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Council talks two-way traffic and 4-way stops

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Two-way traffic in downtown Pulaski is on the way.

Well, sort of.

Discussion on traffic patterns and traffic lights in the downtown came up during the council comments portion of Tuesday's meeting of Pulaski Town Council.

"When are we going to have the discussion on two-way traffic," asked councilman Greg East.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham quickly responded, "I thought you all decided that we

can go that way."

"She's just going to do it," quipped Mayor Shannon Collins.

"Some people are already doing it," joked councilman Jamie Radcliffe.

Speaking seriously again, Burcham laid out her plan.

"When we tear up West Main for the water line improvement, we will have to make Third Street two-way for the period of time that project is going on," she explained.

"In my opinion that is an ideal time to get people acclimated to two-way traffic. It can also be

your pilot for how well that is received.

"Someone said something today that I think is such a clear message to us about the way our streets were laid out years ago," Burcham continued.

"They were laid out in a way to get large trucks carrying furniture in and out of the town as quickly as possible. That's why your one-way streets were created.

"We don't need people going in and out of our town quickly and

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Streets

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we don't need people who cannot find their way around town because they're not used to one-way streets."

Burcham said given the fact that council did not seem to object to two-way traffic and knowing that Third Street would need to be two-way during the upcoming water project, it is the natural time to begin making the change.

"When we re-surface West Main after the improvements – and we do have VDOT money that will allow us to do those improvements ... curb, gutter and sidewalks as well as the paving – that's the time to make that street two-way as well.

"We can continue to have discussions on that, but I will also tell you that I've almost convinced the town engineer that we do not need traffic signals at several of those intersections and what would work for us would be four-way stops," Burcham added.

She explained that moving from traffic lights to four-way stops would both slow down traffic and bring more pedestrian activity on those streets.

"We need to be thinking about how we can make people feel more comfortable traveling on those streets," she said.

"We're getting a traffic engineering study to look at speeds

throughout the town and as part of the effort for this water line will include looking at the street scape generally, and I'm sure we're going to get some recommendations as to whether or not that street should in fact go two-way."

"Two-way would help and four-way stops would save a lot of money because traffic signals are very expensive," councilman Lane Penn said.

"Your speeds would slow down, and it would be much safer. In my experience, I have found in other communities, the four-way stops make people kinder to each other because there is a rhythm to who goes through and who waits and an actual technical rotation you're supposed to follow.

"But having removed signals in other communities and installed four-way stops it makes a world of difference. You don't have to worry about someone running a red light or trying to get through on a yellow light. That's something we see constantly. People taking that extra chance," said Burcham.

"I'm intrigued with what will happen where the road splits. That's my worry," said Collins of the "Y" intersection where Main Street and Third Street converge.

"That split in my opinion gives people who don't know our town the wrong impression of what kind of community we are.

They just drive by all the old and sometimes derelict buildings that were used for manufacturing

years ago. That's not what we are today. Nor is it what we want to be in the future.

"I said to someone today, maybe we ought to just block that street (Third) for a while and have people come in on Duncan and into the downtown because some people will drive down Third and won't even turn to the left and come in and see the downtown," said Burcham, adding, "It does give the wrong impression on the first impression of our community."

"Two-way traffic has a very positive impact on retail businesses. I've read your traffic study that you mentioned. Everything in it was positive about moving in that direction and I honestly have to say I was baffled as to why we didn't go ahead at that time," Burcham told council.

"If we're trying to change this community and be a community of the future, and one that we want people to feel comfortable walking back and forth – going to the coffee shop over to the fine arts center, crisscrossing and everything – we need to be thinking about these type things."

East said he was viewing Google Maps earlier in the day looking around town and it was interesting.

"If you haven't done it, it's pretty cool. Many of the pictures on it are quite a bit old, a lot from 2012, but what was interesting was you could see where we had

come from – where we were to where we are now. You can see where we've made improvements. I think the time for two-way traffic has come," he said.

Councilman Michael Reis, participating on Zoom, added he is "totally in support of making as many of those one-way streets two-way as is feasible."



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Pulaski Police Chief Jill Neice introduces her department's new Community Resource Specialist, Sonia Ramsey.

Pulaski P.D. adds community resource specialist, K-9 officer

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

During Tuesday's meeting of Pulaski Town Council, final plans for Halloween in the town were set, and two new employees were introduced to council.

At Councilman Lane Penn's suggestion, trick or treating in town will now happen on Saturday, Oct. 30. That brings the town in line with what the county recently decided.

Prior to that, however, the town's annual Treat Trail event will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 in Downtown Pulaski.

Also, on Saturday, Oct. 30 the annual Jack - O' - Lantern Spectac-

ular will be hosted by the county at Randolph Park.

Two new employees in the Police Department were introduced to council.

Sonia Ramsey is the department's new Community Resource Specialist.

Chief Jill Neice told council that Ramsey recently moved here from Radford where she lived and worked for 20-plus years.

"She has an extensive background working in the law enforcement sector and is looking forward to being involved in the community outreach we are developing.

"We're fortunate that she's so enthusiastic and for her many years
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Pulaski Police Chief Jill Neice introduces Juneau, the department's new K-9 officer with her partner, Sgt. Dickerson.

New

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of experience," Neice said.

The chief also presented the department's "youngest member," a 16-month-old German Shepherd named Juneau.

Neice said Juneau and her partner Sgt. Dickerson would be work-

ing together on narcotics detection and eventually tracking.

"She is 16 months old. I bought her when she was 8 weeks old and have been training her since then. She's already got almost a year of training in," said Dickerson.

"She'll have 16 hours minimum a month of training. That's just what's mandated. We do training on shifts and right now she's very close to certification on narcotics and she's

already indicating on methamphetamines, heroin and cocaine. That's the main three that dogs in the New River Valley are working for. She started tracking in the past two weeks," Dickerson noted.

"This is an ongoing process," Neice added. "It's quite an investment for our department and for Sgt. Dickerson and his family. We hope the community can really get behind us on this.

"When I came here, we did have a K-9, but it's been some years since we had one so it's good to get back in it. Everyone's really excited to have both Juneau and Sonia," stated Neice.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham noted, "These two are very welcome additions by the entire department. Community Resource is a civilian position geared to making a real connection between the community and law enforcement employees who aren't always seen in the positive way that we would like for them to be.

"Juneau has already made so many friends. A wonderful addition to both our public relations, but even more importantly to help with criminal activities that we want to minimize in the community."

"It's very exciting to see the direction that you're taking our police department. Congratulations to you and your team," Councilman Greg East told Neice.

During council comments, East

said he sees a lot of things within the police department that seem like there's a positive movement and a real interest in community involvement.

He noted he would like to have a discussion on policing in Pulaski.

"Maybe the chief can let us know what her department is doing, and we can offer some input as to things we may see that we'd like to try and address. I know in the past there has been discussion in certain areas about adding cameras as a deterrent. I know bike patrols have picked up, which is something we've attempted to have done for a number of years. I think an overall discussion about policing is important."

Councilman Jamie Radcliffe echoed East's sentiments.

"I'm very pleased with our police department. It's just a different world. We've made a great choice. As you saw tonight, we're adding tools to protect our citizens. They will be a great asset."

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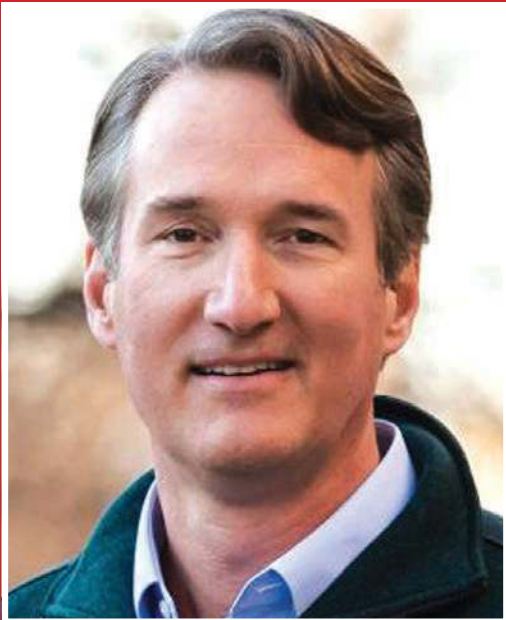
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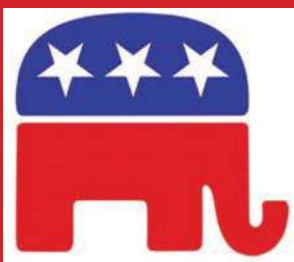
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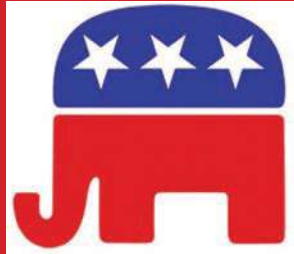
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HELEN MAXINE NIECE TAYLOR

It is with deep sadness in our hearts that we announce that Helen Maxine Niece Taylor age 74 passed away on October 12, 2021 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. She has received her heavenly reward and joined her parents Joe & Mary Niece; her husband Carl; son- Andrew; daughter- Libby, grandson- Justin; niece- Sharon Cooper; her siblings – Mary, Joe, Jesse, Lonnie, Arthur, Marybelle, Janey, William, Johnnie, Jenny, Sena.

Helen left behind to cherish her memories her daughters Carlenia Taylor, Leann Taylor; grandchildren Molly Woodyard Cox, Tim Woodyard, Jessica Dalton, Daniel (Reagan), Joshua (Kaleena) & Nathan Taylor; great grandchildren Kenzie, Nikolai, Harley, Luke, Noah & Micah. Also surviving is her sister Rosie Conley; nephews/niece- Arthur (Beth), David & Larry as well as many great nephews and nieces.

Helen was a wonderful Christian lady who was loved by so many people. She cherished her time with her family to whom she was known as Mom, Dolly, Dollbaby or Nannie. She never met a stranger. She loved her church and enjoyed being in services when she was able to be.

Helen was born and raised in Giles County. She moved to Pulaski to raise her family and then to Dublin and Radford.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lewis Gale Cancer Center, Dr. Monica Cooper-Carilion Internal Medicine & Carilion Home Health for the care they provided Helen during her recent battle with cancer. She will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the River of Life Church in Dublin VA.

