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One Person Dies In Head-on Collision

On December 2nd, 2021 at 05:25 the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash in the 5100 block of Cougar Trail Road. Two vehicles were located in what appeared to be a head on crash. The vehicles were described as a pickup truck and a tractor trailer. The Driver of the pickup truck was pronounced deceased at the scene and was identified as Warren Croy of Peterstown, West Virginia. The driver of the tractor trailer was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank Dublin Fire Department, Newbern Fire Department, Pulaski County EMS, V-DOT, and Pulaski County Crash investigation team. The incident is still under investigation and no further details will be released at this time.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northwest wind 5 to 8 mph.

Saturday Night - Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Mostly sunny, with a high near 50.

Sunday

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By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Pulaski County has lost one of its most highly regarded citizens in the passing Monday of Judge William Thomas Jr. He was 87.

Judge Thomas was a lifelong resident of Pulaski who was known for his kindness and decency – and a legal career that spanned four decades.

He was a 1950 graduate of Pulaski High School. He attended Emory & Henry College and graduated from the School of Business Administration at the University of Richmond. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law, he joined the law firm of Gilmer, Sadler, Ingram, Sutherland & Hutton, (then known as Gilmer, Sadler, Harman & Thomas) where he practiced primarily real estate law until 1973.

He was selected by the Virginia



Judge William Thomas Jr.

General Assembly as Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations General District Court where he served with distinction in Pulaski, Wythe, Carroll, Grayson and Bland counties and the City of

Galax from July 1, 1973 until retirement on December 31, 1995.

As noted in his obituary, in his almost 35 years on the bench, Judge Thomas was known for his compassion, common sense, and patience in hearing all sides of every issue.

"I've known Judge Thomas since the first week I began practicing law in Pulaski County forty years ago. He was a fair, conscientious, and compassionate judge," said Dublin attorney Mike Barbour this week.

"He cared deeply for the young people and families who appeared before him. He wanted every child to have the opportunity to become a successful adult. The words that I think describe Judge Thomas as a person are integrity, humility and service. He lived his life based on high moral principles. He never sought acclaim

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Thomas

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or attention for his many good deeds. His service to the community continued long after his retirement as a judge. Without fanfare and often anonymously, he supported almost to the time of his passing many individuals and organizations who work to serve and make our community a better place to live. His death is a great loss to Pulaski County, and he will be greatly missed.”

“Pulaski County has lost a legend,” said Judge Lee Chitwood, Chief Judge in the Pulaski Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. “Judge Thomas was the presiding Judge for the Pulaski County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court from July 1, 1973 to December 31, 1995. He served with passion, integrity, and honor. He was a great and good man, and he cared deeply about the children and families that appeared before him. His portrait in the Juvenile Courtroom reminds us daily of his deep commitment to Pulaski County and the Com-

monwealth of Virginia. He will be deeply missed.”

Judge Thomas was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church, Pulaski, where he had long served on the Church Council. He was a long-time member of the Pulaski Jaycees, the Elks and the Masons.

According to Gary Cox of the Elks, on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m., “the name of W.F. Thomas Jr. will be placed on the tablets of Love and Memory during a special Memorial Service at the Pulaski Elks Lodge #1067.”

The public is encouraged to attend the event. Thomas was a member of the local Elks lodge since 1958. He is a former Exalted Ruler of the Lodge and became a life member.

Judge Thomas is survived by a son, Lee Mason Thomas, of the home; and four nieces and nephews and their families.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pulaski. Visitation will follow the service at the Church. Private internment will be at Highland Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers please consider a gift to First United Methodist Church at 135 4th Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301

Masks are encouraged. Stevens Funeral Home is serving the Thomas Family. Online condolences may be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

See Judge Thomas’ full obituary on page A4 of today’s edition.

Dublin man held without bond in murder of woman

On Nov. 24, 2021 at approximately 1:20 a.m. the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office responded to 5444 Shepherd Drive in Dublin for a complaint of possible gunshots.

Units responded and found 58-year-old Deborah Reed Griffith deceased inside the residence from what appeared to be gunshot wounds.

During the investigation 28-year-old William Tyler Griffith of Dublin was taken into custody and arrested for Second

Degree Murder. Griffith was transported to the New River Valley Regional Jail where he is being held without bond.

The incident is still under investigation and no further information will be released at this time.

A special thanks to the Pulaski County Emergency Medical Services, the Dublin Police Department and the Virginia State Police for their assistance.

-Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office



William Tyler Griffith

Fire closes Pulaski Little Ceasar’s

Patriot Staff Report

A fire has closed the Little Caesar’s restaurant in Pulaski.

According to Pulaski Fire Chief Robbie Kiser, members of his department were dispatched to the shopping center on Route 99 about 7:40 a.m. Friday where Aar-

on’s is located to respond to a call for the smell of gas or smoke.

Kiser said fire fighters could smell something Aaron’s, but couldn’t find it in that store and then started checking the stores beside it.

The search continued until they go to Little Caesar’s where they found fire burning in the back of the store.

“At that point, they immediately called for more help and crews quickly extinguished the fire within about 25 minutes,” Kiser said.

He said fire crews had to access the roof to get all the hot spots out. They were able to keep the fire

contained to just Little Caesar’s, however, Compadres did receive some minor smoke damage.

Kiser said Little Ceasars was heavily damaged and will need some major cleaning and renovation to fix it.

The fire department was back in service at 10:30 a.m. Pulaski, Dublin, and Newbern all responded to assist, Kiser said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal’s office.

Pulaski Police Department and Pulaski County Public Safety EMS also assisted.

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TOWN OF DUBLIN TAX NOTICE

2021 2ND HALF REAL ESTATE & 2021 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE BY DECEMBER 6TH, 2021

The Town of Dublin Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of additional penalty and interest charges that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment by December 6th, 2021. Taxes must be paid or postmarked on or before December 6th, 2021 to avoid penalty and interest.

The Dublin Municipal Building, located at 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding holidays, to receive payments. For your convenience there is a drop-box outside the municipal building for payments. Payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 1066 Dublin, VA 24084 or online payments can be made at www.dublintown.org

By: Rebecca L. Wright, Treasurer
Town of Dublin

Ninth District traveling staff schedule

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of December.

December 9, 2021
Giles County: 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Town of Pearisburg Offices
112 Tazewell Street
Pearisburg, VA 24134

Radford: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Radford Recreation Building
200 George Street
Radford, VA 24141

Wythe County: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Wythe County Sheriff’s Office
Conference Room
245 South 4th Street
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Pulaski County (Dublin): 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Town of Dublin Office
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New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters

NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree to be held Dec. 11

From NRCC

The music of New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree on Sat., Dec. 11, 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 New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters have been playing old time mountain music in the Galax area since 1986. Dennis Hall is the founder of the band and continues to serve as band leader.

Named for the small stream in Galax where Hall grew up and still resides, as well as in honor of Uncle Eck Dunford, a member of the original Bogtrotters

band from the 1920s. The current group includes Hall on guitar, Eddie Bond on fiddle and vocals, Bonnie Bond on bass and vocals, Josh Ellis on banjo and vocals, and Caroline Noel Beverley on mandolin and vocals. The band has played at festivals across the U.S. and participated in the Friends of American Old Time Music and Dance Festival in Gainsborough, England. Several of the band members have played internationally in Scotland, England, Ireland and Australia. Since 1986, the band has placed first at the Galax Old Fiddlers Convention a total of 10 times.

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; Greg-

ory 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.

Va. airports get \$400 million from bill

WASHINGTON – On the busiest air travel day of the year, U.S. Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine (both D-VA) announced that airports in Virginia are expected to receive \$399,740,660 in federal funds over the next five years as a result of the bipartisan infrastructure deal signed into law recently.

The funding will be distributed to Virginia airports over five years. Area airport funding is as follows:

•Roanoke-Blacksburg Region-
al: \$14,977,645
•Virginia Highlands:

\$1,480,000

•New River Valley: \$1,480,000
•Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive: \$1,480,000
•Mountain Empire: \$790,000

The funding represents Virginia's share of \$15 billion in direct grants to airports expected around the country as a result of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a bipartisan, once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and competitiveness that was negotiated by Sen. Warner and strongly supported by Sen. Kaine.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE TOWN OF PULASKI

**2021 2nd HALF
REAL ESTATE TAXES**

DUE BY DECEMBER 6TH, 2021

Town of Pulaski Real Estate tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay tax assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the Finance Office of the Town of Pulaski will be open Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to receive payments for Real Estate tax.

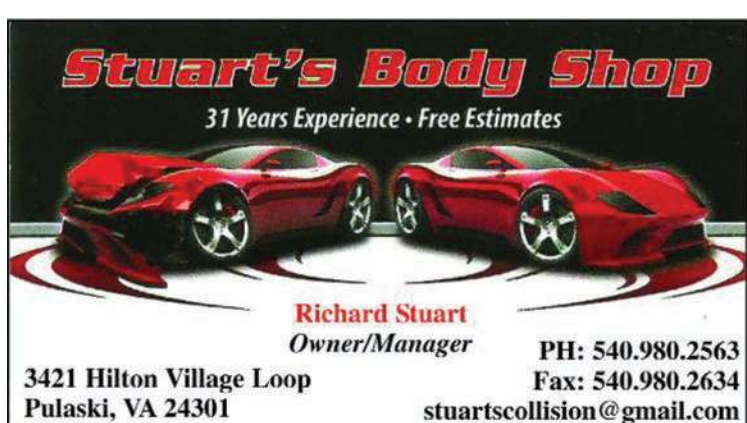
This tax must be paid on or before December 6th, 2021 to avoid penalty or interest being added.

Payments should be addressed to Town of Pulaski Finance Office, PO Box 660, Pulaski, Va. 24301.

The Town of Pulaski Finance Office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st Street NW, Pulaski Va. 24301.

Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a night drop located at the back of building.

Payments can also be made online at www.officialpayments.com, locality # is 6210 or by phone 1-800-272-9829.



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**2021 SECOND HALF
REAL ESTATE TAX**

**PENALTY DEADLINE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Pulaski County's 2021 2nd half real estate tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive your bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer's office of Pulaski County will be open Monday through Friday, except holidays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to receive payment of the 2nd half 2021 real estate tax. This tax must be paid on or before December 6, 2021 to avoid penalty.

Tax payments mailed must be postmarked on or before December 6, 2021 and mailed to Pulaski County Treasurer, 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. 24301.

The Pulaski County Treasurer's office is located in the old courthouse at 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a night drop box located at the back entrance of the courthouse. There are also options to pay online and by telephone on the tax bill.

Melinda L Worrell
 Treasurer-Pulaski County



**Holiday
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*at the Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial
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Santa will be joining our **Holiday Open House** at the museum on **Thursday, Dec. 9** for photos with the kids and kids at heart.

We will also be sharing hot cocoa and cookies, a candy train making station, and scavenger hunt through the museum display to find all the Santa sightings from Pulaski's history.

If tickets are still available for the **Holiday Social at the LeCollins Manor** on **Sunday, Dec. 12** to benefit the museum, you can make your reservations during the Open House as well.

We hope you will consider joining us for both events!

**Thursday
Dec. 9th
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

FREE event, but donations are welcome (and December is the perfect time to renew your museum membership.)

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BONNIE JANE WRIGHT GREGORY

Bonnie Jane Wright Gregory, age 80 of Pulaski received her angel wings Sunday, November 28, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born April 24, 1941 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Dave & Venie Burton Wright. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Thomas Wayne Gregory, sisters, Ruby Robertson, Willie LaRue, Wanda Foutz, brothers, Julius "Bud" Wright, Harvey and Clarence Wright, son-in-law, Randy Roberts, Jerry Trail and daughter-in-law, Jewell Roop.

Bonnie was a member of the Peak Creek Mission of Prayer and Mountain Brooke Holiness Church.

She is survived by her

Sons – Danny Gregory – Pulaski, Sammy (Gay) Gregory – Pulaski, Tommy Gregory – Pulaski

Daughters – Tammy (Joe) Cruff – Newbern, Janet (Tim) Walker – Pulaski, Cathy Trail – Hiwassee, Samantha (Allen) Simpkins – Snowville

Grandchildren – Mackenzie Simpkins, Madeline Simpkins, Jacob Trail, Michael Gregory, David Gregory, Tabitha Gregory, Beth Gregory, Daphne Mitchell, Bradley Bowers, Michael Bowers

10 Great Grandchildren, 4 Great Great Grandchildren

Brother – David (Debbie) Wright – Pulaski

Special Friend – Icey Lynn

Many nieces, nephews and cousins

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM – Friday, December 3, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Dale Akers and Randall Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Shiloh Cemetery.

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

To sign Bonnie's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

JERRY LEON WILSON

MARY FRANCES WILSON

Jerry Leon Wilson, 82, and Mary Frances Wilson (nee Hilliard), 79, of Dublin, passed away the last week of November 2021.

The Wilson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.



BETTY MARIE TAYLOR WARDEN

Betty Marie Taylor Warden of Belspring, Virginia left this Earth for her Heavenly Home on Monday, November 29, 2021. She was born in Max Meadows, Virginia on February 27, 1936.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Larry Frank Warden, her parents, Grover & Ocie Gravley. Also preceding her in death are her loved ones that she has longed to see for so long...her son-in-law, Gregory Worley, daughter-in-law, Annette Warden and her grandsons, Chris and Everett Warden.

