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Lions Club cancels June flea market over COVID

There will be no Pulaski County Flea Market in June this year.

The Dublin Lions Club announced this morning that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the club is cancelling the market scheduled for June 5-6.

However, the club announced the flea market will return as usual on Sept. 18-19.

"We regret the cancellation, as this event has a long and rich history for one weekend in both June and September since 1974," club officials stated today.

"All vendors that have regis-



tered will automatically be transferred to the September event, and no action is needed.

If a vendor has any questions, please email event coordinator Andy Hullender at info@pulascountyfleamarket.com or call 540-674-2754 ext. 2 and leave a message.

If you are a visitor whom is saddened that you will be unable to bite into a delicious Lion Dog, the club will be hosting a social-distancing friendly Lion Dog Drive-Thru on June 5 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pre-orders are encouraged, but not required. On-site orders will be limited to 10 Lion Dogs.

State transgender policy topic of meeting comments

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

A much-anticipated new policy from Richmond on the treatment of transgender students was on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Pulaski County School Board as an information item.

However, the Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students developed and released by the Virginia Department of Education in response to House Bill 145 and Senate Bill 161, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly, was not actually discussed.

Instead, School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers discussed phone calls and emails his office had received about the DOE's policy model.

Siers said the school board office had received a "lot of phone calls and emails" about the policy.

Siers said many of those who have contacted his office about the policy keep noting, "We un-



Dr. Kevin Siers

derstand this has been brought up by the General Assembly and Department of Education, but you should ignore them."

"I didn't have a good answer for that, so I reached out to our attorney and the DOE," Siers told the school board.

"Basically, what I've been told is you're (school board) in violation of state law if you're not bringing about these policies, and you open yourself up to lawsuits by any transgender student who feels like we haven't taken steps to protect their interests. And it would be an unwinnable suit if that would be brought against the school board," Siers said.

"With that in mind I will say there is some fairness in how the policy can be developed and no decisions have been made to open up bathrooms to anybody of any gender," he stated. "We're not even close to having those kinds of conversations yet. We're just now getting our hands on the final guidance from the state department. We get our sample policies from the Virginia School Board Association and we review them and make a determination. A lot of times they give us three or four options, so you (school

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Schools

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board) decide which option you think is best for the school division. So, all that is still to be determined," Siers explained.

"I know there is a lot of stuff on social media that is just complete misinformation and a lot of it seems designed to bring up fear in our area. We're not the only county dealing with that. I would just ask that people take a breath and give us a few months to get the information that we have to use to make our decisions. It will be presented in a public meeting. There will be opportunities at that time for people to make comments and then the board can take action on whatever options are provided to us," Siers continued.

"But ignoring and not adopting policy to protect transgender students is not an option. We are

going to have to have policies that offer protection to transgender students and what those policies look like remain to be seen."

Three people spoke during public comment time in the meeting.

The first, Rev. Donald Jones, Pastor of Pulaski Church of God, said as a pastor in community, "I'm dealing with about five situations now involving alternate lifestyles. I also somewhat feel some of the angst that you're dealing with. I find this to be a slippery slope obviously. At the same time, I as member of the clergy and the community, want to serve you and our church to serve you and do everything we can to help make this transition as easy as possible."

"Only thing I would ask is if there are any concessions to be made ... I think the cry of the public is to make sure the students are kept safe. Not just transgender students, but also the students who have not chosen that particular lifestyle or feel led in that particular way," Jones said.

Mark Bralley noted he is a former student of Pulaski County High School and was taught by two school board members - Dr. Paige Cash and Bill Benson - as well as others at the meeting "The situation with the transgenders leads me to a situation with my son who is seven months old. Our society these days is not for him and the way of life I was brought up in," said Bralley.

"With that being said, a lot of these teachers that I had - including ones sitting up here (Cash and Benson) - this wouldn't fly 10 years ago when I was in school. With that being said, before any of this goes through it needs to be thought about before its just pushed on somebody.

"Ten years ago, those things weren't right, but now it's okay. That's the problem I have with it and I think that's why our community is scared. Because its not something that's going to be talked about it's something that's going to be pressed on.

"Ya'll (school board) do have a voice and you can tell the state and stand up to the state and say, 'Look, some of this isn't morally right and doesn't need to be pushed,'" Bralley said.

Ashley Bowman noted her appreciation for all the work the

board had done on the recently approved racial equity program, and thanked board member Penny Golden for comments she made at the last school board meeting "valuing all students."

"It is important for people to know this is not just an initiative as this will be an ongoing effort and will continue for years to come. This work is important, and I acknowledge it is hard work and not always well-received, so I want to say thank you and for getting started on it," Bowman said.

"This plan," she said, "simply boils down to human value and being good educators. The plan is not political and is about honoring the unique value of all students.

"Equity isn't a pie divvied out into sections. Advocating for our black, brown, disadvantaged students and students with different abilities is not taking away from any of our other students. There is room for equity for everyone, including those students that many people are concerned will lose something in this plan. I think it's important to keep in mind that we all have biases. I think many of our citizens who are from this area have likely faced biases for being Appalachian. There has been continued bias against them that they are just ignorant hillbillies," Bowman continued, noting she did not agree with that bias.

"Appalachians have to work twice as hard as people who don't have the Appalachian dialect to prove that they are competent and worthy of listening to, and that their voice matters. That bias is just as hurtful as the bias that some of our students face.

"We are not advocating for giving anyone more of the pie, we're just trying to make sure that everyone gets a fair shot at the whole pie.

"I would also like to address the continuing discussion that allowing transgender students equal rights and allowing them equal access to the bathroom and locker room of their chosen gender will increase predatory behavior against our children at school," Bowman said.

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Emmanuel celebrating 26 years in Pulaski

“Emmanuel Gift Shop is not only a store where people can buy Bibles, books, Christian wall art and tasteful gifts. The store is a ministry where we sometimes just listen and often pray for our customers.”

Karen Phibbs, co-owner of the shop.

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

Karen Phibbs shared how a woman, struggling with life in general, came into the Emmanuel Gift Shop. A local pastor and his wife were there, and they all took the time to listen and pray for the woman. Phibbs smiled as she recalled that before the woman left the store, she had given her heart to the Lord.

Co-owner Debbie Ayers recounted some of the difficult questions customers ask.

“If we don’t know the answer, we will find out and let them know,” she said. “Recently someone came in with a heavy heart and wanted to find salvation. Thinking that he was not good enough, he asked ‘What do I have to do to change to be acceptable?’ He was thinking that God was the Judge with a big hammer and not the living, loving God.”

Ayers and Phibbs are the current managers of Emmanuel Gift Shop, which has gone through numerous changes in ownership and location since its inception 26 years ago.

“The changes in products have been unreal going from 8-tracks, cassettes, CD’s and now vinyl. But we try to spoil our regular customers by catering to their needs and laying books aside we know they would like. Our clients are more like family than customers,” explained Ayers.

“On April 15, 1995, Pastor Carson Linkous and his wife Kay had a vision of opening a Christian bookstore in Pulaski. Kay had a penchant for buying



Danielle Reid/The Patriot
Pulaski Appliance and Emmanuel Gift Shop owners Mark and Steve Horton, with Emmanuel Gift Shop co-managers Karen Phibbs and Debbie Ayers enjoy a brief moment of sunshine before preparing for the gift shop’s 26th year celebration. Gift Store customers will be treated to refreshments and drawings for door prizes and store discounts.



Danielle Reid/The Patriot
Co-managers Karen Phibbs and Debbie Ayers of Emmanuel Gift Shop, located adjacent to Pulaski Appliance store on East Main Street display the inspirational wall art that will be given away during this week’s 26th year celebration.

books and said opening their own bookstore was Carson’s way of keeping her from spending money in someone else’s store. They consulted with one of their church members, Wanda Waller who had worked in Amen Bookstore. Together, they opened Emmanuel Bookstore in the Hubb Furniture building. But after a year-and-a half of being a pastor and working full time for Marshall Welding they decided to sell the bookstore,” said Phibbs.

Emmanuel was purchased by the Linkouses’ daughter Carolyn and Chuck Howell and her sister Jean and husband Danny Keith. Almost immediately, they had to vacate the Hubb building when Rite Aide purchased the property.

Emmanuel was relocated in the old Sydney’s building behind Hardees on East Main Street.

About the same time, brothers Mark and Steve Horton built the building where Pulaski Appliance is located; and later sisters Carolyn Howell and Jean Keith, working with the Horton brothers, opened Emmanuel Bookstore adjacent to Pulaski Appliance.

Today, the bookstore is operated by Debbie Ayers and Karen Phibbs.

In 2018, the management team decided to make a name change for the store because some people were unaware that Emmanuel also carried gifts, along with Bibles, books and music. A new name and logo were designed with the help of their Facebook followers and the name was changed to Emmanuel Gift Shop.

“Many people don’t realize we carry a wide variety of gifts such as Willow Tree Angels, the Giving Bears, Christian wall art, Christian memorabilia, and music. Our most common purchases consist of our line of Bibles. We carry KJV, NKJV, NIV, ESV, NLT, Amplified,

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Thank You!

Last week was one of the most difficult weeks of my life, losing my husband of nearly 65 years. I want to thank Todd Bruce and his family at Seagle Funeral Home for treating me and my family like family, not just another customer. If it meant coming to my house to get paperwork signed, making sure people were contacted or just being there to listen, they left no stone unturned. They also went the extra mile to work with Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office and the local firefighters to set up police escorts and to have a beautiful American Flag hang from two huge ladder trucks. During a difficult time, they helped to honor my husband’s legacy way more than I could have ever imagined.

The Pulaski Church of God reached out to us in a time we really needed. After finding out the church we had planned on using was not allowing funerals due to COVID, we had no clue what we were going to do. Pastor Jones, Pastor Eads and Pastor Flenor welcomed us with open arms. We do not attend Pulaski Church of God, but they made us feel like we were part of their family. They were there for us, day or night, to make sure the service was everything we had planned. They were truly a gift sent from God.

It’s the small establishments like these that make Pulaski County the greatest place on Earth to live and why my husband loved living in this county so much. Thank you both for helping to make the celebration of his life something we will never forget.