There will be a Celebration of Life planned for Sat. Oct 23 @ 2 pm at the River of Life Church in Dublin VA.

Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, Va. is serving the Taylor family. Online condolences may be made through www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com.



LOIS JEAN WOODRUM KILGORE

Lois Jean Woodrum Kilgore, age 74 of Radford passed away Friday, October 15, 2021. Born September 27, 1947 in Pulaski County she was the daughter of the late John Oscar Woodrum & Alice Boone Woodrum. She worked with Federal Mogul in Human Resources for 16 years and Tetra for 9 years.

Her Family
Husband – Steve Kilgore
Parents – The late John Oscar & Alice Boone Woodrum

Daughter – Jo Anne Montgomery Gravely

Son – The late David Montgomery

Daughter – Sandra & Bobby Dalton

Stepsons – Mark & Elissa Gruber, Mark Kilgore

Stepdaughters – Cheryl Deane, Charity Kilgore, Christa Kilgore

Sisters – Clara & Freddy Tolbert, Tammy Dixon, the late Nora Oliver and her husband, David Oliver

Brothers – Leonard & Brenda Woodrum, John Woodrum, Jr., David Woodrum

5 Grandchildren 5 Great Grandchildren

Memorial services were held Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mike Coleman officiating.

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

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

MICHAEL LEWIS JONES

Michael Lewis Jones, age 69 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Lewis Gale Hospital, Pulaski.

Born April 14, 1952 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late James Lewis Jones and Wanda Louise Smith Jones. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Ronnie Lee Jones.

He was retired from the Prince William County Adult Detention Center located in Manassas, Virginia & a Prince William County firefighter. Once moving back to Pulaski County, he was a local member of the Fraternal Order of Police and helped with the children's "Shop with a Cop" program.

Mike was an active member of The Dublin Christian Church.



MICHAEL 'MIKE' MCPEAK

Michael 'Mike' McPeak, age 81, passed away on October 14, 2021, Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, VA.

He was born on September 13, 1940 in Hiwassee, VA to the late Archie and Ocie (Sutphin) McPeak. Mike was the loving husband of 59 years to wife Daphine (Shelton) McPeak. In 1962, the couple moved to Northern Virginia. Mike was employed as a superintendent for The George Hyman Construction Company until his retirement in 1992. His most notable project was the construction of Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. In their later years, the couple lived in both Hiwassee, and Strasburg, VA. Traveling back and forth enabled them to enjoy family and friends.

Mike is survived by wife, Daphine; daughter, Donna Alligood of McLean VA; granddaughter Ashley (Alligood) Vlasov, husband Alex, of Haymarket VA; and great grandson, Jacob Vlasov; numerous nieces and nephews; brothers/sisters in law.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his four sisters, Reba Smith, Dorothy Thompson, Stella Harden, and Lake Jenkins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 at Bower Funeral with Rev. J.B. Shelton, and Ed Gallimore, Minister, officiating. Burial followed at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA.

Online condolences can be left for the family by visiting www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

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



He is survived by

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Phyllis A. Hudson Jones-Dub-

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LENA LOUISE DUNAGAN CECIL

Lena Louise Dunagan Cecil, age 92 1/2, passed away suddenly on Thursday October 14, 2021, in Wilmington, NC, where she lived since 2005.

She was born on April 15, 1929, to Laura Lavy Bentley, and Philip Walter Dunagan, in Pulaski County, VA. She had a proud heritage of anything Irish — any mention caught her attention. Her parents each came from families of twelve children. She had twenty-four aunts and uncles, and after marriages ended up with forty-seven!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jason David "JD" Cecil, and by her children, Michael David Cecil, and Linda C. Ward (John). She was also predeceased by her brother, Walter Dunagan (Helen), and sisters-in-law, Anna C. Justice (Rush), Betty C. Blankenship, Brenda C. Edmonds (Roy), and Monroe Blankenship.

She is survived by her daughter Debra Cecil Cobb (W. Allen Cobb, Jr.), of Wilmington, NC, and W. Allen Cobb, III (Emily), and daughters Jane and Louise, of Raleigh, NC.

Her brother-in-law, Robert Cecil (Arlene), of Christiansburg, VA, survives, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Louise was born during the Great Depression when times were hard. During World War II, her father served in the Navy, in the Philippines. She almost didn't finish high school because she had to work part time after school to make ends meet.

She and JD were married in 1950. He was stationed in San Antonio, TX, while serving in the military. They had all three children during that time. In 1958, they moved to Salem, VA, where the children first started school. She worked various jobs and went to cosmetology school. In 1974, after all the children completed high school, they moved to their farm in Snowville, VA, where Louise ran a country store for many years. After JD (2000) and Linda (2001) died, she moved to Wilmington, NC, to be near her daughter, Debra. She referred to Wilmington as having her "second childhood," with less cooking and responsibilities. Her last two years were spent at Trinity Grove senior living center, where she shared her love of Billy Walker music with the dedicated staff, while reminiscing of her happier, younger times.

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DR. CHARLES BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Dr. Charles Benjamin Franklin, 92, of Radford, passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. "Poppy", as he was affectionately called by his family, was a husband, father, pastor, educator and administrator. He attended Emmanuel Junior College, received a B.S. degree from Radford College in 1959, M.S. degree from Virginia Tech in 1962 and a PhD in Education Administration from UVA in 1973. He started his career in a two room school house in West Virginia. He taught at various schools throughout the New River Valley, served as principal at several locations, and served as assistant superintendent of Pulaski County Schools spending 17 total years in the Pulaski County School system. In 1977 he became superintendent of Radford City Schools and retired there in 1987. He then worked as an adjunct professor at Radford University before working for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools until he retired for good at the age of 73. Charles was also a pastor at several churches during his years in education giving up his pastoral responsibilities in 1968.

Charles met the love of his life, Dorothy Anne Baker, at a church youth camp in 1948. They married in August of 1950 and were married for nearly 65 years.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dorothy Anne Baker Franklin; his parents, James Talton and Nancy Graham Franklin; and brothers, James and Berkley Franklin.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Becky Roy of Huntsville, Ala., Cathy Burton and her husband Howard of Rocky Gap, Va., Ruthie Taylor and her husband Butch of Christiansburg, Va., and Pam Rigney and her husband Carl of Radford, Va.; a son, Randy Franklin and his wife Allison of Pulaski, Va.; 14 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021 in the Appalachian Conference Ground in Dublin with Pastor Jason Green officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Compassion Church Missionary Fund.

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Louise loved her family, the Southwestern Virginia mountains, flower gardening, and Irish everything.

A graveside service was held Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Cecil’s Chapel United Methodist Church, on Cecil’s Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA.

Louise’s family is deeply grateful for the committed care provided by the Trinity Grove family, especially during the ongoing pandemic. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Grove, 631 Junction Creek Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412.

Louise had a special place in her heart for her Wilmington neighbors, the Odoms, and her friend and caregiver, Bettielou Weddle.

And she loved her former daughter-in-law, Nancy Cecil, who provided special care during her visits to Virginia.

Please savor each hug of a loved one – it may be your last.

Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA is serving the Cecil family. Online condolences may be made through www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com.



DONALD ELWOOD WHITAKER

Donald Elwood Whitaker, age 85 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at his home with family. Born February 11, 1936 in West Virginia he was the son of the late Charles Francis Whitaker & Ollie Rhea Turner Whitaker. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Betty, five brothers, Pete, Frankie, Eugene, Charles and Leonard Whitaker and son Ramon Griffith.

Donald was a member and Chaplain of the Sons of the American Legion Post #7, Pulaski and was a member and past administrator of the Pulaski Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his Wife – Carolyn Jane “Scout” Griffith Whitaker-Pulaski

Son – Melvin Whitaker & friend, David Hodges – Dublin

Daughters – Ramona Whitaker – Pulaski, Linda Farriss – Pulaski, Tammy Whitaker – Pulaski

Special Grandson – Kenneth Whitaker

9 Grandchildren, 7 Great Grandchildren, 3 Great, Great Grandchildren

Brother – Bud (Virgie) Whitaker – Poplar Camp

Special Sister-in-law – Barbara Whitaker – Giles County

Many nephews, nieces, cousins & friends

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM – Sunday, October 24, 2021 at the Resurgence Church (102 Fayette Street, Pulaski, VA, 24301, Virginia (formerly Midway Church of God of Prophecy) with Pastors Josh Arnold & Randall Jones officiating.

The family will receive friends before service time Sunday at the Church.

To sign Donald’s online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

Pulaski on Main’s Ford likes rescues

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

Patrick Ford, Program Director of Pulaski on Main, likes to rescue things and give them new life. He has two rescue cats: Anna who was pulled out from under a building on Main Street in Marion, and Apollo who was dumped in a storm drain at Hungry Mother State Park.

He also likes to rescue small town business districts and help give them new life.

As a teenager, Ford remembers Pulaski as a nice town, close to cool places like Virginia Tech and Blacksburg. But upon his return as an adult, he heard negative comments from locals about Pulaski; and wanted to help change that perception.

“I love Pulaski and want Pulaski on Main to be a tool to help radiate the kindness and the hard work of the people here,” encourages Ford.

Ford says he is a part of a strong core of the downtown community who are dedicated to the cause of Main Street and bringing it back to how prosperous it was years ago.

“We have a strong core of volunteers and business owners who really care about downtown Pulaski and are committed to revitalizing it,” Ford adds.

Pulaski on Main (POM) welcomes, promotes and connects neighbors, artists, investors, businesses and non-profits to build and support a vibrant historic downtown, which increases economic activity and community pride.

“Our plans are to get people excited about downtown Pulaski – and there is plenty to be excited about. If they want to help, they can shop downtown. Getting community support and excitement would help to invigorate downtown.”

In the 1960’s Pulaski was booming. When the business and schools let out at 3:30 p.m., hundreds of people would swarm the downtown area. After Renfro, Pulaski Furniture and other businesses closed, however, much of the foot traffic diminished. Additionally, I-81 gave people options of shopping in larger nearby communities.

To help draw people back to Main Street, POM has scheduled family-oriented activities, events and ribbon cuttings to welcome new businesses.

