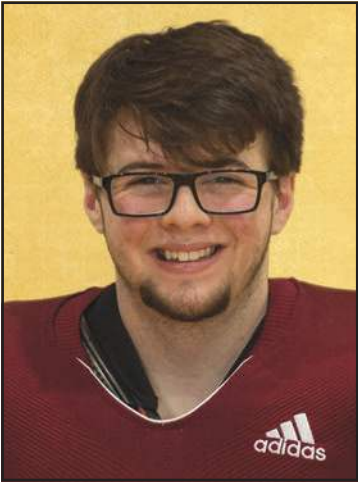
We at **The Patriot** miss Dan very much, as do many in the community. Often over the past several months there have been moments when we wanted to share some information with him to get his reaction. Or to just talk about the news of the day – be it sports, politics or grandchildren.

It hurts that we can’t still do that.

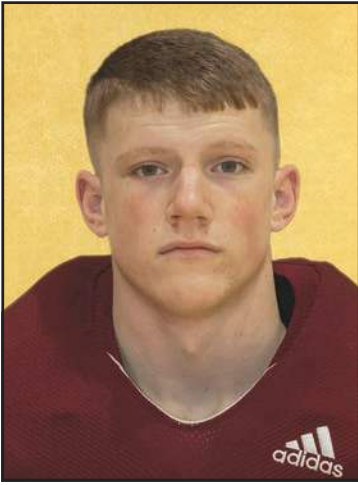
We trust we’ll see him again, and that when the Cougars take the field Monday evening, he’ll be watching from above.



75- Felipe Aguilar



84- Robert Hedge



88- Evan Alger

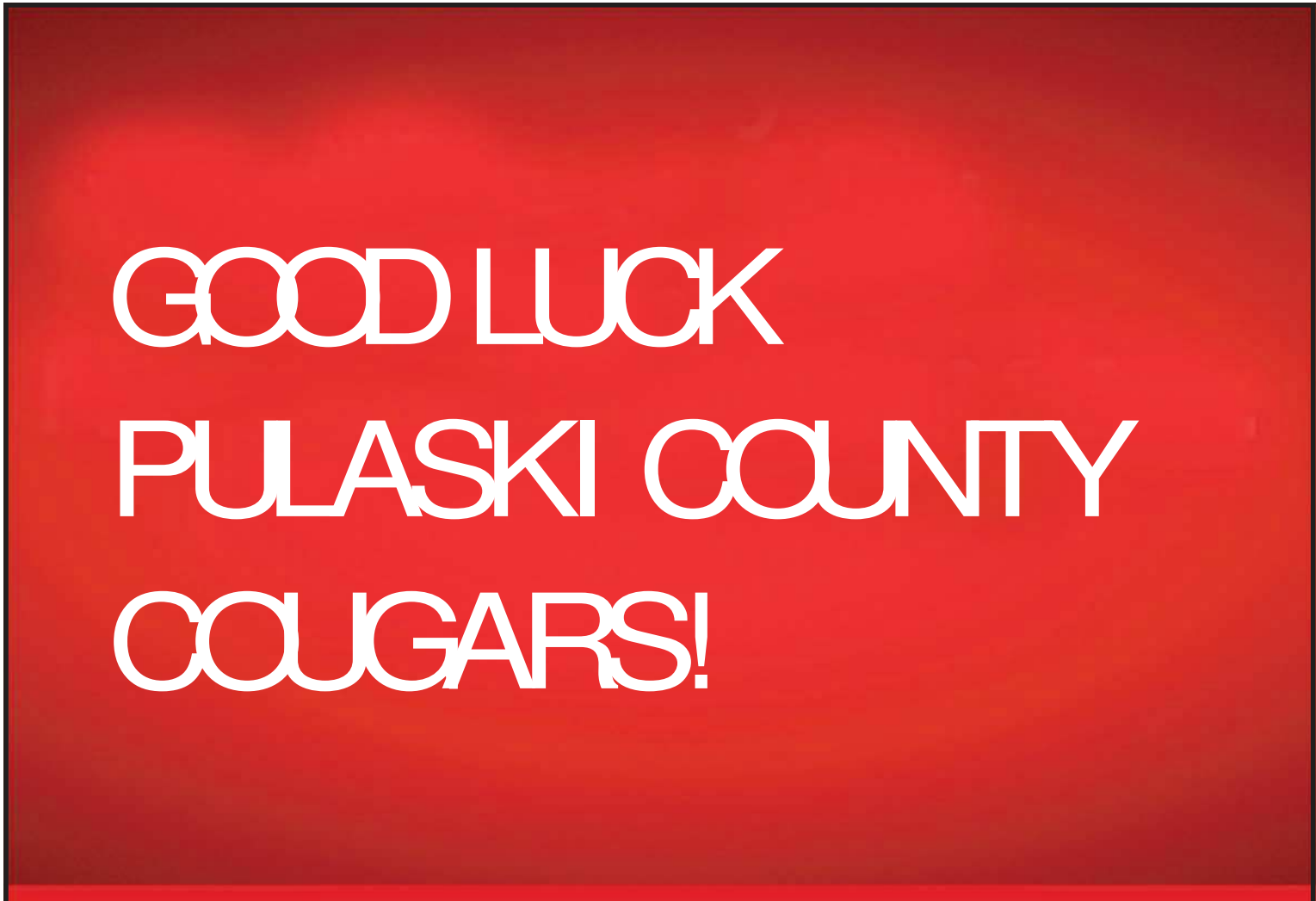
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Saturday 02/27	Hidden Valley @ Pulaski Co.	1:00 PM
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The old man sat by the crackling fire in the open fireplace with his cleaning kit on a table along with his trusty double. He looked upon a picture that was above the mantle and saw there the trusted beagle that had been responsible for jumping and chasing many rabbits for nearly fifteen years. He and Jock, the beagle's name, along with a double-barreled shotgun called "Elsie" had made a good team. The gun was so named being it was a twelve gage L.C. Smith with the field grade barrels.

