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## Neice unsure state law changes have been good

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
**The Patriot**

Pulaski Police Chief Jill Neice reported to Town Council during its meeting Tuesday on happenings in the department.

While sharing data on the department's activities during September, Neice took the opportunity to voice her feelings on recent changes in state laws involving the traffic and larceny codes and legalization of marijuana.

Traffic code changes made this year by the Virginia General Assembly included reducing many routine equipment violations from primary to secondary offenses. Police cannot lawfully initiate a traffic stop on the basis of a violation or suspected violation of a secondary offense.

In 2020, the larceny code changed the threshold amount for a felony grand larceny from

\$500 to \$1,000. This law change comes quickly on the heels of the General Assembly increasing the threshold amount from \$200 to \$500 back in July of 2018 – the first change in nearly 40 years.

“As I’ve talked to you before, some of the legislative changes this year I don’t think made our state safer,” Neice told council. “I don’t think the traffic code changes were good. They were all safety related. I don’t think the larceny code is good for our businesses. Not real sure I like the legalization of marijuana that retired all of our K-9s.”

She said the changes have been an adjustment for her department.

Neice told council her department in September worked:

2929 Business patrols  
16 ECO TCOs (Emergency and Temporary Custody Orders)  
328 Foot patrols  
171 Suspicious people calls  
170 Suspicious vehicle calls

120 Well-being checks

Neice said calls for service like these are just a fraction of the calls they receive.

“These sometimes can be the most dangerous and most time consuming,” she noted.

“We can spend up to 24 hours on an ECO/TCO situation. With our staffing levels as low as they are for us, the county and the town of Dublin that really takes people off the street.

“Sixteen doesn’t sound like a lot, but that’s a lot and represents a long time that we spend just sitting with folks.

“I hope the state will continue the legislative conversation and look at this situation to help us resolve it or at least come to a better arrangement instead of having the situation rest solely on the shoulders of local law enforcement. That’s really not where it

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## Couple overwhelmed by support for 3-year-old son

By **DANIELLE REID**  
**The Patriot**

Robin and Dwayne Linkous say they have been overwhelmed by the prayers and support for their 3-year-old son, Michael, who was born with Barth Syndrome.

“We are amazed by the number of local churches and individuals praying for Michael, and the encouraging calls and messages on Facebook we receive from people all over the country. We want them to know, their prayers were answered 100 percent.”

Barth syndrome (BTHS; OMIM #302060) is a rare, serious X-linked genetic disorder, passed on by the mother, primarily affecting males. It is caused by a mutation in the tafazzin gene (TAZ, also called G4.5), resulting in an inborn error of lipid metabolism.

Characteristics of this



**3-year-old Michael Linkous  
recovering from heart  
transplant.**

multi-system disorder are a weak heart muscle usually associated with enlargement of the heart, reduction of white blood cells,

muscle weakness, increased fatigue upon exertion, and delayed growth during childhood.

Robin has been a team leader at Carilion NRV in the Mammography department for the past 25 years. Her husband, Dwayne owns RDL Solutions, which does contract work for Volvo trucks, Mac Trucks and many of their vendors.

“We are in the local foster program and were contacted about a four-month-old baby who needed help. His mother was not able to adequately care for him, so we agreed to be Michael’s foster parents,” stated Dwayne.

The Linkouses had received Michael on a Friday, just a few days after his Wellness visit. The next day, they noticed he was grunting a lot and clenching his fist.

Robin said she had a strange

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# Neice

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should be," Neice said.

Neice noted the recent promotions of five officers and added that 10 have been promoted since October of last year.

Two officers have completed the field training program. "They're on the street by themselves doing a good job," Neice said.

Two officers who just graduated from basic academy and just started the 16-week field training program.

Neice said new Community resource specialist Sonia Ramsey "Hit the ground running and is doing a fabulous job with social media."

She said Juneau, the department's newest K9 officer, will be going to narcotics school in January and then attending a school in March for tracking. She should gain her narcotics certification in

January and tracking certification in March.

Neice said the department had finished a corporal promotion process and two more people will be promoted in very near future.

"From that pool of applicants, we're currently running an officer applicant process," she noted. "We're hoping to hire two new officers for the January 2022 Academy."

Neice said her department is trying to engage more of the community and businesses and trying to be more active on patrols and encouraging officers to get out of the cars.

"With COVID we encouraged them to stay in the cars, now we're having them break that habit and get out of the car and engage with folks," she said.

Neice said Ramsey is putting more out on social media about the programs the department is trying to start.

Changes in department's rules on facial hair and tatoos have been

a morale booster, she told council.

"Businesses, individuals, organizations support us all during the year," she said, mentioning Servepro, Tuscano, Mission BBQ in Christiansburg, Cintas, Pulaski Church of Christ, Elks Lodge, First United Methodist Church, Bower Funeral Chapel, Spencer Rygas Law Firm for their assistance, but noted there are many others.

In the area of equipment, Neice said they had ordered a new UTV (utility task vehicle) with federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money, noting the department must patrol trails, Gatewood and part of the mountain and the UTV will be helpful to them when they get into spots they can't get their cars in. She noted it could also be used in search and rescue and the fire department or other departments might be able to use it.

She noted the department has had problems purchasing a trailer for the UTV.

Neice said they had ordered equipment for Project Life Saver –

a program they ran for a long time.

"If you have folks who are suffering from Alzheimers, dementia and maybe someone suffering from autism and they tend to walk off – it's a program in which we can help locate them if they get in a situation where they're lost and no one can find them," she said.

She said ARPA funds were used to purchase the new equipment, and they are looking to begin the training and get the fire department involved in that in January.

Neice said changes had been made in the department's phone system that should improve communications with citizens on non-emergency calls. She asked for feedback on how well the system is working.

She noted the 9 P.M. Program launched by Ramsey.

It involves crime prevention tips being sent out on social media at 9 p.m. to remind citizens to lock up their cars.

"We do have a lot of thefts from cars and stolen vehicles and most of those are because vehicles are unlocked or keys have been left in them," Neice said. "The program is a quick reminder to lock your door, lock your car. Get your purse out of the front seat. Don't leave your wallet in there. We hope it gets people in a lock-it-up routine."

Neice said the department would love to be fully staffed by May 2022 and has three positions open.

"The hiring process for us is a little more daunting and we're really trying hard to push through that and get background checks done. We've had interest locally and outside the area and have had some good applicants. Hopefully we will be able to present some of these folks to you really soon."

"This is one of the most important things that we need to do going into 2022. If we get fully staffed there are a lot of other things we can do," Neice told council.

"In spring, if we get staffing right, we would really like to re-invigorate the bike patrols," she added.

Neice said the department has been reviewing the idea of bringing back the citizens academy.

"We think we'd like to start that back again so the community can have a better idea of how we train, what we do and then they can give us input from a citizens perspective of what they think is important. She said that could begin again in the fall of 2022."

Neice said she has been in talks with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Dublin Police Department and the New River Criminal Justice Academy about a regional firearms training facility.

Neice said he, Sheriff Mike Worrell and Dublin Police Chief Dennis Lambert plan to begin meeting regularly so they can collaborate on reaching out to the community.

"The same issues circulate between us. We'll be sitting down as a group to see what we can do together to help the entire county."

She noted the department has a "really great" working relationship with the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, the sheriff's office and Dublin P.D. as well.

## THANKSGIVING NEWSPAPER

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# Downtown Cafe offers food for body and soul

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

Regina Dean, proprietor of Amazing Grace Boutique & Café, located at 76 W. Main St. in Pulaski, started making candies and baking cakes and cookies to sell at craft shows and festivals about 22-years ago. Since that time, she had expanded her business to include a café in Dublin called the Shabby Chic, which like so many other small businesses, closed during COVID.

However, in March 2021, with the help of family members Briana Harrell, Sharon Young and Shannan Harrell, she opened the Amazing Grace Boutique & Café in Pulaski.

Store hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Café can seat up to eight people, but most orders are for take-out or curb-side pick up.

Moving from her Dublin business location to the town of Pulaski wasn't an easy decision in the beginning.

"I prayed about it a lot and the answer came through prayer. I wanted the store name to be something that people would remember – something that would stand out, and 'amazing grace' registers with people. Next, I was worried about moving to Pulaski, but I believe God reassured me by letting me know 'This is where I am putting you as a light.' God has richly, richly blessed us through that," Dean explained.



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Regina Dean, proprietor of Amazing Grace Boutique & Café, located at 76 W. Main St. in Pulaski has been preparing fresh homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and candy for over 22 years. She opened her Café in March of 2021 along with the Boutique which features vintage, antiques, local handmade items, bath and soap items, used and new items, jewelry, children's and adult clothes and more.

"At Amazing Grace Boutique & Café, we offer fresh home cooked daily specials, plus standard menu items such as sandwiches, salads, desserts and candy. But we are also a Boutique with vintage, antiques, handmade items, bath and soap items, used and new items, jewelry, childrens

and adult clothes and more," she said.

As someone born and raised in the town of Pulaski, Dean say her specialty is old timey, old fashioned, cooking she and her friends grew up on. She gives generous portions while holding down the price. One special menu item is a multi-layer sandwich starting out with a cornbread fritter for the base, then adding collard greens, pork side-meat and finally topping the creation with another cornbread fritter. Sounds Southernly-Yummy!

Dean said one of her most fond memories and a highlight of growing up in Pulaski was seeing all the downtown stores decorated and lit up during the holidays. Another favorite was the Christmas Parade.

"Most people knew each other in town. Because of that, when I was deciding to open another business, I chose Pulaski. I want people to have a place where they feel they are always welcome – like they are at home – and look at us as friends.

Because the town of Pulaski is close to the interstate, Dean believes that traveling tourists come off the interstate and drive down Main Street just to see what it is like. She has repeat customers from North Carolina, West Virginia, the beach, etc. who stop in whenever they travel through the area. She believes the Boutique offers items of interest to a variety of customers through the

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## BILL HARLESS DALTON

Bill Harless Dalton, age 91 of Pulaski, died Monday November 15, 2021 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. He was born on April 17, 1930 and was the son of the late Ollie C. Stoots Dalton and Jethro E. Dalton. Bill will always be remembered as an expert brick mason, which was his life-long career at Radford University. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the United States Army, and was later proud to be a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Wilma Shelor Dalton: two brothers; Coble Dalton and Junior Dalton: two sisters; Almeta Hagee, and Audrey Cowan. He is survived by his daughters: Teresa J. Dalton King and her husband Douglas of Max Meadows; Janice D. Linkous and her husband Jim of Pulaski. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Justin Julian (Georgia), Corey Underwood (Colorado), Jordyn Linkous (Florida) and Ashlee Linkous (Pulaski), and two great-grandchildren; Zoey Julian and Layne Whitt.

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Linkous officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends on Friday at the funeral home from Noon until 2:00 p.m.

Flowers will be appreciated, but for those who wish to make a memorial contribution in his memory, they may do so the Faith Bible Church 110 Lagrange Street Pulaski, Virginia 24301.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



## BRIDGETTE YVONNE QUESENBERRY

Bridgette Yvonne Quesenberry, age 27 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the Wake Forest Medical Center in Winston Salem, NC. Born December 19, 1993 in Richmond, Virginia she was the daughter of Rodney Steven Quesenberry & Betsy Lou Hodge Hilden. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Robert Swanson and Norma Ellen Quesenberry and aunt, Rhonda Ellen May.

She is survived by her Mother & Stepfather – Betsy Hodge (Brian) Hilden – Pulaski Father & Stepmother – Rodney Steven (Darlene) Quesenberry – Dinwiddie, VA

Maternal Grandparents – Mildred & John Viers – Hiwassee, John & Tina Hodge – Draper

Brother – Dustin Keith Hodge – Galax

Sister – Amber Nicole Quesenberry – Pulaski

Nieces – Addison Elsea, Karee Gravely

Numerous Aunts and Uncles

There will be a private family memorial service for Bridgette. To sign her online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

## ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES ON PAGE A5

## Cookie decorating, crafting planned at Draper UMC

On Saturday Nov. 27 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. the Draper UMC will be having a cookie decorating event for ALL ages and crafts for kids in the Church's fellowship hall. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. DUMC is located at 3080 Greenbriar Road in the heart of Draper Village. Everyone is invited to help us kick off the Christmas season and we will see who can create the greatest Christmas cookie ever!

