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Dublin, Fairlawn housing developments get go-ahead

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Two new housing developments, one in Dublin and one in Fairlawn – with over 200 new homes total – got the go-ahead Monday night from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

The board held three public hearings on the projects Monday evening in the high school's Little Theatre that attracted 100 or so concerned citizens.

In the first hearing, only two Dublin area residents spoke on a proposal by Shah Development to construct a 58-lot single family detached residential subdivision on 25 acres of property off Route 100 (Clebune Boulevard) along New Dublin Church Road. The property is directly across Route 100 from the New River Valley Fairgrounds.

Shah requested approval for a re-zoning of the property from Agricultural to Medium Density Residential.

Bill Benson expressed concerns over the project, noting that a proposed three-acre open space in the center of the project is a “massive sink hole,” with caves throughout

Supervisors vote 4-1, 3-2 on re-zoning projects creating over 200 homes

the project area.

A resident near the area to be re-zoned, Benson said the entire project area would need a geological study before approval.

Benson also said he believes a traffic light needs to be installed at the intersection of New Dublin Church Road and Route 100 due to safety concerns over increased traffic entering the highway – especially when events are held such as the Pulaski County Flea Market and the NRV Fair.

Access to the subdivision, as proposed by Shah and its engineering firm Balzer and Associates, is from New Dublin Church Road which connects with Route 100.

Rodney Gearhart expressed concerns over drainage and the need to widen New Dublin Church Road to handle the increased traffic to and from the development. He also wanted assurance that the road issues will be handled first before the project proceeds.

Steve Semones of Balzer and Associates said New Dublin

would likely need to be widened with new ditch lines installed. He said any costs associated with a widening would be paid by the developer and the widening would occur on the developer's side of the road.

Semones said homes in the development would be valued in the mid-\$200,000 to \$300,000 range, and they would be in the 1,600- to 2,200-square foot range. He estimated completion of the project in three to five years.

Semones added that the development would help to fill the need for more housing in the county, especially in the price range and size of the homes proposed.

Following the hearing, Massie Supervisor John Travis made the motion to approve the re-zoning with Ingles Supervisor Laura Walters offering a second. The vote was 4-1 in favor of the re-zoning with Robinson Supervisor Charles Bopp casting the

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Youngkin, McAuliffe plan to disclose some tax return details

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The two leading candidates in the closely watched race for Virginia governor say they will voluntarily disclose at least some information from recent tax returns before the November election.

In response to questions from The Associated Press, the campaigns of both Republican Glenn Youngkin and Democrat Terry McAuliffe made vague pledges to release unspecified details from their tax returns, but neither said they would make the documents available in full.

“Glenn Youngkin will release information from his tax returns in recent years when his latest filings are complete, before November,” said spokeswoman Macaulay Porter.

Christina Freundlich, a spokeswoman for McAuliffe, said he would share a summary of recent years' returns before the election.

While it is not required for Virginia gubernatorial candidates to disclose their returns, there is some limited precedent for doing so. The complete documents could give a more nuanced look at a candidate's income, tax deductions and philanthropy than the state's mandatory disclosures do.

In 2013, then-Attorney General and GOP gubernatorial nominee Ken Cuccinelli, who went on to lose to McAuliffe, allowed reporters to examine eight years' worth of complete federal and state income tax returns, including itemized sources of income and deductions.

After more than a week of public pressure, McAuliffe released summaries of three years of federal returns to reporters, withholding all information about the sources of his income and the deductions and exemptions he enjoyed, the AP reported at the time.

Cuccinelli's disclosure came at a time when he was facing increasing news media scrutiny about his stock in Star Scientific, a Virginia-based maker of nutritional supplements, and thousands of dollars in gifts he received from its chief executive officer. Former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell was later convicted on federal corruption charges in connection to gifts

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**JUDITH MARIE JONES
BRUCE**

Judith Marie Jones Bruce, age 78 of Dublin, passed away late Sunday night, July 25, 2021 at Henrico's Doctor's Hospital in Richmond, following a very long battle with cancer. She was born on July 14, 1943, in Radford, and was the daughter of the late Dorothy Martin Jones and Basil Lynwood Jones.

Judy retired after many years as the Radford City Clerk and administrative assistant to the City Manager. She was a member of the Dublin United Methodist Church and was graduate of 1961 class of Dublin High School where she excelled in academics and was a proud Majorette.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde Wallace Bruce of Dublin: two sons; S. Todd (Tracie Mitchell) Bruce of Pulaski, and Adam (Amy Cannaday) Bruce of Hardy, Va.; two sisters; Barbara Jones (Tommy) Wheeler of Floyd, and Billie Jean Ritchie of Roanoke; Grandchildren: Tayler N. Bruce and her fiancé Ben Lowman of Boulder CO, Michael T. Bruce of Pulaski. Michaela E. Bruce and her fiancé Tucker Coleman of Hardy, VA, and Eleanor "Ellie" E. Bruce of Pulaski.

Funeral graveside service were held Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the Dublin Town Cemetery with the Rev. Don Shelor officiating. Pallbearers were: Michael T. Bruce, Tucker Coleman, Ben Lowman, London Turner, Mark Shumate, and Jim Kennedy.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski, and our friends at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Nominations sought by county for 2021 Joseph Calfee Award

The Joseph Calfee Award may be presented to an individual who has volunteered in the county during the past year. This award is intended for individuals who currently serve on one of the county's boards, committees, commissions, fire/rescue, parks and rec. coach, etc. whose volunteer service goes above and beyond simply being a member of the group or organization, but truly give time and talents to the community and county. This award is to recognize a volunteer who has demonstrated the following qualities: consistent positive attitude; willingness to strive for cooperation and harmony between employees, departments, agencies, etc.; and pride in work and community. A certificate will be given to the recipient of this award and will be presented at the Annual Pulaski County Volunteer/Employee picnic set for Friday, August 20th at Randolph Park. Please use the attached form to nominate a deserving volunteer and send it back via email to Anthony Akers at aakers@pulaskicounty.org. All nominations must be received by Wednesday, August 11th by 5:00pm.



**CHARLOTTE CREGGER
MITCHELL**

Charlotte Cregger Mitchell, age 82 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, July 25, 2021 at her home. Born April 4, 1939 in Wythe County, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Cecil B. & Bertha Inez Tate Cregger.

Her husband Curtis Lee Mitchell, Sr., son, Curtis Lee Mitchell, Jr., infant brother, Benny Ray Cregger, brother, Ralph Olen Cregger, sisters Ann Shannon Harris Long and Linda (PeeWee) Cregger Tabor also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her Children - Treassa (Jerry) French - Pulaski, Doug (Gini) Mitchell - Pulaski, Jeannie Quesenberry - Draper, Janet (Scott) Davis - Glen Allen, VA

Grandchildren - Jessie (Adam) Lowry, Mandie (Jason) Hale Great Grandchildren - Addie, Emily, Morgan, Gavin, Maddie and Kaitlyn

Sister - Bertha Mae Cregger Petty - Pulaski

Brothers - Cecil Gerald "Jerry" Cregger - Speedwell, Dennie Clay Cregger - Dublin

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM - Friday, July 30, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Geary Jonas and Rev. Richard Collins officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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

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



**JARVIS JEROME
GRAVLEY**

Jarvis Jerome Gravley, age 60 of Pulaski passed away July 24, 2021. Born November 9, 1960 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Coagle Draper Gravley & Mary Elizabeth Hanks Gravley. He was also preceded in death by his special son, Carl Neal, two brothers, Alden Gravley and Damon Gravley, & nephew, Dillon Anderson.

He is survived by his Love of his life - Tammy Neal - Pulaski

Special Sons & Daughters - William Matthew Bruffy, Ricky Lane Neal, Jr., Brittany Michelle Gravley

Sisters - Shelia G. Eversole, Gracie Gravley, Iva G. Crotts, Jane Hawks

Brother - Van Gravley, Vincent Gravley

Half-brother - Gary Taylor

Sister-in-law - Bootsie Gravley

Special Mother-in-law - Ina Gravely

Special Friend - Tracy Smith-Linkous

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Private services are scheduled at this time. To sign his online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

BARRY ST. CLAIR MOORE, SR.

Barry St. Clair Moore, Sr., 77 of Shiloh, went to be with his Lord on July 25, 2021 with family by his side.

He is survived by his son, Barry St. Clair Moore, Jr. (Michelle Quesenberry) and grandson Peyton St. Clair Moore of Shiloh, and granddaughter Madeline daughter Alice Moore Cappellino (Dr. Mark Hundley) and grandsons Connor N. and Christian R. Cappellino of Rockville, and his companion Beatrice Diane Draper of Pulaski. Barry was the son of the late Garnett St. Clair and Virginia Kersey Moore of Pulaski. He was also preceded in death by his daughter Annette Moore, his grandson Hayden Moore, his children's mother Burley Jean (B.J.) Semones Moore and nephew John Semones.

After graduating from Pulaski High School in 1962, Barry attended Oak Ridge Military Academy in NC. Following the two years he spent there, he attended Virginia Tech where he studied criminal justice. Barry was a Magistrate appointed by the Supreme Court of Virginia.



**RONALD B.
BOARDWINE, SR.**

Ronald B. Boardwine, Sr., 73, died July 24, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born on May 17, 1948 in Lebanon, VA, he was the son of the late Paul F. and Maze Ferrell Boardwine. He is also predeceased by two brothers, Arch "Bert" Boardwine and Clarence "Bo" Boardwine.

Mr. Boardwine is survived by his son, Ronald B. Boardwine, Jr.; daughters, Kimberly Havens, and Crystal Grant; two stepdaughters, Ashlie Mishoe and Jessica Nester; two brothers, Samuel Boardwine (Peggy) and Dennie Boardwine; sisters, Linda Wyatt (Roger) and Della Guynn (David); special family members, Tracy and Kelly St. Clair; several nieces and nephews; and his soulmate of 18 years, Angela Nester.

He loved being a papa. He was an amazing father, avid horseman and huge Dallas Cowboys fan.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 29 at Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Burial followed in Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery in Pulaski, Virginia.

To sign Ronald's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



**EDNA LEE LOVE
LINKOUS**

Edna Lee Love Linkous, age 88 of Christiansburg and formerly Draper passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at her home. Born April 13, 1933 in Wallace, Virginia she was the daughter of the late George & Fannie Mae Stacy Love. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Rev. Chester Edward Linkous, sisters, Virginia Sorah, Leona Riewee and brothers, William Love, Mack Love and Charles Love.

Edna was a godly wife, mother and granny to all. She was a hard worker and taught her children to be the same. She strived to live out her life as a faithful prayer warrior, the lover of all in showing hospitality and love to all that sat at her table. She lived out her faith with the hope of things to come. To trust and delight in the Lord as when we trust in him our hearts are transformed. Through that God gives us the desires of our hearts.