Two recent ribbon cutting ceremonies welcoming new businesses to downtown Pulaski were Tuscano Pizza, located

Jones

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Daughter and Son-in-law- Maile Jones Brehm- Manassas, VA

Two Grandchildren Sisters- Karen L. Jones- Warrenton, VA Rebecca L. Fridley- Sperryville, VA

Several Nieces and Nephews and a special nephew, Christopher Fridley of Dublin

Longtime Friend- Ronnie Lunsford- Haymarket, VA

Graveside services will be held Saturday, 11:00 a.m., October 23, 2021 at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin with Pastor Richie Goad officiating.

To sign Mike’s online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-alome.com

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



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Pulaski on Main Program Director, Patrick Ford, attaches the Pulaski County Public Library’s holiday scarecrow to a light pole on Main Street in downtown Pulaski. Preparations are underway for the Halloween Trick and Treat Trail taking place on Friday, October 29th from 4 to 6 p.m.

at 313 N. Washington Avenue which celebrated its grand opening on Monday, October 11th and a new coffee shop, Max on Main, located at 28 West Main Street which celebrated with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, October 16th.

Starting on Wednesday, October 6th, passerbys have begun witnessing the beginning of the first of two Mural Projects on Main Street. Students from New River Community College’s Art/Mural class began painting the outline of a forest scent at 47 West Main (Counts Crossing Park). When the outline is finished, the community will be given an opportunity to participate in completing the rest of the painting using a paint-by-numbers format. Scheduling for the second mural will be announced at a later date.

The last Marketplace Day of 2021 will take place on Tues-

day, Oct 26th. It is scheduled as a Halloween event, including a costume contest. The Marketplace will be open from 4 p.m. to sunsuet (6 p.m.).

As an added treat, at 5 p.m., the students from Pulaski County High School Theater Arts will perform excerpts from their

upcoming play, “American Tall Tales.”

According to PCHS Theater Arts director Jeff McCoy, “The students will be doing snippets from American folklore stories of ‘Johnny Appleseed,’ ‘John Henry’ and ‘How the Rainbow Came to Be,’ while seated around a staged cozy campfire set. They will also do snippets of the upcoming Christmas play, ‘White Christmas,’ and may even have some costume characters to help celebrate Halloween,” McCoy said.

Other upcoming events for the family include a costume contest and the Trick and Treat Trail on Friday, October 29th from 4 p.m. to sunset (6 p.m.). Look for the orange card displayed in store windows of participating businesses. Businesses are planning on having plenty of treats available, to make up for last year when COVID-19 canceled the event.

Businesses on East and West Main streets will be transformed into Scarecrow Lane, to celebrate Halloween. You might find some scarecrows affixed to lamp posts in other downtown locations.

Ford hopes that through the combined efforts of Pulaski on Main, the Department of Tourism, Small Business Development Services, the Economic Development Authority, town and county administration, new businesses and private investors, they can work together to help change the negative perceptions of Pulaski.

Changes start with small steps and can lead to great strides. Look for more new businesses and positive outcomes for the Town of Pulaski as more people realize the value of their hometown and commit to helping restore its once vibrant downtown business district.

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Hearing From You


Representing approximately 700,000 people in the U.S. House of Representatives can mean I receive a lot of correspondence. Constituents contact me with numerous concerns, whether by phone, email, letter, or social media message.

Your comments and inquiries are an asset as I do my job. While I cannot read or respond to each individually, my team collects them and lets me know what people in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District think about the issues facing our country and our region. When we respond, we strive to do so with as much specificity as possible.

Much of the correspondence my office receives addresses a general topic or issue, but some encourages me to support a specific bill. In two recent instances of veterans' affairs bills, I added my name as a cosponsor after they were brought to my attention by constituents.

One is H.R. 5073, the Revising and Expediting Actions for the Crisis Hotline (REACH) for Veterans Act. The other is H.R. 4571, the Supporting Expanded Review for Veterans In Combat Environments (SERVICE) Act.

The REACH for Veterans Act seeks to improve the mental health support our country provides active servicemen and -women and veterans. The Veterans Crisis Line offers a free, confidential, around the clock resource for them, and the REACH for Veterans Act would enhance this service by boosting staff training and promoting quality control.



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

The SERVICE Act would extend certain health care services to a group of veterans that had previously not been protected. Female veterans who had encountered burn pits and other toxic exposures during their service are more susceptible to cancer, but mammogram screenings are not covered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The SERVICE Act would fix this gap in coverage, making sure these veterans are not deprived of the health care services they need.

These bills are worthwhile efforts to fix problems afflicting men and women who risked their lives to protect us. I appreciate those constituents, some of whom may have personal experience with the problems they aim to correct, who took the time to contact my office in favor of this legislation.

Other messages urge me to oppose bills that could come up for vote or to speak out against proposals from presidential administrations.

Lately, I have heard overwhelming opposition to a proposal from the Biden Administration that would empower the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to monitor the bank accounts of average Americans with account balances of over \$600, or simply more than \$600 in transactions during a year.

The Administration suggests this would help crack down on tax evasion among high earners, but the preposterously low threshold would ensnare many working people and place a tremendous burden on community banks and other small lenders. Further, the immense quantities of data that would be collected under this proposal would be at risk of exposure or misuse.

Many constituents have contacted my office to express their concerns about this proposal. I agree that it would be an invasive and unnecessary expansion of power for bureaucrats who have not shown they can be trusted with it.

The proposal has not been finalized and is still under consideration by the Biden Administration and congressional Democrats as they write their multi-trillion-dollar reconciliation bill, but anything they come up with along the lines they have suggested would have my opposition.

Similarly, the Biden Administration's vaccine mandate proposals have met with significant negative constituent feedback. I am vaccinated and encourage others to do so, but a government mandate is just plain wrong.

Like the IRS bank account monitoring proposal, these mandates infringe on the privacy rights of Americans. It is as if the Biden Administration's personnel read George Orwell's 1984 and came away thinking Big Brother is the hero.

The government is your government. Representation in our republic based on democratic principles depends upon an active and informed citizenry making its views known. I cannot personally respond to each contact my office receives, nor will I agree with every request or concern, but I am listening.

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

Something Sinister Going On

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice! But when a wicked man rules, the people groan." Proverbs 29:2 NKJ version

Have you heard a lot of groaning lately? I've been doing my fair share whenever I go to the gas station or grocery shopping. And just wait until the heating season gets in full swing.

Ten months into the Joe Biden administration, the American way of life as we've known it is crumbling around us. Prices are increasing faster than wages. Inflation is up 6-percent, the highest in 40 years, and billionaire Jeffrey Gundlach speculates it will go up to 13.4 percent.

Since the first month of this administration, energy prices are up 24.8 percent; food prices are up 4.6 percent; beef prices are up 17.6 percent; and prices for fish, eggs and poultry are up 10.5 percent.

Are you groaning yet? How about these statistics...

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Attacks against law enforcement increased by 45.9 percent (54 law enforcement officers killed) from January 2021 through September 2021 as reported by FBI LEOKA. This does not include 150 officers who were shot and wounded so far in 2021.

There were hundreds of historical monuments and markers destroyed or removed during the riots of the summer of 2020 and spring of 2021. Various reasons were given, but it all comes back to attacks on America's history and culture. Some of the removed monuments were not related to current cultural issues and some were

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Elites and their elitism

By Cal Thomas,
Tribune Content Agency

"They said you were high class, but that was just a lie." - Elvis Presley, "Hound Dog"

White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain brought criticism on himself last week when he retweeted a post from Harvard economist Jason Furman. Furman claimed that rising inflation and nationwide supply chain issues that have delayed products from reaching store shelves is a "high-class problem." Klain's retweet was accompanied by two emoji hands pointing at the original tweet, so is it safe to say he agreed with Furman?

This is the kind of attitude that has turned off many Americans to Washington politics. Despite what they often say, politicians are mostly looking out for themselves, not average people, who constitute the majority. It is a major reason why Donald Trump was elected president in 2016 and still has a faithful and unquestioning following.

The definition of "elitist" helps focus the mind. Dictionary.com: "(of a person or class of persons) considered superior by others or by themselves, as in intellect, talent, power, wealth, or position in society." The "by themselves" part is what many Americans think of these elitists. Call it the Leona Helmsley attitude. The late New York hotelier once claimed, "We don't pay taxes; only the little people pay taxes." You can't get more elitist than that.

Washington elites at the highest levels ride in chauffeured limousines. They also get security to accompany them everywhere they wish to travel. They don't have to worry about finding a parking spot in garages where rates can be \$40 or more, much less pay for them. They have staff fawning over them, meeting their every desire (some of which get them into trouble). All these perks are paid for by taxpayers. When members of the congressional elite retire, or on rare occasions are defeated, many get pensions and other retirement benefits subsidized by taxpayers.

Then we have the vaccine elitists, head-

ed by President Biden and Dr. Anthony Fauci. Do I need to explain this one?

Elitists are not limited to "the swamp." They are everywhere. Terry McAuliffe, the democratic candidate for governor in Virginia, said in a debate with his Republican opponent, Glenn Youngkin, "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach." Youngkin believes more parents should be involved in their children's education, especially on subjects such as critical race theory and transgender policies, with which many disagree. Elitists like McAuliffe apparently think parents should turn their kids over to the state education system and then mind their own business.

NBC News reported on a top administrator at the Southlake, Texas Independent School District who advised teachers to offer their students an "opposing" perspective about the Holocaust. And what might an opposing perspective be? That it never happened? That Jews had it coming? There are those kinds of opposing books.

East Lansing, Michigan, public school elitists have announced they are canceling observances of Halloween and Valentine's Day. In a letter reportedly sent to parents, officials said they were doing so out of concerns over hurt feelings and families that felt "uncomfortable" with the observances. What about families and children -- likely a large majority -- who feel quite comfortable with these observances and have become used to them over years past? Too bad for them. The elitists don't care.

The late author Tom Clancy may have said it best, though somewhat inelegantly: "There are people in government who don't want other people to know what they know. It's just another example of elitism. And I spit on elitism. Show me an elitist, and I'll show you a loser."

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

National Divorce: Poisonously Stupid Idea

Divorce usually isn't a good idea, and that's especially true of a nearly 250-year-old continental nation.

A cadre of apocalyptic writers on the right, who believe the country is too far gone to save, has become obsessed with a Secession 2.0 that would cleave red America from blue and allow the former to escape the ever-rising tide of woke insanity.

There is no doubt the country is deeply riven along political, cultural and religious lines. Yet, a national divorce has nothing to recommend it.