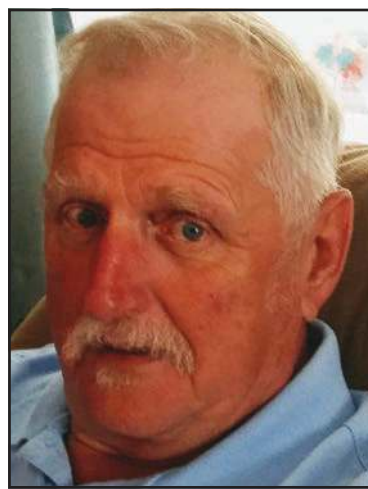
On Sunday Nov. 28 at the start of the 11:00 a.m. service the church will have its traditional "Hanging of the Greens" to decorate our sanctuary. Everyone is welcome at this special time of the year for our church as we begin celebrating the greatest gift of all.

## CORRECTION

The next Pulaski County Board of Supervisors' meeting is on Monday, November 22, 2021, not Nov. 29, as indicated in an article published in our print edition last Friday and online.

## County offices closed Wednesday

Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at 12 p.m., Pulaski County Offices will close and reopen on Monday, November 29, 2021, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority billing office will close at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, and reopen on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, in observance of Thanksgiving.



## JIMMY WAKELY DOBBINS

Jimmy Wakely Dobbins, 74, of Pulaski died November 12, 2021. He was preceded in death by his Father and Mother Andrew and Maggie Dobbins. Brother Lawrence Eugene Dobbins and Sister Opal Dobbins Ratcliffe.

Mr. Dobbins is survived by his wife of 49 Years Betty Dobbins of Pulaski Virginia; sons, Doug (Christy) Dobbins of Waterloo, South Carolina, and David (Michelle) Dobbins of Pulaski, Virginia; daughter, Sandy (John) Jones of Pulaski, Virginia; brother, Andrew (Butch) Dobbins of Glenn Lynn, West Virginia; grandchildren: Zachary Johnson, Jack Johnson, Taylor Jones, Shelby Dobbins, Chris Timms, and Matthew Timms; as well as many nieces and nephews. Two very special furry friends Buttercup and Chubbs.

He was a member of Amazing Grace Ministries of Pulaski where he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher but enjoyed being there early to open the doors to the church to make sure everything was ready for the Pastor and congregation.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at Stevens Funeral Home. Burial was held at the Appalachian Conference Burial Ground, in Dublin, Virginia.

Stevens Funeral Home is serving the Dobbins Family. Online condolences can be made at [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)



## ALLEN RAY STOOTS

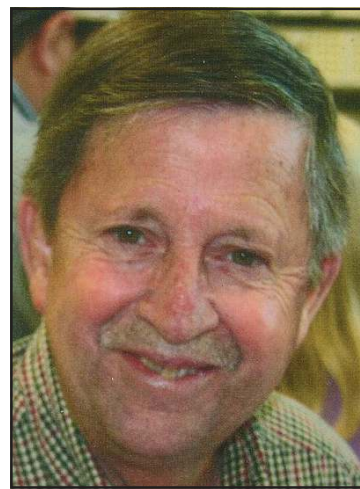
On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Allen Ray Stoots of Dublin, age 71, went home to be with his Lord. Allen was a Vietnam Veteran of the U. S. Army serving in Okinawa, Japan and then an employee of Volvo for 40 years where his co-workers called him "Goob". He retired from Volvo in February 29, 2016. After retirement he spent time doing what he loved most: spending time with his family, helping friends and restoring his 1968 Barracuda. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Dexter Ray and Nancy Kanode Stoots and daughter, Kristy Renee Stoots.

Allen is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara Hopcroft Stoots of Dublin. Daughter Sherry (Michael) Cayton of Christiansburg, and son Brian Stoots of Pulaski. Left to cherish his memory are his four grandchildren whom he loved so much: Carter Seagle, Jordan Stoots, Halle Cayton, and Kennedie Cayton. He is also survived by a sister Debbie (Bobby) VanEpp of Pulaski, his brother Willie (Linda) Stoots of Pulaski, and nephew Dallas Stoots; aunts Threcia Matney and Lois Kanode, Uncle Robert Kanode, great-aunt Ethel Ryan; sisters-in-law, Trudy (Thomas) Eastridge, Diane (Mike) Farmer and many, many dearly loved cousins.

A Celebration of Life celebrating Allen and his beloved daughter Kristy was held Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 at Bower Funeral Chapel. Graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at Sunrise Burial Park in Fairlawn, Virginia with Pastor David Farris officiating.

To sign Allen's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



## ALLEN INSLEY WIRT

June 29, 1946 – November 11, 2021

Allen Insley Wirt, 75, of Christiansburg, died peacefully Thursday morning, November 11, 2021 at Commonwealth Assisted Living in Christiansburg with his family by his side and entered into his Eternal home in Heaven. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Eugene and Minnie Era (Eanes) Wirt; and his brothers, Bobby Eugene, James Lloyd and Edward Henry Wirt.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Michael Eric Wirt (Susan); daughter and son-in-law, Kristin Wirt Gunter (Jon); grandchildren, Megan and Ben Wirt, and Josh and Jakob Gunter; sister, Barbara Jean Barnes; brother and sister-in-law; Donald Lee Wirt (Wanda); beloved dog, Hershey; and many other relatives and special friends.

Allen graduated from Christiansburg High School in 1966. Upon graduation he enlisted in the Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Pope AFB in Fayetteville, N.C. as a U.S. Air Force Sgt., and worked as a Jet Engine Mechanic. Allen later worked for UPS and Wolverine. He loved hunting, fishing, gardening, watching the Dallas Cowboys, woodworking, and spending time with his family and friends. His friendly, giving, loving, kind and generous personality will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastor Kelly Howlett officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in the Southwest Virginia Veteran's Cemetery in Dublin.

The family would like to thank the staff at Kindred Hospice and Commonwealth Assisted Living for the care, kindness and compassion shown to Allen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Humane Society of Montgomery County, 1183 Flanagan Dr, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

The Wirt Family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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**JAIME NICOLE WHITED**

Jaime Nicole Whited, October 1982 to November 2021 passed gently into Eternity from her parents home Friday morning November 12, 2021, after a lengthy illness. She fought valiantly until her very last breath, and was blessed with the comfort and care of those she dearly loved.

She is survived by 3 amazing sons, Ian Whited of Fairlawn, Isaiah Salaam of Gloucester, and Ilijah Salaam of Pulaski, and a beautiful granddaughter Athena Stewart of Christiansburg. She is also survived by her parents Daniel and Diane Whited of Pulaski, and brothers Joshua Whited and his wife Stephanie of Christiansburg, and Jacob Whited and his wife Lauren of Dublin. She leaves behind 4 neices and nephews who she loved dearly, and many special cousins, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her birth Father James Gary Millirons, very special Grandmother Barbara (Nanny) Hoback Nester, Grandfather T. E. Nester, and Gr andparents Bill and Love Whited. She was also preceded by two beloved uncles Michael and Douglas Nester.

Jaime graduated from Pulaski County High School in 2000 and attended Radford University. She loved working with the public and made many special friends over the years. She adored beach life and lived in Gloucester, Virginia for four years, where she loved to shore fish, sun and play on the sands of the Chesapeake Bay .

She is in the care of McCoy Funeral Home, and will have a private graveside service at the Family’s Cemetary in Snowville.

**NRCC offering free computer tune up**

New River Community College will hold a Cyber Day event on Saturday, December 4.

Cyber Day is an event where anyone can bring their laptops, desktops, tablets and phones for a free tune up and virus scan. The NRCC Computer Club is hosting the event from 9 a.m. to noon in room 127 at the college’s Christiansburg site.

There will be several students and Dr. David Filer, NRCC information systems professor and club advisor, working on the systems at the event. Any Windows or Android device is welcome.

The NRCC Computer Club focuses on the skills of repairing and creating computers for campus and community use.

For more information about Cyber Day, contact Filer at dfiler@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4272.



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**SHERYL ANN (SHERYL) MILLER**

Sheryl Ann (Sheryl) Miller passed away unexpectedly at home in Dublin VA on November 8. She was 71. Sheryl was born in Atlanta GA November 4, 1950 and moved with her family to Dothan AL in 1954. She was a 1968 graduate of Dothan High School. She attended Huntington College graduating with a BA in 1972. Following college she moved back to Dothan and lived at home for a couple of years before moving to Atlanta, living in an apartment with several friends.

Sheryl was a restless and free spirit and always followed her heart. She was an avid reader and could always be found engrossed in a book—usually history. A constant was her deep faith in God and the comfort she found in Him. For various periods of her life she resided in Mobile and Tuscaloosa AL and in Jonesborough TN before moving to Dublin VA in 2010.

While living in Dublin she became a full-time caregiver to her first godchild, Thomas, who was born in 2008. In 2011 she welcomed her second godchild, Morgan. She spent time with her kids, in laughter and love. She was very involved with them in the local library and homeschool groups. She was active in her church, Glade Church UCC, in Blacksburg VA., where she was a member of the choir. She will be greatly missed by her church family and many friends

Sheryl Miller is predeceased by her parents, J. Howard Miller and June S. Miller of Dothan, and by her older brother Tommy. She is survived by three brothers and one sister: Douglas Miller of Hickory NC, Kenneth Miller of Rehobeth AL, Larry Miller of Auburn AL, and Karen Rieger of Columbia MD; eight nephews and nieces and numerous friends. She has received special loving support and help by her dear friend Denise Latham and by her godchildren, Thomas and Morgan Edmonds. They have been there whenever she needed them for love and encouragement.

There will be a memorial service at her church in Blacksburg VA at a later date. To sign Sheryl’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family

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**LAMON MASON SARVER**

Lamon Mason Sarver, age 87 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born April 23, 1934 in Rocky Gap (Bland County) he was the son of the late Giles Sarver & Nellie Faye Clark Sarver. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Faye Elizabeth Conley Sarver, daughter, Ruby Hammonds and infant son, Larry Mason Sarver and brothers, Raymond, Arnold and James Otis Sarver.

He is survived by his Granddaughter – Ashley (Steven) Woinski – Pulaski Great Granddaughter – Danielle Poff – Pulaski

Brothers – Herman (Mary) Sarver – Pulaski, David (Maxine) Sarver – Taylorsville, NC, Andrew (Linda) Sarver – Taylorsville, NC

Sisters – Freda (Dewitt) Dean – SC, Marie Conley – Narrows, VA Son-in-law – David Hammonds – Pulaski

Several nieces and nephews Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Minister Eddy Gilpin officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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**The Amazing Grace Boutique & Café, is one of the newer women-owned businesses in downtown Pulaski. Located at 76 W. Main Street, he Café features old-timey cooking with fresh soups, sandwiches, desserts and candy. The Boutique carries items from local craftspeople, antiques, jewelry and clothing.**

*Dean*

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three vendors who set up their own booth space inside the store.

“This is not your everyday business. I don’t ever meet a stranger. I’d sit and talk to anyone who comes through my door. We have people wander in and I always tell them about Jesus. I want to be able to help people and not just be a place of business. There is ministry work inside this shop. When people walk through my door, they are entering into a place of amazing grace,” Dean explains.

Dean invites everyone to come to their Christmas Open House on Saturday, November 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To check out Amazing Grace Boutique & Café daily menu go to their Facebook page, but remember you can order soup and sandwiches off the menu, as well as items from the deli case any day of the week. <https://www.facebook.com/amazinggraceboutiqueandcafe/>

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# The Trouble With the Infrastructure Bill just passed

Infrastructure is a topic with which most people are familiar. It's something that impacts them; they regularly travel on a road which could use fixing or see a need for a new road to make their travels easier.

The need for action is apparent, but the specifics of that action are less so. This fact will be important to remember as President Biden and congressional Democrats tout recently passed infrastructure legislation.

The \$1.2 trillion bill is not all that it appears to be. In fact, it is both less and more than meets the eye.

How can that be? Let's take a look at the details of the bill, as well as the expressed statements of high-ranking Democrats.

It is less than meets the eye because much of the spending is not new, and most won't be spent anytime soon. Out of the existing spending, Virginia will receive the same as the last fiscal year.

In fact, less than half of the bill's spending – \$625 billion – is new; the rest reauthorizes existing spending. Of this new spending, only \$110 billion goes toward roads, bridges, and similar projects generally considered to be infrastructure, divided among the 50 states. Virginia's share would be apportioned by Richmond. Accordingly, Virginia's Ninth Congressional District would be unlikely to enjoy a substantial share of that new funding.

Even if we broaden our look to other components of the bill, we find little that will benefit our part of the country.

