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Sunday

Rain likely before 1pm, then showers after 1pm. High near 59. Chance of rain is 80%.

Sunday Night - Showers. Low around 46. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

COUGARS OPEN WITH BIG WIN



Brian Bishop/PC Patriot

Junior wide receiver Jacob Johnson is about to haul in this pass from senior quarterback Drew Dalton for a beautiful 42-yard reception against Cave Spring Monday night during the Cougars' 42-0 win in Roanoke. Johnson made it to the 1-yard line and on the next play, Dalton carried it in for one of his two rushing touchdowns on the night. He would also pass for two scores to earn Northwest Hardware Ace Player of the Game honors. The win marked the beginning of the Mark Dixon era at Pulaski County High School. See more inside today's edition.

Northam announces plans to ease COVID-related restrictions

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announced Wednesday that he will begin loosening some coronavirus-related restrictions, affecting alcohol sales and late-night curfews, as key pandemic metrics continue to improve.

Northam said at a news conference in Richmond that he plans to lift the modified stay-at-home order in place between midnight to 5 a.m. and push the alcohol curfew from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Those restrictions, which are part of Northam's current executive order, are set to expire at the end of this month. The changes will kick in at 12:01 a.m. March

High school football attendance still capped at 250

While Gov. Ralph Northam eased some restrictions on gatherings, attendance at high school football games is still set at 250.

Pulaski County School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers said Wednesday, "We're still at 250 for home games. Our current plan for home games, since band and cheer are required to be counted as spectators, is to make sure each senior has 2 tickets and then divide the remaining tickets as best we can. We will not be able to take band or cheer to any of the away games because those tickets are distributed by the host team and the number will vary depending on the school."

Northam also said the cap on social gatherings will remain at 10 if an event is indoors, but it will be expanded to 25 individuals if outdoors. His order also affects outdoor entertainment and public amusement.

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ment venues. They will be able to operate with up to 1,000 people or at 30% capacity, whichever is lower. The venues may eventually be able to operate at 30% capacity with no cap starting in April, if coronavirus cases continue to fall.

But indoor venues must continue to operate at 30% capacity with a cap of 250 people. All entertainment venues were previously limited to a maximum of 250 individuals.

Another change affects overnight summer camps. They will be able to open May 1 with strict mitigation measures in place. Registration is allowed to begin.

The state's mask mandate will continue. And Northam encouraged people to continue working from home if they can.

"We are finally seeing COVID numbers fall and vaccination numbers rise," Northam said. "That means we can start to consider how to slowly, safely ease some of the measures we put into place before the holidays."

Northam noted that the daily new case average in the state is the lowest it has been since before Thanksgiving at 1,708. He also said that about 13.5% of the state's population, or more than 1.1 million Virginians, have received the first dose of the coronavirus vaccine.

The seven-day moving average of both new cases and patients hospitalized has fallen dramatically since a peak in mid-January.

The Democratic governor, who is also a physician, added that "it's critical that we do this slowly and thoughtfully ... and we do not want to risk our progress by easing restrictions too quickly."

The current restrictions were put in place in mid-December and extended in late January. The governor said a further loosening of the restrictions will be coming if the trends continue.

Also, the Virginia Department of Health announced Wednesday that additional pharmacy networks are beginning to administer COVID-19 vaccines to those age 65 and older. It's part of a federal partnership that will bring an additional 52,000 vaccines into Virginia this week.

In addition to CVS, which began receiving approximately 26,000 vaccine doses last week through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination, the newly added pharmacies include Walgreens, Walmart, Kroger, Safeway, Food Lion, Giant Food, Food City and a network of multiple independent community pharmacies.

Pulaski County Schools express displeasure with Governor's order

From Pulaski County Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools received notice last week that Governor Ralph Northam has amended executive order #72 in a way that reduces the number of potential spectators at football games and prohibits public schools from counting cheerleaders and band members as participants/players.

In a statement released Sunday by School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers, school officials say the amended order is forcing schools throughout the state to choose between excluding band and cheer from participation or reducing the number of parents who can attend these events.

According to the statement, the school system is opposed to the restrictions imposed by the amended order for the following reasons:

1. The order is discriminatory in that it diminishes the role of predominantly female groups of student athletes and musicians, who are essential participants in the football game experience, by classifying them as spectators.

2. The order is not grounded in the science that we currently utilize in implementing Covid mitigation strategies. We know from experience that we can safely put 1000 students a day into our high school with classrooms at 80 percent capacity by masking and social distancing. Counting band and cheer as participants in addition to 250 spectators would still leave our football stadium, an outdoor venue, at less than 5 percent capacity.

3. The order is arbitrary and capricious. There is a noticeable lack of consistency in how executive order #72 establishes expectations for outdoor venues. Public beaches and amusement parks are afforded much more leeway and allowed incredibly higher attendance rates than high school stadiums which have been relegated to the category of community rec programs. It's a designation that is insulting to our extracurricular and co-curricular programs while tying the hands of local governments to meet the needs of their communities.

Pulaski County Public Schools will abide by the guidance set forth in the amended executive order #72 while exploring available options for challenging it such as seeking a legal remedy through the courts or requesting

a Title IX investigation regarding the possible gender discrimination aspect, the statement says.

"It is our sincerest hope that Governor Northam will reconsider his decision and include band and cheer as participants when new guidance is issued at the end of the month. Our teachers and coaches are doing incredible things to create positive experiences for kids and our students deserve the same effort from their state government."

"Pulaski County Public Schools

appreciates the overwhelming amount of support that we've received from throughout the state over the past week regarding our original plan to classify band and cheer as participants. It is our hope that these individuals and others will exercise their right to reach out to the Governor's office to advocate for equal consideration for all student athletes and musicians as his administration works to develop new guidance that will go into effect on March 1, 2021."



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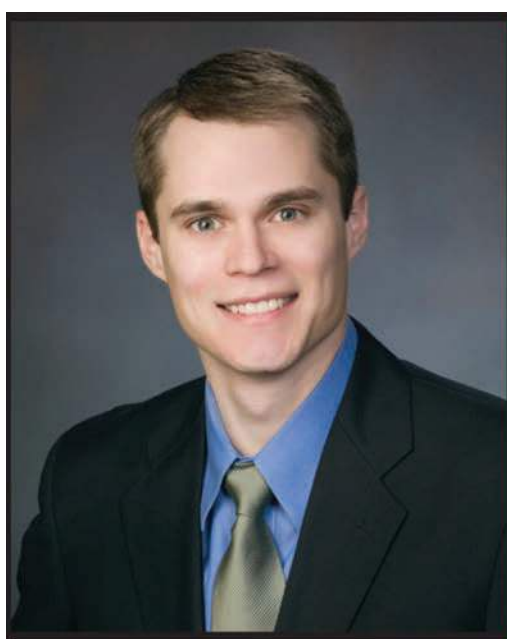
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Hackworth brings Senate campaign to county

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Republican Travis Hackworth brought his campaign for the 38th State Senate seat to Pulaski County last week.

Hackworth, a member of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, is seeking to replace the late Ben Chaffin who served in the State Senate prior to his death on New Year's Day.

Hackworth is opposed by Radford's Laurie Buchwald, a Democrat who is a nurse practitioner and former member of Radford City Council.

The two will face off in a Special Election set for March 23.

Hackworth said within 24 hours after Chaffin's death he got calls from people urging him to run to replace Chaffin in Richmond.

"We had talked to Ben back in 2019 about his seat," Hackworth said. "So, it wasn't really a surprise that they would ask us because they knew we had some interest in it at the time."

Hackworth said Chaffin told him he planned to run again.

"So, we wouldn't challenge him of course. Ben was a good Senator - he was a good legislator."

Following Chaffin's death, Hackworth said he and his wife, Angel prayed about a possible run and "really felt it was the right thing to do."

Hackworth is a businessman in Tazewell and has about 10 businesses, including construction, real estate, car lots and manufacturing concerns.

"We've really invested a lot into southwest Virginia. I felt

like the person who has the most skin in the game is going to fight the hardest to make sure things are going good," the candidate said.

"We looked at the field of candidates that were throwing their hat in the ring and we didn't see anyone we thought would do a better job, so we stuck with it, got a lot of endorsements out of the gate and a lot of support.

"We had about nine days to put our campaign together to seek the party's nomination. We ran like 18 to 20 hours a day. We had really good support and a good showing, winning by about 600 votes," he said. Hackworth defeated five others for the nomination in a "fire house" primary in late January.

"People ask us what our stance is on the First Amendment and we tell them we don't feel like the government has the right to suppress our voices," Hackworth said. "We have the freedom of speech - even if it's not something I want to hear or you want to hear, it's still our Constitutional right.

"What they've done to President Trump has been very hypocritical because it's a double standard," Hackworth continued. "They preach tolerance as long as you're tolerant of them. When you ask them to be tolerant of you it's 'oh no, we're not doing that we're going to censor you.'

"Very disheartened to see that," Hackworth said.

"Last year we came to Richmond over the red flag laws. The gun laws they were passing were just crazy. The senators and delegates we talked to voted against them, but we just didn't have the votes and the muscle to stop some

of that.

"The session this year is just a repeat. Thankfully, it's not so much guns this year, but it's social issues.

"The death penalty ... getting that removed. I don't want to see anyone die, but if you pre-meditate something and are found guilty, the punishment needs to match the crime. I think it is a deterrent for crime.

"That was pretty much no contest. We knew we were going to lose that one this year.

"Also, on protecting qualified immunity for police officers, efforts to eliminate that failed, but they'll come back after that next year.

"Law enforcement are having a hard enough time getting recruits without them having to take on the possibility of civil suits, frivolous lawsuits. I've talked to Commonwealth's Attorneys, sheriffs - I think we've got the endorsement of pretty much all the sheriff's in our counties - they're really behind us, supporting us.

Hackworth was joined on his visit to Pulaski County by former supervisor Andy McCready, who touted Hackworth's leadership on the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

"When he joined the board, the county was \$4 million in the hole, and they weren't taking care of any of their capital needs. In the years he's been there that \$4 million deficit has worked into a \$1 million surplus," McCready said, noting Hackworth served as chairman on a Democratic majority board.

"So that says a lot about be-

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Mike Williams/PC Patriot

Travis Hackworth (left), Republican candidate for the 38th State Senate District seat campaigned in Pulaski last week with former Pulaski County Supervisors Chairman Andy McCready.

Sweet reviews 2020 in End of Year Report to board

"2020 was one of the most unusual and challenging times I have experienced in my over 20-year career in local government leadership."

**-Jonathan Sweet,
Pulaski Co. Administrator**

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan Sweet presented his annual End of Year Report to the county's Board of Supervisors Monday night.

Sweet said the year 2020 "was one of the most unusual and challenging times I have experienced in my over 20-year career in local government leadership. From dealing with the multitude of unknowns to seizing on new opportunities, it was ironically one of, if not the most intentional and intense years I can remem-

ber."

"We collectively worked hard to respond to and mitigate the effects of the global pandemic, while dealing with the constraints of what we refer to as the COVID-overlay of keeping our employees and the public safe ... From instituting regional testing centers, to transitioning to regional vaccination efforts, this was definitely an unusual and unprecedented time for local governments."

Nevertheless, Sweet said, "COVID-19 and its collateral fallout did not define Pulaski County or lend us an excuse to stay at home and wait to see what may come next, but rather, it motivated us to work harder and take advantage of whatever challenge or opportunity the novel coronavirus may have yielded us. As you will see from the report I am about to share, our Team did not

stay home, but showed up to work in a BIG way and put forth tremendous efforts in service to the citizens of Pulaski County."

Sweet's report, which you can read on our website using this link: <https://pcpatriot.com/sweet-provides-end-of-year-report-to-county-supervisors/> detailed the accomplishments in 2020 by each of the county's departments.

"Please let me conclude by saying that the totality of what we as a Team got done in 2020 and what we continue to work to achieve in 2021, almost all has a common thread. That thread is a strategic and concerted effort to advance Pulaski County forward and better position us to survive and thrive in a post-COVID world and in this new and highly competitive economy.

"Our vision of 40-by-30, having 40,000 people call Pulaski County home by the year 2030, can only be possible if we continue to work hard to make our county a safe, affordable, enjoyable and opportunity rich community.

"I feel confident that the focus and significant investments the Board has made in supporting the small business community, our public education system, infrastructure upgrades and quality of life amenities will go a long way to retaining and attracting talent to Pulaski County that will fuel our employers, grow our economy, and make us a next-level community," Sweet continued.