The gun now appeared worn from the many trips into the field but was still a very clean shooting gun. He had cleaned the outside metal parts and rubbed the fine English walnut with linseed oil. The old hunter then cleaned the left barrel which was still shiny and the twist in it was still visible. The right barrel was clean except for what appeared to be a rust spot about midway. The soft oil-soaked patch cleared this up and he placed the gun back onto a cloth on the table and leaned back to reflect on some reminiscences of hunts with Jock.

Looking at the picture of Jock again, he closed his eyes and leaned back in his rocking chair to reflect on a hunt with him and his hunting partner, Jim, who at one time, had a couple of hunting beagles of his own named Gravy and Grits. There had fallen a skiff of snow that night and this Saturday morning was the agreed time that Jim was there at an hour after daybreak. Jim was a year older at nineteen and was in from college during the December break. Jock was twelve years age at this time was allowed to sleep inside by the wood stove as arthritis was beginning to creep into his joints.

His master came into the room dressed for the hunt with his trusty "Elsie" and Jock was by his side immediately. They met Jim with his two beagles and walked up on a ridge overlooking a nearby creek that was nearly dry as little rain had fallen that fall. The second brush pile they kicked brought out a good-sized rabbit and the race was on. Jim followed his two beagles to where the rabbit ran into a pool of water at the creek while Jock's master stayed at the brush pile. He watched as Jim's two beagles became confused thinking the rabbit had crossed the creek to the other side. It had not and leaped along rocks in the nearly dry creek bed. Jock was not fooled and checked along the banks to find where Brer Rabbit came out and followed his trail and turned him back to the beginning for an easy shot from the double.

Fast forward a couple of years and World War II had been going on for nearly two years and "Uncle" had called for the services of Jock's master. He had been for six weeks of basic at Fort Bragg and home before shipping out. He gathered his duffle bag and the M-1 over the shoulder and proceeds to go through the front yard gate. He looked back to see Jock ready to follow, but he turned back and said, "Not this time old fellow."