The practical obstacles are insuperable, and the likely effects would be very unwelcome to its proponents. If an insufficient patriotism is one of the ills of contemporary America, then a national divorce would prescribe arsenic as a cure. It would burn down America to save America, or at least those parts of it considered salvageable.

A disaggregated United States would be instantly less powerful. Indeed, Russia and China would be delighted and presumably believe that we'd deserve to experience the equivalent of the crackup of the Soviet Union or the Qing dynasty, respectively.

The economic consequences could be severe. The United States of America is a continentwide free trade zone, creating a vast domestic market that makes us all better off. Exchanging that for a market Balkanized by state or region would be a major loss.

Finally, the United States foundering on its domestic divisions would be a significant blow to the prestige of liberal democracy. Abraham Lincoln worried about this effect the first time around, and it might be even worse now, with a long stable republic unable to survive internal dissension.

Then, there's the question of how this is supposed to work. Lincoln warned of the physical impossibility of secession when the Mason-Dixon Line was a more-or-less ready line of demarcation. How would it play out now, with conservatives and progressives amply represented in every state in the Union?

If there were to be sovereign pure red and blue places, this wouldn't look like the relatively neat split of the United States into two in the 1860s, but more like post-Peace of Westphalia Europe, with hundreds of different entities.

Some proponents of national divorce say not to worry -- it can all be worked out amicably. But if we are going to split up because we can't even agree on bathroom policies or pronouns, how are we going to agree to divvy up our territory and resources?

It would matter, obviously, who gets control of the federal government, the most powerful organization on Earth. It has 1.3 million people under arms and a stockpile of 3,800 nuclear warheads. Whether it accrues to red or blue America would, to understate it, be a matter of

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October 23

PCHS Theatre Arts group to perform
The PCHS Theatre Arts group will be performing a “Monty Python Educations Show” in the PCHS theatre (a parody of old Monty Python skits on Saturday, October 23 at 7 p.m. and then again on Sunday, October 24 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Bags and Bling BINGO to benefit the Friends of the Fort Chiswell Library
Bags and Bling BINGO will hold an event in support of the Fort Chiswell Library on Saturday, October 23 at the Wytheville Moose Lodge. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6 p.m. Vendors and concessions will be available. Call 276-613-1899 for more information. The event is sponsored by Sunny Hills Church and Kelsey Robert, Sabika Jewelry director.

October 26

Theatre Arts To Perform
The PCHS Theatre Arts group will be performing snippets of two plays (American Tall Tales and also White Christmas) during the last Market Days on October 26.

October 30

Trinity Baptist Fall Festival
It's Fall Festival time once again at Trinity Baptist Church. The

festival will be held on Saturday, October 30, 8 a.m. -4 p.m. at 4008 Robinson Tract Rd., Pulaski. Kids are encouraged to dress for Halloween ! Vendors will be handing out treats. Vendors include Sew Sassy, Against the Grain Woodwork, Scentsy, 31 Bags, Poor Boys Produce, Bo and Weezy's Chicken, jewelry, tumblers, T-shirts, handcrafted pens, baked goods, breakfast, lunch, coffee, hot apple cider, and much more.

November 4

American Legion /HHC post to met
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St., in Radford. The Boy's and Girl's State representatives from Radford High School will be recognized at this meeting. (postponed from an earlier date). For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9564.

November 6

Dublin Community Church Prayer/Hymn Sing to be held
The Dublin Community Church and Hymn Sing will be held on Saturday, November 6, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Th event will be held at First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO, 409 Church St., Dublin Va. There will be refreshments and visiting following the service. Music will be presented by The

Calfee Community Cultural Center to host Digital Day

The Calfee Community & Cultural Center (CCCC) will be hosting Digital Day at Randolph Ave United Methodist Church located at 1607 Randolph Ave. Pulaski. The event will take place on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 from 10 Am -two o'clock PM. The CCCC will house a museum that will feature a highly interactive and multi-sensory exhibit designed to share the story of Pulaski's struggle for equal education for Black children as well as the daily life and people of the historic Calfee Training School and the community for which it served as a hub. The CCCC, the Virginia Tech History Department, and Dr. Jessica Taylor would like to invite the community to Digital Day. People with information to share

about the historic Calfee Training School and the community are invited to share their memories and assist in the identification process of our growing collocation of archival photographs. Anyone interested in learning more about the process to revitalize the historic Calfee Training School is also invited to drop by and hear about the plans for the building. Lastly, if you have photos or artifacts in relation to the history of the Calfee Training School or local African American history then you are encouraged to bring them. Volunteers will be on hand to accept donations of artifacts or to scan artifacts that donors wish to keep in their own collections. To learn more about the event please visit <https://calfeeccc.org/digitalday> or email jill@calfeeccc.org.

Happenings at the Pulaski Community Youth Center

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October 27th (Wednesday) 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
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Once again, Christmas is rapidly approaching and the Pulaski County Jaycees are beginning preparations for the 2021 Town of Pulaski Christmas parade. The parade is scheduled for Thursday, December 2 at 7 p.m. with a bad weather date of Thursday, Dec. 9. In coordination with Town of Pulaski's tree lighting that is held the same evening, this year's theme is "My Christmas Wish."

Vittles for Vets

Vittles for Vets would like to invite the community to join them for a night of Halloween festivities at the "It's Game Time" at the Superbowl on Thursday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. the Superbowl is located at 375 Arbor Dr., N.E. in Christiansburg. Cost is \$15 for 2 hours of bowling including bowling shoes. There will also be a Costume Contest for Kids and Adults. All proceeds will go to local Veterans of the State of Virginia. Vittles for Vets empowers those who have served our country honorably and have fallen on hard times to see a brighter future through the gift of nutritious food.

Savage Sisters and the Glorylanders. All are invited and welcome.

November 9

Sons of Confederate Veterans and Stuart Horse Artillery Camp to meet
Sons of Confederate Vets and SHA Camp will meet on Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. Member William Reed will give a talk on: Confederate Small Arms." For further information please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

November 13

Warriors of Christ II to host event
Warriors for Christ II will be hosting a local vendor event on Saturday, November 13, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lots of vendors will be present, including Mary Kay, Scentsy, makers of homemade jewelry, tumblers, crafts, Lularoe, Color Street and many more.

ONGOING:

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.

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

Take Back

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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.

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

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

medications at "Crush the Crisis" events around the country. LewisGale Regional Health System hospitals collected 725 pounds of medications alone in 2020.

To further help combat the nation's opioid crisis, HCA Healthcare, the parent company of HCA Virginia, and LewisGale Regional Health System, proudly partners with and provides clinical insight to the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic. HCA Healthcare has committed \$750,000 to the Collaborative to support the development of safer pain management protocols and reversal of the opioid crisis.



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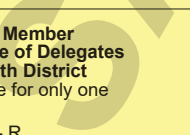
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Why did the bear cross the lake?

By WILLIAM PAINE
For The Patriot

It was an unseasonably warm day for mid-October and Assistant Pulaski County Administrator Anthony Akers decided to spend his Sunday afternoon scooting around Claytor Lake on a jet ski. It was a little after 4 p.m. when Akers started out. He proceeded to visit the Claytor Lake Dam on the personal watercraft and then turned the machine upstream to make his way towards the state park.

"I was just trying to take a relaxing day and do a little stress relief and I saw a head coming from the Snowville side," Akers recounted. "I was almost sure it was a child in distress, so I headed over that way."

On closer inspection, Akers realized that this was no child, but instead a full-grown black bear that had every intention of swimming to the other side of the lake. As Akers approached the bear, he realized that it was making a beeline to the point

of land separating Dublin Cove and Roseberry Cove. This lake-side neighborhood is accessed by Dunkard Road and most of the houses there are occupied all year round.

So why did this bear decide to cross the lake?

According to Katie Martin of Virginia's Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR), a black bear might cross a body of water for any number of reasons.

"It may be a juvenile bear having to find its own habitat after having been expelled by its mother," said Martin. "Or even more likely, this bear could be searching for a new food source."

In the autumn, bears gorge on acorns to fatten up for the winter. Acorns are a dietary mainstay for the 20,000 or so, bears roaming around Virginia today.

According to this year's DWR Acorn Production Report, "Acorn production across the state in 2021 can be categorized overall as poor, both for White Oak and for Red Oak species."

The report goes on to state that White Oak acorn mast was extremely low in the mountain regions of the state, which is, of course, where this bear (and we) live.

Was this bear crossing Claytor Lake to find a richer supply of acorns?

As he drew alongside, the bear's motivation was not Anthony Akers' chief concern.

"I was like, oh my goodness, there's a mess of dogs and houses over there," said Akers. "So, I thought I'd better steer her over to that area where there are no houses."

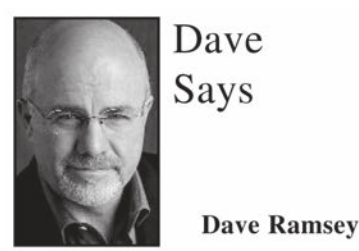
This bear is believed to be a female based on facial characteristics in the photo.

Akers maneuvered the jet ski close to the left side of the bear, so as to steer her toward the less populated north shore of Dublin Cove. She (the bear) was none too happy to have Akers as an escort and defecated in the water at the sight of him.



Photo by Anthony Akers

This bear, who is looking back at the jet ski following her, took a lengthy swim across Claytor Lake for reasons known only to her.



Dave Says

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There are better options

Dear Dave,
I'm coming up on a transition phase in my life. I'll be leaving the military soon, and I've been evaluating my living situation once I am out. My parents said I could live with them for a while, but I am not sure that would work out well. I have done some research on renting versus buying a home, but I understand that you hate VA loans. Can you clarify as to why you feel this way and give some advice for a person in my situation?

Tyler

Dear Tyler,
Hate might be a strong word for how I feel about VA loans, but there are some things you should know about them. Number one, VA loans are usually more expensive, with the interest rate and all the fees, than FHA or conventional loans. Number two, the reason most people gravitate toward a VA loan is they can get a house with no money down. But if you're trying to buy a house with no money down, it means you're too broke to buy a house!

Bear

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"She was pretty distraught that I was right there and kept looking at me," Akers recounted.

"But I really didn't have a choice. That bear would have got in a lot of trouble if she would have come ashore in that neighborhood. People were going to be uptight because that bear was spooked already."