"I want to thank this Board for your leadership and support that helped propel us through 2020 and for your continued leadership and support that will maximize our output in 2021.

"I would also like to thank the men and women who make up the Pulaski County Team and made the choice to employ their talents in service to the public - for their hard work, dedication and courage throughout 2020 and beyond. It is these hardworking individuals that are responsible for getting so much done in 2020, despite everything the pandemic had to throw at us - Thank you.

"Lastly, I would like to extend

my appreciation to the citizens and taxpayers of Pulaski County who entrust us with so much. It is my privilege and pleasure and the privilege and pleasure of all our County employees to serve you and we strive to do so at the highest level possible.

"2020 was a difficult year, but perhaps one of the most rewarding from a production output standpoint and a strategic positioning in the marketplace standpoint, but also from a community unifying and inspiring standpoint. With the leadership of this Board and the momentum that we have managed to muster, I am hopeful that 2021 will be another productive and blessed year for local government and Pulaski County."



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HELEN MARIE LESTER WORRELL

Helen Marie Lester Worrell, age 85 of Hiwassee, died Early Tuesday morning, February 23, 2021 at Commonwealth Assisted Living in Radford. She was born in Botetourt County on August 21, 1935, and was the daughter of the late Hattie Ethel Puckett Lester and Robert Lee Lester. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; William Jerome Worrell, Sr. and her son; William Jerome Worrell, Jr. She is survived by: daughter-in-law; Donna Daigle Worrell; brothers; Stanley Otha Lester, Ewell Farley Lester; sisters; Norma Lee Lester Klima, Hallie Pauline Lester Hedge; granddaughter; Brittney Lu Worrell Owen. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mark Asbury officiating. Interment will follow in the Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her memory to the American Cancer Society. Covid restrictions and rulings will be adhered to at all times. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

LILLIAN ELLAVESTER HUNTER

Lillian Ellavester Hunter, 94, of Pulaski, VA died early Friday morning, February 19, 2021 at her home. She was born in Pulaski on January 25, 1927 and was the daughter of the late Perry and Cordia Parks Hunter.

There will be no funeral services for Miss Hunter. Those wishing to send flowers or condolences to the family may send them to the home, 1305 Lottier St., Pulaski, VA 24301.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



BRIAN SCOTT TAYLOR

Brian Scott Taylor, age 54 passed away in his Draper home Saturday February 20, 2021. Scott was welcomed into the world by his Mother, Janie Lucille Hancock and the late Joseph Fredrick Taylor on May 17, 1966. Scott was a dedicated, hard working employee at Volvo Trucking for over 20 years. He was a man with many passions and talents as a wood worker, an artist, a photographer and animal lover. As a man who wore many different hats in life he will be remembered as an outstanding son, brother, a father and a friend. Scott's legacy will live on through the countless stories and acts of kindness, generosity, and selflessness from all who crossed his path. Brian Scott Taylor was an exceptional man and a remarkable father. He will be missed, cherished and remembered by many.

He is survived by his Daughter & Son-in-law Alexis Morgan & Jonathan Brett Taylor-Draper Mother Janie Lucille Taylor – Pulaski Brothers David Wayne Taylor & Jimmy Covey- Draper Larry Dean Taylor- Pulaski Steven Mitchell & Chanda Taylor-Pulaski 7 Nieces, Nephews and countless friends Special friend Jenny Kinder Packard

Memorial services will be held at a later date and will be posted on our website. To sign Brian's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com. Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

SHARON DIANE GUNTER

Sharon Diane Gunter, 73, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Per her request, no services will be held at this time.

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



PERRY PAULEY

Perry Pauley, 65, of Draper, Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on February 15th at his home.

Perry was born on November 17, 1955 to Buford & Hollis Gay Moran Pauley in Pulaski VA. Raised in Austinville VA, he later married Debra Gale White Pauley of Poplar Camp, going on to have two children, Autumn Fawn Pauley Torrey of Smithfield VA & Joshua Ryan Pauley of Franklin TN.

Most of his career was spent working in the Austinville Lead & Zinc Mines, as a welder at the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock, and Xaloy Inc. Perry enjoyed spending his time raising cattle and catering for weddings and other celebrations as well as socializing with his many friends. To him every stranger was a potential new friend.

His priorities were his faith, family and friends. He and Debbie attended Valley Harvest Ministries Pentecostal Holiness Church in Dublin VA.

His children considered him the most loving father and husband a family could ask for. He is known by his friends and family for his enormous heart and spirit of helping and giving to others.

Perry was predeceased by his parents and brother, Leo Pauley. He is survived by his wife, children, son-in-law (Michael Torrey), daughter-in-law (Kaylee Myers Pauley), four grandchildren (Kayla Shay Torrey, Gabriel Ryan Torrey, Brighton Asher Pauley, and Adelaide Grace Pauley), sister (Margie Ann Pauley DeWilde and husband Danny), brother (Robert Lee Pauley), sister-in-law (Carolyn Pauley), in laws Reverend Carl J. and Nadyne White, brother-in-law (Tracy White and Denise), nine nieces, and three nephews as well as 22 great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that that donations be made in Perry's name to St. Jude's Children Hospital. There will be a Celebration of Life held in late Spring/early Summer for friends and family to remember what he meant to all of us. Please watch Bowers' website for updates.



DONALD EARLE BALDAUF

Donald Earle Baldauf, age 67 of Dublin passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born June 12, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan he was the son of the late Richard Earle Baldauf and Gertrude Agnes Hausdorf Baldauf. His brother, Richard Kent Baldauf also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Sisters Nancy & Roman Robles – MI Claudia & Eddie Keys – FL Nephews Jason & Carmen McGraw Robert Rankin Nieces Tammy & Jerry Hansel Rebecca & Jeff Engel Robyn & Jason Leighton

Memorial services will be held at a later date and will be updated on the website. To sign Donald's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

ERNEST CLYDE "PUNCH" RIDDLE

Ernest Clyde "Punch" Riddle, age 71 of Little Creek Road passed away Sunday, February 21, 2021 at his home. Born April 7, 1949 in Giles County he was the son of the late Lewis Franklin Riddle and Hattie Elizabeth Stephens Riddle.

He is survived by his Brothers & Sisters Arnold Riddle James Riddle Louis Morris Mary (Carl) Woodyard Eva (Albert) Woodyard Brenda (Larry)Woodyard Ronnie (Faye) Riddle Lewis (Sally) Riddle Many nieces and nephews

Memorial services were held Thursday evening February 25, 2021 at the Pathway to Heaven Worship Center (7889 Cleburne Blvd. Dublin, VA) with Pastor Winfred Keene officiating.

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

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



TREVA PRICE CULLOP ROGERS

Treva Price Cullop Rogers, 86, of Pulaski, Virginia WON her battle with dementia and was reunited with family members on February 18, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Dora Price, husbands, Adam Cullop, and Donald (Pete) Rogers, brothers Bruce Price and Jackie Price, sisters Blanch Price, Faye Price, and Jean Patton.

Treva was born on August 1, 1934 in Grayson County, VA to the late Fred H. and Dora J. Price of Wytheville, VA. Treva was a long-time member of New Life Christian Ministries Nazarene Church in Pulaski, VA.

Treva worked in many roles throughout her life and retired from New River Industries in 1997. She was most proud (and so were her sons!) that she went back to school and earned her GED and completed Beautician school to become licensed to "do" hair. She always had a "beauty shop" in her home and loved the friendships she had with all her clients.

She is survived by her sons, Gary (Kim) Cullop, Terry Cullop, Rocky (Mary) Cullop, and Pete's daughter Jana (Joel) Weiner. Also survived by sister Carol (Don) Poteat, brother Dean (Barbara) Price, niece Tanya Garland, nephews Kenny (Sharon) Patton, Travis (Lisa) Price, Matthew (Melanie) Poteat, David (Melegha) Poteat.

No memorial will be held except for a private family graveside service at Sharon Baptist Church in Rural Retreat, VA. Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite church or a charity supporting dementia.

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DR. RICHARD DEAN TESTER

Dr. Richard Dean Tester, 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Pennybyrn.

Dean was born in Pulaski, VA on December 17, 1932 to the late Coy Nelson Tester and Verna Sisk Tester. In addition to his parents, Dean was preceded in death by his wife, Gaynelle "Gay" Davidson Tester; sister, Clara Nell Campbell; brothers, Ralph, Carlton, Bob Tester.

Dean met his sweetheart Gaynelle Davidson and they were married August 20, 1955. Dean adored his wife and mother of their children for the 60 years they were blessed to be together. Dean was a devoted caregiver to his wife and High School sweetheart. He has now been reunited with her. During their time together, they were faithful and active members of First United Methodist Church in High Point.

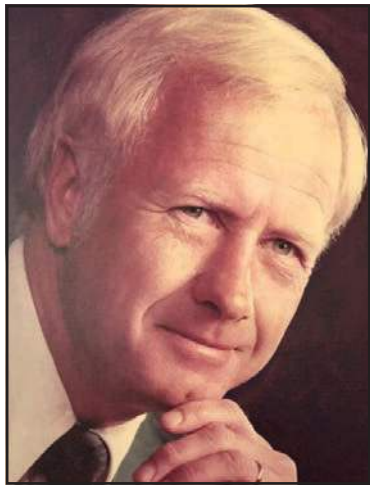
Dean attended Pulaski High School and graduated college from Hampden-Sydney College in 1954 and Medical School of Virginia in 1958. He then went on to work his Medical Fellowship and Residency at Duke University in 1963-1964.

Dean was active in High School and College sports. During High School, he lettered in Baseball, Football and Basketball. During his time at Hampden-Sydney College, he lettered in baseball, where he was Captain of the team, 3rd baseman and had a .300 batting average. In football, he was the starting Quarterback and led the team to Mason-Dixon Conference Championship. He was named All Mason-Dixon Conference. Dean went on to sign with the Pulaski Phillies, the Philadelphia Phillies minor league team. He was an expert snow skier, loved sailing and enjoyed golfing. He was an original member of the Willow Creek Country Club. He was the winner of WCCC Senior Club Champion, Campbell Cup team Champion and along with his wife, Gay they won multiple WCCC Couples Club Championships. He had several hole-in-ones during his time of golfing. He also enjoyed woodworking and cabinetmaking.

Dean practiced his medical career in High Point, where in 1964 he co-founded, High Point Radiological Service and remained until 1997. He was instrumental in bringing nuclear medicine and the first CT scanner to High Point. He opened the Imaging Center to serve the High Point Community. Dean was a member of the Eastern Radiology Society, co-founded American Bank and served on the Board of Directors for BB&T Bank in High Point.

Dean is survived by his children, Brian Dean Tester of Atlanta, GA, Christopher Alan Tester of Fleetwood, NC, Julie Tester Faria and husband, Richard of High Point; grandchildren, Olivia Faria, Isabel Faria and Natalie Faria.

A graveside service was held



Sunday, Feb. 21 at Deep River Friends Meeting Cemetery in High Point with Rev. Debra Swing officiating.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Dr. Nelson Pollock and his staff, Home Instead and the staff at Pennybyrn for all their care and support.

For those who prefer, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 512 N. Main Street, High Point, NC 27262; Pennybyrn at Maryfield, 1310 Greensboro Road, High Point, NC 27262; or to United Way of Greater High Point, 201 Church Avenue, High Point, NC 27262.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.cumbyfuneral.com.

Note: According to Tom Huford, Tester was the son of Coy Tester, who operated Virginia Oak Flooring Company in Pulaski in the 1950s, and still has relatives in Pulaski. Dean Tester was a star athlete at Pulaski High School, and after graduating from Hampden-Sydney he was signed by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1954, and assigned to their Pulaski farm club. After playing with the Phillies for **about a month, he suffered a severe injury** when struck in the head by a pitched ball in a game at Johnson City. That ended his pro career, but he entered medical school at the Medical College of Virginia.



DAVIS ERIC WOODRUM

Davis Eric Woodrum, 47, passed away at his home in Pulaski County surrounded by his family on Wednesday, February, 17, 2021. He was an employee of the Radford Army Ammunitions Plant.

Eric was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Peggy Woodrum.

