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Confidential student info found exposed at old PMS

By **WILLIAM PAINE**
For The Patriot

The Patriot has obtained an email sent Oct. 27 from County Administrator Jonathan Sweet to Pulaski County School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers. The email, which can be seen in its entirety below, notifies Siers that, when the county's cleaning crews entered the old Pulaski Middle School, they found confidential student records laying in plain view on the floor.

The email reads as follows:

*Dr. Siers,
I thought I would bring it to your urgent attention that when our crews entered the Pulaski Middle School to begin cleaning out the surplus items the school system left behind, there appears to be sensitive vaccination records that have student's names, addresses and social security numbers that are spread over and laying on the floors in the hallways. I trust you are already aware that the school has been broken into multiple times and vandalized. We fully suspect that*

the perpetrators of the vandalism are the ones who accessed these records and spread them all over the floors of the hallways.

Please note, because of the tremendous amount of surplus left behind, we had no choice but to secure a trustee labor crew from the NRV regional jail to assist our public works, maintenance, general properties and CA administration crews. The NRVJ crew has already been onto the property prior to my knowledge of this situation.

I am not sure if parents need to be notified of this series of events to be able to take appropriate precautions for their children's identity security - I will leave those decisions up to you.

Please be advised that County Administration does not want to be responsible for these records and would respectfully request that PCPS personnel retrieve these records and secure/dispose of them accordingly and at your earliest convenience.

In light of this letter, two questions come to mind.

First, were these very private student documents not properly secured when Pulaski Middle School closed down last Spring?

Secondly, and even more importantly, are these children in danger of having their identities stolen now or in the future? Could a PMS student's confidential vaccine record or social security number be shared with unsavory or even criminal elements, as a result of what appears to be a security breach within the school system?

Sweet notes a crew from the New River Valley Regional Jail had visited PMS at least once before he became aware of the situation. This suggests that these confidential student records could have been carpeting the hallways of PMS for quite some time, which makes it all the more disturbing.

The National Center for Educational Statistics makes it clear that protecting information pertaining to students should be a top priority.

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'Songs of War & Peace' NRV Chorus to perform special concert Nov. 13-14 at Pulaski Theatre

By **DANIELLE REID**
The Patriot

The New River Valley Community Chorus will be performing a very special concert, "Songs of War and Peace," in the Pulaski Theatre on Saturday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 14th at 3:00 p.m. Chorus director Lynn Loftus believes that the 2021 performance will be a moving event which will help unite the community.

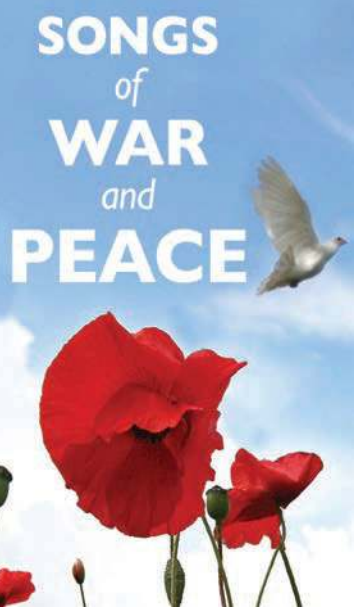
"We've had some wonderful performances in the past. We had a fantastic 50's and 60's review. We rented an organ from Lynchburg one year and did the Messiah in the theatre. We've done it all," says Loftus who has directed the

Community Chorus for 31 years. In addition to directing the Community Chorus, Loftus was the Music Director for Dublin Middle School from 1974 to 2004.

Special music for the upcoming event includes "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "I Don't Want No More of Army Life." She believes this year's performance will elicit emotions from pride to sorrow to hope as the last song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," is sung in a replicated Arlington Cemetery scene.

Loftus credits the success of the Community Chorus to the many

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“Student education records are official and confidential documents protected by one of the nation’s strongest privacy protection laws, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA, also known as the Buckley Amendment, defines education records as all records that schools or education agencies maintain about students. This and other United States ‘privacy’ laws ensure that information about citizens collected by schools and government agencies can be released only for specific and legally defined purposes.”

Virginia law also requires schools to maintain a comprehensive information security program that is reasonably designed to protect the security, privacy, confidentiality, and integrity of student personal information and makes use of appropriate administrative, technological, and physical safeguards.

The email from Sweet to Siers shows that whatever precautions were taken by PCPS, they were not adequate to keep information pertaining to PMS students

secure.

Towards the end of the email, Sweet raises the idea of parents being notified of this situation, but leaves the PCPS Administration to make their own decisions about what, if anything, will be done.

This week a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was sent to Sweet in an effort to garner more information on the matter.

Sweet responded:

“Per your FOIA request for information, I chose to simply provide a homogenized brief of what I have communicated and reported on regarding the subject matter of ‘records’ at the former Pulaski Middle School. Below is the information you requested:

“Firstly, I want it to be known that I did not share my email communication between myself and Dr. Siers regarding this matter with any private citizen or the media, and am not certain who may have shared it.

“Simply put, the county was just looking to ready the building to begin the abatement process through the use of grant funding we competitively secured in order to take the next step of retrofitting the building into market rate apartments. The awarded contractor let us know that the extreme amount of surplus ma-

terials left behind by the school board was so massive, that the abatement work could not begin until it was removed. I communicated this message to the county team and to the school system, and effectively Dr. Siers communicated back to me that they were not going to assist us in any way with this effort.

“We were under the impression when the school board handed over the building that it was free and clear of all personal, personnel and sensitive parent, teacher and student information. When we began cleaning out the massive amount of surplus left behind, county staff discovered certain materials and notified school personnel on Tuesday, 10-26-21, that there was possibly sensitive personnel records left behind in the Pulaski Middle School (PMS). Those particular items were retrieved by school personnel later that day. On Wednesday, 10-27-21, I personally inspected the extensive clean-out process and walked through the facility and noticed that a significant amount of what appeared to be medical/vaccination records remained spread across the floor of the hallways that had sensitive personal information on them, to include parent and/or children’s names, birthdates, addresses and social security numbers. I

did not look any deeper into the files, as I did not want to see any personal information that they contained. I diligently communicated this finding to the Superintendent in a direct and private email on 10-27-21 marked ‘IMPORTANT’ upon returning to my office at approximately 9:30 AM. I understand that school personnel then came to the PMS later that day and secured the records that were on the floors and removed them from the premises. Following an unauthorized release of my private email to the Superintendent on social media platforms on Thursday, 10-28-21, I understand that multiple school personnel then returned to the PMS on Friday, 10-29-21, to once again retrieve sensitive files/records/documents/etc. that remained in the PMS. It is my understanding that PMS has now been thoroughly purged of any and all sensitive/personal/medical/personnel records.

“It is fair to say that this matter rose to a level of urgency for County Administration after understanding that the PMS had been broken into on multiple occasions and the perpetrators are most likely the individuals who accessed those files and left them spread across the floor of the hallways. The matter became even more urgent and time-sensitive considering that the volume of surplus the school board left for the County to clear out of the facility required us to not only use

multiple County departments, but a New River Valley Regional Jail trustee crew as well. The NRVJR crew was likely on site multiple times while sensitive records remained visible and accessible within PMS.

“With respect to what is being done in response, County Administration did all we could to notify the school system of these matters. County Administration was never responsible for the safe storage of these records and were only working diligently to clear out the large amount of surplus items the school board left behind. County Administration satisfied our obligations when we quickly notified the school system on at least two occasions of sensitive information being left behind and accessible within PMS.

“I also notified Dr. Siers in writing to ensure that all sensitive information is accounted for and disposed of correctly before handing over Dublin Middle School. I also encouraged that the school system take immediate action in doing so, considering the Dublin Middle School had also been broken into, accessed and vandalized as well.

“Please note that County Administration’s only intent was to protect personal and sensitive information of teachers, students and parents while we conducted the herculean feat of cleaning out what was left behind in PMS by the school board.”

School Superintendent issues statement on student information

Pulaski County Public Schools (PCPS) recently became aware that some legacy documents regarding students and former teachers were inadvertently left behind in a filing cabinet in the former Pulaski Middle School. The former middle school was broken into, but at this time we lack any evidence indicating that this incident created any risk for our students or teachers.

However, 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 impacted by this event. We will be mailing

letters soon 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.

I want to reiterate – receiving a letter does not mean we believe that your information was stolen. Our actions solely stem from our desire to safeguard our community. We will share more information with the entire PCPS community as we learn more.

Kevin W. Siers, Ed. D.
Division Superintendent
Pulaski County Public Schools



‘Let’s Read Book Club’ meets third Thursday of month

The newly formed “Let’s Read Book Club” for adults is meeting the third Thursday of each month at the Pulaski County Library, at 10 a.m. in the conference room.

The book chosen for November is, “The Thanksgiving Visitor,” by Truman Capote.

Any questions please contact Judy Baker at 540-994-2456 or email at jwbaker@pclibs.org



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Youngkin’s winning formula: Trump voters, suburbs

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — When Virginia Republicans nominated Glenn Youngkin as their candidate for governor, they wondered whether the first-time candidate could master a high-level political maneuver — appealing to educated suburbanites without dampening the enthusiasm of white, rural voters who came out in droves to vote for Donald Trump.

On Wednesday, it became clear just how well Youngkin pulled it off.

The former private equity executive became the first Republican candidate to win statewide since 2009, thanks to a campaign that rallied right-leaning voters both in the growing suburbs in the north and the shrinking towns of Appalachia. That turnout helped Youngkin chip away at parts of the Democrats’ coalition and give Republicans hope for a 2022 comeback.

“There’s no doubt now that someone not named Trump can recreate the Trump coalition — and make gains among suburban voters,” said Patrick Ruffini, a Republican data analyst in Washington. “It means a lot of states are in play.”

The performance could be a road map for GOP electoral dominance in next year’s election, when Democrats’ control of the House and Senate is on the line. Republicans lost ground in educated suburbs across the country during Trump’s tenure, while supercharging support in rural areas. After Trump left office, Democrats braced for the possibility the GOP could re-

Final Unofficial Election Results			Final Unofficial Pulaski County Election Results		
7th House District			7th House District		
Marie March, R	21,070	(66%)	Marie March, R	7,907	(74%)
Derek Kitts, D	10,841	(34%)	Derek Kitts, D	2,685	(25%)
12th House District			12th House District		
Jason Ballard, R	13,849	(55%)	Jason Ballard, R	1,529	(67%)
Chris Hurst, D	11,142	(44%)	Chris Hurst, D	734	(32%)
Governor			Governor		
Glenn Youngkin, R	1,663,982	(51%)	Glenn Youngkin, R	9,617	(75%)
Terry McAuliffe, D	1,594,221	(49%)	Terry McAuliffe, D	3,256	(25%)
Lt. Governor			Lt. Governor		
Winsome Sears, R	1,660,174	(51%)	Winsome Sears, R	9,501	(74%)
Hala Ayala, D	1,601,728	(49%)	Hala Ayala, D	3,395	(26%)
Attorney General			Attorney General		
Jason Miyares, R	1,650,072	(50%)	Jason Miyares, R	9,539	(74%)
Mark Herring, D	1,615,206	(49%)	Mark Herring, D	3,373	(26%)
Source: Va. State Board of Elections			Source: Va. State Board of Elections		

gain some support, but doubted it could continue to maintain such enormous rural margins.

Youngkin proved them wrong. In tiny, rural Lee County at the southwestern edge of Virginia, where Trump won 84% of the vote last year, Youngkin managed to improve that margins. He won Lee County with 87.6% of the vote.

On the opposite end of the state and the political spectrum, densely-populated Fairfax County was also a bright spot for Youngkin. Turnout in the county just across the Potomac River from Washington was sky-high for an off-year election, and Democrat Terry McAuliffe won with 65% of the vote. Yet Youngkin won 35% and improved on Trump’s 70%-29% loss there last year.

“It wasn’t one or the other — he did both,” said Tucker Martin, a longtime GOP consultant who has worked on several Virginia governor’s races. “And it’s been a while since we’ve seen a Republican able to do that in Virginia.”

McAuliffe, who was previously in office from 2014 to 2018, conceded Wednesday morning in a statement that congratulated Youngkin. While votes were still coming in, the Republican had a more than 2 percentage point lead.

A spokeswoman, Christina Freundlich, said the McAuliffe campaign “felt good” about its performance in blue-leaning ar-

had expected,” she said.

Youngkin’s campaign targeted a wide swath of Virginia’s electorate, focusing on state and local issues. He steadfastly refused to disavow Trump but kept his distance from the ex-president on the stump. He seized on frustration with schools to connect with suburban voters beleaguered by pandemic closures. He aligned himself with conservative voters suspicious of racial justice and diversity curriculum in schools — sending what McAuliffe described as a “racist dog whistle.”

For Virginians worried about inflation and a rising cost of living, he pitched an end to the state’s grocery tax and other substantial tax cuts.

The result was micro-improvements with a broad set of groups — rather than a spike of support in just one demographic.

According to AP VoteCast, voters 45 and older split evenly between Trump and Biden last year. This time they broke for Youngkin, 55%-45%. Last year, 61% of suburbanites in Virginia backed Biden and 37% backed Trump. A year later, Youngkin earned the support of 46% of suburbanites.