She is survived by her

Children - Carolyn (Chuck) Howell - Christiansburg, VA, Jean (Danny) Keith - Christiansburg, VA, George (Shelia) Linkous - Huntington, WV

Grandchildren - Paige (Zachary) Roope, Mike (Heather) Edmonds, Toni (Stephen) Steffey, Joshua (Stephanie) Keith, Adrienne (Hayley) Conrad, Erin (Kevin) Viars and Scott Howell Turner

12 Precious Great Grandchildren

Sisters - Ethel Blevins - TN, Mildred Keller - Christiansburg

Brothers - John Love - TN, Dan Love - Pulaski

Special Nieces - Judy (Al) Stoots and Jill Love

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home, Chapel-Pulaski with grandsons, Joshua Keith & Michael Edmonds officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Edna's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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We invite everyone to come to The Gathering and let God turn your impossible into possible, your lost into found, your brokenness into mended, your sorrow into joy and your can't into can.

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ginia (Ginger) Riggins, Charlie Barbettini, Joyce Greer, Sherman Buckner, Dedrick Phillips, Jarrod Midkiff, Barbara Kidd, Harley Phillips, Paul Robertson (All For Jesus Ministries), Eric Watson, Todd Garwood, Steve Board, Terry Simone, Jeff Furrow. There will be special singing every night.

Hebrews 10:25 - "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the Day approaching." NKJV

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Dublin Lions Club honored for cleanup efforts in county

During the June first meeting of the Pulaski County Clean Community Council (PCCCC), a discussion of how many Civic groups have taken the litter under task in our community.

Several groups have performed wonderfully in the past years patrolling highways and streets in our county picking up discarded items and litter and making a difference in the war on litter. To that date only records existed one Civic organization had performed duties of the PCCCC mission.

In early spring of a local farmer and vintner made a challenge to the citizens of Pulaski to get out and make a difference in our county and address the trash blighted highways.

Immediately the Pulaski County Lions club took up the challenge. The Lions Club long known for the famous Lion Dog, and community service, sponsorships of food drives, scholarships, and vision care missions, took it upon them selves to pick a section of road way seen by most all county residents during the year. They choose the NRV Fairgrounds property boundary and highway frontage of route 100 from Cleburne Grave wayside to intersection of Giles Avenue.

For this quick and continuing action, the Pulaski Clean Community Council deemed it fitting to not only recognize but also to place the Clean Community Sign at their head quarter in Dublin for the month of July IN Recognition of this effort.

The members of the PCCCC hope this example of litter patrol on roads and grounds of our community is one that will last a lasting project of church and civic groups as well as individual citizen and family.

The PCCCC wants to remind

Medical coding programs offered at NRCC in fall

New River Community College is offering medical coding foundations career studies certificate programs, with classes beginning this fall. Medical Coding Foundations I and Medical Coding Foundations II prepare students for a high-salary career in an in-demand field.

These programs lead to employment in the medical coding field. Medical Coding Foundations I provides foundational knowledge in medical terminology and medical coding that prepares students to take the Cer-



every citizen that litter is a hindrance to our community growth and value. Please help keep Pulaski County beautiful. If you see a litter source report it or if you can enact a clean up please do so. The careless and intentional littering will eventually be brought to a stop but until then it is still an eyesore. Don't litter and by example to friends and family point out just how nice a clean highway looks and how ill kept the litter make it look. Secure loads in trucks with tarps and binders. Place your road side receptacle on the road ways only on pick up days. Secure trash with proper closers to bags and boxes. If the wind or critters get into your trash please pick it up.

A reminder to Citizens; Virginia Senate passed a recent rise in the fines for littering. Virgin-

ia and federal government have strict regulations and hefty fines for participating in an illegal dumping of waste and trash. Law enforcement has been tasked to be very, very alert to citizens violating these regulations. Please dispose of all litter properly and instruct your house hold family to do the same.

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-Submitted by Gary Cox

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COVID Vaccines

On July 9, 2021, I joined some of my House colleagues in sending a letter to President Biden expressing concerns about his plans to send government workers door-to-door in an attempt to speak with Americans not yet vaccinated against COVID-19.

I do not approve of government policy that involves invading Americans' personal information. Their vaccination status is none of the government's business. This is a personal medical decision.

Nor should the government mandate individuals to take the vaccine.

That said, I believe in the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the FDA, and I am fully vaccinated.

It's important to me that Southwest Virginians have answers to the questions that may be causing them uncertainty regarding the vaccine.

In May, my Oversight & Investigations (O&I) Subcommittee of Energy & Commerce held a hearing to investigate vaccine hesitancy and how to build up better confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine.

Dr. Karen Shelton, who was the Health Director of the Mount Rogers Health District and Interim Director of both the Lenowisco and Cumberland Plateau Districts, testified in my hearing to help answer our questions.

The committee was pleased to hear from her about efforts being made to get the vaccines to rural areas and what is being done to educate the public about the history and safety of the vaccines.

I am particularly intrigued about the two vaccines utilizing messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) technology,

because they represent a major step forward for the vaccine community as a whole. Rather than exposing the body to a



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

weakened form of coronavirus, mRNA vaccines teach cells to respond in a protective manner if they encounter the virus.

Scholars have been researching and experimenting with mRNA vaccines for decades. I initially learned about mRNA technology in the context of combatting influenza. Over the last decade, I have asked Dr. Anthony Fauci numerous times about several new vaccine technologies under evaluation, including mRNA.

My interest was piqued because of the potential to produce mRNA vaccines without eggs.

Traditional influenza vaccines are made using eggs. Vaccine manufacturers use eggs and influenza virus strains in a process that takes weeks. The simplicity and affordability of this process has caused it to be used for more than 70 years. But those with allergies to eggs often cannot receive such vaccines.

mRNA technology works without eggs and it allows vaccines to be manufactured in half the time.

This technology was being developed for traditional flu viruses. As research continues, it is believed this technology will be used to provide a flu vaccine that is effective between 50 and 80% of the time. This is a major improvement. Over the last 10 years, traditional flu vaccines have roughly been effective between 14 and 40% of the time.

I look forward to a time when flu vaccines for Americans—which are currently developed based on hypotheses after looking at the flu strains Australia experiences each year—can be tailored to specific strains after flu season begins. mRNA technology should allow for that. It could also allow for boosters to be offered during particularly virulent flu seasons.

Thanks to this well-established foundation of mRNA research, COVID-19 vaccine developers were able to finalize a product quickly and efficiently. These many years of research are why I am comfortable with the safety and security of COVID-19 vaccines.

However, the decision to get a COVID-19 vaccine is not simple for everyone, nor should it be. I know of several medical considerations that require particularly careful vaccine evaluation, including pregnancy, certain kidney conditions, and pharmaceutical interactions.

Folks should consult with their healthcare provider on whether to get a vaccine, and which is best for their situation. What's right for me might not be right for you. I chose one of the mRNA vaccines, but Johnson & Johnson does not use mRNA and data indicates its safety is also safe.

The recent surge of the Delta variant cases has triggered alarm for some. However, vaccines are still the best way to reduce the likelihood of contracting the virus. But if you get the virus, vaccines dramatically reduce the likelihood of hospitalization or death.

In February, in my first column encouraging folks to be vaccinated, I said I hoped we would be facing an excess of vaccine doses by the end of June. Here we are, well into July, and we do have an excess of doses. If you haven't yet received one, I urge you to speak with your healthcare provider to determine what is right for you.

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.

Liberia: 'Love of Liberty Brought Us Here'

Have you ever heard of the country of Liberia? It probably isn't in the current educational history textbooks because it wouldn't fit the liberal narrative, but its history is very significant.

Originally called Monrovia, (in honor of U.S. President James Monroe) the Free and Independent Republic of Liberia is located on the West African coast and is approximately 43,000 square miles with a current population of 4.9 million. Their predominant language is English, their main religion is Christian (83 – 86 percent) and their nation's motto is "The Love of Liberty Brought Us Here." The Liberian coat of arms consists of a shield containing a picture of a 19th-century ship arriving in Liberia. The ship represents the ships which brought the freed slaves from the United States to freedom in Liberia.

According to Liberian History – nc-cdn.net, "Liberia is blessed with beautiful resorts, surfable white sand beaches,

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By Danielle Reid

historical/cultural sites, uninhabited islands, wildlife sanctuaries, eco-tourism parks, waterfalls, markets." But now it is also a country marked by civil war, poverty and violence.

However, Liberia didn't start out that way. You see, Liberia was previously known as the Colony of Liberia, established by the American Colonization Society (ACS), originally known as The Society for the Colonization of Free People of Color of America. It was founded to support the migration of freed Africans formerly slaves or born

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Kristi Noem and the GOP's future

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

RAPID CITY, South Dakota -- South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem likes to present herself as a "normal everyday" person "who enjoys life."

Appearing at FreedomFest 21, a gathering of 2,700 conservatives and libertarians, Noem said, "nobody knew who I was until liberals began attacking me every night on the national news." She's referring to her conservative views on economic and social issues.

Noem benefits from a roaring economy. She says there are fewer than 2,500 South Dakotans on public assistance and 28,000 job openings. The state has no sales tax. Property taxes average 1.22 percent. Annual economic growth is 9.9 percent, among the nation's best. Houses are inexpensive relative to many other places. With such figures it's no surprise there's been a population growth of 8.9 percent since 2010.

We talked shortly after recent shootings in Northwest Washington, D.C., and an outraged Robert J. Contee III, the police chief in Washington, blamed judges for releasing criminals back onto the streets where they often engage in more violent criminal behavior.

Noem believes Republicans can -- and should -- re-take the law-and-order issue in 2022 and 2024. In an interview, she told me, "What we are seeing ... on our streets (are) the consequences of ... what's happening in the Democratic leadership and their lack of support for police officers and those who step up and serve. (It's) being played out in the violence citizens are having to live with. It's going to continue if something doesn't change."

She says the street violence and looting in major cities is not only the fault of judges and district attorneys, but "also overcrowding in our prison system. There's less funding for the judicial system so they release individuals instead of putting them through the process of prosecution and sentencing, or through rehab. It's a problem that hasn't been addressed for many, many years (and) has gotten worse as the violence has escalated. When there's no consequence for it, law and order goes

away."

Asked about the state of the Republican Party, she responds, "It's the party that is bringing hope. If you look at what Democrats are embracing -- socialism, communism, lack of personal responsibility. Every problem that presents itself they think some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C., would handle it better than a Mom or a Dad, or a cousin or grandparent..."

"The Republican Party has a unique opportunity to talk about what we stand for and have always stood for and have proven to be the policies and the values that create opportunities for families and states and businesses. ... When you look at some states that have done what we believe in you can see overwhelming prosperity and families healthier and in school getting educated and that's what the American dream is and what the Republican Party needs to be talking about."

Noem believes Donald Trump will run for president again in 2024. "I think (former) President Trump did a great job. ... I believe that is something we all (can) -- and should -- welcome back. The policies of seven or eight months ago were contributing to a booming America. We were creating jobs and addressing challenges confronting us together. I think he'll run and if he does, I'll certainly support him."

She is open about her Christian faith and says it influences many of her policy positions: "What the government has done in the last (several months) is to continue to push secularism." She thinks that will continue and is "something we will have to fight. We will drive people to us by our optimism. You turn on the news and it's discouraging. You see the violence played out on the streets. Christians have a unique opportunity to bring hope and light..."

Noem turns 50 later this year and is a first-time grandmother. She also displays qualities for national office Republicans claim to want. Trump and others (including her opponents) should keep an eye on her.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@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).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Yes, Remember the Alamo

No one is trying to topple the Alamo quite yet, but a new revisionist book on the foundational event of Texas history partakes of the iconoclastic spirit of our time.