He is survived by his loving wife, Renee A. Woodrum; sons,

Tyler Mills (Britne) of Roanoke, Logan Woodrum (Tiersa Wilson) of Radford, and Chase Woodrum of Pulaski; grandchildren, Casey, Kaiden and Willow; brothers, Russell Woodrum (Debbie) of Dublin, Kelly Woodrum of Radford; and Clancy Woodrum (Courtney) of Portland, Maine; sister, Punkin Meeks (Charlie) of Radford; and numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank UVA Medical Center, Intrepid Hospice, friends and family for all their support and care given to Eric during his illness.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the American Cancer Society.

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



CAROL DEXTER WEYER

Carol Dexter Weyer, 82, of Radford, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021. She had been surrounded by her family and caregivers in the final days of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Dexter

and Frances Campbell Switchenberg; and her husband, James (Jim) F. Weyer.

Survivors include: her son and daughter-in-law, Rodger and Lori Wills of Radford; sister, Betty Jane Morris of Dublin; and special cousin, Gail Scott of Vinton.

She graduated from Radford High School and retired from Poly Scientific in Blacksburg. She enjoyed traveling in a motor home with her husband and Dobermans for many years and they made lots of friends throughout their travels. She also enjoyed cooking and collected innumerable boxes of recipes over the years. She was an avid reader of the Bible and the power of her faith was an inspiration! She loved all animals and used to take her pet parrot everywhere with her, including physician appointments. She had other pet birds, however, dogs were her true love. She especially favored Pit Bulls and Dobermans and rescued several throughout her life and many became her pets. Carol volunteered with both the Radford and Dublin Humane Society, the Kennel Club, and PAWS. Other hobbies included: photography and scrapbooking to which we are forever grateful. Our best memories of/with her will not be forgotten; she left behind many photo albums and scrapbooks dating back to 1959. Even though she is no longer here with us in the flesh, she will forever remain in our hearts and our memories.

Due to the pandemic, the family will remember Carol in a private memorial service at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, Carol had requested that contributions be made to: The Jewish Jesus (Rabbi Schneider, PO Box 777, Blissfield, MI 49228-a Christian Organization) or the local Humane Societies.

The family would like to especially thank Dawn Whitescarver and Amy Rhodes, her caretakers and the staff at Carilion Hospital for their dedication and exceptional kindness.

The Weyer family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

PAULA WORRELL WILLIAMS

Paula Worrell Williams, age 68 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, February 17, 2021 at the New River Valley Medical Center.

Born January 28, 1953 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Posey Lee Worrell and Frances Rhoades Worrell. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Perry Lynn Worrell.

She was retired from Virginia Tech with 25 years of service.

She is survived by Her husband-James Michael Williams-Pulaski

Sons and daughters-in-law- Jamie Mark Williams and Lorrie Williams-Pulaski

Jeremy Michael Williams and Dorothy Williams- Pulaski

Four Grandchildren- Josh, Jessica, Noah and Dominic

Funeral services were held Monday, February 22, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed in Thornspring Cemetery, Pulaski

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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Editorial:
Use some
common sense

To say we are disappointed would be an understatement.

We heard earlier this week that Gov. Ralph Northam would be making a statement Wednesday morning about changes in capacity limits for outdoor activities as we continue dealing with COVID-19.

After attending last Saturday evening’s girls basketball state championship game in the Cougar Den and watching the video of the Pulaski County – Cave Spring football game in Roanoke on Monday night, both with pitifully small audiences, we were in high hopes that changes were coming to allow for more fans in the stands.

But sadly, it did not happen.

The governor made some changes, but nothing that will help our high schools.

The gym at Pulaski County High School could have held dozens more fans – including more parents of players, families, kids, you name it – for last Saturday’s title match.

And all those attending would have had plenty of room to social distance – or as New River Health Director Dr. Noel Bissell likes to say – “physical distance.”

It was a state championship game for crying out loud. It is not every season that a team gets to play in that environment – especially on their home floor. The players deserved to have their parents and siblings – all of them – watch them in person.

The same for football. Bogle Stadium in Roanoke was darn near empty Monday night, save for the two teams, coaches and support staff. It was head coach Mark Dixon’s first game at PCHS, and Cougar fans – the best fans around who travel with their team like few others – were cheated out of seeing the debut.

So, unless something happens in Richmond prior to Saturday afternoon, Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium – one of the largest football venues in the area capable of seating 10,000 fans (and many will recall games which had upwards of 15,000 in attendance in the past) – will be mostly empty when the Cougars face the Hidden Valley Titans at 3 p.m.

It is nonsense!

We were very pleased on Sunday when School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers released a statement from the school system in response to the governor’s Amended Executive Order #72.

According to the statement, Pulaski County Public Schools received notice last week that Governor Ralph Northam had amended executive order #72 in a way that reduces the number of potential spectators at football games and prohibits public schools from counting cheerleaders and band members as participants/players.

The amended order, Siers wrote, is forcing schools throughout the state to choose between excluding band and cheer from participation or reducing the number of parents who can attend these events.

The statement expressed opposition to the amended order for three reasons:

1. The order is discriminatory in that it diminishes the role of predominantly female groups of student athletes and musicians, who are essential participants in the football game experience, by classifying them as spectators.
2. The order is not grounded in the science that we currently utilize in implementing COVID-19 mitigation strategies. We know from experience that we can safely put 1000 students a day into our high school with classrooms at 80 percent capacity by masking and social distancing. Counting band and cheer as participants in addition to 250 spectators would still leave our football stadium, an outdoor venue, at less than 5 percent capacity.
3. The order is arbitrary and capricious. There is a noticeable lack of consistency in how executive order #72 establishes expectations for outdoor venues. Public beaches and amusement parks are afforded much more leeway and allowed incredibly higher attendance rates than high school stadiums, which have been relegated to the category of community rec programs. It’s a designation that is insulting to our extracurricular and co-curricular programs while tying the hands of local governments to meet the needs of their communities.

The school system’s statement noted that Pulaski County Public Schools will abide by the guidance set forth in the amended executive order #72 while exploring available options for challenging it such as seeking a legal remedy through the courts or requesting a Title IX investigation regarding the possible gender discrimination aspect.

“It is our sincerest hope that Governor Northam will reconsider his decision and include band and cheer as participants when new guidance is issued at the end of the month. Our teachers and coaches are doing incredible things to create positive experiences for kids and our students deserve the same effort from their state government,” Siers said.

We fully support the school system’s response, and if it takes going to court to force the governor to come to his senses, then so be it.

Not every high school has a stadium that can seat as many as Pulaski County or Salem for instance, and maybe 250 spectators is reasonable in some places. But not here.

Let us use common sense and allow larger crowds in outdoor venues where it is safe to do so. Especially when “outdoor entertainment and public amusement venues” are allowed to operate with up to 1,000 spectators.

Elections have
long-term consequences

117 years ago, on FEBRUARY 23, 1904, the United States purchased the Canal Zone from the country of Panama for ten million dollars, plus annual payments of \$250,000.

Many countries have built canals to improve navigation and connect their waterways, some as far back in history as in Italy’s Naviglio Canal completed in 1258. England’s Exeter Canal was constructed in the 1560’s; and the Netherlands, Flanders and Belgium constructed a dense system of canals mostly in the 1600’s. One of the best known is the Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean and Red Sea was opened to navigation on November 17, 1869.

Some famous canals in the United States are the Cut River built in 1636, connecting Plymouth Harbor with Mansfield on Green Harbor. South Hadley Canal was opened in 1795 and bypasses Great Falls at South Hadley, MA on the Connecticut River. Then there is the 22-mile Dismal Swamp Canal, opened in 1805, between VA and NC. Most people are aware of the Erie Canal, opened in 1825 which spans 363 miles from Albany, NY to Buffalo, NY on Lake Erie.

But how many people are aware of the history of the Panama Canal and the influence of American presidents on building it and managing it?

In 1535, Charles V (King of Spain) ordered a survey of the Isthmus of Panama to ascertain whether a canal located there

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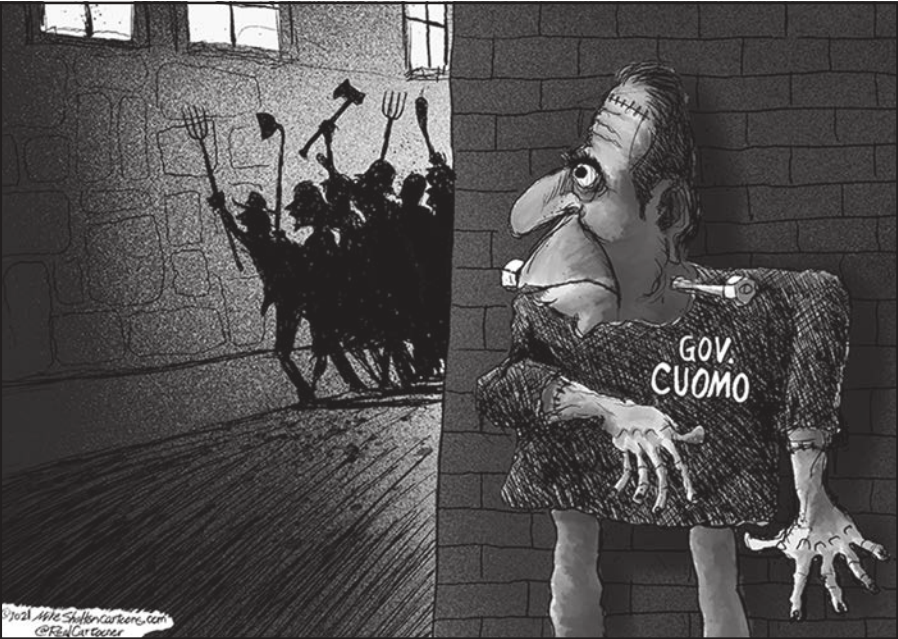
By Danielle Reid

could connect the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. He realized a canal could save weeks of sailing around the dangerous South American route through the Straits of Magellen. Before the canal, ships would have to go around the entire continent of South America. So, if a ship were traveling from New York to San Francisco, it would save around 8,000 miles and 5 months of travel by crossing at the canal.

In 1788, Thomas Jefferson suggested constructing a canal at that location; and in 1846, under the leadership of President James K. Polk, the US signed a treaty with Colombia (known then as New Granada) ensuring the right to build a canal route. Plans were delayed during the Mexican-American War in 1848; and the California Gold Rush in 1849.

On November 3, 1903, during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, the US aided Panama in gaining independence from Colombia; and 117 years ago, on February 23, 1904, the US purchased the Canal Zone from Panama for \$10

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Rush Explained

By Cal Thomas,
Tribune Content Agency

I wasn’t going to write a second column on the passing of Rush Limbaugh but given the reaction from hostile and snarky individuals -- even from a few self-styled conservatives -- explaining his influence is key to understanding him and more importantly the movement for which he was such a powerful spokesman.

As with the former president, Donald Trump, Limbaugh spoke for people who felt disparaged by condescending elites. Established politicians, lobbyists, Washington lawyers and others collectively known as “inside the Beltway” types reacted to him as if these people had trespassed on their territory.

Limbaugh’s devoted fans believed their values helped build and sustain America through wars, economic downturns and other challenges. They see those values under siege from a secular progressive generation that tolerates everything but them. Many had served in the military to defend once traditional values and the freedoms many now take for granted, as if freedom is automatically and effortlessly achieved.

These people go to church and take their children to Sunday school. Some enroll their kids in Christian schools or home school them because they dislike what is taught in public schools. They believe their country is losing all moral standards, is becoming increasingly corrupt and in danger of extinction if things don’t turn around. Shouldn’t these concerns explain why they wish to issue warnings because they love the country and don’t want it to fail? Limbaugh was their spokesman in these and other matters.

For these beliefs they are derided by the likes of former President Obama and Hillary Clinton. In 2015, Obama told a gathering of wealthy Californians at a fundraiser that conservatives “cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren’t like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.”

While running for president in 2016, Hillary Clinton famously characterized “half of Donald Trump’s supporters belong in a basket of deplorables” characterized by “racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamaphobic”

views.

You see how this works? If you don’t bend the knee to them and their way of thinking, you are somehow less of an American than they are. They think they have the right to set standards, which constantly shift and thus are not standards, while they obliterate conservative and religious standards, which are fixed.

Imagine the reaction had members of groups favored by Democrats been similarly put down by the right. I thought stereotyping was a relic of the past and something to be avoided.

Conservatives got tired of either being ignored, or having their ideas, values and beliefs demonized and so when Limbaugh, especially, and other conservative commentators and outlets came along, accurately describing, defending, even promoting their beliefs, they flocked to them.