She is survived by her children, Bonita Warden Worley of Dublin, VA, Steve (Donna) Warden of Belspring, VA, Larry Keith Warden of Dublin, VA and Lori Warden McBride of Dublin along with 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Also surviving is her loving sister, Imogene Gordon of Radford, VA and brother & sister-in-law, Ronnie (Marlene) Hix of Pulaski, VA.

Her smile brought joy to all the hearts of all those around her. Her greetings were always with kisses and hugs and many, many "I Love You's" to all her friends and family.

Family will receive friends from 3:00-5:00 PM Sunday evening December 5, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Monday, December 6, 2021 at the Funeral Home with Betty's Pastor Gary Stike officiating. Interment will follow at the Draper Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Draper.

The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to Nurse Desiree Caldwell and Medi-Hospice of Pulaski, VA and the staff of Noble Senior Living in Christiansburg.

To sign Betty's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

AGNES VIRGINIA ELLIOTT

Agnes Virginia Elliott, 89, of Dublin, passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at Highland Ridge Health & Rehab.

The Elliott family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. (www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



LEONARD FRANKLIN HALE

Leonard Franklin Hale, age 90 of Pulaski, died Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at his residence. He was born in on December 3, 1930 in the Cripple Creek community of Wythe Co., and was the son of the late Nancy Jane Byrd Hale, and the late James Alonzo Hale. He was a strong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – Radford. Mr. Hale was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served in the Korean War.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his devoted wife: Beulah Mae Richmond Hale. He is survived by his four sons; Donnie Franklin Hale of Pulaski, David Thomas (Nancy) Hale of Pulaski, Barry (Vicki) Hale of Pulaski, and Ben (Ma-leah) Hale of Christiansburg; a daughter; Amanda Elizabeth Witherspoon of Pulaski. She is also survived by sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, with military honors. Pallbearers will be David Hale, Donnie Hale, Barry Hale, Ben Hale, Ryan Hale, Liam Hale, Josh Weatherspoon, Cory Hale.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

HELEN PHILLIPS MONROE

Helen Phillips Monroe, 88, of Claytor Lake, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2021.

The Monroe family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

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GLENN STEVEN "STEVE" WILLARD

Glenn Steven "Steve" Willard, age 67 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at his home. Born July 7, 1954 in Wytheville, Virginia he was the son of Clara Jane Lunsford Willard and the late Garry Steven Willard.

Steve loved the Lord Jesus Christ with his whole being and shared that love with everyone he met. He was devoted to his Max Creek Baptist family.

Steve retired from Volvo after 32 years of service. After he retired, he enjoyed metal fabrication and auto restoration. He was a classic car enthusiast often going to and participating in shows along the East Coast. Steve was well known in the Region for his expertise in car customization.

He is survived by his

Wife- Sonia Hall Willard

Children – Stephanie Willard Peterson – Christiansburg, Michael Steven Willard – Giles County, Sarah Willard (Jim) Trixler – Christiansburg

Mother – Clara Jane Lunsford Willard – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Tanner Trixler, William Peterson, Colin Peterson, Jameson Trixler, Brianna Trixler

Brother –Kevin Wesley (Jan) Willard

Sister – Rebecca Willard (Tom) Ryburn

Several Nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the Max Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Coleman officiating.

Interment followed in the Max Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Draper.

To sign Steve's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

JOYCE TERESA CROOK

Joyce Teresa Crook, 78, passed away peacefully at her home in Dublin on Friday, November 26, 2021.

The Crook family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

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JUDGE WILLIAM FRANKLIN THOMAS, JR.

Judge William Franklin Thomas, Jr., died on Monday, November 29, 2021. A lifelong resident of Pulaski, Virginia, Judge Thomas was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Gertrude Davis Thomas; his parents, William Franklin Thomas, Sr. and Virginia Saunders Thomas, and his sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas Hicks.

Known for his kindness and decency, Judge Thomas is survived by a son, Lee Mason Thomas, of the home; and four nieces and nephews and their families. He leaves behind his Church family, his "Court family" of which he was so fond, as well as many friends and colleagues.

Judge Thomas was a 1950 graduate of Pulaski High School. He attended Emory & Henry College and graduated from the School of Business Administration at the University of Richmond. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law, he joined the law firm of Gilmer, Sadler, Ingram, Sutherland & Hutton, (then known as Gilmer, Sadler, Harman & Thomas) where he practiced primarily real estate law until 1973. He was selected by the Virginia General Assembly as Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations General District Court where he served with distinction in Pulaski, Wythe, Carroll, Grayson and Bland counties and the City of Galax from July 1, 1973 until retirement on December 31, 1995. In his almost 35 years on the bench, Judge Thomas was known for his compassion, common sense, and patience in hearing all sides of every issue.

A dedicated Democrat, Judge Thomas ran for the Sixth District House of Delegates in 2007, a race he narrowly lost. He served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960 where John F. Kennedy was nominated as the Democratic candidate for President. He was an avid student of politics and spent much of his time reading his newspapers from cover to cover, as well as following television news.

Judge Thomas was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church, Pulaski, where he had long served on the Church Council. He was a generous benefactor to the Church and to

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many organizations throughout the community for which he never sought recognition. He was a long-time member of the Pulaski Jaycees, the Elks and the Masons. He rarely missed a Pulaski River Turtles baseball game.

Judge Thomas was exceedingly proud of his roots in Pulaski, was an ardent supporter of Pulaski and never aspired to live anywhere other than Pulaski.

A very special thank you to his wonderful caregivers, Michelle Atsatt, Kathleen Martin and Tawana (Samantha) Duncan who cared for him with extraordinary love and care. Thank you for the wonderful and compassionate care Judge Thomas received from the Lewis-Gale Pulaski ICU Unit.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pulaski. Visitation will follow the service at the Church. Private internment will be at Highland Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers please consider a gift to First United Methodist Church at 135 4th Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301

Masks are encouraged. Stevens Funeral Home is serving the Thomas Family. Online condolences may be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com



THOMAS GENE HUBBARD

Thomas Gene Hubbard, age 67 of Wytheville passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021. Born March 13, 1954 in Pulaski, Virginia he was the son of the late Thomas Green Hubbard & Thelma Louise Bullions Hubbard. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Kay Viers.

He is survived by his Wife of 47 years – Carolyn Marie Covey Hubbard – Wytheville Daughters – Toni Marie (Michael) Chrisley – Wytheville, Elizabeth (Timothy) Robinson – Wytheville

Grandchildren – Tabitha Marie Gregory & Payton Rose, Macy Elizabeth Robinson, Madison Jean Robinson

Sisters – Dorothy Peak – Pulaski, Linda Shaver – Pembroke, Jeannie Yoder – Jacksonville, FL

The family will be having private services. To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



JACKIE LEE COMPTON

Jackie Lee Compton, age 83 of Dublin passed away Saturday, November 27, 2021 at the Princeton Community Hospital. Born November 16, 1938 in Mavisdale, Virginia he was the son of the late Wallace and Cora Kiser Compton. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Ted Compton and sister, Freda Howell.

Jackie was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He is survived by Love of His Life – Jeana Pack – Princeton, WV

Daughters – Terri Compton – Pensacola Beach, FL, Teresa Compton Sprull & Robert “Terry” Sprull, Sr. – Pineville, LA

Granddaughter – Olivia Grace Vercher

Grandkids – Kelly Tolliver, Ernest Pack

Great Grandchildren – Ka’Leigh Marshall, Madison Tolliver, Jase Tolliver and Adan Tolliver

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Craig Caylor officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Jackie’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

THOMAS BUDDY MANNING, JR.

Thomas Buddy Manning, Jr. “Tommy”, age 58 went to be with his family in the sky Tuesday, November 23, 2021. He is survived by his two daughters, India and Tuesday Manning and two grandchildren, Anthony and Ava Edwards.

Memorial services will be held at 12:00 Noon – Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the New River Holiness Church (3635 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24141).

To sign Tommy’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com



JERRY LEE TRAIL

Jerry Lee Trail, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born August 23, 1947 in Pulaski County he was the son of the late Elbert Lee Trail & Nora Lillian Kemp Trail. He was also preceded in death by his infant brother, Elbert Edward Trail, brother, Gordan Trail, sister, Brenda Quesenberry and father-in-law, Wayne Gregory.

Jerry retired from Lynchburg Foundry with 33 years of service and served on the Pulaski County School Board for 8 years. He attended Peak Creek Mission and Mountain Brooke Holiness Churches.

He is survived by his

Wife of 30 years – Cathy Gregory Trail – Hiwassee

Son – Jacob L. (Elizabeth Wade) Trail – Hiwassee

Special Pet – Rosie

Sister – Edith Jarrells – Hiwassee

Nieces & Nephews – Darrell Jarrells, Sandra & Quack Boyd, Margie & Glen Bryant

Mother-in-law – Bonnie Gregory – Pulaski

In-laws – Samantha (Allen) Simpkins, Danny Gregory, Janet (Tim) Walker, Sammy (Gay) Gregory, Tommy Gregory, Tammy (Joe) Cruff and (nieces) Madeline Simpkins, Mackenzie Simpkins and great nephew, Scott Boyd

Funeral services were held Monday, November 29, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Randall Jones and Rev. Dale Akers officiating. Interment followed at the Trail Family Cemetery, Hiwassee.

To sign Jerry’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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JOHN THOMAS VIERS

John Thomas Viers, age 78 of Hiwassee passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born March 18, 1943 in Hiwassee he was the son of the late Eugene Matthew Viers & Mary Eliza Jarrells Viers. He was also preceded in death by his sisters and their spouses, Margaret (Sonny) Hicks, Louise (Johnny) Dickerson, Elizabeth (Leroy) McCambridge, Linda (Gilbert) Atkins, brothers, Herman and Ed Viers, granddaughter, Bridgette Quesenberry and great granddaughter, Kennedy Myers.

A life-long member of the Pulaski County community, John impacted many local people whether it be in his restaurants, working in his construction companies or through his passion for music. While his musical accomplishments are too many to list here, his talent was undeniable as he was able to play almost anything he got his hands on. He was a deeply loving son, brother, father, husband, uncle, pawpaw, friend and encourager to all. Next to the love for his family, his greatest love was for the Lord and spreading His word. It was always his hope that all he encountered would know the Lord as their savior so that they could receive the gift of eternal life.

He is survived by his Wife of 30 years – Mildred McPeak Viers

Children – Teresa Saul, Brent (Shenna) Viers, Michelle (Johnny) Quesenberry)

Stepchildren (who were like blood) – Paula Gillespie, Chris (Andrea) Hodge, Betsy (Brian) Hilden

Grandchildren – Tye (Morgan) Saul, Ashley (Josh) Dunbar, Heather (Brandon) Rithamel, Kayla (Jordan) Myers, Heaven (William) Gravley, Carley Viers, LJ Quesenberry, Cassie (Chase) Draper, Cameron Quesenberry, April Gillespie, Jesse Gillespie, Jonathan Hodge, Dustin Hodge and Amber Quesenberry

Great Grandchildren – Brantley Gillespie, Aidan Gillespie, Harley Gillespie, Addison Elsea, Karee Gravely, Samantha Bradstock, Jonah Myers, Emma

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To Lower Energy Prices, Embrace American Energy Dominance

As winter begins, Americans this year confront a most unwelcome holiday guest: high energy prices.

Just like Santa Claus, expensive energy is coming to town. Unlike Santa, it doesn't matter if you've been bad or good. Your wallet will suffer just the same.

You have probably noticed already how much more it costs to fill up your gas tank. According to AAA, Virginia's average gas price is \$3.25 compared to \$2.03 a year ago. As people travel for the holidays, this increase will be felt.

But even if you plan on staying home, prepare to pay more for energy. The U.S. Department of Energy forecasts that U.S. households will spend 54 percent more for propane, 43 percent more for heating oil, 30 percent more for natural gas, and 6 percent more for electric heating.

These price surges are outrageous, but they were preventable. They result from bad policies implemented since the earliest hours of the Biden Administration.

President Biden had barely moved into the White House on January 20 when he cancelled the Keystone XL pipeline. Beside the significant loss of construction jobs that the pipeline would have created, that move set the signal from day one that the new Administration

would target fossil energy production, never mind that its preferred sources lack the reliability, resiliency, and

affordability needed to power the world's preeminent economy.

This foolish action was followed within days by a moratorium on new oil and gas drilling on federal land. Beyond denying the development of the domestic energy resources specifically affected by his orders, President Biden's agenda had a chilling effect on energy markets. People in the business could tell which way the wind was blowing under the new Administration (pun intended).

As the Biden Administration tightened the screws on American energy, demand for natural gas in particular and fuel more generally increased across the world. Shortages are pushing prices ever higher. Yet the White House pushes on, threatening the Line 5 pipeline that brings oil from Canada to refineries in the Midwest despite the fuel disruptions and lost jobs the closure would cause.

When challenged on the fact of high prices, the Biden Administration minimizes, deflects, or literally laughs off the issue.

Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm actually laughed when asked about gas prices and increasing oil production, saying "That is hilarious" and lamenting that she lacks a magic wand to lower prices.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki asserted that "the rise in gas prices over the long term makes an even stronger case for doubling down" on green energy. Never mind that gas prices are eating into family budgets now, or that the energy sources the White House wants to prioritize have not yet proven that they can viably power our economy.

President Biden plans to release oil stored in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which President Trump refilled. This move may bring limited relief but would not solve any problems. Further, it would deplete a stockpile meant for use in national emergencies.

He also sent a letter to the Federal Trade Commission threatening investigations of oil and gas companies and called on the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to increase production.