The book, titled "Forget the Alamo," is a harsh call for Texans, and Americans, to get over a battle deeply etched in our popular memory. According to the authors, the Texans (then the Texians) were foolish to try to defend the indefensible. Some of the defenders tried to make a run for it. Santa Anna, the Mexican general central to the story, wasn't so bad. And given the importance of slavery to the early history of Texas, the Alamo and the Texas Revolution are due an overall post-George Floyd reevaluation.

If there are legitimate disputes over the historical record, it's really not hard to understand why a badly outnumbered garrison of men who fought ferociously against a government force almost to the last man and provided a rallying cry for a rebellion that quickly swept to success occupies an outsize place in our imagination.

Especially given that two of the most famous Americans of the time, Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie, died there.

Such an event is inevitably catnip for myth-making, but even when stripped down to its essence, the Alamo and the aftermath were truly extraordinary.

Santa Anna, president of Mexico 11 separate times, first took power as a federalist, then switched sides and became a centralizer. A new constitution quashed Mexican states that had been run largely autonomously. Santa Anna put down the ensuing revolt in the province of Zacatecas in horrifyingly brutal fashion, and then he came for Texas.

About 150 defenders holed up in the Alamo, and the rest is not just legend, but history.

Santa Anna did indeed signal that his force of more than a thousand would give no quarter.

William Barret Travis, commander of the garrison, did indeed write an immortal letter concluding, "Victory or death." He made a plea for reinforcements that never came. "If this call is neglected," he wrote, "I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country."

Santa Anna's troops did indeed launch an early morning attack that was bloodied by the defenders, but quickly overwhelmed the fortification. Santa Anna insisted that roughly half a dozen survivors be executed, and followed up this atrocity with the murder of about 350 other captured rebels in the Goliad Massacre.

Sam Houston, his forces swelled by volunteers, did indeed tell his troops prior to the Battle of San Jacinto: "We will meet the enemy. Some of us may be killed, and must be killed. But, soldiers, remember the Alamo, the Alamo, the Alamo!" In an astonishing turnabout, the battle turned into

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NRCC receives Baliles award

New River Community College (NRCC) recently received the Gerald L. Baliles Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative (RVHI) Award from the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) to help close the educational attainment gap between the Rural Horseshoe region and the state at large. Named for the 65th governor of Virginia, the award honors Baliles’ legacy of promoting educational accessibility. The primary goals of the RVHI program are to reduce the number of rural residents without a high school diploma and to increase the number of rural residents with an associate degree, diploma, or certificate. “Rural Virginia needs a targeted investment to take care of its next generation so the entire Commonwealth can prosper,” said Stewart Roberson, VFCCE’s board chair.

Each of the 11 colleges that received this funding proposed unique strategies that align with the goals of the RVHI. RVHI programs will serve a diverse range of high school students and adults from underserved and underrepresented populations. NRCC’s award will be used to continue funding a student resources specialist staff position. This position is housed in the Student Services department and provides direct student support by engaging current and future NRCC students as they navigate the college process, from consideration to completion. “This award will allow us to continue funding this position that helps support the needs of so many of our students by connecting them with valuable college resources on campus and community resources off campus,” said NRCC President Pat Huber. This position also supports the

college’s student food pantries in Dublin and Christiansburg, a much-needed resource for many area students. The food pantries provide grab-and-go snack and meal options for all students. Students who have any questions about the food pantry or need help accessing other resources can reach out to the Student Services Office at (540) 674-3677 or advising@nr.edu. By investing in rural education, the VFCCE is working with Virginia’s Community Colleges to promote opportunities to pursue higher education and a more equitable Commonwealth. The NRCC Educational Foundation will be providing matching funds through local efforts. To help support this effort or to donate funds to support to the food pantry, visit www.nr.edu/foundation or call (540)674-3618.

Nation

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free in America to the continent of Africa, their ancestral home. The Founders were wrestling with the issue of slavery previous to writing the Declaration of Independence, and many of them were members of Abolition Societies. In 1772, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Patrick Henry had tried to have the Virginia Assembly work to stop the importation of slaves, but King George III prevented the Assembly from taking action. Later, while writing the original draft of the Declaration, Jefferson had included very strong language denouncing the British king for his role in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade stating that King George had “waged cruel War against Nature itself, violating its most sacred Rights of Life and Liberty in the Persons of a distant People who never offended him, captivating and carrying them into Slavery in another Hemisphere, to incur miserable Death, in their Transportation thither.” Unfortunately, the Continental Congress removed Jefferson’s denunciations of the King from the document after extreme and extended debates. The Congress was concerned about unity of the Colonies while facing the wrath of Great Britain and the largest army in the world, before taking on the issue of slavery.

The matter of slavery would be addressed for decades in America, much like our society’s current struggles with the issue of abortion (1970 Roe v Wade). Excerpts from the February 11, 1817, Report on Colonizing the Free People of Color of the United States, of the House of Representatives shows the desire to safely and successfully establish a free country for former slaves. “From Turning our eyes from our own country, no other, adapted to our colony in contemplation, presented itself to our views, nearer than Africa, the native land of Negroes; and probably it is the only country on the globe to which it would be practical to transfer our own people of color with safety, and advantage to themselves and the civilized world. It is the country of which, in the order of Providence, seems to have been appropriated to that distinct family of mankind. And while it presents the fittest asylum for free people of color, it opens a wide field for the improvements in civilization, morals and religion which the humane and enlightened memorialists have conceived it possible, in process of time, to spread over the great continent.” In 1819, the U.S. Government appropriated \$100,000 to aid the Africa colonization. 1821, the American Colonization Society founded the colony of

Liberia south of Sierra Leone as a homeland for freed U.S. slaves making it outside British jurisdiction. America provided financial support to help Liberia become an established, free republic, which it did in 1847. Liberia was the first African republic to proclaim its independence and is Africa’s first and oldest modern republic...initiated by abolitionist societies in America. Article 1 of the Liberia’s foundational documents reads: “All persons born within the limits of the territory held by the American Colonization Society in Liberia, in Africa, or removing there to reside, shall be free and entitled to all the privileges, as are enjoyed by the citizens of the United States.” I’m sure you can understand why it is important to dig out and disclose these little gems of American history! We need to share this knowledge with a generation that is being deprived of knowing the true heart and soul of America.

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a bloody rout of the Mexicans that secured the independence of Texas. Who wouldn’t want to make a movie of such events? Of course, such popularizations aren’t going to be academically rigorous. Pushing back, the authors of “Forget the Alamo” assail the character of Jim Bowie and William Travis, and, sure enough, you wouldn’t trust them to manage your real-estate holdings. Texas at the time was a hard place, and the Mexicans and Comanche who contended for control of the territory weren’t paragons, either. The authors note the contribution of the Tejanos, native Texans of Mexican descent, and

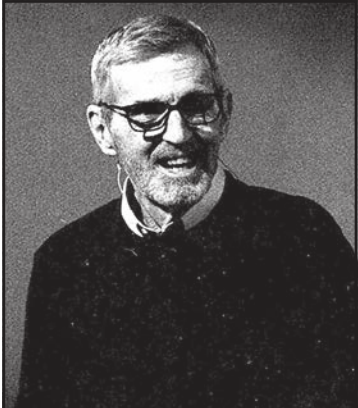
regret how it’s missing from many accounts of the revolution, which is fair enough, but doesn’t detract from the basic story. They make much of how Mexico abolished slavery, whereas Texas planters depended on it. Yet Mexico tolerated slavery in Texas and had its own rigidly hierarchical economic system. By all means, let’s be as truthful as possible about the Alamo and the Texas Revolution. But it’s pointlessly destructive to tear down what deserves to be honored and to forget what -- as Sam Houston insisted so ringingly and aptly -- should be remembered. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Nails By Michelle Pulaski

Abundant Life Church hosts M.A.C. Convention

Abundant Life Ministries will host the M.A.C. Convention on Friday, Aug. 6 – Sunday, Aug. 8. Service times are 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. (No Sunday evening service.) Bishop Randall Lawrence gives the public a special invitation to join with us in these upcoming services. This is a gathering of churches and ministers of the M.A.C. District of the Pentecostal Church of God. The speaker for these three services is Rev. Rick Shelton from St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Shelton has served as Pastor of Life Christian Church for many years, and traveled the world as a missionary evangelist. He is married to Donna Moles Shelton, who along with her family has attended Abundant Life Church for many years. Rick and Donna presently are



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Projects

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lone dissenting vote. Prior to the hearing, both Travis and Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton read statements addressing concerns over any possible conflict of interest that might prohibit their participation in the hearing or vote. Travis is a realtor as is his wife, while Compton's wife is a realtor.

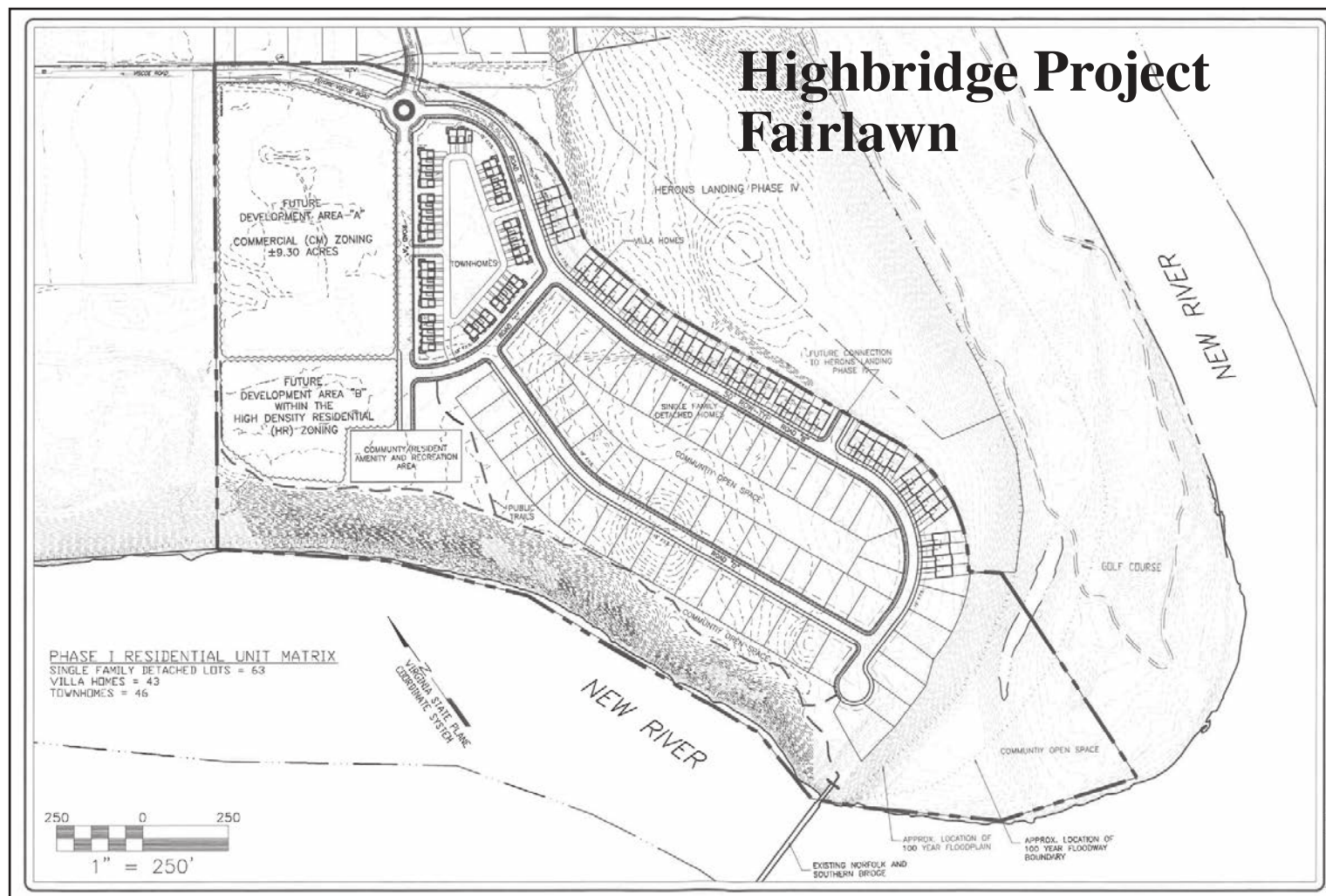
Both said they had not represented Shah Development in previous transactions, and both felt they were able to participate with no conflicts of interest.