The major media, which must make money to exist, had an opportunity to understand “these people,” a term used by some on the left to collectively describe them as if they were aliens from another planet. Instead, they effectively told them “we don’t want your business,” so they took their “business” to Limbaugh and others.

At a gathering of conservative Christians in Dallas during the 1980 presidential campaign, Ronald Reagan said, “I endorse you, and what you’re doing.” Some commentators wanted to know where the crowd had come from. They were always around, but ignored by the elites, or if they paid attention to them at all, they were viewed as uneducated, uncouth and unworthy to join the political “club.”

Instead of reaching out to understand, employ conservatives in the media and comment fairly on their beliefs, the secular progressives in and out of the media doubled down on their rejection of them. This made the rejected even more loyal to Limbaugh and those who followed him.

One definition of “The Establishment” is: “the existing power structure in society; the dominant groups in society and their customs or institutions; institutional authority.”

This is what Rush Limbaugh challenged and why his listeners loved him. He was right and those critical of him never understood. They still don’t and neither do they care to.



Rich
Lowery

Editor,
National
Review

Biden
too
timid on
schools

It’s an old political trick to make an easily achievable goal sound vauntingly ambitious in order to brag about it when it’s inevitably met.

It takes another level of chutzpah, though, to set out as a target something that has already happened.

The press has portrayed reopening Joe Biden’s goal of reopening the majority of K-12 schools in his first 100 days as so far-reaching that the timeline might have to be extended.

Enter White House press secretary Jen Psaki, who explained on Tuesday that the administration defines a school as open if it holds in-classroom instruction at least once a week.

By this metric, the goal isn’t really having more than half of schools open -- it’s having more than half of schools still 80% closed.

Not only is this a ridiculous standard, schools have already cleared the bar. According to Burbio, which runs a school-opening tracker, about two-thirds of K-12 students are attending in-person or hybrid schools.

This goalpost moving exemplifies how the Biden team isn’t pushing nearly hard enough on school reopening.

The issue has gone from being something of a red vs. blue battle line last year to a cross-partisan area of consensus. In intellectual and moral terms, the debate over reopening schools has been won, but political progress has been slow, mainly because powerful teachers unions are standing in the way.

If Biden wanted to add a touch of unity to his governing agenda, he’d call out the unions for being an obstacle to educational and economic progress at a challenging time for the country.

The science is clear enough, if that matters.

Experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Association, “There has been little evidence that schools have contributed meaningfully to increased community transmission.”

This makes the costs of school closures and remote learning all the harder to bear.

A McKinsey estimate from June concluded that students may have lost three months to a year of learning, depending on the exact circumstances. Then, there are the social costs for children, among them higher rates of depression and anxiety.

School closures have pulled women out of the labor force to bear the brunt of all the juggling that has to go on at home.

Nonetheless, teacher unions have fought reopening and helped stymie reopening in cities and blue states. Most schools in California have been remote. Elementary schools reopened in New York, but not middle schools or high schools.

School districts in the Washington, D.C., region are floating a parodic solution to reopening --

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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Awake, Thou That sleepest

Ephesians 5:14-16. "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Everyone with a sense of awareness knows that we are living in the last days. Great tribulation such as the world has never known is coming. It's almost time for the Lord to come. It is nigh at hand. It is even at the door.

Jesus is coming for His bride, just any day now, to provide an escape for the faithful from the tribulation. We need to have our lamps trimmed and burning brightly, so that when the call is made for us to "come up hither" we will rise to meet our blessed Lord and Savior in the air.

In the parable of the ten virgins, there were five wise and five foolish virgins awaiting the coming of the wedding party. The five wise virgins were vigilant. They were prepared. They had brought extra oil with them, so they would have a sufficient supply to replenish their lamps, should the bridegroom delay His coming. They knew the importance of being ready to go out and meet the bridegroom. And when the call was made, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh" the five wise virgins, arose, trimmed their lamps, and went out to meet the Bridegroom, and joined the wedding party.

The five foolish virgins brought no extra oil with them and when their lamps went out, without oil, they had no light. Because they were unprepared, they were unable to find their way to greet the wedding party and were left behind.

To be left behind when Jesus comes would be the most frightening thing that anyone could ever experience. Once the Rapture of the Saints takes place, there'll not be another opportunity to go out and meet Christ and be caught away with Him up into Heaven.

No one knows when Jesus will return, so we have to have our spiritual lamps lit, with an ample supply of the oil of the Holy Spirit, should He delay His coming. His coming has been delayed now for nearly 2,000 years because He has been gathering in the Gentiles. But it is closer now than it's ever been before. If our spiritual reservoirs are empty, because the Spirit of God has been quenched in our lives, or grieved because of unforgiven sins in our hearts, our feet won't leave the ground come Rapture time.

Every believer in Christ Jesus, needs to have his or her own supply of the oil of the Spirit. Every individual must seek the face of God for their own portion from God, who is pleased to fill and thrill with the Holy Spirit, all who hunger for His presence.

While the Bridegroom tarries, we have to go about doing our respective duties. But the most important thing we are to do is to be watching and waiting, with anxious anticipation and eager expectation, for the coming of the Lord.

If we're just playing Church,

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Pastor: Alan Pearce
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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
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Newbern Christian Church
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674-6111
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11:00 am - Worship
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Phone - 980-0820

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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Pastor Mark A. Miller
markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com
Cell) 540-320-2431
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message):
11 a.m.

Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry
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Church of God of Prophecy
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Cell: 276-233-8083
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972
www.pulaskigracemin.com
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

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Worship 11 a.m.
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Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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First Baptist Church
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Dublin, VA 24084
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New Dublin Presbyterian Church
5331 New Dublin Church Road
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540-674-6147
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
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Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
Group - 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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The Patriot

McCraw

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we're going to be left behind.
We can't be living borderline
lives with one foot in the world
and one foot in the Church and
expect to go with Jesus when He
comes.

"Awake thou that sleepest."
We must make sure that we have
our priorities in order and our
sins under the blood of Jesus.
This scripture speaks volumes
to those who have fallen into
spiritual apathy. It is a call for
them to "wake up." To live their
lives exercising self-control, so
as not to be overcome by the
temptations of the world.
"See that ye walk circum-
spectly, not as fools, but as
wise." To walk circumspectly
is to walk carefully. Those who
are wise, live for God. Those
who are foolish, don't. Foolish
men and women say there is no
God; no Rapture; no Heaven;
and no Hell. "The fool hath
said in his heart that there is no
God." (Psalm 14:1) The wise
know that there is a Heaven to
gain and a Hell to shun; that
Jesus is coming back again, as
He said.

"Redeeming the time, because
the days are evil."
Redeeming the time means to
make the most of every oppor-
tunity to do service for Christ
and to our neighbor. "We serve
God best by serving our fellow
man."

We must work for the day is
coming, when there'll be no
more opportunities to win the
lost to Christ.
"Awake thou that sleepest, and
arise from the dead, and Christ
shall give thee light." Luke-
warm believers are called upon
to awaken from their spiritual
slumber. Those who are unsaved
are called upon to come of the
darkness and into the marvelous
light of Christ.
"Awake, thou that sleepest."
The next great event on the cal-
endar of God is the resurrection
of the righteous and the catching
away of the living saints to meet
Jesus in the air.

Much of Church membership
is asleep on the pews. Souls are
perishing every hour of every
day, all over the world, because
the Church is asleep on the pews
and is failing to reach them with
the gospel.
"Awake thou that sleepest."
We must work to get our loved
ones saved while there is still
time.
"Redeeming the time." Re-
deeming the time means that
we must make the most of our
time. In fact, we need work even
harder to make up for the time
we've already lost, while we
were sleeping.
"The days are evil." Never
before in all of history has there
been so much wickedness upon
the earth. We are truly living in
perilous times. The last days of
the last days.
If you don't know Jesus in the
pardon of your sins, invite Him
to come into your heart and
life today. Make your lifelong
commitment to Him. Don't be a
dead head. Wake up. For Jesus
IS coming soon.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 7x70
 3. In Genesis 24, who played the matchmaker for Isaac and Rebekah? Nahor, A shepherd, Bethuel, Abraham's servant
 4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant
 5. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? Satan, Adam, Job, Haman
 6. Who/what was Shishak? Roast lamb, Birthplace of Moses, Serpent, King of Egypt
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 40; 3) Abraham's servant; 4) Ant; 5) Job 1:21; 6) King of Egypt
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in book-stores and online.

We need to give thanks for those around us

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I have trouble getting along with people. I try hard to be understanding but things people do and say irritate me. My mother told me that I can't change others but I can change myself. I've tried but it is hard and I'm frustrated. -- C.M.


A: A woman once wrote a letter describing how fortunate she was to have a kind, considerate husband. She then wrote four pages listing all his faults! How many marriages and other relationships grow cold and eventually are shat-

tered because of faultfinding.

We should thank God for the people in our lives. It is so easy to take other people for granted or to complain and become angry because they do not meet our every expectation. But we need to give thanks for those around us -- our spouses, our children, our relatives, and our friends. We must also grasp that we do things that irritate others in our circle of friends and family.

How do we respond to this challenge? Do we go out of our way to let others know we appre-

My Answer



Billy Graham

ciate them and are thankful for them? The Christians in the city of Corinth were far from perfect, but the Apostle Paul began his first letter to them by thanking God for them (1 Corinthians 1:4). We should be diligent to thank God for

others who touch our lives.

The Bible is the book of books and its pages are filled with examples of why and how relationships turn bad. It also tells us how to nurture friendship and overlook faults. God's Word instructs us to pray for discernment and wisdom, and to respond to others with understanding and mercy. Patience graciously, compassionately, and with understanding judges the faults of others without unjust criticism, but in love. After all, this is what Christ has done for us and we are told to "follow His steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Calfee

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The play spaces will be available to the public outside the center’s hours in the evenings and on weekends.

Williams said the play spaces will be a “different” type of space designed specifically for children constructed using natural and recycled materials, including gardens and water features, encouraging a love of the outdoors.

Community Kitchen

The Lena Huckstep Community Kitchen will be a commercial grade facility used by food distribution providers such as Daily Bread and Beans and Rice’s Mobile Food Market which will deliver fresh, locally sourced, affordable produce around the county; local caterers and other food-based entrepreneurs.

One of the main components of the kitchen plans, Williams said, will be to support local entrepreneurs interested in starting their own businesses and connecting them to local produce.

It was noted that, in 2018, 54.6 percent of Pulaski County children qualified for free or reduced-price lunch – pointing to the need for food assistance in many county families.

The kitchen is named after Huckstep, Calfee Training School’s beloved cook remem-

bered fondly for her beans, cornbread and love of children.

Digital Learning Lab

The Dorothy DeBerry Venable Digital Learning Lab is named after Mrs. DeBerry Venable who was a 2nd grade teacher at Calfee Training School. She successfully advocated for her students to have the same access to technology as the white students of the county.

The lab will allow local youth and adults to access and learn to use high quality technology.

“We’re working with New River Community College, the New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board and local workforce professional trainers to design a business plan that will support workforce development through offering credentials, IT support and other related fields,” Williams said.

This, she said, addresses the Comprehensive Plan’s objectives to promote workforce training.

Lowery

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have kids return to the classroom so they can gather to watch remote teachers on computer screens.

Somehow private schools have largely managed to stay open, in part, because if they don’t, no one gets paid.

In contrast, public school teachers are in a position to make demands even to consider coming back and doing their jobs.

She added that during the Calfee visioning process they heard a great deal about the need for digital literacy classes for seniors who want to learn to do things such as online banking and social media.

The lab, Williams noted, will have a community-accessible computer lab with 13 computer stations.

Meeting Spaces

Williams noted that while there are a lot of meeting spaces in the county, in the area of Calfee there are not many that are well-acquainted with commercial kitchen facilities, high quality technology and space for children.

“The future CCCC will provide such spaces for community organizations, social event planners, arts organizations and others with additional rental spaces that range from the center’s Broadneaux-Baker Hall (1,542 square feet) to a medium sized

board room with a kitchenette to a small rental office and gallery,” Williams said.

Timeline

“We have an ambitious timeline here,” Williams said. “Our hope is that if all goes as planned, we will open to the public in early 2023.

The timeline includes a capital campaign (Spring and Summer 2021), design (Fall 2021), contractor procurement (Spring 2022), Construction (Spring 2022 – Early 2023), and opening as the Calfee Community and Cultural Center by Spring 2023.