Begrudgingly, the black bear swam towards the less inhabited lake shore and 25 minutes after first sighting the beast, Akers saw her make landfall in a sparsely populated section of shore line. After finding her footing, the bear scrambled up the bank and disappeared into the woods.

Based on video footage, it is thought that this was a fully mature female or sow, weighing somewhere around 200 pounds. The bear swam for approximate-

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Residents living in and around the Dublin, Virginia can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Dublin Lions Club will host this community event on 10/29/2021. The site is located at 600 Dunlap Rd in Dublin.

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you've got no money in the bank, that house is going to be a curse instead of a blessing. What happens if you buy a home this way, and the air conditioner goes out next week? What happens if your car needs a new transmission next month? Most people who find themselves in situations like this start piling on debt to fix things, and that's not a wise answer.

VA loans and other "no down payment" mortgage loans allow you to buy a home from a position of financial weakness rather than a position of financial strength. Don't get me wrong, I want you to own a home someday. I just don't want the home—and a bunch of other debt stacked on top—to own you.

My advice is to rent a decent, affordable place for a while and concentrate on getting your new life and career off the ground while saving some money. You might even consider a roommate situation for a while to help cut costs. But you don't need to be buying a home right now.

Good luck and God bless, Tyler. And thank you for your service to our country!

—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.

ly a mile before reaching her destination.

Her swim was doubtless lengthened by Akers' efforts but, though nearly exhausting the beast, he may well have saved her skin.

The DNR's Katie Martin said that the bear would likely not have attacked any dogs or people as black bear attacks are exceedingly rare.

Even so, residents in the neighborhood may have been less than welcoming to this wild animal potentially threatening their loved ones.

But that didn't happen because Pulaski County Assistant Administrator Anthony Akers made sure it didn't happen.

Whether or not the acorn mast is superior on the Dublin side of the lake is something only the swimming bear knows.



Let's BOO Hunger Away - Halloween Food Drive

On behalf of the Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski County (ENTF); Ron Walters thanked Next Level VR MOVA Technologies Group for co-sponsoring the "Let's BOO Hunger Away", Halloween Food Drive. This donation will help maintain the Halloween tradition at the event by providing treats for the children. Together, we invite you to join in our effort to BOO hunger away by dropping off non-perishable food items at the New River Community Action Office (412 North Jefferson Ave.) in Pulaski on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact New River Community Action staff by telephone (540-980-5525) or email: sgray@nrcaa.org

Hillsville man dies in Carroll County crash

At 12:28 p.m. on Monday (Oct. 18), Virginia State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on Double Cabin Rd. (Route 753), approximately a quarter mile west of Sunnyvale Rd. (Route 611).

A 2015 Toyota Tacoma was traveling east on Double Cabin Rd.

when it ran off the right side of the road, overturned, struck an embankment and struck a fence.

The backseat passenger, Rena C. Franklin, 67, of Hillsville, Va., died in transport. She was wearing a seatbelt. The front seat passenger, Kenneth R. Franklin, 73, was trans-

ported for treatment of serious injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt.

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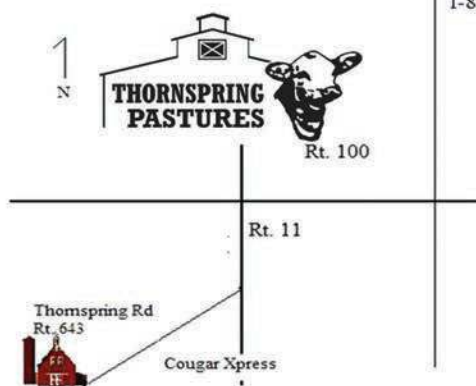


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Cougars 'John can do it all'

host Graham Friday

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Friday night Pulaski County begins a tough three-game stretch to end its 2021 regular season.

The Cougars will play host to Graham High School out of Bluefield. The G-Men are undefeated at 6-0 on the season and stand at 3-0 in the Southwest District.

After Graham, the Cougars travel to Roanoke to face the always-tough Patrick Henry Patriots before closing out the regular season hosting a much-improved Christiansburg Blue Demons team.

Graham is the top team in Region 2D according to this week's rankings by the Virginia High School League.

Last week the G-Men walloped Virginia High, 56-23.

Tony Palmer's G-Men have wins over Bluefield (31-6), Galax (28-0), Union (28-27), Richlands (35-0) and Tazewell (34-6).

Pulaski County stands at 4-3 on the season overall and holds a 2-2 record in the River Ridge District following last Friday's romp over Blacksburg, 49-7.

The Cougars dominated the Bruins in that one, in just about every phase of the game.

The Cougars rolled up 478 total yards of offense, while the defense allowed the Bruins only 99.

Pulaski County recorded 20 first downs to Blacksburg's eight.

And Cougar Chris Gallimore had his best outing statistically since taking over at QB for injured starter Cam Cooper. Gallimore was 7 of 9 passing for 180 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. He even scored once on the ground, rushing for a one yard score halfway through the second quarter.

His backup, Johnny Anderson even got into the game, going 1 of 2 for 18 yards.

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Cougar senior standout John Lyman with head coach Mark Dixon.

William Paine/The Patriot

Duke, FSU, UNC top picks in ACC as 2021-22 basketball season nears

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Ninth-ranked Duke is the pre-season favorite to win the Atlantic Coast Conference in its final season under Hall of Fame coach

Mike Krzyzewski, while touted Blue Devils freshman Paolo Banchero is the pick to be the league's player and freshman of the year.

The ACC released results Monday from voting by 81 media members at last week's men's basketball preseason media day in Charlotte.

Duke received 47 first-place votes to finish ahead of No. 20 Florida State, while No. 19 North Carolina was picked to finish third in its first season under Hubert Davis after the retirement of Hall of Famer Roy Williams.

No. 25 Virginia was picked fourth, followed by Virginia Tech, Louisville, Syracuse, Notre Dame, North Carolina State, Georgia Tech, Clemson, Miami, Wake Forest, Pittsburgh and Boston College.

The 6-foot-10, 250-pound Ban-

chero received 28 votes for player of the year to finish ahead of Virginia Tech's Keve Aluma (16) and Syracuse's Buddy Boeheim (13). Banchero earned 64 votes for top freshman, with Duke teammate Trevon Keels second with five.

Boeheim was the leading vote-getter on the preseason all-ACC first-team, joining Banchero, Aluma, North Carolina's Armando Bacot and Miami's Isaiah Wong.

Georgia Tech's Michael Devoe headlined the second team, joined by Virginia's Kihei Clark, Notre Dame's Prentiss Hubb, Duke's Mark Williams and Wendell Moore Jr., North Carolina's Caleb Love and Louisville's Malik Williams. Moore, Love and Williams tied for the final spot.

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Cougar
standout,
John Lyman
'breaking
on the scene
right now'

By WILLIAM PAINE
For The Patriot

"He is an uber talented young man who is just breaking on the scene right now," declared Mark Dixon, Head Coach of the Pulaski Cougars. "People are starting to see all the things he can do on a football field and that's probably happened in the last three or four weeks. He's just a tremendously skilled young man."

The name of this high school football phenom is John Lyman and fans of Pulaski County High School football are already familiar with plays made by the Cougar who wears the number 4.

John Lyman is very good at catching passes, even if they're meant for the opposing team's wide receiver. He's known to be a tough tackler and has shown a knack for finding the end zone.

Through the first five games of the season, John Lyman has reached the end zone eleven times; two by running, six by catching passes and one punt return. Lyman has made five interceptions and ran two of those back for touchdowns.

"John can do it all," said Dixon. "He plays corner. He plays safety, tailback. He plays slot. He plays wide receiver. He's multi-dimensional."

"I pretty much play everything they want me to play so that I can be the best at whatever they need me to be," said Lyman. "But I'm mainly receiver, safety, corner, sometimes running back and return specialist ... I'm an athlete."

John Lyman is originally from Jacksonville, Florida and moving to the hills of Western Virginia was a big change.

"When I first came up here, people talked a lot different," said John. "But I think I've caught up with it now ... but just the energy is different. It's quiet, so I can focus more ... less trouble and stuff like that."

John Lyman began attending school here in Pulaski County in the 8th grade and though he did a stint playing basketball, he wasn't much into sports.

He started playing football only last year, which was the first year that Mark Dixon took over as Head Coach at Pulaski County High School.

"He keeps you positive and helps you out with everything you need help with," said Lyman of Dixon. "He's a real genuine person. In a sense, it made me fall in love with the sport again. It was pretty cool."

Coach Dixon is known, among other things, for his demanding early morning workouts and no-nonsense attitude during games.

"I think the intensity is perceived one way by the spectators, but the kids see it different because they're with me all day long and we're laughing and joking," said Dixon. "It's only those two hours where they see that real intense, get after it mindset."

"We've got a great group of kids. I love them and think the world of them," Dixon continued. "They work so hard and they want to be successful and all those intangibles ... John has them in spades and some of them don't have anything to do with football. He's gregarious. He smiles. He's open. He's friendly. All of those things that are going to make him successful in life, that have nothing to do with football. He has all of that. He was raised right."

That said, John Lyman is pretty good at football and track, too.

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1. A request from Shah Development LLC to rezone property located at 421 N. Washington Avenue [tax parcel(s) 072-51-24-9a, 072-51-24-11, 072-51-24-13, 072-51-24-15, 072-51-24-17] from (B-2) General Business to (R-O) Residential Office.
2. A request from Calfee Community and Cultural Center. Agent: Jill Williams, for a Special Exception for Catering, a Daycare Center, a Bakery, and a Museum for property located at 1 Corbin-Harmon Drive [tax parcel(s) 072-14-1] "Calfee School."

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, November 8, 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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This large pond that is nearly large enough to be considered a lake and was built by James J. Pandapos, an entrepreneur who founded Eltro Tech and Poly Scientific. The pond on the headwaters of Poverty Creek that in turn flows into Tom's Creek and then into New River. This was mostly for his employees to enjoy as outings for their families to enjoy the area for picnics, fishing and the outdoors in general. The Forestry Service took over several years ago and maintains it having regulations to abide by so the general public might enjoy it to its fullest. It is closed at night but is well visited during daylight hours. Trout are stocked there periodically and a license is required from June 15 to October 1. It was closed a large part of the summer for repairs by the Forest Service.