Sincerely, Glorina Conner & Family

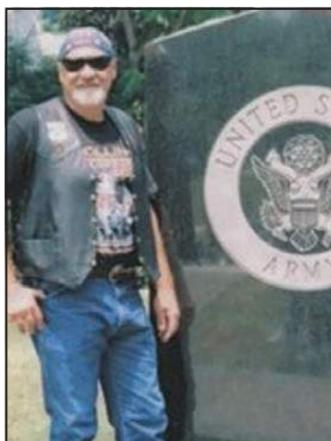


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HUBBARD EDWARD JARRELLS (ED)

Hubbard Edward Jarrells (Ed) of Dublin entered Heaven peacefully on November 19, 2020. He was born in Hiwassee, Virginia April 23, 1948 to the late Dorothy Q. Jarrells and Hubbard P. Jarrells and preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Allan Jarrells and Gary Jarrells.

He attended Highland Park Community Church, Dublin.

He is survived by the love of his life and best friend of 54 years, Judy Jarrells. Theirs was a true love story few have experienced. A daughter, Alicia Sutherland (Jeff), son Aaron Jarrells (Kristin), two special grandchildren that he dearly loved, Daxton Sutherland and Frankie Jarrells. A special sister-in-law, Susan Jarrells. special nephew P. L. Jarrells, and special brother-in-law Jimmy Stallings. Also, many other nieces, nephews, cousins, biker friends, church family and fellow Veterans. His very special friends whom he considered brothers, the members of "Gang of Five"-Lee, Glen, "Double D", and Norm, who affectionately called him Mountain Man.

Ed was a combat Medic in the U. S. Army with the 584th Medavac Unit, Long Binh, Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and served his country faithfully 1968-1970. He worked for and retired from VDOT after 37 plus years working his way to Highway Superintendent. He

was a true Patriot, fiercely loyal to his family, friends, fellow Veterans and his country. A lifetime member of the Pulaski VFW Post 1184, he served faithfully on the Honor Guard Team. He was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association-Dublin Chapter Mountain Curve Riders. He loved riding his Harley and made many wonderful trips all across the country with Judy and friends.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, 2:00 p.m. April 22, 2021 at the Highland Park Community Church, Dublin with Pastor Phil Madison and Pastor Michael Blouse officiating. Burial will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

Due to the covid-19 restrictions, the family wishes to not have a visitation time and requests for everyone that attends the service to please wear masks and practice social distancing.

Donations may be made in his memory to the CMA Mountain Curve Riders, 6740 Dunkard Rd, Dublin, VA or Highland Park Community Church, Dublin.

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



DOROTHY MAE SIMPKINS O'DELL

Dorothy Mae Simpkins O'Dell, age 85 of Hiwassee passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021 at her daughter's home. Born August 19, 1935 in Pulaski County she was the daughter of the late General Pryor Simpkins and Opal Mae Shelton Simpkins. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Tommy William O'Dell, sister, Nancy Simpkins Arnold and brothers, Early and Elgean Simpkins.

She is survived by her Children
Tommy Michael (Carolyn) O'Dell - Hiwassee
Donna Sue (Lawrence) O'Dell Hoffman - Max Meadows
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Michael Patrick O'Dell
Eric Lee Hagee
Steven Eric Hagee
Stephanie Ann Hagee
Great Grandchildren
Morgan Victoria Lindsey
Jordan Cole O'Dell
Braydon Shane O'Dell
James Dillon O'Dell
Thomas Edward O'Dell
Brother
Leon Simpkins - Thaxton, VA
Trent (Debra) Simpkins - Bland, VA

Brother-in-law
Phillip O'Dell

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM - Friday, April 16, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Jason Aker officiating. Interment will follow at the O'Dell-Moore Cemetery in Hiwassee.

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

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



JEREMY "LOGAN" DEAN

Jeremy "Logan" Dean, age 33 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Born March 16, 1988 in Pulaski he was the son of James Michael Porter and the late Jennifer Day Dean. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Christopher and Jason Dean.

He was survived by his

Father - James Michael Porter
Children - Dezmen James, Daylynn Nicole Dean and mother, Jami Henderson

Second Mother - Dana Saunders - Pulaski

Sister - Markie Quesenberry and his niece, Jada Dean and nephew, Matheu Dean - Pulaski

Brothers - Edward "Chico" Coffey, Mickey Wade, Chad Harlow, James Porter, Jr. & wife, Shelia and Brian Porter

Aunts - Janet Johnson, Zetta Arnold, Sue Hatcher

Uncle - Jeff Coffey

Many other Aunts and Uncles

Cousins - Keith Johnson, Keshia Taylor, Rudge & wife, Tiffany Arnold, Isaiah Coffey, and many other cousins

Sister-in-law - April Alexander
Memorial services will be held Saturday, 2:00 PM, April 24, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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



JAMES C. BLAIR III

James C. Blair III, age 55 of Dublin, Virginia made the journey to Heaven on April 12, 2021. He lived at Claytor Lake most of his life and enjoyed swimming, fishing and being around the wildlife. James was a graduate of Pulaski County High School where he was nominated to "Who's Who" and an alumnus of New River Valley Community College with a degree in electronics and instrumentation. James worked for many years at Danaher in Radford and Imperial Manufacturing of Dublin.

James is preceded in death by his grandparents James Blair, M.D. & Esther Blair and Houston & Ada Roseberry, niece Kelsey Jones and great aunts Nannie & Myra Roseberry.

James is survived by his parents Jim & Nancy Blair, sister & brother-in-law Karen & Dean Jones, three nephews Ethan, Gage and Rhen Jones, aunts Addie Hubble and Erma Young, uncle Samuel Roseberry, sons Cameron and Isaac and numerous close cousins.

Funeral services were held at Mountain View United Methodist Church, Thursday, April 15, 2021. Interment followed in the Mountain View United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Medi-Health and Hospice for their support. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101.)

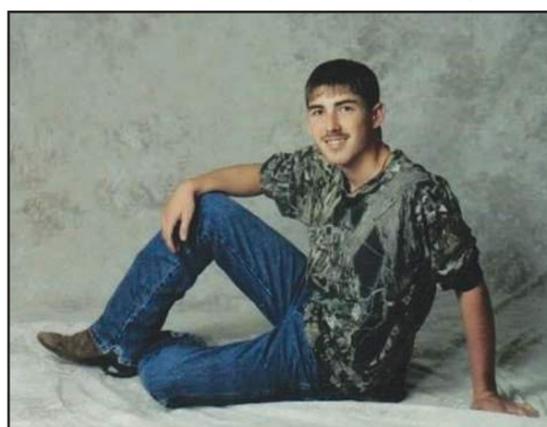
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Happy Birthday, my sweet boy. I so wish I could celebrate it with you. I miss you so much, son, and I love you will all my heart.

Mom

GRACE MARY ELLIOTT VARI

Grace Mary Elliott Vari, age 92 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at the Pulaski Health and Rehab Center. Born June 4, 1928 in Wilmington, Delaware she was the daughter of the late Earl Elliott and Rosadele Haynes Elliott. She was also preceded in death by her son, Robert Francis Vavala, husbands, Richard Paul Vavala, Sr. and Joseph John Vari, Sr., two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her Children
Richard Paul (Bonnie) Vavala, Jr. - Pulaski
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Michael Vavala - PA
Kenneth (Helen) Vavala - Delaware

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Memorial services will be held at a later date. To sign Grace's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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Dollar Tree moving to old Rite Aid location in Pulaski

Patriot Staff Report

The Town of Pulaski is getting a new Dollar Tree. The Patriot spoke Thursday to Kathy Paschal, a manager at the current Dollar Tree in Memorial Square Shopping Center who confirmed that store would be moving to the new larger location in the former Rite Aid building on East Main Street. The new location is due to open June 1. For the past week there has been a flurry of activity at the old Rite Aid location. That store has set idle since Rite Aid closed its operation there a few years ago. Dollar Tree is a national company with thousands of stores located in shopping centers and malls in all 48 contiguous states. A new stand-alone Dollar Tree opened several months ago in Fairlawn.

Shop

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NASB, HCSB and The Message Bibles. Our book line consists of fiction, non-fiction, commentaries, Christian living, Bible studies and more," explained Phibbs. Emmanuel Gift Shop is celebrating 26 years in Pulaski from Thursday through Saturday this week by holding drawings for 5-percent to 25-percent off store purchases, door prizes including inspirational Christian wall art, and refreshments.

"We want everyone to visit, sign up for the drawings and door prizes and join us for a fun weekend. Emmanuel has been a wonderful business for us, but we rejoice when people leave with a smile instead of the weight of the world on their shoulders," stated Phibbs and Ayers. They encourage people to view their Facebook page where they broadcast every day at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and introduce new products and promotions.

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EVERSTON LUTHER GALLIMORE

Everston Luther Gallimore, age 79 Pulaski, Virginia passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2021 in Pulaski Health Care Center. Born in Pulaski County, he was the son of the late Luther Gallimore and Ollie Thornton Gallimore. He was also preceded in death by sons, Roger Gallimore and Junior Gallimore; sisters, Stella (Robert) Surratt, Ruby Stoots, Nellie Duncan and Mabel Graham; and brothers, Barney (Susie) Gallimore, Monroe Gallimore, Dallas (Rosetta) Gallimore.

He was a past employee of Jefferson Mills and Pulaski Furniture.

He is survived by his Daughter & Son-in-law - Kay Bowden and Daniel Bowden-Pulaski

Three Grandchildren - Alicia Gallimore, Josh Gallimore and Brian Hodge

Great Grandson - Nate Gallimore

Brothers - Fred (Ruby) Gallimore - Shiloh, Paul (Phyllis) Gallimore - Shiloh, Richard (Betty) Gallimore - Shiloh

Special Friend - Margaret Sayers - Dublin

Friend of the family - April Dunbar - Pulaski

Funeral services will be held Friday 3:00 p.m., April 16, 20 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Mabel Caudill, Dale Akers, Randall Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Shiloh Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Friday one hour before service time at the Funeral Home.

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STEVE MAC ROOPE

Steve Mac Roope, age 83 of Dublin passed away Friday, April 9, 2021 at his home.

Born May 17, 1937 in Pulaski County, he was the son of the late Roy Estel Roope and Celia Harman Roope. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Betty Shepard Roope; brother, Roy Hurley Roope and sister, Helen Belcher.

He was the owner /operator of Del-Mar Distributing Company. Steve was U. S. Army veteran having served during the Korean War.

He is survived by Sister and Brother-in-law- Carolyn and Kelly Eddie- S.C. Brother and Sister-in-law Randall and Sue Roope- Dublin Sister-in-law- Alice Roope-Dublin Brother-in-law- Mack Belcher-Dublin

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Michael Collins officiating with military honors at the graveside.

Burial followed in the Montgomery Cemetery, Highland Road, Dublin.