Project Expenses and Revenues

Thompson and Litton estimates the cost of completing the center at \$3.5 million, including \$2.5 million for construction and renovation of the old Calfee School property, and an additional \$1 million to cover the expense of equipment for the kitchen, computer lab and for startup costs,

furniture, fixtures and equipment.

To pay for it, Williams said the Center is submitting in April a Community Development Block Grant proposal for \$1.5 million. They have already submitted grant proposals to the Appalachian Regional Commission and National Park Service.

“We anticipate the balance of the project will be covered through historic tax credits and private donors,” she said.

During Monday night’s meeting, the supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the county and the Center. The MOU calls for the county for a period of two years to administer planning grant funds received by the Center in exchange for the services the Center will provide to county citizens.

Hackworth

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ing able to work together and get things done. I think that will mean a lot for us in Pulaski County because he knows firsthand the shenanigans the General Assembly does with budgets where they come out and wave the flag and say, ‘we’re giving teachers a 2 percent pay raise.’ No, you’re not. You’re giving them a 1 percent pay raise and telling the localities to match it.

“He’s been through all that and, he may not be able to stop it, but he’s going to call attention to it. And that is what we need,” McCready stated.

“That is a big issue for our voters. You have your big issues like 2A, but really your property taxes are driven by how much Richmond is NOT funding our schools.

“He’s already done a lot of work in that area and needs to be complemented and recognized for that,” McCready continued.

Hackworth has been on board for 5 years and is in his second term. He was previously on the Town of Richlands Industrial Development Authority, the Cumberland Plateau Board, and the Tazewell County Planning Commission for seven years before joining the board of super-

visors.

“I’ve been in local government for 12 years and have seen the budgets, crises,” Hackworth said.

“Even with your Constitutional officers, you’re only ‘comped’ so many positions and so the localities have to pick up any additional costs. The sheriff’s department especially. Bland County for example, is one-third Jefferson National Forest. So, they only get comped nine deputy positions, but they have to have 20 for what they need to service their constituents. That’s why when you go through Bland County on the interstate you have to put your cruise control on about 5 mph over or you’re going to get a ticket. They run radar to supplement those deputies’ pay. They don’t want to do that, but it’s a necessity.

“The inequalities that the General Assembly has done – I know what they do, they don’t want to raise taxes on their end, so they just enact these mandates on localities, and they’re forced to have to do something.

Hackworth sees local economic development as another major issue.

“Driving through Pulaski

this morning I saw all the empty buildings and it resonated with me because Richlands is the same way. I’d love if we could get a revitalization program to incentivize some of your local businesses to invest back into vacant buildings or school buildings. We’ve got vacant school buildings that are just deteriorating.

“Being on the board of supervisors that really gives me an education so when I’m in the General Assembly I’ll be able to help some of our local boards of supervisors and town councils because I’ve been there.

“Being a local leader, it’s really helped me to know the needs of our local communities,” Hackworth stated.

He said Buchwald is far to the left on the issues in the campaign.

“The best advertising we could get for our campaign was when

Gov. Northam endorsed her,” he said. “That was wonderful.”

“There’s a lot of issues in this race, but I believe the biggest is the partisan divide that we have. We [Republicans] are three votes down in the State Senate right now, with Ben’s seat being vacant. If I get in it will cut it to two.

“I asked the other day, how many times does that one vote – that one empty seat – matter, and they [Senate Republicans] said several times this year. They said they’ve got some moderate Democrats that will still stand up and say, ‘you know, that’s too far.’

“Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax has had to vote several times this year [to break tie votes]. So, this one seat is the biggest issue I see right now. We have a void – a vacuum – that the governor has refused to act on in a timely matter, even though precedence has shown he’s filled

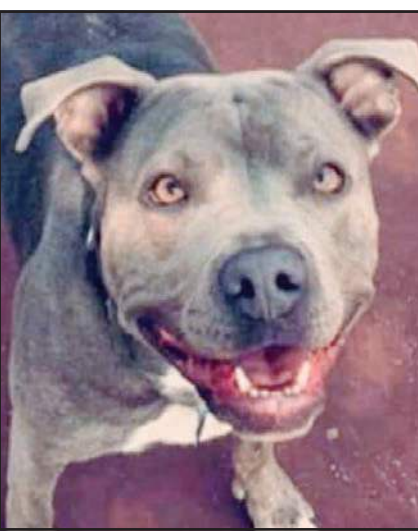
seats within 30 days when it was a Democratic seat. He’s refused to do this all through this session, and I think that’s why he’s called for a special session the next week because he knew this election was coming on the 23rd and so the only thing I’ll get to participate in if I win will be the veto session.

“So, I think that’s the most important issue in this election. Get another conservative up there and get some moderates to go across the aisle.

“That umbrellas overtop all these other issues,” he said.

The 38th State Senate District includes the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, Tazewell and Pulaski; the cities of Norton and Radford and portions of Montgomery, Smyth and Wise counties.

PET OF THE WEEK



Rona is a 3-year-old pit mix. She is spayed and up to date on all of her vaccines. She loves people and is pretty calm overall. She is dog/cat aggressive and absolutely must be the only pet in the home.

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Cougars roll over Cave Spring, 42-0

*Dalton
throws for
two TDs,
runs for two
more in first
win for Dixon*

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Mark Dixon era at Pulaski County got off to a roaring start Monday night as the Cougars routed Cave Spring, 42-0 in a chilly season opener in Roanoke.

Pulaski County's defense dominated most of the game, holding the Knights to only 96 yards of offense on the game — 73 on the ground and only 23 through the air.

The defense scored a touch-down early in the fourth quarter, nearly scored a second and recovered a fumble late in the game to set up the Cougars' final score.

The two teams battled nearly even in the first half, with the only score coming with 5:23 to go when senior Pulaski County quarterback Drew Dalton hit Will Bishop on a bootleg for a 13-yard score. Senior Broc Simpson hit what would be the first of six extra points to give the Cougars a 7-0 lead at the half.

While the first half was a back-and-forth affair, the second half was all Pulaski County as the Cougars' size up front on both sides of the ball began to take control of the game.

The Cougars received the second half kickoff and used six plays to kick off.

The drive was highlighted by a 19-yard Dalton to Ethan Gallimore pass to start the drive.

The big play of the drive, however, came when Dalton found a wide open Chase Dotson on the left side for a 49-yard touchdown with 8:58 to go in the third quarter. Simpson's PAT was good for a 14-0 lead and the rout was on.

Cave couldn't respond and went three-and-out. Pulaski County's defense in the series was highlighted by the sack of Knights QB Chase Speller by linebacker Chayton Rollins and lineman Diego Turner, and a relentless pass rush on second and third downs by the Cougars' defensive line.

After the punt, Pulaski County used the rushing of tailback Keyonte Kennedy (two carries of four yards each) and Dalton to set the Cougars up on a second and six from Cave Spring's 43.

On the next play, Dalton faked to Kennedy and hit a streaking Jacob Johnson for a 42-yard pass to put Pulaski County inside the Cave Spring one.

Dalton took it in from there with Simpson adding the extra point, and with 5:10 to go in the third, the Cougars were up 21-0.

The Cougars' "D" kept the pressure on in the Knights' next



Pulaski County Quarterback Drew Dalton rolls to his right looking for a receiver downfield. Dalton was 6 of 9 passing for 150 yards and two touchdowns through the air. He also scored on two one-yard plunges.



Monday night's win was the first at PCHS for new head coach Mark Dixon.

series, with Cooper Dunnigan getting a sack of Knights QB Skylor Griffiths for a loss of two yards. Griffiths tried to run on second down for no gain. On third down, Griffiths rolled to his right with Cougar defenders in hot pursuit and threw incomplete.

Later, Speller returned to the game for the Knights, but couldn't get anything going. However, on fourth down they got a break when Pulaski County was called

for roughing the punter, giving Cave Spring new life.

But on first down, Speller went back to pass only to be picked off by Dotson who returned the ball 22 yards before being brought down inside the Cave one yard line.

On first down, Quemar Porter was stopped for little gain. But on the next play, Dalton drove into the endzone for the score with a minute to go in the third. Simpson added the PAT and Pulaski County

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Chase Dotson (11) had much to celebrate Monday night, as the senior grabbed an interception on defense, and scored on a 49-yard pass play on offense.

No. 16 Hokies fall hard to Ga. Tech

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Moses Wright scored 17 of his 26 points in the second half, helping Georgia Tech pull away from No. 16 Virginia Tech for a 69-53 victory Tuesday night.

Wright also grabbed 10 rebounds in the Yellow Jackets' third straight win. They also posted back-to-back ACC road wins for the first time since 2008.

"We were trying to make a statement out here that we belong at the top," Wright said. "So we've got to get these games."

Jose Alvarado had 13 points for Georgia Tech (12-8, 8-6), and Michael Devoe finished with 12. Alvarado also had five steals.

Keve Aluma had 12 points and 14 rebounds for Virginia Tech (14-5, 8-4). The Hokies' 53 points were a season low.

The Yellow Jackets grabbed control with a 12-0 run in the second half. Wright scored seven points during the decisive stretch on three dunks and a free throw.

Virginia Tech cut a 14-point deficit to six with 7:20 remaining, but Georgia Tech held on — bucking a season-long trend of letting second-half leads slip away.

"Yes, I've seen that before, and fortunately, these last few games, we've learned how to win," coach Josh Pastner said. "We got stops and we executed at the other end."

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ty led, 28-0.

After the two teams traded possessions, Pulaski County's defense shined again.

On second down from the Cave 32-yard line, Speller launched a pass that was picked off by Porter who took it in for the Pick-6. Simpson's PAT was good for a 35-0 lead with 4:05 to go.

With the Cougars holding a 35-point advantage, the game went to a "running clock," with the clock only stopping after a score or an injury.

Running clock or not, there was still time for the Cougars' defense to shine one more time.

Pulaski County's Tyler Underwood recovered a Cave Spring fumble on first down to hand the ball right back to the Cougars.

Running back Trevor Burton and backup quarterback Cam Cooper took over on offense, with Burton running off the left side for a five-yard TD carry. Simpson was good again on the PAT and Pulaski County was up by the final, 42-0 with 5:04 to play.

For the game, Pulaski County rolled up 233 yards of offense (83 runshing and 150 passing).

Kennedy led all rushers with 69 yards on 19 carries, while Burton had 16 on 4 carries, Porter, 6 on 5 carries and Cooper, 1.

Dalton was six of nine passing with no interceptions for 150 yards.

Gallimore lead all receivers with 3 catches for 36 yards, followed by Bishop, 1-13, Dotson, 1-49 and Johnson, 1-42.

The Cougars had two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Pulaski County tallied 11 first downs and 109 yards on returns and were flagged 5 times for 45 yards.

Simpson punted once for 35 yards.

Cave Spring put together 8 first downs, 73 yards rushing and only 23 through the air.

Cave Spring's two quarterbacks were a combined 5 of 17 with 2 intercepted.

Another killer stat for the Knights was their punting with five punts going for only an 18.1 average.

Pulaski County returns to action Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. at home in Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium when they take on the Titans of Hidden Valley.



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Pulaski County tailback Keyonte Kennedy takes the handoff from QB Drew Dalton and eyes a big hole up front- set up by the Cougars' much larger offensive line of Cole Albert, Clay Phillips, Cooper Dunnigan, Zeke Surber and Demarcus Hayden. Kennedy ran for 69 yards on 19 carries.



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Cougar return man John Lyman steps through a tackle try by a Cave Spring defender.



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The Cougar colors flew proudly all night in Roanoke.

Hokies

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Georgia Tech shot 62% (16 of 26) from the field in the second half. The game was tied at 24 at the break.

Nahiem Alleyne had 12 points for the Hokies.

"The bottom line is we got beat by a better team tonight," Virginia Tech coach Mike Young said. "I thought for the first time in recent memory we lost our edge a little bit. I thought we got hit in the stomach and we stepped away from it. That's unlike our team ... But I take nothing away from Georgia Tech. They've got a good basketball team."

BIG PICTURE

Georgia Tech: The veteran Yellow Jackets are pushing for a spot in the NCAA Tournament. It was the Yellow Jackets' fourth win over a ranked team this season. With plenty of experience and talented guard play, they are a team to watch in the final two weeks of the regular season.