The second hearing dealt with a request from Highbridge, LLC to re-zone 66 acres between Herons Landing and Camrett Logistics at the end of Viscoe Road in Fairlawn from Light Industrial to High Density Residential for the first phase and Commercial for a second phase.

The land in question is presently undeveloped and owned by the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority, which is engaged in a purchase agreement with Highbridge LLC to develop the property should the re-zoning be approved.

Highbridge is working with Stanton Homes and Snyder and Associates on the development project.

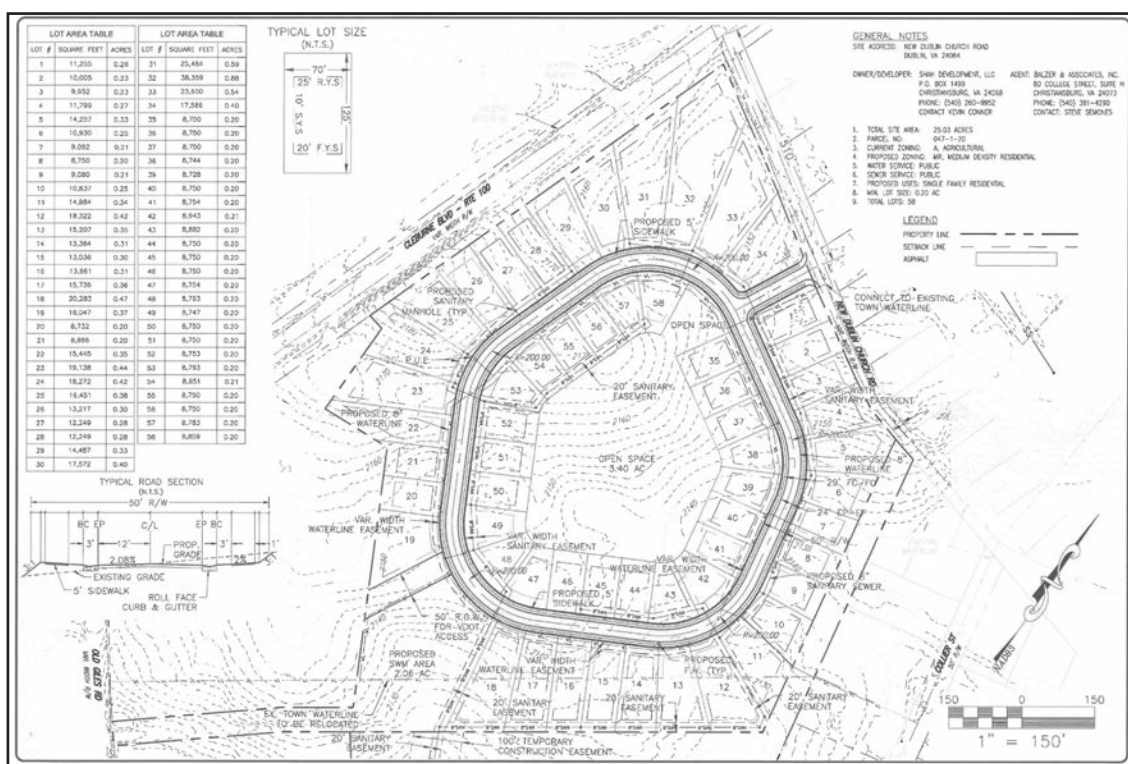
The re-zone would create a mixed-use neighborhood with 63 single family home lots, 43 villa home lots (3,200 square feet lots) and 46 townhome lots (2,000 square feet). A later phase would



include additional residential units and a commercial center. That would not happen, however, until an extension of Viscoe Road is constructed through the Camrett property.

The project will also help address the county's need for more homes for young families, retirees and others.

Included in the project are plans



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for creating a pedestrian bridge connecting Highbridge to Radford University property along an existing Norfolk Southern bridge across New River and plans to would also have trails that would connect with a proposed system of trails in the area.

It was noted that the nearby River Course is only at 30 to 40 percent capacity and would benefit from increased golfing members from the new development.

While a couple speakers during the public hearing expressed support for the development and

rezoning, several expressed concerns over possible changes in the quality of life of those living in Herons Landing now.

Others expressed support for the development but were concerned over the increased traffic on Viscoe Road, although it was noted that Virginia Department of Transportation officials did not feel the increased traffic supported further analysis of the situation.

In the end, the re-zoning was approved on a 3-2 with Walters making the motion to approve and

a second offered by Travis. In the rollcall vote, Bopp and Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie voted "no," while Compton and Walters voted yes.

Travis cast the deciding vote in favor, but before doing so read a statement in which he said he had pledged to do his best to represent all of Pulaski County. Because of that, Travis said, he would vote "yes" because he believes the development is in the best interest of the county.

A third public hearing, on changes to the county's land use map because of the re-zoning in Fairlawn, was approved 4-1 with Guthrie voting "no."

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menters, less than one year. This program leads to entry-level jobs, while Medical Coding II, also a two-semester program, leads to technician-level employment in medical facilities and provides advanced knowledge in anatomy and physiology for administrative health professionals.

Students who enroll in these programs may be eligible for free tuition through the Virginia Community College's new G3 assistance program. The G3 Program is a tuition assistance program for any Virginia resident who qualifies for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold. Eligible students may enroll in designated programs leading to jobs in high-demand fields. For more information on G3 eligibility, visit www.nr.edu/g3.

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Adaire Theatre hoping to sell out camper's performance

By Neesey Payne

Adaire Theatre campers recently packed the house at the Elks Lodge for its first in-person performance since December of 2019. The kids performed “Disney’s Moana Jr.” in front of a sold-out audience.

“The support the kids received was awesome. We had every seat filled. They put in a lot of work over the course of two weeks, so I’m glad they got to perform in front of a large audience,” said Kendall Payne, founder of Adaire Theatre.

Adaire Theatre has been busy picking up the pace after a somewhat off season with the pandemic shutdown.

After the “Moana Jr.” performance, the campers took a snippet of their show to the park and performed at the Summer in the Park Festival in Pulaski, along with past Adaire Theatre performers.

Adaire Theatre used the occasion to announce its 2021 season. The lineup includes five shows. Adaire Theatre will kick things off with a “Broadway Melody” in August. This show will include lots of popular show tunes. In September, they’ll present “Quiet Courage.” It’s about Chauncey Harmon, Sr. and his fight for the equalization of salaries and facilities for African Americans.

“This show really hits close to home. The first time we performed it we had such great

feedback, so we wanted to bring this show back. It’s truly a history lesson for our community,” Payne said.

Coming in October is “The Last Five Years,” a musical about two New Yorkers who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. In November, Adaire Theatre will perform “Driving Miss Daisy.”

“With this one you have a crotchety old Jewish lady and a soft-spoken black man as the main characters. The relationship they develop is truly heartwarming. No one will want to miss this show. It’s so good,” Payne said.

Finally in December, Adaire Theatre will perform “Simply Christmas.” The show has become a tradition at Adaire Theatre. It’s filled with popular carols and funny skits, ending with the message of what the true meaning of Christmas is all about.

“We are full speed ahead. From now until Christmas we will be very busy, but it’s definitely a good kind of busy. We’re ready to bring live theatre back to the stage. It’s been too long. We’re hoping it’s going to be a season of sold-out shows,” Payne said.

Until the official kickoff of the season, the stage is getting warmed up with a new set of campers who have taken over the Elk’s Lodge for the past two weeks learning performance skills to put on “Peter Pan” for the community.

“It’s a classic story that we hope



Adair Theatre photo

Members of the “Peter Pan” cast during rehearsal.

families will come and see. Peter Pan reminds us to be kids at heart, which I don’t think is a bad thing,” Payne said.

“Peter Pan” will be performed

one night only, Saturday, July 31, at 7 p.m., at the Pulaski Elks Lodge located at 8 West Main Street. Tickets are \$5 and will only be sold online to ensure seat-

ing stays within guidelines. You can buy tickets at adairetheatre.org.

“Let’s sell this show out. These kids deserve it,” Payne said.

County receives one of 15 food insecurity grants

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam this week announced that 15 projects across the Commonwealth will receive a total of over \$620,000 in the inaugural round of Virginia Food Access Investment Fund (VFAIF) grants. The Governor made the announcement at an event with Richmond Food Justice Alliance, which will receive funding to support a new mobile food market with Shalom Farms.

First launched in 2020, the VFAIF provides grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to support business development, construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of gro-

cery stores, small food retailers, or innovative food retail projects that increase food access in underserved communities. VFAIF follows the Equitable Food-Oriented Development model of using food and agriculture to create economic opportunities and healthy neighborhoods in historically marginalized communities.

“Hunger and food insecurity are a reality for too many Virginia families, and the pandemic has only underscored the urgency of this crisis,” said Governor Northam. “At its core, the Virginia Food Access Investment Fund is about addressing the root causes of low food access and increas-

ing equity and justice in our local food systems. I am pleased to see the innovation and dedication of businesses and organizations who are helping to advance our shared goals of building strong, resilient food supply chains in historically marginalized communities and making fresh, nutritious food available to Virginians in every corner of our Commonwealth.”

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provides technical assistance and works with applicants in developing projects. The VFAIF application can be accessed through the VDACS website.

Pulaski County is one community receiving funding in the

inaugural round of Virginia Food Access Investment Fund grants:

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“We are so excited to host a movie night at Randolph Park on August 14. We look forward to hosting our youth and community for a fun-filled evening before school officially begins,” said Shay Dunnigan, Pulaski County parks and activities coordinator. “I would personally like to thank Peggy White and Shelby Vandergriff with Pulaski County Tourism and the Travis Team for partnering with our Parks & Rec-

reation Department to make this event a reality.”

Movie Night festivities begin at 4 p.m. with food trucks. Live music, played by Groove Kontrol, is available from 6-8:30 p.m. followed by the movie “The Lion King,” sponsored by Travis Team Realty, at 9 p.m.