Even if these measures are meant sincerely and not as ways to deflect attention from the Administration, they simply will not make a meaningful difference. In the case of OPEC, they shift power to other countries which may not have our best interests at heart. After all, this is the same cartel, largely made up of Middle Eastern countries, that once tried to bring down the American economy and forced the government to dictate what days of the week people could refuel their cars.

The best option for our economy and for our security is to restore American energy independence. Our country enjoys a great wealth of resources, and we have the technology and know-how to develop them responsibly while creating jobs domestically. As the current crisis shows, the world still relies on fossil fuels. If we aren't providing them, less environmentally sensitive countries, including Russia, will.

A reversal by the Biden Administration of its anti-domestic energy policies would be a most welcome Christmas gift. Don't count on it, but then again, this is a season of miracles.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Don't Get Annoyed – Get Strategic!

Anyone over the age of 65 knows the frustration of daily getting dozens of invasive phone solicitations about their Medicare healthcare benefits. Medicare open enrollment ends December 7th, so the ferocity of calls has increased for the past few weeks. These calls are invasive and annoying. We've been getting them as early as 8:00am and probably receiving six or more a day.

Although these types of calls hopefully will stop when the Medicare open enrollment ends on December 7th undoubtedly other annoying phone solicitations will appear. Recently, the one for seniors "end of life" expenses has cranked up, and we know there'll be lots of calls soliciting for donations and end-of-year giving.

A friend sent my husband a chain message where people were expressing


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By Danielle Reid

their frustration with these types of calls; and explaining how they were handling them. One guy claims he bought an air-horn and blasts it into the phone when he gets an annoying call.

Yes, the calls are annoying and disruptive, but think about this – the people who are calling are just trying to earn money to feed and clothe their families. In many cases, it is obvious

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Harris v. Buttigieg: GOP's dream primary

The GOP has had plenty of reason for good cheer in recent months.

Nothing can compare, though, with the glad tidings of a potential showdown between Vice President Kamala Harris and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to be Biden's successor in 2024 should he decide not to run for reelection.

Surely, there would be other serious candidates in that circumstance, but there is no doubt that Harris and Buttigieg would be high on the list of potential contenders, as various journalistic outfits have noted over the past week.

As it happens, they exemplify the contemporary Democratic Party's electoral deficiencies, while bringing their own flagrant personal political weaknesses to the equation.

If this is really the choice Democrats would face should Biden decline to run, they better hope he defies age, bounces back to robust political health, and is prepared to serve again well into his 80s.

Harris flamed out in the 2020 Democratic nomination well before the Iowa caucuses, unable to settle on a message or political identity. Her staff was obsessed with the progressive hothouse of Twitter, which is a powerful device for creating a false sense of what real voters, even Democratic primary voters, care about.

As vice president, she's basically picked up where her desultory campaign left off. In the latest USA Today/Suffolk University poll, Harris had a dismal 28% approval rating. It's difficult to rate that low without getting indicted or suffering some other embarrassing scandal.

Her allies, of course, complain that she's being treated unfairly because she's a woman of color. This fixation on race and gender plays much better with the left-wing activist class than with the public. The simpler explanation for Harris' woes is that she's a below-average politician serving under an unpopular president.

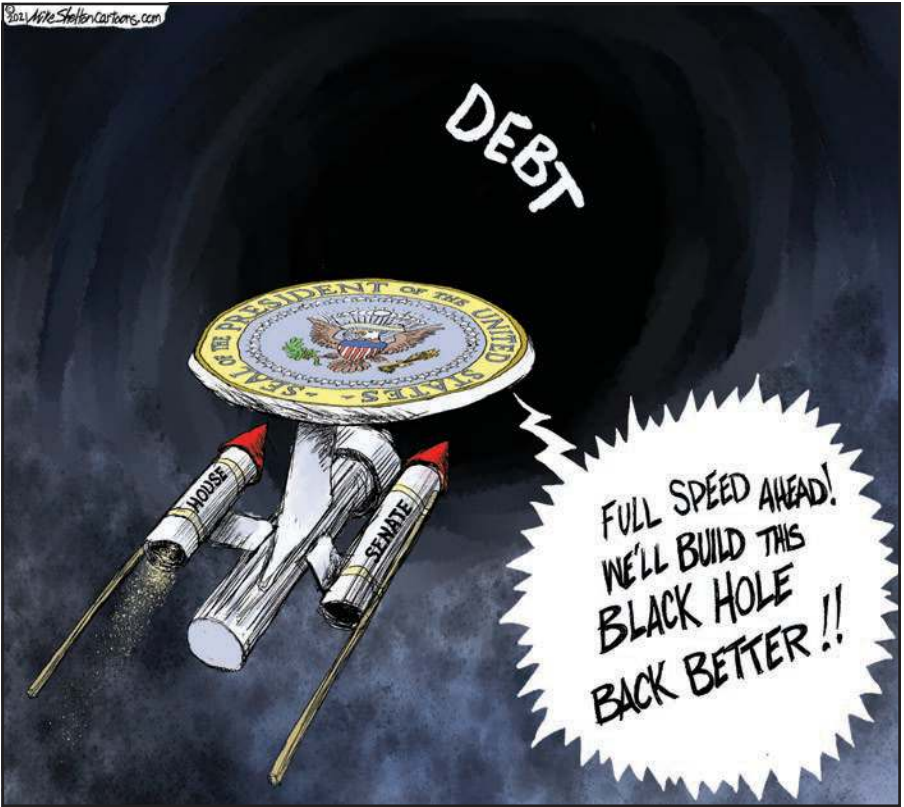
Pete Buttigieg has had a happier tenure. With his surprising success in the 2020 Democratic primary, he bootstrapped himself into a Cabinet position and is now enjoying a windfall of resources thanks to the infrastructure bill.

He embodies, to a fault, the party's growing strength among college-educated whites. He's smooth, credentialed, hyper-articulate and a quick study who knows enough -- sometimes just enough -- to charm and impress journalists and other white-collar creative types.

If a management consultant were to design a progressive white Democrat in a bottle, the result would look a lot like Buttigieg, himself a former management consultant.

It's become increasingly clear, though, that the Democratic Party's new base among college-educated voters is a trap if it is pursued to the exclusion of an appeal to working-class voters. The party's poor standing

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Connecting the Dots

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

The Supreme Court on Wednesday heard oral arguments for and against a Mississippi law that would ban abortions after 15 weeks. The arguments -- pro and con -- are familiar, but there is a greater argument to be made for upholding the law and, should a majority of justices decide to do so, overturn Roe v. Wade.

That greater argument begins with several questions that may be connected to abortion. They include: Why is there so much looting? Why the indiscriminate destruction of property? Why are there so many shootings in our major cities? Disrespect for and devaluing babies yet to be born has led to disrespecting the lives of those already born, along with property that belongs to others. How else to describe what looks like anarchy in our streets?

Those who wish to maintain the abortion status quo claim overturning Roe will cause the country to be torn apart. It is already torn apart in many ways in addition to the divisions over abortion. Since 1973 when abortion became legal, an estimated 62 million babies have been aborted in this country.

At a time when the label "racist" is freely and in many cases wrongly applied, real racism is taking place in many abortion clinics. Former Vice President Mike Pence noted this in a speech he delivered Tuesday to a gathering of pro-lifers organized by the Susan B. Anthony List organization. Pence noted: "Despite being less than one-third of the population, Blacks and Hispanics account for nearly two-thirds of all abortions performed."

Technology has advanced since 1973 when Roe was decided. Pence alluded to those advances that now allow sonograms to see with amazing detail the human body that is under development: "Thanks to advances in modern medicine, the humanity of a 15-week-old child in the womb is undeniable. At 15 weeks of development, a baby's face is well-formed. She has fingernails, eyebrows and hair. She can make a fist and suck her thumb. She has a beating heart. She can feel pain. And she is created in the image of God, the same as

you or me."

The problem with that last sentence is that we are increasingly a more secular nation and so arguments in favor of protecting unborn human life must also be pragmatic -- the number of babies born is not enough to replace the number of people who die; information about alternatives to abortion is being denied some women by those who have a financial and political interest in keeping abortion clinics operating; minorities are being targeted because some likely see abortion as an answer to welfare and crime.

Many who claimed to be strongly pro-life in the early days following Roe, later flipped for political reasons. Few were stronger in their pro-life views than Rev. Jesse Jackson, who in 1975 connected the dots between abortion and slavery: "There are those who argue that the right to privacy is of a higher order than the right to life. ... That was the premise of slavery. You could not protest the existence or treatment of slaves on the plantation because that was private and therefore outside of your right to be concerned."

Mike Pence noted in his address: "Forty-seven out of 50 European countries limit elective abortion PRIOR to 15 weeks. France, Spain and Belgium have a limit of 14 weeks. A majority of European countries are even more restrictive, with Germany, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Greece, Austria, Italy and Ireland banning abortion on demand after 12 weeks." To our shame, the U.S. allows abortion at any stage of pregnancy with only minimal exceptions.

The Supreme Court has an opportunity to correct a great legal and greater moral wrong if it will "seize the time" and connect the dots between abortion, the unique value of human life at all stages, and the social upheaval that is consuming us because of the court's refusal in the last 48 years to restore legal protection to the most vulnerable among us, the unborn child.

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

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Come What May...

In the new world of 24-7 cable news coverage and news cycles that last a day, or in some cases only a matter of minutes, everyone has access to real-time information and unfortunately, opinions and analysis. Add social media to the mix and what we have is infotainment that can keep even the most severe cases of ADHD entertained and satisfied.

With so many impactful issues being discussed on the news these days such as hyperinflation, geopolitical posturing, workforce shortages, supply chain issues, international climate policy, COVID-19 variants, divisive national politics, rumors of wars, global and national election results, market volatilities, the exponential convergence of emerging technologies, and so many other variables that can affect the economic stability of the nation or regions of the country, the question that is subsequently being pondered by so many now is, “what might the future possibly hold for Pulaski County with all of this?”

It's my humble opinion as a Chief Administrative Officer, an Economic Developer and a student of economics and government, that the future is impossible to predict and difficult to even opine with any certainty as we continue to deal with what experts have called "unprecedented times." Although pandemics, geopolitical chess, wars and rumors of wars, inflation, etc., etc., etc. are not unprecedented, the confluence of so many of these variables at one time on a global level is perhaps what has led to the universal prognosis that we are in an 'unprecedented time.'

This declaration, which has now become part of our household vernacular, allows for everyone to have a perpetual built-in excuse of why something is either lacking, goes wrong or fails altogether. To the contrary, things that are positive yet unexplainable are also given the same general reasoning. Since I am limited in how many characters I can submit, I can only share with you a very high-level theorem for the future. It is based on laws that, regardless of unprecedented times, should hold up as effectual tools and practices in yielding positive and productive outcomes.

I believe if a locality has a significantly diversified industry and business community it

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that English isn't their first language. A change of attitude could render us grateful that we don't have to resort to doing phone solicitations to support our families.

I thought about this for a while and came up with a solution that I've been using for the past week. Instead of getting annoyed, I've been turning the phone calls into an opportunity to reach the caller with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Here's how it works. After the caller says hello and introduces himself, I'll say something like: "David (or whatever name he tells me), I'm so glad you called me today, because I get to tell you about my best friend and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Then I'll go on to share a salvation message with him. The most anyone has listened is about 20-seconds...then I hear a click and the caller hangs up.



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Pulaski Co.
Administrator

will be served well to withstand a variety of economic threats. I believe that a locality should have a healthy fund balance in reserve, along with a low and well-managed debt load, as well as a general operating expense growth rate that is consistently being held below industry standards year-over-year. (Note: This will help guard against the negative effects of inflation and other market variations.)

I believe that a strategic population growth plan that is targeted within existing infrastructure and resource capacities as a means of accessing the highest quality of public services at the best price point, will work to both stabilize and grow the population and subsequently increase local community contributors.

I believe investments in the public's health, the public's safety and the public's education systems will increase the quality of life, promote diversity and culture, reduce both short- and long-term costs, and pay dividends back to the County that the entire community will enjoy.

I believe local government leadership must have a promising and unifying vision; the wherewithal to implement their vision; and the ability to explain and receive buy-in and public support for said vision. Note: This brings the entire resources of the community to bare and then they are optimized through synergies and leveraging to increase the probability of success.

Thus, I believe that regardless of the unprecedented times that Pulaski County may face, adherence to these practical principles will better equip and position us to weather whatever storms we may face in the present or future. It is because of these reasons and so much more, that I can say with confidence that Pulaski County will continue to be blessed, overcome, and thrive during whatever unprecedented times we may face and face together.

So, come what may, Pulaski County is ... Well Prepared.

But if you practice, you can get a lot of Gospel into that 20-second soundbite. One caller actually did say he knew about Jesus, which made my day.

As Christians, are we taking every possible opportunity to talk to people about Jesus – letting them know that God loves them so much that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to forgive all our sins and restore us to a right-relationship with God, the Father?

We are coming into the Christmas season when people seem to be more tender-hearted and open to the Gospel. In just a few weeks, the Spirit of Christmas, the Reason for the Season, will be at our door. Maybe this is a good time to open the door to someone who hasn't had the opportunity to hear about Jesus. And maybe – just maybe, they will step through that door into an eternal relationship with the Living God.



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Pulaski County Meetings, Closings

• Tuesday, December 14, 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, December 14, 2021, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

• Monday, December 20, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

- Tuesday, December 21, 2021, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing

building spaces to local employers.

- Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room. Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

* Thursday, December 23, 2021, and Friday, December 24, 2021, Pulaski County Offices will be closed and will reopen on Monday, December 27, 2021, in observance of Christmas. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority billing office will be closed on Thursday, December 23, 2021, and Friday, December 24, 2021, and will reopen on Monday, December 27, 2021.