Youngkin was backed by 45% of college-educated voters in this year’s election; in 2020, 38% went for Trump. Youngkin also did somewhat better than Trump among white voters — both men and women. White voters made up 72% of the electorate and backed Youngkin over McAuliffe, 59% to 40%. In 2020, 52% of white voters backed Trump.

“It just swung harder than we

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**LINDA ELLER
MCDONALD**

Linda Eller McDonald, age 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday October 31, 2021 at Pulaski Health and Rehab Center surrounded by her family & with her Grandson Kamryn on the phone.

Linda was born in Purlear, NC on May 11, 1942 to the late Gilbert Clayton & Fannie Elizabeth Eller.

Linda retired from Pulaski County School System, where she worked in the cafeteria. After retiring, Linda was a devoted caregiver to her sisters Joan & Betty. Linda was also a caregiver to numerous families in the community and it was her greatest pleasure to provide love, care & support to those who needed her.

Linda was also a dedicated volunteer with hospice and local nursing homes.

Linda's greatest joy was her Grandson Kamryn who attends college in Miami, OK. He has played basketball since he was a little boy and she never missed a game. She was able to watch him play via live stream from Colorado on October 9th where she cheered & clapped so loud for him & every time he hit a 3 pointer, she would say "That's my boy".

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert & Fannie Eller, her son, Todd Loy, her sisters, Billie McNeil, Joan Rickey & Betty Hix. Her brothers Doyle, Frank, Bud & JT Eller.

Linda is survived by her sister Dot Eller Sowers, her daughter Angie & her significant other, Kenneth Moore, her Grandsons D'Vante & Kamryn and her Great Grandson Kullen. She is also survived by her favorite niece Dr. Sherry E. Showalter as well as several other nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



**DANA RAY "D. J."
WHITE, JR.**

Dana Ray "D. J." White, Jr. age 33 of Draper passed away Friday, October 29, 2021 at Lewis Gale Hospital, Salem.

Born February 1, 1988 in Radford, he is the son of Donna Jones White and the late Dana Ray "Danny" White.

He was a graduate of the Pulaski County High School in 2005. He had been employed as a machine operator with Somic America Manufacturing Company in Wytheville, Virginia.

He is survived by
His Daughter—
Taylor Ray White- Draper
Mother— Donna Jones White of Draper and fiancé, Robert Russell of Pulaski

Sister—
Erika Jenks and husband, Shaun Jenks (whom D.J. considered as a brother)-Radford
Special Uncle & Aunt— Tim and Lynn Jones

Niece and Nephew— Hailey and Hunter Jenks

Memorial services were held Tuesday, November 2, 2021 with Pastor Becky Wheeler officiating.

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

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



**WILDA JO ANN
JAMERSON**

Wilda Jo Ann Jamerson found her final place with the Lord on October 29th, 2021. She left this world to be in heaven at 3:09 p.m., in her home surrounded by her family. She was born on February 28th, 1934, on a leap year, in Grayson County, which is a rural area in the Blue Ridge mountain range of southwest Virginia. Her family resided in Pulaski County where they established their life.

She has been preceded in death by her father; Harry Edwin O'Dell and her mother; Virginia Eunice O'Dell and two of her brothers Vernon Edwin "Eddie" O'Dell and Danny Reginald "Reggie" O'Dell. She is succeeded in life by her oldest living brother; Noel Elroy O'Dell and younger sister; Sonya Loy O'Dell Allison, brother; Ranny Elwood O'Dell and the youngest; Gary Byron O'Dell.

Jo Ann graduated from Draper High School and attended Radford college and then nursing school until she obtained her Registered Nursing License in three states Texas, North Carolina, and Virginia. Soon after school Wilda Jo Ann O'Dell married Herman Knight Jamerson while Herman was still in the army and stationed in San Antonio, Texas in 1958. After their completion of service in the army the couple moved to Henrico, Virginia with their first born child Joni Fa Non. Jo Ann and Herman had four more children in the coming years and their names are Gregory Herman, Lisa Jo, Kerry Knight and Byron Dustin. Time moved forward and her grandchildren are Chad T. Rathbone, Paul Bronson Borrell, Annelise Fa Non Borrell, Kaleigh Alanna Mead, JoSarah Lloy Martin, Keri Dawn Jamerson and Benjamin Knight Jamerson. Jo Ann was blessed again with her first great grandchild Odithian Mead.

She lived to be 87 years old and was a loving mother, wife, grandmother and great grandmother. Jo Ann has been married to Herman K. Jamerson for 63 wonderful years. Jo Ann came from humble beginnings to work her way up in her chosen career of a Registered Labor and Delivery Nurse. Working at Richmond Memorial Hospital where she was affectionately known as "Jamie", for 40 rigorous years of her 47 year career. And during that time she had delivered a few babies because

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STANLEY DAVID VUICICH

Stanley David Vuicich, age 50 of Dublin passed away Saturday, October 30, 2021 at his home. Born December 25, 1970 in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of Johanna Francis Zalar Vuicich and the late Raymond Eugene Vuicich.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and was a nurse in healthcare industry.

He is survived by his
Mother — Johanna Francis Zalar Vuicich — Atlanta, GA

Brothers - Raymond Vuicich, Junior— Atlanta, GA, Brian Vuicich — Pulaski

Sister — Michelle Vuicich — Pulaski

Nieces - Felicia Cozart, Cecilia Vuicich, Gabriella Vuicich, Bridget Vuicich, Victoria Vuicich, Agatha Vuicich and nephew, Trey Vuicich.

Great- Nephews - Andrew and Gideon Cozart

Memorial services will be held at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

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

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

VIRGINIA PAINTER PERKINS

Virginia Painter Perkins, 99, of Wytheville, VA died Sunday, October 17, 2021 in the Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford, VA. She was born in Pulaski on June 13, 1922 and was the daughter of the late James Caddall Painter and Maude Miller Painter. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Richard Murray Perkins. Mrs. Perkins was a member of the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are:
Son — James R. C. Perkins, wife, Pamela

Step-Daughter — Kimberly Perdue

Step-Granddaughter — Anabella Dixon

Daughter — Betsy D. Perkins

Special Friend — Mike Alford

Nephew — William D. Clifford, wife, Patti

A graveside service, only, was held Thursday, November 4, 2021 from the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Rev. Robert E Davis officiating. In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorials be made to the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church, 2755 Old Baltimore Rd., Draper, VA 24324.

Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA is serving the Perkins family. Online condolences may be made through www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com.

NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree set for Nov. 13

The music of Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder and Dixie Blue Grass Boys will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree on Sat., Nov. 13, 2021. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin. NRCC requires all individuals to wear masks indoors, and social distancing protocols will be observed.

The band Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder is composed primarily of young bluegrass musicians from Virginia, with mandolin player Adam at the helm. The band includes Mike McPeak, Adam's father, who plays guitar and sings lead and harmony vocals; Nikki Wright who plays fiddle and sings lead and harmony vocals; David Chrisley who plays bass and sings harmony vocals; and Steve Chrisley, David's father, who plays banjo. The group began playing at fiddler's conventions and then went on to play their own shows and participate in competitions. They placed 9th and 10th at Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America National Band Championship events in Nashville. They have also appeared on public television's "Song of the Mountains."

The Dixie Blue Grass Boys is a traditional style group that

has been playing for 16 years in the Virginia and North Carolina area. The group performs old-time, country and bluegrass music for dances and concerts. The band members are Mikayla Burrows, guitar and vocals; Adam Burrows, fiddle, mandolin, and vocals; Danny Bowers, five string banjo and vocals; and Jerry Steinberg, bass fiddle.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; Castle Rock Insurance Agency, Pearisburg; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Food City; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The jamborees are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

For more information about the NRCC Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/fiddle.

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the doctor did not arrive in time. She was a strong woman of faith attending church every chance she got and wherever she was, even when travelling on family vacations. Her heart was in her home church at Meadowood Church of God where she regularly attended since even before the doors opened in 1969. There she was known as “Grandma J”, Church Mother and Mother of prayer. Jo Ann loved picking her own fruits and vegetables, canning them with her skilled and masterful hands usually late at night. The field work always included her children working with Mom through briar patches, hot fields and shucking corn and teaching them the rewards of hard work. Just as much as Jo Ann enjoyed working hard she enjoyed travelling, camping, quilting, sewing and growing plants and flowers. Her home was adorned with roses by the porch for decades and then she incorporated her rose garden on the sunny side of the house. She had travelled much of the continental United States on a magnificent family vacation visiting all natural wonders back in 1972. Her and her family were always travelling with a tow behind trailer and a station wagon to go to many many destinations. Her absolute favorite place to go was the beach. She could wade in the surf and have snacks from the cooler while sitting in her beach chair under her big brimmed hat blowing in the wind. She would enjoy watching her children and grandchildren play in the sand and surf the waves. She had a great passion to see and experience as much of God’s creation as she could in her life. She had seen some of the greatest wonders on earth in her travels and gave all the glory to God. She always gave the glory to God and she will be sorely missed by us all, but we know that she is surely walking in heaven with Jesus through eternity.

Funeral schedule: The Wake was held from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 3 at Meadowood Church of God located at 325 Azalea Ave., Richmond, VA 23227

The graveside service was held at Meadowood Church Nov. 4

Her final resting place on earth will be at Greenwood Memorial Park, 12609 Patterson Ave., Henrico, VA 23238.

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These inroads likely reflect the changes in who voted, rather than signs of a massive defection from Democrats. Just 5% of Biden voters voted for Youngkin — and a similar share of Trump voters switched to McAuliffe.

In his victory speech early Wednesday, Youngkin said his campaign “came from nowhere” and managed to bring together “neighbors, friends of all races, of all religions, of all ages, of all political ideologies.”

Youngkin’s broad improvements bolstered other Republicans on the ballot. Republican Winsome Sears made history as the first Black woman elected statewide as she won the lieutenant governor’s office. Completing a sweep of statewide races, Republican Jason Miyares was elected attorney general.

And in the statehouse, where Democrats made tremendous



Watching the ‘red wave’ at Fat Back Soul Shack

By WILLIAM P. PAINE
For The Patriot

The election in Virginia loomed large in everyone’s mind as Tuesday, November 2nd drew ever closer ... and not just for Virginians.

It had been a year since Joe Biden had won the presidency in what was a questionable outcome in the minds of many Republicans. Be that as it may, Biden handily won the state of Virginia and as of just a couple of months ago, Terry McAuliffe was expected to easily win a second gubernatorial term in the Old Dominion.

Not only was a Democrat governor being readied to take the reins of power, but he could also count on democrat majorities in both chambers of the General Assembly to rubber stamp his far-left initiatives.

If Tuesday’s elections went as many in the establishment expected, the far-left wing policies implemented by Ralph Northam and McAuliffe himself four years before, would be put in high gear. This would mean further restrictions and red flag laws for gun owners and the tenants of Critical Race Theory being openly taught in all Virginia schools.

Here in Virginia’s New River Valley, two delegate races loomed large.

Marie March, a businesswoman from Floyd County, had wrested the Republican nomination for Virginia’s 7th House District from more established candidates and had wasted no time in campaigning hard for the seat. The 7th House District comprises all of Floyd County, about half of Montgomery County and most of Pulaski County.

Soon after gaining the nomination, March, with her trademark blond hair, red lipstick and cowboy hat, opened a campaign headquarters deep in the heart of Pulaski County.

March was running against Democrat Derek Kitts, a veteran who presented a moderate image, but kept to the Democrat party line in his policies. Whereas March was a firebrand who freely gave her opinion on any given topic, Kitts was more difficult to pin down. But he did clearly favor the idea of Critical Race Theory being established in Virginia Schools under the guise of “Equity.”

The 12th House District encompasses Blacksburg, Radford, all of Giles County and the Fairlawn area of Pulaski County and wasn’t thought to be in serious contention. Democrat Chris Hurst had first won the seat in 2017 and Jason Ballard, his Republican opponent had little name recognition outside of Pearisburg, where he serves as a member of the town council.

March was running for a seat that had been solidly Republican for many years, but she was not fa-



Delegate-Elect Marie March

vored or even supported by moderates in her own party. Even so, the Republicans expected to hold on to the 7th District, just as most of them expected to once again lose the 12th District.

Hurst, a TV newscaster originally from Philadelphia, first came into the public consciousness when his fiancé was murdered while giving a news report. Hurst, who was deeply affected by this violent

act, made restricting guns a major part of his legislative agenda and this proved to be especially appealing to those with a liberal bent in Blacksburg.

But Hurst was not untouchable. A few months back, he was caught driving under the influence and given what many believe was special treatment. That

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A Failure to Govern

John F. Kennedy said that “to govern is to choose.” The Democrats running Washington have had a hard time choosing lately. It should come as no surprise, then, that they have not done too well at governing, either.

Instead of addressing the pressing issues our country faces like historic inflation, record-breaking numbers of illegal immigrants crossing the border, soaring energy costs, and others, President Biden and congressional Democrats have debated among themselves which policies to choose for their big government reconciliation bill.