Any given day, you may see a variety of people there strolling the trails and paths around and near the pond. Some individuals can be seen walking the shorelines or fishing from there or off the docks. Many singles and as well as families can be seen with dogs on the footpaths. Occasionally, animals such as deer, racoon ducks and geese come to the waters. I saw a sign posted that said there had been a bear spotted in July. The place is kept close to its original environment such as where the paths go down to the water's edge; no steps of stone wood etc. are constructed but exposed tree roots across the paths form steps themselves. There is a large boulder that has been placed on the bluff overlooking the waters near the western end of the pond that has a brass plaque commemorating Mr. Pandapos James J. Pandapos, 1915-2003.

I mentioned that waters from Pandapos flow into New River and eventually the Gulf of Mexico. Craig Creek on the North side of Rte. 460 flows into the James River and into the Atlantic Ocean. This is known as a "Divide" and I hope to follow in a later column fully describing this phenomenon.

This is the time for Fall foliage is at its fullest with the splendid colors of the forests such as seen at the Pandapos Pond area. I would recommend it for one or all of a family to visit and partake of one of the activities I have

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JOBS



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The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department will be hiring 2-3 Deputy Sheriff positions between November 15th and December 1st. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and must possess a valid Virginia driver's license. Prefer applicants with State Law Enforcement Certification and two years of college credits; however, selected non certified LEO applicants will begin the academy in January 2022. Extensive background investigation and medical examination is required. Applicants must have 20/20 corrected vision and have proportionate height and weight. Preference will be given to applicants who are a resident of Pulaski County.

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Gonzaga tapped No. 1 in AP poll

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

Gonzaga carried a No. 1 ranking all last season before falling a win short of becoming college basketball's first unbeaten national champion in 45 years.

Mark Few's Bulldogs start this season in the same position, hoping to complete that final step this time around.

The Zags were the runaway top choice in The Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball preseason poll released Monday. They earned 55 of 63 first-place votes to easily outdistance No. 2 UCLA, which earned the other eight. Kansas, Villanova and Texas rounded out the top five, while reigning national champion Baylor checked in at No. 8.

The Zags have accomplished just about every milestone possible in 23 years under Few other than cutting down the nets on the final Monday night of the season. They came close to completing the first unbeaten run since 1976 last year with a wire-to-wire No. 1 team, only to fall to the Bears in a one-sided final in Indianapolis.

Now they'll try again. "It is quite an honor to be selected preseason No. 1 for the second consecutive year," Few said in a statement to the AP. "Our returning players realize the challenge of playing up to that level all year and look forward to it."

Gonzaga lost AP All-Americans Corey Kispert and Jalen Suggs to the NBA, but second-team selection Drew Timme (19.0 points, 7.0 rebounds) and starting guard Andrew Nembhard return. The Zags also

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Senior Keyontae Kennedy heads for the corner last Friday against Blacksburg. Kennedy carried 6 times for 90 yards against the Bruins.

Cougars

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Keyontae Kennedy (6 carries for 90 yards), Trevor Burton (7 for 82) and Trevor Gallimore (10 for 63) led the Cougars' rushing attack which piled up 280 total yards against Blacksburg.

Through the air, John Lyman led the way with six receptions for 180 yards. Tanner Mace added one catch for 18 yards as the Cougars passed for 198 in the game.

Lyman caught two touchdown passes of 68 yards and one for 57 yards, both in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Lyman rushed for a 7-yard TD.

He wasn't done, however, as with 2:21 before halftime he returned a pass interception on defense 61 yards for his fourth score of the night.

Nathan Pratt was good on all

seven PAT tries.

The Cougar defense shutout the Bruins until only 5:21 remained in the game when Blacksburg's Parker Epperley hit Eric Metrey for a 13-yard TD pass.

In the all-important rankings this week from the Virginia High School League, Pulaski County still sits at No. 9 in Region 4D – one spot outside of playoff qualifying.

The Cougars trailed No. 8 Amherst County by less than a full point in the rankings last week. This week, Amherst has surpassed Orange County to move to No. 7.

Eighth ranked Orange has a ranking of 22.14 compared to Pulaski County's 20.14.

Game time Friday night is at 7 p.m.

At about 6:45, Pulaski Coun-

ty High School will dedicate its press box to the memory of Dan Callahan, the former "Voice of the Cougars" who wrote about Cougar football for over 40 years – the last several with The Patriot.

Several of Callahan's family will be in attendance for the occasion.

Game time weather is expected to be Partly cloudy, with a low around 44, with northwest winds around 7 mph.



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PCHS Player Of The Week

Wide Receiver
John Lyman

Cougar senior John Lyman scored four touchdowns last Friday night in Pulaski County's big 49-7 win over River Ridge rival Blacksburg. He scored on passes of 68 and 57 yards, a run of 7 yards and a 61-yard pass interception.

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Lyman

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Lyman did his part for the PCHS Track team, when they won the regionals last season. He competed in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 300 meter hurdles, the 400, the long jump and the triple jump. If there was a pole-vaulting competition, John Lyman would likely compete in that, too.

After football season, is he thinking about giving the track team another go?

"Yeah, big time," Lyman said with a grin.

The PCHS track season is approaching but these days, it's all about football.

So which does John Lyman prefer, offense or defense?

"I like the idea of being able to play any position," said John. "On offense, my goal is to not let just one person tackle you. You can't let just one person bring you down."

"Defense is like offense flipped around," he continued. "I just watch who's in front of me and then make the play. If nobody else is around, you just got to hold on to them 'till the ref gets there. We got three games left. We just got to go out and ball. Keep our heads up and keep wanting to play. That's all we have to do."

John Lyman is a senior and intends to continue his education, ideally with the assistance of an athletic scholarship.

"I want to find a school where I feel at home and can thrive on and off the field and be a part of the community," said Lyman. "I just want to take advantage of the best offer that's given to me."

"He's a big bang for your buck, in terms of playing for a college, because he can do so many different things," said Dixon. "You're talking a superior athlete and now the production is starting to match all that skill. In colleges you have to marry the two. Ok, he jumps high and runs fast and that's wonderful, but now we need to see it on the field and now he's put that out there. So he's starting to check off all the boxes."

Long term, John Lyman has plans to, "maybe go into business and open my own gym and help other athletes. I just want to provide and take care of my family and have fun doing it."

Family is important to John Lyman, who is formally known as John Lyman III. He spends much of his free time with his parents, John and Keitah, his sisters, Shai-Anne and Marjorie and Glennel, his baby brother.

"I hang out with my friends, my parents and my brothers and sisters and that's pretty much it," Lyman admitted. "I like it. We're all pretty close."

As we parted I asked if John had anything to add.

"Thanks for coming out," he graciously responded. "Thanks to my parents. Thank God. I want to thank everybody in the school for helping out and thanks to my coaches in all sports. They've all helped me out a lot."

Check out the video on John Lyman's Facebook page showing some of his best plays this season as a Cougar football player.

Davis

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shared. One can read Ecclesiastes 3:11KJV, "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." This should help everyone realize there had to be a divine creator.

Until next time



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bring in a top recruiting class featuring the nation’s No. 1 overall recruit in 7-footer Chet Holmgren and a five-star guard in Hunter Sallis.

Going back to the 2019-20 season, the Zags have now been ranked in the top three for 32 straight polls, with 22 of those at No. 1.

THE TOP TIER

Second-year coach Mick Cronin has UCLA on a fast climb.

Leading scorer Johnny Juzang (16.0 ppg) headlines a Bruins roster that returns nearly intact after last year’s run from the First Four to the Final Four, where they lost to Gonzaga on a halfcourt shot in an overtime classic.

They are starting with their first top-10 preseason ranking since 2009 and their first top-10 rank-ing in any AP poll since spending 13 weeks there during the 2016-17 season.

“If we taught anybody anything last year,,” Cronin said this month, “your seed or your ranking does not matter come tournament time.”

Kansas has the program’s 10th straight preseason top-10 ranking, followed by the Wildcats and Longhorns, who open their first season under Chris Beard with the program’s highest preseason ranking since 2010.

THE CHAMPS

Baylor has a second straight top-10 preseason ranking despite losing four starters from last year’s title winner, including AP All-Americans Jared Butler and Davion Mitchell. The Bears will try to join Duke (1991-92) and Florida (2006-07) as the only schools to win consecutive titles since UCLA’s run of seven straight from 1967-73.

“As we’ve talked with our team,,” Baylor coach Scott Drew said, “we have a unique opportuni-ty.”

BLUEBLOODS BACK?

Duke and Kentucky are starting with their typically high rankings after seasons unlike many in their tradition-rich histories.

The ninth-ranked Blue Devils are playing the final season under retiring Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski. They’re coming off a 13-11 season that included missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995.

The 10th-ranked Wildcats are right behind them after a 9-16 season, the program’s first losing record since 1988-89.

Then there’s North Carolina, which made the NCAA Tournament but was inconsistent all season and out of the Top 25 before Christmas. The Tar Heels open at No. 19 in their first season under Hubert Davis, promoted after the retirement of Hall of Famer Roy Williams in April.

WELCOME BACK

St. Bonaventure is ranked for the first time in more than five decades. The Bonnies from the At-lantic 10 are No. 23, marking the first time they have been ranked since January 1971. That sea-son was also the last time the program was ranked in the preseason (No. 20).

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big Ten and Southeastern conferences have a national-best five ranked teams each.

The Big Ten has No. 6 Michigan, No. 7 Purdue, No. 11 Illinois, No. 17 Ohio State and No. 21 Maryland. The SEC has No. 14 Alabama, No. 16 Arkansas, No. 18 Tennessee and No. 22 Au-burn joining Ken-tucky.

The ACC is next up with four, with No. 20 Florida State and No. 25 Virginia joining Duke and UNC. The Big 12 has its Kansas-Texas-Baylor trio, while the Pac-12 (UCLA and No. 13 Ore-gon), Big East (Villanova and No. 24 Connecticut) and American Athletic Conference (No. 12 Memphis and No. 15 Houston) are the others with multiple Top 25 teams.

WATCH LIST

The top unranked teams are all from power conferences, head-lined by Michigan State as the lead-ing vote-getter. Next up is Indiana under first-year coach Mike Woodson, Southern California and Arizona under new coach Tommy Lloyd.