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with non-college-educated voters has begun to show up in eroding support among Latinos, a constituency that was presumed to be a key pillar of the Obama-crafted “coalition of the ascendant.”

A successful post-Biden Democratic future is more likely to be found in the likes of New York Mayor-elect Eric Adams than Harris or Buttigieg.

He is an African American former cop with a hard-knocks upbringing that gives him working-class street cred. He knows

that woke bromides aren't the way to appeal to African American voters, who put him over the top in the Democratic primary. He's a standard progressive in many respects, but he has proven immune to fashionable left-wing causes. He not only defused a hot-button cultural issue -- namely, crime -- he campaigned on it and made it a strength, an ability that most national Democrats have lost as the party has moved left since 2016.

It's far too early to know how

his City Hall tenure will actually turn out, but Adams has the qualities and approach that, in theory, could be fruitful for Democrats nationally.

Meanwhile, even if the GOP is on a roll at the moment, it shouldn't get its hopes up. At the end of the day, a 2024 Democratic primary dominated by Harris and Buttigieg is probably too good to be true.

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

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Many nieces, nephews, family and special friends

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 28, 2021 at Max Creek Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Max Creek Baptist Church-Cemetery.

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

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



HAZEL KEMP JENKINS

Hazel Kemp Jenkins 88, of Gambrill, Maryland passed away November 29, 2021 with her son and granddaughter by her side. Hazel grew up in Hiwassee.

She was preceded in death by her husband Grover Earl Jenkins, her son Randal Dean Jenkins her mother and father, Luther and Mae Kemp Turman. Sister Shirley Lawson, brothers Barney and Louis Kemp.

Hazel is survived by her son Grover Earl Jenkins III, granddaughter Rebecca Jenkins (Brandon) great granddaughter Jodie, sister Wilma Dalton, brother Richard (Joyce) Kemp. Several nieces and nephew. Special pets Nicky and Moose.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Crofton, Maryland. She retired from AT&T as a telephone operator for 36 years. She was a member of the 55 Club and after retirement she took several cruises and traveled many places.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Hardesty Funeral Home, Gambrill. Interment will follow at Crownsville Maryland Veteran Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.hardestyfuneralhome.com



LINDA LINEBERRY HUFF

Linda Lineberry Huff, 71 of Pulaski passed away on Saturday November 13th, 2021 at Carington Place Rural Retreat. Linda was born on July 12th, 1950 and lived in Pulaski her entire life.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother Willard Wyatt Lineberry and Mildred Causby Lineberry. She is also preceded in death by her two brothers David and Charlie Lineberry.

Linda worked for over two decades at Pulaski Hospital. She always enjoyed bowling and spending time with friends and family.

She is survived by her son Brad Huff and his wife Shaylyn Huff of Winston-Salem NC, and her two granddaughters Brooke Huff of Pulaski and Kylie Lindamood of Winston-Salem NC and numerous nieces and nephews.

Service was held on Saturday November 27th, 2021, at Stevens Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

Family would like to give a special thanks to Barbara Eversole and Betty Brown who were longtime friends.

CAROLYN SUE NICKOLS

Carolyn Sue Nickols, 79, of Marion, VA passed away on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

She is survived by one son Michael Nickols and his wife, Nicole of Stanley, NC. She also leaves behind one granddaughter Katelyn Nickols of Stanley, NC.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, November 30, 2021 from Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA.

Stevens Funeral Home Pulaski is serving the Nickols family. Online condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com.



LINDA GAYE WADE LAWSON

Linda Gaye Wade Lawson, age 64 of Pulaski passed away Friday, November 26, 2021. Born April 26, 1957 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Riner Wade & Melva Smith Wade. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Donna Hall.

She is survived by her Very Special Friend – Herman Largen

Children – Wendy May Akers, Donald Lawson, Jr., Jessica Lynn Lawson, “like a daughter” Kay Smith

Numerous Grandchildren
Brothers – Ronnie Wade, Phil Wade

Sisters – Pat Saunders, Kathy High

Funeral services will be held Friday 6:00 p.m. December 3, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. A Private family entombment will at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends Friday from 4:30 P.M. until service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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

HELEN LUCRETIA DIVERS GLENN

Helen Lucretia Divers Glenn, age 100, of Pulaski, died Saturday, November 27, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Martinsville on May 3, 1921, and was the daughter of the late Dr. Douglas S. Divers and the late Lucretia Flansburgh Divers.

Mrs. Glenn, graduated from St. Mary's High School in Raleigh, NC., Penn Hall Junior College in Chambersburg, PA, and completed her studies at Parsons School of Design, NYC.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Col. Ret. Donald White Glenn, and her brother, Douglas Divers, Jr.

She is survived by her son: Donald W. Glenn, Jr. of Pulaski: daughters; Lucy D. Glenn, and Jean Glenn: a sister; Jane D. Wy-sor.

Mrs. Glenn's memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorials be made to the “Friends of the Library”, Pulaski. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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DANNY LEE O'DELL

Danny Lee O'Dell, age 62 of Martinsburg passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021 in Martinsburg, WV.

Born July 1, 1959 in Washington, D.C., he is the son of Beveridge Myers O'Dell and the late Harry Athel O'Dell. In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by brothers, Terry O'Dell and Kenneth Ray O'Dell.

He is survived by

His Wife – Lisa Jane O'Dell – Martinsburg

Sons – Danny Lee O'Dell, Jr., Ryan Carter O'Dell – both of Martinsburg

Mother – Beveridge Myers O'Dell – Rockville, MD

Brother – Gary W. O'Dell – Rockville, MD

Several Nieces, Nephews and great nieces and nephews

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 3, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski. Visitation will be Friday from 1:00 p.m. until service time.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com – Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

Meetings

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Monday, December 27, 2021, in observance of Christmas. The Dora Highway, Pulaski; Bagging Plant Road, Dublin; and Mason Street, Fairlawn convenience centers will be closed on Saturday, December 25, 2021, in observance of Christmas. All convenience centers will reopen on Monday, December 27, 2021.

• Friday, December 31, 2021, Pulaski County Offices will be closed and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022, in observance of the New Year. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority billing office will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021, and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022, in observance of the New Year. The Dora Highway, Pulaski, Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn convenience centers will be closed on Saturday, January 1, 2022, in observance of the New Year. All convenience centers will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022.

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December 3

Family Gingerbread House Decorating Night at Fairlawn Church of God

Family Gingerbread House Decorating Night will be held Friday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Cost is FREE! Fairlawn Church of God presents a Family Gingerbread House Decorating Night. Join us to decorate gingerbread houses along with Christmas tunes, hot chocolate, ornament making and a story time by the fire! Admission is FREE! Supplies will be provided RSVP is encouraged, Walk-Ins welcome! The church is located at 7858 Peppers Ferry Blvd., Radford, Va. To RSVP, visit <https://form.jotform.com/213096070347049> or call the church at 540-639-1511. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/fairlawncogkids/>

Robinson Tract Community Club to have Scavenger Hunt

Robinson Tract Community Club will have a Scavenger Hunt on Friday, December 3, 5:30 p.m. Prizes are \$75, \$50, \$25. No fee to enter. Be at the Robinson Tract Community Center at 5:30 p.m. for drinks and snacks. The Scavenger Hunt will begin at 6 p.m.

December 4

The Richards gospel group to be in concert at Dublin Baptist Church

The Richards will be in concert on Sunday, December 5, at 6 p.m. at Dublin Baptist Church, the church is located at 100 Hawkins St., Dublin. A love offering will be collected after the concert. Please invite your family and friends for a blessing in music,

VFW Post 1184 to host BINGO

VFW Post 1184 will host 25 cent BINGO on Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the post home located at the corner of Dora Highway and Washington Ave., Pulaski. Everyone is welcome.

Dublin Christmas Parade to be held

Dublin Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m.. Line-up starts at 10 a.m. at the old Dublin Middle School.

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 to host BINGO

VFW Aux. Post 1184 will host quarter BINGO on Saturday, December 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!

December 10

The Richards to be in concert at the Big Red Barn

Eddie and Sherry Richards, former cast members of the Biblical Times Dinner Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. who now travel full time as a word and music evangelistic Ministry team. Will be in concert at the Big Red Barn on December 10, 7 p.m. located on Rt. 11 across from the new Pulaski Middle School

December 14

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp to meet

The Son of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the

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Pre-registration is now underway for the Big Christmas Celebration through Saturday Dec. 11th at Emanuel Book Store, The Patriot Newspaper and at Taking It To The Streets Ministries.

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Most Valuable Cougar Nominees

Congratulations to our Class of 2022 nominees for the Most Valuable Cougar Award. The Most Valuable Cougar Award is the most prestigious award bestowed upon a member of the Pulaski County High School senior class. The nominees were chosen by their fellow classmates and each nominee is an outstanding representative of the Class of 2022. These students will serve as ambassadors for the student body during our senior year. This year, the candidates are (from left) Elaja Rollins, Skyy Semones, Gwen dolyn Puckett, Kimberly Lyons, Brooke Arnold, Arushi Arora, Carrie Blankenship, and Allen Queen.

Pulaski County Public Schools

Draper's Jean Alderman – Legacy of Nursing

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

For the last year, the medical community has frequently been in the news. Whether it is because of the heroic deeds of nurses, doctors and first responders during the COVID pandemic, or currently when some of those individuals refused to get the “jab.” It’s not a recent phenonema that medical professionals have been on the front lines during human disasters. During her 42-year career as a registered nurse, Draper resident Jean Alderman has seen many emergencies and lots of changes in the nursing profession.

She was Director of Nursing for 23 years at Pulaski Community Hospital, from 1968 to 1991.

Although Alderman was in training in Richmond (1949 – 1952) during the Polio epidemic, she remembers people in Pulaski talking about it.

“I was a nursing student doing psychiatric and pediatric training in Richmand when Polio hit. They didn’t know what caused it. Our patients from the New River Valley were transferred to Roanoke. Most of the infections were around Wytheville. It was



Jean Alderman

so bad in Wytheville that people were afraid to travel through there.”

She noted that during the Polio epidemic, it didn’t get political

like the COVID pandemic. People didn’t have to wear a mask everywhere they went; and churches didn’t get closed down.

Alderman has seen lots of

changes in the medical profession over her career of 42 years. She advanced from being a nurse on the floor to Director of Nursing before retirement in 1991.

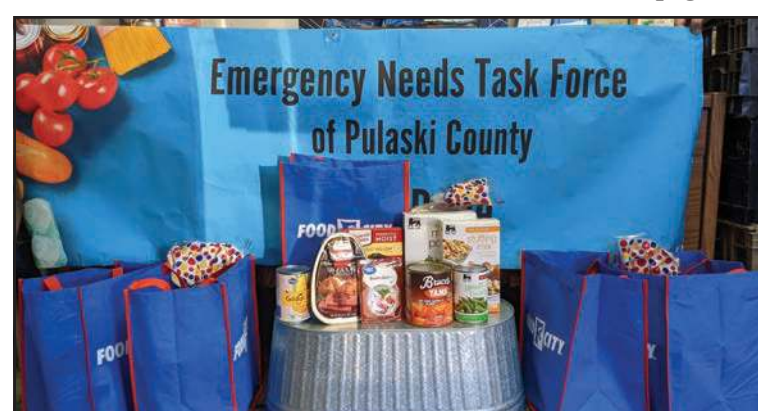
“I was thinking about how every department changed over the years. We brought in a pediatric division, X-ray department and laboratory. We had about 30 babies born each month. When I graduated from nursing school, I was put on the night shift. I believe the salaries went up to \$120 per month and we worked a six or seven-day weeks. I think I made

less than \$1 per hour. Sometimes, I would be the only RN in the building,” she said.

“Nurses and doctors work just as hard now as we did back then. The people we cared for were our friends, church members and neighbors. We used to have a 165-bed hospital and kept patients for several days, but because of insurance rules, we have a lot more outpatients now,” she commented.

Pulaski Community Hospital opened in 1915 with seven beds,

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Emergency Needs Task Force assists families at Thanksgiving

The Emergency Needs Task Force (ENTF) of Pulaski County, provided 40 food boxes to help those in need have a meal to celebrate Thanksgiving this year.

Richards to be in concert at Dublin Baptist

The Richards will be in concert on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Big Red Barn on Route 11 across from Pulaski County Middle School.

Eddie and Sherry Richards are former cast members of the Biblical Times Dinner Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., who now travel full time as a word and music evangelistic ministry team.

The couple has been sharing the gospel together since their marriage in 1984, and their heart for ministry has helped to lead countless souls to the Lord and encourage others on their continued walk with Christ. As a result, God continues to open doors for their ministry to perform throughout the United States and abroad. In their almost 35 years of marriage, Eddie and Sherry Richards have been a part of several regional music groups including, The Richards, Greater Love, Southern Gold, The Sounds of Victory and The Singing Nippers. As well, Sherry has filled in for long time Queen of Gospel Music, Connie Hopper of Southern Gospel’s First Family,



Eddy and Sherry Richards

The Hoppers.

The couple has recorded countless projects over the years and been invited to perform on some of Gospel music’s largest events including Myrtle Beach Singing in the Sun, Gatlinburg Gathering, Branson’s Silver Dollar City and the National Quartet Convention among others.

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Children’s book author - Coffey - grew up in Pulaski

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

When extraordinary talent combines with a passion to teach kids about Jesus, the result is an amazing children’s book entitled, “Moshe’s Big Day: A Lesson in Trust.”

