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Judge weighs governor's power to lift mask mandate

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin has broad power to issue executive orders overturning mask mandates in schools, lawyers from the state Attorney General's Office argued Wednesday, while lawyers for local school boards argued that the governor's action usurps their authority.

An Arlington County judge heard arguments from both sides in a lawsuit the school boards filed against Youngkin. She said she would issue a ruling soon.

In the meantime, schools and parents are left with uncertainty. School boards across the state have refused to implement an executive order from the new Republican governor that not only overturns a statewide mask mandate, but also bars local jurisdictions from imposing a mandate on students.

At Wednesday's hearing, Deputy Attorney General Steven Popp argued that Youngkin is entitled to issue executive orders respond-

ing to the coronavirus pandemic just as his predecessor, Democrat Ralph Northam, did when he imposed a statewide school mask mandate.

"It should not matter whose name is on the executive order," Popp said.

But John Cafferky, a lawyer for Alexandria Public Schools — one of seven school boards that jointly filed the lawsuit opposing Youngkin's order — said Northam's actions were justified because he was acting to preserve public health.

Youngkin's order, on the other hand, endangers public health, he argued. He said Youngkin is using powers designed to curtail public health crises to impose his personal philosophy that parents should decide whether their children wear masks.

"The personal-choice rationale comes at the expense of school-wide protection," Cafferky said.

Cafferky also cited a state law that requires schools to adhere to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

to the extent practicable, and said those guidelines recommend universal masking.

Popp, though, countered that no school board is able to adhere to every single CDC guideline. The CDC also has called for vaccinating all children age 5 and older, but no school board has seen fit to issue such a requirement, he said.

Circuit Court Judge Louise DiMatteo took the arguments under advisement after Wednesday's hearing, but said she is cognizant of the need for a swift decision. Both sides have asked for an injunction that would likely apply statewide, either barring implementation of Youngkin's order or requiring local school boards to implement it, depending on which way she rules.

The lawsuit is one of several across the state related to the mask mandate and Youngkin's executive order. Cases are also pending in Loudoun County and in front of the Virginia Supreme Court, but Wednesday's hearing was the first to go before a judge.

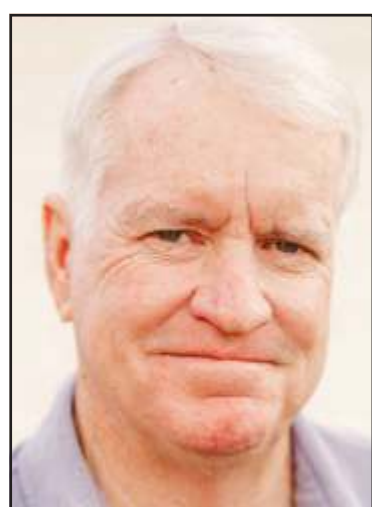
Crist, Power, Hill to return to lead Pulaski River Turtles

By J.W. MARTIN
Pulaski River Turtles GM

He notched 32 wins, captured the East Division Championship and reached the Appalachian League championship game in his first season as the manager of the Pulaski River Turtles.

It's no wonder Clark Crist can't wait to get back in the game.

"I'm excited to get back to Pulaski," exclaims Crist, who is returning to manage the River Turtles following a successful 2021 season. "Last season was such a positive experience for me, from working with the front office, to the players, to my coaching staff. To be able to complete that experience with a division title and a championship game --- you



Clark Crist

couldn't ask for much more than that."

With a decorated baseball ca-

reer spanning more than four decades, Crist boasted an arsenal of experience entering his first year in the Appalachian League. The Tucson, Ariz., native's playing career included a collegiate national championship as the starting shortstop for the 1980 University of Arizona team. Drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 14th round of the 1980 MLB June Amateur Draft, Crist spent four seasons in Minor League Baseball, eventually serving as a player-coach for the Mariners' Double-A affiliate, the Chattanooga Lookouts, from 1982-85.