PRE-SEASON AP TOP 25

1	Gonzaga (55)	0-0	1,562	1
2	UCLA (8)	0-0	1,459	NR
3	Kansas 0-0	1,427	12	
4	Villanova	0-0	1,332	18
5	Texas 0-0	1,315	9	
6	Michigan	0-0	1,255	4
7	Purdue 0-0	1,213	20	
8	Baylor 0-0	992	3	
9	Duke 0-0	963	NR	
10	Kentucky	0-0	894	NR
11	Illinois 0-0	861	2	
12	Memphis	0-0	831	NR
13	Oregon 0-0	775	NR	
14	Alabama	0-0	713	5
15	Houston 0-0	694	6	
16	Arkansas	0-0	673	10
17	Ohio State	0-0	581	7
18	Tennessee	0-0	563	NR
19	North Carolina	0-0	547	NR
20	Florida State	0-0	381	14
21	Maryland	0-0	294	NR
22	Auburn 0-0	267	NR	
23	St. Bonaven-ture	0-0	238	NR
24	UConn 0-0	161	NR	
25	Virginia 0-0	125	15	

Others receiving votes: Michigan State 87, Indiana 41, USC 30, Arizona 26, Virginia Tech 25, Oklahoma State 25, Xavier 22, Texas Tech 17, Richmond 13, Rutgers 11, Colorado State 11, LSU 7, Bel-mont 7, San Diego State 5, St. John’s 5, Mississippi State 5, Syracuse 5, Drake 4, Colorado 4, BYU 3, Notre Dame 3, Louisville 3

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Virginia Tech top heavy with experience, but short on depth

By HANK KURZ Jr.
AP Sports Writer

Virginia Tech had a surprise for the rest of the Atlantic Coast Con-ference when last season began: a league player of the year candidate in Keve Aluma.

The 6-foot-9 Wofford transfer averaged 15.2 points and 7.9 rebounds as the Hokies finished 15-7 de-spite a slew of COVID-19-related cancel-lations.

Aluma, who sat out his first year in Blacksburg, was a major fac-tor and is among five players on the preseason All-ACC team. The Hokies are picked fifth.

“To see what he’s done in our time at Virginia Tech ... is nothing short of amazing to me,” said coach Mike Young, who is entering his third season.

Aluma won’t sneak up on anyone this year, nor will the Hokies, who return three of their top four scor-ers and have added another Wof-ford transfer, sharpshooting guard Storm Murphy, to add need-ed punch from long range.

A summer in town has helped the graduate student blend in with the team. So, too, have his 17.8 scor-ing average, 4.3 assists average, 3.3 rebounds average and 40% marks-manship (on 70 3s) from 3-point territory last season.

“Having a whole summer where we have gym access all the time, where we got to be able to get to-gether with guys and not worry about COVID as much, that’s been huge,” Murphy said. “It’s really just helped the chemistry.”

The returns of Nahiem Alleyne (11.1 ppg, 42 3s), Justyn Mutts (9.5 ppg, 6.4 rpg) and Hunter Cattoor (8.5 ppg, 39 3s) fill out a very pro-ductive top five, and help mitigate the losses of Tyrece Radford and Jalen Cone, who both transferred.

Mutts thinks the culture is al-ready changing for the Hokies.

“Everybody’s confidence has gone up so much since last season,” he said, “so it’s going to show on the court.”

Some other things to watch at Virginia Tech this season:

DEPTH

After the top five, the three other returning players contributed a total of 66 points last season, so they will either need to be much improved or Young will have to rely on contri-butions coming from at least one of four freshmen.

JUSTYN TIME

Mutts was the Hokies’ most important player last season, ac-



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Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young is entering his third season leading the Hokies.

cording to Young, and continued im-provement should make him more of a force this season.

“He has as high a basketball IQ as I’ve been around in 36 years,” Young said. “He’s a dynamic ath-lete. He came to us as a good bas-ketball player, but he’s grown by leaps and bounds through his game, his ability to shoot, his ability to make plays off the bounce. ... Justyn Mutts is a difference maker.”

SCOUTING STORM

Aluma offered this concise scout-ing report on Murphy. He played

with him at Wofford in the 2018-19 season: “Elite handles. Great shooter, great teammate.”

CASELL GUARD

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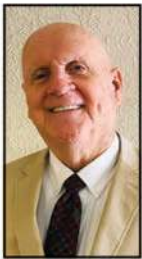
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God The Son

In Genesis 1.1 the bible says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Elohim is used in that scripture which is the plural name for God. Then the bible in Genesis continued to use plural pronouns to describe God. For example, Let US make man in OUR Image.

Each person in the Triune Godhead was present and took part in the Creation of all things. God the Father was there in the beginning. He spoke the creation into existence. God the Son, then God the Word, was there also in the beginning. God the Holy Ghost was also there, in the beginning. Moses wrote that the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. God is eternal. And since all three persons of the Godhead were present, in the beginning, and are eternal, all three persons are God.

The incarnation is when God the second person of the Triune Godhead became a human being to redeem us and save us from our sins. Jesus’ mission was to seek and to save, that which was lost. He came to this earth as the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed One, at a time when the people were expecting a King who would set up a literal Kindom and deliver them from Roman Oppression. He didn’t fit into the mold that they had prepared for Him. And so, even though many did accept Him as being the Messiah, with His kingdom being set up in the hearts of men, many, sad to say did not. They crucified their own Messiah.

However God in His infinite wisdom knew that this would happen and God used it to formulate His great plan of Salvation to save us from our sins. When Jesus, the Sinless Savior, gave up His life to die on Calvary, He became the sinless substitute for our sins, your sins, my sins and the sins of the whole world and died shedding his blood on the old rugged cross to wash away all the sins of those who would and will accept His sacrifice and believe in Him unto salvation.

Jesus is coming back again. As Jesus was being caught up and ascended back into heaven, an angel said, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:1. John 3:13 says, “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”

And as we, as born again, blood washed, children of God, live our lives, it is comforting and encouraging to know that Jesus is coming to this earth again, first to resurrect those who have died in Christ and then to catch away the saints who are still living at the time of His coming at the event that is called the Rapture of the Saints.

Matthew 16:13: “When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Phillippi, He asked His disciples saying, “Whom do men say that I the son of man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist; Some, Elias, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But Whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my

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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
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Pastor: Judy Yonce
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message): 11 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
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Cell: 276-233-8083
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
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McCraw

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Father Which is in Heaven.”

The first name that came up was John the Baptist. Some speculated that Jesus was John the Baptist, risen from the dead. Others thought Jesus was Elijah, come back from heaven. Still others speculated that Jesus was Jeremiah or one of the other great prophets. But Jesus was none of these. Jesus was God the Son, the Christ, the Redeemer, and the Savior of the world.

Then Jesus asked the second and more important question. “But whom say YE that I am?” And old outspoken Peter hit the nail right on the head. He said “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” I’m sure the other disciples heard it and also believed.

Sometimes we have the tendency to ignore what some who talk a lot have to say. And we shut them out because frankly we get tired of listening to their constant speaking. But every once in a while, they have something to say that is worth listening to like Peter did on this occasion.

The biggest compliment we can ever give to others is to listen to what they have to say.

A lot of times, when we are discussing a matter with someone else, while they are speaking to us, we are so busy thinking about what we are going to say next, we don’t even hear what they have to say.

So if you want to improve yourselves, as most of us do, why not try becoming more of a listener, and less of a talker. My dad said to me one time, “Son when you are in a group of people who are talking back and forth, you stay quiet and listen to what they are saying, and when it’s over, you’ll know more than they do, because you’ll know what you know and you’ll know what they know too.” And I found out that that bit of wisdom has helped me to become a better listener. We all need to listen more and talk less.

“Jesus Christ is God in human flesh, and the story of His life, death, and resurrection is the only Good News the world will ever hear.” Billy Graham.

Col. 2: 9,10. “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

9. John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
- From 1 Kings 20, how many kings came with Ben-Hadad against King Ahab? 2, 4, 7, 32
- Which has 1, 2 and 3 books, as in first, second and third? Peter, Thessalonians, John, Corinthians
- From Judges 20, what tribe had 700 left-handed men? Benjamites, Samaritans, Pharisees, Sadducees
- What part of David’s mighty men could run like gazelles? Revlons, Gadites, Madaites, Henochs
- Which priest took the first census of the Hebrews? Eleazar, Melchizedek, Ehud, Jabin

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 32; 3) John; 4) Benjamites; 5) Gadites; 6) Eleazer

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Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
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Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor Wallis Brown
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Community Christian Church

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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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Christians believe God’s every word

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

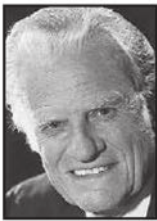
Q: Why do Christians believe that they have the only religion that leads to heaven? - H.B.

A: Christians believe God’s every word. Jesus said, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

Who doesn’t want to be saved? Some years ago, a man’s plane crashed into the ocean. He survived the crash, but had blood on his forehead that attracted the sharks; he spent 10 hours

kicking at the sharks to survive. Finally, he spotted an aircraft and waved his orange life vest. The pilot saw him, dropped a smoke canister, and radioed a Coast Guard cutter that was 12 minutes away, saying: “Hurry! There’s a man down there surrounded by sharks.” The Coast Guard swooped in and rescued him. The man did not need a new swimming technique in order to be saved; he needed outside intervention.

We all need outside intervention if we’re going to live eternally with God in Heaven



My Answer

Billy Graham

someday. This is why God sent His Son on a rescue mission.

It isn’t narrow-minded to claim that there is only one way of salvation or that the Christian message leads to the right way. Do we fault a pilot for being narrow-minded when he or she

follows the instrument panel while landing in a rainstorm? No, we want the pilot to remain narrowly focused! Millions of people today want salvation and the hope of Heaven, but on their own terms. Christians do not proclaim salvation in any other but Jesus Christ; “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). The Christian hope is that everyone will come to know Jesus as their Savior. The greatest act a Christian can perform is to tell others about Him.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

WELL, SON THE WEATHER IS JUST RIGHT, AND THE WIND IS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

YOU HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF CATCHING A FISH, IF YOU LISTEN TO MY ADVICE.

I'VE GAINED A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF FISHING.

WELL THEN, SHOULDN'T I BE FISHING WITH GRANDPA?

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

IS THIS HEAVEN?

NO, IT'S A DOLLAR STORE. HERE'S YOUR VEST...

A HOARDER'S DREAM JOB

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

I DON'T GET IT, MAY.