After his two years in the army, the war in Europe had ended; (about 25 years later both L.C. Smith and Herter's went out of business). The master and his now feeble dog, Jock, was approaching fifteen years of age (105 for humans). His rabbit



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W.A. "Doc" Davis

hunting buddies said he should have him put down because he suffers. He couldn't do that and wanted to continue to think on the good times. He said Jock deserved to go to dog's heaven or if not as Will Rogers once remarked, "I want to go where they do go." You too, can go to heaven (at no charge). I once read a bumper sticker saying, "Take a Free Trip to Heaven." Romans 10:13KJV states, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Until next time

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The Pulaski County Public Service Authority is accepting applications for an Office Assistant. The applicant must perform routine clerical work processing payments, work orders, daily reports, applications, reconciliations, etc. Applicant must possess excellent customer service skills, any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school, considerable clerical experience and experience in accounting and computer operations. A successful background check and drug and alcohol test is also required.

The salary range for this position is \$24,066 - \$40,899 and is commensurate upon education and experience. This is a full time position with benefits: health, dental, life, optional vision insurance, supplemental life, state retirement program, optional 457 retirement program, sick and vacation leave, paid holidays, and much more.

Interested individuals may review a full job description and apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or log onto the Pulaski County Website at www.pulaskicounty.org. Applications should be submitted to Tammy Safewright, Human Resources Director at tsafewright@pulaskicounty.org.

Position is open until filled

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PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY PAYROLL COORDINATOR

The Pulaski County Public Service Authority is seeking a qualified candidate as a Payroll Coordinator. The applicant must possess a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Accounting and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management is preferred but not required. The position also requires previous payroll experience including calculation of time, time entry, tax preparation, W-2 reporting and reconciliation, ACA 1095-C reporting, new hire reporting, COBRA, deduction reconciliations, etc. Applicants must undergo a drug, alcohol, background and driving record check. Please see our website at www.pulaskicounty.org for a detailed job description.

This is a full-time, non-exempt position with benefits such as health, dental, optional vision, retirement, vacation, sick leave and paid holidays. The salary scale for this position is \$35,557 - \$56,584 and is commensurate upon education and experience.

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Pulaski County Sheriff's Department Administrative Assistant

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department is now accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Assistant whose primary duties include providing administrative support by entering warrants, citations and civil process paperwork, maintaining files, screening and responding to inquiries, etc. Strong customer services skills required as well as two years of related administrative support experience. A background check as well as a drug and alcohol screening is required.

Salary is expected to begin at or around \$35,000 and is commensurate upon education and experience.

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Louisville named ACC baseball pre-season pick

GREENSBORO, N.C. (theACC.com) – For the third year in a row, Louisville has been selected as the Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball preseason favorite by the league's 14 head coaches. The coaches voted Miami as the favorite to win the Coastal Division.

Louisville received nine votes as the likely overall ACC winner. Miami and Virginia received two votes each, and Florida State had one.

Louisville was also picked to finish atop the Atlantic Division with 95 total points, followed by NC State with 74 and Florida State with 73. Clemson placed fourth with 48, followed by Wake Forest (45), Boston College (39) and Notre Dame (18). The Cardinals received 11 votes as the division favorite, while NC State, Florida State and Clemson had one each.

Seven coaches picked Miami to win the Coastal Division, while Virginia had five first-place votes and Georgia Tech two. The Hurricanes tallied 89 total points, followed by Virginia (85) and Georgia Tech (71). Duke placed fourth in the voting with 59 points, followed by North Carolina (40), Virginia Tech

(31) and Pitt (17).

Louisville finished 51-18 two years ago while reaching the final bracket of the CWS and was ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation when the COVID-19 pandemic halted play early in the 2020 season. The Cardinals are ranked among the top 10 this preseason in five of the six major national polls. Miami and Virginia have also received multiple top-10 rankings.

Ten ACC teams have been ranked in at least one major poll during the 2021 preseason, and 27 different ACC players have been named to at least one preseason All-America Team.

The ACC has placed at least one team in each of the last 14 College World Series and at least six teams in each of the last 16 NCAA Tournaments.

All 14 ACC baseball teams open their seasons on Friday, February

19, with conference play set to begin on Friday, February 26. The 15-game ACC Baseball Championship will be held May 25-30 at a site to be announced in the coming weeks.