"They know the deal," Pastner said. "We weren't hiding anything that this was an important game. I've never coached in a game that hasn't been big in my mind, but we understood the value of this coming down to crunch

time here. ... We needed that extra game to go on our resumé, so our guys knew that. It was a huge win for us."

Virginia Tech: The Hokies played for the first time since Feb. 6 after their season was paused because of COVID-19 protocols. They looked a little rusty, struggling against Georgia Tech's 1-3-1 zone, missing open shots and turning the ball over 16 times. The Hokies are still in a good spot for an NCAA Tournament berth, but will need to play better down the stretch.

UP NEXT

Georgia Tech: Host Syracuse on Saturday. Virginia Tech: Host Wake Forest on Saturday.



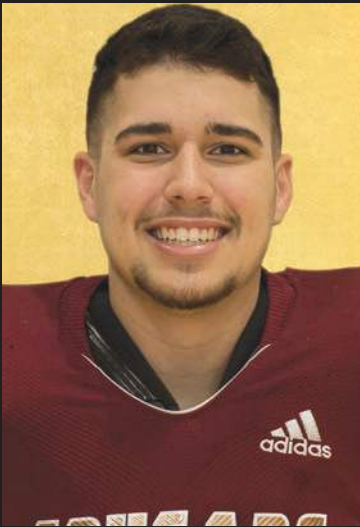
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Virginia Tech's Hunter Catoor goes up in traffic to score for the Hokies.



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Lady Cougars lose hard-fought finale

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

It was Pulaski County’s second trip to the state championship in girls basketball in the last three seasons. And while the Lady Cougars got much closer to hoisting the trophy this time, it just wasn’t to be.

Head Coach Scott Ratcliffe’s charges played their hearts out, but fell Saturday evening to the Louisa County Lions, 59-51 in the Cougar Den. It was Pulaski County’s first loss of the season with 11 wins.

The Region D Champion Lady Cougars let the 15-0 Lions know right off the bat that they were in for a fight, throwing a scrappy defensive effort at the Lions and their two Division I prospects – Olivia McGhee and Sylvie Jackson.

The 11-0 Lady Cougars weren’t slouching on offense either, successfully maneuvering around the Lions’ press and taking a 13-4 lead with about 3 minutes to go in the first quarter.

The Cougars’ Taryn Blankenship, Jaden Lawson and Ally Fleenor did the damage early with Blankenship scoring 4 points, Fleenor adding 6 and Lawson hitting on a three-pointer from outside.

Lawson would hit her second three while Fleenor and Blankenship added buckets to close the opening stanza with the Cougars up 20-13.

McGhee, Alexis Chapman and Jackson made the score a bit more respectful for Louisa by the end of the first, however, with each hitting three-pointers before the quarter ended.

As the second quarter started, the Lady Cougars went cold on offense. Fleenor finally broke the ice with 3:37 to go in the half hitting one of two from the line.

Meanwhile, Jackson started carrying the load for the Lions, hitting three-of-four from the



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Pulaski County’s No. 0 launches a jumper from outside over Louisa County’s No. 0, Olivia McGhee during last Saturday’s Class 4 State Championship game in the Cougar Den. Fleenor won the battle of the No. 0’s with 20 points to McGhee’s 16.



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It was tough going on the floor all evening long between Pulaski County and Louisa County. Here Taryn Blankenship is surrounded by Lions defenders.

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Class 4 State Runners-up and Region D Champion Pulaski County Lady Cougars Monday and Tuesday's High School Football Scores

Monday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Carroll County 20, Floyd County 14
Central - Wise 14, Ridgeview 7
Chilhowie 9, J.I. Burton 0
Colonial Forge 42, Brooke Point 14
Deep Creek 14, Grassfield 6
Douglas Freeman 48, Mills Godwin 0
Eastern Montgomery 21, Covington 14
Fairfax 18, Oakton 8
Glen Allen 25, J.R. Tucker 7
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Pulaski County 42, Cave Spring 0
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Tuesday's Scores

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Broad Run 41, Loudoun County 14
Broadway 35, East Rockingham 20
Castlewood 38, Honaker 0
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Wakefield 12, Washington-Lee 7
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Heck of a season for first-year head coach Scott Ratcliffe, going 11-1 on the season. The long-time successful AAU coach is no stranger to the pressure of title games.

Finale

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ball – got free and hit a layup for a six-point Lions lead.

That would be followed moments later by a Janie Smith bucket to put Louisa up, 49-41.

Huff came to the rescue, however, hitting a three-pointer with 1:55 to go and PCHS was down by five at 49-44.

Ratcliffe had his Lady Cougars foul Louisa in an attempt to come from behind, but the strategy didn't work. After Pulaski County's third straight foul, Louisa was in the bonus and eventually reached the double-bonus, hitting 10 of 14 from the line down the

stretch, with Jackson doing most of the damage.

But there was no quit in the Lady Cougars as Blankenship hit a three, Huff hit a two and Secrist added two free throws to close out the scoring for the final, 59-51.

Fleenor led the way for Pulaski County with 20 points, followed by Blankenship's 9, Huff and Secrist with 8 each and Lawson with 6.

For Louisa, Jackson had 20 with McGhee adding 16 and Wilson chipping in 14. Chapman scored 7 with Smith adding 2.

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Heart Month spotlight on YMCA nurse, Wendy King

When much of the world stopped last March due to COVID-19, Wendy King got started. Wendy, a registered nurse working at the YMCA, knew exactly how much of a negative impact social distancing and being quarantined would have on the emotional and physical well-being of many of the elderly patients that she works with. With the Y closed for 3 months, she knew she had to act and many in the community are thankful that she did. Wendy began making consistent phone calls and writing personalized letters to her patients in an attempt to make sure they continued to have social connections. Whether answering health-related questions, helping them coordinate doctor visits, or just listening to a population with much concern about a growing pandemic; Wendy was always willing to lend her knowledge and an empathetic ear to those in need. Although Wendy’s actions were simple by definition, the difference that those actions made in the lives of so many were enormous. For the attention Wendy gave to so many it’s only fair to give her some.

Wendy is a Registered Nurse that oversees the Cardiac Maintenance Program at the YMCA of Pulaski County. She worked as a nursing assistant at a long-term facility while attending college. Her college major at that time was in Special Education/Early Childhood Education. For as long as she could remember, she wanted to be a teacher. “I never thought about being a nurse. While working as a nursing assistant, I discovered that I loved what I was doing and was good at it. My coworkers, including the nurses and my Mom, suggested that I pursue a career in nursing. I graduated in 1990 and became an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse).” Her first nursing job was working at Urgent Care in Rhode Island. A year later, she moved to Denver, Colorado. After living in Colorado for a couple of years, she returned to college. She ob-

tained her Associate’s of Science in Nursing in December 1996. In January of 1997, she took and passed her nursing boards which gave her the title of RN (Registered Nurse). Her education didn’t stop there. She returned to school under the encouragement of her family to earn a Bachelorette of Nursing Science. She graduated in December, 1999. She has worked in many different areas of nursing in 30 years, including orthopedics, telemetry, surgery, cardiac critical care, and oncology.

Currently, Wendy is utilizing the wealth of knowledge and experience she has accumulated over her nursing career to help members of the YMCA obtain and maintain good heart health. The Cardiac Maintenance Program is geared toward both people with heart-related issues (heart attacks, cardiac surgery, irregular heartbeat, and high blood pressure) as well as individuals that want to proactively prevent heart-related issues and maintain heart health. Anyone and everyone that wants to participate in the program can have their blood pressure, pulse, oxygen saturation levels checked before and/or after exercising. Wendy also provides face-to-face health consultation. Wendy is passionate about increasing awareness of cardiac-related conditions and welcomed the idea of an interview....

What you need to know about Heart Health: Interview with Wendy King

What are some risk factors that contribute to cardiovascular problems?

“A person’s risk increases as they age, especially after the age of 65. Men have been found to have a higher incidence of heart-related issues than women. Smoking, high cholesterol, obesity and a sedentary lifestyle can also put you at higher risk of cardiovascular disease. High levels of stress and excessive consumption of alcohol are other risk factors that people often overlook.”

What are some warning signs that may indicate heart-related issues?

“Chest pain is an indication of heart health issues. People with chest pain are advised to seek emergency medical care by dialing 911 or going to the nearest ER. Unexplained dizziness while sitting down or walking can be an early symptom of heart disease. Arm pain, especially on the left side, and pain in the neck or jaw can be a sign of heart issues. Unexplained fatigue, excessive sweating, swollen legs, and feet may also be warning signs.”

What are some benefits of having and maintaining a healthy cardiovascular system?

“Benefits of having a healthy cardiovascular health are lower blood pressure, improved blood flow, lower cholesterol as well as a decreased risk of heart disease, diabetes, and stroke.”

Over your career, what have you observed to be interventions that have been most helpful with improving heart health?

“First and foremost the best thing you can do for your patients, in my opinion, is to listen to them. Sometimes they need someone to talk to about their health issues, fears, and concerns.”

In your experience as a nurse, what do you think prevents people from engaging in healthy habits for heart care?

“I think the biggest obstacle people face with trying to live a healthy lifestyle is time and money. Most people have busy lives and have trouble finding time to engage in physical activities. Eating healthy foods can require more preparation compared to driving to a fast-food restaurant, making it more inconvenient. Healthy meals usually cost more than eating unhealthy foods.”

Do you have any other easy advice for people who are trying to maintain heart health?

“I recommend people start out



YMCA photo

YMCA nurse, Wendy King

small. People usually think they have to do at least 30 minutes of exercising to start. This is not true. They can start out doing 5 minutes on an exercise bike or walking/jogging and increase their minutes in increments of 5 minutes each week until they meet their personal goal. The same thing applies to their diet.

“People are more successful if they take small steps with starting an exercise program or changing their diets. I encourage people to try and increase their water intake while decreasing their consumption of alcohol, coffee, or soda.”

Ronnie Powers a long time member and supporter of the YMCA, had this to say about Wendy King and the service she provides:

“Wendy provides comfort and assurance to us every day at Y. She is dependable, knowledgeable, professional, and dedicated. She genuinely seems to enjoy helping us with any of our medical needs and/or health-related questions. We are lucky to have such a kind and supportive nurse at our YMCA”.

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I don’t know where you and your husband are in your overall financial situation, but I recommend people become debt-free except for their homes, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved up before investing. Once you reach that point, I strongly advise to begin putting 15 percent of your income toward retirement before you start any outside investing.

Don’t get me wrong, I don’t mind a little selective and educated dabbling here and there once the basics are taken care of first. However, I’d never recommend putting more than 10 percent of your nest egg into a single stock. The reason? If the single stock tanks and you lose it all, then your loss is only a blip on your financial radar.

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DMV says: Watch for motorcycles

RICHMOND – As some spring-like weather rolls in, motorcyclists roll out to enjoy the highways and byways of the Commonwealth. To help spread a message of safety, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) launched a campaign this week urging motorcyclists to wear the proper gear when taking to the road and motorists to be on the lookout for the more vulnerable road users.

"Motorcyclists must do everything they can to protect themselves as they are sharing the road with vehicles that are many, many times the size of theirs," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb.

Wearing the proper gear, from head to toe, can often save a motorcyclist's life during a crash. In 2020, 87 motorcyclists died in crashes on Virginia roadways, according to preliminary figures. More than 1,700 crashes involving motorcyclists were reported and 1,479 motorcyclists were injured; 672 of those injuries were categorized as serious.

A helmet is the most important piece of safety equipment that a motorcyclist can wear. In Virginia, the law requires that motorcyclists and their passengers always wear a helmet which must meet or exceed the standards as specified by the Snell Memorial Foundation, the American National Standards Institute, Inc., or the U.S. Department of Transportation. A rider without a helmet is 40% more likely to suffer a fatal head injury than a helmeted rider.

Motorcyclists and other vulnerable road users, such as bicyclists and pedestrians, are more susceptible to serious injuries as a result of crashes because they are much smaller and lack the protections of larger vehicles on the road.

DMV offers some tips to help motorists heighten awareness of cycles:

- Allow for extra following distance behind motorcycles because riders often slow down by downshifting or coasting, which means the brake lights aren't always activated.
- Since a motorcycle's narrow profile can cause it to be hidden in a car's blind spot when it's behind a car, check rear view mirrors often to be aware of motorcycles approaching or following.
- Take an extra moment to look twice for motorcycles when changing lanes, turning at intersections, pulling out of driveways or pulling into traffic because motorcycles may look farther away than they actually are, and it can be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed.
- Be mindful that a motorcycle's turn signals aren't always self-canceling like a car's turn signals. Some riders, especially beginners, may forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change.
- Be aware that when motorcyclists adjust lane position within a lane, they are not being reckless or trying to show off. The adjustment is often made to improve visibility and to minimize the effects of debris, passing vehicles or wind.