Pulaski native Sydney Powell Coffey published her first Christian children’s book on October 13th of this year and plans to continue writing a series of children’s stories about a little sheep named Moshe.

“It’s no secret that the world can be a big, scary place sometimes. But there’s Someone you can trust when it feels a little too big and scary,” says Coffee. “Moshe knows that he can trust his shepherd to always be there to help. Just as Moshe realizes he can trust his shepherd, children reading this book will learn that they can trust in Jesus when they feel afraid or overwhelmed,” she explains.

Coffey says she grew up in a Christian home with her parents Joe and Connie Paul of Newbern but admits that as a teenager, she chose a lifestyle sometimes displeasing to God. She attended Pulaski County High school, graduating with a 4.3 GPA, was elected Snow Queen, was on the Homecoming Court and had a few modeling jobs along the way.

She felt her life was perfect – but didn’t realize until later in college that she was conceited, prideful and self-absorbed.

Even at an early age, Coffey loved writing and would sometimes wake up in the middle of the night to write down a poem



Pulaski native Sydney Powell Coffey.

or her thoughts; but she found college to be more challenging.

“I’ll never forget receiving a ‘D’ in my first college writing assignment,” she confesses. In a series of downward spiraling incidences, she found herself struggling to make friends, gaining weight, and realizing that the accumulated life-trophies she thought defined her were proving hollow. “I was miserable, lonely, confused and hurting.”

It was at that low point when God met her in a profound way,

and she acknowledged that everything about her was far from perfect. Coffey recalls, “I fell to my knees, asking Him to save me. I prayed for Him to forgive me and cleanse me. He changed me. He changed my life. Writing quickly became a part of my life again, and God was moving to restore me to His original design.”

Coffey graduated from James Madison University with an undergraduate degree in Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) and received a full scholarship to

Ohio State University to pursue her M.A. degree; but felt the Lord was leading her in a different direction. She subsequently turned down the scholarship and went to work as a preschool teacher in Washington, D.C. teaching Spanish, reading and math.

While attending a Christian conference, Coffey had a spiritual encounter. She heard what sounded like children running around on a playground, and then heard the children saying, “Lead me! Lead me!” Several months later, the Lord opened a door for Coffey to share the Gospel with children and women from many different faiths and cultures.

In 2009, she married Aaron Coffey, her childhood friend. They moved to Louisville, KY where Coffey tutored and shared the Gospel with children. “I loved to share the Gospel with them; they seemed so hungry for the Lord.”

Later, they moved to Lynchburg where Coffey worked in the Liberty University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine as a clinical collaborator and coordinator for medical outreach. Because she wasn’t working directly with children, Coffey began praying for direction and subsequently, stepped away from her job. “Something was burning in me to share the Gospel with kids, and I wasn’t where I wanted to be in ministry,” she explained. Along the way, Coffey earned her M.A. in Christian Ministry: Global Studies; and is currently pursuing a degree in Creative Writing.

One day, while listening to a Focus on the Family interview with Eric Metaxas regarding his book, If You Can Keep It, something inspired her to start her own business and publish children’s books. “It dawned on me that, if God would bless it, the books could reach more children than I could ever possibly encounter.”

At that point, Coffey saw everything fall into place. While seeking God’s will for the proj-

ect, she prayed to know what God had to say to the children through the book. “It was like a download to my brain. I started typing the story on my phone and almost couldn’t keep up,” she laughed.

Then her close friend, Brienna Cox, volunteered to illustrate the book. Cox was uniquely qualified to attempt the task because she was a teacher, and along with her husband Braxton, had worked with children as missionaries in Alaska.

The creative side of writing is very different than the business side of publishing. After much research, Coffey decided to form her own publishing company and named it “Wide Island Publishing,” basing it on scripture: “God’s thoughts toward us are as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore.” She states that “At Wide Island Publishing, we are seeking to communicate God’s thoughts to young hearts through children’s books that exalt Jesus Christ.”

Coffey emphatically believes that “In His timing, the Lord brought everything together. Writing and publishing Moshe’s Big Day: Lessons in Trust, has been the most exhilarating and fulfilling adventure so far. Trusting Jesus is a lesson I have learned more intimately through the publishing process. From the story idea, to the talented people who helped make it all a reality, and everything in between, God has done amazing things. He has been so faithful, and I pray multitudes of children are impacted for eternity by the words of our books. I want people to know they have Someone they can turn to, and his name is Jesus.”

Coffey is relying on social media for her marketing strategy and has her books available in paperback and hardback from Amazon, WideIslandPublishing.com and Instagram.

The author can be contacted via email: Author@WideIslandpublishing.com

Alderman

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under the charter of The Pulaski Hospital Association. Later, in 1926, four doctors founded Pulaski Hospital, Inc. to enable a new hospital to be constructed on Randolph Avenue. Dr. D.S. Divers, Dr. R. F. Thornhill, Dr. R. H. Woolling and Dr. H.R. Farley were the founders.

The hospital’s School of Nursing opened in 1948 and in 1960 a nursing unit and physicians offices were added. Then in 1965 the name was changed to Pulaski General Hospital.

A new \$3 million hospital, located on Lee Highway in Pulaski, opened in 1973, replacing the previous hospital; and in 2010 was renamed LewisGale Hospital Pulaski.

Alderman recalls several of the doctors she worked with.

“Dr. James Chitwood was one of the best doctors I ever met. He was so compassionate and someone you could easily talk to – like a grandfather. Dr. Divers was the ramrod of the hospital, and Dr. Woollings was one of the doctors who started the hospital on Randolph Avenue.”

“There was never a dull mo-

ment in the nursing profession and when I went to work, I knew that I’d see something that had never happened before. I was working when the Valley View Apartments building blew up in 1956. There were several deaths and many injuries. We were a small hospital and didn’t have life-saving crews, but the ambulances brought them in. After that, we worked on disaster drills, etc. so we could be better prepared.”

Alderman was in charge of hiring the nurses and doing orientation. She would go to the various schools of nursing and if she found someone good, she would call and recruit them from other hospitals by talking to them and telling them how good it was to work at Pulaski’s hospital. She recalls that she also recruited a lot of LPN’s for the hospital, but now more of the LPN’s are working in the doctors offices.

“We sure had a good crew of department heads. We were all very close. Nurses’ duties changed over the years. Now they are much more of assistance to the doctor and they have to

deal with more paperwork now. The insurance industry has lots of paperwork. Nurses need to keep track of medicines, narcotics, medical records – nurses don’t have an easy job. Nurses aids give baths, but nurses give medicine,” Alderman explained.

Alderman’s nursing legacy lives on through her family members who have entered the nursing field.

“I have two granddaughters who work as RN’s in LewisGale operating rooms: Casey Edwards and Beth Bishop. My daughter-in-law, Susan Alderman, works in outpatient surgery, and my son-in-law Nick Edwards (married to Casey) is a practical nurse, working for the Wytheville VA Clinic.



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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.

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Pry: 'Honored, humbled' to be Hokies new coach

By HANK KURZ Jr.
AP Sports Writer

BLACKSBURG — Brent Pry's voice cracked with emotion as he detailed the career journey he's been on, one that has brought him back to Blacksburg as Virginia Tech's head football coach.

"I'm honored and humbled," he said Thursday at a news conference. "It's very surreal for me."

After spending a dozen years on the staff of James Franklin, the last eight at Penn State, Pry said he wasn't sure he would "ever step out and do my own thing."

"It took this place to do it and took what coach (Frank Beamer) built and (former defensive coordinator Bud Foster) and so many others to be the right place," Pry

said. "For me, it was the right time."

Beamer, who gave Pry a chance as a graduate assistant in 1995, and Foster, who had Pry working with the defensive line for three years as the program rose in status, attended Pry's introductory news conference. J.C. Price, the Hokies' interim coach who will head Virginia Tech in their bowl game after Justin Fuente's exit on Nov. 16, was also in attendance.

Pry has hired Price to be an associate head coach and defensive coach. The new coach said he will take his time and do his due diligence in building a staff.

Pry, 51, has never been a head coach, but as co-defensive coordinator and then defensive coordinator at Penn State, the Nittany Lions' aggressive defense has

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New head football coach Brent Pry (center) is flanked by athletic director Whitt Babcock (left) and Tech President Tim Sands.

Aggressive Cougars get first win on road against Cavs, 63-48

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

HILLSVILLE - The 2021-22 high school basketball season got off to a rousing start Tuesday night for the Pulaski County Cougars who opened with a 63-48 non-conference road win over Carroll County.

The Cougars, led by third-year head coach Tyler Cannoy, came out at the opening tip fired up with an aggressive defense that gave the homestanding Cavaliers fits most of the game.

"Pulaski came in here and were definitely more fired up than we were," said Carroll head coach Anthony Barnes. "They definitely disrupted our offense. They were very intense right from the tip, and we weren't. I felt like we never could get in the set we wanted to get in because of their intensity."

Senior JJ Gulley opened the season's scoring for the Cougars, hitting a three-pointer two minutes into the game.

After a jumper by Carroll's Brayden Smoot, Lane Nester banked in a basket followed by a layup by Josh Bourne and the Cougars were up 7-2.

Bourne would lead the Cougars in scoring with 22 on the night, with Gulley and Nester adding 15 each.

The three-some closed out the first quarter scoring with Gulley hitting another three-pointer from the left side giving Pulaski County a 15-6 lead into the second.

Bourne, Gulley and Nester built the Cougars' lead to 25-11 before Khalib Horton hit a jumper and Tyler Sutherland scored on a put-back to build the score to 29-19.

Carroll would cut the Cougars' lead to only eight at 29-21 on two Bryce Smoot free-throws. But the Cougars closed the half strong on a 7-0 run, with Nester hitting two buckets, a layup by Bourne and a Kyle O'Neal free-throw to give Pulaski County a 36-21 lead at halftime.

The teams battled evenly in the third, with the Cougars winning the quarter, 11-9. Bourne hit two buckets – one a three-pointer – plus two free-throws. Nester added a layup and Peyton McDaniel added a bucket to keep Pulaski County ahead by double-digits.

Carroll County actually won the fourth quarter, 18-16, but Pu-

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Cougar point guard Josh Bourne, shown here during an pre-season scrimmage led Pulaski County against Carroll County with 22 pointys.

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Hokies hold off Maryland in ACC / Big Ten Challenge

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Justyn Mutts hit a jumper and 1 of 2 free throws in the final 20 seconds and Virginia Tech held off Maryland 62-58 in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge on Wednesday night.

Virginia Tech (6-2), which led 31-29 at halftime on Hunter Cattoor's 3-pointer in the final minute, fell behind 43-36 on a dunk off a rebound by Julian Reese with 11:58 left. Cattoor and Nahiem Alleyne sank 3s to bookend a 13-3 run that put the Hokies up 49-46 with 5:54 remaining — and they never trailed again in ending a six-game losing streak to the Terrapins (5-3).

Keve Aluma posted his second double-double of the season for the Hokies with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Mutts pitched in with 16 points, while Cattoor scored 12 on 4-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc.

Qudus Wahab scored 14 points on 6-of-7 shooting in the first half for Maryland before finishing with 18. Donta Scott added 11 points, while Hakim Hart scored 10.

Virginia Tech shot just 38% overall but make 9 of 20 from distance (45%). Maryland shot 42% overall but hit just 1 of 13 3-point tries.

The two schools hadn't met since Maryland left the ACC for the Big Ten following the 2013-14 season. The Terrapins lead the all-time series 32-11.

Pitt's Pickett voted ACC Player of Year

GREENSBORO, N.C. (theACC.com) – Pitt record-setting quarterback Kenny Pickett, who led the Panthers to 10 regular-season wins and a Coastal Division title, has been voted the 2021 ACC Football Player of the Year.

Florida State senior defensive end Jermaine Johnson II was selected as the ACC Defensive Player of the Year in voting by a select 50-member media panel and the conference's 14 head coaches.

Pickett, a senior from Oakhurst, New Jersey, led the Panthers to a spot in this Saturday night's Subway ACC Football Championship Game by completing 67.7% of his passes (314 of 464) for 4,066 yards with 40 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. Including his four rushing scores, Pickett has been responsible for 44 touchdowns this season.

Also voted the ACC Offensive Player of the Year for this season, Pickett is a finalist for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, Maxwell Award and Senior CLASS Award. He is a semifinalist for the Walter Camp Award.

Pickett is one touchdown pass shy of the ACC record set by Clemson's Deshaun Watson over a 15-game span in 2016. Pickett

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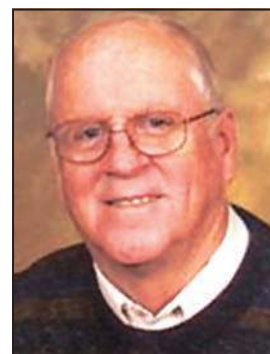
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Dog Days

It was Saturday the 20th of November, 2021, and the beginning of the two-day National Dog show held in Philadelphia, PA. My name is Big Jim, a Black Lab, along with Anna Marie, a Springer Spaniel, watched the show on the large TV screen that I had talked my man, John Fuller, into getting for us when we were allowed to come inside occasionally in the winter months. Jack, as we call him, had bonded well with his French Creole wife, Margot. She, being from New Orleans, was the responsibility of Anna Marie who had taught her most of the French language and A.M. had taught me much of the same.

Anna Marie and I had tired of telling dog jokes to each other for several days. Also, Jack had not been able to take us grouse hunting for a couple of weeks. He had slipped going up to his tree stand and cracked an ankle and was in a walking boot for a few more weeks. The four of us took in the show and Anna Marie and I had bets against each other as which of our pedigrees would win. We were all cozy and warm by the fireplace and expressed our appreciation as many dogs were paraded across the show room.