Crist's Major League tenure included scouting roles for the Houston Astros (1985-92), Boston Red Sox (1992-94), Cleveland In-

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dians (1994-95), New York Mets (1995-97), St. Louis Cardinals (1997-2006) and the Cincinnati Reds (2006-15). Crist oversaw the signing of many notable names during his career as an MLB scout, including All-Stars Kenny Lofton and Albert Pujols, Covelli “Coco” Crisp, Mike Leake, Tommy Pham, Chris Duncan and Amir Garrett.

Crist’s experience was on display early on as he navigated a turbulent start to the season. Following four consecutive losses to open the 2021 campaign, the River Turtles finished the month of June with a record of 13-10. The team enjoyed marked improvement during the summer months of July and August, finishing with a division-high 32 wins to claim the East Division championship. “Getting there and watching them struggle the first week was really difficult. We knew they

could play. And then to see them respond and improve...I was really proud of what the team had become by the end of the season,” says Crist.

The championship game pitted the River Turtles against the 33-16-1 Greeneville Flyboys in Greeneville, TN. The River Turtles seized the lead in the first inning, and reclaimed the lead in the fifth inning as both teams staged an offensive showcase. The River Turtles maintained a one-run advantage entering the bottom of the ninth, when a gut-wrenching, one-out double for the Flyboys proved to be the death knell.

“One game doesn’t define that team. They were champions; really good players,” says Crist, recalling the spirited season finale. “These guys were better players when they left us. I felt like so many could go back to their colleges and their college coaches would see an improvement. That’s our goal.”

In addition to his accomplishments with the River Turtles, Crist had the honor of managing the

East Division All-Star team for the Appalachian League’s inaugural All-Star Game, which was broadcast nationwide on MLB Network from Calfee Park.

Alongside Crist through his memorable maiden season were pitching coach Ted Power and hitting coach Roger Hill. Both coaches are expected to return in 2022. Reuniting key members of the coaching staff was an important offseason objective for the River Turtles organization.

“We’re thrilled that our coaching staff will be returning for another season. It speaks to the passionate dedication of our entire local baseball community that Clark, Ted and Roger all expressed a desire to return to Pulaski. They did such a great job in 2021, and having this continuity with our coaching staff gives us a significant competitive advantage at the outset of the season,” says Pulaski River Turtles general manager JW Martin.

Expectations are high entering the 2022 season. While a return to the championship game is Crist’s overall aim, he wants the team to remain focused on development, and to appreciate the unique experiences afforded to players and staff participating in Appalachian League baseball in Pulaski.

“Going to a city I had never been to and being embraced like I was...that was a really good feeling. I didn’t realize how big the turnout was going to be. And they loved it,” recalls Crist. “They were just so supportive of our players, myself and the coaching staff.”

Town of Pulaski can now complete building permit applications online

Town of Pulaski is excited to announce that it now has the ability to complete all Building Permit applications online through us.cloudpermit.com

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plete documentation process for your records. If you have any questions about the new application process, please contact Tom Hager, Building Official, at 540-808-7263 thager@pulaskitown.org or Jessica McKinney, Technical Assistant, at 540-994-8606 jmckinney@pulaskitown.org

Since this is new to all of us, your candid feedback will be most appreciated.

Of course, individuals can still complete paper applications, if desired.

State police probe two-vehicle crash that killed one in Carroll

Virginia State Police

At 7:34 a.m. Thursday (Feb. 3), Virginia State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash in Carroll County. A passenger vehicle collided with a Carroll County Public Schools bus at Route 58 and

Canary Lane.

The driver of the passenger vehicle did not survive the crash.

The driver of the bus was not injured. One student on the bus sustained minor injuries.

The crash remains under investigation.

Pulaski County Supervisors to meet Monday in closed session

There will be a special called meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 10 a.m. with an executive (closed) session in the Executive Conference Room of the County Administration Building, located at 143 Third Street N.W., in the

Town of Pulaski.

The board will be conducting interviews of those individuals who have applied to serve as supervisor for the Cloyd District replacing Joe Guthrie who has accepted a position in Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s administration.

Ninth District Traveling Staff Office Hours for February

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of February. Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 22 counties and seven independent cities of the Ninth District. As local governments offices reopen, office hours will be resumed.