Take broadband. Considering its centrality to modern society in areas from the economy to education to en-



**Morgan Griffith**

**9th District Representative**

tertainment, broadband deserves a place in an infrastructure bill. Yet this particular infrastructure bill fails to

sufficiently target its broadband efforts in communities that are truly unserved.

Outdated maps pose a challenge to ensuring that the communities that most need help with broadband receive it, but the bill does not require federal agencies administering the funds to use the most recent maps. Urban areas that enjoy sufficient service to do classwork online or watch Netflix will be allowed to draw from the funding as well as unserved rural areas.

As someone who has supported federal efforts to improve broadband in the Ninth District, I am skeptical that this bill will be as transformative as advertised in rural areas. This is true when you consider how many dollars are involved and the fact that many already-served urban areas will be able to access the funds as well.

The infrastructure bill spends more borrowed money but fails to reform policies that diminish the impact of that spending. The Trump Administration had put forward improved regulations that would speed approvals and cut down on red tape for public projects, but the Biden Administration has reversed those reforms, and the infrastructure bill does nothing to help in this regard. Without reforms, it will take years to get anything built or accomplished.

This \$1.2 trillion bill, as high as its price tag is, misses an opportunity to really fix the infrastructure problems in our country.

But how is it also more than meets the eye? Because passage of the infrastructure bill helped pave the way for the larger, so-called "Build Back Better" reconciliation bill packed with Democrat priorities like the Green New Deal.

This \$1.2 trillion in spending could unlock trillions more in a bill promoting an agenda that would diminish our economy and disrupt our way of life.

From the beginning, the Biden Administration has linked physical infrastructure with "social infrastructure," and congressional Democrats have followed its lead.

President Biden said in June of the infrastructure and reconciliation bill, "If only one comes to me, I'm not signing it. It's in tandem."

"There ain't gonna be no bipartisan [infrastructure] bill unless we're going to have a reconciliation bill," agreed Speaker Pelosi.

The reconciliation bill's price tag was recently estimated by the Penn Wharton Budget Model to be nearly \$4 trillion. Included in the bill are proposals that would make energy more expensive, raise taxes, including on the family farm, limit the possibility of innovative cures and treatments, and reduce incentives to work.

Not to mention, part of it is unconstitutional.

I am disappointed in the unfulfilled potential of the infrastructure bill. I could not support a bill that was touted as a landmark yet would have so little impact on the people I serve.

But even with that, passage of the reconciliation bill would be truly catastrophic for the country. Voting for \$1.2 trillion meant advancing the \$4 trillion big government reconciliation bill. I could not do that.

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](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov).

# Is The System Broken?

Like many of you, I've given up watching most of the mainstream news. It seems to me that we are not getting news – just opinions spewed by the talking heads who apparently don't check their facts before making statements.

Recently, while listening to mainstream media interviewing guests about current events, they got sidetracked on the condition of our government. I heard this comment: "The system is broken and needs to be fixed." Of course, the panel tersely nodded their heads in agreement.

Do you ever stand up in front of your TV and yell comments back at it? Well, I must admit, I did when I heard that ignorant remark. My ardent response to the TV was, "The system isn't broken ... it's the people running the country who are broken!" I could say this with confidence because I had studied the Founders' writings and knew what they warned us about our beloved Country's future – if we ever lost sight of the Biblical principles which they imbedded in our founding documents.

The Founders spent many hours studying ancient civilizations, philosophy, and the Scriptures before writing the Declaration of Independence and

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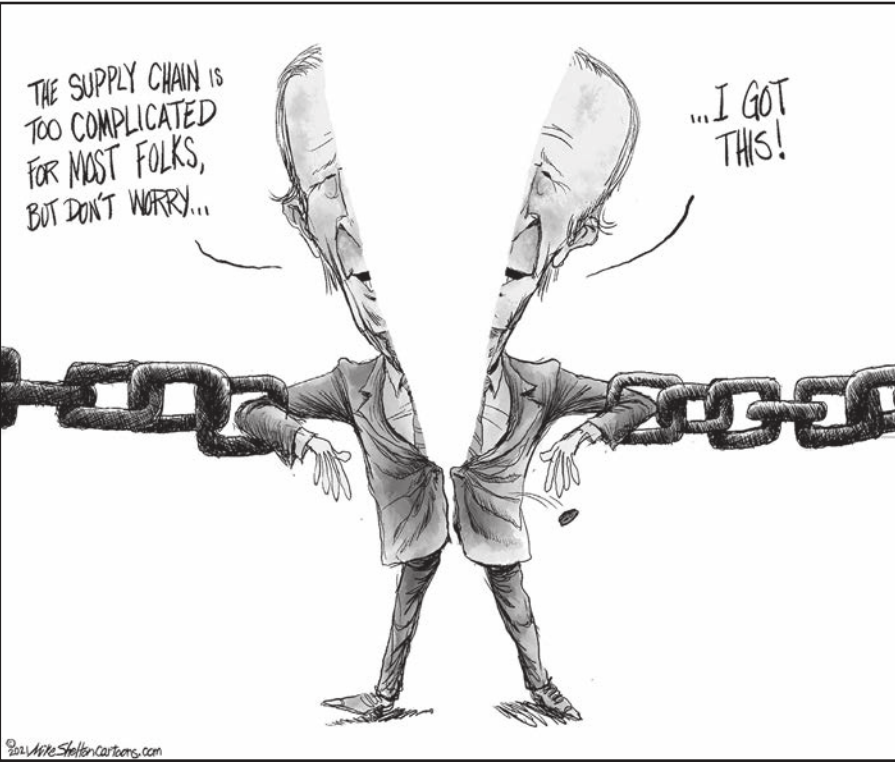
By Danielle Reid

the Constitution. Evidence is plentiful that they incorporated Biblical principles into these documents. Just look at their political speeches and sermons of their day, which were filled with stories, examples, and quotes from the Bible; supporting and affirming their political beliefs.

Here's what Founder and second U.S. President, John Adams, said about the success of our government: "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Here is what Patriot and Father of American Geography, Jedidiah Morse, had to say: "To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys ... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present

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# Swindled Again

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

Remember those "shovel-ready jobs" promised by the Obama-Biden administration in 2011? When many failed to appear after passage of this spending boondoggle, President Obama joked, "Shovel-ready was not as shovel-ready as we expected."

That law, noted Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW), cost \$787 billion, of which \$48 billion was supposed to go for infrastructure. It was disingenuously called the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Harvard economist Martin Feldstein calculated that each job created would cost taxpayers \$200,000. When asked about this statistic in a September 26, 2011 interview with ABC News, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner did not dispute the figure, saying, "the price tag is the wrong way to measure the bill's worth." We're hearing similar assertions about the new law.

Welcome to "shovel-ready 2.0" and another swindle that has just been perpetrated on us in the name of "infrastructure." Swindle means "to obtain by fraud or deceit." The administration and congressional Democrats claim the bill will cost us nothing. That's because they have used accounting gimmicks and rely on money they hope will come in through tax increases. Won't that cost something?

The new law is 2,700 pages long. I would bet my house payment that no Member of Congress read it all before voting on it. The Heritage Foundation has dug into the details and revealed items that add to the debt, probably increase already high inflation, and likely boost the cost of essential goods and services.

For starters, says a team of Heritage analysts, "it bails out the Highway Trust Fund to the tune of \$118 billion. The fund suffers from chronic deficits due to overspending. Rather than bring it into

balance, senators are whipping out the national credit card, and then pretending they didn't when it comes to keeping score." This is throwing good money after bad, since when it comes to government programs failure is never an excuse to spend less money.

The analysts write: "There is a laundry list of tired budget gimmicks, including the sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, extending long-standing fees, and spectrum sales. Many of these gimmicks have a history of falling short of expectations." See last sentence in the previous paragraph.

The law was sold to the public with promises that airports, highways and bridges will be repaired. In fact, note the Heritage analysts, the law "adds as much new spending to modes like mass transit and Amtrak as it does for highways, even though buses and rail account for only a tiny fraction of travel. Even the value of highway funding is hampered by wasteful set-asides: \$2 million per year for bee-friendly landscaping, \$50 million per year to combat weeds, and expensive mandates that give unionized contractors a leg up on taxpayer-friendly, non-union shops." If history is a guide, one or more of these set-asides benefit the special interests of members, possibly in exchange for their votes.

It's an old joke, but true: How do you tell when a politician is lying? When his lips are moving. Unlike those who voted for this legislation, take the time to read it yourself, along with the analysis. You will likely conclude they have swindled us again.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at [tcaditors@tribpub.com](mailto:tcaditors@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

# Child Care Proposal's Hidden Consequences

President Joe Biden wants to bring the same discerning, common-sensical governing style to American child care that has his job approval rating in the low 40s.

In other words, look out below.

The child care proposal that House Democrats have written into Biden's Build Back Better "human infrastructure" bill may be the worst feature of the nearly \$2-trillion legislation, and that's saying something.

It is high-handed and prescriptive, constitutes a new front in the culture war via an expanding welfare state, will likely increase the costs for middle-class and upper-middle-class parents, and may have an unconstitutional provision to boot.

The proposal reflects the preferences of two-earner, professional couples in the Acela corridor inclined toward expensive, formal, all-day child care, and would make a large step toward enshrining them as the national norm.

There is no doubt that there is a significant demand for child care. Roughly half of married and single moms with children under 5 work full-time, and about 40% of working moms pay for child care. But it's a mistake to believe that all parents want to be in the work force, with their kids in standardized child care programs.

According to a 2019 Gallup poll, 50% of mothers of children under age 18 would prefer to stay at home taking care of family over having a job. A survey from the populist think tank American Compass found that 53% of married mothers prefer the model of one parent working and one parent staying at home in families with children under age 5.

Those parents who have to work or choose to work use all sorts of child care options, from relatives to smaller home-based day cares, to non-profit or for-profit day care centers.

There is a pronounced class divide here. As Patrick Brown of the Ethics and Public Policy Center points out, white children of parents who don't have a college degree spend most of their hours per week with their parents; only 30% of children with college-educated parents do the same.

What the Democratic proposal would do is put an enormous thumb on the scale toward for-profit centers. It would pour hundreds of billions of dollars, not into supporting the varying choices of parents, but into pushing the current archipelago of diverse options into a one-size-fits-all system defined by the government.

The proposal would boost the pay of child care workers significantly, seeking to make it equivalent to elementary school teachers, and add new regulations best sustained by for-profit centers. It would thus bring the progressive model of constricted supply leading to increased cost that characterizes the housing, education and health care sectors to child care.

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# Community Foundation awards over \$184,000 in grants

CHRISTIANSBURG - Throughout the fall, the Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) has awarded \$184,772 in grants to 56 nonprofits for operational support throughout the region through its Responsive Grant Program.

The CFNRV manages over \$14.3 million in assets in 200 endowed funds created by NRV individuals, families, and businesses to award grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to students. In prior years, the Responsive Grant Program has awarded operating and programmatic support on issues like poverty, natural resource conservation, education, the arts, and housing. In 2020,

the CFNRV Board of Directors decided to award up to \$4,000 in only operational support to organizations, as starting or continuing projects during the pandemic was challenging. In 2021, the CFNRV Board of Directors decided to continue and award only operational support as the pandemic is ongoing. The CFNRV received over one hundred applications, and staff and volunteers then vetted the applications and made grant awards from dozens of endowed funds managed at the foundation. In addition to grants made from funds managed at the CFNRV, the CFNRV once again opened grants to the public through a grant catalog, allowing public contributions from individ-

uals to help fund nonprofits.

Eric Chapman, CFNRV Board Member and Chair of the Distribution Committee was happy to see over \$184,000 go out to local nonprofit organizations. “Each year, we are able to give more money out to local nonprofit organizations who are making a positive impact in our community. Unfortunately, we always run out of money and can’t fund every worthy organization that applies. As the Foundation grows, and more funds are started, we will continue to see the number of grants increasing. The great thing about the CFNRV is that even a small fund will give out a little money each year, and while we wish we could fund them all

100%, having the ability to give more than \$184,000 because of the generosity of so many people in our community, is something that we are proud of.”

A complete list of grant recipients is below. The 2022 Responsive Grant Program will open online in June 2022 with a deadline in late July. Anyone interested in starting an endowed fund to support charitable work in the New River Valley should contact the CFNRV at 540-381-8999 or email [jessicawirgau@cfnrv.org](mailto:jessicawirgau@cfnrv.org).

Adaire Theatre: \$4,000 from the Mary E. Sanders Family Fund, Matthew Allen Special Memorial Fund, Art Alliance, and Ghia Borg Memorial Fund.