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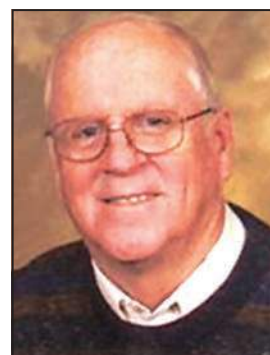
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the application(s) for zoning variance as listed below:

- Petition by Robert Cornelius, for a variance to Article 4.8.C (Building Setback Medium Density Residential Zone District) Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Property is located at 3947 Cabin Land Drive, Tax Map # 084-3-15E, 84-3-14A Ingles District.

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

COVID-19 Message: Pulaski County is committed to safely serving the public during this Covid-19 pandemic. In consideration of the social distancing guidelines, we encourage **you to contact our office prior to attending the meeting. This** will enable us to share any meeting information updates and allow us the opportunity to accommodate you to the best of our ability. 540-980-7710. Thank-you.

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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Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc"
Davis

Duck hunting weather occasionally entails some of the worst conditions especially on a river area. Heavy rains came in the middle of the week, followed by freezing snow and ice. My man, Dick, had all things packed the night before and we left out about four A.M. Saturday morning. When we got to the river at the blind site, the shallows were iced over with water in the marshy areas. My man Dick had on waders and dressed with warm clothing and all I had was my webbed feet and short black hair. We got to the bind and it had about a foot of water in it. We climbed on top as the sun was just rising. Dick had an old Stoeter Spanish 10-gauge double with four-inch shells. A couple of greenheads flew in toward us and he some how shot pulling both triggers at the same time. He was knocked back into the pit behind the walled blind and completely soaked by the time he could get

back onto his feet. I jumped into the water hoping to get the duck that he had hit, but was swept downstream as was the duck. My man hurried to the Scout calling for me to follow. I got there just as he had stripped down nude with no extra clothes to put on. He got an old blanket in the back seat that was covered in my drool and fur and wrapped both of us up in it. We got in the Jeep, got the heater going and hunkered down much like Peter Sellers and Goldie Hawn had appeared in the movie, The Pink Panther. We got home as quickly as possible and he got a good hot shower and a big hot toddy and gave me a hot meal of “chewed meat” (hamburger) and neither of us came down with pneumonia from the ordeal.

As Black Jack finished telling his duck hunting adventure, Anna Marie placed her right paw upon his left one and said, “Jack, you could have drowned on this hunt and very fortunate to be here today.” “Yes Anna Marie, “Today is as it was then.” “Le temp est alle’ aux chiens.” (The weather has gone to the dogs).

If we experience stormy weather in our spiritual lives, we can look to the master of the seas. In Matthew 8: 26b, “then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea...”
Until next time

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA

The Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street N.W., to consider an update to the Town’s Commercial Historic District Design Guidelines.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, in-person attendance will be limited to no more than 10 persons in the Council Chambers. Participants are encouraged to attend the hearing virtually via Facebook Live on the Town of Pulaski Facebook Page.

Citizens may review the draft design guidelines at <https://tinyurl.com/PulaskiGuidelineDraft> or on the Town website. A copy of the draft design guidelines is available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s Office on the 2nd Floor of the Pulaski Municipal Building, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Comments and/or questions can be sent ahead of the hearing via email to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, bdeal@pulaskitown.org or Justin Sanders, CLG Project Coordinator, jsanders@pulaskitown.org; 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. All comments received prior to the meeting date above will be forwarded to the Town Council for their consideration.

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 at (540)-994-8601 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations.

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.

A Bad

Day For

Ducks

The bad weather we have had of late with cold rains, sleet and snow reminds me of a time my friend, Dick experienced the same type of conditions while on a duck hunt several years ago. Dick had great beautiful Lab called, Black Jack, and had visited Sam White and his wife, Margo, who had three bird dogs including the beautiful Anna Marie, an English Springer. She was expecting a litter of pups in about a month and Black Jack told the story to Anna Marie as they warmed themselves before a roaring fireplace in the White home.

Black Jack related how his man Dick had been fishing in the New River in early November along a road that paralleled the railroad. He found some old used railroad ties discarded by a maintenance crew near the road. He (Dick) hooked a chain to several ties, and with his Scout International, pulled them to a good spot to construct a duck blind. There he formed a box-like enclosure of about three feet in height and cut some nearby cedars to further camouflage the site. My man intended to come back the following Saturday on the opening day for duck hunting.

PULSE

March 4
American Legion, H-H-C Post 30 to meet
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. In case of heavy snow or ice that day, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

March 4-6

Pulaski Church of God to collect for God’s Pit Crew
The Pulaski Church of God will be collecting for God’s Pit Crew next Thursday – Saturday, March 4-6, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The PCOG is a collection site for the NRV. The church is located at 1621 Bob White Blvd., Pulaski, Va.

March 6

Radford First Baptist Church **to have Drop Off Food Drive**
A Drop Off Food Drive will be held Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church. in Radford VA. The church is located at the corner of 3rd and Downey St. Food collected will be distributed to the Radford Food Pantry, Beans and Rice, and The Shelter. Canned goods and nonperishable items are needed to resupply their empty shelves. If possible, place your items in the trunk of your car. Volunteers wearing gloves and masks will remove the food safely.

March 9

Sons of Confederate Vets, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp to meet
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m. at Aly’s Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road in Montgomery County. William Reed will present the “History of the 51st Virginia Regiment”. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. In case of heavy snow or ice that day, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On going:
Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066.

Amber Waves



OK, AT FIRST I THOUGHT MAKING MORE THAN ONE SNOWMAN WAS A GOOD IDEA. NOW I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE PLOTTING AGAINST US.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb



NOPE. IT'S NOT HERE... AFTER CHANNELING ELVIS, CARL MISPLACES THE REMOTE

by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.



HANK DOESN'T LIKE ICE FISHIN'. TO EACH HIS OWN I GUESS. BUT THAT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS WA-A-Y MORE WORK THAN IT'S WORTH!

by Mike Marland

The Spats



I'M AT THE END OF MY ROPE!! GEE... I'D HATE TO SEE WHAT'S ON THE OTHER END.

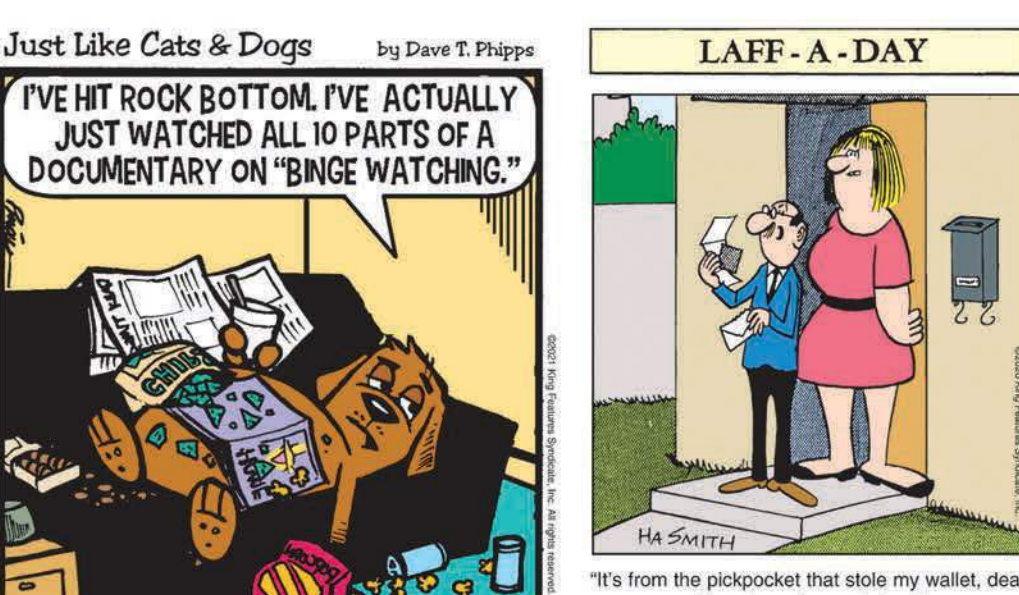
by Jeff Pickering

Popeye



WOT'S DAT YER READIN' GREAT NEWS! IT'S YOUR ASTROLOGY CHART! YOUR HOROSCOPE SAYS TODAY YOU CAN ACHIEVE UNBRIDLED SUCCESS! I KIN? YOUR MOON'S ON THE ASCENDANT WITH MARS ON THE CUSP... IZZAT GOOD? IT'S EXCELLENT! ESPECIALLY WITH JUPITER IN VENUS' HOUSE! OBOY! AN' HERE COMES POPEYE! AVAST DERE, Y RUNT! UH-OH, WHAT'S THIS? ...ONLY BEWARE OF AN AQUARIAN!!! HAW HAW! WOT'SA 'QUARIAN? WHOMP! DON'T TELL ME, LEMME GUESS

Just Like Cats & Dogs



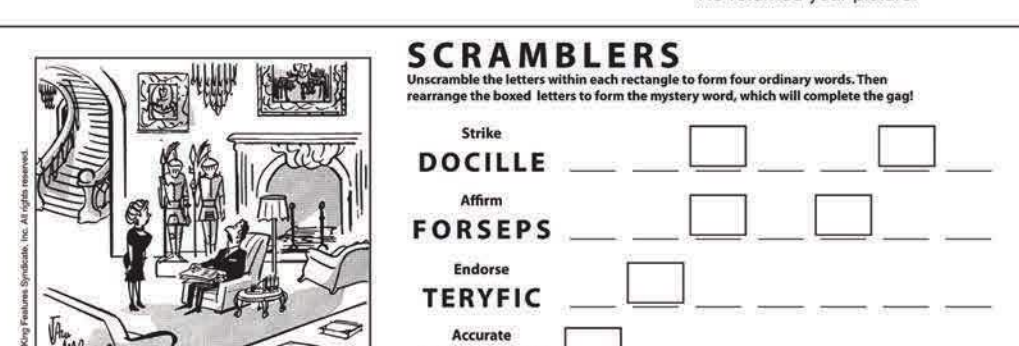
I'VE HIT ROCK BOTTOM. I'VE ACTUALLY JUST WATCHED ALL 10 PARTS OF A DOCUMENTARY ON "BINGE WATCHING."

by Dave T. Phipps

LAFF-A-DAY

HA SMITH "It's from the pickpocket that stole my wallet, dear. He returned your picture."

SCRAMBLERS



"Well, that harebrained Jones boy finally prevailed on a get-rich-quick scheme. He _____ with our daughter!"

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24 Slow, in music

28 Right to vote

32 Cash advance

33 201, in old Rome

34 Heat to near boiling

36 GOP org.

37 Priestly vestments

39 Cheap ride section

41 "Yum!"

43 Novelist Hunter

44 Steal from

46 Cowboy's workplace

50 Spur on

55 Tic-tac-toe win

56 Nerd's kin

57 Hostels

58 Hooting bird

59 Big wind

60 Track tipster

61 Carrier to Amsterdam

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1 Valley

2 Awestruck

3 Gloomy

4 Online images

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7 Stadium cheers

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9 "Selma"

10 Table support

11 Three, in Rome

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22 PC alternatives

23 Marble type

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26 Tart flavor

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GAMES: Which chess piece can only move diagonally?

2. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Nevada?

3. LANGUAGE: What is a lexicon?

4. HISTORY: What was the first sport played on the moon?

5. LITERATURE: In his will, what gift did Albus Dumbledore give to Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter book series?

6. MOVIES: What was the first Disney song to win an Academy Award for best original movie song?

7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Bermuda?