In the event of inclement weather (heavy snow, sleet, icy rain, etc.), traveling office hours may be rescheduled to avoid putting constituents at risk. If a County’s or City’s schools are closed, then its office hours will be closed as well. Please contact the Christiansburg Office at 540-381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at 276-525-1405 with any questions or to schedule an appointment time in the event of office hour closure.

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

Pulaski County (Dublin): 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
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Pulaski County Schools lists Pre-K and Kindergarten signup dates

Registration dates for Kindergarten and Pre-K for the 2022-23 school year have now been announced for Pulaski County Public Schools.

Registration at Snowville Elementary will be held March 3. Pulaski Elementary will register new students March 8. Riverlawn Elementary will hold their registration March 10. Critzer Elementary will be March 15. Dublin Elementary will hold their registration March 17.

Registration will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the assigned dates.

Please be sure to have the following documentation on hand for registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Verification of address (utility bill, lease agreement, cable bill, etc.) Document must prove a service is provided to the home. Driver's license cannot be used as address verification.
- Custody paperwork (if applicable)
- For Pre-K only: Verification of income (W2's, 1040, child support, unemployment, etc)

DAK Lights to feature Valentine's show through Feb. 14

DAK Lights is excited to debut our first-ever Valentine's Day Light Show, the last one of this season at Randolph Park in Dublin.

The light show runs continuously from 5:30 to 10pm each night through February 14th, including Friday and Saturday nights.



Pulaski County Schools photo

Teacher of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Critzer Elementary School are pleased to honor Sara Abbott as Teacher of the Month for January 2022. Mrs. Abbott currently teaches Kindergarten at Critzer. One person wrote “She loves being a teacher. Her colleagues recognize her talents and her students are gifted with a loving, kind, nurturing, and skilled teacher. She frequently has a very diverse class and she is always patient, encouraging, and provides a variety of interventions for each of her students”. Mrs. Abbott is also described as having a positive attitude, supportive of her colleagues and always has a smile. Mrs. Abbott is married to Rob Abbott and they have two children, Waylen and Olivia.

NRCC announces new Nursing Scholars Program

New River Community College recently announced the new NRCC Nursing Scholars Program, a scholarship that fosters opportunity and success for outstanding high school junior and senior students who show interest and ability in NRCC’s Nursing Associate of Applied Science degree.

“This new nursing scholarship creates opportunities for students in the New River Valley to get a debt-free education in a rewarding and in-demand career pathway,” said NRCC President Pat Huber. “The program will not only change the lives of our students, but it will also prepare them to serve their communities as health care heroes.”

Nursing Scholars will receive support from advisors who are charged with helping scholars

make the best possible transition from high school through completion of NRCC’s Nursing AAS degree. The scholarship consists of level one and level two awards. High school (public, private and homeschool) juniors and seniors who reside in NRCC’s service region (Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski Counties and Radford City) may apply for level one scholarships.

Up to five Nursing Scholars in NRCC’s region will receive a level one scholarship that provides in-state tuition, college fees, and textbooks for five program prerequisite courses to be completed by high school graduation.

Students who received a level one scholarship and complete the five prerequisite courses with a grade of “B” or better may apply

for a level two scholarship. Students must also complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet all NRCC Access to Community College Education (ACCE) admissions requirements prior to submitting a level two scholarship application.

The level two scholarship provides tuition and college fees for four semesters of required courses in the Nursing AAS degree, all required textbooks, and all required fees.

Nursing Scholars must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and citizenship. Applicants must have a 3.75 high school grade point average or better and demonstrate superior levels of leadership and citizenship in the application essays. Additionally, level two applicants

must be offered and have accepted the NRCC ACCE scholarship to be eligible for a Nursing Scholars level two scholarship.

Nursing Scholars will be selected by an appointed committee composed of NRCC faculty and staff. Every effort will be made to award one Scholar per NRCC service region county/city.

The first scholarships will be awarded in Fall 2022. Information about the program can be found on NRCC’s website at www.nr.edu/nursing/scholars. The scholarship application will be available online beginning February 10, 2022, and the deadline for application is March 15, 2022. For more information about the Nursing Scholars Program at NRCC, contact Lynn Taylor at (540)674-3631 or ltaylor@nr.edu.