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GLENNA MARIE WHITE ALLEY HURST

Glenna Marie White Alley Hurst, of Laurel, MD and formerly of Pulaski, VA died Saturday, April 10, 2021. She was born in Pulaski County on April 11, 1926 and was the daughter of the late Frank Benjamin White and Georgia Madelene Pagan. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Harry E. Alley, Sr. and Marvin Hurst and by brothers, Ralph White, Sterlin White, Frank White and sisters, Daphene Coffey and Bea Arnold.

She was retired from Jefferson Mills in 1976 and operated Hurst Antiques with her husband, Marvin Hurst until 2010.

Surviving are:
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Wayne (Linda) Hurst
Nancy Hurst
Grandchildren
Angela Woolverton
Ginger Flinn
Doug Alley
Danielle McMurray
Amanda Alley
Seven Great-Grandchildren
Brother & Sister
Joann Akers
John White

She had a family that loved her and she them. Thank you, Granny, for all of the ear nibbles. Granny was loved and always happy to see her loved ones.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 12:00 Noon from Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA with Rev. Randall Lawrence officiating. In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorials be made to the Pulaski Daily Bread, P. O. Box 824, Pulaski, VA 24301. The family requests those attending the graveside service follow pandemic protocol by wearing a mask. Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



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REBECCA CAROLYN HUDSON WALLACE

Rebecca Carolyn Hudson Wallace, 79, of Henrico, VA, passed away March 25, 2021 after a short but very courageous battle with lung cancer. Carolyn was born in Pulaski, VA on February 8, 1942 to the late Robert Alfred Hudson, Sr. and Thelma Harrell Hudson. She was predeceased by her loving husband, John Campbell Wallace, and her sister-in-law, Sallie D. Wallace. Voted "Friendliest" in her Pulaski High School Senior Class, friends and family would agree this was a trait that continued through the rest of Carolyn's life.

She graduated from Radford College in 1964 where she was an active member of Sigma Kappa sorority. Carolyn taught 6th Grade at Huff Lane Elementary School in Roanoke for four years before moving to the Richmond area. She taught 6th Grade at Elizabeth Holladay Elementary School in Henrico for two years. For many years she was an active member of the Rockville Women's Club, and she enjoyed traveling and seeing the world with family and friends. Carolyn enjoyed playing golf and loved playing with her Jefferson Lakeside Country Club and City Women golf groups. Carolyn served actively in the Prayer Shawl Ministry and a Vestry member at St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her beloved daughter, Ashley Wallace Borders, son-in-law, Keith A. Borders, and adored grandchildren, Colin Campbell Borders and Esmé Cecily Borders, of Mechanicsville; sister Peggy Hudson Rorrer and husband, Kenny, of Pulaski; sister Patricia "Pat" Hudson Richards and husband, Jim, of Pulaski; brother Robert A. Hudson, Jr. and wife, Beverly, of Blacksburg; brother-in-law William "Bill" S. Wallace, of Brevard, NC; and six very special nieces, nephews and their families.

A graveside service at Westhampton Memorial Park and a memorial service at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, both located in Richmond, VA, were held on Friday, April 2.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, or the Salvation Army.

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Technological Advances in the Ninth District

Technology has the ability to deliver new opportunities for rural areas like ours. New and exciting innovations can increase the availability of services which previously were sparsely provided or nonexistent.

Some of these innovations are not only being deployed here but are being developed and tested here.

Drones

Southwest Virginia has been the setting for major achievements in drone technology. In fact, the vehicles that completed America's first drone delivery at the Remote Area Medical clinic in Wise on July 17, 2015 and the country's first commercial drone delivery in Christiansburg on October 18, 2019 already belong to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, artifacts in the same collection as the first plane flown by the Wright Brothers and the command module from Apollo 11.

I learned firsthand during a recent visit to Radford University about further pioneering efforts in drone technology. The demonstration I witnessed was a product of work at the university's Department of Geology. Drones can be used in the place of geological field visits, solving the problems of limited time or reaching inaccessible locations. Applications for this use of drones include preparations for road construction and evaluating mines and quarries.

Universities in our area, including Radford and Virginia Tech, will continue to lead the way in adapting

drones for new, practical uses that can improve our lives.

In the future, we may increasingly look to the skies and see

drones. Look further beyond them and we may also see a solution to the problem of broadband connectivity – low orbit satellites.

Broadband/Low Earth Orbit

The digital divide between rural and urban areas is a serious public policy challenge. Engaging in almost any aspect of modern life, from the economy to education to leisure to health care, demands reliable internet access. Isolated and remote regions, however, often lack this access, in part due to the expense and difficulty of laying fiber line in these areas.

One creative solution around this problem is to use low orbit satellites to provide broadband access. Companies developing this technology include SpaceX and Amazon.

SpaceX's project, called Starlink, has been deployed to Wise County as part of a pilot project. I learned more about this endeavor during a briefing in Wise organized by County Clerk of Court Jack Kennedy and featuring school officials and parents.

The partnership between Wise County Public Schools and SpaceX addressed the need for better service in the county, a need which became urgent as the coronavirus pandemic forced students into remote learning. According to the schools' Director of Technology, Scott Kiser, at the outset of the pandemic, a survey found that 25 percent of student households lacked adequate internet access. Remote learning revealed the real number of student households lacking adequate access to be closer to 40 percent. Students had to find hot spots simply to do their schoolwork.

Starlink's pilot project in Wise County includes 45 homes, and for them, the parents at the briefing testified that it has been a great asset. The change has not just been from going without service to being served. The service has proven to be good, with speeds above 100 megabits per second comparing well to the Federal Communications Commission standard of 25 megabits per second. The briefing offered positive signals about the pilot project so far.

At present, fiber remains the best option, but low orbit satellites offer quality service now, while completing the buildout of fiber networks would still take years. Choosing "all of the above" for connecting people to the internet offers hope for closing the digital divide. In this effort, competition and innovation in the private sector should be encouraged, and regulation by the government should stimulate deployment.

I came away from the visit to Radford University and the briefing in Wise optimistic about the benefits of these technological tools. The people of our region are hard at work developing, applying, and advocating for new ways to solve longtime problems.

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

Second Amendment: Don't Shred On Me

It hasn't even been 90 days since Joe Biden has claimed the Presidency, and many law-abiding gun owners are becoming concerned about retaining their Second Amendment rights.

To back up their concern, consider these two statements. The first made by Biden on April 8, 2021 during a speech on gun control: "No amendment to the Constitution is absolute."

The second statement made by White House press secretary Jen Psaki: "The president (Biden) is not going to wait for Congress to act to take additional executive actions—this is the beginning."

The shredding and usurping of our Constitution should cause serious concern in the heart of every American citizen. The Bill of Rights (original Ten Amendments to the Constitution) was written with the intent of preserving our liberties and ensuring that a despot government would not overpower their citizens.

There have been heated debates about what the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution actually means – whether the right to bear arms pertains to indi-

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

viduals or to the state militia. There is copious evidence, if an individual is not too lazy to do the research, that shows the right to bear arms (self-protection) is an ancient individual right.

James Madison, who is called the Father of the Constitution, also researched, and wrote 17 Amendments that he believed were fundamental for preserving individual rights. These were submitted to a Congressional Committee of the Whole for review and eventually were condensed into the first 10 Amendments and ratified on December 15, 1791.

During the review process, Madison, John Jay (first U.S. Supreme Court

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Dollar Sign President

So far, the defining word of the Biden era is "trillion."

The Joe Biden who portrayed himself as a moderate, old school, bipartisan dealmaker during the presidential campaign is now a distant memory.

He's been replaced by the Joe Biden who is dazzling progressives with his willingness to "go big" -- in other words, spend jaw-dropping amounts that would have been unimaginable prior to the pandemic and are still shocking even now.

Why has Biden embarked on a historic spending splurge with nary a whisper of bipartisan support?

Well, Democrats talked themselves into the proposition that there basically isn't any such thing as spending too much money.

Relatedly, the party consensus is that Barack Obama went "too small," with a stimulus package under a trillion dollars insufficient to the scale of post-financial-crisis recession.

Besides, spending is what Biden can actually do -- he can pass his stimulus and relief bills under the so-called reconciliation rules in the Senate, requiring only 50 votes rather than the 60 it takes to break a filibuster.

Finally, any Democratic president is drawn to the heroic allure of FDR and wants to measure himself against the New Deal.

Biden had a recent meeting with historians in the White House at which FDR was much discussed. One of the participants, historian Michael Beschloss, told Axios that FDR or LBJ may be the most apt analogue to how Biden is "transforming the country in important ways in a short time."

There's no doubt that any Democratic president would envy the sheer amount of dollars that Biden is shoveling out the door.

In fiscal year 2019, the federal government, which wasn't exactly tightening its belt, spent \$4.4 trillion.

Biden is on pace to roughly match that with his first two major legislative initiatives -- the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill, and his new \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal.

The Biden team almost gives the sense that it is working backward -- starting with a big, eye-popping price tag and then figuring out what initiatives can be thrown in to reach the top-line number.

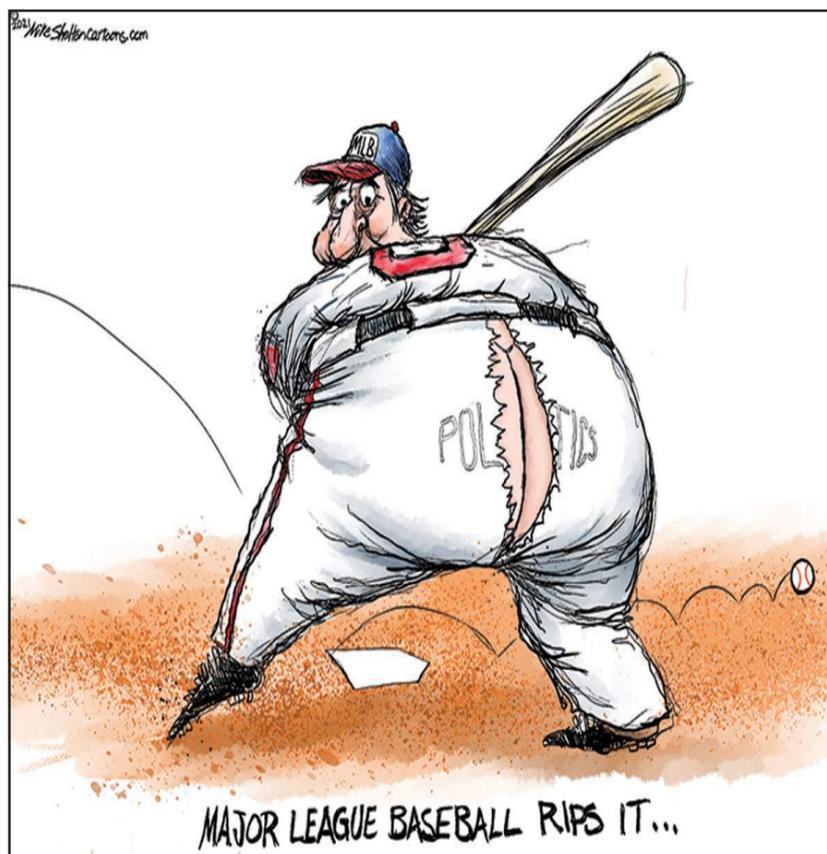
The schools have tens of millions of dollars sitting unspent from prior relief bills, and here comes another \$100 billion to upgrade school buildings in the infrastructure bill.