Beans and Rice, Inc: \$4,000 from the Ann & HW Huff Family Fund, and Virgil Speaks Fund.

Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (NRCA): \$1,800 from the Jane Brugh Layman Endowment, Hurst Family Fund, and public contributions.

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation: \$1,000 from the Arts Alliance Fund.

Bland Ministry Center: \$3,500 from the NRV Realtors Association Community Engagement Fund, and Wythe County United Legacy Fund.

Blue Mountain School: \$2,000 from the Luba Fabrycky Memorial Fund, Jackson S. Copenhaver Fund, and Margaret & Samuel Tollison Family Fund.

Brain Injury Services of SWVA: \$3,500 from the Wythe County United Legacy Fund, and Hazelton Family Fund.

Calfee Community and Cultural Center: \$4,000 from the Warren Lloyd Holtzman Merit Grant Fund,

Stuart Grassroots Leadership Fund, Piscura Family Fund, and Ghia Borg Memorial Fund.

Cayambis Institute for Latin American Studies in Music: \$804 from the Blue Roads Educational Fund.

CHIP of the NRV (NRCA): \$2,000 from the Giles Fund, Jacobs Family Fund, and Hurst Family Fund.

Children’s Trust – NRV Children’s Advocacy Center: \$2,148 from the David & Lillian Francis Charitable Fund, and Loving Care Fund.

College Mentors for Kids: \$3,120 from the Piscura Family Fund, Gerus-Blieszner, Hurst Family Fund, and public contributions.

Emergency Assistance Program (NRCA): \$2,000 from the Ghia Borg Memorial Fund, and Piscura Family Fund.

Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski County: \$4,000 from the Ann & HW Huff Family Fund.

Family Resource Center: \$2,000 from the Wythe County United Legacy Fund.

Fine Arts Center for the NRV: \$500 from the Hurst Family Fund, and public contributions.

Free Clinic of Pulaski County: \$4,000 from the Ann & HW Huff Family Fund.

Floyd Center for the Arts: \$2,000 from the Rosina and Dean Carter Fund for the Visual Arts, and Hurst Family Fund.

Floyd County Historical Society: \$1,000 from the Floyd Fund.

Floyd County Humane Society: \$1,000 from the Floyd Fund.

Giles Animal Rescue: \$1,000 from the Giles Fund.

Giles County Christian Service Mission: \$4,000 from the Giles

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republican forms of government, and all blessings which flow from them, must fall with them.”

Daniel Webster, the great orator, jurist and senator acknowledged: “[I]f we and our posterity reject religious instruction and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity.”

Samuel Adams, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, shared his wisdom: “[N]either the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.”

How about hearing from Founder and Statesman, Benjamin Franklin, whom many in the media claim was a deist: “Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious,

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The left-wing policy analyst Matt Bruenig caused a stir when he warned of spiraling costs from higher pay and new regulations. He noted that the proposal’s subsidies to families are phased-in based on income. This means that, depending on the proposal’s final design, unsubsidized families could be exposed to increased costs without getting additional government help. He cited the hypothetical of a dual-earning family that feels the squeeze of increased costs, so one spouse quits to lessen the household’s income and qualify for subsidies.

“Normally people who quit jobs to take care of their kids do so in order to save the money

they have more need of masters.”

Still not convinced that there is a connection between Biblical principles, the U.S. Constitution and morally corrupt leaders / citizens? Well, maybe Founder James Madison, architect of the U.S. Constitution, can help clear it up. He was a member of the committee that authored the 1776 Virginia Bill of Rights. This is a clause included in that document: “It is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity toward each other.”

Or perhaps you would believe our first U.S. President, George Washington, who left us with this advice from his Farewell Address: “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national

they’d have to spend on child care,” he wrote. “Under this plan, they have to quit their job in order to afford child care!”

On top of this, the House proposal prohibits government funds to upgrade child care facilities from being spent on facilities “used primarily for sectarian instruction or religious worship.” This is a clear shot across the bow of church-based child care, one unlikely to pass muster with the Supreme Court.

Biden’s presidency so far has been a long exercise in ideologically driven governance removed from reality. The child care proposal is no different.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**

morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

In other words, if “We the People” fail to uphold the Judeo-Christian principles that our nation and Constitution were founded on, if we elect corrupt leaders to office, if we neglect to hold them accountable when they subvert our laws, and turn our backs on the Creator who inspired the Founders to write these just laws, then we have no excuse when “the system” seems to be broken.

It is not the system! It is “We the People” who are broken - and need to be fixed if we want to pass-on freedom to the next generations. The way we fix our country is by restoring the preeminence of God in our individual lives, in our families, in our communities and in state and national government.

The solution is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and forgive their sins and HEAL THEIR LAND.”

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# Transplant

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dream the next night. In the dream, she found a trash-can kitten that was so tiny and not yet weaned. She began feeding it with a dropper; but on Sunday the kitten died in her hands. Thinking the dream might be a warning, she made an appointment to take baby Michael to the doctor. In the interim, Michael refused to take his bottle, so she started dropper feeding him.

“Two days after getting him, Michael’s breathing sounded problematic – like a hiccup. We took him to the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center ER where the doctor took X-rays. Within five minutes after seeing the X-rays, we heard the urgent announcement on the hospital intercom ‘code heart,’” Dwayne recalls.

“We didn’t realize that urgent announcement was for Michael. The doctors burst in and took over. They ended up coding Michael in the ER, saying he had died. They were able to resuscitate him and rushed him to Roanoke Memorial Hospital where they administered medication and monitored him,” said Robin.

As it turned out, according to Michael’s parents, his heart was greatly enlarged. His baby heart was supposed to be the size of his fist, but the X-rays showed it was almost the size of an adult heart; covering most of his left lung. When they started him on medications, his heart was working at about 16 percent. He began getting better and over the next two years, got up to 50 percent, which is close to healthy.

“Since Michael’s birth mother could not take care of him, she did the right thing and put him up for adoption. She had no family support and was afraid that if she kept him, he would die. That’s why we were able to officially adopt Michael,” explained Dwayne.

Michael seemed to be getting

stronger, but something changed at the beginning of 2021. His heart function started going the other direction. In August, his heart was failing and his kidneys and liver started shutting down. His cardiologist suggested a heart transplant.

The Linkouses considered the medical information and options while they waited for a week to get Michael into UVa. Robin said one of the most difficult things was praying for Michael, knowing that someone else would lose their life, so Michael could live.

“We were on pins and needles for several days. The nurses were very meticulous, watching for potential blood clots, etc. We were within one day of his dying. So many things could have gone wrong, but our prayers were answered,” confessed Robin.

“Prayers were raised up for Michael from the beginning. People from Valley Harvest Ministry in Dublin and Pulaski Church of God as well as many other local churches were praying for us. One of my best friends was traveling to Florida and stopped along the way. A conversation led to Michael and the people in line and the cashier said, ‘Hey! I’m going to pray for him, too.’ One of the medical technicians started praying for us and said ‘Mama, you need strength.’ She laid hands on me and prayed for me.”

In the interim, small miracles seemed to occur daily. Robin was able to get a hotel room for the first night despite over-capacity bookings because of a football game. After explaining why she was there without a reservation, the front desk clerk started praying for her in tongues. She told Robin, “You get into the hospital tomorrow and tell Michael that Jesus’ heart is beating for him and he’ll be okay. Lay hands on that baby and claim it.”

Dwayne’s aunt sent them a text, encouraging them to pray Psalm



Robin and Dwayne Linkous and their three-year-old son, Michael.



Michael will remain at UVa until early December.

91 over Michael – on the same day that one of Robin’s friends sent her the same message.

Someone directed Robin to the non-profit Alyssa House in Charlottesville, where families can stay free of charge while caring for a child in medical crisis at the UVa Medical Center. It was named for 10-year-old Alyssa Grace Divers, who died of cancer.

Robin says that the staff at

Alyssa House have been such a blessing; so kind and supportive. They have even arranged for her family to come for Thanksgiving; and have offered to provide the dinner.

For the heart transplant process to be successful, so many things had to be right. The blood type had to match, the heart had to be from a child of the correct weight, the weather had to be cooperative so the heart could be shipped and received on time. Michael would be put on an external heart pump for two-and-a-half weeks until a suitable heart arrived. One of the issues with the heart pump was that there is a thirty-percent chance of having a stroke, which would have made Michael ineligible for the heart transplant.

According to the Linkouses, several amazing things happened with this surgery.

“The surgeon said this is the

most textbook heart and surgery ever. He hooked up three valves and touched the heart and it started pumping.” The cardiologist commented that the function of the donor’s heart was the most perfect heart he’d ever seen. Typically, hearts get stiff after surgery and need time and help to adjust; but Michael’s new heart is functioning as if he never had surgery.

Michael has to remain in Charlottesville over the Thanksgiving holiday before being released to come home in early December. Since the transplant, he has had two heart catheterizations to ensure the pressure in his heart going to the arteries is not too high, that the heart is beating correctly; and two biopsies to make sure his body is not trying to reject the heart. Both biopsies showed zero rejection, which according to his UVa cardiologist, is very unusual – causing him to proclaim, “He’s quite the miracle, this little fella.”

The Linkous family wants to give special thanks to Dr. Thomas J. L’Ecuyer, Pediatric Cardiologist at UVa; Lead of the Transplant team Dr. Mark Roeser, Pediatric Surgery at UVa; UVa Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Shelby Cross; and Michael’s Roanoke-based Cardiologist Dr. William Gay.

For additional information about Barth Syndrome, please visit: <https://www.barthsyndrome.org/barthsyndrome/whatisbarthsyndrome.html>

For information about Alyssa House, please visit: <https://www.thealyssahouse.org/>



Fall Field Trip

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# VDOT seeks comments on Trail to Trail study

SALEM – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking public comments about a study that is under way to consider a new multi-use path called the Valley to Valley Trail that would connect the Roanoke Valley to the New River Valley.

This new trail would create a single cohesive trail network by connecting the Roanoke River Greenway in Roanoke, the Huckleberry Trail in Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the Radford Riverway Trail and the New River Trail State Park. The study will help to deter-

mine a recommended alignment with sections that could be developed in individual phases.

VDOT has posted a recorded presentation about the study along with an online survey on the project website at <https://www.virginiadot.org/valley-tovalleytrail>.

Comments will be received through December 1, 2021. Citizens can provide comments through the online survey or by mailing them to Michael Gray, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem VA 24153.

# Grants

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Fund.  
 Giles Health and Family Center: \$2,000 from the Giles Fund.  
 Giles County Shelter: \$4,000 from the Giles Fund.  
 Goodwill Industries of the Valleys: \$100 from public contributions.  
 Habitat for Humanity of the NRV: \$2,100 from the Giles Fund, and public contributions.  
 Healthy Floyd: \$1,000 from the Floyd Fund.  
 Help Overcoming Poverty’s Existence (HOPE): \$3,000 from the Wythe County United Legacy Fund.  
 InStill Mindfulness: \$1,000 from the Floyd Fund.  
 Justice & Peace Cmte, Holy Family Catholic Church: \$2,000 from the Loving Care Fund, and Giles Fund.  
 Lead Mines Rescue Squad: \$4,000 from the Ghia Borg Memorial Health Care Fund, and Wythe County United Legacy Fund.  
 Literacy Volunteers of the NRV: \$4,000 from the Loving Care Fund, Shuler Family Reading Fund, Hazelton Family Fund, 4-17 Fund, and Mary Risacher Fund.  
 Live Work Eat Grow Inc.: \$2,000 from the Bea Kalka Endowment, and Mary Risacher Fund.  
 Lyric Council Inc. \$3,000 from the Arts Alliance Fund, MAN-ISTAL, and Hurst Family Fund.  
 McHarg Elementary School: \$1,000 from the Nicholson Family Fund.  
 Montgomery County Christmas Store: \$4,000 from the Janice Woodward Endowment, Talbot Family Fund, and Loving Care Fund.  
 Montgomery Museum of Art & History: \$2,000 from the Arts Alliance, and Hurst Family Fund.  
 Mountain Community Action Program: \$2,000 from the Wythe County United Legacy Fund.  
 Mountain View Humane: \$2,000 from the Paws & Claws Fund, MANISTAL, Community Services Fund, Joann and JB Sutphin Fund, and Ghia Borg Memorial Fund.  
 Mullins Trailer Park Ministry: \$4,000 from the Giles Fund.  
 New River Family Shelter: \$2,000 from the Diana, Princess of Wales Fund, Nelle Oakey Ryan Gardner Fund, and Miller Family Fund.  
 New River Valley Agency on Aging: \$4,000 from the Ann & HW Huff Family Fund, and Silver Care.  
 New River Valley Agency on Aging – ESL Project: \$100 from public contributions.  
 New River Valley HOME: \$100 from public contributions.  
 New River Valley Senior Services: \$4,000 from the Worthington-Dolloff Cancer Treatment Fund.  
 NRV CARES: \$4,000 from the Children’s Shelter Home Fund, and Parenting Skills Fund.  
 NRV Disability Resource Center: \$4,000 from the Giles Fund and Cottingham-Stuart.  
 NRV Glean Team: \$4,000 from the Jim & Sue McAlister Family Fund, Carolyn & Donald Rude Family Fund, Susan Garrison Memorial Fund, Wellness Fund, and Ghia Borg Memorial Fund.  
 One-on-One Literacy Program of Wythe & Grayson Counties: \$2,000 from the Wythe County United Leg-