Full results of the 2021 ACC Baseball Coaches Preseason Poll, with first-place votes in parentheses:

Atlantic Division

1. Louisville (11) - 95
2. NC State (1) - 74
3. Florida State (1) - 73
4. Clemson (1) - 48
5. Wake Forest - 45
6. Boston College - 39
7. Notre Dame - 18

Coastal Division

1. Miami (7) - 89
2. Virginia (5) - 85
3. Georgia Tech (2) - 71
4. Duke - 59
5. North Carolina - 40
6. Virginia Tech - 31
7. Pitt - 17

LEGAL NOTICES

Second Public Hearing: Calfee Training School Adaptive Reuse Project

The Town of Pulaski will hold a public hearing on March 2, 2021 at 7 pm to solicit public input on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal for the adaptive reuse of the Calfee Training School at 1 Corbin-Harmon Dr. (formerly Magnox Dr.). The adaptive reuse project will include the retrofitting of the historic school into a community and cultural center that will house a museum, childcare center, commercial kitchen, computer lab, event and office space, outdoor playspaces and a half basketball court. A detailed fact sheet, including information about how many low to moderate income residents are likely to benefit, will be presented for comment. Residents will also be given a chance to comment on the Town of Pulaski's past use of CDBG funds.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only 10 persons are allowed in the chambers at a time. In result, citizens will not be able to attend the hearing in-person. Citizens may view the hearing via Facebook live on the Town of Pulaski Facebook page. All persons desiring to comment on the grant proposal should submit their remarks to Jill Williams, Calfee Community & Cultural Center Executive Director, by 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660 Pulaski, VA or via email to jill@calfeeccc.org. Persons may also comment via Facebook live.

A copy of the fact sheet and environmental review report are available for public review in the Engineering Office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540)980-1220 (TDD accessible) or (540)994-8600 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. Additional accommodations are also available to people who are deaf or hard of hearing by calling Virginia Relay service at 711.

PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA

The Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals hereby gives notice that the public hearing originally scheduled for February 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. is cancelled. The hearing will now be held on March 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W., in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following variance request:

A request by Shah Development LLC, for a variance to Section 4.4.3 Site Development Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia for property located at 202 Fifth Street (tax parcel (s) 081-7-152-1) in the R-3 Multi-Family Residential District. Section 4.4.3 requires a minimum lot area of 10,000 square feet for single-family dwellings and setbacks of 25' from the Front, 5' from the Side, 25' from all public streets, and 25' from the Rear. The applicant requests a variance to allow a 10' setback from Fifth Street and a 10' setback from Madison Avenue. The applicant also requests a variance to allow construction on the lot which is less than 10,000 square feet in size. This would permit the applicant to construct a single-family dwelling in the approximate location of the former dwelling on the parcel.

Comments and/or questions can be sent ahead of the hearing via email to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, bdeal@pulaskitown.org, or via phone at 540-994-8619; or in the form of written comments to Brady Deal (42 First Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia) until the date of the hearing. Copies of the variance application, site plans, and corresponding ordinances may be reviewed at the Pulaski Municipal Building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, in-person attendance will be severely limited. Participants are encouraged to join the meeting via Zoom using the meeting credentials listed below.

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EVOLUTION, JUNE.

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The Spats

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW SHADES?

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POPEYE

Hi CISMEN

BURBLE

WHAT WAS THAT?!

GURGLE

OH...IT'S YOU!

GO BACK TO SLEEP... IT'S TWO IN THE MORNING!

BLURP GURGLE

BE REASONABLE... I'VE HAD A VERY DIFFICULT DAY!

BURBLE

YOU HAD THREE GOOD MEALS YESTERDAY

TOMORROW WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!

GLURP

NOW GO BACK TO SLEEP!

GROWL GURGLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

WOW! HOW DID YOU REMEMBER A LEFTOVER BURGER?

Just Like Cats & Dogs

OK, HONEY WE'VE GOT VIOLENCE, DOOM AND GLOOM, AND CONSPIRACY, OR WE CAN SHUT OFF THE NEWS AND WATCH A MOVIE.

LAFF - A - DAY

"Now we know what that funny little plug was."