There were seven groups and each of most classes were narrowed down from over 150 dogs to just one to show against other breeds in their class. The Herding group was won by a Miniature American Shepard; a collie was second. A total of four-placed finishes with ribbons of Blue, Red, White and Yellow were given respectively. A Scottish Deerhound won the Hound group; The Bull Dog, Teddy won the Nonsporting group; The wire-fox Terrier, Vinny won the Terrier; Chester, an Affenpinscher won the toy group. The Doberman Pincher won the Working group. The Sporting Group had a German shorthaired Pointer winning first place. Claire, the Scottish Deerhound won Best Around in Show All Around. I was the loser here as the Weimaraner was second followed by the Golden Retriever and much to the delight of Anna Marie, an English Springer Spaniel finished fourth. As a result, I had to give up two meals of with only half rations of chewed meat (hamburger) with Anna Marie getting the additional half. Anna Marie replied, “All jokes aside Jim, Oh beaux chiens” (oh beautiful dogs).”

Speaking of jokes, we had some neighbors that once used the Bible to get a name for a dog. They found it in Luke 16:21b KJV: “moreover the dogs came and licked his sores”, (speaking of the beggar Lazarus). We got a kick how they had turned an adverb into a noun for the dog’s name. Another adverb is found in II Corinthians 5:17 KJ, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.” As I heard a preacher once say, “Therefore” is that is why it is there for.” In these times of inflationary costs, we can say salvation is still free to all.

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Comcast to soon begin offering ACC Network

GREENSBORO, N.C. AND BURBANK, Calif. – Announced earlier this week, Comcast will distribute ACC Network (ACCN) to its Xfinity customers, allowing fans and followers of the Atlantic Coast Conference to access the multiplatform network in the coming weeks.

The availability of ACCN is part of Comcast and The Walt Disney Company’s content carriage agreement renewal that will continue to make Disney’s programming available to Xfinity TV customers.

With the addition of Comcast, ACCN is now fully distributed with every major satellite, telco and digital provider across the country, and available to nearly 90 million households. Further launch details in Comcast’s Xfinity markets will

be available in the coming weeks.

“ACCN provides tremendous value to college sports fans, and we are excited about this agreement with Comcast, which ensures subscribers will have access to the full slate of content offered on ACCN and ACCNX,” said Ilan Ben-Hanan, Senior Vice President, Programming & Acquisitions, ESPN. “ACC fans will now have the opportunity to watch ACCN’s extensive lineup of live sporting events, studio shows and original programming in the coming weeks.”

“We are thrilled that ACC Network has reached full distribution with the addition of Comcast to our already robust lineup of providers,” said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. “ACC Network, led by

Jimmy Pitaro and Burke Magnus, continues to be an outstanding partner that does a tremendous job of showcasing our student-athletes, coaches and programs. This is a milestone moment in the short history of ACCN, and we appreciate the continued leadership at Disney, ESPN and ACCN for working diligently to make this a reality.”

ACCN annually televises more than 500 regular-season and tour-

nament games from across the conference’s 27 sponsored sports, including football, baseball, softball, field hockey, volleyball, wrestling, men’s and women’s basketball, lacrosse and soccer, plus a complement of news and information shows and original programming. Together, ACCN and its digital platform, ACCNX, combine to feature more than 1,500 ACC events each year.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW and take action on the following:

1. A request from Bimmerworld Properties, LLC for a Special Exception at property located at 1000 Memorial Drive [tax parcel(s) 072-140-48 & 072-140-48A] for the Light Industrial Use, Industry Type 1.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager’s Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

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Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Changes To The Town of Dublin’s Cigarette Excise Tax

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Virginia Code §58.1-3840, and pursuant to §6.2 of the Dublin Town Charter, the Town Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia, to consider:

- Amendment of Ordinance 2021-2, to correct and reduce, retroactive to July 1, 2021 and through December 31, 2021, the rate of the Town’s cigarette excise tax from 3.34¢ per cigarette, 66.8¢ per pack, to 2¢ per cigarette, 40¢ per pack;
- Repeal, effective January 1, 2022, of Ordinances 2020-3 and 2021-2; and
- Enactment, effective January 1, 2022 of a new ordinance (i) to assess a cigarette excise tax on all cigarettes sold or otherwise distributed within the Town of Dublin, at the rate of 2¢ per cigarette, 40¢ per pack of 20 cigarettes, \$4.00 per carton of 10 packs of cigarettes, (ii) to join the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board, and (iii) to authorize the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board to administer the Town’s cigarette tax ordinance and to collect the Town’s cigarette excise tax, beginning as of January 1, 2022.

Anyone having an interest in this proposed sale may appear in person before the Council at the above-stated time and place or submit a written statement to the Dublin Town Manager no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021, which statement will be read during the public hearing.

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available for review in the Dublin Town Treasurer’s Office.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Real Estate Pledge by the Town of Dublin, Virginia

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Pry

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been ranked in the top half of the Big Ten every season he's been there.

"It's been fun to watch him grow and develop and mature and ... put himself in this position," Foster said. "I'm excited for him."

Pry will be paid \$4 million in his first two seasons, receive a \$750,000 raise in seasons three and four and a \$250,000 raise the next two years. He'll have a budget of \$5.5 million for 10 assistants and \$2.25 million for support staff.

Athletic director Whit Babcock said Pry was the first coach he spoke to about the job and while he spoke to "three to five" other candidates, "the bar was set from the get go. It's really nice to get into a search and have somebody that does so well they're the bar that you consider for everyone else. And he certainly stood out. He was very well prepared."

The two had spoken via Zoom but had never met in person before Pry flew to Blacksburg on Wednesday.

Babcock originally was primarily interested in hiring a coach with head coaching experience, but said Pry has been in big games in the SEC while he was with Franklin at Vanderbilt and the Big Ten.



Brent Pry at Thursday's press conference poses with legendary Hokies Head Coach Frank Beamer.

"He's been the right-hand person and confidant for James Franklin," Babcock said. "We have no doubt that he's ready."

It also helped that Pry has a history and appreciation for Virginia Tech.

"It certainly plays a role because you want somebody to run to the job," Babcock said. "Again, it's not just a great job, it's 'I'm going there because it's Virginia Tech.'"

Fuente was criticized for never truly embracing Virginia Tech's football history, although he did award one player a week with the honor of wearing Beamer's retired No. 25 jersey.

Pry said one difficult thing for him will be turning over defensive play-calling duties to an assistant, but he will do it "whether that's after spring or after year one." He has been very involved in the details on that side of the ball since he began coaching.

Brent Pry: 30 years in the coaching business

A 30-year coaching veteran, Pry has coached teams that have qualified for 15 bowl appearances and have finished in the FBS top 25 in total defense eight times. He has played an instrumental role in coaching top 10 defenses at Virginia Tech, Penn State, Vanderbilt, Georgia Southern, and Western Carolina. Since his promotion to defensive coordinator in 2016, the Nittany Lions have posted three seasons with 11 wins and four seasons with nine or more victories. He helped the Nittany Lions to the 2016 Big Ten Championship af-

ter defeating No. 6 Wisconsin in that conference's championship game. His longtime association with current Penn State head coach James Franklin dates back to 1993-94 when Franklin was the quarterback for East Stroudsburg University, where Pry coached outside linebackers and defensive backs.

"I'm truly excited for Brent and his family," Franklin said. "He's a passionate leader who'll inspire his team to play their best football; but his greatest strengths are his dedication, relatability and humility. It's those charac-

teristics combined with his deep understanding of X&Os that will serve Virginia Tech and the entire Blacksburg community best."

Pry was a 2021 Broyles Award nominee for the top assistant coach in the country as the Nittany Lions ranked fourth nationally in Red Zone defense (66.7%), seventh in scoring defense (16.8 ppg), eighth in defensive pass efficiency (111.98), and held their opponents to 4.7 yards per play. Under Pry's direction in 2020, Penn State ranked third in the Big Ten in total defense (328.8 ypg), good for 17th nationally, second in pass defense (198.6 ypg), second in TFL (6.7 per game) and fourth in rush defense (130.2 ypg).

Pry's defense helped lead Penn State to an 11-2 record in 2019, ranking eighth nationally in scoring defense (16.0 ppg). The Nittany Lions also led the nation in fewest yards per carry (2.6) and forced fumbles (22), while ranking fifth in rushing defense (95.0 ypg) in 2019. The Penn State defense led the nation in sacks per game (3.62) and ranked fourth in tackles for loss (8.2) in 2018. His 2018 squad also ranked fifth in the country in yards per pass attempt (5.67), eighth in defensive pass efficiency (106.1) and 11th in Red Zone scoring percentage (.750).

Penn State also registered an 11-2 record in 2017 with Pry earning his first Broyles Award nomination. The Nittany Lions finished seventh in FBS in both scoring defense (16.5 ppg) and



Brent Pry and wife, Amy.

He also plans to return the Hokies to being effective recruiters in the state of Virginia. Pry said he learned a great deal on that front from Franklin, who emphasizes details.

"Following through, being thor-

ough and building those relationships with the high school coach, with the trainer, with the parents, with the uncle, with the barber who cuts hair," Pry said. "Being actively involved as a head coach is very important to me."

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Lady Cougars get first win

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars, led by head coach Scott Ratcliff, opened their 2021-22 basketball season on a high note, winning at Abingdon, 75-50.

Paige Huff led the Lady Cougars with 18 points on the night. Keslyn Secrist added 17, while Jaden Lawson put in 16.

Hannah Keefer added 12 points to the effort, followed by Ally Fleenor’s 6, Erin Russell’s 3, Tori Vest’s 2 and Courtney Cregger added 1.

The Cougars (1-1) travel to Hillsville Friday night to take on the Carroll County Lady Cavaliers.

At right, Pulaski County’s Hannah Keefer goes up for two of her 12 points Tuesday night against Abingdon.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pickett

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has thrown 79 career touchdown passes, tied for the most in Pitt history with the legendary Dan Marino.

Florida State’s Johnson registered 12 quarterback sacks and 18 tackles for loss this season, totals which both lead the ACC and rank among the top six nationally.

A native of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Johnson joined the Seminoles after starring in the JUCO ranks and playing two seasons at Georgia. He finished the sea-



son with 70 total tackles, along with 12 quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, two pass break-ups and one fumble recovery.

A semifinalist for the Lombardi and Bednarik Awards, Johnson was selected ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week four times during the 2021 season.

The complete breakdown of the 2021 ACC Football Player of the Year voting:

Player of the Year
Kenny Pickett, QB, Pitt, 52

Wake Forest’s Clawson voted ACC’s top coach

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Wake Forest’s Dave Clawson has been voted the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Demon Deacons to 10 regular-season wins, the Atlantic Division title and a berth in this Saturday’s Subway ACC Football Championship Game.

Clawson, in his eighth season at Wake Forest, was the choice of 49 voters among a 64-member panel of 50 select media members and each of the league’s 14 head coaches. Pat Narduzzi, who led Pitt to the Coastal Division title and will square off against the Deacons in Saturday night’s championship game in Charlotte, placed second with 10 votes.

Wake Forest finished the regular season 10-2 overall and posted a 7-1 conference record after being picked for a fifth-place Atlantic Division finish in the league’s preseason media poll. The Demon Deacons, who did not receive a first-place vote from any of the preseason poll’s 147 voters, opened the season 8-0, earned a top-10 national ranking and secured bowl eligibility for the sixth consecutive

season.

Wake Forest placed eight players on the 2021 All-ACC Teams and heads into the Subway ACC Football Championship Game third among all FBS teams in scoring at 42.9 points per game.

This marks the ninth time a Wake Forest head coach has been honored as the ACC Football Coach of the Year and the first since Jim Grobe led the Demon Deacons to the 2006 conference title. Clawson, who owns a cumulative 50-47 record at Wake Forest, is one of five head coaches in program history to have a winning record during his tenure at the school and the first since D.C. “Peahead” Walker (77-51-6 from 1937-50).

The breakdown of voting for 2021 ACC Football Coach of the Year:

Coach of the Year
Dave Clawson, Wake Forest, 49

Pat Narduzzi, Pitt, 10
Dave Doeren, NC State, 2
Bronco Mendenhall, Virginia, 1

Scott Satterfield, Louisville, 1
Dabo Swinney, Clemson, 1

Brennan Armstrong, QB, Virginia, 5
Sam Hartman, QB, Wake Forest, 3
Jermaine Johnson II, DE, Florida State, 2
Drake Thomas, LB, NC State, 2

Offensive Player of the Year
Kenny Pickett, QB, Pitt, 54
Brennan Armstrong, QB, Virginia, 7
Sam Hartman, QB, Wake Forest, 3

Defensive Player of the Year
Jermaine Johnson II, DE, Florida State, 53
James Skalski, LB, Clemson, 6
Drake Thomas, LB, NC State, 3
Mikel Jones, LB, Syracuse, 2

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Cougars

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laski County hit 8 of 10 from the charity stripe down the stretch to put the game away.

“I think we played well on the defensive end. Offensively we’ve still got to get a lot better,” said Cannoy. “They’re (Carroll) really good defensively against some of the things we had. We don’t have a real inside presence right now. But defensively I felt like we really played well and helped our offense out.

“We’ve just got to get better every day. We’ve got a really good group of seniors and juniors who have really committed a lot to this.

“I thought they (Carroll) played really well. They did some things that we struggled to take away in the beginning and then finally figured it out. I couldn’t be more proud of our guys,” Cannoy added.