acy Fund.  
 Plenty!: \$4,000 from the Floyd Fund, and Ghia Borg Memorial Fund.  
 Pulaski Community Youth Center: \$4,000 from the Ann & HW Huff Family Fund.  
 Pulaski Daily Bread: \$3,000 from the Ann & HW Huff Family Fund, and the Hurst Family Fund.  
 Radford Heritage Foundation (Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery): \$150 from public contributions.  
 Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread: \$550 from the Hurst Family Fund, and public contributions.  
 Rx Partnership: \$4,000 from the Home-Hunger-Health Fund, and Ghia Borg Memorial Health Care Fund.  
 Springhouse Community School: \$2,000 from Young Women’s Life Experiences Fund, and Ghia Borg Memorial Fund.  
 St. Michael Lutheran Church – Micah’s Backpack: \$4,000 from the Children’s Shelter Home Fund, and Loving Care Fund.  
 SustainFloyd: \$2,000 from the Floyd Fund, and the Litschert Family Fund.  
 The June Bug Center: \$4,000 from the JJ Fund, Kathy & Bill Sanders Fund, Youth Awareness Fund, Ghia Borg Memorial, Piscura Family Fund, and Highlands Fund.  
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 YMCA of Pulaski County: \$4,000 from the Ann & HW Huff Family Fund.



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# Siers issues new statement on documents found at old PMS

The following statement was released this week by School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers:

## Pulaski County Public Schools Community,

As you may be aware, PCPS recently became aware that some legacy documents regarding students and former teachers were inadvertently left behind in a locking filing cabinet in the former Pulaski Middle School, which was broken into in Fall 2021. PCPS would like to state clearly and definitely that at this time, there continues to be no evidence to suggest that anyone’s identity is at risk because of this incident. The information believed to be involved was associated with a small number of former students who attended Pulaski Middle School from 2016-2017, as well as approximately 30 former staff members, many of whom were employed in the 1990s. There is also certain information related to a small number of parents of former students, but the majority of this data is limited to contact information.

Though we do not believe this incident puts

individuals at any risk for identity theft, out of an abundance of caution and a desire to do everything in our power to protect the PCPS community, we are providing complimentary 12-month credit monitoring for all students and teachers whose information may have been impacted by this event. We will be mailing letters in the coming days that outline what precautionary actions our students and teachers can take to ensure their information is secure, as well as instructions on how to enroll in credit monitoring.

To reiterate – receiving a letter does not mean we believe that your information was stolen. And, if you do not receive a letter, you can feel confident that your information was not involved in this matter. Our actions solely stem from our desire to be as transparent as possible while safeguarding our community.

Kevin W. Siers, Ed. D.

Division Superintendent  
 Pulaski County Public Schools

## In Memory Of Chris & Stephanie Yonce



It was on Monday morning, November 18, 25 years ago I received a phone call from my Mom. It was the kind of phone call you hope you never get. My mom said Chris and Stephanie were in a very bad auto accident. I was working in Roanoke at the time, so I had an hour’s drive to Pulaski, and it was the longest hour of my life. During that drive I was hoping and praying that things weren’t as bad as it seemed, but alas, they were. Chris and Stephanie were with us no more.

As humans the question “Why?” immediately comes to our minds. It just doesn’t make sense. The parents are supposed to die long before the children. I can’t help but think of Job and the terrible calamities he went through. He, though a very righteous and godly servant of God, was in complete bewilderment. As we read through the chapters, we see the shortcomings of his friends answers to his predicament. And we see Job struggling to examine everything to make sense of why all this came upon him. But in Chapter 38 God steps in and asks a question, “Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?” I’m sure these words pierced Job’s soul. But if that wasn’t enough, God proceeds to ask a multitude of questions, which neither Job, or for that matter, anyone could answer. God was teaching Job, and us, a serious lesson. Being God, He works according to the wise counsel of His own will and is sovereign over all things. And we, as humans, and even as Christians, will never be able to fully fathom the ways of God in this life. However, we are called to fully trust Him in all things.

Chapter 40 opens with God asking, “Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it.” By now Job is feeling very humbled, and replies, “Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to You? I lay my hand on my mouth. Once I have spoken, and I will not answer; even twice, and I will

add nothing more.” And so it must be with us, let God be God, and are called to trust Him no matter the circumstances. In Genesis we read of the evil Joseph’s brothers did to him, but the day came when Joseph could say to them, “As for you, you meant evil against me, God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”

What we are able to know is that Chris and Stephanie touched many lives. And we are so thankful to the Lord that He let us enjoy them for the time He did. We miss them so dearly, but we also know they are in good hands. However, one lesson here is that none of us are guaranteed tomorrow. If Chris and Stephanie could speak to us, they would tell everyone to seek the Lord while He may be found, today is the day of salvation. Repent and trust in Christ, the only way of salvation and eternal Life. Through God’s ways are often beyond our understanding, what He has prepared for those who come to Him is worth everything.

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# AD: Fuente ‘wanted to move on’ now, not be in limbo

By HANK KURZ Jr.  
AP Sports Writer

Virginia Tech’s Justin Fuente could see the writing on the wall so the Hokies football coach decided he would rather leave the program now rather than wait and be told to pack his bags.

Virginia Tech announced Tuesday that Fuente is out, effective immediately.

Discussions about Fuente’s future picked up last Wednesday when Hokies athletic director Whit Babcock directed Fuente in a weekly meeting that his return for another season was far from certain. Instead of remaining in limbo, Fuente “wanted to move on,” the AD said during a news conference Tuesday.

The Hokies named defensive line coach and Hokies alum J.C. Price as the interim coach for the last two regular season games.

That announcement came after Fuente and Virginia Tech officials worked out the details of his buyout Monday. Fuente and the school agreed to reduce Virginia Tech’s buyout obligation from \$10 million to \$8.75 million. See HOKIES, page B4



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Virginia Tech Hokies head coach Justin Fuente discusses a call with an official during a NCAA football game between the Duke Blue Devils and the Virginia Tech Hokies at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Virginia.

# Radford wins to advance in playoffs

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

Radford opened the first round of the playoff facing a familiar opponent in Floyd County. The Bobcats beat the Buffaloes 42-7 four weeks earlier during the regular season. Radford started slow but quickly took control and rolled to a 47-27 victory.

The game opened with an exchange of punts by both teams. On Radford’s second possession, Marcell Baylor fumbled the handoff and Floyd pounced on the ball to take over at the Radford 15 yard line. On the third play, QB Kaleb Fenton scored from 5 yards out to give Floyd County a 7-0 lead.

Radford wasted no time to strike back. On the first play after the kickoff, Parker Prieau streaked past the defense and Landon Clark hit him in stride for a 62 yard touchdown and with the PAT good the game was tied 7-7. The Bobcat’s then held Floyd’s offense to force a punt. Radford’s Baylor ran past the Floyd defenders and Clark



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

Landon Clark completes a pass over Floyd defenders.

hit him for a 60 yard touchdown, putting Radford up 14-7 early in the second quarter. After both teams failed to sustain drives, Radford took over at midfield. On 3rd and 10, Clark scrambled and hit Elliot Grayson across the field for a 22 yard gain. Then, on 4th and 3 from the 21 yard line, Clark hit Baylor in the front corner of the endzone for the TD with 1:07 left in the half. The Bobcat’s weren’t done yet.

Floyd drove to the Radford 40 where Fenton handed the ball

to Seth Dunbar who pulled up to pass. Clark stepped in front of the receiver at the 20 and took off. In the last game against Floyd, Clark had 4 interceptions with 2 returned for touchdowns. This time Clark followed his blockers up the left sideline and cut back to the right where he was knocked down at the Buffalo 17 yard line. Floyd was called for roughing the passer on the next play to move the ball to the 8 with 4 seconds left.

See RADFORD, page B4

# VT vs. Miami: Interim coach vs. embattled coach

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Somebody is going to earn bowl eligibility. Somebody is going to fall deeper into misery.

With an interim coach on one side and an embattled coach on the other, Virginia Tech visits Miami on Saturday in a match up of teams that expected more this season. They have identical records; 5-5 overall, 3-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, not remotely close to the aspirational level for either program.

J.C. Price, who played for Virginia Tech and was an All-American there in 1995 — when the Hokies went 0-2, then beat Miami to start a run toward a 10-2 finish — will serve as interim coach after Justin Fuente was told he wouldn’t be back in 2022 and subsequently decided to not finish 2021.

Price was Virginia Tech’s co-defensive line coach and defensive recruiting coordinator. He’s married to a former Virginia Tech women’s basketball standout and member of the school’s sports Hall of Fame, the former Jenny Root.

“We think he’s the right man for that position,” athletic director Whit Babcock said. “This is his school.”

Price still faces an uncertain future. So does Miami coach Manny Diaz, after one of the people who hired him, Blake James, was fired as athletic director Monday. Diaz is 19-15 in his three seasons and the volume of calls for his ouster keeps rising, especially after last week’s last-second loss at rival Florida State.

The last six games, all of them ACC contests, have been like none other in Miami history: all decided by four points or less, and all with the Hurricanes allowing at least 30 points. The Hurricanes are 3-3 in those games, with a combined score of 200-200.

Diaz said he’s feeling pressure, but no more than usual.

“I’m almost done with six years at the University of Miami and I’ve never felt going into a game that it wasn’t a game that we didn’t have to win,” said Diaz, whose first three years were as defensive coordinator. “What’s required to go win a football game is what’s required. And that’s it. When you sign up and you wear The U, that’s what’s required.”

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# Picking top QB in the ACC won't be easy

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
**AP Sports Writer**

Someone is getting snubbed. Virginia has Brennan Armstrong, who is third in the country with 3,557 passing yards. Pittsburgh has Kenny Pickett, who vaulted himself into the Heisman Trophy conversation with 32 touchdown passes this season. Wake Forest has Sam Hartman, who may wind up leading the Demon Deacons into the Atlantic Coast Conference title game. N.C. State has Devin Leary, who has thrown for 29

touchdowns. When the All-ACC team comes out, at least one of those quarterbacks will be missing. The All-ACC selections, which are expected to be announced early next month, have a first team, a second team and a third team. That means three slots at each position, meaning there are no shortage of ACC quarterbacks who are going to see their name on the honorable-mention list — or not at all — and probably not be overly thrilled about that development. “I don’t think there’s another

quarterback in the country doing more for his team than what Brennan is doing for us,” Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall said. Interestingly, Armstrong’s value might have been on its most prominent display this past weekend — when he couldn’t play because of a rib injury. Virginia’s offense has averaged 39 points in Armstrong’s nine games this season; the Cavaliers managed three points without him in a lopsided loss to Notre Dame. It’s unclear if Armstrong can go this week when Virginia faces

Pitt in a game that might end up deciding the ACC Coastal title. If he plays, the game simply could turn into an Armstrong vs. Pickett shootout. Pickett’s numbers make it easy to conclude that he’s had a great season. But the biggest contribution he made to Pitt’s success, arguably, was when he called a team meeting after a disappointing early loss to Western Michigan. “It comes down to the senior leadership, Kenny Pickett leadership,” Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi said. “You’re only as good as your team. If you’re a player-led team, you have a chance with Kenny. I hope all our young guys learn from Kenny Pickett.” At Wake Forest, they say the same about Hartman. He’s now the Demon Deacons’ recordholder for career (63) and single-season (30) touchdown passes, is the catalyst for the

highest-ranked team in the conference and can wrap up Wake’s first trip to the ACC title game since 2006 this weekend with a win over Clemson. It was on July 22 when Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson said this: “We’d love to get to that second to last game in November against Clemson with it meaning a lot for both football teams.” Hartman ensured that scenario would happen exactly as Clawson envisioned, though defers much of the credit to his receiving corps. “It’s been kind of the message all year that we’ve got a two-deep of guys that know what they’re doing, go get the ball and make plays and make plays after they catch the ball as well,” Hartman said. “It’s an honor to kind of be in my position.” No matter which way the All-

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## Shooting Matches

I occasionally take a drive from Little Creek up Big Walker Creek by way of Rte. 100 and turning on VA 42 toward the Bland Correctional Farm. I had been up through there around the end of October and saw a sign at the White Gate Fire Dept. advertising shooting matches and saw one there last week for one this coming Saturday, the 20th at 3 P.M. The fire department is on the right about 2 miles from 100. I talked some with the fire chief, Todd Jones, about their shooting standards and found their matches were similar to ones I had been used to all the way to my boyhood days growing up on the “Creek.”