STATE PER

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"First thing we gotta get you, boss, is a new _____!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Awe

DOWNER

Deliver

SECURE

Oppose

BEEKUR

Saunter

LAWDED

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Seize
- 5 Butte's kin
- 9 Cardinal cap letters
- 12 "Othello" villain
- 13 In — (lined up)
- 14 Weeding tool
- 15 Reality show for aspiring entrepreneurs
- 17 PC key
- 18 Minor quibbles
- 19 Hospital sections
- 21 Type of beam
- 24 Pack (down)
- 25 Reverberate
- 26 Rubber wedge, say
- 30 Small battery
- 31 All better
- 32 Actress Thurman
- 33 Hoedown musicians
- 35 Author Harte
- 36 Seeing things
- 37 Tubular pasta
- 38 Tribal emblem
- 40 Coffee, slangily
- 42 Mess up
- 43 Temporary
- 48 GPS suggestion
- 49 Last write-up
- 50 Despot
- 51 British verb

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DOWN

- 1 USO audience
- 2 Fan's cry
- 3 Khan title
- 4 Third-largest island
- 5 "The Martian" actor Damon
- 6 Historic periods
- 7 Junior
- 8 Clumsy
- 9 Mountain road feature

- 10 Snitched
- 11 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 16 White wine cocktail
- 20 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 21 Piece of lettuce
- 22 Exotic berry
- 23 Elm, for one
- 24 Low digits
- 26 Union payment
- 27 Bruins legend
- 28 Portent
- 29 Canape spread
- 31 South Carolina university
- 34 Decorate
- 35 Actor Warren
- 37 Beetle
- 38 Bailey's rank (Abbr.)
- 39 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 40 Scraps
- 41 Museo display
- 44 Showtime rival
- 45 Jargon suffix
- 46 Squealer
- 47 Hosp. scan

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top ten

Most Peaceful Dogs

1. Japanese Chin
2. Bolognese
3. English Toy Spaniel
4. Shih Tzu
5. Pug
6. Sussex Spaniel
7. Clumber Spaniel
8. Basset Hound
9. English Bulldog
10. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Source: BrainSharper

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

WARDROBE

Today's Word

1. Wonder 2. Rescue; 3. Rebuke; 4. Dawdle

SCRAMBLERS

solution

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals A

EB XG W.X. CXRFCXWW AZL NXR

X TGXJT BLZ RTFIJNEGD AEJIQZFR,

ER NF XG XZIBQW OLODFZ?

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. THEATER: Which city was the setting for the musical "Cabaret"?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "veritas vos liberabit" mean?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the pet "dog" on "The Flintstones"?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is a zenith in terms of our solar system's sun?
5. HISTORY: How many days were in an ancient Roman week?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of zebras called?
7. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novelist's last work was titled "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of pet food uses the slogan, "Tastes so good cats ask for it by name"?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's residents might be called "Nutmeggers"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Which four countries are included in the United Kingdom?

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Answers

1. Berlin, Germany
2. The truth shall set you free
3. Dino
4. When the sun is directly overhead and objects cast no shadow
5. Eight
6. A dazzle or zeal
7. Charles Dickens
8. Meow Mix
9. Connecticut
10. England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms

Life gets very precious when there's less of it to waste.