The President, Speaker Pelosi, and others routinely lavish this bill with adjectives such as “significant,” “historic,” and “transformative,” but the process of figuring out what would actually be in the bill has taken months. So far, the most historic thing about this process has been the incompetence with which it has been conducted.

Democrat majorities in the House and Senate adopted a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution enabling the reconciliation bill in August. Committees considered their portions of the bill in September. The committee I serve on, Energy and Commerce, worked on the reconciliation bill within its jurisdiction from September 13-15.

In the following month and a half, however, no reconciliation bill materialized. As factions among the Democrats squabbled, various provisions were reported to be in one day and out the next.

Finally, on October 28, a bill approaching 1,700 pages emerged. This product was thrown together not because Democrats had finally chosen what they would include

or omit, but because, as he likes to do, President Biden set an arbitrary date to get it done. He wanted something to tout during his trip to Europe, among other reasons.

Nevertheless, this product is illuminating, as it suggests the governing priorities of the Biden Administration and congressional Democrats.

Even as energy prices skyrocket, the natural gas tax remains in the reconciliation “framework” bill. It would drive up heating bills and costs for products made with natural gas such as plastics, hitting consumers in their wallets and endangering jobs. The natural gas tax aligns with other parts of this bill that seek to discourage domestic energy production.

Average American homeowners looking to heat their homes would be hurt by this bill, but aspiring owners of new electric vehicles get a handout. This tax break would let a family making as much as \$800,000 a year receive a \$12,500 check from the Federal Government to buy an electric vehicle costing as much as \$74,000. A friendly heads-up, though: a new low-end electric vehicle costs a few thousand dollars less than the median household income of Virginia’s Ninth Congressional District.

The Biden Administration proposal to give the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) more authority to pry into your individual bank account is not specifically included, but the agency does receive \$80 billion to hire more agents for audits.

Did the Democrats just forget about \$80 billion, or do they have other plans for the IRS?

It’s hard to imagine this much money being provided without ultimately giving the IRS more power. In any event, wealthy taxpayers are able to afford tax lawyers, but small businesses and middle-class taxpayers would be squeezed.

The bill omits the Hyde Amendment, a policy that since the 1970s has prevented federal taxpayer dollars from funding abortions. Democrats, including Joe Biden, had long accepted the Hyde Amendment, but apparently they can no longer abide this protection for the consciences of pro-life individuals or those who may support abortion but do not want to pay for it.

The 1,700-page reconciliation bill was assembled in a rushed and slapdash manner, and even Democrats talk about it as far from the final version. A widely anticipated last-minute manager’s amendment could total hundreds of pages and include many items not currently in the bill.

For example, a manager’s amendment could lift the cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductions. The SALT deduction primarily benefits wealthy individuals in expensive high-tax areas. Although it is not currently addressed in the reconciliation bill, Democrat supporters of this tax break for the rich seem confident it will be in the final version.

Nevertheless, if “to govern is to choose,” as President Kennedy said, Democrats have provided a rough draft of how they intend to govern. They’ve finally gotten around to choosing, and it’s in favor of empowering the Federal Government at the expense of individuals and imposing further burdens on American families.

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Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

John Adams -Patriot

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Education is currently a hot topic in Virginia. The COVID pandemic has enabled parents to realize some of the class room instruction their children have received, and they are not happy with the curriculum.

Because of the education debate, this week I was thinking back to my college years – not that long ago, since I finally graduated with an M.S. degree in Education in 2007. I chose an early American history class as an elective, thinking it would be enlightening to learn more about our Founding Fathers and America’s Christian foundations.

Boy, was I surprised and enlightened – but not in a positive way. I recall one particular instructor who frequently referred to our Founding Fathers as “r-r-r-i-ch white men” who profited by starting a war and later establishing a government that was racist and sexist.

That greatly offended me! I had been doing research about some of the Founders and knew that blanket statement didn’t apply. If influencers would only do the research from original documents, they would find many of the Founding Fathers were people just

like the average American citizen.

One particular patriot, John Adams, would be celebrating his 286th birthday on October 30th, this year; and I’m sure he would disagree with that instructor’s characterization.

John Adams, Founding Father, Congressman, foreign diplomat and second U.S. President, had been described by his colleagues as brilliant, fiercely independent, always honest; sparing nothing in his zeal for the American Revolution and passionate about his anti-slavery beliefs. Thomas Jefferson once described Adams as “the colossus of independence.”

But Adams career didn’t reflect those sentiments from the begin-

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Is Trump’s Grip on the GOP Weakening?

Republican politicians can be forgiven for thinking that the GOP is Trump’s world and they only live in it at his sufferance.

He not only survived Jan. 6 and his second impeachment -- he has thrived since.

Trump’s rallies are still remarkably well-attended, he is making progress in his project of killing the careers of Republicans who supported his impeachment, and big majorities of Republicans tell pollsters they want Trump to run for president again.

And yet, there are reasons to believe Trump’s dominance is exaggerated and that it is slowly degrading, such that by the time the 2024 Republican primaries roll around, he’ll be challengeable and beatable if he runs.

It’s not unusual for a former president to own his party until someone comes and takes it from him -- Bill Clinton prior to Barack Obama, for example.

What’s different is that parties typically aren’t kind to one-term presidents who lost their reelection bids, and generally former presidents aren’t so bent on exercising control over their parties once they vacate the White House.

Part of the reason Trump has clung to his fanciful stolen-election narrative is to avoid the stench of defeat of Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush. On top of this, Trump has an intact political operation that is paying a lot of attention to his potential endorsements and how they will or won’t enhance his own power.

This obviously makes Trump an important player, and maybe more. But there are indications of an undertow and factors that might increase it in the years ahead.

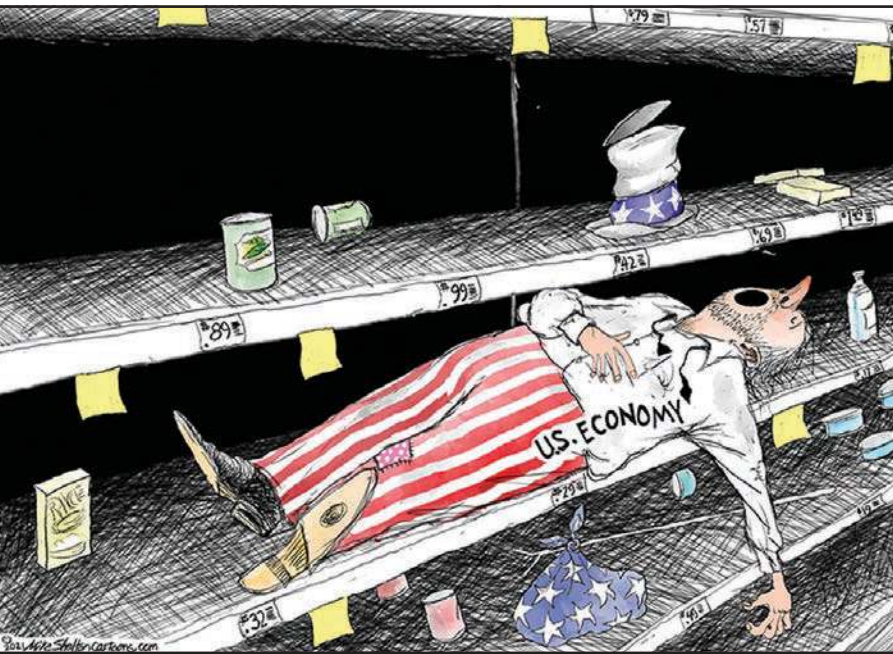
Trump’s media footprint is much reduced. Data from SocialFlow shows engagement with Trump stories plummeting in March of this year and it took another jag down in August and September.

As for Trump’s polling numbers, Republicans might tell pollsters they want him to run again as a way to stick a finger in the eye of the media or as a general statement of warm feelings toward him. Even if these findings are based on entirely forthcoming and sincere sentiments, wanting Trump to run is a threshold question that falls short of a commitment to vote for him two and a half years from now.

Trump presumably will be vulnerable to electability questions. He lost last fall in part because Biden outperformed Hillary Clinton among suburban voters and independents. Biden is alienating these voters, but there’s nothing to indicate that Trump has done anything since November 2020 to make himself less repellent to them.

GOP politicians have every reason to do what they can to keep Trump and his voters on board in the interest of a unified base in the run-up to the 2022 midterms. But if Republicans take Congress next year and are worried about keeping it in

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Youngkin’s Victory Goes Beyond Virginia

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

My how quickly things can change with the right message and the right messenger.

Glen Youngkin’s impressive victory over Democrat re-tread Terry McAuliffe in the race for Virginia Governor ought to be a reminder that kindness wins over name-calling and that issues are more important than personality.

Parents in Virginia saw the curtain pulled back on the indoctrination of values counter to their own in public schools. McAuliffe denied Critical Race Theory (CRT) was being taught in public schools, but a visit to the Virginia Department of Education web page shows three different instances in which it was promoted, including back in 2015 when McAuliffe was governor. The site also uses the term “white fragility” and references a presentation that encourages teachers to “embrace Critical Race Theory” in “order to re-engineer attitudes and belief systems.” The constant focus on race, class and division is wearing thin and it would appear, at least in Virginia, that many voters have tired of it.

Wall Street Journal columnist Holman Jenkins wrote it’s time for Democrats to “retire the white sheets.” Can we move on from divide and conquer in favor of promoting togetherness as Americans? In his victory speech that is what Youngkin did, speaking less about himself and more about his fellow Virginians and fellow Americans. Donald Trump take note.

Lt. Governor-elect Winsome Sears achieved historical success once before when in 2002 she became the first Black Republican woman elected to the House of Delegates, defeating a 20-year incumbent Democrat. Her victory is a slap in the face to those Democrats who are the real racists when they keep pitting us against each other. In social media posts and in campaign mailers, there was a photo of Sears carrying a rifle, apparently to demonstrate her support for the Second Amendment. This played well in rural Virginia.

It was a clean sweep for Republicans as they also took back the office of attorney general and flipped the House of Delegates from Democrat to a GOP majority. Suddenly all those claims that Virginia has turned irreversibly blue seemed to have been wishful thinking by Democrats and the media, which kept promoting it as a state lost forever to Republicans. Independents, who helped Joe Biden win the state by 10 points last year, moved in large numbers to Youngkin.

Vice President Kamala Harris, who made a videotargeting Virginia’s black church members, urging them to vote for McAuliffe, predicted before the election that results in Virginia would forecast what next year’s congressional races will look like, as well as the 2024 presidential contest. Republicans can only wish she has the gift of prophecy.

The New Jersey governor’s race is neck and neck at this writing, another shock to Democrats in a deeply blue state. And Minneapolis voters, apparently, took a sanity pill and refused to cancel their police department, despite millions of dollars that poured into the city from left-wing groups, most of them outside the city and state.

Youngkin perfectly positioned himself when it came to Trump and his supporters. He did not reject Trump’s endorsement, but neither did he dwell on it, or ask the former president to campaign for him. Those rural voters who voted for Trump appeared comfortable voting for Youngkin. Will that strategy work elsewhere? It might. A lot depends on whether Trump runs in 2024.

Youngkin and his administration will be judged on whether they are able to fulfill their promises, which is as it should be. Meanwhile for Virginia Republicans, happy days are here again, at least for now.

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put a dent in his fresh-faced image, but likely would not lose him his seat in the General Assembly.

What may well have lost Hurst his seat was when, on the day before the election, he and a female companion decided to drive around Radford and vandalize Jason Ballard’s campaign signs. In addition to looking like an immature jackass, Hurst was driving on a suspended license!

Suddenly, the 12th District was in play and some even began hinting at the possibility of the Republicans taking back control of the House of Delegates in the General Assembly.

With this in mind, March invited her supporters to join her on Election Night at Fat Back Soul Shack, a restaurant in Christiansburg owned by her and her husband, Jared.

By 8:30 Tuesday evening, Fat Back’s was packed with Republicans who lived and worked in the 7th District and, most importantly, offered their support for March’s upstart campaign.

By 10 p.m., it was clear that March was on her way to victory, as her two-to-one vote margin remained in place well after half the votes had been tallied. When the race was called by local TV news, the crowd at Fat Back’s erupted in spontaneous celebration.

Ballard, the attorney from Pearisburg with a distinguished military career, was given little chance of winning this time last year, but by midnight with 40 of 44 precincts reporting, it was clear Ballard would retain his 55% to 45% advantage over Hurst.

Andy McCready, Chairman of Pulaski County’s Republican Party who was at Tuesday night’s gathering at Fat Back’s, said it was all about turnout.

“After the Trump election last year, people realized that being involved in their government was critical,” said McCready. “People have decided that they cannot stay on the sidelines anymore.

They must get engaged and be working with their local leaders to win races and make a difference.”

The turnout for this election was unusually high, especially considering the weather, which was cold and rainy most all day long.

“That played directly into what you’ve been hearing,” McCready explained. “The Democrats lacked enthusiasm and the Republicans were burning up with enthusiasm. I actually had a lady tell me last week that her son told her she should vote early. She said, ‘Son, if I have a heart attack on election day, that ambulance will stop at the polling place, and I will vote before I go to the hospital.’”