The matches are held in a good-sized metal structure and not like the old days; as they were held outside usually in November with maybe the wind and snow blowing. They use standard twelve-gauge shotguns and shoot # 10 shot. Prizes are similar as back then being money, hams, turkeys etc. I have attended a few shooting matches for the last few years just to observe others shooting and not participate in the actual competition.

They used to have matches at the country store just past the County line into Bland County going up Little Creek. It has been closed for a number of years and is now converted into living quarters. The same thing can be seen as you travel about the country side where by their appearances, the buildings were once the old country stores and service stations, but now are used as residences. I did stop at the Amish store for a snack that has been upgraded into a modern deli and bulk store. I recall my great-grandmother telling my brother and me when I was about 4 years old to not get in the road and we would get a cake when the



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Merita bread truck stopped at my grandparent’s little store on Little Creek. This Saturday would be a good time to take in the White Gate Fire Dept. match even if you were successful or not that morning with gun season in full swing. Matches are more on the up and up where pulley systems take the targets to and from the backstops. I remember as a boy hearing another shooter relate, as we stood around a warming barrel, how he had seen someone punch out the center X for an acquaintance when he collected the target cards; they enjoyed the Sunday turkey dinner he helped the guy to win. Another experience I recall of a match held in the woods on Cloyd’s Mtn and a wife of a fellow there kept calling

for him, (a woman would not venture among a bunch of men with guns in those days). “Ed-win\* Ed-win, (Names changed), Ed-win,” she kept calling. I don’t remember if he ever came out of the woods as I may have left myself before he did.

I later graduated with his son from high school whose middle name was Edwin\* (names changed), nicknamed, “Lightning” Another classmate pointed out once a picture of one of our class reunions where Lightning\* was only a headshot in the very back. “Look, he said, “There’s Lightning\*, always last.” “Yeah,” I think to myself, “Like Father, like Son.” In life, we are admonished by the Bible (KJV) to never put off salvation but to “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, Eccl.12a. David, our teacher at Max Creek Baptist Sunday School gave these statistics recently: Ages of Those Getting Saved: 0 to 4 years 1%; 4 to 14 years, 85%; 15 to 30 years, 10%; 30 years to old age 0%. Don’t put it off; II Cor. 62b, “behold, today is the day of salvation.” Until next time

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VDOT has posted a recorded presentation about the study along with an online survey on the project website at <https://www.virginiadot.org/valleytovalleytrail>. Comments will be received through **December 1, 2021**. Citizens can provide comments through the online survey or by mailing them to Michael Gray, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem VA 24153. For additional information, contact Michael Gray at 540-494-8288, 1-800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711.

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**Landen Clark with the interception. This interception was his 9th on the season, setting a school record for most interceptions in a season.**

## Hokies

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lion. Before the negotiated settlement, according to his contract, if Fuente were to be fired before mid-December he was to be paid \$10 million; if he remained in his job until after that time, he was owed \$7.5 million.

Babcock said the lack of an identity and consistency were two big factors in his decision to make the coaching change and begin a national search for Fuente's successor. The AD said he would have preferred Fuente finish the season.

The Hokies (5-5) play at Miami on Saturday and finish the season at Virginia.

"This is a place to do something special never before been seen at Virginia Tech," said Babcock, who was hired in 2014. "Our next coach will get us there. ... We define excellence at Virginia Tech is to rise up and surpass and that's exactly what we need the next coach to do. And that we fully plan to do."

Babcock said he has a list of possible candidates, but would not share it.

A Zoom meeting with recruits also is planned, perhaps as soon as Tuesday, but Babcock added: "I hope they have a love for Virginia Tech. We're going to do our best to keep them. But I also know they're young people who will make the right decision for them, but we're going to do our best to keep them."

Fuente, 45, replaced College Football Hall of Famer Frank Beamer to start the 2016 season and had immediate success. The Hokies were 10-4 and won the Atlantic Coast Conference's

Coastal Division championship with Fuente earning ACC coach of the year honors, but that success became harder to sustain.

The Hokies started this season with a 17-10 victory over division favorite North Carolina and rose to No. 15 in the Top 25. But after beating Middle Tennessee, they lost four of their next five games, and three of the losses were decided in the final minute.

Virginia Tech still has a remote chance to win its division, but even if the Hokies beat the Hurricanes and Cavaliers, they would need help from other teams to earn a spot in the ACC Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Babcock thinks he won't have a problem finding willing successors.

"We see this as a destination job," Babcock said, listing numerous improvements made to its football facilities and nutrition programs. "Our facilities are in the top one or two in this league."

Finding a replacement with head coaching experience will be a priority, Babcock said, but he wouldn't rule out considering an assistant who has never led a program.

Fuente seemed to be that when he was hired, heralded as creative offensive mind who specialized in developing quarterbacks when he was hired away from Memphis. He worked with TCU's Andy Dalton when Dalton led the Horned Frogs to a 13-0 season capped by a Rose Bowl victory over Wisconsin. Fuente also worked with Paxton Lynch at Memphis, and he became an eventual NFL first-round draft choice by Denver, though he's now

in the Canadian Football League.

In his tenure at Virginia Tech, though, Fuente's program has been hurt by a rash of transfers. The Hokies were 6-7 in 2018, their first losing season since 1992, and 5-6 last season when they were among the teams hardest hit by the pandemic.

This season, former Hokies starting quarterback Hendon Hooker is leading a resurgence at Tennessee. Meanwhile, Braxton Burmeister, who replaced Hooker last season, has struggled with inconsistency and injuries.

Virginia Tech's streak of 27 seasons playing in a bowl game also came to an end when the team voted not to participate in the postseason last year.

Fuente angered the Hokies faithful after his meeting with Baylor about its coaching opening last off-season became public. For much of this season, the Hokies' signature entrance to Metallica's "Enter Sandman" has been accompanied by boos when Fuente appeared on the field.

That dalliance, Babcock said, had "absolutely nothing to do with" Tuesday's announcement.

Fuente was not available Tuesday, saying goodbye in a message.

"We leave Blacksburg with many great memories, but above all else, our family cherishes the many relationships that have been established and that will always endure," Fuente said in a statement released by the school.

"To all of those players, coaches and staff who are still fighting on, know that the Fuente family is always cheering for you."

## Radford

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On the next play, Clark scrambled and dodged Floyd defensive lineman and found Darius Wesley-Brubeck streaking across the back of the endzone and hit him as time expired. Radford went into halftime leading 28-7.

The Bobcat's received the halftime kickoff and used their running game to move down the field. Nate Wesley and David Woodward took handoffs and gained big chunks of yards. Radford finished the drive when Clark hit Baylor on a slant from the 6 yard line. The PAT missed left making the score 34-7. Floyd started moving the ball on their next drive. Fenton completed two big passes to Kaiden Swortzel to get them to the red zone. Fenton finished the drive on a 5 yard run. Floyd forced a Radford punt but then turned the ball over when Woodward recovered a fumble putting the Bobcats in business.

Radford opened with Prioleau and Grayson catching nice passes. After Floyd was called for another personal foul, the Bobcats were in the red zone. Wesley took the handoff and finished off the drive from 12 yards out. The Bobcats now led 41-7 with 7:48 left in the game.

Floyd took possession and drove down the field. A pass completion to Swortzel and a Bobcat personal foul put the Buffaloes deep in Radford territory. Fenton completed a pass to Seth Dunbar from 6 yards out to finish the drive. Radford was not done either. Clark completed a pass to Max Kanipe for a first down. Radford's Wesley then took over, dragging Buffaloes down the field. He ran 5 times for 48 yards and scored from 4 yards out making it 47-21.

With the game in hand, Floyd starters scored again against the Radford backups when Fenton hit Elijah St Clair for a 14 yard touch-



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**Marcell Baylor makes the interception**

down.

For Radford, Clark finished the game 18 for 27 for 259 yards and 5 TDs. With his interception, he became the single season record holder for Radford with 9 total interceptions. Baylor had 6 catches for 100 yards and 3 TDs. Prioleau had 3 catches for 80 yards and a TD. Wesley finished with 16 carries for 102 yards and 2 TDs.

For Floyd, Fenton finished 13 for 20 for 180 yards, 2 TDs and 2 interceptions. He also rushed for 38 yards and 2 TDs. Dunbar had 5 catches for 83 yards and 1 TD.

Radford will travel to 2-time defending State Champion Appomattox County next Friday in the second round. The Bobcats lost to them in the second round this past spring. The winner will play for the Region 2C championship the following week.

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this season, putting the Oklahoma transfer on the brink of the fifth 1,000-yard season in Miami history. He's also within 208 of matching Allen Hurns' school record of 1,162 in 2013. Rambo also has 64 catches so far this year, eight shy of the school mark of 72 set by Leonard Hankerson in 2010.

### SCORING FIRST

Virginia Tech is 5-2 this season when scoring first, 0-3 when the opponent does. Miami is 4-0 this season and 13-2 under Diaz when scoring first, but 1-5 when the opponent scores first this season and 6-13 in Diaz's three seasons. Last year was an exception: Virginia Tech scored first on its way to a 14-3 lead, but Miami won 25-24.

### NEW LOOKS

There were seven point-scorers in last season's Miami-Virginia Tech game, but most won't figure into the stats Saturday. Jalen Holston had two rushing touchdowns for Virginia Tech in the Miami game last season. But he hasn't had a touch in any of the Hokies' last four contests, though has appeared in all 10 games this season. Other than Holston, everyone else who scored in last year's game has transferred, graduated or gotten injured.

### STREAKING

Here's a quirk: Virginia Tech

has given up exactly 17 points in three consecutive games. There have been a handful of teams with such a streak — exactly 17 points allowed in three straight games — before, including Miami in 1993. But no major college team has ever given up exactly that many in four consecutive games.

### CLOSE RIVALRY

Miami leads the all-time series 23-15, but the last 21 meetings have been about as close as close gets. The Hurricanes are 11-10 since the start of the 2000 season against Virginia Tech. Combined score of those 21 games: Virginia Tech 526, Miami 522.


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Pulaski County's Hannah Keefer

## Cougars' Keefer named Honorable Mention in 4D

Pulaski County's Hannah Keefer has received Honorable Mention on the 2021 All-Region 4D Volleyball team.

The team was announced locally this morning by PCHS Athletic Director Scott Vest.

Senior VB Trost of E.C. Glass was named Player of the Year, while Nicole Taylor of Blacksburg High School was named Coach of the Year.

Western Albemarle dominated the first team with four selections, followed by E.C. Glass with three and Blacksburg with two.

## Murphy, Mutts lead Virginia Tech past Radford University, 65-39

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Storm Murphy scored 17 points, Justyn Mutts had 11 points and eight rebounds, and Virginia Tech beat Radford 65-39 on Monday night.

Murphy made four of Virginia Tech's 10 3-pointers. Radford was just 2 of 24 from distance. Three of VT's 3-pointers came in the final five minutes.

Mutts started Virginia Tech's 13-0 run in the first half to build a 20-7 lead, and the Hokies led by at least seven points the rest of the half. Mutts also capped an 8-2 spurt to start the second half for a 13-point lead.

Keve Aluma added 10 points for Virginia Tech (3-0). Murphy finished 6 of 7 from the field, in-

cluding 4 of 5 from 3-point range. Rashun Williams had a team-high eight points for Radford (1-2), which has lost four straight in the series.

- Tech coach Mike Young earned his 333rd career win in his 600th game as head coach. His record at Tech improved to 34-23, including 24-8 inside Cassell Coliseum.

- The opponent on Monday night was fitting, as Young is a Radford High School graduate. On the opposing bench sat Radford head coach Darris Nichols and assistant coach Shane Nichols. Both were former assistants under Young at Wofford and graduated from Radford High.

## QBs

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ACC race pans out, it'll serve as a reminder that preseason polls and award lists often fall well short in their quest to accurately pick the future.