8. INVENTIONS: Who first invented a successful vaccine for rabies?

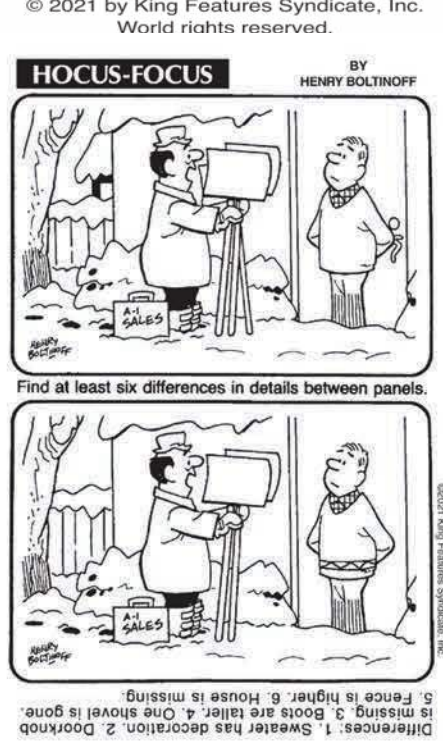
9. ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system do not have moons?

10. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MDC-CCXII?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Sweater has decoration. 2. Doorknob is missing. 3. Boots are taller. 4. One shovel is gone. 5. Fence is higher. 6. House is missing.

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. Fight

6. A dazzle or zeal

7. Charles Dickens

8. Meow Mix

9. Connecticut

10. England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

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: J equals R

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QELFHA BNC PT CJLFXHN

VLJ NSONQAJLRRPTB.

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Americanisms



"The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it."

— Franklin P. Jones

CRYPTOQUIP

I believe if someone demolishes a roof, he should get in trouble for eavesdropping.

answer

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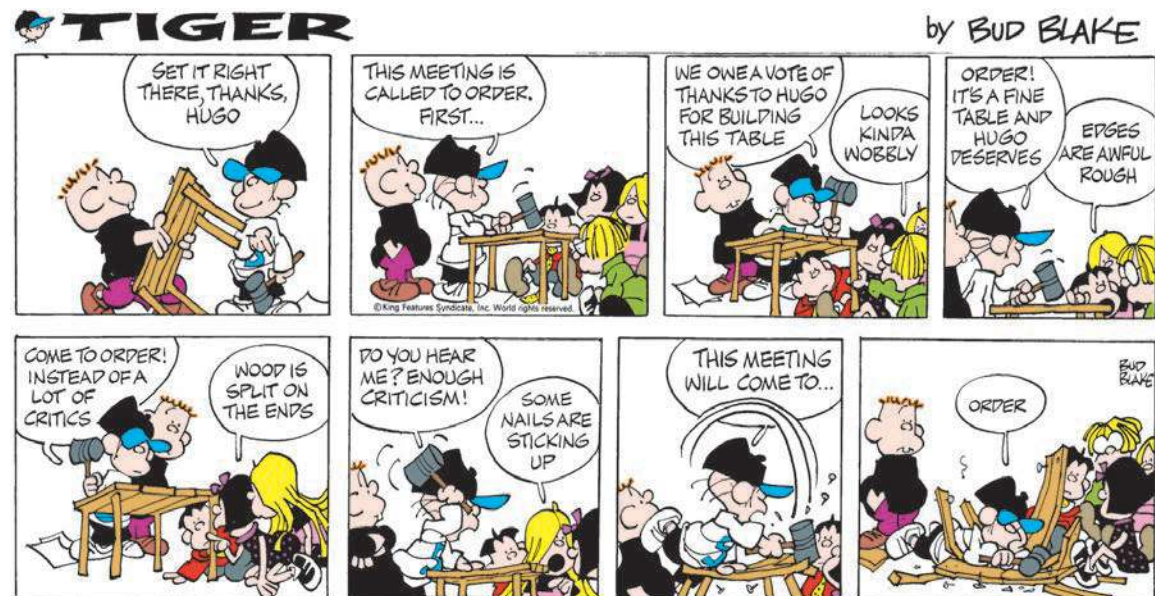
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al knowledge which can be applied to advanced beef educational programs.

Online classes will be held weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting March 2 and concluding April 13.

The cost of the program is \$70 per participant.

All participants will receive a course notebook, and a course website will be used to provide educational materials and supplemental instruction.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: ENGLISH PUBLIC HOUSE

Bar	Cider house	Lounge	Saloon
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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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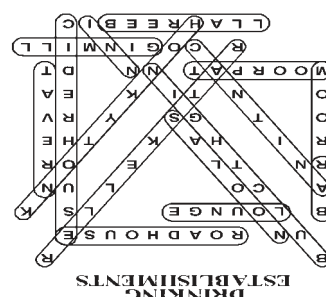
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Solitude either develops
the mental power or
renders men dull and
vicious. — Victor Hugo



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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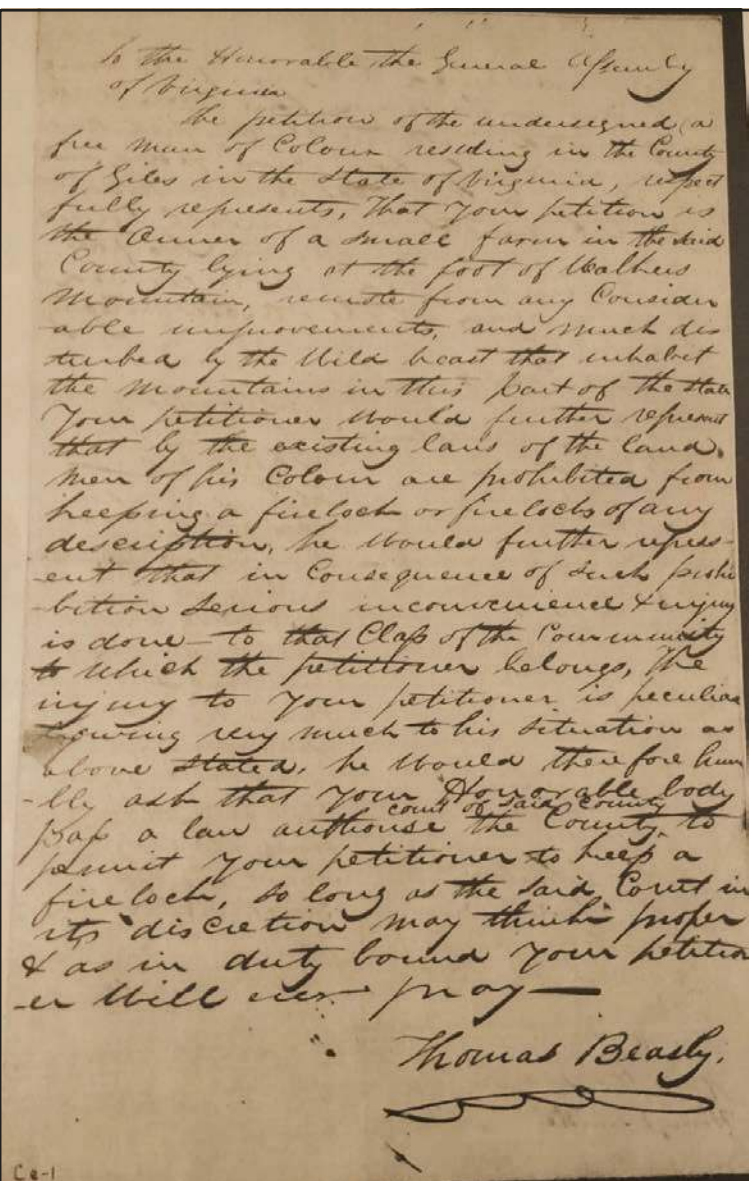
The extraordinary Thomas Beasley of Giles County

By APRIL MARTIN

The name Thomas Beasley might not be a well-known one in the history of the New River Valley, but his story and that of his family is one to be told. Thomas Beasley was born into slavery in 1797 and would be the property of James Stafford of Giles County. During Beasley's time enslaved by Stafford, several incidents occurred which would change his life drastically. The first was an accident in which the older James Stafford was crossing Walker Creek and had some type of issue. Stafford was in immediate danger of drowning, but Thomas Beasley witnesses the situation and rush into the creek and according to testimony, "carried him out from the middle of Walker Creek". At a later date, James Stafford's son Edward had a near death accident as well. Edward fell from a team of horses and landed across the tongue of the wagon causing one of the horses to then fall on top of him. Thomas Beasley was again to the rescue. "The said Thomas with considerable exertion moved the horse from him and saved his life". These deeds and possibly others that did not show up in the public record, caused James Stafford to free Thomas Beasley in his will. Beasley became a free man in 1830 and soon took up farming on some mountain land near Staffordsville. Beasley's family remained enslaved at another nearby farm. His wife was Anna who had eleven children. In freedom, Thomas requested to stay in Giles County and was approved to do so. The General Assembly of Virginia passed strict laws following the 1830 Nat Turner Rebellion in Southampton County, which required all manumitted slaves to leave the Commonwealth within a year of their freedom. However, exceptions were sometimes allowed by approval of the Assembly. The General Assembly and local community was supportive of the petition and Thomas remained. A few years later, Thomas again use the legal process to requests another privilege. In 1839, he petitioned the Assembly for permission to own a gun. Numerous local white citizens in Giles showed great support and signed his requested presented. In the petition, it was noted that Beasley's farm was in a remote section of Walker's Mountains and his gardens and



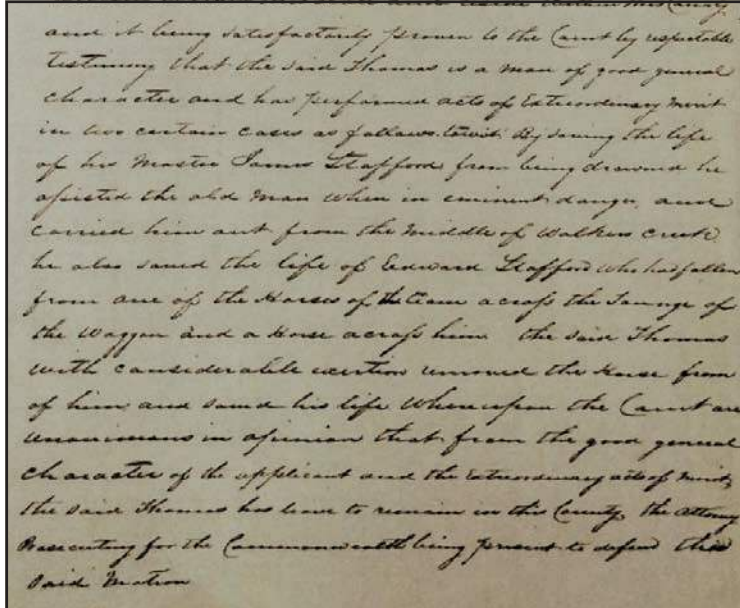
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Thomas Beasley's petition to own a gun or "firelock".

crops were very much impacted by wildlife. The argument was reasonable especially with all his neighbors and friends affixing their names to request. Thomas increased his farm's productivity and through his determination and love, saved enough money

to purchase his wife's freedom in 1845. Anna petitioned the local courts to remain in Giles in accordance with the new laws governing petitions and as before with Thomas, numerous white citizens supported her request. She was allowed to stay and live



Court record attesting to reasons related to Thomas Beasley's freedom and "extraordinary acts".

in Giles with her husband and nearby children. However, her adult children were retained as the property of Edward Johnston. The Beasleys in their later years continued to farm and increase their modest standing. By 1860 they reported \$600 in real estate and over \$1200 in personal property. By the 1870 census, both Thomas and Anna are no longer found; it is assumed they died within that timeframe. At least one of their sons, Jacob registered to vote in 1867 and shows up in the polls for District One in Giles County. There is more to learn of about this family and

many others of the Fabric of Old Fincastle. Please visit Wilderness Road Regional Museum's facebook page to see other recently shared stories.

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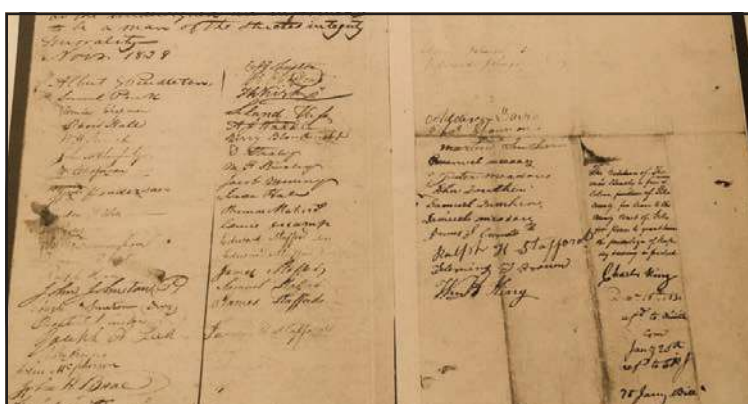
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