The gubernatorial race had yet to be decided when March took some time to reflect on her victorious bid for office.

March lists her involvement with the struggles of small business versus an unwieldy and overly bureaucratic local government, as one of her main motivations to consider running for office. Then there was the trip she took to Washington D.C. with her father on January 6. They went to see the president speak and visit the Washington Monument and that’s what they did. They were definitely not among those who illegally entered the Capitol Building.

“Chris Hurst came out against me for doing that,” said March. “He defamed me and said I was

part of the insurrection, which I was not. When I saw a politician wield his power to go after a small business owner, I realized we’ve got big problems in Richmond. So that really caused me to decide that I was going to get involved.”

March, who was cautiously optimistic that she would win, said that realizing that she actually had won the seat felt “kind of surreal.”

That said, this political novice, who has only visited the city of Richmond on two occasions, plans to hit the ground running.

“I’m very excited and now begins the second phase, which is passing bills and getting folks on board with the legislation,” she said.

Some of her major priorities include repealing “Red Flag Laws,” which essentially allow a person to be stripped of his second amendment rights, if another party claims that person is a danger to himself or others. Moreover, March would like to see Virginia join the 21 other states in the Union which allow citizens “conceal carry” without having to pay for a permit or partake in onerous gun safety classes.

Another one of Marie March’s priorities includes the reform of Virginia’s education system. She is adamantly against the infiltration of Critical Race Theory into the curriculum of Virginia schools, and she is also a big proponent of school choice.

“It’s a very big deal to me,” said March. “I’m very much free market and school choice is how we can fix our schools right now. And not just that, school choice will also create entrepreneurialism. It’s going to be good on so many fronts. Private schools will pop up, homeschoolers will be able to get paid for homeschooling their kids, the voucher program will solve a lot of problems and it’s going to make public schools start working for us.”

It was late that evening before Fox News called the race for Glenn Youngkin and this resulted in yet another burst of celebratory whoops from those inside Fat Back Soul Shack.

By the end of the night, Virginia had entered into a new political reality. Marie March had won her seat with a 30-point margin and Jason Ballard had bested Hurst by a full ten percentage points.

This was a trend as the 2021 election resulted in the Virginia House of Delegates flipping from Democrat control to Republican domination.

Perhaps most significant of all, Republican Glenn Youngkin had won the governor’s race, along with Republican Winsome Sears, who won the Lieutenant Governor’s race and Republican Jason Miyares, who is set to become Virginia’s next Attorney General.

What had been a long cold slog for the Republican faithful, was now over. It had been over a decade since the formerly-Republican-dominated state of Virginia had a Republican as governor. The election of Tuesday, November 2 was nothing less than a Republican sweep, which serves as a clear signal that a new political era in the Old Dominion had now begun.

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ning. He was the eldest of three brothers and the son of a farmer. He thought of his father as his idol and stated that he was “the honestest man” he ever knew. Adams would look at his father’s honesty, independent spirit and love of country as lifelong inspirations. He deeply loved his mother and referred to her as “honored and beloved.” They were hard-working, frugal people and taught that lesson to their sons.

Adams’ early education started at home, reading the Bible and The New England Primer. However, when he attended a local school, he lost all interest in learning, was extremely sensitive to criticism and told his father he wanted to be a farmer. This attitude would continue until being tutored in math and science under John Winthrop at Harvard (Divinity) College where his parents wanted him to study as clergy. Adams disciplined himself to become a voracious reader, which would serve him well during the Revolution and early Congress.

His parents’ home was typical of a farmhouse of that era. With no central heat or air-conditioning, as our homes have, the summers would be brutally hot in the upstairs rooms and frigidly cold in the winter. Clouds of dust would blow through the open windows in the dry summer. Despite the inconveniences, friends, relatives and church members would frequently stop by; often staying for meals and the night.

The home’s furnishings were plain and included ordinary items such as several wooden chairs, a dining table, rope beds, a few books and a family Bible. The few silver or pewter spoons were considered family valuables. (Later, Adams’ wife, Abigale, would allow traveling Revolutionary soldiers to melt down the spoons in the fireplace to use as bullets.)

An interesting side-note that should make everyone grateful for automatic dishwashers, is that while at Harvard, Adams and the entire college dined together at the Commons. Each scholar had to bring his own fork and knife to meals. When the meal ended, the students would wipe clean their utensils on the table cloth. Oh, yuk! Makes you wonder how often they washed the table cloths?

After graduating from college,

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2024, they will be wary of once again needing candidates to run better than Trump in swing districts to keep their gavels.

Trump has an increasingly self-referential message. In 2016, he talked of fighting for his voters and hammered neglected issues of concern to them, foremost among them trade and immigration. Now, he urges those voters to fight for him based on the imperative of denying his loss, which is

Adams taught in a one-room schoolhouse. But by age 20, discontented with life, he determined that he would study law. In 1758, he completed law school and returned home to his parents’ farm. Adams’ wrote that his pleasures were family, farm, books and writing table, pipe and a cup of coffee...very common things that people enjoy today.

Fortunately for us, Adams path from humble beginnings led to a growing law practice in Boston and political affiliations there; and in Philadelphia where the first Continental Congress met. Adams was one of the Committee of Five, who drafted the Declaration of Independence.

While writing in his journal in January 1774, Adams admitted his apprehension by stating, “We have not men fit for the times. We are deficient in genius, education, travel, fortune – in everything. I feel un-utterable anxiety.”

The morning of July 1, 1776, Adams had written a lengthy letter to a colleague, stating “This morning is assigned the greatest debate of all. A declaration, that these colonies are free and independent states, has been reported by a committee some weeks ago for the purpose, and this day or tomorrow is to determine its fate. May Heaven prosper the newborn republic... The object is great which we have in view, and we must expect a great expense of blood to obtain it. But we should always remember that a free constitution of civil government cannot be purchased at too dear a rate, as there is nothing on this side of Jerusalem of equal importance to mankind.”

Upon signing the Declaration of Independence, Adams and his contemporaries knew that failure in their pursuit of independence would lead to financial ruin and death at the hands of the British hangman. These fourteen world-changing words, “We Mutually Pledge To Each Other Our Lives, Our Fortunes, And Our Sacred Honor,” penned on parchment paper, came out of the hearts of the Founding Fathers. Knowing the potential consequences, all fifty-six still signed the document dedicated to preserve and protect the freedoms they felt were God-given inalienable rights of all people.

While some of the Founders had established wealth, not all

came from wealthy families. Many, like John Adams, created wealth through diligently studying, working hard, persevering through difficult times, and relying on God’s help. It is reprehensible to suggest otherwise.

David McCullough has written an excellent history and character study in his book, “John Adams,” which is available in our local libraries.

Upcoming County Meetings

- Tuesday, November 9, 2021, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

- Tuesday, November 9, 2021, Clean Community Council, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 11:00 a.m. (Contact: Anthony Akers, Assistant County Administrator, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, Virginia, 24301, 540-980-7705, aakers@pulaskicounty.org). This committee is responsible for the oversight of community, roadside and property clean – ups.

- Thursday, November 11, 2021, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority billing office and the three convenience centers (Bagging Plant Road, Dublin; Dora Highway, Pulaski; and Mason Street, Fairlawn) will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021, in observance of Veterans Day. Garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

eventually, someone will put this to him directly, and it will land.

Perhaps if Trump decides to make the plunge in 2024, he will clear the field and sweep to his third consecutive GOP presidential nomination. His surface-level strength at the moment, though, might obscure a weakness that will tell over time.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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Dublin Town Offices will be closed Nov. 11 to observe Veterans Day.

November 6

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 to host BINGO

VFW Aux. Post 1184 will host quarter BINGO on Saturday, November 6, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the post home located on the corner of Dora Highway and Washington Ave., Pulaski. Everyone is welcome!

10th Annual One Stop Christmas Shoppe event to be held

The 10th Annual One Stop Christmas Shoppe event will be held November 6, 2021, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the New River Valley Fairgrounds, Dublin. Over 100 crafters and vendors will be there. Admission is \$1, proceeds to benefit PACC Rescue.

Dublin Community Church Prayer/Hymn Sing to be held

The Dublin Community Church and Hymn Sing will be held on Saturday, November 6, 5:30 p.m.

– 8 p.m. The event will be held at First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO, 409 Church St., Dublin Va. There will be refreshments and visiting following the service. Music will be presented by The Savage Sisters and the Glorylanders. All are invited and welcome.

November 9

Sons of Confederate Veterans and Stuart Horse Artillery Camp to meet

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

November 13

Warriors of Christ II to host event

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

December 4

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 to host BINGO

VFW Aux. Post 1184 will host quarter BINGO on Saturday, De-

Event to benefit Vittles for Vets

On Veterans Day, November 11, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. Eastern Divide Brewing in Blacksburg will host Charity Pint Night to benefit New River Valley non-profits and local groups.

For every drink sold, \$1 will be donated to the non-profit of the night. The non-profit of the night will be Vittles for Vets.

The mission of the Vittles for Vets is to empower those who have served the country honorably and have fallen on hard times to see a brighter future through the gift of nutritious food.

VFV vision is to further strengthen the program through a support system within the community and beyond. VFV strive to develop a strong chapter of Vittles for Vets that can be replicated in more areas to serve a large number of veterans in the state of Virginia and the United States. Eastern Divide Brewing is located at 3175 Commerce St., Blacksburg, Va. 540-577-6877.

VFVets is located at 7757 Walker Farms Drive, Radford, Va. 24141 or call 401-447-5912. Go to vittlesforvets@gmail.com <https://www.vittlesforvetsradfordva.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/vittlesforvetsradford/>

ember 4, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the post home located on the corner of Dora Highway and Washington Ave., Pulaski. Everyone is welcome!

\$38,000 coming to Calfee project

As Congress and the White House continue negotiations on a final spending bill, Sen. Mark R. Warner was able to secure \$38,000 for the Town of Pulaski to embed a shared-use, commercial kitchen incubator within the Calfee Community & Cultural Center. This kitchen will provide comprehensive products and services, allowing local food entrepreneurs to address nutritional needs within the community.

These federal dollars, which will come as part of the final budget legislation, will be reserved specifically for this project thanks to Sen. Warner's personal advocacy. A quote from the Senator is available below:

"While some of spending bill remains up in the air, I'm proud to have successfully secured nearly

\$40,000 in funding for essential kitchen equipment that will help expand opportunities at the center," said Sen. Warner. "Let's finalize this budget and get it to the President for his signature."

This year, the Senate revived a process that allows members of Congress to make Congressionally Directed Spending requests, otherwise known as earmarks. This process allows Congress to dedicate federal funding for specific projects, such as this one. These federal dollars will be on their way once the final appropriations bills are agreed upon by both the House and Senate and signed into law by **President Biden**.

Valeria Rivadeneira

Press Secretary

U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner (VA)

ONGOING:

VHM beginning Hispanic Service

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

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting);

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

American Flag Retirement Ceremony planned for Veterans Day in Dublin

Citizens of Pulaski County are invited to attend an American Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled for Veterans Day Thursday, November 11.

The event will be hosted at the large pavilion within Randolph Park beginning at 7:30 PM. Boy Scout Troop 249 from Pulaski will be the host for the event, and they will officially retire the flags following all military regulations and traditions.

According to Boy Scout project chairperson Damien Ledbetter, it is important that all old and damaged flags are retired with dignity and respect.

Flags to be retired may be dropped off at Ace Hardware in Dublin prior to November 9 or by calling Dan Grubb at 540-320-9224 to coordinate a pickup.

Free Veterans Day Concert November 13 and 14

The Pulaski Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be sponsor-participation a veteran's day concert for the Men and Women who have served and protected our Nation. A very special honorarium concert at 7 PM Saturday, November 13th and 3 PM Sunday 14th The concert will be at the Pulaski Theater west main street.

All present serving and discharged, military veterans are warmly invited to enjoy this concert. As well as citizens, family members, friends and any residents or visitors to our community. This is a special concert with entertainment provided by, The New River Valley Community Chorus. The Chorus will be presenting a very special program of songs of War and Peace.

David Boyd; Elks Exalted Ruler of the Pulaski Elks reminds the readers of this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the ambiance, the music, and see all the enhancements Mr. Bob McKinney has shepherded to the Pulaski Theater, hear the NRV Community Choir as conducted by Ms. Lynn Loftus.

Most of all, be there to help honor our community citizens who have served and are presently servicing to protect our great county. "A thank you to the troops is worth 10 extra miles on a forced march, A Well done energizes a seaman or guardsmen on an extended deployment, to the flyers and marines a pat on the shoulder helps them push through a mission, and to all who make it home the sound of applause as they stand in recognition is a welcomed payment for their courage and for their service. "Every day should be Veterans Day."

I hope to see my fellow citizens at the theater, hear your applause to honor our GI's, and thank you for your support.

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musicians and chorus members for their faithfulness and love for music. “There has always been good sacred music, some secular, and we also branched out to Broadway musicals. The community has given the chorus great reviews throughout the years,” Loftus explained.

This year, several well-known artists will be performing along with the 25-member chorus.