The ACC's preseason player of the year — by an overwhelming margin in the voting — was North Carolina quarterback Sam Howell, who started the season as a Heisman front-runner but a slow start by the Tar Heels doomed those plans. Miami quarterback D'Eriq King, Clemson quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei and Boston College quarterback Phil Jurkovec also got preseason ACC player of the year votes.

King's season ended early with injuries. Jurkovec got injured and missed about two months. Uiagalelei and the Tigers needed time to figure themselves out.

"He's had a challenging year, but that's just part of growing up," Clemson coach Dabo Swin-

ney said. "It's just part of being a young quarterback and learning how to handle disappointment and things like that. Early part of the year, he certainly wasn't playing well, and we weren't playing well around him. And we're getting better. We are more consistent around him."

Uiagalelei is 248 yards away from 2,000 this season; if he gets there, that means the ACC will have at least nine quarterbacks hit that number in 2021. Armstrong, Pickett, Hartman, Leary and Howell are there already, as are Louisville's Malik Cunningham, Miami's Tyler Van Dyke and Duke's Gunnar Holmberg.

And all those numbers will give award voters much to consider when it's time for those All-ACC quarterback picks to be made.

"You need to be exceptional at that position," Mendenhall said.



## Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Honor Their Veterans

Statistics show that the Commonwealth of Virginia has over 780,000 veterans. On Veterans Day the Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center, which is a local nonprofit, honored their attending Veterans with a special program of recognition.

Certificates of Appreciation from state politicians and a thank you gift were distributed to each of their Veterans: (L to R) Air Force Airman Donald L. Flick, Army E-6 James Thompson Turner, Army Joe L. Pugh and Air Force Staff Sergeant Nino Sylmar (not pictured). These 4 men have been all over the world proudly doing what they could to serve our country. We owe them our thanks, but more than that we owe them our freedom.

The Honorable Mayor Benny Skeens of Dublin as the guest speaker gave a very interesting speech about Pulaski's only Medal of Honor recipient, Lewis Kenneth Bausell who expired on Sept. 18, 1944 from wounds he received at Peleliu, an island east of the Philippines.

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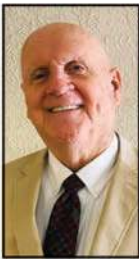
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Lessons from ‘The Preacher’ Solomon

Eccl. 3:1.”To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up.”

Solomon tried everything to give his life significance. He pursued fame, fortune, wisdom, knowledge, pleasure and power but found no real or lasting pleasure outside of God. He built magnificent structures but found it did not satisfy. He found that his life was meaningless. -nothing he did outside of God, gave him any lasting happiness or inner peace.

He discovered the solution of how to have a life with meaning and purpose. It was pursuing the life that God had purposed for him.

One of the problems of life he spoke about was death. He found that death overtakes both the wise and the foolish. There is no escaping it. Sooner or later, if the rapture doesn’t come first, everyone living will experience death.

Ben Franklin said that the only two sure things are death and taxes. However, the only thing that is really sure and certain is death. Some have gotten by without paying taxes, but I have never known of anyone who has beaten death.

“There’s a time to be born,” God, Who gives us life, ordained that we should live before we were even formed in our mother’s womb. Psalm 139:16 says “Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfected; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”

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“There is a time to die.” Psalm 90:10 says, “The days of our years are three score and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden and plunged the whole human race into sin, God assigned mortality to man. God had told them there was but one tree in the garden that they were forbidden to eat of, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is amazing that they ate of that tree and not of the tree of life which was also in the garden. As a result of their sin, they were driven from the garden and barred from ever entering into it again. God put Angels guarding the entry saying, “lest they eat of the tree of life and live forever.”

The penalty of sin fell heavily upon them, and upon all descended from them. They were, in a way, prototypes. If they sinned, then everyone born of their seed would also sin.

God had told them that the day that they ate of the forbidden tree, they would die. But Eve chose to believe the lying devil who said to her, “ye shall not surely die.”

The curse of death came upon man in three forms when he sinned against God. Our first ancestors died spiritually that day. When they sinned against God, they separated themselves from God and the life of God.

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Church Directory

- Draper Valley Baptist Church**  
3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org
- Grace Baptist Church**  
552 E. Main Street  
Dublin, Va. 24084  
Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
Primary Services:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study
- Open Door Baptist Church**  
4576 Miller Lane  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  
Primary Services:  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046
- Draper United Methodist Church**  
3080 Greenbriar Road  
Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor: Rev. Jason Crandall  
423-716-2570  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 276-477-3835
- Newbern Christian Church**  
Disciples of Christ  
5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern  
Rev. Denise and Ken Walker  
540-440-8733
- Christ Episcopal Church**  
144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
Phone: 980-2413  
Email: christ24301@gmail.com  
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org
- Jordan's Chapel UMC**  
Pastor: Jim Goddard  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
- Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church**  
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor Mark Asbury  
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am  
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am  
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc
- Newbern United Methodist Church**  
5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
Rev. Paige Wimberly  
674-6111  
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.
- Valley Harvest Ministries**  
1 Harvest Place  
P.O. Box 458  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Senior Pastor Steve Willis  
Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter,  
Walter Gueste, Derick Burton  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729
- Mountain View United Methodist Church**  
6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Phone: 540-674-6111  
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/  
Pastor: Paige Wimberly  
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.
- Dublin Baptist Church**  
Dublin Baptist Church  
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org  
Website: dublinbaptistva.org  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
- Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
1560 Julia Simpkins Road  
Allisonia, VA  
Pastor Justin Phillips  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

- First United Methodist Church**  
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address)  
Pastor’s Name: Will Shelton  
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Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Group: 7 p.m.  
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com
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995 Peppers Ferry Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Michael S. Jones  
Sunday  
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11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting  
(540) 980-4731  
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net
- River of Life Church**  
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Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life  
Building Service 7:00 PM  
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Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
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New River, Virginia 24129  
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Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
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(540) 674-5128  
office@dublinumc.com  
Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 11:00am  
Sunday School - 10:00am
- Freedom Fellowship Church**  
1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins  
540-577-5780  
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com  
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.  
11 a.m. Children’s Church  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service  
7 p.m. Youth Service

- Grace Episcopal Church**  
210 4th Street, Radford, 24141  
639-3494  
Service: 10:30AM Sundays  
Email: office@graceradford.org  
http://www.graceradford.org  
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church
- Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA)**  
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
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540-980-3624  
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30  
www.trinitypulaski.org
- Trinity United Methodist**  
Pastor: Judy Yonce  
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
528 5th Street, S.E.  
Pulaski, Va.  
Phone - 980-0820
- Snowville Baptist Church**  
3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee  
Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.
- Fairlawn United Methodist Church**  
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Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalml@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message): 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Children’s Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
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Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship and Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible Classes, 7 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Church**  
408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski  
Pastor Melissa McNair-King  
(540) 980-2132  
firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com  
www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org  
Sunday Services:  
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Service 11 a.m.  
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.



**Thornspring United Methodist Church**  
5670 Thornspring Church Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Rev. Teresa Tolbert  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-2927

**First Baptist Church**  
5473 Baskerville Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Wallis Brown  
540-674-2677  
Service: 11 a.m.

**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**  
5331 New Dublin Church Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon  
Website: newdublinpres.org  
540-674-6147  
Services 11:00 AM Sundays

**Community Christian Church**  
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.


**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**  
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084  
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084  
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**Max Creek Baptist Church**  
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www.maxcreek.org  
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  
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Sunday Services  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

**Pulaski Church of God**  
1621 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Donald Jones  
540-980-8880  
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Wednesday Bible Study  
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**Aldersgate United Methodist**  
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Pulaski, VA 24301  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
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Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-3336  
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)**  
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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
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Pulaski, VA 24301  
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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth  
Group - 7 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**  
2640 Max Creek Road  
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Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor: Jason N. Aker  
Phone: 276-699-3176  
pastorjasonaker@gmail.com  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

**St. Edwards Catholic Church**  
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Fax: 980-6511  
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Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

**Pathway to Heaven Worship Center**  
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Dublin, VA 24084  
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**Amazing Grace Ministries**  
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Spiritual death IS separation from God. From that time on, God could not fellowship with them anymore. He could not come down and walk with them in the cool of the evening as He did before. Sin erected a partition wall between God and man.

Secondly, there is physical death. They started to age, and in time, they died a physical death.

Thirdly, there is an eternal death in the lake of fire where un-regenerated sinners will forever be tormented in flames of fire. In the book of the Revelation it says, speaking of the lake of fire, “This is the second death.” The second death is not a cessation of the life of the soul, but an eternal existence in the burning caldron of fire.

Adam and Eve’s sin poisoned the well from which we are all issued. Now, every human being must experience death. It is a part of the curse of sin.

“There is a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which was planted.” When we plant, we expect and usually receive a harvest. If some of the plants come up diseased, they must be plucked up, lest the disease spreads and infects the healthy crops.

When the enemy brings war upon us with the intent to kill and destroy us, there is a time to fight and kill, or die. In war, we either kill the enemy or the enemy will kill us.

Spiritually speaking, there is a time to mortify or kill the old carnal nature and to receive the divine nature that God gives to us when we are born again of the Spirit.

And there is also a time to heal. When a person gets saved, their sin sick soul is healed. When we become physically sick, healing is available to us, for it is provided for in the atone-ment. When a Church becomes divided, it cannot stand in that condition. It must be healed. There is a time for the Church to come together and resolve the problems that are causing division in the body of Christ. “There is a time to heal.”

“There is a time to break down and a time to build up.” When a Church becomes full and run-ning over in attendance, it is time to tear down the smaller building and build a larger one.

At Jericho God set a time to tear down the walls so His people could go in and begin to claim God promises. Perhaps there are walls in our lives at times that keep the promises of God from being fulfilled in our lives. If that is the case, there’s a time to tear down those walls, rebuild our faith, and claim the promises of God!

## Bible Trivia

- Who wrote in Ephesians 5:20, “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”? Matthew, Peter, Paul, Jude
- From Psalms 107:1 and 118:1, why should we give thanks to the Lord, because He is ...? Evermore, Good, Watching, Hopeful
- Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word “thanksgiving” the most times, at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah
- In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshippers, Renegades, Unthankful people

5. In Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant

6. Who were commanded in 1 Chronicles 16:4 to thank God? Levites, Ammonites, Benjami-nites, Danites

**ANSWERS: 1) Paul; 2) Good; 3) Psalms; 4) Unthank-ful people; 5) At your own will; 6) Levites**

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## God Himself shows us mercy

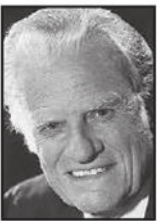
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: Is it true that God’s sal-vation is a form of a pardon as though we never committed a wrong against Him? And does this have anything to do with committing the unpardonable sin? - P.S.**

A: Sometimes a person convicted of a crime receives a pardon -- and is freed from paying the penalty. Why? The person receives mercy. Most people who have experienced this are indebted to the one who forgave them.

This marvelous demonstration comes from the very Word of God. All Christians have been pardoned. God Himself shows us mercy. Even though we are guilty of sin, we don’t have to pay the penalty, because Jesus did that for us.

Some people think only about God’s love and not about His judgment. But the Bible says that those who do not believe have been judged already (John 3:18). We must not take sin lightly and just assume that God will forgive us. We make a mockery of God’s forgiveness when we deliberately



### My Answer

Billy Graham

engage in sin because we think He will forgive it later. God’s kindness -- His mercy -- should make us want to stop sinning and live a victorious life because we love Him and desire to obey Him in all things.

The unpardonable sin involves

the total and irrevocable rejec-tion of Jesus Christ. It is danger-ous to turn away from His voice that calls us to eternal salvation. Sin has tarnished every area of life, and Christ wants to erase its stain. Scripture has the remedy for sinfulness -- it is to acknowl-edge our sin against Him and repent and turn from a life of sin. Through His sacrifice on the cross, He has made a way for this to take place through His mercy and grace, and He won-derfully pardons us and promises us eternal life with Him. What a marvelous hope!



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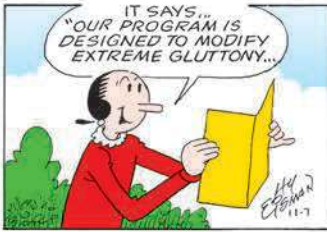
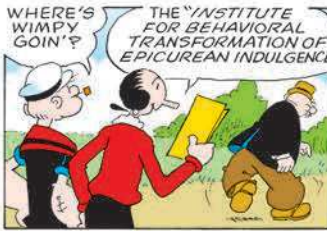
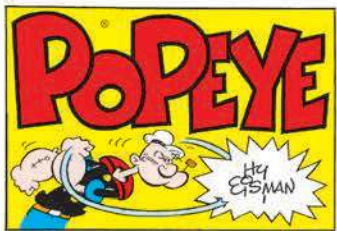
TRYIN' TO DECIDE WHICH WAY YOU'RE GOING TO COOK OUR THANKSGIVING TURKEY, DAD?