“This has been a long time in the making, and we are so excited to be able to support Pulaski County by sponsoring the movie,” said Donna Travis, Travis Team Realty. “We are looking forward to a great turnout!”

For those planning to attend, don’t forget to bring blankets or chairs to sit on to view the movie as well as school supply donations.



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Fundraiser for area cancer patient, McCoy a success

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Participants raised \$1,800 for McCoy to use for travel expenses and other needs.

Organizers offered a very special "thank you" to all who donated money or items for the silent auction and all the baked goods.

"The girls at Warm Hearth are awesome," they said. "Thank you to all the helpers that day who helped set up and take up money and then stayed after to help clean up."

They thanked the "great band," Branching Out Bluegrass which donated their time to the event.

Organizers also thanked Marshall Page for his help along with a special thanks to local merchants who donated items including O'Reilly's in Dublin, Dairy Queen in Dublin, Lowes of Fairlawn and Ace Hardware in Dublin, and The Patriot for publicity.

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NRCC graduate competes in 2020 Tokyo Olympics

From NRCC

It's not every day a New River Community College alumnus competes in the Olympics. But for Ian Ho, a Blacksburg native and dual citizen of the U.S. and Hong Kong, being in Tokyo for the 2020 games is the next chapter in his story.

Beginning competitive swimming at age six may have been the spark that started the flame, but all the steps that followed clearly marked his path to the Olympic dream.

Swimming in the 2020 Olympics wasn't always necessarily the goal, because as the ever-humble swimmer said, "I'm a pretty realistic person." After many years of competitive swimming as a child and teenager, Ho joined the Virginia Tech swim and dive team as a walk-on member in 2015, eventually earning a scholarship position with the team. He went on to set school records in the 50 freestyle and 200 medley relay events. After breaking the Hong Kong record in 2019 in the 50 freestyle race and qualifying for the World Championships, he started to consider that competing in Tokyo was a real possibility.

And representing Hong Kong, where he has been living and training for over a year, is particularly special to Ho.



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"I feel incredibly grateful to be able to have the opportunity to compete for Hong Kong," said Ho. "Being able to represent my parents' home country while having the support from all my relatives in Hong Kong it is truly an honor."

Beyond swimming, education has been important to Ho as well. After just two years of high school, Ho opted to get his GED and start college. He came to NRCC to take classes, where his father, Caisy Ho, is a physics professor.

"New River to me was a fan-

tastic steppingstone to Virginia Tech. The classes offered provided me with a good basis of understanding allowing my transition to Tech to be a smooth one," said Ho.

After completing an associate degree in engineering at NRCC in 2015, he transferred to Virginia Tech, where he went on to graduate with the highest honors. Ho is now pursuing his graduate studies there and considering a Ph.D. program in mechanical engineering. And if his commitment to his studies matches his commitment to his sport, there is no doubt Ho will achieve his educational goals as well.

Swimming and learning aren't his only interests, though. His vast skill set ranges from playing beach volleyball and chess to learning the guitar; he even tried out horse vaulting and gymnastics as child. Ho is also an accomplished violinist who has performed with an orchestra at the Kennedy Center.

But right now, swimming is the focus for Ho, as he waits patiently for the Olympics to begin. To prepare for Olympic competition, Ho trains anywhere from four to six hours a day, six days a week, only taking Sundays off for recovery. He is currently training with the Hong Kong national team but previously trained under Sergio Lopez with Pinnacle Racing at Virginia Tech.

"When I started swimming, I never thought I'd ever go to the Olympics. I only really started improving when I was in college at Virginia Tech. It's so surreal to

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Clemson favored to continue ACC football title run

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Clemson is an overwhelming preseason favorite to claim its seventh consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference football title, according to a preseason poll of 147 media voters.

The Tigers, who posted a 10-2 record last season while earning a postseason playoff berth for the sixth consecutive year, were also chosen as likely Atlantic Division winners. North Carolina was picked to finish atop the Coastal Division following an eight-win 2020 season that culminated with the program's first-ever berth in the Orange Bowl.

Clemson was named the likely 2021 ACC champion on 125 ballots. North Carolina picked up 16 votes, followed by Miami with three and Georgia Tech, NC State and Virginia with one each.

In the Atlantic Division preseason voting, Clemson led the way with 146 first-place votes and 1,028 total points. NC State, which was tabbed as the likely second-place finisher, picked up the remaining first-place vote while accumulating 804 points.

Boston College (638 points) was picked for a third-place Atlantic Division finish, followed by Florida State (510), Wake Forest (472), Louisville (462) and Syracuse (202).

In the Coastal Division forecast, North Carolina received 109 first-place votes and amassed 979 total points. Miami (28 first-place votes) was next with 881 points, followed by Virginia Tech (three first place votes, 582 points) and Pitt (one first-place vote, 576 points).

Virginia (two first-place votes, 540 points), Georgia Tech (four first-place votes, 340 points) and Duke (218 points) closed out the voting.

Clemson was selected as the likely ACC champion in the media preseason poll for the fourth consecutive season and the seventh time in the last nine years.

North Carolina was projected as the preseason Coastal Division champion for the second time and the first time since 2016. The Tar Heels' lone Coastal Division championship came in 2015. Each of the Coastal's seven teams won the division from 2013 through 2019. Due to the 2020 pandemic, the ACC played with a non-divisional format last season.

The Atlantic and Coastal Division winners will meet in the 2021

ACC Football Championship Game on Saturday, December 4, at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium.

ACC Preseason Poll (147 total votes)

Overall Champion

Clemson - 125
North Carolina - 16
Miami - 3
Virginia - 1
Georgia Tech - 1
NC State - 1

Atlantic Division (First-place votes in parenthesis)

Clemson - 1,028 (146)
NC State - 804 (1)
Boston College - 638
Florida State - 510
Wake Forest - 472
Louisville - 462
Syracuse - 202

Coastal Division (First-place votes in parenthesis)

North Carolina - 979 (109)
Miami - 881 (28)
Virginia Tech - 582 (3)
Pitt - 576 (1)
Virginia - 540 (2)
Georgia Tech - 340 (4)
Duke - 218

Tigers lead with 8 on All-ACC Preseason Team

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Six-time defending champion Clemson leads all schools with eight players on the 27-member 2021 All-Atlantic Coast Conference Preseason Football Team announced Tuesday, while North Carolina junior quarterback Sam Howell was chosen the ACC Preseason Player of the Year.

Preseason honors were determined by a vote of 147 media members, including several who were credentialed for last week's ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Six of Clemson's preseason All-ACC selections came on the defensive side. The Tigers led the conference in total defense last season (326.8 total yards per game) and were second in scoring defense (20.2 points per contest).

North Carolina's Howell has thrown 68 career touchdown passes, the most through a sophomore season in ACC history and tied for the UNC school record. The Indian Trail, North Carolina, native led the ACC and ranked sixth nationally with 30 touchdown passes in 2020, while also topping the league with 3,586 passing yards, the fourth most in the nation.

Howell received 118 votes at the quarterback position to lead all offensive players in the Preseason All-ACC Team balloting. He is joined in the preseason All-ACC backfield by running backs Zonovan Knight of NC State and Mataeo Durant of Duke. Clemson's Justyn Ross, Boston College's Zay Flowers and Wake Forest's Jaquarii Roberson form a potent wideout trio, and Virginia Tech tight end James Mitchell completes the receiving corps. Georgia Tech's Jahmyr Gibbs was chosen as the all-purpose back.

Ross caught 112 passes for 1,865 yards and 17 touchdowns in his first two college seasons before missing last season due to injury. Flowers' nine touchdown catches led all ACC receivers in 2020, and Roberson's 102.9

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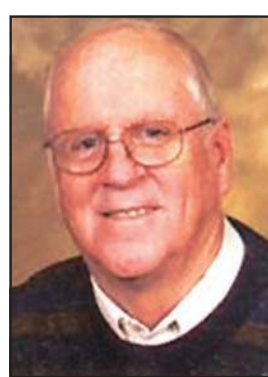
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Read more local stories about Ian Ho: <https://roanoke.com/sports/>

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Public Hearing Regarding Appropriation of Funds

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate grant funds for the James Hardie Direct Injection Project as follows:

Agency	Amount of Grant
From: James Hardie Building Products	\$392,300
To: Grant Fund- Direct Injection Project-James Hardie	\$392,300

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed grant fund appropriation should appear at the aforementioned time and place or submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

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Pulaski County Public Notice Request for Bid

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Sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) Brush Truck for the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department will be received at the Administration Office, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, Virginia 24301 until 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, and then at said office opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents may be examined and obtained at the following location(s):

Brad Wright
Emergency Management Coordinator
County of Pulaski
143 Third Street NW, Suite 1
Pulaski, VA 24301
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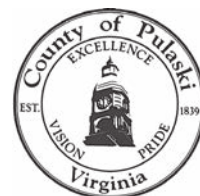
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Public Hearing Planning Commission

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

A proposed amendment to Section 5.4, Signs, of the Zoning Ordinance, adding Section 5.4.10-2, Temporary Signage Requirements.

A request by Good Ol Boy's Recovery, Agent: Kelly Dalton, for a Special Exception for a junkyard and automobile graveyard for property located at 34 First Street NE (tax parcel (s) 072-140-257) per Section 4.12.2-2(2)(b), Junkyards and Automobile Graveyards, of the Zoning Ordinance.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021, to 42 First Street, NW/ PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Big 12's Texas, Oklahoma make request to join SEC

(AP) - Texas and Oklahoma made a request Tuesday to join the powerhouse Southeastern Conference, with SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey saying the league would consider it in the "near future."

A day after the Big 12 schools notified the league that they would not be extending an agreement that binds conference members to 2025, the schools publicly stated for the first time they want to join the SEC.

Oklahoma and Texas sent a joint letter to Sankey, requesting "invitations for membership to the Southeastern Conference starting on July 1, 2025."

"We believe that there would be mutual benefit to the universities on the one hand, and the SEC on the other hand, for the universities to become members of the SEC. We look forward to the prospect of discussions regarding this matter," the schools said in a letter signed by each university's president.

Oklahoma and Texas are bound to the Big 12 and its eight other members through the 2024-25 school year by a

grant of media rights that runs concurrent with the conference's billion-dollar television deals with ESPN and Fox.

"The events of recent days have verified that the two schools have been contemplating and planning for the transition for months and this formal application is the culmination of those processes," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said in a statement.

Joining another conference before the grant of rights expires would cost the schools tens of millions of dollars per year in relinquished revenue and possibly exit penalties.

Competing in the conference as a lame duck for four more seasons doesn't benefit the schools and isn't ideal for the Big 12, either. If the conference is going to survive, it needs to begin rebuilding soon to show stability heading into negotiations for its next television contract.

Meanwhile, the SEC is poised to grow to 16 teams with the additions of Texas and Oklahoma, half of which have won at least one national championship in football since 1980.

The SEC's most recent television contract with ESPN, set to

take effect in 2024, is expected to increase revenue distribution to its member schools to about \$67 million per year.

The Big 12 was approaching distributions of \$40 million per school before the pandemic led to distributions dropping to \$34.5 million per school this year.