“There are lots of great musicians, people and entities involved in this year’s show and we are drawing participants from a wide area,” said Loftus. “Some of them are coming from Ironton, Roanoke, Wytheville, Giles and of course, Pulaski – all for the love of music and performing before an appreciative audience.”

RU Graphic Arts Professor Ken Smith has given permission to use four of his beautiful paintings to be displayed in the theater, which are going to add a very special dimension to this anthology of song from the Revolution through Vietnam.

Because of this year’s theme, “Songs of War and Peace,” there is an emphasis on veterans and their contributions to America. As an acknowledgement of appreciation for their service, the Pulaski Elks Lodge #1067 will be giving pins to all Veterans in attendance and have invited all veterans to be present during at least one of the performances.

Loftus began developing the production and dialogue two-and-a-half years ago while doing research.

“I can’t explain inspiration, but it just came to me while researching the history behind the songs of war and peace. We have veterans in the choir who helped provide accurate historic details and dates. The production was ready to go in May 2020, but the world stopped in March because of COVID. We kept in touch and got together in April 2021, but it wasn’t until this September that we started rehearsing in earnest. Dublin United Methodist Church has been very generous in allowing us to use their facility for rehearsals.”

The Community Chorus began when RU History professor Harold Mann founded it in 1970. Mann was a music lover and saw a need in the community to share his appreciation for good music. “No one knows the correct history, and everyone who knew is now dead,” quips Loftus.

But the spirit of music lives on.

“If my intuition is correct, this one may top all the ones the chorus has done before. The people are all amateurs - not professionals, just regular people. To see them share my vision for 31 years is heartwarming. They are the biggest bunch of over-achievers I’ve ever seen,” Loftus says with a warm smile.

The community is invited to attend the New River Valley Community Chorus’ production of “War and Peace.” It is sure to be a life-changing event.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to cover the operational expenses of the chorus.



Rosie the Riveter and friends: (L-R) Ruth Rosborough, Patsy Weaver, Sharon Gilbert (Rosie) and Katherine Birchfield (Revolutionary War costume)



JoAnn Davidson and Barry Long in Civil War costumes.



NRV Community Chorus piano accompanist for 25 years, Judith Lanum and NRV Community Chorus director Lynn Loftus.



Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy scene: (L-R) Pam Kirkner, Mardia Long, Kim Harriman. Bugle Boy is Kevin Fowler, PCHS Band Director.



Characters in costumes depicting the years 1812 - WWII: (L – R) Dan Gordon, Howard Congdon, J.D. Hansard, C.R. Conner (in the Green Barret).

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Delivering fudge to veterans on Veterans Day

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

By day, Robin Burdette's job is in cybersecurity, but after work hours in her hometown, she is affectionately known as "The Fudge Lady."

Burdette leads an RDTE cybersecurity team as a contractor for the Department of Defense. RDTE is an acronym for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.

"Fudge is way more fun," Burdett explains with a smile. "My granny was my inspiration. She made fudge on her kitchen stove, so I wanted to carry on some of the same traditions. She was the most positive, energetic person I knew and loved to make candy and fudge, especially peanutbutter flavor fudge." Making fudge was her love-language.

Not only is Burdette carrying on her granny's traditional love for fudge, but she also conveys a positive, energetic persona that inspires others. Again, this year, with the help of many volunteers, the Fudge Lady will be donating a one-half-pound box of fudge to every Veteran whose name is submitted to receive the gift of fudge. The Veterans' fudge boxes are dressed up with a blue ribbon and gift tags with the message, "Honoring all Who Served."

Burdett says Veterans have a special place in her life and believes it is important to celebrate Veterans in all communities. As a former active-duty Navy, and later in civil service for the Army, Burdette says, "I believe Veterans should be celebrated as they are important to the community. Veterans tend to come out of service and still serve in their communities. They become our nurses, teachers, doctors, police officers, firefighters, etc."

Beginning five years ago, The Fudge Lady had personally delivered fudge to veterans she knew, driving all day long to complete the deliveries on Veter-

ans Day. Then three years ago, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office offered to help with the deliveries. She started out delivering about 140 boxes of fudge to veterans, but the demand has expanded to 400 this year.

"This year our veterans' delivery areas are from Roanoke to Grayson County including Giles, Montgomery, Salem, Radford, Carroll, Wythe and Galax. State police, sheriffs, fire and rescue teams have volunteered to deliver the fudge. I've come up with a route, using a routing software, which requires volunteers to only drive about an hour-long route," explains Burdette.

Since the deliveries are scattered over such a large area this year, Blue Ridge Church, located at 1655 Roanoke St., Christiansburg has volunteered to help sponsor and fund some of the expense. They will be hosting a breakfast for volunteers at 9:30 a.m. on November 11th catered by Chef Loren Hunter.

Originally from Shawsville in Montgomery County, Burdette and her daughter Abbi relocated to Pulaski County so her daughter could attend Snowville Elementary School, a National Blue Ribbon School Award recipient.

Just as many other students, her daughter was struggling with reading. "Pulaski County School System has been phenomenal for my daughter, who is now an A-student and a junior at Pulaski County High School," she said, noting PCHS has a Cybersecurity curriculum and holds summer camps in cybersecurity for students. Burdette has presented to the students at the cyber camps.

The Blue Ridge Fudge Lady started out making 100 pounds of fudge a week and is now producing 100 pounds of fudge per day. There are 40 delicious flavors of fudge, but some are only offered seasonally. With a team of four employees, they ship fudge all over the country.

Her store was in downtown Pulaski on Main Street, but when COVID hit, they regrouped. She

still supplies fudge at the Thee Draper Village location and more recently opened a location in the Village Oaks Shopping Center off Peppers Ferry Drive in Radford.

When asked about why she thinks her business has been so successful, Burdette explains, "I think it is the positivity and community spirit that has definitely made us successful. And a willingness to help other business owners. Pulaski County is striving to create positivity. In a time of negativity, it is the right thing to do."

If people are interested in nominating a Veteran or volunteering to help deliver fudge to Veterans on Thursday, November 11th (Veterans Day), they can contact The Blue Ridge Fudge Lady at her facebook page or call: 866.953.5378.

Additional ways to contact Blue Ridge Fudge Lady:

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Claytor drawdown begins for shoreline maintenance

ROANOKE - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved a temporary lowering of water levels at Appalachian Power's Claytor Hydroelectric Project in southwest Virginia. Appalachian, in cooperation with the Friends of Claytor Lake and Pulaski County, requested the drawdown to provide lakeside property owners an opportunity to perform shoreline construction and maintenance activities.

The drawdown began Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m. The Claytor reservoir was lowered approximately 1.6 feet per day until it reaches an elevation of 1841 feet—or five feet below the normal full pond level of 1846. Appalachian Power expects to reach the drawdown elevation the morning of Saturday, Nov. 6. Refilling of the reservoir is expected to begin the evening of Sunday, Nov. 14. The lake should return to full pond by Friday, Nov. 19, at 10 p.m., or sooner depending on inflow.

FERC requires the drawdown plan include mitigation of negative effects on mussels living in the lake. Shoreline workers and volunteers are asked to gently toss stranded mussels into the water and document their work. Vegetation removal from within the Project boundary is not allowed unless prior approval has been obtained from Appalachian. Other shoreline construction of stabilization projects could require approval from Appalachian, Pulaski County or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Information about shoreline permits or the application process can be obtained by calling (540) 489-2556 or by visiting the Claytor Project website at <http://www.claytorhydro.com/shoreline.aspx>.

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Cougars face Demons with playoffs on line

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County closes out its 2021 regular season this Friday night when it hosts Christiansburg at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium.

The Cougars (4-5, 2-3) are holding on to the slimmest of playoff hopes as the Blue Demons roll into town.

The top eight teams in each region qualify for the Virginia High School League Playoffs, and currently the Cougars are on the outside looking in.

Pulaski County sits in ninth place in the region after last week's loss to Patrick Henry with a 21.00 rating.

Just ahead in the eighth and final playoff spot is Amherst County at 21.50.

Amherst has a tough finale on Friday against Heritage (Lynchburg) of the Seminole District. The Pioneers (7-2) are currently ranked No. 2 in Region 3C behind powerful and undefeated Liberty Christian Academy.

One would think Amherst is a big underdog in that contest, which might bode well for the Cougars.

With only half a ratings point standing in the Cougars' way, a Pulaski County win coupled with an Amherst loss might be enough to put the Cougars in the playoffs.

"I'm not sure, but I would think if we won and they (Amherst) lost we would be in," Cougar Head Coach Mark Dixon



Trevor Burton leaves a Patriot behind during last Friday's game against Patrick Henry. Burton led the Cougars with 138 yards rushing on 21 carries.

said earlier this week.

"I think it would come down to rider points. How the teams we beat finish up," said PCHS Athletic Director Scott Vest.

If the Cougars win Friday night and Amherst does indeed

lose, someone will have to do the math to see if Pulaski County can squeak into postseason play.

First, though, the Cougars have to take care of business by beating Christiansburg.

That won't be easy.

The Blue Demons improved last Friday to 8-1 on the season by whipping the Cave Spring Knights, 37-14 behind the rushing of senior Stephan Myrthil (155 yards) and Kenyon Johnson-Buchannon (115 yards).

Antonio Nottingham/The Patriot

Christiansburg's defense limited Cave to just 151 total yards of offense with only 21 of that on the ground, while the Blue Demons rolled up 314.

Prior to last week's win, the Blue Demons the week before beat up on Patrick Henry, 37-14.

Christiansburg is led at quarterback by Casey Graham, but the Blue Demons do most of their damage on the ground.

Against those same Patriots last Friday night, Pulaski County took it on the chin, losing 42-13.

The Cougars were without the services of starting quarterback Chris Gallimore and opted for most of the game to go with a "wildcat" offensive formation with different Cougars taking direct snaps from center.

Freshman Johnny Anderson did see action during the game, completing one of six pass attempts for 20 yards and throwing one interception.

John Lyman and Trevor Burton led the Cougars' attack. Lyman rushed 34 times for 136 yards, while Burton carried 21 times for 138.

According to Dixon, Gallimore will be back for this week's game.

Senior Keyontae Kennedy added 31 more yards on three carries.

Kennedy and Lyman each caught a pass in the effort.

The Patriots rolled to a 35-0 lead at halftime before the Cougars got on the board midway

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Radford falls to Glenvar on last play of game

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

Radford visited Glenvar Friday night with the Three Rivers District title on the line. As usual for this match up the game had changes of momentum and last second plays that decided the game. The Bobcats failed to capitalize on Glenvar mistakes by making their own mistakes.

Radford took the opening kick and on the first play from scrimmage Tyrel Dobson was stripped of the ball and Glenvar took over on the Bobcat 34 yard line. The Bobcats turned it back around when Elliot Grayson intercepted the Glenvar pass on their second play. Radford gained a

first down, then Marcell Baylor threw his first of three interceptions giving the Highlanders the ball near mid-field. Radford held and forced a punt where the Bobcats took over on the 12 yard line. On 3rd and 9, Baylor dropped back, saw no open receivers, so he tucked the ball and out ran the Glenvar defense for an 87 yard TD run. Vance Steele hit the extra point giving the Bobcats the early lead.

Glenvar QB Aiden Wolk had a tough night passing against the athletic Bobcats. After an offensive penalty, Dobson intercepted Wolk and returned the ball to the Glenvar 13 yard line. An 11 yard pass from Baylor to Darius

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Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

Parker Prioleau makes a critical tackle to stop the Glenvar runner from scoring.

NASCAR crown up for grabs Sunday

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR's championship has come down to a pair of Hall of Fame team owners, two Chevrolets against two Toyotas, racing in the Arizona desert for the sport's top prize.

Rick Hendrick, the winningest

team owner in NASCAR history, is sending Kyle Larson and reigning Cup champion Chase Elliott to Phoenix Raceway on Sunday in search of a 14th title for mighty Hendrick Motorsports.

Joe Gibbs, a member of both the NASCAR and Pro Football Hall

of Fames, will counter with Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. Gibbs has won five previous Cup championships (and three Super Bowls) but none with Hamlin or Truex.

It is a winner-take-all conclusion at sold-out Phoenix, where Elliott's victory a year ago clinched the first Cup championship for NASCAR's most popular driver. Hendrick will be the favorite behind nine-race winner Larson and its on-track domination this season: Alex Bowman's win Sunday at Martinsville Speedway was the fourth in a row for Hendrick and 16th through 35 races.

But Bowman's win triggered tension that should carry through the week and into Sunday's finale. Hamlin, a Virginia native and five-time Martinsville winner, was spun from the lead by Bowman to the surprise pleasure of what should have been Hamlin's home crowd.

When he later drove his car to the frontstretch to prevent a Bowman victory celebration — Hamlin flipped both middle fingers at Bowman through his windshield — the crowd drowned out his interview over the public address system with resounding boos.

Hamlin blamed the backlash on NASCAR's most popular driver.

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Public Hearing Regarding Budget Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate grant funds to special grant account:

Revenue	Appropriation
From: VDOT	To: Main Street Sixth Street Improvements \$368,841.00
From: VDOT	To: Main Street North Improvements \$442,281.00
From: Va. Resource Authority For VA Dept of Health	To: Brookmont Water Project \$3,102,734.00

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

A copy of the proposed budget amendments are available for public review in the Town Manager’s Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Cougars

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through the third quarter when Kennedy scored on a 7-yard run. Nathan Pratt added the point after to make it 35-7.