NOPE! HAD TO GIVE UP ON THAT! NOW I'M TRYIN' TO FIGURE OUT HOW I CAN JUGGLE DOIN' FOUR OF 'EM AT THE SAME TIME!

The Spats

I'M ON AN ALL ALMOND DIET.

THAT'S JUST NUTS.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

I'M EXHAUSTED JUST LOOKING AT THAT "PRE-THANKSGIVING DAY" DROOLING SMILE OF YOURS.

LAFF-A-DAY

"That's inflation for you—what used to be 130 pounds is now 150!"



Deal  
RATED  
Bonus  
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TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Up to  
4 Platter  
8 Scoop holder  
12 Olympics chant  
13 Sicilian resort  
14 Dryer fuzz  
15 Sandal type  
17 Pub potables  
18 Computer whiz  
19 Dog tags, e.g.  
21 PC key  
22 Excellent  
26 Expire  
29 Present location?  
30 Med. plan option  
31 Perry's creator  
32 — Aviv  
33 Hotel worker  
34 From — Z  
35 "Science Guy" Bill  
36 Segments  
37 Kanye West's music  
39 Moonshine vessel  
40 Japanese sash  
41 Narcotic  
45 Volition  
48 Sound of hoofbeats  
50 Tom Joad, for one  
51 First-rate

DOWN

1 Clump of grass  
2 Capri, e.g.  
3 Secular  
4 Sully  
5 Cove  
6 — Cat  
7 Domed building in Washington D.C.  
8 Purse fastener  
9 Tin Man's need  
10 SSW opposite  
11 UFO crew  
16 Stage  
20 Ten, in Dijon  
23 "— she blows!"  
24 Skip  
25 Spacecraft compartments  
26 Wife of Jacob  
27 Intro studio class  
28 Fall into a soft chair  
29 Spelldown  
32 Not out of the ordinary  
33 Wizardry  
35 San Francisco's — Hill  
36 Thing on a string  
38 Bagel features  
39 Unites  
42 Regrettably  
43 Rent  
44 Grand tale  
45 Dazzle  
46 White House nickname  
47 Cover  
49 Baseball's Gehrig

top ten

THANKSGIVING DESSERTS

1. Pumpkin pie  
2. Sweet potato pie  
3. Pecan pie  
4. Apple pie  
5. Hummingbird cake  
6. Pumpkin cheesecake  
7. Carrot cake  
8. Cranberry pie  
9. Pumpkin roll  
10. Egg custard pie

Source: Cox Media Group

Trivia test

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many dry quarts are in a peck?  
2. GEOGRAPHY: What's the name of the island where the Statue of Liberty stands?  
3. MUSIC: Which composer is known as "The Waltz King"?  
4. GEOMETRY: What is a three-sided polygon called?  
5. ASTRONOMY: What is it called when three celestial bodies are arranged in a straight line?  
6. TELEVISION: How many Huxtable children were in the long-running "The Cosby Show"?  
7. MOVIES: What's the name of the town in the "Halloween" horror movie series?  
8. SCIENCE: What does the acronym FM stand for?  
9. LITERATURE: Which famous novel begins with the line, "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way"?  
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is alabaster?

HOCUS-FOCUS

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Eight  
2. Liberty Island  
3. Johann Strauss II  
4. A triangle  
5. Syzygy  
6. Five  
7. Haddonfield, Illinois  
8. Frequency modulation  
9. "Anna Karenina"  
10. White

Americanisms

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

— Oprah Winfrey

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals K

LDDLHIEQPV M'J PNNRMS LQ  
NEPV NEI AMZX ZGMJJMES ME  
QXLQ DNEK. MQ'Z QGN ZMKIZ NA  
QXI ZLJI RNM.

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: FEELINGS OF DEEP AFFECTION

- As leather  
As nails  
Break  
Call
- Cookie  
Customer  
It out  
Loss
- Luck  
Old world  
On crime  
Row to hoe
- Sledding  
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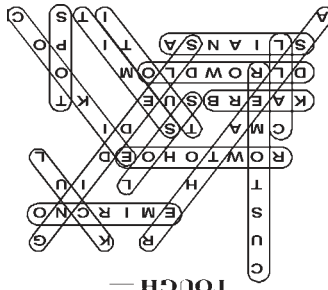
## CryptoQuote

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

OAXAW NDQDC KYMWFANH  
JALIMFA YH YCTAWF' NDQDCAV  
DQIRDOICDYO; OAXAW NDQDC  
YCTAWF JALIMFA YH KYMW YZO  
NDQDCAV DQIRDOICDYO.  
— QIA UAQDFYO

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Never limit yourself  
because of others' limited  
imagination; never limit  
yours because of your ow  
limited imagination.  
— Mae Jemison



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

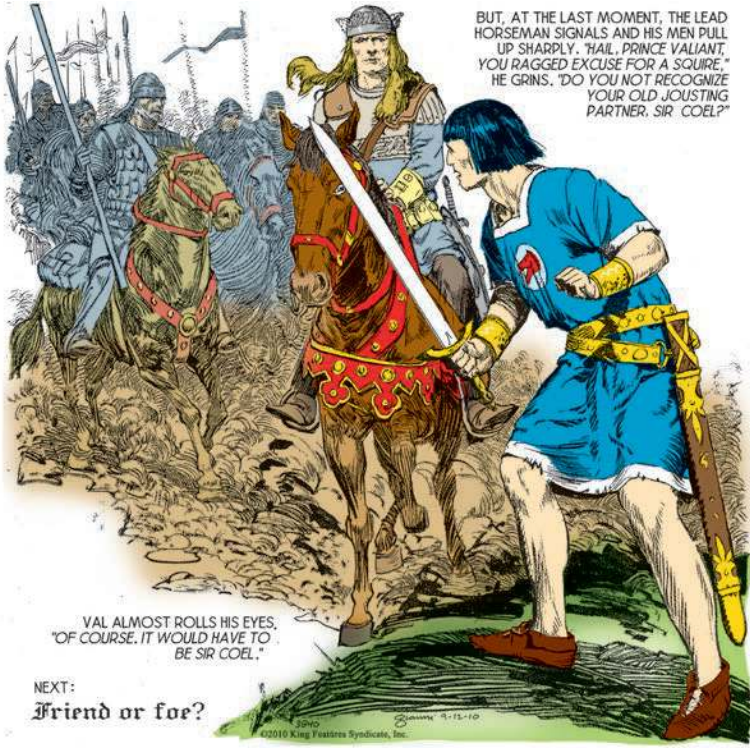
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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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**Hoke Coleburn (Keith Patrick McCoy) and Makala Witten (Daisy Werthan) rehearse for Adaire Theatre's upcoming production of 'Driving Miss Daisy.'**

# Adaire Theatre to present 'Driving Miss Daisy' at Pulaski Elks Lodge

By NEESEY PAYNE

"If you grew up with an ornery granny who always knew what's best because, that's just the way you do things, then this show will definitely bring back some memories," said Kendall Payne, founder of Adaire Theatre, on "Driving Miss Daisy," the latest production coming to the Pulaski Elks Lodge.

Payne explained Miss Daisy has trouble coping with the fact that she's not fit to drive anymore after crashing yet, "another car."

To set the stage, the story takes place in the deep South in 1948. Daisy Werthan, a wealthy 72-year-old Jewish widow, is just informed by her son, Boolie, that she must rely on a chauffeur to get around. Boolie hires Hoke -- a thoughtful, unemployed black man.

## It's Always A We Thing

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband recently approached me with an idea for our money. He wants us to set up an account where we both put 10 percent of our income for discretionary spending. My husband makes more money than I do, and because of this, he says it is fair that he would be able to spend more than I would. How do you feel about this?

Liz

**Dear Liz,**  
I'm sure deep down he's a decent guy and he loves you very much. But he's looking at this all wrong. Right now, he's being pretty immature and selfish about the whole situation. It's a bad plan.  
Let's look at this from another angle. There are lots of families where only one person works outside the home and generates an income. Would it be fair, then, to say only the person making money is allowed a little cash to spend for fun once in a while? Of course, not.

When two people are married, they are pronounced "as one." That means even if you only have one person with an income, it becomes our income. If you have kids, they become our kids. See where I'm going with this? Marriage is not a me thing, it's a we thing. Always.

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
When it comes to paying off credit cards and getting out of debt, I've heard you talk about cutting up the cards and closing the accounts. Should I pay off the balances before or after I close the accounts?

Adrian

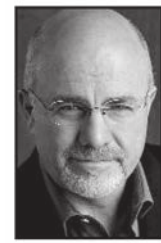
**Dear Adrian,**  
I like the idea of cutting up the cards and closing the accounts first. Sometimes credit card companies will respond to this by jacking up the interest rates, or doing other shady things, but the point is to get them out of your life as

"You've got a crotchety old lady and a soft-spoken man. It's hilarious, but there are also many heartwarming moments," Payne said.

He explained many people might recognize "Driving Miss Daisy" from the movie version starring Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman and Dan Akroyd.

Adaire Theatre will present "Driving Miss Daisy" over two weekends at the Pulaski Elks Lodge on West Main Street. The first weekend of performances will take place November 19, 20, 21. The second weekend will take place November 26, 27, and 28. Performances on Friday and Saturday nights will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday performances will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

You can purchase tickets early at [adairetheatre.org](http://adairetheatre.org).



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

quickly as possible and stop using the stupid things. Personal finance is 80 percent behavior. Ridding yourself of credit cards, and getting credit card debt out of your life for good, is a great first step in learning to behave with your money. You don't build wealth or save money by using credit cards, no matter what anyone says. If you're naïve enough to think you're going to play around with a multi-billion-dollar industry and beat them at their own game, you're sadly mistaken.

The only way to win against credit card companies is by refusing to play their game!

— Dave

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

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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

# Save This Holiday Season Using Your Go Local Card!

This season, we are sure many of you are looking for ways to save money when it comes to gift-giving. NRV Homegrown's Go Local Card can help on that task! Simply purchase a Go Local card to unlock savings at over 400 businesses throughout the New River Valley!

Go Local Cards can be used as many times as you want at your favorite local businesses all year round. The current cards do not expire until December of 2022.

NRV Homegrown has been an organization committed to helping small businesses and their communities by encouraging consumers to shop local.

When you shop locally, you support New River Valley's local businesses. Your dollar goes three times further in our local economy. You grow our regional supply chain and expand ownership opportunities while helping business owners pay employees a living wage.

The Go Local Card program was established in 2019 in the NRV, but similar programs in other areas have had a huge impact on local businesses. The Institute for Local Self-Reliance reports that "businesses in communities with a sustained grassroots 'buy indepen-

dent/buy local' campaign reported a strong 7.4% sales increase, nearly doubling the 4.2% gain for those in areas without such an alliance." Across every survey, in up years and down, independent businesses served by these pro-local/ independent campaigns have dramatically outperformed those businesses in communities lacking them.

You can find our directories in many different locations throughout the NRV. These directories list which businesses are part of our growing network and are available to you for free.

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So if you are looking to save on some of your gifts, buy a Go Local card today. Oh, and if you are wanting to find just the right gift that isn't disrupted by a supply chain, the Go Local card also makes a GREAT stocking stuffer!

Be sure to visit our website for more information and/or to purchase YOUR card at [www.golocalcards.com](http://www.golocalcards.com)

## Volunteers needed for mulch party

Friends of Peak Creek is calling for volunteers to a mulching party on Saturday, November 20 beginning at 1 PM for the Peak Creek Walkway shrub bed.

Last May, FOPC purchased and planted 100 native shrubs as our contribution to the Downtown Restoration effort. It's time to put the bed to bed! We're calling for volunteers to help mulch the area for the winter.

The mulch party will be on Saturday, November 20 at 1 PM. Please bring your own shovel, bucket and wheelbarrow if you have one. Gloves, masks and drinking water will be provided. The walkway is located at the top of the wall across the creek from the Municipal Building.

Email [info@friendsofpeakcreek.org](mailto:info@friendsofpeakcreek.org) for more information.

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**For more information contact Charlie Barbettini  
(276) 620-4293**

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