About his team’s aggressiveness on defense, Cannoy said it is a necessity because of the Cougars’ lack of size.

“We’re smaller than what we’re going to see across the region so we have to play hard defensively and we really have to get after people and speed the game up a little bit. I think that’s our strength and we’ve got to be able to do that,” he said.

Barnes said he saw some good things out of his team, even with the loss.

“I thought we handled the boards well, we only gave up four second shots, but Pulaski County’s intensity never went away. They did an excellent job of keeping the level high and we didn’t,” Barnes said.

“We won the fourth and cut it to eight at one point in the game,

but there again it came down to mistakes. We had 11 turnovers and you can’t turn the ball over.

“We’re young in the front court, but still you’ve got to be able to handle pressure. I tell them all the time, don’t be pressured – apply pressure. Tonight, Pulaski applied the pressure to us.

“I tell the guys all the time, you can’t come in half-cocked. You got to be ready right from the get-go. And this being our house, I think tonight they (Cougars) came in and smacked us in the mouth and we weren’t quite ready,” Barnes said.

Behind Bourne, Gulley and Nester, McDaniel had 5 for the Cougars followed by Horton, O’Neal and Sutherland with 2 each.

For Carroll County, Elijah Cox led with 19 while Davis Reitzel added 14. Brogan Phillips added 6 followed by Bryce Smoot with 5, Brayden Smoot and Mario Campbell with 2 each.

Next up for the Cougars will be Floyd County at home on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in another non-conference game.

In Tuesday’s junior varsity action, Pulaski County hammered Carroll, 68-32.

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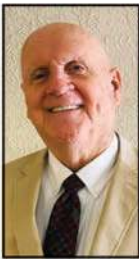
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Peter and John: Healing of the Lame Man at the Temple

Acts 3:1. “Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood and walked, and entered with them into the Temple, walking and leaping, and praising God.”

It was at 3PM in the afternoon when Peter and John were entering into the Temple at the time of prayer. They chose to enter in by the gate called Beautiful.

A lame man was carried to the Temple every day and placed at this popular gate to beg for alms from the crowd of people who came to the Temple. It was the perfect place for him to come and beg, because God’s people are giving people. God’s people are charitable people. God’s people have hearts that are touched with compassion when they look upon someone who is in need.

This lame man had a real, honest to goodness, problem. He couldn’t walk. He couldn’t work to earn a living. He had to be carried from place to place.

Peter looked at the lame man and said to him, “Look at us.” His words filled the beggar with the expectation that he was going to receive money from them.

Peter and John had no money to give to him. However, they had something much better. The power of God resided in them. And when and where the power of God is present, miracles happen. This lame man needed a miracle. Little did he know that there was a miracle from God headed his way.

Peter commanded him, in the Name of Jesus Christ, to rise up from his bed of affliction and to walk. Peter had the utmost faith in the power to heal that’s in the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus signifies the authority and power of Jesus, and when used by Spirit filled servants of God, can and will heal the sick.

All things are possible through the name of Jesus. There is power sufficient to overcome every negative thing that comes our way, in the name of Jesus. “There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12.

Jesus said “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask anything in My Name, I will do it.” (John 14:14, 15)

“And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, he will give it you.” (John 16:16)

Through the name of Jesus, we have access to the awesome power of Almighty God.

Peter and John didn’t have any money on them. However they had something much better than money. They had faith, and they had the power of the God the Holy Ghost residing in them.

As Peter spoke the words of faith, he took the lame man by his right hand, and pulled him to his feet. Immediately the feet and legs of the lame man received strength, and he was miraculously healed.

Not only did the man walk into the Temple with Peter and John, he leaped as he went, praising God all the way.

Those who stood nearby who knew that the man was really lame and could not walk one

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Draper Valley Baptist Church
3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church
552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
Primary Services:
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

Open Door Baptist Church
4576 Miller Lane
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett
Primary Services:
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046

Draper United Methodist Church
3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Rev. Jason Crandall
423-716-2570
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835

Newbern Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern
Rev. Denise and Ken Walker
540-440-8733

Christ Episcopal Church
144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

Jordan's Chapel UMC
Pastor: Jim Goddard
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church
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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

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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
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Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
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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
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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
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Pastor Mike Pierce
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
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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
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639-3494
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
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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.
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website - www.dvpca.org
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540-980-3624
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist
Pastor: Judy Yonce
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, Va.
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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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
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children’s Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Children’s Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Children’s and Youth’s Group Classes: 7 p.m.

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5605 Dunlap Road
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(540) 674-8434
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Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

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www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org
Sunday Services:
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Service 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Teresa Tolbert
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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540-674-2677
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5331 New Dublin Church Road
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Website: newdublinpres.org
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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
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The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

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3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
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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.

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1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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4008 Robinson Tract Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Pastor Johnny Howlett
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Group - 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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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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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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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
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McCraw

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step on his own were filled with wonder and amazement at the miracle of healing. It captured their attention.

People pay attention when they see someone who was bound, set free. They recognize that they have just witnessed a miracle from God, and wonder in awe and amazement over what may be coming next.

Jesus worked many miracles while He was here on the earth. Many lives were changed by His teaching and preaching, along with the person for whom the miracle was done.

Peter, being full of the Holy Ghost, never missing an opportunity to preach, started to preach. Opportunities come to those who are looking for them.

William Author Ward said, "Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you'll miss them."

Sometimes if we're not careful, we can miss opportunities to witness for Christ Jesus. We miss our chance to do something for God when we are afraid to speak up because we are intimidated or because we're afraid someone might think we're religious fanatics.

Being filled with the Holy Ghost of God gives us Holy Ghost boldness. Boldness to courageously share the gospel with others; boldness to lay hands on the sick and pray the prayer of faith for their healing; boldness to stand up for what is true, proper, fitting and right; and boldness to be all that God has called us to be.

After Peter's bold sermon, on the day of Pentecost, the number of believers was increased to 5,000. "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand." Acts 4:4. Which goes to show that boldness to share God's word with others, brings great results.

God doesn't change. He is immutable. He's the same, yesterday, today and forever. What He's done for others, He'll do for you and me, if we'll only believe. "For I the Lord, do not change." Malachi 3:6.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17.

"It is no secret, what God can do, what He's done for others, He'll do for you; with arms wide open, He'll pardon you, it is no secret, what God can do." Stuart Hamblin.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Psalms in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Chronicles 26, at what age did Uzziah become king of Jerusalem? 16, 30, 65, 99
3. In Genesis 4, who did God ask, "Why is thy countenance fallen?" Eve, Ahaz, Cain, Esau
4. Which prophet saw the Lord's angel riding on a red horse? Hosea, Nathan, Zechariah, Isaiah
4. Who was the first person to build an altar unto the Lord? Abraham, Noah, Artaxerxes, Levi
5. From Exodus 33, who/what saw the back of God? Adam, The serpent, Abraham, Moses

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 16; 3) Cain; 4) Zechariah; 5) Noah; 6) Moses


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The Holy Spirit is inexhaustible

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

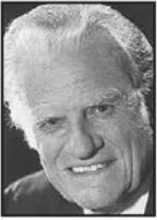
Q: Is it true that a person cannot become a Christian unless they receive the Holy Spirit? - C.S.

A: When a person accepts Christ as Savior, the Holy Spirit comes into that life and dwells within the heart. To be Spirit-filled according to Scripture is to be controlled or dominated by the Spirit of God's presence and power (Ephesians 5:18).

Society speaks of people being "under the influence" of alcohol.

Someone, for instance, who is controlled by alcohol is dominated by alcohol. Its presence and power have overridden normal abilities and actions.

The Apostle Paul was using this as an example when he wrote Ephesians 5:18. As believers in Christ we're to be filled with the Spirit, or "under the influence" of God's Spirit. God will not mislead us as we obediently follow Him. But when other things outside of Christ fill us, these "things" can lead us down paths that don't honor and glorify Him.



My Answer

Billy Graham

It's interesting to note that to "be filled with the Spirit" pictures a continual filling. We're not filled once for all but filled constantly. Christians aren't to be emptied of the Spirit to later become full again; rather to constantly draw on the direction and

energy of the Spirit.

Jesus said, "He who believes in Me... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). He did not speak of drops of blessings but rather rivers of living water. Consider the Mississippi or the Amazon: much may be taken from them, but they do not run dry. The sources from which they come keep sending water down their course. These rivers illustrate the life of the Spirit-filled Christian. The supply is never exhausted because it has its source in the Holy Spirit who is inexhaustible.

Amber Waves

THIS IS JUST NOT FAIR. TEACHER EXPECTS US TO READ THIS ENTIRE BOOK.

THEY HAVEN'T EVEN MADE A MOVIE OF IT SO I CAN'T EVEN WATCH THAT.

IT'S JUST SO BORING. I CAN'T EVEN KEEP MY EYES OPEN ... LET ME THINK....

MOM, COULD YOU READ YOUR BABY BOY AN EXTRA LONG BEDTIME STORY?

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

Swimming with the Dolphins

Shopping with the Humans

by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.

I SWEAR...

THE OLDER I GET...

THE FASTER THIS HAPPENS!

by Mike Marland

The Spats

I JUST GOT THE PICK OF THE LITTER!

OH, DID YOU GET A PUPPY??

NO, I WENT THROUGH THE NEIGHBORS GARBAGE CANS.

by Jeff Pickering

POPEYE

YOUR MOTOR-SICKLE'S AT TH' SUPERMARKET'S PARKIN' LOT?

WOT TH' SICKLE'S DOIN' DERE?

COULDN'T DO DAT... SO I TOOK A BUS!

WOT HAP'ND T' ME SICKLE?!

I RODE IT DERE!

WOT FER?

I WENT FOOD SHOPPIN', DUMMY!

SO WHY DIN'T Y' RIDE IT BACK?

B'FORE I TELLS Y' DAT... LEMME TELLY' TH' GOOD NEWS

INSURANCE WILL COVER IT!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THAT'S IT FOR THE LEFTOVERS...ALTHOUGH TECHNICALLY, FOOD SHOULD AT LEAST GET COLD BEFORE THEY QUALIFY AS LEFTOVER.

LAFF-A-DAY

Try to keep him away from helicopters, okay?

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Creche trio
- 5 The whole enchilada
- 8 Outlet letters
- 12 Teensy bit
- 13 Irish actor Stephen
- 14 Vivacity, in music
- 15 At the summit of
- 16 Her bed was too soft
- 18 Jungle trek
- 20 Make happy
- 21 Swindles
- 23 Workout site
- 24 Spaghetti topper
- 28 Whirled
- 31 Hosp. area
- 32 Small stream
- 34 "As I see it," to a texter
- 35 Lavish affection (on)
- 56 Shriek bark
- 57 "Hey!"
- 41 Greek letters
- 42 Regard highly
- 45 Morals
- 49 Legume used in Asian cuisine
- 51 Acknowledge
- 52 Wax-coated cheese
- 53 Baton Rouge

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54 Country's McEntire

55 Actress Ward

56 Shriek bark

57 "Hey!"

DOWN

1 "Serpico" author Peter

2 "— girl!"

3 Blunder

4 Influence

5 How lovers may stroll

6 Meadow

7 Genie's home

8 Monasteries
- 9 Slapstick mis-

10 "Buenos —!"

11 Apple center

17 H.S. math

19 Eldest Stark child on "Game of Thrones"

22 Sailing vessel

24 Central

25 Green prefix

26 Fall-related

27 Relax

29 Actress Thurman

30 — de plume

33 Make a scarf
- 36 Puzzle

38 It's equivalent to C, in some scores

40 Sphere

42 Iowa city

43 Ranch visitor

44 Slithery

46 Currier's partner

47 Corn castoffs

48 Smack a baseball

50 "— was saying ..."

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7. Canada
8. Austria
9. Australia
10. Italy

Source: Reuters Institute

*per capita, 30-day period

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere?
2. MOVIES: Which 1987 film contains the catchy line, "May the Schwartz be with you"?
3. LITERATURE: Author John Steinbeck contends that his dog ate the first draft of which of his novels?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of parrots called?
5. MUSIC: Who is considered the "Father of the Blues"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first sitting president to throw out the first pitch on baseball's opening day?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit also is sometimes called a "love apple"?
8. TELEVISION: Where do the vampires live in "What We Do in the Shadows"?
9. HISTORY: In what year did East Germany start to build the Berlin Wall?
10. INVENTIONS: Which scientist invented the color wheel?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

10. Sir Isaac Newton
9. 1961
8. Staten Island, New York
7. Tomato
6. William Howard Taft (1910)
5. W.C. Handy
4. A pandemonium
3. "Of Mice and Men"
2. "Spaceballs"
1. 90%

Solution time: 22 mins.

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"Hey, Al, do we have something back there called _____?"

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!

Dainty RENTED

Dream RANEY

Unkind DINES

Sniff HEALIN

TODAY'S WORD

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Invest; 4. Detain

1. Field 2. Flange; 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: O equals M

ZRJB JOCUCGM QVBBQD MCGYHM

OVWRB LCG RDJU EUCO KDCKQD

ZRC JUD YDMBQVYW TCOEVQL?

TGHHQD TJQQM.

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D A C A A H C A T T A A Y X W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: SPACE JUST BELOW THE ROOF

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- Atlas
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Atonement
- Atrium
Atrophy
Attach
Attend
- Attended
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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.