The states were lavished with \$350 billion in the COVID-19 relief bill, even though many of them didn't lose revenue during the pandemic. Why can't those dollars be spent on infrastructure?

The new proposal is an infrastructure, drinking-water, broadband, home-retrofitting, manufacturing, long-term-care, electric-car, unionization bill -- and a few other things besides.

The question is whether, when all the money is spent, anyone will point to any transformative change in the country attributable to the legislation. Or whether, like the Obama stimulus, it will be completely forgettable, money

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Will there be a penalty for Afghanistan withdrawal?

BY CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

President Biden's announced intention to complete the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Afghanistan by September 11, exactly 20 years after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, will complete a goal former President Trump wanted to meet, but did not, following advice from military leaders, who convinced him that a May 1 deadline was a bad idea.

The Taliban has made no withdrawal commitment and therein lies the problem with what used to be called the "war on terrorism" before, it appears, the United States decided to unilaterally surrender.

One of the principles of warfare is to know one's enemy. The U.S., over several administrations, has failed to apply that principle.

The goals of the Taliban and international terrorism have been on display even before September 11, 2001. According to War on the Rocks, a website offering analysis, commentary, and multimedia content on foreign policy and national security issues, the terror group openly states that any peace negotiations with the U.S. must be based on sharia law, an extreme interpretation of the Koran that many Muslims reject.

In fact, Taliban leaders have said any peace talks must have the same goals as Jihad. Their stated objective is to "end the occupation" by American and NATO forces and re-introduce the "rule of sharia in Afghanistan."

Have we already forgotten what that looked like? It included the repression of women and girls that begins with denying them an education or the opportunity to engage in any profession. Men are supreme. Women have virtually no rights.

Some years ago, I met in New York with a group of Afghan women who had escaped from the Taliban's clutches. They told me stories of having to wear a burqa and blacken their house windows so no one could see in. One said if she

took a public bus, a male relative had to take a coin from her hand and drop it in the coin box.

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), the daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney, who along with President George W. Bush was in office during that awful day when 3,000 Americans were killed, responded to the president's announcement: "By declaring that this withdrawal is not based on conditions on the ground, the Biden administration is sending a dangerous signal that the United States fundamentally does not understand -- or is willfully ignorant of -- the terrorist threat." She called Biden's announcement a propaganda victory for the terrorists.

No one wants a "forever war" as some have referred to our presence in Afghanistan, but wars don't end when one side quits, especially when the other side has a religious motivation for continuing to fight.

President Trump at least listened to military leaders who wanted to maintain a supportive role in Afghanistan. President Biden has either not listened or is listening to those who believe withdrawal is equivalent to victory.

In her statement, Rep. Cheney referenced President Obama's decision to precipitously withdraw American troops from Iraq: "... retreat does not end the fight against terrorism. It merely gives our enemies more room to reconstitute and plot attacks against the homeland."

The forces behind terrorism are patient. We are not. Guess who is most hurt by our impatience? I hope I am wrong about this, but if I am right the possibility of more attacks and more bloodshed will be on the hands of the current administration, no matter how long it takes before the Taliban regroup and Afghanistan again becomes a center for exporting terrorism to our shores and to other countries.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at caeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States" (HarperCollins/Zondervan).

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"I myself have a middle school-aged daughter and son so these policies will directly affect my children as well.

"A recent article noted that although there have been some past examples of adult heterosexual males dressing as women to gain access to women spaces, there's actually no record of that behavior increasing when there is an LGBTQ+ non-discrimination law on the books.

"Simply put, the argument that our children are at an increased risk of rape with non-discriminatory laws and practices has been proven false. Police and school officials who have had these laws in place for some time were also reporting that they have not seen higher instances of rape or sexual assault in their areas.

"Experts in the area point out that a law encouraging non-discrimination is not going to further encourage criminal behavior.

"If the behavior is there, the behavior is there.

A predator is a predator, and it is discriminatory to characterize our transgender students as predators simply because of how they express their gender," she said.

She continued that the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, a leading organization to stop violence toward women, "has come out saying these initiatives are utilized to perpetuate the myth that

protecting transgender people's access to restrooms and locker rooms endangers the safety and privacy of others – in their experience and expertise – they would find those claims false.

"In the long run we are here to value every student as human," Bowman said.

"If someone is truly interested in sexually assaulting someone, it doesn't matter what laws and policies we have, they will commit the crime regardless.

"Laws don't stop true predators," she said.

"I think all parents can agree on one thing, in the long run we all want all of the kids safe from predators."

Bowman did note that there is a concern with a lack of privacy in the bathrooms and locker rooms.

"I think we can all remember that awkwardness of showering after gym classes. So, I would request the board look into getting some stalls or curtains installed in both the boys' and girls' bathrooms to protect the privacy of all students."

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strewn over the landscape without leaving much of a trace.

Certainly, the need for infrastructure spending over and beyond what the federal government, states and localities already spend is oversold.

A recent paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research noted: "Over the past generation, the condition of the interstate highway network improved consistently, its extent increased modestly, and traffic about doubled. Over about the same time period, the condition of bridges remained about the same, the number of bridges increased slowly, and bridge traffic increased modestly."

Shooting money out of a bazooka is not self-evidently what the state of America's infrastructure

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Justice) and Alexander Hamilton (first Secretary of the U.S. Treasury) wrote and published 85 essays called the Federalist Papers which supported the Constitution and Amendments.

It is important to understand the original intent of the writers and to do that, we need an understanding of the political/social climate of that era. Although America had just won their independence from Great Britain, they still leaned heavily on British Common Law. Previous to America winning independence, there had been clashes in Great Britain over King James II and King Charles II who had disarmed their subjects whom they suspected of disliking the government. The English Bill of Rights declared the right to bear arms was clearly an individual right, having nothing whatsoever to do with service in the militia.

"The Second Amendment provides U.S. citizens the right to bear arms. Ratified in December 1791, the amendment says: ... Having just used guns and other arms to ward off the English, the

amendment was originally created to give citizens the opportunity to fight back against a tyrannical federal government."

Here is the wording that Madison had submitted to the Congressional Committee and I believe makes clear that the right to bear arms is for the individual: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; a well-armed and well-regulated militia being the best security of a free country; but no person religiously scrupulous of bearing arms shall be compelled to render military service in person."

During the Revolutionary War era, "militia" referred to groups of men who banded together to protect their communities, towns, colonies and eventually states, once the United States declared its independence from Great Britain in 1776.

Many people in America at the time believed governments used soldiers to oppress the people and thought the federal government should only be allowed to raise armies (with full-time, paid soldiers) when facing foreign adversaries. For all other purposes, they believed, it should turn to part-time militias, or ordinary civilians

using their own weapons.

Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers regarding the militia: "There is something so far-fetched and so extravagant in the idea of danger to liberty from the militia, that one is at a loss whether to treat it with gravity or with railery ... or as the serious offspring of political fanaticism. Where in the name of common-sense, are our fears to end if we may not trust our sons, our brothers, our neighbors, our fellow-citizens?"

"The right to keep and bear arms is fundamental for preserving our liberty," Sen. Ted Cruz, Texas Republican, tweeted during Biden's Rose Garden remarks. "The answer is not to restrict the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens; the answer is to go after violent criminals and come down on them like a ton of bricks."

"Don't Tread on Me" flag is often used in the United States as a symbol for gun rights and limited government. Perhaps president Biden should reconsider where and on who's rights he is treading before enacting other Executive Orders that would shred the Second Amendment?

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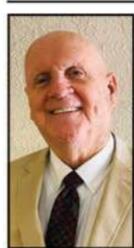
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Jesus Himself said to His followers after washing the Disciple's feet, in John 13: 13-16. "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither He that is sent greater than he that sent him."

"Christ is an example to his people, and by far the best example of a God centered Life that can possibly be lived. Following the good example of Jesus includes much more than just washing each other's feet. Jesus seems to be saying here, "according as I have done to you." We need to apply the same principles of love and self-sacrifice in all the circumstances of life, as Jesus would do were He still physically here with us in the body." John Gill.

In 1 Cor. 11:1, the Apostle Paul said, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." We as Christians, should be imitators of Christ, who went about doing good, teaching and preaching the word of God, and saving souls. We should be imitators of Christ in prayer, in humility, in helping the poor and needy among us, and in winning the lost at any cost. Jesus willingly endured the misunderstandings, the scorn, and the shame that were inseparable from His mission to save sinful humanity.

We are to follow Jesus not only for the loaves and fishes, but also to drink with Him the cup of His passion. Everyone has a cross to bear and we should bear our crosses joyfully, for Jesus' sake.

Phil 2:1. "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

We must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, he did not think of His equality with Go as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross to purchase our salvation.

Lowliness of mind is not to be confused with low self-esteem. God wants us to have a high esteem of ourselves, as we conform ourselves into the image of Christ. When we do that, we are filled with self-esteem and bear our new found image which is like the very image of Christ. We know that we are nothing without Christ, and can live our lives in Christ and become good, proper, godly and holy with Christ ruling and reigning in our lives.

It is so important for us to dwell together in the body of Christ as one body with each member of the body of Christ, caring more for the other members of the body of Christ, than we care about ourselves.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it

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Sunday Worship (with children's message):
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2: 5-8.

There is no greater example of humility and sacrifice that that of Jesus Christ's taking on human flesh for the purpose of bringing salvation from sin to lost humanity.

Finally, in order to be a true follower of Christ, we must submit ourselves to be as much like Him as we possibly can. We should ever be striving to be conformed to the Image of Christ. It is definitely God's will for us to be conformed to the image of Christ.