The Cougars scored again early in the fourth when Lyman scored from one yard out. The PAT was no good and the score stood at 35-13.

Moments later PH scored on a 39-yard pass play to close out the scoring for the 42-13 win.

Friday night's game begins at 7 p.m.

Veterans Get In Free!

Pulaski County Public Schools will be recognizing local veterans Friday night by allowing veterans into the game free of charge with a valid military ID (military ID, veteran's ID card, or DD 214).

The PCHS Advanced Concert Choir will also be performing a medley of songs to honor all veterans in attendance.

"We look forward to recognizing these heroes," commented Vest.

Radford

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Wesley-Brubeck got the ball to the 2. After a QB sneak, Dobbins plunged in from 1 yard out to make the score 14-0 with 4:56 left in the first quarter.

Glenvar answered Radford in the second quarter. The Highlanders gained yards with runs from Kyle Hanks. They finished the drive with a 20 yard pass from Wolk to Dagan Williams. The Bobcats threw their second interception of the game when Landen Clark tried to hit Wesley-Brubeck across the middle. Again, the Highlanders ran behind Hanks to drive the ball down the field. Hanks scored on third and goal from the 3 yard line to tie the game at 14.

The Highlanders recovered their onside kick to try to take the lead before the half, but Radford



Trevor Gallimore stretches to bring down a Patriot ball carrier.

Antonio Nottingham/The Patriot

ended their drive when Clark intercepted a Wolk pass at the 14 yard line. Both teams exchanged possessions before time ran out in the half. The score at half time reflected how even the game had been. Radford had 128 yards to Glenvar's 152. Both teams had 3 turnovers.

Both teams failed to sustain scoring drives in the third quarter. Glenvar's starting QB was knocked out of the game on a running play and freshman backup QB Eli Taylor took over leading the Highlanders. On his second drive, Taylor handed the ball to Jackson Swanson who was able to break off several long runs getting Glenvar deep into Radford territory. The Bobcats held forcing Glenvar to a field goal where Carl Muse connected from 20 yards

out giving Glenvar their first lead of the game with 1:50 left in the game.

Glenvar kicked the ball out of bounds so Radford made them re-kick. The second kick found open space forcing the Bobcats to field it deep and return it to the 22 yard line. David Woodward took the first hand off and ran 19 yards to the 39. Baylor hit Grayson on the sideline for 6 yards. On second down, Baylor tucked the ball and took off down the left sideline and out ran the Glenvar defenders to score on a 53 yard run giving Radford the lead 21-17 with 1:02 left.

The backup QB Taylor started their drive at their 35 yard line. Radford covered the deep passing zones so Taylor continued to connect on the short routes guiding the Highlanders down the field. Hanks added a couple of short runs and the Highlanders were first and goal at the 10 yard line with 4 seconds left. With three receivers

right, Taylor lobbed a pass to the right side of the field where Radford's Grayson positioned himself for the interception. The ball went through his hands and bounced off his helmet up where Glenvar's Williams grabbed it and fell to the ground for the game winning TD. Taylor was 5-7 on that final drive.

It was a heartbreaking loss for Radford. The difference in the game was turnovers. Radford threw 4 interceptions and had 1 fumble. Radford finished the game with 256 yards to Glenvar's 336. Baylor led Radford with 10 runs for 190 yards and 2 TDs. Hanks led Glenvar with 119 yards on 34 carries.

Glenvar likely will finish first in Region 2C and Radford will likely remain third. Radford will finish their regular season this Friday on the road at James River. A win will clinch second place in the Three Rivers District and a third seed in Region 2C.

Time for Hamlin to put up or shut up

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It's time to put up or shut up, Denny Hamlin.

Long recognized alongside Mark Martin as the greatest NASCAR driver to never win a championship, Hamlin gets a fifth try Sunday to at long last grab that elusive Cup Series title.

He finished last in the final four in 2019 and 2020, the year he won eight races and should have been the favorite in the championship round. He ended up third in 2014, the first year of the winner-take-all format, when a botched call not to pit for fresh tires when he was leading cost him the title.

And nobody has forgotten Hamlin's 2010 collapse, when he dominated the penultimate race of the season and had Jimmie Johnson on the ropes until a late fuel stop cost him the win.

Johnson sliced Hamlin's points lead by more than half to 15 points that day, but more importantly he stripped Hamlin of his confidence headed into the finale. Hamlin's legs were shaking under the table during the championship contenders news conference, he was mediocre in practice, qualified a horrific 37th and seemed distant and lost all weekend. When Hamlin spun in the early laps of the race, it sealed Johnson's record

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Divide

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that runs toward the Pacific Ocean and that runs toward the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans and the Gulf of Mexico. I once went on a bus tour out of Denver across the Rockies to Boulder, Colorado. This was in July and it snowed on top of the divide that day.

The geology instructors on the field trip pointed out to our class where to find fossils near the mined-out area of Coal Bank Hollow near Blacksburg. They also related how fossils could also be found atop Peter's Mountain we could see in the distance. I was somewhat taken back as they related how the top of the Peter's Mtn had once been the floor of a valley millions of years ago but had eroded down to leave the more resistant sandstone. I had been inclined to possibly major in geology and a fellow worker I had worked at the Celanese plant had encouraged me to do so emphasizing that I was the outdoor type of person. This however, went against my beliefs from the Biblical perspective as the earth is about 6000 years old and did not evolve around four and a half billion years ago.

Genesis 7:20 states that a universal flood covered the highest mountains 22.5 feet (fifteen cubits). Fossil remains from billions of plants and animals are found today in the earth's crust. Also, although God did destroy the earth with water, he still shows as the Divine Creator he has control over the earth's geographical features such as overland flows of the waters after the flood. Proverbs 21:1KJV states, "The king's heart is in the had of the Lord, as the rivers of waters: he turneth it whiter-soever he will." The hydrologic cycle where water passes from a vapor in the atmosphere through precipitation upon land or water surfaces back into the atmosphere as the result of evaporation and transpiration points to a divine power in control. He (God) also allows whomsoever he wills to be an elected ruler. Sometimes, the ones elected may not be the one wished for but as the one many deserve much like the children of Israel were subjected to evil rulers for their many transgressions.

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NASCAR

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“It’s just Chase Elliott fans, man. They don’t think straightly,” Hamlin said of the crowd.

Elliott, the first driver in at least a decade to go toe-to-toe and door-to-door with Kevin Harvick and come out on top, laughed at Hamlin’s verbal jab.

“I’m going to lose so much sleep tonight. I might not sleep at all, that’s how concerned I am,” Elliott said. “My fans don’t care either, by the way.”

This championship is Hendrick vs. Gibbs in head-to-head competition, but four drivers will be individually racing for NASCAR’s top prize. Hamlin, loser in three previous championship battles, took an aggressive approach as soon as Bowman tried to celebrate a Martinsville victory Hamlin felt had been taken from him.

“Don’t poke the bear,” Hamlin posted on social media after Martinsville. “See y’all in Phoenix.”

Hamlin led the Cup standings for 22 consecutive weeks but lost the regular-season championship to Larson over the final three weeks. Larson has dominated the year — he accounts for nine of the 17 wins among the final four drivers — but the elimination format playoffs that NASCAR introduced in 2014 has made the actual championship winner a crapshoot.

It’s one thing to make it into the 16-driver playoff field. But getting to the championship, through three rounds of elimination followed by a 10th race finale, is a chore that allows for very little error. Then winning the Cup? Just be the best Sunday at Phoenix.

Hamlin agrees with the composition of the final four but also noted a different title format might have created a dramatic battle between good friends Hamlin and Larson. Instead, both could lose in Phoenix.

“I’ve said for many, many weeks now that it would be a disservice if someone other than the two of us didn’t win. He’s obviously probably the most deserving over the course of the year that he’s had from start to finish,” Hamlin said. “The format, you just never know. It’s the best four that you could possibly put in that race. I think all of (us) would be deserving champions, obviously Kyle would make the most sense.”

Larson was given a second chance this year in the Cup Series by Rick Hendrick when NASCAR lifted Larson’s 2020 suspension for using a racial slur while racing online. His win in the \$1 million exhibition All-Star race sent Larson to victory lane 10 times this year, and he twice strung together three-race winning streaks.

And it was Larson in May who celebrated the record-breaking 269th Cup victory — in Hendrick’s backyard of Charlotte Motor Speedway, no less — that pushed Rick Hendrick past Richard Petty as the winningest owner in sport history.

It’s overshadowed Elliott’s championship season, but he was a late bloomer last season, when he ended Hendrick’s three-year losing shutout from the championship race. As seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson drove his final NASCAR races, Elliott stepped up for Hendrick and won three of the final five races for his first Cup.

Larson has been the star, but Elliott has remained in the mix. He’s won two races, both on road courses, but had a monthlong spat with Harvick during the playoffs. Elliott held his ground both on the track and off and now will race to

defend his title.

“Certainly hasn’t been pretty. At the end of the day, having a shot next week is really all that matters,” Elliott said. “Frankly, I feel like you make it to Phoenix, it’s anybody’s game.”

Truex, who quietly had collected four wins this season, drove a battered car at Martinsville into the fourth and final slot in the playoff field. Just making it through the round of eight, which was cut to four Sunday, was a win for Truex.

“It’s the eight best guys of the year trying to whittle it down to four. You know it’s going to be tight, close, every spot is going to matter,” Truex said. “You come down to Martinsville, you know it’s going to be a nail-biter, which it was.

“Next week it’s an honor and pleasure to get to race for championships. Only four of us get to do it. It’s a fun week. It’s definitely a lot less pressure than trying to go eight to four.”

No dominant ACC team equals nailbiters

By JOHN KEKIS
AP Sports Writer

It seems parity has arrived in the Atlantic Coast Conference — just look no further than the results on the scoreboards.

Nailbiters have become commonplace with Clemson in a down year and no truly dominant team. Even unbeaten Wake Forest has had its moments.

Of the 35 conference games played so far, 17 have been decided by one possession (8 points or fewer), the most of any conference. Including nonconference matchups, the figure jumps to 32, and half have been by three points or fewer.

The ACC had three ranked teams in the preseason AP poll — Clemson (No. 3), North Carolina (No. 10), and Miami (No. 14). Now there is one, No. 10 Wake Forest (8-0, 5-0 ACC). The combined records of Clemson, UNC and Miami now: 13-11 overall, 9-7 in the ACC.

The fall of Clemson (5-3, 4-2) has been the biggest surprise. The Tigers, who started 2021 with a 10-3 loss to current No. 1 Georgia, entered the season with just seven losses in six years. They still have a staunch defense that has allowed them to prevail in close games — four ACC wins by a combined 25 points — but an underperforming offense that’s averaging just 21.3 points, the worst in the conference.

“Yeah, on any given day, somebody can be the best team that day,” Syracuse defensive lineman Cody Roscoe said. “There’s no powerhouse, no key team that’s just beating up on everybody. Everybody’s on an even playing field, so whoever prepares best that week and comes to play the hardest that day is going to be the winner.”

Syracuse (5-4, 2-3) finally snapped a string of five straight games decided by five points or fewer when it broke open a tight game against Boston College last Saturday with a 21-point surge in the third quarter after the Eagles led 3-0 at halftime. That five-game Orange streak included three straight conference losses by three points and three straight games decided on the final play. One of the setbacks was to the Demon Deacons — 40-37 in overtime.

“We know every game’s going to be a dogfight,” Roscoe said. “Honestly, I feel like that with the ACC right now a lot of things are evening out. Everybody’s good



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Ground Toyota, reacts after the NASCAR Cup Series Xfinity 500 at Martinsville Speedway on October 31, 2021 in Martinsville, Virginia. (Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images)

every day. Every game is a competitive game.”

The standings reflect that. Just six teams have winning records and five are at .500, leaving three below .500, all with 3-5 records. In conference play, five teams have winning records, three are at .500 (4-4), three at 2-3, one at 2-4, and Boston College and Duke are 0-4.

“I would say parity,” Virginia Tech coach Justin Fuente said. “I just know we all have our is-

uess, basically. If you go look at teams across our league, there’s strengths with all of them and there’s weaknesses with all of them. So I think there’s different matchup issues that rear its head from week to week that maybe cause some unexpected results, and there’s certain strengths that maybe overpower those weaknesses. I just don’t know that there’s anybody that’s a lot better than everyone else.”

Pittsburgh found that out on

Saturday at home against Miami. The high-scoring Panthers were 6-1 and ranked No. 17, unbeaten in three conference games, and atop the Coastal Division. They’re still tops in the division, but they lost 34-30 to the Hurricanes and fell out of the Top 25. And Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi thought that 44-41 home loss to Western Michigan in mid-September was a faded memory that


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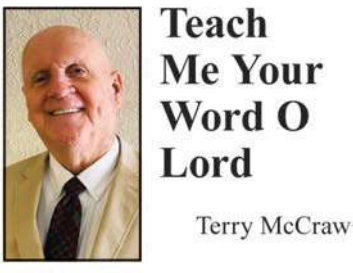
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With the pressure of his hands and fingers, the Potter forms, from the lump of clay, a vessel, such as a vase, urn, bowl, cup, plate, or some other piece of pottery. The potter sometimes puts color into the mix and make all kinds of attractive designs on the vessel. After the clay vessel is formed, it is heated in an oven harden it.