— Bonnie Raitt

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answer

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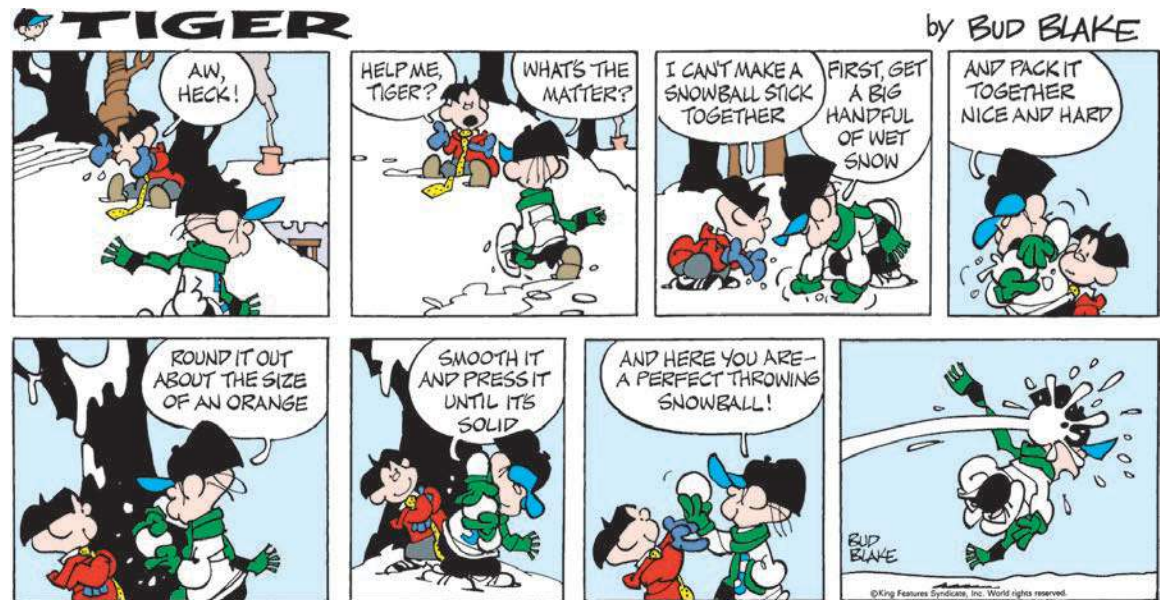
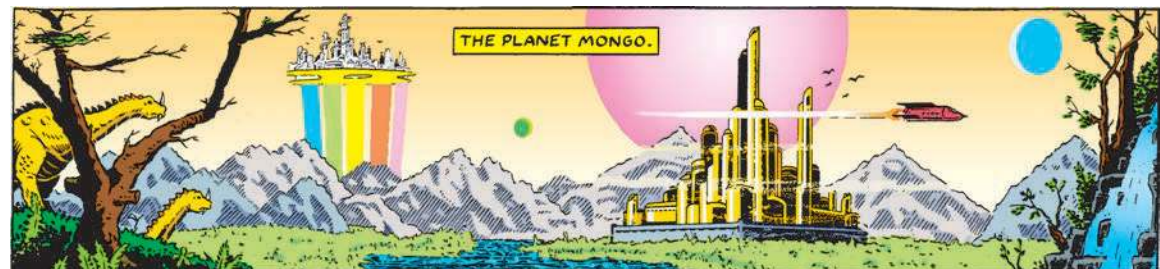
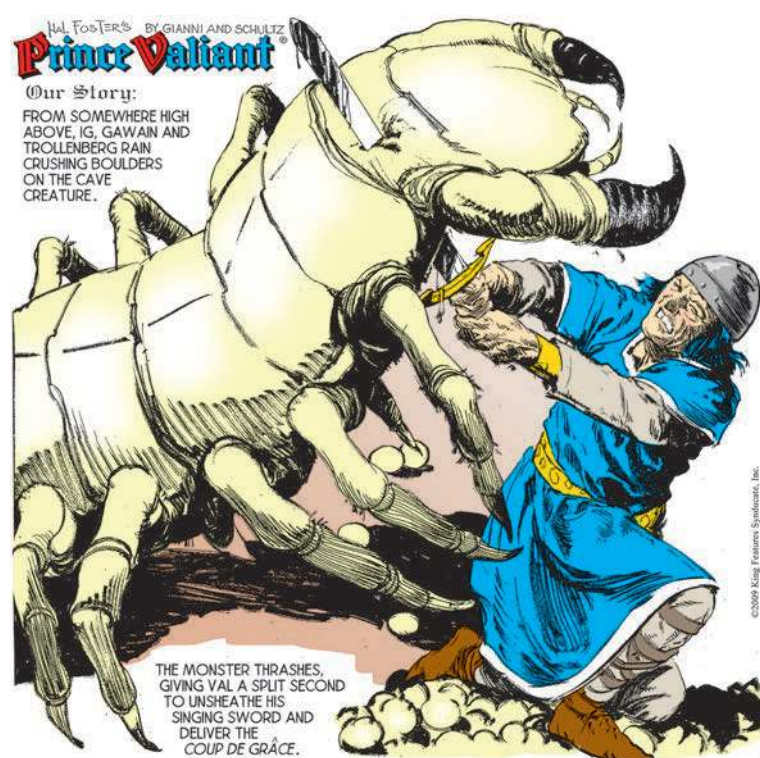
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The Radford Clothing Bank is open by appointment only. To qualify for free clothing, you must re-

ceive Medicaid or SNAP (Food Stamps). Call the Clothing Bank at 633-5050, Monday – Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. to make an appointment. Hours for shopping are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Clothing Bank is located at 2000 West St., Radford, Va. Donations of clothing, shoes, purses, and linens are being accepted.