"To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus, that's all I ask, to be like Him. All through life's journey >From earth to glory, that All I ask - to be like Him." Author Unknown.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2.5) Jesus Christ had no selfish interest. He promoted the glory of God, and the welfare and salvation of the human race. This wonderful scripture then means for us to make sure that we have the same disposition that was in Jesus: he was humble, loving, patient and kind. His meat was to do the will of His heavenly father and to finish the work of purchasing salvation for every man who will receive it by faith.

We were on His mind as He permitted Himself to be nailed to the old rugged cross, to purchase our salvation. As the gospel song by Jason Crabb says, "When He was on the cross, you and I were on His mind.

Romans 8:29. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

1 John 2:6. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

"If you want to be like Jesus, then love the unlovable, forgive the unworthy and do good to those who can't repay you." Quote Master.

I don't know what others may do, but I choose to follow Christ Jesus, for I know that His footprints lead to Heaven.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Gilead in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Solomon asked, what biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder? Woman's scorn, Evil brother, Tax collector, Wine
3. From John 1:42, what name did Jesus give to Simon Peter? Macedonia, Nahu, Cephas, Eli
4. In Psalms 68 what are the dove's feathers covered with? Manna, Gold, Leaves, Blood
5. From John 3, who came to Jesus under the cover of night? Elijah, Amos, Nicodemus, Masha
6. Who was the "Gloomy Prophet"? Gehazi, Joel, Jeremiah, Jehoshaphat

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Wine; 3) Cephas; 4) Gold; 5) Nicodemus; 6) Jeremiah

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God has made the plan of redemption

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

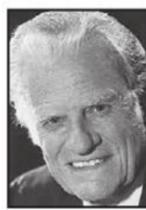
Q: I love God and try to do the right things, but somehow I don't feel certain that it's getting me anywhere and I wonder why. -- O.C.

A: Finding Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior is essential in having peace that you belong to Him. God has made the plan of redemption plain.

First, there must be recognition of your own sinfulness and spiritual need before there can be

a response from Christ. He came to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance. Many divine promises hinge on a condition: "If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7, 9).

Second, you must understand the message of the cross. The Bible says that the natural man cannot comprehend the things of God, so how can people understand the cross and have assur-



My Answer

Billy Graham

ance? It is only when we understand that Christ died in the place of sinners that we can receive His gift of salvation through His amazing grace to mankind.

Third, there must be a confession of sin and a desire to accept

Jesus' forgiveness and then to commit wholly to Him in obedience to His Word.

Many struggle with faith in God because they are not willing to give up their lifestyle, the behavior that satisfies themselves. When a person truly receives the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, God puts His Holy Spirit in their lives to lead and guide them into His truth. God will make known the riches of His glory, which is Christ in you, and His Spirit will work in you mightily (see Colossians 1). This is a wonderful promise from God.

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Town reminds citizens of code requirements on grass cutting

From Town of Pulaski

Now that spring has sprung and warmer weather is becoming more frequent, residents will soon begin keeping their yards trimmed and tidy. Cut-

ting grass is something we do as property owners to keep our Town attractive, but it is also something required by the Town Code.

Town Code states that grass and weeds should not exceed

12 inches in height. It's important to note that your grass must be cut all the way to the curb or where your property meets the roadway.

It's also important to recognize where trimmings go while

cutting grass. Cut grass should never be thrown into a street or thoroughfare, as it's extremely hazardous for motorists travelling on motorcycles or other two-wheeled vehicles. You should also take care

that the grass isn't making its way into any nearby storm drains. Cut grass is actually a great fertilizer for your lawn or garden, so leave your cut grass on your lawn or bag it as you mow.

NRCC announces in-person ceremony for graduates in May

From NRCC

New River Community College will hold in-person commencement ceremonies for graduates from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years in May.

Based on recent capacity guidance from the Governor's office regarding college commencement events, graduates will be able to walk across the stage this spring to receive their diplomas. NRCC will hold three separate ceremonies for graduates within their specific programs to ensure that all aspects of state guidance are followed.

The associate degree nursing ceremony for spring 2020 and spring 2021 graduates and practical nursing summer 2020 graduates will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. Students in the division of arts and sciences for fall 2019, spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 2021 will be honored on Friday, May 14 at 5 p.m. Students in the division of business and technologies for fall 2019, spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 2021 will be honored on Friday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

"We are so grateful that it will be possible to honor our graduates in person in this year!" said NRCC President Pat Huber. "While we know this is not our typical campus graduation celebration with family and friends, we hope that students will enjoy the opportunity to walk across the stage this year and receive the recognition that they so greatly deserve."

Due to space limitations, only graduates and faculty will be permitted to attend their designated ceremony. All COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed by those attending the ceremonies, including physical distancing and face mask requirements for every participant. The three ceremonies will be livestreamed for family, friends, and others to view off-campus.

Additional details and the Graduate RSVP Form are available on-

line at www.nr.edu/students/graduation.php. This information also is available at the "2021 Graduation Information" link on the main webpage, www.nr.edu.

Students who may have questions about graduation requirements or graduation applications can contact NRCC Admissions and Records Office at admissions@nr.edu or (540)674-3603 for more information.

Every Kid Healthy Week

Every Kid Healthy Week was started in 2013 by Action for Healthy Kids and is observed the last week in April each year. This yearly event was created to celebrate school health and wellness accomplishments.

The schedule for April 26 - 30, 2021, includes a child health focus theme for each day. Everyone can get involved with Every Kids Healthy Week events.

Schools are encouraged to host a live or virtual event during this week, and families and community members can be involved in joining school events or doing ac-

tivities at home.

Action for Healthy Kids is a non-profit organization that was established in 2002. The organization is devoted to increasing access to healthy foods and physical activity, supporting social-emotional learning, and engaging parents, caregivers, and community members to transform student health, well-being, and education.

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Cougars' season ends in Danville

Pulaski County's late rally ends with interception at the goal line

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County's football season came to a crashing halt in Danville last Thursday night, with the Cougars falling to the Eagles, 42-35 in the first round of the Group 4D playoffs.

Things started out great for the Cougars as they jumped all over George Washington early, and took a 14-0 lead just seven minutes into the first quarter.

Pulaski County's first score came on a 10-yard pass play from senior signal caller Drew Dalton to senior running back Ethan Gallimore.

After Broc Simpson's PAT and subsequent kick off, the Cougars struck again on the very next play when Danville quarterback Jeb Byrnes was sacked on first down. Diego Turner picked up the loose football and rumbled 14 yards to the endzone.

Simpson again added the PAT, and the Cougars were up quickly at 14-0.

Then Danville came alive, scoring three straight touchdowns of their own.

Shacobie Hairston scored on a 1-yard rush. Byrnes passed to star running back Willie Edmonds on a 27-yard score. And Ahmad Poole carried a Cougar fumble 35-yards to paydirt. Daniel Deandrea was good on all three PATs, and just like that the Eagles led, 21-14.

The Cougars pulled even, however, with 4:08 to go in the first half when Quemar Porter rushed for a 7-yard TD. Simpson's kick was good, and the score stood even at 21-all heading into halftime.

The Cougars got the ball first in the second half, but promptly went three-and-out and punted to the Eagles.

Then things went south for the Cougars.

Danville went on an 82-yard march that took nearly seven minutes off the clock, culminating in a 1-yard TD run by Hairston. The PAT made it 28-21 Danville.

On their next possession, the Cougars went three-and-out



Antonio Nottingham/PC Touchdown Club

Quemar Porter outruns this tackler on his way to a gain on the ground. Porter rushed for 21 yards on four carries and scored a TD on a 7-yard run.



Antonio Nottingham/PC Touchdown Club

Cougar linebacker Chayton Rollins chases down Danville's Shacobie Hairston for a three-yard loss on fourth down late in the game to give Pulaski County's offense the ball and a final shot at catching the Eagles.

again. After the punt, the Eagles took over at the Cougar 47.

On the very first play from scrimmage, Edmonds took off and went untouched 47 yards to the house. The extra-point made it 35-21, GW.

The Cougars tried to respond, but a fourth down sack of Dal-

ton by Danville defender Poole stopped the drive.

Moments later, Edmonds carried seven yards to paydirt. With the extra-point, Danville led, 42-21.

The Cougars wouldn't go away quietly, however.

John Lyman started the rally

with a big kickoff return down to the GW 32-yard line. Dalton then hit Corvin Carter on a big 27-yard pass completion to the five.

Keyontae Kennedy carried twice, scoring on a 2-yard rush. Unfortunately, Simpson's PAT was blocked, and the Cougars trailed, 42-27.

Pulaski County elected to try the onside kick and it worked.

Simpson booted the ball which took a high bounce before being recovered by the Cougars' Layne Suthers at the GW 45.

On first down, Dalton hooked up with Lyman on a 33-yard pass to the GW 12.

After Kennedy rushed for one, Dalton's next pass was batted down.

On third down, Dalton hit Carter for a 11-yard TD.

Head coach Mark Dixon elected to go for two, and Dalton hit Lyman again for the two-point conversion and the Cougars now were within one score at 42-35 with 5:12 to go.

Pulaski County's defense came up big on Danville's next possession.

The Eagles took the ball out to their own 45 before facing a fourth down. Hairston was stopped for a three-yard loss by Cougar linebacker Chayton Rollins and Pulaski County took over on the GW 40 with 1:57 to play.

On first down, Dalton's pass to Lyman was incomplete. But on second down, Dalton went to Jacob Johnson. Danville was called for defensive holding on the play and the Cougars had a first down at the Eagle 40 with 1:46 to go.

On first down, Dalton hit Carter for 11 yards and a first down at the GW 19.

On second down, Lyman lost a yard. On third down, Dalton was sacked for a four-yard loss.

Then on third down the Cougars' rally came to an end when Dalton's pass intended for Lyman was intercepted near the goal line by the Eagles' Zavion King to end the threat.

The loss ended Pulaski County's season on a three-game losing streak and sent GW Danville on to the next round in the playoffs to a showdown Friday night at Salem, a 24-7 winner in the first round over Amherst County.

The Cougars finish their first season under Dixon at 4-3.

For the game, Danville racked up 406 total yards of offense to Pulaski County's 253.

The Cougars passed for 100 yards and rushed for 153, while the Eagles passed for 138 and gained a whopping 268 on the ground.

Leading rusher for the Cougars was Gallimore with 20 carries for 111 yards. Kennedy added 9 carries for 30 and Porter chipped in 4 carries for 21.