In or around every Potter's House there is a potsherd pile. It contains broken fragments of pottery that were flawed and could not be repaired by human efforts.

God however, is able to take a broken life and put it back together again. Let me give you a nursery rhyme with one additional change added to it to make it tie in with today's subject. "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall; Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's horses and all the king's men, could never put Humpty Dumpty back together again. But God can!

Some may look at their lives and see a lot of brokenness. Going to sleep at night is difficult and they lie awake and weep because of their brokenness. They lay there, bruised and broken with no remedy in sight. Their hope is gone. Their dreams have vanished. Their Wounds are deep and they are overcome with Grief. Their lives have been shattered and cannot be mended. What to do eludes them.

I say to those who are experiencing life's brokenness, that there is One they can turn to, who fixes broken vessels. There is One who can light up their lives again and give them hope. There is a God in heaven who can mend them and make them every whit whole again. He can fix any broken vessel. He does it by re-creating them. There is no need for anyone to end in the potsherd pile. All that needs to be done is to surrender their lives completely to the Master Potter. And He will take that broken life and turn it into a brand new life in Christ Jesus.

God gives hope to the hopeless and help to the helpless. He can take a broken life and transform it into a life that has both value and purpose. He can make a person whose life's struggles have wounded them, and make them whole again.

"But now, O LORD, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

Each vessel is made for by God, the Potter, for a purpose. To be useful to Him and to bring Him glory.

God may not intend for you to be a pastor or a preacher but he does have a plan and a purpose for your life. And if you walk after the Spirit, and seek God's face, He'll reveal it to you, so that you can be all that He wants you to be, in the place where He has placed you.

In this example, the Potter

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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
Hispanic Lay Pastor: Sebastian Ruiz
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Hispanic Worship: 11:00AM
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org website: www.fumcpulask.org
FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00am

Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street
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

Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Michael S. Jones
Sunday
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
(540) 980-4731
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084
Shawn Burchett, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Wednesday Evening Life
Building Service 7:00 PM
www.rolcdublin.com 540-674-4500

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases
Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.

Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin
Pastor Mike Pierce
Service Times:
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;
Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
Facebook.com/
HeritageChurchDublinVA

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 577
424 East Main Street
Pastor Don Shelor
(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)

2755 Old Baltimore Road,
Draper, VA 24324
Senior Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Davis
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
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

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
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.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry
Facebook.com/
Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

Grace Ministries

Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
Church: 540-980-2118
Cell: 276-233-8083
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972
www.pulaskigracemin.com
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com
Pastor Mike Williams
Children's Ministry
Aaron & Becky Sampson
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
Ages 5-12
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Jim Linkous
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road
P.O. Box 1330
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Richard R. Goad, Jr.
Senior Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Minister:
The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

Max Creek Baptist Church
3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

Pulaski Church of God
1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

Showers of Blessing Church of God in Christ
305 Newbern Road, Dublin
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Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church
1607 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,
(540) 250-2974
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist
1946 Medallion Drive
Pulaski, VA 24301
(540) 980-1349
Pastor Jim Goddard
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church
220 Magazine Street
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)
975 Memorial Drive
Pulaski, VA 24301
Office Phone:980-2631
Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org
Website: www.pulaskipca.org
Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess
Sunday School: 10:00am
Worship Service: 11:00am

Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship
6598 Annie Akers Road
Radford, VA 24141
(540) 639-3443
Pastor Steve Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm
Wednesday Night
Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm

New Hope Chapel
1555 Case Knife Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080

Pastor Gray and congregation invite you to
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Service Times:
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Family Worship Center First Pentecostal Holiness
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
540-980-7287
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor
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Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 7 pm
Bible Classes all ages
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New Life Church of the Nazarene
45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church
2640 Max Creek Road
P.O. Box 326
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
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

Warriors for Christ II
Bishop Sherman Buckner
600 Skyline Circle
Pulaski, VA
540-315-2317
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
325 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, Va.
Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske
Phone: 980-6565
fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Amazing Grace Ministries
4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
(540) 250-3741
ttgarwood674@gmail.com

McCraw

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represents God and the vessel
represents those whom God
molds and makes, so that He
might use them for His purposes.

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From Leviticus 24’s rules for restitution, what other body part is mentioned besides “eye for an eye”? Nose, Tooth, Finger, Toe
- The Lord sent Jeremiah to the house of what type of tradesman? Carpenter, Shopkeeper, Tailor, Potter
- In Acts 5, how were the apostles released from prison? Broke out, Walls caved, Freed by an angel, Triumphantly
- What did James say is “set on fire of hell”? Adulterer, Tongue, Ribald, Unfathered
- From Matthew 8, whose mother-in-law did Jesus heal? Elijah, Solomon, Daniel, Peter

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Tooth (for a tooth); 3) Potter; 4) Freed by an angel; 5) Tongue; 6) Peter

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U.S. to pay \$88 million to victims, families of S.C. church massacre

WASHINGTON (AP) — Families of nine victims killed in a racist attack at a Black South Carolina church have reached a settlement with the Justice Department over a faulty background check that allowed Dylann Roof to purchase the gun he used in the 2015 massacre.

The Justice Department will pay \$88 million, which includes \$63 million for the families of the nine people killed and \$25 million for five survivors who were inside the church at the time of the shooting, it was announced Thursday.

Bakari Sellers, an attorney who helped broker the agreement, told The Associated Press the “88” figure was purposeful. It’s a number typically associated with white supremacy and the number of bullets Roof said he had taken with him to the attack. “We’ve given a big ‘F you’ to white supremacy and racism,” Sellers told the AP. “We’re doing that by building generational wealth in these Black communities, from one of the most horrific race crimes in the country.”

According to the Justice Department, settlements for the families of those killed range from \$6 million to \$7.5 million per claimant. Survivors’ settlements are \$5 million per claimant.

Months before the June 17, 2015 church shooting, Roof was arrested on Feb. 28 by Columbia, South Carolina police on the drug possession charge. But a series of clerical errors and missteps allowed Roof to buy the handgun he later used in the massacre.

The errors included wrongly listing the sheriff’s office as the arresting agency in the drug case, according to court documents. An examiner with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System found some information on the arrest but needed more to deny the sale, so she sent a fax to a sheriff’s office. The sheriff’s office responded it didn’t have the report, directing her to the Columbia police.

Under the system’s operating procedures, the examiner was directed to a federal listing of law enforcement agencies, but Columbia police did not appear on the list. After trying the separate West Columbia Police Department and being told it was the wrong agency, the examiner did nothing more.

After a three-day waiting period, Roof went back to a West Columbia store to pick up the handgun.

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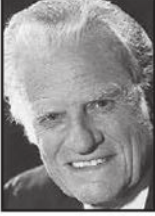
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: During 2020, due to COVID-19 my husband and I began home schooling our son. He is just now getting into competition and the coach says that he is too meek and will probably not make the team. While we do not want him to be timid, neither do we want to make him so competitive that he loses sight of living a Christian life, even among his teammates and adult coaches. Are there examples of a successful person doing both? - H.S.

A: Eric Liddell, a missionary to China and an Olympic runner, was competitive and determined to use his abilities to the fullest. But his meekness, kindness, and gentle spirit won admiration even from people he defeated. He was described as “ridiculously humble in victory” and “utterly generous in defeat.” That’s a good definition of what it means to be meek.

The world has been successful in convincing society that meekness is a weakness. This is not true at all. Meekness involves being yielded. The word yield

My Answer



Billy Graham

has two meanings. It can mean to let go (be passive) or surrender for something greater. Eric Liddell let go of pride whenever he won a race, and he also gave honor and respect to anyone who beat him in a race. He was gracious.

Jesus expressed this idea when He said, “He who loses [or surrenders] his life... will find it” (Matthew 10:39). When we surrender our will to the will of Jesus, it means that we let go of what we want and give ourselves to God to do whatever He wants for us. He blesses this obedience in ways that cannot be imagined, though it may not be what we anticipate. “He who believes in Him will not be disappointed” (1 Peter 2:6, 1995 NASB).

Pride comes from looking only at ourselves; meekness comes through looking at God.

Amber Waves

WHAT IS THIS, SON? YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY FILTHY!

ME AND THE GUYS HAD A WICKED MUD FIGHT.

YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME SELF-RESPECT. WHAT, WERE YOU RAISED IN A BARN?

UH...OK, WAS THAT A TRICK QUESTION?

Out on a Limb

FWIP

FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP

YOU STINK.

MIME BALLOON ARTIST

R.F.D.

IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE FARM, DAD, WOULD WE GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

WHAT?!! NO WAY, JUNE!

WE'RE HEARTY NORTHERNERS! I REFUSE TO DIMINISH OUR RUGGED HERITAGE BY GOING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER!

I COULD, HOWEVER, BE CONVINCED TO GO WEST!

HAWAII

The Spats

I LIVE ON A "FIXED" INCOME.

RUB RUB RUB

...TOO BAD MY EXPENSES ARE "BROKEN".

POPEYE

HEY ESTMAN

IF ONLY DERE WUZ A KEY T' OLIVE'S HEART!

THE KEY IS A POETIC APPROACH!

KIN Y'MIX UP SUMTHIN' GET OLIVE T' LIKE ME?

WE TRIED THAT...

...THE POTION DIDN'T WORK...

I DUN DAT...

...I WIT... "ROSES IS RED, VIOLETS IS BLUE... WHY CAN'T I BE WITCHOO?"

NO! YOU LAMEBRAIN, I MEAN "SONNETS FROM THE PORTUGUESE"

CALL AND READ THAT TO HER!

"HOW DO I LUV DEE? LEMME COUNT TH' WAYS..."

WOW! DIS MIGHT WORK...

...IN TH' PAST SHE WOULDN'T EVEN GIMME DATIME OF DAY!

WELL? DID IT WORK?

SHE SAID "IT'S FIVE-THIRTY" AN' HUNG UP!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs

OK, WELL, FOLKS, FOR STARTERS, THAT'S A PENALTY FLAG ON BOTH SIDES FOR TAUNTING.

LAFF - A - DAY

"You tricked me! You threw in this soap, didn't you?"



SCRAMBLERS

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

Builder
ASTRAIN

Divert
ROUTED

Spoil
MAPPER

Baby
REPAID

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Landed
- 5 Gearwheel tooth
- 8 Slightly
- 12 Sultry Horne
- 13 "— you serious?"
- 14 Barn roof spinner
- 15 Strict disciplinarian
- 17 Noble Italian family
- 18 Swift
- 19 Sculpted trunks
- 21 Old Olds
- 22 Doctor Zhivago
- 23 Wye follower
- 26 Moreover
- 28 On edge
- 31 Sciences' partner
- 33 Observe
- 35 Campus VIP
- 36 "Hogwash!"
- 38 Finale
- 40 Water tester
- 41 Love god
- 43 Inherited
- 45 Painter's motion
- 47 Reduces
- 51 Nashville's st.
- 52 Instrument in a Dixieland band

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- 55 Stannum
- 56 Pinta's companion
- 57 Favorites
- 58 Norm (Abbr.)
- 59 Vortex
- Paul —
- 8 Declared
- 9 Baby's bed
- 10 Division word
- 11 Casual tops
- 16 Notion
- 20 Ump's call
- 23 Hit with a ray gun
- 24 Triage ctrs.
- 25 System for linking computers
- 27 Ruby of films
- 29 — Paulo, Brazil
- 30 Away from
- WSW
- 32 Island wraps
- 34 Queen's domain
- 37 Stir-fry pan
- 39 Entryway
- 42 Factions
- 44 Packing string
- 45 Halt
- 46 Far (Pref.)
- 48 Author Bagnold
- 49 Tear
- 50 Remain
- 53 Torched

DOWN

- 1 Charitable gift
- 2 Bound
- 3 Concerning
- 4 Spud
- 5 Big gorges
- 6 Mine yield
- 7 Oil tycoon J.

top ten

Highest-Earning Musicians*

- 1. Taylor Swift
- 2. Post Malone
- 3. Celine Dion
- 4. Eagles
- 5. Billie Eilish
- 6. Drake
- 7. Queen
- 8. The Beatles
- 9. YoungBoy Never Broke Again
- 10. Lil Baby

*2020

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Food 'spat' on wall is missing. 2. Bowl is bigger. 3. Quilt is turned. 4. Bowl is missing. 5. Back of highchair is removed. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

MARRIED

Today's Word

1. Artisan 2. Detour

3. Pamper 4. Diaper

Solution

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: M equals W

MDTZ SYHKX NYH STKK ZDO MYYX

YG UYAO XVRVRP GHLRVZHL0

FOVRP OTZOR FN ZOLAVZOU?