New River Economy Drug opens in Fairlawn

Andrew Wooten, pharmacist and owner of New River Economy Drug in Fairlawn, believes in independent pharmacies and the personal touch they can provide patients.

“You can provide greater care for your patients in an independent setting than you can within a chain pharmacy,” Wooten said. “As an independent it’s different, you can truly provide individualized patient care for the community.”

The Wise, VA native and his business partners opened New River Economy Drug about three months ago in the Village Oaks Plaza next to the Blue Ridge Fudge Lady’s shop.

Wooten attended Virginia Tech, graduating in 2010. After graduating from the Appalachian School of Pharmacy, he traveled back to the area, settling in Montgomery County with his wife, Kayla and their son, Brayden.

A pharmacist since 2013, Wooten has worked for both CVS and Kroger prior to opening his own pharmacy.

“I started out with CVS and was a ‘floater’ for some time and I have actually worked in every CVS from Galax to Botetourt,” Wooten said.

He eventually moved on to the CVS at Towers in Roanoke, which Wooten noted was at that time one of the company’s busiest pharmacies in Virginia, being it was the only 24-hour CVS in the area at that time.

He then left for a position with Kroger, where he staffed at Christiansburg Kroger

Pharmacy before becoming the pharmacy manager at Kroger Pharmacy on South Main in Blacksburg.

So, he knows the difference between chain pharmacies and independents like his own.

“This is where it’s at,” Wooten exclaimed. “It’s more fulfilling. More meaningful.”

“Here we have speed, convenience – in-and-out – but if you need to come in and consult with me about your medicine, we are always available. Thankfully, we are able to provide this personal touch.

“I like to interact with people. With a chain ... sometimes you can’t give the patient your full undivided attention, and again thankfully we can here” Wooten explained.

Wooten recalled traveling through the Fairlawn area in the past.

“I would always wonder why in the world there wasn’t an independent pharmacy here,” he said. Eventually, he spoke with his partners and they liked the area – and New River Economy Drug was born.

New River Economy Drug is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is closed on Sunday.

The store has plenty of room for growth and display of a wide variety of over-the-counter medicines and supplies. There’s an immunization room that Wooten said could also be used for counseling with a patient, along with a waiting area with tv’s, full of snacks, soda, slushies, and a free coffee bar.

“Currently we are offering ... immunizations, quick prescriptions services, all while providing patients the care they deserve. If they are needing over-the-counter medications, we have a large and expanding selection. Just let us know if you need a recommendation or something specific that you would like for us to keep in stock” Wooten said.

Plus, New River Economy Drug has a drive-thru – something most of the pharmacies nearby do not have.

“We’re the only pharmacy in this area that has a drive-thru,” Wooten noted. “It’s pretty convenient and, with COVID, everyone wants to use a drive-thru.”

Wooten says the drive-thru comes in handy for many customers, especially those who may have a sick child or want to social distance.

“Occasionally, patients may want to use the drive-thru to pick up an antibiotic, and at the last minute remember they need something like Tylenol or another OTC



product, it is no problem to get it through our drive-thru,” Wooten said.

Working with Wooten is Nicole Graham, a certified pharmacy technician with six years of experience who previously worked at Kroger.

Wooten’s wife, Kayla, is also a pharmacy technician and helps out from time to time. That’s how the two first met – working in a pharmacy in Wise, Va.

Her primary job, however, is instructor of Montgomery County Schools’ Pharmacy Technician program.

“She is teaching juniors and seniors a pharmacy technician course in which they will be allowed to take the exam at the end of their senior year to become a fully li-

censed, nationally certified pharmacy technician,” Wooten explained.

The pharmacy is currently one of the sites hosting several of her students as they obtain their clinical hours. They will also be one of the clinical sites for Pulaski County High School students as well.

So far, patients who have already transferred their medications in, have been excited that New River Economy Drug has opened.