Danville's "thunder and lightning" backfield of Edmonds (27

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Region A							
Pairings		Game Information					
Home Team	Away Team	Score	Date	Time	Site	Director Information	
#1 Lake Taylor (5-0)	vs. #2 Churchland (4-1)		16-Apr	7:00 PM	Lake Taylor High School	Bobby Pannenbacker - rpanneb@nps.k12.va.us	
Region B							
Pairings		Game Information					
Home Team	Away Team	Score	Date	Time	Site	Director Information	
#1 Monacan (7-0)	vs. #2 King George (7-0)		16-Apr	7:00 PM	Monacan High School	Danny Parsons -- daniel_parsons@ccpsnet.net	
Region C							
Pairings		Game Information					
Home Team	Away Team	Score	Date	Time	Site	Director Information	
#1 Tuscarora (6-0) Dulles 1	vs. #2 Broad Run (5-1) Dulles 2		16-Apr	7:00 PM	Tuscarora High School - Fortune Field	Tony Tallent -- tony.tallent@lcpss.org	
Region D							
Pairings		Game Information					
Home Team	Away Team	Score	Date	Time	Site	Director Information	
#1 Salem (7-0)	vs. #2 George Washington (6-1)		16-Apr	7:00 PM	Salem Stadium	Chris King -- cking@salem.k12.va.us	

Cougars

Continued from Page B1 carries for 182 yards) and Jakobe Dixon (8 for 81) rushed for all but five of their yards.

Dalton was 8 of 18 passing with one interception, while Byrnes went 13 of 24.

Carter led the Cougars in receiving with 4 catches for 60 yards. Lyman added one catch for 31. Gallimore was 2 for 8 and Porter 1 for 2.

They were nearly identical on first downs with Pulaski County having 17 to Danville's 19.

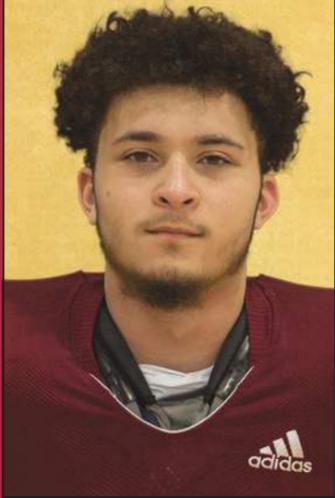
And the Cougars finally conquered the penalty issues they've had all season, getting flagged only twice for 10 yards. Danville racked up 8 for 55.



Senior Ethan Gallimore puts the stop on Danville's Willie Edmonds as Zeke Surber (55) and Will Bishop (8) close in to help out on the tackle.

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Cornerback Receiver Corvin Carter

Corvin Carter led the Cougars in receiving against Danville, catching 4 passes for 60 yards and a touchdown. He also played his usual strong game at cornerback on defense.

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NCAA dumps rule that transfers sit a year

(AP) - Starting next season, major college football and basketball players will be permitted to transfer one time before graduating without being required to sit out a year of competition.

The NCAA Division I Council voted Wednesday to change the long-standing rule that has often deterred players in high-profile sports from switching schools, two people with knowledge of the council's decision told The Associated Press.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because two-day meeting was still in session and the council's decisions would not become official until it ends Thursday. The Athletic first reported the council's vote.

The so-called one-time exception has been available to athletes in other NCAA sports for years, allowing them to transfer and play immediately. Athletes in football, men's and women's basketball, men's ice hockey and baseball have not had that available to them without asking the NCAA for a special waiver and claiming a hardship caused the need for a transfer.

Athletes who have graduated have also been permitted to transfer without sitting out, but not undergraduates.

Starting this fall semester, all athletes will be operating under the same rules: Transfers will be allowed to play right away.

Those in fall and winter sports must notify their schools they intend to transfer by May 1; in spring sports, the notification date will be July 1. The notification dates begin in 2022.

For this year, athletes in all sports will be required to notify their schools about their intent to transfer by July 1.

The council also voted to let the current dead period in recruiting in all sports expire June 1. A ban in in-person recruiting has been in place for more than a year because of the pandemic. Coaches will again be permitted to visit recruits off campus, hold camps on campus and welcome prospective student-athletes on official recruiting visits.

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Turkey Calling

Its that time again as Spring of the year is the opening of the season to take one or two bearded gobblers depending on how many were taken last fall. I was going to share some of the exploits of myself along with my hunting buddy, Dick, an avid turkey hunter, but decided to devote today's column on various turkey callers and the art of calling itself. This came about after reading a recent article in an outdoor magazine that there is a guy in the state of Georgia that makes a type of caller that may out perform all the other types of callers that have been around for a number of years. It is called a trumpet and as shown in pictures looks to be like a miniature bed post and appears to be about 8 inches in length where he holds one across his body. He learned the craft from others using a lathe and drill press to turn out the caller having a fitted ferrule and mouthpiece. He related to a hunting episode where this trumpet out performed all the other callers, i.e. box, slate, mouth etc.

I had not been aware of these callers being on the market and hope to acquire one to try on my own. I feel this trumpet caller is close in how it functions to one made from a turkey bone itself. According to my Dad, his father, my Grandfather Davis, had made and used this type of caller. I had the design in my possession at one time, but never got around to



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making one. I am today focusing on the box, slate, mouth calls.

The season opens one-half hour and a good turkey hunter should be near this earlier scouted out roosting site perhaps in some hemlocks in a hollow. He could listen for the hoot of an owl that will possibly cause the gobbler to respond with a gobble in response. Even better is for the hunter to have an owl call of his own as well the other turkey callers. If hunting alone, one can then give a few yelps with his box caller. If the gobbler responds and is on the ground, a slate caller will help to get the gobbler headed toward the hunter. It is sometimes best to have one or two additional friends hunting with you to help in the calling and one ready in a well camouflaged area and ready to fire his gun when the gobbler comes into range at 30 to 40 yards. An excited gobbler will continue to "sound off" as he approaches what he believes is a desirable hen to mate with. The

different sounds made with box, slate and mouth calls consisting of yelps, calks and purrs will be rewarded by a big bearded gobbler as he flops in death from # 6 or # 8 shot from the hunter's gun. That is, if the big turkey does not see movement at the last moment and takes flight – turkeys have excellent eyesight and hearing as well. You can not call turkeys with the best callers on the market if you mess up in the sounds you make with them. One can have good calling techniques by listing to recordings of them or around domesticated farm turkeys and try to match your calls to theirs. To all you turkey hunters out there, be safe and be aware of other hunters in the woods.

Trumpet turkey callers brought to mind the many references to trumpets mentioned in the Bible. I Corinthians 15:52 KJV states: "In a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." With all the turmoil in the world today, many believe as I do, that we are living in the last days. Christ could come any day now to take both the living and dead saints to live with Him in heaven. I look forward to this time and recommend you get ready for this occasion if you are not prepared as of now.

Until next time



PCHS photo

Pictured L to R: Garrett Kinder, Madison Woolwine, Evan Hull, Allyson Castle, Zach Fox
Seated: Wes King

Cougars qualify for State

Congratulations to the PCHS Cross Country team on an outstanding performance at the Class 4 Region D Cross Country meet recently at Blacksburg.

Six Cougars earned All Region honors and five qualified for the State Cross Country Meet.

All Region D Cross Country

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Boys
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UNC at Tech football game set for Sept. 3

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The 2021 North Carolina at Virginia Tech football game has been set for Friday, Sept. 3, the Atlantic Coast Conference announced today. The date of the game was listed as either Thursday or Friday when the 2021 ACC Football schedule was announced in January. Kickoff time and the television network will be announced at a later date.

The ACC Coastal Division matchup is the first conference game of the season and is part of an exciting Labor Day opening weekend of ACC Football that includes at least one game per day Thursday through Monday, Sept. 2-6.

Labor Day weekend begins with NC State hosting USF in Raleigh on Thursday, Sept. 2, followed by Wake Forest vs. Old Dominion and Virginia Tech vs. UNC on Friday, Sept. 3. Saturday's slate features eight ACC teams in action, including Miami against defending national champion Alabama in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game in Atlanta, and Clemson vs. Georgia in the Duke's Mayo Classic in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Florida State hosts Notre Dame on Sunday, Sept. 5, while Ole Miss and Louisville meet in a second Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game in Atlanta on Monday, Sept. 6.

LEGAL NOTICES

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The object of this suit is to:
TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that OSCAR ESMUNDO REYES RODAS appear at the above-named Court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 7, 2021.

April 7, 2021

Rebecca R. Price, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold public hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matters:

a) Pursuant to Section 15.2-2270 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, adoption of an ordinance to vacate an unimproved right of way shown as a portion of Redwood Lane, which portion of Redwood Lane was created by a plat of subdivision attached to an instrument recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 177, Page 127.

b) Pursuant to Article X, Section 6-B of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 58.1-3219.14 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, adoption of an ordinance granting exemption from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel killed in the line of duty and defined as "covered persons" by Section 9.1-400(B) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Submission of comments in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to bos@pulaskicounty.org are preferred. A copy of the ordinances is available for public inspection by phoning (540) 980-7705 or emailing bos@pulaskicounty.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26th, 2021 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1) Application submitted by Tamara & James Nash and John & Kimberly Edwards regarding an "Ordinance to Vacate an Unimproved Right of Way, a portion of Redwood Lane which was created by a plat of subdivision attached to an instrument recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 177, Page 127".

2) Application submitted by Community Life Church, to Rezone Tax Map #029-1-15B, Belspring Rd. from High Density Residential Zone District to Commercial Zone District.

3) Application by Community Life Church, to Amend the Future Land Use Map Designation for Tax Map #029-1-15B, Belspring Rd., from Medium Density Residential to Commercial.

Comments may be presented orally, or in writing, prior to the meeting or in person at the public hearing. Information regarding the matter(s) referenced above is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Community Development Department, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

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—
Scott Vest
 Pulaski County High School
 Athletic & Activities Director

Richmond Raceway readies for the NASCAR Cup Series

From NASCAR

Richmond Raceway has been known by several different names and has been reconfigured several times over the years of its existence, but all the while it has been a staple on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule since 1953. This weekend's race, the TOYOTA OWNERS 400 (April 18 at 3 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) is looking to add the historic prestige that Richmond has built over the decades of great on-track competition and with how this season has been shaking out it shouldn't disappoint.

Originally known as the Atlantic Rural Exposition Fairgrounds, Richmond Raceway held its first race in 1946 as a half-mile dirt track. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Richmond Raceway was held on April 19, 1953 and the event was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Lee Petty in a Petty Enterprises Dodge with an average speed of 45.535 mph.