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

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Saying One Thing Implying Another**

Action	Drama	Mystery	Thriller
Adventure	Fantasy	Political	Urban
Comedy	Historical	Romance	Western
Crime	Horror	Saga	

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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ZURSR EL ZEQQ BMCOR
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— KCOLMHG MKSMEL

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Cryptoquote

A rumor will travel fastest to the place where it will cause the greatest harm. — Gustavo Agraft

LITERARY GENRES

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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Office Manager

McDowell looks to keep winning

From NASCAR

After bagging the biggest race in NASCAR, the Daytona 500, Front Row Motorsports' Michael McDowell must come back down from the Cloud-9-type celebration all week and return his focus to battle it out on the 3.61-mile, 14-turn Daytona International Speedway Road Course in the O'Reilly Auto Parts 253 At DAYTONA this Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio in hopes of becoming just the sixth different driver to win the first two races of a NASCAR Cup Series season.

If McDowell can accomplish the feat, he will join some elite company: Matt Kenseth (2009: Daytona, Auto Club), Jeff Gordon (1997: Daytona, Rockingham), David Pearson (1976: Riverside, Daytona), Bob Welborn (1959: Champion, Daytona), Marvin Panch (1957: Lancaster, Concord).

The Glendale, Arizona native, McDowell, made his series debut at the Daytona Road Course last season; he started 30th and finished 10th.

King of the Road: Elliott looking for his sixth career road course victory

No active driver has more wins on road courses in the NASCAR Cup Series than Hendrick Motorsports' Chase Elliott. What's even more impressive is Elliott's ascension to the 'King of the Road' in the series has all happened since 2018. In the last seven NASCAR Cup Series road course races, Elliott has won five including the last three consecutively.

Chase Elliott's road course dominance has garnered him five wins which has him tied for seventh on the NASCAR Cup Series all-time road course wins list with Dan Gurney, Darrell Waltrip and Tim Richmond.

If the defending winner of the Daytona Road Course, Elliott, wins this weekend, he will join Bobby Allison, Richard Petty, Ricky Rudd and Rusty Wallace in a tie for third-most series road course wins with six each.

Jeff Gordon leads the series in road course wins with nine (five at Sonoma, four at Watkins Glen). Tony Stewart has the second-most road course wins with eight (four at Sonoma, four at Watkins Glen).

In the inaugural Daytona Road Course race, the Dawsonville, Georgia native started seventh and raced his way up to the front leading 34 laps en route to the victory.

Heading into this weekend, Elliott is likely the favorite and the stats support the assumption. Elliott is the series leader in the following key pre-race loop data categories - Driver Rating (135.6), Average Running Position (3.1), Lap Led (34), Laps in the Top 15 (64 laps, 98.5).



Brian Bishop/PC Patriot

Lady Cougars Win Region 4D Crown

Pulaski County's Lady Cougars destroyed Amherst County last Sunday to win the Region 4D championship. Here the team poses for the photographer with the Region Championship trophy. The win advanced Pulaski County into the state semi-finals and a game against Loudoun Valley. PCHS came out on top Wednesday evening with a last second overtime victory, 41-39. The Lady Cougars advance to the state Class 4 championship game Saturday against Louisa County.

Austin Dillon holds Cup points lead for first time in career

Richard Childress Racing's Austin Dillon didn't win the Daytona 500 last weekend, but his third-place finish was enough to give him the NASCAR Cup Series driver standings points lead for the first time in his career. His previous career-best points position in the series was third after winning the 2018 Daytona 500.

Dillon ran a masterful race last Sunday and was in contention to win on the final lap, but the 2018 Daytona 500 winner had to settle for third when the caution came out to end the event. Dillon racked up points all race, finishing third in the first stage and fifth in the second stage. Now the North Carolinian holds a six-point lead over second-place Denny Hamlin.

Dillon will look to retain his points lead this weekend at the Daytona Road Course, where he made his track debut in the Clash last Tuesday, because he missed the race last season due to COVID-19 protocols. In the Clash, he started 19th and finished 11th.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer								
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