The news broke last week at SEC Media Days in Hoover, Alabama, that Texas and Oklahoma, the Big 12's flagships universities, had been discussing a possible move with Southeastern Conference officials. The Houston Chronicle was first to report the intended jump, but neither the schools nor the SEC would publicly confirm the parties had been in discussions.

"While the SEC has not proactively sought new members, we will pursue significant change when there is a clear consensus among our members that such actions will further enrich the experiences of our student-athletes and lead to greater academic and athletic achievement across our campuses," Sankey said.

SEC bylaws state at least three-fourth of its members (11 of 14) must vote in favor of extending an invitation for membership.

Texas A&M joined the conference in 2011 along with Missouri in the SEC's most recent ex-

pansion. A&M initially voiced concerns about allowing an in-state rival to join the conference, but athletic director Ross Bjork has since suggested his school would not shy away from added competition.

The boards of regents at Texas and Oklahoma each announced Tuesday that meetings would be convened Friday with conference affiliation on both the agendas.

The Big 12 was created from a merger of sorts between the Big Eight and Southwestern Conference in 1994 and began play in 1996. Texas and Oklahoma are

the conference's most notable brands. They have the richest and most successful athletic departments, and they are the only Big 12 schools to win national college football championships.

"We are unwavering in the belief that the Big 12 provides an outstanding platform for its members' athletic and academic success," Bowlsby said. "We will face the challenges head-on, and have confidence that the Big 12 will continue to be a vibrant and successful entity in the near term and into the foreseeable future."

ACC

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receiving yards per game were a league high.

Boston College boasts a pair of preseason All-ACC offensive linemen in center Alec Lindstrom and guard Zion Johnson. They are joined by NC State tackle Ikem Ekwonu, Clemson tackle Jordan McFadden and North Carolina guard Joshua Ezeudu.

Ross (110 votes) and Flowers (101) joined Howell among the leading vote-getters on the offensive unit.

Clemson defensive tackle Bryan Bresee led all players in the balloting with 120 votes. Bresee's five Tiger teammates on the preseason All-ACC defensive unit include fellow tackle Tyler Davis, end Myles Murphy, linebacker James Skalski, cornerback Andrew Booth Jr. and safety Nolan Turner.

NC State's Payton Wilson, who joined Bresee on the 2020 All-ACC team, joins Skalski and Virginia's Nick Jackson on the preseason All-ACC linebacking corps. Virginia Tech defensive end Amare' Barno, North Carolina cornerback Tony Grimes and Miami safety Bubba Bolden complete the first-team defense.

Clemson's Murphy (108 votes) and Miami's Bolden (100) joined Bresee among defensive players hitting the century mark in the balloting, and NC State's Wilson received 99 votes.

Wake Forest veteran Nick Sciba (third-most accurate in ACC history with a career field-goal conversion rate of .891) received the nod as placekicker. Preseason All-ACC punter Lou Hedley returns to Miami after ranking second among FBS players with an average of 47.2 yards per kick in 2020. Gibbs was a dual choice at specialist after leading Georgia Tech in all-purpose yards (968) and scoring (seven TDs) in 2020 despite missing three games due to injury.

2021 Preseason All-ACC Football Team

(Total votes in parenthesis)

QB	Sam Howell, North Carolina (118)
RB	Zonovan Knight, NC State (96)
RB	Mataeo Durant, Duke (49)
WR	Justyn Ross, Clemson (110)
WR	Zay Flowers, Boston College (101)
WR	Jaquarii Roberson, Wake Forest (80)
TE	James Mitchell, Virginia Tech (77)
AP	Jahmyr Gibbs, Georgia Tech (56)
OT	Ikem Ekwonu, NC State (83)
OT	Jordan McFadden, Clemson (53)
OG	Zion Johnson, Boston College (82)
OG	Joshua Ezeudu, North Carolina (56)
C	Alec Lindstrom, Boston College (77)

DE	Myles Murphy, Clemson (108)
DE	Amare' Barno, Virginia Tech (63)

DT	Bryan Bresee, Clemson (120)
DT	Tyler Davis, Clemson (53)
LB	Payton Wilson, NC State (99)
LB	James Skalski, Clemson (95)
LB	Nick Jackson, Virginia (37)
CB	Andrew Booth Jr., Clemson (86)

CB	Tony Grimes, North Carolina (55)
S	Bubba Bolden, Miami (100)
S	Nolan Turner, Clemson (85)

PK	Nick Sciba, Wake Forest (69)
P	Lou Hedley, Miami (84)
SP	Jahmyr Gibbs, Georgia Tech (60)

Preseason Player of the Year	
1.	Sam Howell, QB, North Carolina, 114
2.	D'Eriq King, QB, Miami, 11
3.	Bryan Bresee, DE, Clemson, 8
4.	D.J. Uiagalelei, QB, Clemson, 6
5.	Phil Jurkovec, QB, Boston College, 3
6.	Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College, 2
6.	Jahmyr Gibbs, AP, Georgia Tech, 2

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Bissell urges NRV citizens to get vaccinated

We are all seeing reports from across the country and even in parts of Virginia about the surges caused by the Delta variant of COVID-19. Delta is more contagious and it’s spreading quickly, now being responsible for over 80% of cases nationwide.

In the New River Valley, we are seeing an expected bump in cases and following it closely. (You will see a large negative number in Montgomery County today with increases in other localities; this is because zip codes cross county lines and old cases are being adjusted in Richmond.) We are not seeing significant increases in hospitalizations. The majority of cases of severe illness, hospitalization and death continue to be in those who are not vaccinated. We can keep that from happening in the New River Valley.

For those who are not vaccinated, please try to put aside anything you’ve seen on social media or heard from friends about COVID-19 and the vaccine. We are a divided society right now and misinformation is rampant.

If you have questions, please consult your doctor, pharmacist, or the health department. And take a moment to reflect about being your parent’s child and your children’s parent... about being a brother or sister to your siblings. Think of those closest to you and how you want to protect them from harm.

Let’s also think about putting the pandemic behind us -- how wonderful it would be to not have

COVID-19 Data							
As reported to VDH, by date of lab report. May differ from other sources, due to reporting lags. Totals are cumulative since March 2020. (Negative values reflect data corrections.)							
	New cases, since last report*	New cases, weekly avg.	Total cases	Total hospitalizations	Total deaths	Total vaccines given	% fully vaccinated
Floyd County	1	1	893	30	22	12,006	40.6%
Giles County	0	4	1,365	55	24	14,043	42.1%
Montgomery County	0	-10	9,387	191	81	84,498	43.5%
Pulaski County	8	6	2,792	139	69	27,561	41.3%
Radford City	1	12	2,275	40	28	14,195	39.1%
New River Health District	10	13	16,712	455	224	152,303	42.4%
Virginia	1,087	746	692,105	31,241	11,522	9,379,557	53.8%
* Cases are now being reported five days a week, creating a reporting lag. As a result, the weekly case average (second column of table above) is the most usable information at this time.							

COVID dominate the conversation and get back to socializing. Think about not having to wear a mask on public transportation.

Getting more people vaccinated is the way to keep things from escalating in our community and it’s the light at the end of the long, dark tunnel of this pandemic. For those who have had COVID, we don’t know how strong the immunity is against the variants, but we do know the vaccines are very effective against the variants. The vaccine is remarkably effective in preventing severe illness, hospital-

ization, and death. It’s much safer to get the vaccine than it is to get COVID – significant adverse effects after vaccination are very rare (<0.5%) and will happen in the first few months, while sequelae from infection can present several months later (especially after mild or asymptomatic infections) and last much longer term.

In the New River Valley, we have vaccinated 42.1% of the total population and more than 49% of those age 16 and over. We continue trying to make the vaccine convenient. We are planning to be at the

NRV Fair this week: Friday from 5-8 p.m., and Saturday from 2- 6 p.m.

Christiansburg Pharmacy offers vaccine Thursdays at the Christiansburg Farmer’s Market at the Christiansburg Recreation Center from 3 to 7 p.m. All of our pharmacy partners have vaccine and are very accommodating (Christiansburg/Blacksburg Pharmacies, Martin’s, The Pharm House, Radford Drug, Davidson’s, Main Street Pharmacy). Chain pharmacies including Wal-Mart, Kroger, CVS, and Walgreen’s all

have vaccine. The health department has clinics on Friday mornings at the Giles County Health Department and at the Montgomery County Health Department and we continue to vaccinate the homebound. Please call the health department to make an appointment or if anyone needs special accommodations. The number is 540-267-8240; that and more information are on our website, NRVRoadToWellness.com.

—Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director, New River Public Health District

Leafy greens

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If there is one thing I love talking about in this world, it’s leafy greens! Leafy greens include spinach, romaine lettuce, kale, red leaf lettuce, chard, arugula and others. These are very nutrient-dense vegetables, meaning they are low in calories while offering an incredibly high source of many vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Another bonus? They are budget-friendly! With all of the leafy green choices out there it can be hard to determine how and where to use them in recipes.

Swiss Chard: Hearty, colorful and slightly bitter, this leafy green can be cooked as a side dish, added in soups or chopped up to brighten a salad! Loaded with Vitamins A, C and K—this nutrient-rich veggie strengthens the immune system, boosts digestion and supports healthy blood pressure. The stalks and stems can be eaten as well!

Romain Lettuce: This crisp and mild leafy green is easy to grow and pairs well with almost anything. Romaine lettuce is a great source of folic acid and potassium. Use this crowd favorite on sandwiches or wraps, in place of Iceberg lettuce for an extra boost of vitamins and minerals.

Spinach: These spoon shaped leaves are very mild in flavor and bring home the gold for nutrient-dense foods. Spinach can be eaten cooked or raw, leaving the possibilities endless. Try adding these colorful, powerhouse leaves to smoothies, soups, and casseroles. Rich in magnesium, iron, vitamin C, Vitamin A and vitamin K—you can’t go wrong with these little guys!

Arugula: This leafy green is also known as Rocket. If you have never tried this one before, put it on your list! While delicate in texture, Arugula has a punch of peppery and savory flavors. Arugula comes from the same family as broccoli and cabbage. In most cases, it is eaten raw or used to top a sandwich but it can also be sautéed. It is an excellent source of Vitamins K, A and C—keeping our hearts healthy and strong.

Curly Kale: This is the most common type of Kale available, with a course texture and at times, a bitter flavor. Usually a bright green color, but can also be dark green or green with purple. This kale cooks up well and can be added in soups for more flavor, vitamins and minerals! Loaded with antioxidants that protect our bodies, this nutrient-dense leafy green is found in most grocery stores. Stalks can be eaten; however, many remove the kale leaves (for use) and discard the stalks.

USDA Announces Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing up to \$200 million to provide relief to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that have experienced losses due to COVID-19 as part of USDA’s Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Loggers and truckers can apply for assistance through USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) July 22 through Oct. 15, 2021. The Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers program (PATHH) is administered by FSA in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorized this critical assistance for the timber industry. Timber harvesting and hauling businesses that have experienced a gross revenue loss of at least 10% during the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2020, compared to the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019, are encouraged to apply.