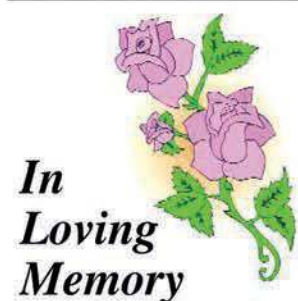
And so is Wooten.

“I enjoy being here and I’m excited for the future of serving this community,” he said.

Contact New River Economy Drug at 540-838-2023.



Nicole Graham, Pharmacy Tech



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ROSALIE "ROSIE" LAWTON UNDERWOOD
Rosalie "Rosie" Lawton Underwood, age 76 of Pulaski County passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. Born May 24, 1945 in Radford, she was the daughter of the late Albert & Pauline Lawton.

She is survived by her
Husband – William Langston Underwood – Pulaski County

Children – Robert "Bobby" Lewis Eanes, Jr. & fiancée, Jennifer Bain – Dublin, Vikki Lynn Connelly Pennington – Christiansburg

Stepson – Paul (Kelly) Underwood – Little Creek

Grandkids – Mary Eanes & fiancé, Brandon Riffe, Hayley (Dylan) Forren, Mykkel Connelly, Adam Pennington

Great Granddaughter – Ainess Riffe

Step Grandchildren – Dylan & Sierra East, Robbie (Adryane) Underwood, Austin Underwood, Kelsey Underwood

Step Great Grandchildren – Conner, Carter, Ellie & Dawson Underwood

Brother & Sister-in-law – Sonny (Ruth) Lawton – Giles County Memorial services were held Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel.

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

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



GARY ALAN REYNOLDS
Gary Alan Reynolds, 68, passed away at his home in Radford on Friday, January 28, 2022. He was a U. S. Army veteran and a general contractor. Gary loved his family, his country and his Harley. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sammie Reynolds Dalton; and brother, Rocky Reynolds.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Reynolds; daughter, Crystal Reynolds; grandchildren, Shilah and Curren; father, Sidney Reynolds; sisters, Debbie Taylor (Jimbo), Deanie Hall, and Janet England; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be private.

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

LETTIE KATE KEGLEY MCGUIRE

Lettie Kate Kegley McGuire, 83, of Fairlawn, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 28, 2022.

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

SUE HILL NEWBERRY

Sue Hill Newberry, 71, of Bel-spring, passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022.

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

DORIS ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

Doris Elizabeth Phillips, 87, of Pulaski, passed away on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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



ELIZABETH "SKEETER" CROCKETT KIRBY

Elizabeth "Skeeter" Crockett Kirby, 94, of Salisbury died peacefully Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury.

Skeeter was born July 20, 1927, in Pulaski, Virginia, the only child of James Randall Crockett and Elizabeth Kent Bell Crockett. She spent her childhood Fredericksburg, Virginia, and returned to Pulaski when she was a teenager. Skeeter graduated from Pulaski High School and attended Longwood College before starting work for the Veterans Administration in Richmond. After returning to Pulaski, she married Wilbur Vance "Tub" Kirby in 1948. Her primary employment was as a teacher's aide and librarian in Pulaski County public schools.

During retirement the Kirbys lived in Ocala, Florida, where Skeeter learned to swim, golfed regularly, and was ordained a ruling elder by Ft. King Presbyterian Church. She was a 65-year member of the DAR and an avid bridge player. Skeeter joined First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury when she relocated to Oak Park in 2011.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and daughters Diana Kent Kirby and Leslie Ann Kirby Reynolds.

Skeeter is survived by her son Rev. Dr. Randal Vance Kirby and his wife Rev. Dr. Barrie Miller Kirby of Salisbury, and grandchildren Hannah Kirby Lyman and her husband Richard of Durham, Rachel Crockett Kirby of Boston, and Sandra Jane Reynolds Smith and C.D. Reynolds, Jr. of Newport, Virginia.

Due to COVID concerns, the family will hold a private burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 308 W. Fisher St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Kirby family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.



BRENDA LEVAN WALLS HAGA

Brenda Levan Walls Haga, age 79 of Dublin passed away Friday, January 28, 2022 at her home.