From 1953 to 1968, the NASCAR Cup Series and Richmond Raceway hosted 24 races on dirt. The track surface was changed from dirt to asphalt between races in 1968. The track name was changed to Richmond Fairgrounds Raceway in 1969 and the track was re-measured to 0.542-mile in 1970.

It wasn't until following the February 21, 1988 NASCAR Cup Series race that Richmond Raceway was rebuilt as a three-quarters-mile D-shaped oval that we know today.

In 1999, International Speedway Corporation (now NASCAR) purchased the raceway and surrounding property. It was the first season with both Cup races as night races and the track was renamed to Richmond International Raceway.

In 2017, the track underwent \$30 million in renovations to upgrade the amenities for the fans and in the process changed the name of the track to Richmond Raceway.

In total, there have been 128 NASCAR Cup Series races at Richmond Raceway, one event from 1953 - 1958 and two races per year since 1959 to 2019. Due to the pandemic, the series only raced at Richmond once in 2020.

The 128 NASCAR Cup Series races at Richmond Raceway have produced 55 different pole winners and 52 different race winners.

NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty (1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 sweep, 1974, 1975) and Bobby Allison (1972 sweep, 1973 sweep, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1982) lead the NASCAR Cup Series in poles at Richmond with eight each. Denny Hamlin (2006, 2008 and 2016) leads all active pole winners at Richmond Raceway with three poles; followed by Joey Logano and Kevin Harvick with two each.

Of the 52 different NASCAR Cup Series drivers that have won at Richmond Raceway, nine are active this weekend. NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty leads the NASCAR Cup Series in wins at Richmond Raceway with 13 victories (spring 1961, 1967 sweep, fall 1968, fall 1970, 1971 sweep, 1972 sweep, 1973 sweep, fall 1974 and spring

1975) – the third-most wins by a single driver at a single track in series history behind his 15 wins at Martinsville and North Wilkesboro. Joe Gibbs Racing's driver Kyle Busch leads all active competitors in wins at Richmond with six victories.

Active NASCAR Cup Series Richmond Raceway Winners

Active Winners (9)	Wins	Seasons
Kyle Busch	6	2 0 1 8
sweep, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009		
Denny Hamlin	3	2016, 2010, 2009
Kevin Harvick	3	2013, 2011, 2006
Brad Keselowski	2	2020, 2014
Joey Logano	2	2017, 2014
Kurt Busch	2	2015, 2005
Martin Truex Jr	2	2 0 1 9
sweep		
Kyle Larson	1	2017
Ryan Newman	1	2003

This weekend's TOYOTA OWNERS 400 will be 400 laps (300 miles in length) and will be broken up into three stages. The first stage will be 80 laps, the second stage will be 155 laps and the final stage will be 160 laps.

The starting lineups were decided by Metric Qualifying for this weekend's Richmond event. Last weekend's Martinsville winner and Joe Gibbs Racing's driver Martin Truex Jr. will start from the pole and his teammate Denny Hamlin will join him on the front row.

Beatin' & Bangin': Short track specialists to watch this weekend

Since the first NASCAR Cup Series season in 1949, short tracks – a track less than a mile in length – have graced the competitive schedule and been part of the fabric that makes up the sport.

NASCAR Hall of Famer, aptly nicknamed 'The King,' Richard Petty scored 138 of his record 200 NASCAR Cup Series victories on short tracks – the series-most short-track wins all-time. He also holds the record for the most wins at a single NASCAR Cup Series track posting 15 victories at last

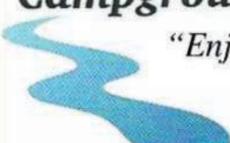
weekend's venue – Martinsville Speedway. Petty also has 13 wins at this weekend's short track, Richmond Raceway (third-most all-time at a single track).

Among the active drivers this weekend, 10 have posted wins on short tracks in the NASCAR Cup Series, led by Joe Gibbs Racing's Kyle Busch with 16 short track Cup victories; including six at Richmond. Team Penske's Joey Logano is the only driver to win at all four of the currently active short tracks on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule with his victory on the Bristol Dirt.

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The two Michael Kinsers

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In the early days of settlement in Southwest Virginia two Michael Kinsers established themselves in two different areas. The earliest one came from Pennsylvania with his parents about 1771 to what is now the western part of Wythe County, and the other came from Rockingham County and purchased land on Tom's Creek near Blacksburg about 1803.

Because Wythe County was part of Montgomery County for many years prior to 1790 the records of the two Kinser men have been intermingled and have caused some confusion for those researching the Kinser family.

The researcher looking for information often discovers that there are two (sometimes as many as three or four) men in the records with the same name. Analysis of the findings, including county formation, family information, and with close attention to dates, often reveals that they are two different people. That is the case here.

The name itself has many different spellings including Kintzer, Kincer, Keenzer, Kinser and Kinzer. The Montgomery County family (and later Carroll County), for the most part, kept the Kinser spelling but this one soon disappeared from the Wythe County records. Although the spellings Kinder and Gunder have been also suggested as alternate spellings for Kinser, these two names, Kinder and Gunder, and other strange spellings, belong to the Kinder family.

Michael of Wythe County was one of ten children of Jacob Kinser of Pennsylvania. He and many members of his family settled near Crockett in the western end of Wythe County. Because of lawsuits recently discovered and research in Penn-



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sylvania on this particular family, the records are numerous and all are not pertinent to this article. However, the service records, wounds and actions in the war are well documented for Michael, a Revolutionary War soldier of Wythe County. On September 11, 1780, he was listed on the Chesterfield Register, enlisting in the army. His age was given as 22, his

height 5 feet 4 inches, and with dark hair, black eyes and a fair complexion. His occupation was a planter. His birthplace was Pennsylvania.

Michael of Rockingham and Montgomery counties owned several tracts of land, operated mills and stills and had a carding machine to process wool. These designations help to identify him as a miller. His land was located on Tom's Creek near present Blacksburg. This Michael had a wife Hester (sometimes Esther) and children John, Katherine, Phillip, Michael, Jr., Elizabeth, Susanna, George, Christian and Jacob. His will was signed on May 5, and probated a few months later in August 1826. The elder Michael was buried in the Broce Cemetery in Montgomery County, near Blacksburg. Several of the marriages of his children are recorded at the courthouse in Christiansburg. Many of the family records and a family Bible can be found in the special collections at Virginia Tech.

On March 29, 1786, about four years before Wythe County was formed, the Montgomery County Court ordered that Michael Kinser (of Wythe County in 1790), "a pensioner have a certificate that he

is an object of charity and ought to receive the same." Proof of his service in the war was presented to the court on May 24 when he proved by the oath of Samuel Sadler that he was wounded at Camden and that he belonged to Captain Besitlys [Bentley's] Company of the Regiment and that the wounds he received were in the "service" of the United States. Kinser was so disabled that he was excused from personally attending court because it would be "too burdensome." Thomas Huff, the surgeon, was ordered to examine his wounds and report to the Governor. It was certified to the court that Michael Kinser, age 27, late a private in the 1st Virginia Regiment was paid 40 shillings a month. He was disabled by wounds which occasioned the loss of all fingers of the right hand except the forefinger. He was allowed a pension of £12 yearly by January 1, 1786. Signed by Edmund Randolph, April 28, 1787.

Michael Kinser of Wythe County filed a petition in the General Assembly in 1806 claiming that he was called to perform the duties of a soldier for the term of eighteen months, and while in service in the company of Captain Bentley and in the Regiment of Colonel Harris, he was at the second Battle of Camden. There he was "cut to pieces and taken prisoner by the enemy." While a prisoner he was "plundered by the British soldiers of his money and a Tobacco note which had been given to him on the part of the Government of Virginia, in consideration of his services." He lost the "evidence of the debt" and stated that although he had a pension of 40 shillings annually "yet it is a very inadequate compensation for five sword cuts on his head, the disability of his left arm and one of the fingers on his left hand and the entire loss of three of the fingers on the right hand." He added that he was the father of nine children, and further "begs leave to state that being wholly illiterate the proper mode of proceeding relative to his claim was long unknown to him. He prayed for "such relief as his case requires."

On 4 April 1788, Michael Kinser appeared personally in the Montgomery County Court and "exhibited his certificate" which was compared with the pensioners' list and he was found to be entitled to a pension. The sheriff was ordered to pay him the sum of twenty-four pounds and his certificate was recorded.

In further statements made later by his widow, Elizabeth, it was noted that her husband served under General Greene and in 1780 marched south and was engaged at the Battle of Camden where he lost his fingers. His left arm was also disabled. He received a pension as did his widow, a resident of Wythe County. Michael Kinser married on September 4, 1783,

after his return from the war to Elizabeth whose maiden name has not been determined. The Reverend Peter Srader (probably intended for Shradler) performed the service. Michael died in November 1823 according to his widow's statement. On June 10, 1844, Elizabeth reported that she was 78 years, 11 months and 21 days old. She died on February 22, 1848, leaving three children, Anna, Peter and Esther [Jonas]. Lewis D. Crenshaw was appointed to collect arrears in her pension and on February 10, 1849, collected \$37.33.

Michael Kinser of Wythe signed his will in April 1819. It was probated on December 10, 1822 (not 1823 as Elizabeth stated). He left all land purchased from Jacob King and George Kinser to his son Peter. All other land was devised to his sons Christian and David. He named five daughters, Barbara Moyers, Anna Hillenberg, Elizabeth Moyers, Mary Kinsler, and Esther. His friend, John Stanger, was the executor. Jacob Hilton and Robert Mills were witnesses to the will. By comparing the will of Michael of Toms Creek with this one which lists the five daughters, and three sons, it becomes apparent that there were two Michael Kinsers.

The widow, Elizabeth Kinser, of Wythe County signed her will in 1837 and it was probated in March 1848. She named her daughter, Esther Jonas, who was to receive a tract of land of 32 or 33 acres, adjoining the Loyal Company survey made for Jacob Kinser. Esther was also to have all of the household and kitchen furniture. Elizabeth left a "horse beast" to her grandson, David Kinser, Jr., who was then under age 21. She did not name all of the children. Her friends, Parker A. Wright, and son-in-law, Jacob Jonas, were to act as executors.

Some of the records of the children of Michael and Elizabeth Kinser appear in the Wythe County marriage and land records. The name is still well known in the area.