IT'S A MASHUP, SIM.

SHE'S A UNICANDY CORN!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I'M A MAN OF UNTOLD WEALTH.

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

I'M NOT TELLING.

POPEYE

HEY CUSMAN

YUM! I'M SO HUNGRY!

ME TOO!

I LOVE COOKOUTS

DITTO

WOT IS YA COOKIN' DERE, SONNY?

HMM... THAT SMELLS GOOD!

WHAT IS IT?

SUM' THIN' NEW? SPINACH TOFU BURGERS!

SPINACH... TOFU... BURGERS

NOT ONLY THAT...

TH' APPEKTIZER IS BULGUR 'N' RICE WRAPT IN SPINACH LEAVES!

DEN A CRISP SPINACH SALAD DRES'T WIT MAYO...

DEN TOP'T OFF BY A SPECIAL DESSERT

LAFF - A - DAY

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I MUST BE GETTING OLD. IN COLLEGE THERE WERE TIMES I'D WAKE UP ON THE LAWN. NOW I JUST CARE ABOUT HOW IT LOOKS.

LAFF - A - DAY

"My wife and I had a great vacation trip — we went through 82414, 59101, 59908..."

"Hello, Swinburn's Grocery and Deli... ?

Do you ...??"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Thick NEEDS

Lyric SERVE

Gun PILOTS

Teacher ONTERM

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Request
- 4 Lawyers' org.
- 7 Jab
- 11 Grub
- 13 Sinbad's bird
- 14 Way out
- 15 Spanish greeting
- 16 Somewhat (Suff.)
- 17 Memorandum
- 18 You'll get a rise out of it
- 20 Iowa crop
- 22 Owned
- 24 Beginnings
- 28 Pudding variety
- 32 Lebanon's neighbor
- 33 Press
- 34 Rage
- 36 Joyful tune
- 37 Plaintive poem
- 39 Sees the world
- 41 Country singer West
- 43 "Caught ya!"
- 44 Frank
- 46 Gold mold
- 50 Writer Didion
- 53 Flushed
- 55 Fascinated by
- 56 Byron or Tennyson
- 57 Nest-egg acronym

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- 59 Oil cartel
- 60 Many millenia
- 61 Drunkard
- House's "Avenue"
- 8 Kitchen gadget brand
- 9 Tool set
- 10 Tours season
- 12 U.S. capital on the Potomac
- 19 Eastern "way"
- 21 ER workers
- 23 601, to Nero
- 25 Canal of song
- 26 Cash drawer character
- 27 Pre-college exams
- 28 Even
- 29 Woody's son
- 30 Bard
- 31 Illustrations
- 35 Historic time
- 38 Shrill bark
- 40 Sushi fish
- 42 Haunting
- 45 Sleuth Wolfe
- 47 Wildebeests
- 48 "Beetle
- 49 "Bailey" dog
- 49 Horn sound
- 50 "The Wedding Planner"
- actress, to fans
- 51 "Alley —"
- 52 Exist
- 54 Dapper fellow

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that ends with the letter Q?
 - 2. LITERATURE: Which Truman Capote nonfiction book begins with the line, "The village of Holcomb stands on the high wheat plains of western Kansas, a lonesome area that other Kansans call 'out there'?"
 - 3. MOVIES: What were the words on the hot-air balloon in which the wizard leaves Emerald City in "The Wizard of Oz"?
 - 4. HISTORY: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed the right to vote regardless of race?
 - 5. MEDICAL: What condition is the result of a decrease in red blood cells?
 - 6. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in a 1/4 cup?
 - 7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do deltiologists study and collect?
 - 8. TELEVISION: What is Netflix's highest rated original series in 2021?
 - 9. SCIENCE: What is a person who specializes in plant studies called?
 - 10. FOOD & DRINK: Is eggplant considered a fruit or a vegetable?
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

- 1. Iraq
- 2. "In Cold Blood"
- 3. State Fair Omaha
- 4. Fifteenth
- 5. Anemia
- 6. Four
- 7. Postcards
- 8. "Bridgerton"
- 9. A botanist
- 10. Fruit

Solution time: 22 mins.

DELIVER

Today's Word

3. Pistol; 4. Mentor

1. Dense 2. Serve

solution

SCRAMBLERS

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.

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GOP targets rural Democrats, rare breed in Virginia politics

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Most of the battleground districts in this fall’s critical elections for the Virginia House of Delegates are in the state’s cities and suburbs, but Republicans are also targeting something of a rare breed in Virginia politics: Democrats who represent mostly rural districts.

Republicans portray Delegates Roslyn Tyler and Chris Hurst as radical liberals and accuse them of neglecting their constituents in Southside and southwestern Virginia, predominantly rural districts that include some of the most economically stagnant areas of the state.

The elections will determine whether Democrats can hold on in the state’s increasingly conservative rural pockets, and whether the GOP can regain any ground in places where opposition to Donald Trump drove Republicans from office.

“I have delivered for my district. I have delivered on education, I have delivered on affordable health care, expansion of Medicaid, I have delivered on broadband,” said Tyler, who has held her seat in Virginia’s Southside since 2006.

Democrats hold a 55-45 majority in the House, but Republicans are going after the seats of 13 po-

tentially vulnerable Democrats, including some in rural districts and others in the suburbs of northern Virginia and Hampton Roads.

In a shift seen nationwide, Virginia has experienced a geographical sorting over the last 30 years, with the Democratic Party increasingly becoming a party of the cities and suburbs, while the Republican Party is seen as the party of rural areas, said Stephen Farnsworth, a political scientist at the University of Mary Washington.

“That means the regions rise and fall depending on which party is in the majority,” Farnsworth said.

Hurst, a former TV journalist running for his third term, is being challenged by Republican Jason Ballard, an attorney, Army veteran and member of the Pearisburg town council. Tyler is locked in a rematch with Republican Otto Wachsmann, a pharmacist who lost the 2019 race by just 506 votes.

Conservatives are using national themes to argue against the Democratic incumbents. The Republican State Leadership Committee PAC portrayed Tyler as anti-law enforcement and Hurst as tax-happy and unconcerned about inflation caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

“Radical liberal Chris Hurst, he’s even worse for your wallet than

Washington,” a narrator says in a TV ad that criticizes Hurst for voting for a hike in Virginia’s gas tax.

Republicans cite Tyler’s membership in the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, which called for numerous police reforms after Floyd’s death, including “divesting from large law enforcement budgets & investing more in communities,” which the GOP committee PAC says amounts to defunding police.

“I think it’s smoke and mirrors on their part,” Tyler said. “There’s no way I would defund the police.”

Hurst says he voted for the 2020 gas tax hike — the first in more than three decades — because the state needs the revenue to pay for long-standing transportation infrastructure issues “that Republicans for 20 years in control failed to do.” Hurst, who was elected to his seat in 2017, entered politics after his girlfriend was gunned down while conducting an interview on live TV for their Roanoke station.

In both races, the Republican challengers say the Democratic incumbents haven’t paid enough attention to their districts, which haven’t prospered the way other parts of the state have, particularly northern Virginia, a wealthy and more populous region.

Hurst’s district covers large rural

areas in southwestern Virginia and also includes the city of Radford and the town of Blacksburg, where Virginia Tech dominates and gives Democrats a built-in constituency among the student body of 30,000.

Hurst’s opponent has criticized him for voting for a failed bill that called for ending qualified immunity for police officers. Qualified immunity protects officers from being held liable for alleged abuses.

“He essentially was vilifying our police officers, and I just thought that it was so wrong,” Ballard said.

Hurst said he has been a friend to law enforcement and advocated for recently approved pay bonuses. He also voted for police reforms approved by the legislature in 2020, including bills banning no-knock search warrants and enabling localities to establish civilian review boards with subpoena power and

disciplinary authority.

Sen. Creigh Deeds, one of only two Democrats who represent predominantly rural districts in the state Senate, began his political career in the early 1990s in the House of Delegates, when Democrats held seats in many of the state’s rural districts. Deeds said he believes many people mistakenly view the Republican Party as the party of rural regions.

“The Democrats have been the ones fighting for rural broadband, fighting for rural economic development, we’ve been fighting for schools,” he said.

Deeds said Democrats need to focus on bread-and-butter issues to appeal to rural voters.

“Focus on economic opportunity, on education, and things that will create the possibility of success in rural areas,” he said.

Headless, tailless deer carcasses found in Radford

RADFORD, Va. (AP) — Authorities in eastern Virginia are trying to determine who left three decapitated, tailless deer carcasses along a road and in a city park last week.

The Radford Sheriff’s Office is asking the public to help by calling in any tips and raising money for a reward, according to a statement posted Monday on the office’s Facebook page.

Hokies

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urday when Notre Dame came to town,” Young said. “I’ll have those same emotions, I think.”

SCHEDULE

The Hokies open the season on Nov. 9 at home against Maine, then got on the road to play at Navy three days later. Non-conference games include a matchup with No. 12 Memphis in Brooklyn, New York on Nov. 24, at No. 21 Maryland on Dec. 1 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and No. 23 St. Bonaventure in Charlotte, North Carolina on Dec. 17.

ACC road games include all four teams in the preseason Top 25: back-to-back games a week apart at No. 9 Duke and No. 19 North Carolina sandwiched around a Christmas break and visits to No. 25 Virginia and No. 20 Florida State.

Deputies said two large deer were shot early in the morning on Oct. 13 with what investigators believe is a crossbow. Their heads and tails were cut off and the remainder of the bodies were left in a field near Park Road. A third deer’s body, also missing its head and tail, was discovered several days later in Radford’s Riverview Park, the statement said.

“This is the type of act that was not done by one person,” Sheriff Mark Armentrout said in the statement. “Whether it was two people or more, there are others that have knowledge of this crime. People like to talk and brag about trophy deer, these criminals will talk. With a significant and growing reward being offered for information leading to a conviction, it is just a matter of time before someone comes forward.”

Investigators found a piece of a crossbow arrow and a hacksaw blade. One of the deer was posi-

tioned as if it had been posed for a photo.

Between a GoFundMe page and money that has been sent directly to the sheriff’s office, more than \$3,800 has been raised for a reward to help find the culprits, Armentrout told the Roanoke Times.

Anyone with information about the deer killings can call investigators at (540) 731-5501 or contact the sheriff’s office on Facebook.

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