“USDA’s Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative promised to get financial assistance to a broader set of producers and today’s announcement delivers on that promise,” said Secretary Vil-

sack. “On top of the existing challenges associated with natural disasters and trade, the pandemic caused a major disruption for loggers and timber haulers including lack of access to wood processing mills. This industry plays a critical role in our nation’s economy and we are proud to support these hard-working loggers and truckers as they get back on track.”

“We’ve heard from loggers and truckers whose livelihoods were significantly impacted this past year by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are pleased that USDA can help alleviate some of the financial burden,” said Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen. “I encourage those logging and log-hauling businesses hardest hit by the pandemic to learn more about the assistance offered through this new program.”

To be eligible for payments, individuals or legal entities must be a timber harvesting or timber hauling business where 50% or more of its gross revenue is derived from one or more of the following:

- Cutting timber.
- Transporting timber.

•Processing of wood on-site on the forest land (chipping, grinding, converting to biochar, cutting to smaller lengths, etc.).

Payments will be based on the applicant’s gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 1, 2019, minus gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 1, 2020, multiplied by 80%. FSA will issue an initial payment equal to the lesser of the calculated payment amount or \$2,000 as applications are approved. A second payment will be made after the signup period has ended based upon remaining PATHH funds.

The maximum amount that a person or legal entity may receive directly is \$125,000.

Loggers and truckers can apply for PATHH beginning on July 22 by completing form FSA-1118, Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers Program application, and certifying to their gross revenue for 2019 and 2020 on the application. Additional documentation may be required. Visit farmers.gov/pathh for info on how to apply.

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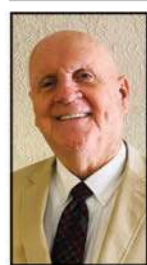
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Esther Saved the Jewish Nation

While the Jews were in captivity in Babylon, Babylon was conquered by the Medio Persian Empire. Ahasuerus, a Persian King, was seeking a wife. He had booted his former wife to the curb because of her vanity. There were women candidates vying for the Queenly position from 127 provinces. Each virgin in turn went in to the King and spent the night with him. In the end, he chose Esther, a beautiful woman and made her his Queen.

There was a vile, wicked man in the Kingdom by the name of Haman. Haman was a proud peacock of a man who had been given a position of power and authority in the Kingdom. When he passed by riding in his chariot, he expected, and in fact demanded, that everyone bow down before him.

Esther 3:5. When Haman saw that Mortdecai the Jew bowed not, Haman flipped his lid. "Haman had a God complex and wanted to be worshipped. Mortdecai was no fool. He knew that God and God alone was to be worshiped.

Haman hated the Jews and most of all, Mortdecai. He lied to the King and told the King that the Jews were a threat to his Kingdom and bribed the King into issuing a decree that every Jew in the Kingdom be executed. The decree was issued that in 11 months every Jew would be put to death. Haman paid Ten Thousand Talents of Silver into the King's treasury as payment to issue the decree.

Upon hearing of this murderous decree, Mortdecai mourned, rent his garments and put on ashes and sackcloth. He asked his cousin Esther to go to the King and ask him to reverse his decree to kill the Jews. If anyone entered into the King's presence without being summoned, they could be put to death unless the King held out his golden scepter to them.

Esther told her Mortdecai, are you crazy? I haven't been called into the King's presence for thirty days and I could lose my life if I come to him uninvited. Mortdecai answered her saying, they are going to kill you right along with the rest of us Jews. If you refuse to ask the King to show mercy on us, then God will deliver us from another source. "Who knows but what you have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther replied to Mortdecai, "Go gather all of the Jews together and fast for me. I and my maidens will also fast. "I'll go in to the King unannounced, and if I perish, I perish." She laid down her own life for her people.

Greater love has no one that this. Than to lay down their lives for their friends. Jesus did that very thing, showing his great love for humanity. He laid down His life of Calvary to redeem us from our sins. He could have called ten thousand angels to take him down from the cross and to destroy the world, but He didn't. He showed his great love for us when He willingly submitted himself to his death on the cross.

When Esther came into the King's presence unannounced, lo and behold, the King held out his golden scepter to her, accepting her presence.

The King loved her and wanted

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540-674-6147
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5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
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Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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1621 Bob White Boulevard
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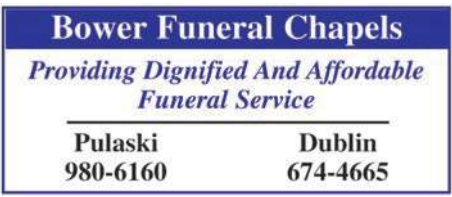
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Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
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Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
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Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7
pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages
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New Life Church of the Nazarene
45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
4008 Robinson Tract Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Telephone: 980-8186
Pastor Johnny Howlett
Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
Group - 7 p.m.

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pastorjasonaker@gmail.com
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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
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Pulaski, VA
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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Amazing Grace Ministries
4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
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ttgarwood674@gmail.com

McCraw

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to grant her any request. But Es-
ther told him the throne room was
too public a place, but to come to a
banquet that she would prepare for
him and then she would make her
desire known.
Haman didn't know was that
Mortdecai had performed a great
service to the King earlier by foil-
ing an assassination attempt on the
King's life. The King commanded
Haman to come to the banquet
where Mortdecai could be hon-
ored. This must have been a bitter
pill for Haman to swallow. The
man he literally hated was going to
be honored by the King.

At the banquet Esther told the
King that she herself was a Jew
and that it was wicked Haman
who had deliberately arranged
for her and all of her people to be
executed. And the King answered,
who and where is the man who
could do such a despicable thing?
He exploded with rage and left the
banquet room in a huff.

Haman saw that he was in deep
trouble and came unto Esther
making a desperate attempt to save
his own life. Esther was reclining
on a couch, and he fell down upon
her, begging for his life. When
the King returned it looked like
Haman was trying to force himself
upon the Queen and he ordered
that Haman be hanged. Ironically,
Haman was hanged on the same
gallows he had recently built for
Mortdecai.

The King gave all of Haman's
property to Esther. She told him
that Mortdecai was her cousin who
had been like a father to her. The
King gave Mortdecai his royal
ring that was taken from Haman,
granting him the same position of
power and authority previously
given to Haman.

According to the law of the
Persians, the King's decree could
not be changed. So he said to
Mortdecai, write to the Jews, in
my name, and seal it with my ring:
and no man may reverse it. Let the
Jews arm themselves to protect
their lives. And most of their ene-
mies backed off, for the fear of the
Jews fell upon them, and the Jews
prevailed.

This coureagous act of Esther
inspired the annual celebration of
Purim.

Esther put her own life on the
line to do what was right. We as
Christians should do likewise. If
we refuse, God will call someone
else to accomplish His purposes
and they will receive our reward.
Who know but what we've been
called to the Kingdom for such a
time as this?

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Lazarus in the
Old Testament, New Testament
or neither?
2. What happened to Je-
roboam's hand on confronting
the man of God at the altar? Fell
off, Turned to salt, Became a vi-
per, Dried up
3. The children making fun
of Elisha's bald head were torn
apart by? 2 bears, 3 lions, 7 ser-
pents, Locust swarm
4. From Acts 13, who was
called "A man after mine own
heart"? Gideon, David, Matthew,
James
5. In John 19, who said, "What
I have written, I have written"?
Daniel, John the Baptist, Pilate,
Jesus
6. From Genesis 1:20, on what
day did God create the birds? 1st,
2nd, 3rd, 5th

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2)
Dried up; 3) 2 bears; 4) David; 5)
Pilate; 6) 5th

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Billy Graham

**Q: I struggle with resent-
ment in my life, and to be
honest, I often blame God even
though I do love Him as Lord
and try to live in a way that is
pleasing. Why can't I over-
come? - R.H.**

A: How does resentment
develop? It develops within the
climate of resistance to God's
will for our lives. Christians who
are strong in faith grow as they
accept whatever God allows to
enter their lives. They bow to

His good and perfect will and
become more mature. In a true
sense, Christian character is
growth, not a gift.

Alexander Maclaren, a dis-
tinguished Manchester preacher
(1826-1910), wrote, "What
disturbs us in this world is not
trouble, but our opposition to
trouble. The true source of all
that frets and irritates and wears
away our lives is not in exter-
nal things but in the resistance
of our wills to the will of God
expressed by eternal things."

To resent and resist God's
disciplining hand is to miss one



My Answer

Billy Graham

of the greatest spiritual blessings
we Christians can realize this
side of Heaven.

Whatever it is - aggravations,
trouble, adversity, irritations,
opposition - we haven't "learned
Christ" until we have discovered
that God's grace is sufficient for

every test.

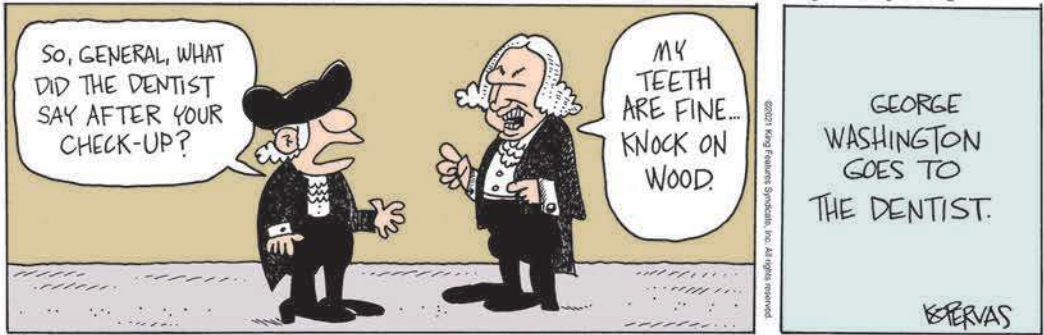
The attitude which can over-
come resentment is expressed by
the writer to the Hebrews - that
no discipline seems pleasant at
the time; it is painful. But later
on, it produces a harvest of peace
for those who have been trained
by it (see Hebrews 12:11).

True Christian victory does
not lie along the path of mere
resignation. Instead, the growing
Christian sees that though God
may wound us (or allow us to be
wounded), His hand also heals
(see Job 5:18). This should bring
great comfort to the heart.