ZTFKO GYYX.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. FOOD & DRINK: How many different flavors are in a Dr. Pepper soda?
- 2. AD SLOGANS: Which product was advertised as "the quicker picker upper"?
- 3. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Washington state?
- 4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of hummingbirds called?
- 5. MUSIC: What was Madonna's first Top 10 hit?
- 6. MOVIES: Which blockbuster movie had this final line, "Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads!"?
- 7. TELEVISION: What was the name of the pet pig on "Green Acres"?
- 8. GEOGRAPHY: Which European country is known as Osterreich in its native tongue?
- 9. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1 fluid ounce?
- 10. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is known as both the Morning and Evening Star?

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Solution time: 24 mins.

A	L	T	C	O	G	A	B	I	T
L	E	N	A	M	E	V	A	N	E
M	A	R	I	T	I	N	E	S	T
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Americanisms



"Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is."

— Margaret Mitchell

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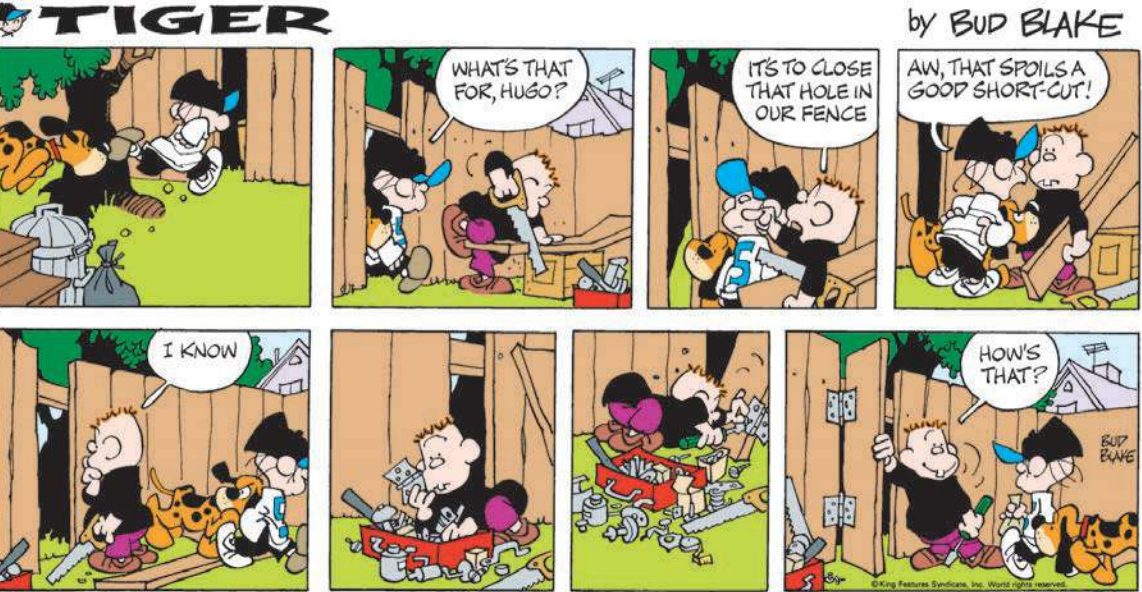
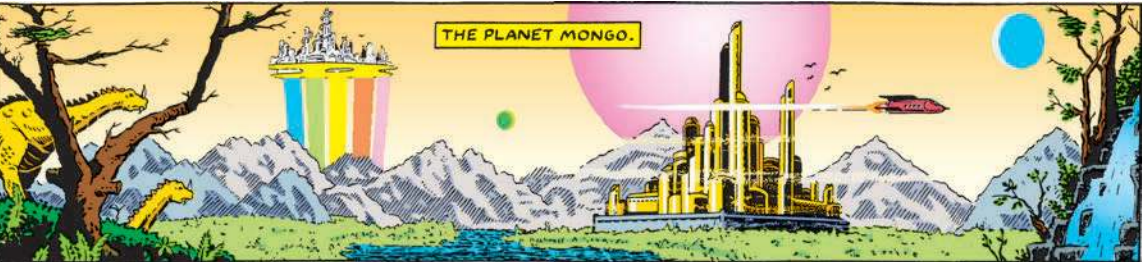
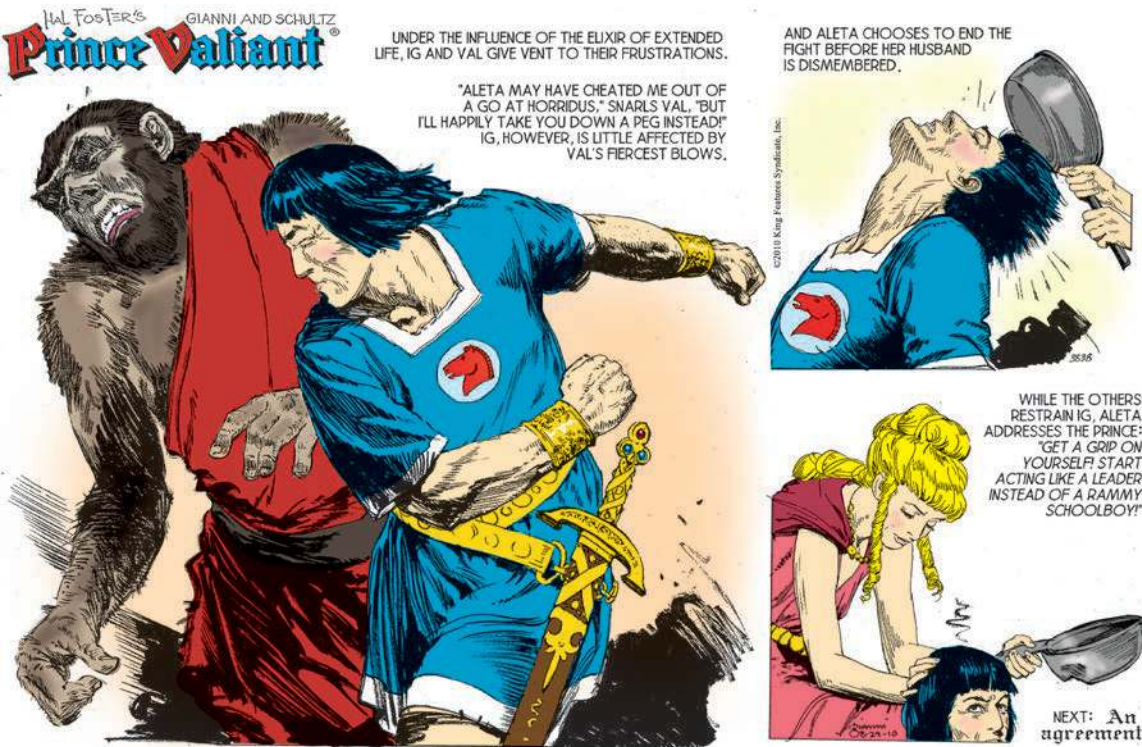
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X V T R P N L J Y H F D B A Y

X V T R P O M K Y B I G C L Y

E D B Z X C W N E U N K T E A

R Q O S N L O J L I F E E B W

G F D C M D M V L I A Y D E G

Y S S I L A P **W E D G W O O D**

X W V U H N D L H N T S P G I

R P A R E S D A S O T N S L R

K C O I J K N E D S E R D I G

F G G E T R E B L A L A Y O R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: SAME NAME AS 2ND PRESIDENT

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Dansk Goebel Ridgway Wedgwood
Denby Gorham Royal Albert

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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.

BXR'S YXCZIXCDJO AXHIJOWE.

AXH UIO UWW AXH'NO PXS.

SVOIO DJ RX AOJSOIBUA, RX

SXCXIIXF, DS'J UWW SVO JUCO

BUA. — MURDJ MXZWDR

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Don't compromise yourself
You are all you've got.
There is no yesterday, no tomorrow, it's all the same day. — Janis Joplin

CryptoQuote answer

MAKERS OF FINE CHINA

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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Angela Pruitt McDaniel killed a 10-pointer in Tazewell this week. She loved hunting with her Dad, Ray Pruitt as a young girl. Now she likes hunting with her boys Ethan and Brayden and friend Jim. WOMEN CAN DO IT TOO!

Submitted by Linda McDaniel

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wouldn't repeat itself. "Anybody can win any given Saturday," Narduzzi said. "Sometimes you've got to get punched in the mouth. It's called adversity. We got punched." Louisville also has experienced way too many close finishes to its liking. The Cardinals went 2-2 during a midseason stretch with three decided in the final minute. The last two were heartbreakers: they rallied to tie Wake Forest before falling 37-34 on a late field goal, then allowed Virginia to score a touchdown on its final drive in a 34-33 defeat. Though it demonstrates the league's parity in a sense, third-year coach Scott Satterfield is stressing the need to finish close games that have become a pattern for his team.

"We were right there against some really good teams," he said this week. "That is how close we are and we have to find a way to get over the hump and win these games."

North Carolina coach Mack Brown says he's been talking to other coaches about all the nail-biters. He figures one reason might be that locker rooms are just too much in flux.

"The transfer portal is changing the locker room," Brown said. "We thought name, im-

age and likeness (NIL) would do it, and maybe it is. But I think more it's the transfer portal because teams aren't as close and you're seeing up-and-down teams. You're seeing more teams that will play great one week because they're hot and going. But when they get in a tight situation, they're not playing as well. And I have to think that that has something to do with guys coming in from outside."

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

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fifth-consecutive title.

A decade later Hamlin has still not broken through for a title.

Hamlin, who turns 41 later this month, has long maintained he is fine with his resume, and that he wouldn't trade three Daytona 500s and 46 career victories for a Cup title. And he points out that the elimination format introduced in 2014 that has beaten him three times doesn't necessarily guarantee the best driver and team wins the championship.

Kyle Larson actually has the most to lose Sunday at Phoenix Raceway after nine wins — 10 including the non-points All-Star race — and the regular-season championship. But Hamlin's fifth chance might be the charm and he was on the offensive as soon as the field was set.

Hamlin blocked Martinsville winner Alex Bowman from a proper victory celebration after Bowman spun Hamlin from the lead with six laps remaining. He called Bowman "a hack" in a live television interview in which Hamlin cursed twice and the Virginia native was heavily booed by what should have been a home crowd as his words were aired over the public address system.

Hamlin blamed the fan reaction on fans of Chase Elliott, NASCAR's most popular driver. In a lengthy thread later posted to Twitter, he defended his post-race actions as raw emotion and noted he was twice wrecked by non-playoff drivers with his season on the line.

He pointed to the lack of on-track respect and racing etiquette that has permeated all three national series and challenged his detractors to ask themselves if they'd feel the same about their own favorite driver.

Hamlin basically told the boo-

birds to shut up. "I don't care what your opinions are. I don't care what you think of me. You don't know me," he wrote. "I got here through the hardest path possible. No last

name, no money, no backer. ... I've spent 16 years trying to accomplish this sports highest honor. This week brings a new opportunity to achieve it. I'm ready. My team is ready. F(asterisk)k!n bring it."

Now he's got to back it up in a winner-take-all race against Larson and reigning Cup champion Elliott of Hendrick Motorsports, as well as Martin Truex Jr., Hamlin's teammate at Joe Gibbs Racing. Truex and Elliott have won titles in this format, Larson has never before raced in the finale and Hamlin, well, maybe he's learned enough in four previous losses to close one out.

Hamlin has gradually built his role in the sport in the 17 years since given his break by J.D. Gibbs, the late son of Hall of Fame team owner Joe Gibbs. He was discovered racing Virginia short tracks and entered NASCAR with no shortage of confidence.

He's sparred with veterans and young drivers on and off the track, and even NASCAR itself through social media. Until, of course, NASCAR fined him \$25,000 over tweets.

So Hamlin started a driver council intended to give his peers a seat at the decision-making table. His voice has steadily grown as Hamlin immersed himself in understanding the multiple layers in NASCAR's business model with its teams, tracks and television partners.

He secured a long-term role in the sport this year when he founded 23XI Racing alongside friend and fellow co-owner Michael Jordan. The team was built around Bubba Wallace and celebrated its first win last month with his victory at rain-shortened Talladega. 23XI will add a second car next year for Kurt Busch.

But Hamlin has also drawn steady attention for his personal life, which includes an on-and-off again relationship with Jordan Fish, the mother of his two daughters. Fish excoriated Hamlin in a

public breakup done on Twitter just days before the playoff opener — a race in which Hamlin ignored the exploding drama of his personal life to score his first win of the season.

"I'm a professional and do my job the best I can," Hamlin said after the win at Darlington. "My team is always giving the best effort, and I know my job every Sunday."

His job at Phoenix will be to win the race and Hamlin and he has yet to deliver when the biggest prize is on the line.

Hamlin has done his share of posturing and preening. His first winning Daytona 500 car sits in an annex off his living room. His 30,000-square foot lakefront abode also features a bowling alley, a simulated golf course and a landing pad for the helicopter he used to take his daughters to the state fair last month.

There's a lot of flash and glamour surrounding Hamlin, who leads a bachelor's lifestyle, probably has one of the largest Air Jordan collections (he knows a guy: Jordan), and counts rapper Nelly and golfer Bubba Watson among his friends.

Those Daytona 500 victories and fancy life are nice, but it's time for Hamlin to grab that last big piece of hardware and cement his NASCAR legacy.



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