POK UHJLP IJZFYKN UZJ DYY
ZU XL, NKT DTC AZNKT, HL TZP
PZ YKDJT, FXP PZ XTYKDJT.
— EYZJHD LPKHTKN

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The first problem for all us, men and women, is n to learn, but to unlearn. — Gloria Steinem

answer
Cryptoquote

AT FIRST

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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MERRY SIR COEL TELLS TALES OF YESTERYEAR, AT VAL'S EXPENSE: 'THE YOUNG PRINCE WAS GRIMLY SET UPON HIS KNIGHTHOOD...'



"... AND I FEAR THAT THE OTHER SQUIRES AND I TOOK WICKED PLEASURE IN TWEAKING HIM. BUT, LOOK, WE APPROACH NINE HOME!"



ALETA IS AMUSED BY VAL'S DISCOMFORT: 'SIR COEL, I PRAY YOU CONTINUE TO ENTERTAIN US TONIGHT WITH THESE STORIES UPON WHICH MY HUSBAND HAS SAT SILENT.'

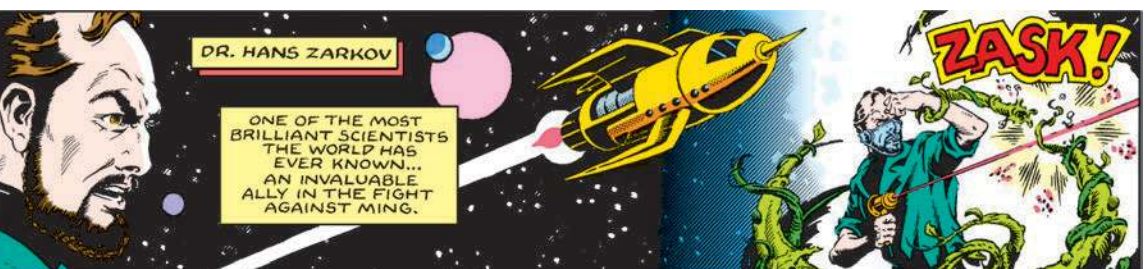


INDEED, AFTER SUPPING, THE HOST CONTINUES BRIGHTLY. 'HOW FONDLY I RECALL THE MOCK JOUSTING TOURNAMENTS OF OUR YOUTH ...'



"... AND THE TIME WE MET IN THE FINAL, WITH VAL SO DESPERATE TO WIN. OH, HIS CHARGE WAS FURIOUS, BUT - NO! - HIS SADDLE SLIPPED, LEAVING HIM WITHOUT LANCE OR DIGNITY!"

"IMAGINE! A CINCH FAILING AT THAT TIME! WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?"
NEXT: The other cheek



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ZASK!



FLASH GORDON
11-21
By JIM KEEFFE
SHERVED BEFORE QUEEN FRA, DALE LASHES OUT AT CAPTAIN LONAK.

"THIS MAN LEFT FLASH TO DIE! HE'S NOT FIT TO BE A LEADER. I DEMAND HE BE... YOU DEMAND NOTHING BEFORE THE QUEEN."
LONAK.
EXCUSE THE CAPTAIN, MISS ARPEN. WE'VE ALL BEEN UNDER A LOT OF STRAIN. RONAL HAS ALSO GONE MISSING...

"... HE FOUGHT OFF THOSE CREATURES SINGLE-HANDEDLY IN ORDER FOR CAPTAIN LONAK TO GET ME TO SAFETY."
"IT'S IRONIC. RONAL ALWAYS INSISTED THE KRONTOR WERE POISLE CREATURES, THAT THEY POSED NO THREAT."

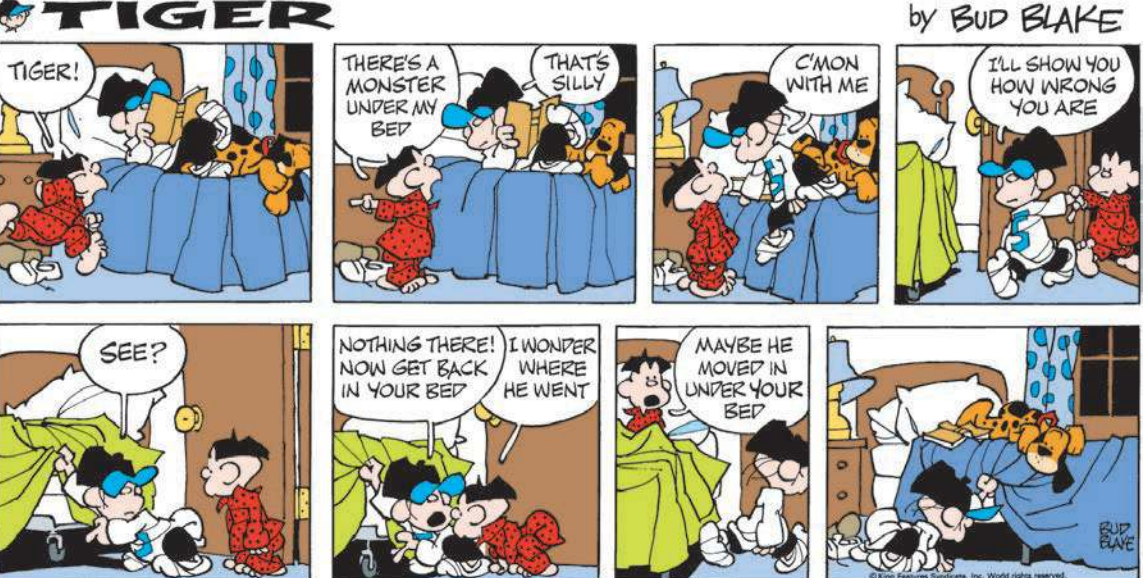


I TRIED TO WARN HIS MAJESTY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY HE WOULDN'T LISTEN.
HARD TO IMAGINE SOMEONE NOT LISTENING TO YOU.

THOOM!!
WHAT IN BLAZES?!
IT'S THOSE INFERNAL BEASTS. THEY KNOW WE'RE IN HERE.

THOOM!
IF ONLY WE WEREN'T CUT OFF FROM OUR ARSENAL.
I THINK I CAN BE OF HELP.

I HAVE A PEVJCE THAT JUST MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE...



TIGER!
THERE'S A MONSTER UNDER MY BED
THAT'S SILLY
C'MON WITH ME
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW WRONG YOU ARE

SEE?
NOTHING THERE! I WONDER WHERE HE WENT
NOW GET BACK IN YOUR BED

MAYBE HE MOVED IN UNDER YOUR BED

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• 2007-09 – Memphis (Defensive Line)
• 2004-06 – Louisiana-Lafayette (Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers)
• 2002-03 – Louisiana-Lafayette (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers)
• 2000-01 – Western Carolina (Defensive Backs/Special Teams)
• 1998-99 – Western Carolina (Defensive Line)
• 1995-98 – Virginia Tech (Graduate Assistant, Defensive Line)
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• 2014 BBVA Compass Bowl – Vanderbilt
• 2012 Music City Bowl – Vanderbilt
• 2011 Liberty Bowl – Vanderbilt
• 2008 St. Petersburg Bowl – Memphis
• 2007 New Orleans Bowl – Memphis
• 1998 Gator Bowl – Virginia Tech
• 1996 Orange Bowl – Virginia Tech

• 1995 Sugar Bowl – Virginia Tech
PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED
• Micah Parsons (Penn State) – Dallas Cowboys; 2021 NFL first-round draft pick
• Odafe Oweh (Penn State) – Baltimore Ravens; 2021 NFL first-round draft pick
• Shaka Toney (Penn State) – Washington Football Team; 2021 NFL Draft seventh-round pick
• Cam Brown (Penn State) – New York Giants; 2020 NFL Draft sixth-round pick
• Yetur Gross Matos (Penn State) – Carolina Panthers; 2020 NFL Draft second-round pick
• Amani Oruwariye (Penn State) – Detroit Lions; 2019 NFL Draft fifth-round pick
• Nick Scott (Penn State) – Los Angeles Rams; 2019 NFL Draft seventh-round pick
• Troy Apke (Penn State) – Washington Football Team; 2018 NFL Draft fourth-round pick
• Marcus Allen (Penn State) – Pittsburgh Steelers; 2018 NFL Draft fifth-round pick
• Jan Johnson (Penn State) – Houston Texans
• Koa Farmer (Penn State) – Las Vegas Raiders
• Jason Cabinda (Penn State) – Detroit Lions
• Mike Hull (Penn State) – NFL (2015-19); 2014 Big Ten Linebacker of the Year
• Brandon Bell (Penn State) – Cincinnati Bengals (2017-18)
• Oren Burks (Vanderbilt) – Green Bay Packers; 2018 NFL Draft third-round pick
• Zach Cunningham (Vanderbilt) – Houston Texans; 2017 NFL

Draft second-round pick
• Clinton McDonald (Memphis) – NFL (2009-19); Super Bowl XL-VIII Champion
• Dontari Poe (Memphis) – Dallas Cowboys; 2012 NFL Draft first-round pick
• Charles Tillman (Louisiana-Lafayette) – NFL (2003-15); Two-time Pro Bowler
• Ike Taylor (Louisiana-Lafayette) – Two-time Super Bowl Champion; Pittsburgh Steelers (2003-14)
• Chris Marve (Vanderbilt) – Three-time All-SEC
• Hall Davis (Louisiana-Lafayette) – NFL (2010-14); 2010 NFL Draft fifth-round pick
• C.C. Brown (Louisiana-Lafayette) – NFL (2005-11); Two-Time All-Sun Belt
• Michael Adams (Louisiana-Lafayette) – NFL (2007-14)
• Antwain Spann (Louisiana-Lafayette) – NFL (2005-09)
• Darius Eubanks (Georgia Southern) – NFL (2013-15)
• Brent Russell (Georgia Southern) – 2010 Consensus All-American
• Lavelle Westbrook (Georgia Southern) – 2014 NFL Draft seventh-round pick
• Laron Scott (Georgia Southern) – NFL (2012-13); CFL (2014)

By Dawn Barnes, Senior Extension Agent

The temperatures have dropped enough to convince me it is time to bring out the thicker sweaters. But, that also means it is time to pull the warm weather items from the closet and pack away till next year. As I started the process, I did a little research to see if there were any changes in best practices for storing clothing. As one might expect I found many recommendations and not all in agreement with each other.

Before storing, check that all clothing is clean. A spot that is missed may, over time, become set and not be removable. Stains may also attract pest to our clothing. Double check that items didn't make it back to the closet before being washed.

One fact that everyone agreed with was the need for a cool, dry location. Excess moisture could promote mold growth and mustiness; extreme heat could damage fibers. It is suggested that the humidity not be greater than 55% relative humidity and the temperature reach no higher than 72 degrees. A reference stated that if conditions are good for people they are good for clothing.

When considering storage containers, we have many options but how do they rate? Cardboard boxes have been used for years but consumers have found they are susceptible to both moisture and pests. Vacuum sealed bags appeared on the market several years ago and have the advantage of not taking up a lot of space. Some have reported that long periods of time

in these bags result in creases that are sometimes difficult to remove; some more delicate fibers may be damaged. Many of our fibers prefer to breathe and vacuum sealing does not allow for that.

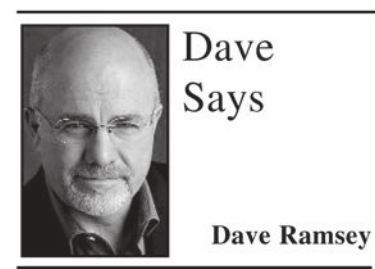
Air tight plastic boxes are suggested most often. They are not susceptible to getting wet and pests can't easily access their contents. Clear or colored? Clear, makes it easy to see the contents but if there is a bright window nearby fading could occur. Colored allows no fading and could be used for coding (blue = bottoms, red= tops, etc.). One source suggested the use of a 100% cotton sheet or white fabric to place in the box before placing the clothing inside.

A final discussion concerns storage of winter clothing more than summer. It is one that has seen a change. Mothballs have been used as a control for pest, especially preventing our woollens from being damaged. Because of the risks related to mothballs, they are no longer recommended. If you would like more in-depth information about mothballs check out: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/there-are-alternatives-dangers-mothballs>

Hope this helps you with making choices as you change your seasonal clothing storage. Keep in mind this information was primarily focused on short-term storage. If you have heirloom garments and textiles, they will require different considerations. Seek the advice of a professional to assure they are preserved correctly.

Keep things pleasant

Dear Dave,
I don't really see eye-to-eye with my dad and older brother on many things. This is not a new realization on my part, but over the last few years it has led to hard feelings and various arguments at family gatherings about religion, finances and other things. With Christmas coming up, I would like to avoid conflict and try to handle things a little better with them. Do you have any advice?



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

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Cam

Dear Cam,
It takes a strong, level-headed person with a good heart to want to approach a situation like this with maturity and love. I'm proud of you for trying to create better relationships within your family.

My initial advice would be don't take discussions too deep, and make a conscious effort to stay away from any hot button topics you know already exist. I'm no family counselor, but the chances of you changing a lifetime of differences and toxic behaviors, or bringing them around to your way of thinking, in one brief interaction are probably pretty small.

Don't tell them you think what they're doing is wrong or that you feel they're bad people if things get a little tense. My best advice is to be a model of sanity and reason if you feel a confrontation brewing. Situations like this are hard to deal with, especially when the conflict is between a father and son or two brothers. It's hard on you and them, plus it has a negative impact on the rest of the family during what is supposed to be a joyful and loving time of year.

These are people you love and care about, even if they are hard to get along with or understand sometimes. Pray for them, Cam. And ask God to give you guidance, patience and understanding in this situation, too.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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