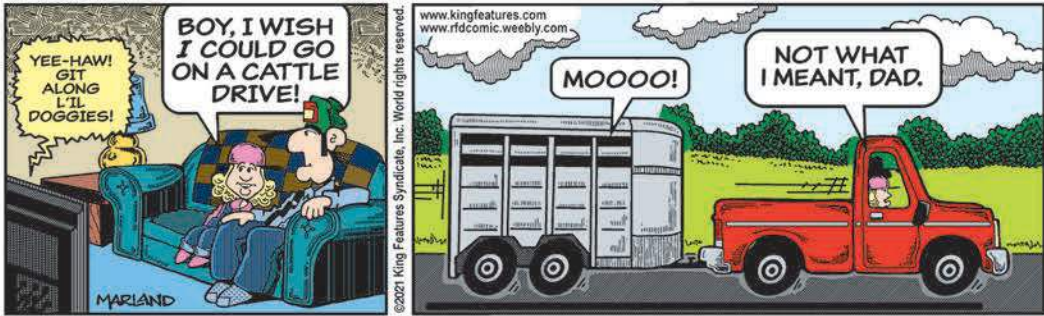
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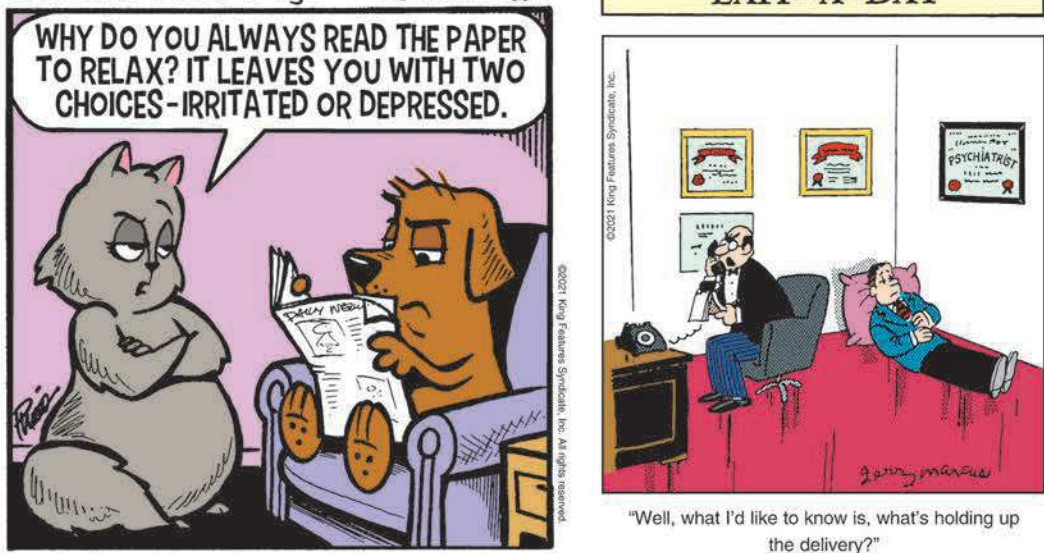
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SCRAMBLERS

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TODAY'S WORD

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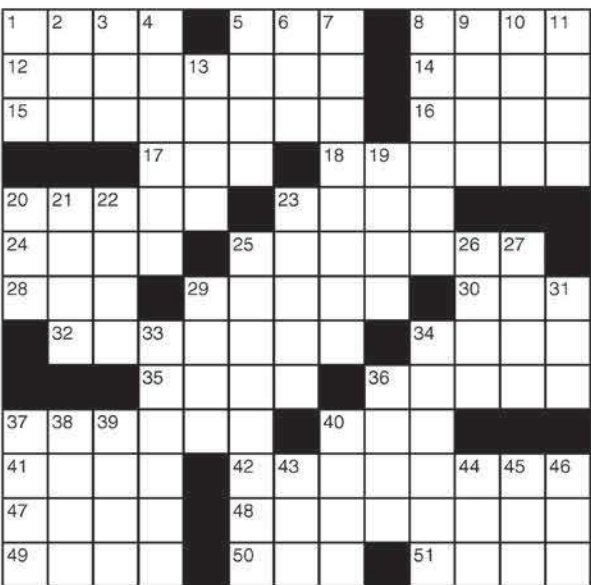
by Mike Marland

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Mattress option
- 5 NASCAR advertiser
- 8 Wild guess
- 12 Supervisor
- 14 "Yes —?"
- 15 Accidentally
- 16 Late July babies
- 17 Since Jan. 1
- 18 12-year-olds, e.g.
- 20 Bjorn Borg, for one
- 23 Salon request
- 24 Actress Elisabeth
- 25 Act of contrition
- 28 Knight's address
- 29 Persnickety
- 30 Fez, e.g.
- 32 Woo
- 34 City district
- 35 BMW rival
- 36 Follows
- 37 Mississippi city
- 40 Venus, to Serena
- 41 Mine, in Montreal
- 42 Astaire specialty
- 47 Scepters
- 48 Valuable volume



- 49 Make a sweater
- 50 "Rah!"
- 51 Not busy
- 10 Soon, poetically
- 11 Employer
- 13 Fill fully
- 19 Fay of "King Kong"
- 20 Snake's warning
- 21 Spinning sound
- 22 Modern money
- 23 Joe of "GoodFellas"
- 25 Talking heads' opinions
- 26 Spiced tea
- 27 British noble
- 29 Ersatz
- 31 Pro Bowl stats
- 33 Zedong follower
- 34 Sushi condiment
- 36 Ocean motion
- 37 Fir coat
- 38 "— a roll!"
- 39 California city
- 40 Agile
- 43 Motorist's org.
- 44 Silent assent (Abbr.)
- 45 Army rank
- 46 Scrape (out)

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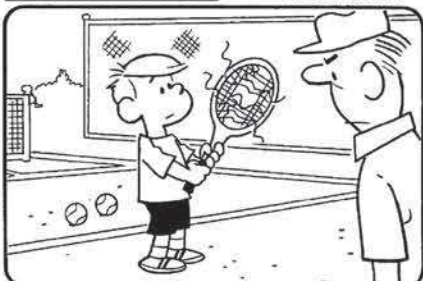
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: In which novel did the character Sherlock Holmes first appear?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Area 51 located in the United States?
3. SCIENCE: How long does it take for light from the sun to reach Earth?
4. ENTERTAINERS: Which actor and comedian's original name was Joseph Levitch?
5. GAMES: What is the sum of all numbers on a roulette wheel?
6. AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised with the slogan "Let your fingers do the walking ...?"
7. FOOD & DRINK: What grain is used to make sake?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state has used the slogan "Heart of Dixie" on its license plates?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek god of time?
10. GAMES: How many players are on each side in a polo game?

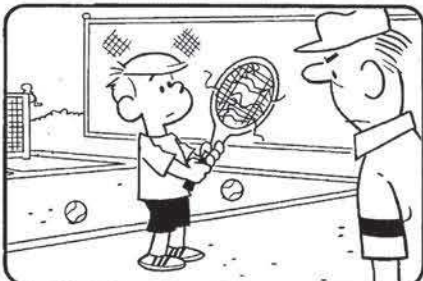
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. String is missing. 2. Ball is moved. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Hedge is smaller. 5. Sneakers are different. 6. Socks are missing.

BORROW

Today's Word

1. Askew; 2. Morose; 3. Tubercle; 4. Alarm

SCRAMBLERS

Solution



Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

— King Crossword —

Americanisms



"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."
— Dolly Parton

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My advice: Don't hold loose change around vending machines. They are coinivorous.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: L equals O

QO WEDKIA: ELJ'Z CLFE FLLUA

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Dear Dave,
My fiancée and I want to make an offer on a house. She has a lot of late payments and a bad credit record, though, but she is working hard to manage her money better and get out of debt. I don't make enough money to get a home loan by myself, and I have some debt to pay off, too. In order to help us out, my aunt and uncle said they are willing to co-sign a mortgage loan for us. What do you think of that idea?

Dear Evan,
Here's a simple, solid piece of advice for anyone looking to make a purchase of any kind. If you need a co-signer, you're not ready to make that purchase—period. I'm not trying to beat you up or anything, but it's way too soon for you two to be thinking about buying a home. I mean, for starters you're just engaged right now.

When a lender requires a co-signer, it basically means they don't believe you'll pay back the money. And besides, you two don't need a house now or right after you get married. The two of you should get married, and live in a decent, inexpensive apartment for a while. During that time, you both need to work hard on paying off all your debt. After that, save up an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Then, start setting aside cash for a down payment on a modest home.

When it comes time to buy a home, I recommend a 15-year, fixed rate loan with a down payment of at least 10%. Twenty percent is better, because it will help you avoid having to pay PMI (private mortgage insurance). Make sure the monthly payments on the loan are no more than 25% of your combined take home pay. Keeping the payments at 25% or below will make it easier to address other important financial issues, like saving and investing.



Dave Says

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Your aunt and uncle are obviously generous people, Evan, but they're a little misguided in their offer. At this point, helping you two buy a house—something you obviously can't afford—would be a huge burden instead of a blessing.

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	7	9	6	1	2	5	8	4
6	4	5	3	9	8	1	7	2
2	8	1	7	4	5	9	6	3
7	3	8	2	5	6	4	1	9
1	5	6	9	8	4	3	2	7
9	2	4	1	3	7	8	5	6
8	6	3	5	7	9	2	4	1
4	1	7	8	2	3	6	9	5
5	9	2	4	6	1	7	3	8

PULSE

Notice:
Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

The Ladies Auxiliary of Hiwassee is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member buried in the cemetery and would like to make a donation you may send a check payable to Peggy Cregger, (Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary) @ PO Box 164 Hiwassee VA 24347. Thank you in advance for helping our organization!

Still distributing food

Heritage Cares Food Pantry at Heritage Church is still distributing food on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located a half-mile past the New River Valley Airport on Route 100 north of Dublin.

VHM Beginning Hispanic Service

Valley Harvest Ministries, in Dublin on the hill across from Walmart, is holding an Hispanic service each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's coffee shop.

July 31 Outdoor Singing and Weiner Roast

Bread of Life Assembly of God will host an outdoor singing and weiner roast on Saturday, July 31, beginning at 3 p.m. Tommy and Joyce Hodge from Barren Springs and Edith Shumate from Austinville will be guest singers. Public is invited.

August 1 Homecoming

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will be having Homecoming with Dr. Olin M. Whitener, Jr., preaching. His sermon title is "The Lord Is Always Calling Us Home." His scripture reading is Matthew 14:1-21. There will be a catered meal following worship with time for visiting and renewing old friendships!

August 5

American Legion to meet in Radford

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, August 5, 7 pm at the VFW Post 776 building in Radford. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

August 7 Vacation Bible School

Dublin Church of God, located at 632 East Main Street, Dublin, will hold VBS on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm with pre-registration beginning at 9:30 am. On-line registration is also available at dublincog.com. The theme of the VBS is ROCKY RAILWAY where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs! The children will praise, pray and explore God's goodness through amazing Bible stories, water games, bouncy house, incredible music, super-fun snacks, creative games and fun-filled crafts! Children ages 3 through 12 are invited to attend this exciting ministry! For more information, please call 540-674-5272 or 540-674-4340.

August 10 Sons of Confederate Veterans to meet

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, August 10, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Guest speaker Charlotte Conner will give a talk on "First Battle of Manassas-Unwarranted Deaths of Savable Soldiers". For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

Aug. 13 Vacation Bible School

Dive into two days of "fin-tastic fun" at Dublin Christian Church's vacation Bible school, Aug. 13, 14 and 15. "Anchored: Deepening Faith In God" is for children Pre-K to 5th grade. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13 and 14 the fun runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 15 the closing program is set for 6 p.m. followed by food, games and fun. Dublin Christian Church is located at 5605 Dunlap Road, Dublin. Pre-register at dublinchristianchurch.com If you need a ride, call the church at 540-674-8434.

August 15 Ice Cream Social

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will be having an ice cream social on Aug. 15 from 3 to 5 PM.

September 11 Women's Meeting

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a Women of the Church meeting, 10 AM on Sept. 11. Bible Study on EVE, business discussion, and light refreshments.

Oct. 9 Porch Concert

The Kellams will be singing , 5-6 PM. at First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO.

Oct. 15 Crafts Fair

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a crafts fair on Oct. 15-16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 6

Church Prayer – Hymn Sing
First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a church prayer / hymn sing from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

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.

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