When the records are analyzed we find that Michael of Montgomery County was still in Rockingham County at least as late as 1789 when their son John was baptized. He first appears in the Montgomery County records about 1803, so if he served in the Revolutionary War his records would probably refer to Rockingham or some other county where he might have lived at the time of the war.

The second proof of soldier Michael being from Wythe County is made clear by the fact that when he filed his petition to the Virginia Assembly in 1806 it came from Wythe County, not Montgomery County. There is no evidence that Michael of Toms Creek moved to Wythe County.

One very helpful proof shows that the widow, Elizabeth Kinser of Wythe County, also had a pension and it states she was from Wythe and the widow of the soldier Michael. The widow of Michael of Montgomery was named Hester or Esther. The name of the wives and, in each case the children, were important clues and helped confirm that Michael of Wythe was wounded at the Battle of Camden during the war and that he was a pensioner.



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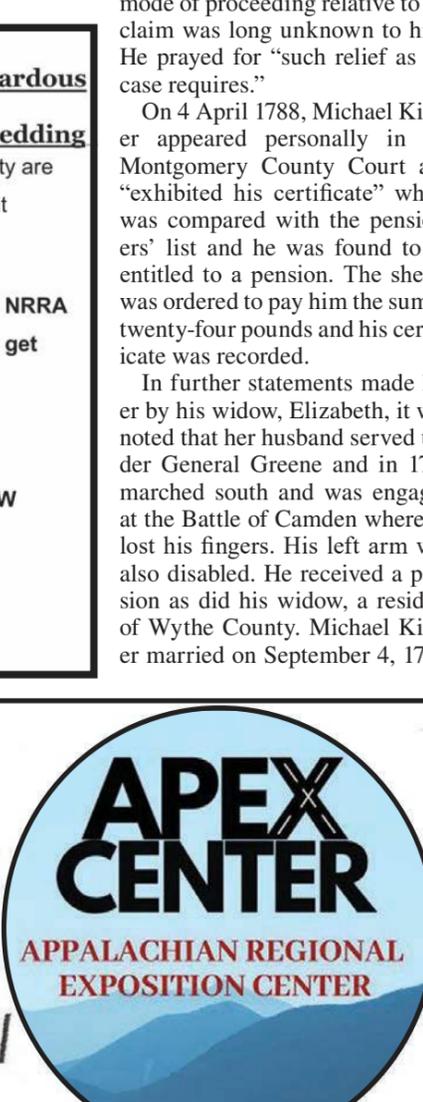
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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Dear Joan,

First, you need to define what helping your daughter really means. What does it look like? In my mind, you haven't helped her if she's still living at home two or three years from now. Going to those lengths is called being an enabler. At the same time, you shouldn't just show her the door and wish her good luck. You and your husband together should come to agreement on a forward-thinking plan that falls somewhere in the middle. I'm talking about something that allows your daughter a little time to heal and regain her dignity, but also includes a plan, expectations, and a move-out date.

If I were in your shoes, there would be requirements attached to her living at home again. One is that she would respect and abide by your household rules. If she's going to live in your home, she should be expected to respect her parents and their wishes.

Number two, she should be thinking about and working on tangible career steps every single day. I'm pretty sure she could find a part-time job out there to put a little extra money in her pocket. When she's not earning some cash, she should be focusing on long-term career goals. Sending out resumés and filling out applications for full-time employment needs to be a priority.

The last thing I'll suggest may sound a little strange, but trust me on this one. Right now, your daughter also needs some kind of physical activity on a regular basis. Exercise stimulates the mind, and she really needs that

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This young lady has been through a stressful experience. She needs some understanding and support right now. At the same time, you don't want to let her slide into bad habits and participate in promoting negative behavior. Step in, help her get her life back on track, and get her out in the world again. All three of you will be glad you did!

— Dave

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School chief provides update on local Equity Initiative

By **DR. KEVIN SIERS**
Pulaski County Public Schools

There has recently been a lot of misinformation, conjecture, and false alarms circulating on and off of social media regarding the Pulaski County Public Schools equity initiative. While much work went into the development of our Mission Statement for Racial & Social Equity and the addition of an equity goal to the school division's comprehensive plan, it has become apparent that not enough was done to communicate with the Pulaski County community about what all of this means. Provided below are the answers to why, what, and how the issues around equity will be addressed for students in Pulaski County.

Why address equity?

- It's the right thing to do. Removing barriers and improving supports for groups of students who are not successful should be a primary objective for every public school. A refusal to or inability to address known problems could constitute negligence and might reasonably be viewed as the equivalent of saying that there are some children who just don't deserve to be successful. PCPS has been trying to close SOL achievement gaps and reduce discipline disparities for several years. These equity related efforts are now just part of a larger more inclusive initiative designed to improve our educational programs for students.

- Requirements have been passed by the Virginia General Assembly to be implemented through the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). The General Assembly has passed a number of equity related education bills over the past 2 years

that require the Virginia Department of Education to prepare guidance and set expectations for local school divisions. The VDOE launched its own equity initiative in 2020 to address increasing cultural proficiency of Virginia's educator workforce and to close opportunity gaps for Virginia students. They have set expectations for school divisions to work to create culturally responsive schools, cultivate culturally responsive leadership, prepare culturally responsive educators, and teach culturally responsive pedagogy. The initial impact of the state's equity initiative is that social studies standards are being rewritten to include recommendations made by the African American History Education

Commission, teacher licenses will require completion of training in cultural competency, social studies teachers will require complete instruction in African American history, school divisions will be required to develop policies on the treatment of transgender students, and teachers will soon be evaluated on how they develop "culturally inclusive and responsive learning environments." So, for those who may not believe that our equity mission and plan were the right thing to do, it seems necessary to communicate that addressing these issues isn't optional. We are entering the era in public education where everything from teaching licenses to school accreditation will be tied to equity focused work for school divisions.

What is (and what isn't) the PCPS Equity Initiative?
• The PCPS equity initiative started with a recognition that issues of inequity exist within

our schools and that they've been around for quite some time.

- The PCPS equity initiative sets the expectation that all schools provide "an environment that respects every individual regardless of race, gender, intellectual & physical abilities, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, physical appearance, gender expression, family configuration, ethnicity, age, and the language spoken in their homes." In other words, we have set the expectation that every student and their families be

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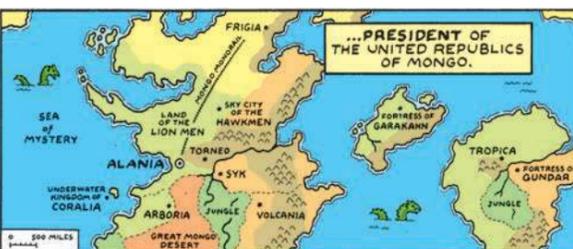
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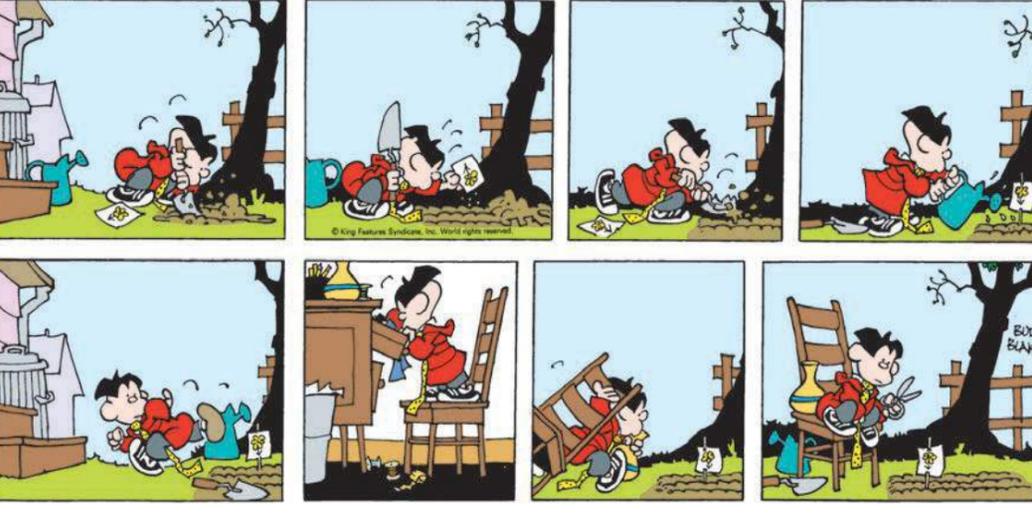


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- The PCPS equity initiative establishes the objectives of conducting an equity audit at each school, sharing the results of the equity audits, conducting professional development around equity based concepts, attempt to recruit faculty members that reflect the diversity of our community, allocate instructional resources that reflect the diversity of our community, and develop school cultures that value the diversity of our community.

- The PCPS equity initiative is not the sacrificing one group of students in favor of another. It is working to make education a positive experience for each student.

- The PCPS equity initiative is not an attempt to erase

anyone's history. It's working to make sure that every student feels they are valued and well represented in the history that is being written today.

- The PCPS equity initiative is not an effort to indoctrinate children into denying their gender. It's teaching children to respect others whose appearance, beliefs, and life choices may be different from their own.

How will PCPS proceed with its equity initiative?

- PCPS administrators will be trained in areas of cultural competence and adaptive leadership in order to be better prepared to lead our schools in the work that will be needed to address community, state, and federal expectations.

- Each school will complete an equity audit before the end of the current school year and the findings of the audit will be shared with the School Board.

- Each school will form an equity team that is made up of

faculty, staff, parents, and students to advise its administrators on how to move forward.

- PCPS will develop a plan and secure the resources necessary to prepare its educators for implementing the changes that are coming down from the Virginia Department of Education.

- PCPS will look for additional ways to engage our community around its work in equity.

Pulaski County Public Schools takes seriously its commitment to provide meaningful instruction to each student that is served in our schools. The equity mission that was launched earlier this year simply establishes a set of guiding principles that will help us create an educational culture where each child feels valued, inspired, and empowered to succeed at any level. Working to make life better for children should be a concept that every member of a community can support. Hopefully, this will become the case for Pulaski County.

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April 18
Nancy French to minister
On Sunday April 18th at 3:00pm Bread of Life Assembly of God on Robinson Tract Road in Pulaski will have Nancy French from Bland to minister in Song and the Word. Come let us worship together.

April 19
Board of Supervisors, School Board to hold joint meeting
The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board will be having a Special Called Joint Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the E.O.C. / Information Technology Training Center, located at 89 Commerce Street S.W., Maple Shade Plaza, in the town of Pulaski.

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

masks are required and social distancing observed.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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