Born January 13, 1943 in Columbus, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Arthur H. Walls and

Ivetta Morgan Walls. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Hubert

Shelbourne Haga, and a sister, Joyce Hancock.

She is survived by

Children- Robert David Haga- Christiansburg

Faye (Wayne) Akers- Christiansburg

Larry Haga- Georgia

Martha (Kevin) Akers- Christiansburg

Kathy(Jeff) Harless- Fairlawn

Jim (Dezirae) Haga- Dublin

15 Grandchildren , 3 Great Grandchildren

Two Nieces- Roxanne and Denise

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Bobby Ward officiating. Burial followed in the New Dublin Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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



VIOLA KATHERINE KING SMITH

Viola Katherine King Smith, age 100 of Dublin passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at her home. Born March 1, 1921 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Frank Benjamin King & Josie Mary Bratton King. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Garland Smith, Sr., son, James Garland Smith, Jr., sisters, Ruby Horton, Betty Boyd and brothers, Stanley, Roscoe and Arthur King.

She is survived by her

Children – Anita (David)

Wickline – Troutville, Timmy (Barbara) Smith – Dublin, Ronnie (Linda) Alley – Covington, GA

7 Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren

Sister – Margaret Dowdell – Pulaski

Numerous nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 27, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mike Ingo officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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

Monday Morning Hymn Sing at Pulaski Church of God

Monday Morning Hymn Sing is a new program of Pulaski Church of God.

This weekly event is open to the public from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

It's a great event for everyone – especially older adults – and admission is free.

Enter the church at the main entrance and the hymn sing will be held in the church's dining hall.

Pulaski Church of God is located at 1621 Bob White Boulevard, Pulaski.

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We'd like to give special thanks to our neighbors, friends and family; the Town of Christiansburg; Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church, and Dublin Presbyterian Church for the respect, thoughts and prayers. And for the cards, flowers and food given to us at our time of loss of Roger Allen Howell on Jan. 18, 2022.

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RICHARD AUSTIN ROLLYSON

Richard Austin Rollyson, 89, passed away peacefully in his home in Fairlawn with his family by his side on Friday, January 28, 2022. He was born in Gassaway, W. Va. to the late Madalene and John Austin Rollyson. After he graduated from high school, he spent 4 years in the U. S. Air Force. He graduated from West Virginia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He built his home in Fairlawn, and he worked until retirement at the Radford Army Ammunitions Plant. He also loved his farm, raising cattle and gardening, with the help of all his children. Later, he was helped by his sidekick grandson, Austin, who spent all his spare time assisting PopPop with everything. Besides being a workaholic on the farm he had a passion for motorcycle riding with his friends throughout these beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

Survivors include his 5 children and their spouses, John Mark and Sissy Rollyson, Sandra Ann and Robert Langley, Terri Lynn and Mack Davis, Thomas Scott Rollyson, and Roberta Dawn Rollyson; grandchildren, Brandy Young, Laura Rollyson, Rachael Walker, Kathylyne Rollyson, Cacey Dalton, Kailey Burr, Holly Spangler, Hailey Williams, and Austin Rollyson; 12 great grandchildren; his former wife and the mother of his children, Barbara Thomas Rollyson; and many other relatives and friends.

Special thanks to his wonderful caregivers who gave him the best of care for the last several years, Cristy Keener, Sherri Birkelbach, and his daughter, Roberta.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. After his cremation, some of his cremains will be placed at the Sunrise Burial Park atop the hill near the flag pole overlooking Fairlawn, the place where he planted his feet.

The Rollyson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia.

DANIEL RAY TALBERT

Daniel Ray Talbert, 68, of Pulaski, VA, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022, at his home. He was born December 18, 1953 in Giles County, VA, the son of Paris, Sr. & Bertha Wright Talbert.

Danny enjoyed to hunt & fish. He was an assembler at Volvo for 44 years. He enjoyed playing slot machines. He was a simple, quiet, country man, who was most happy sitting on his porch watching the deer.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Paris William, Sr. & Bertha Elizabeth Wright Talbert, and his brother & sister-in-law, Paris, Jr. & Betty Warner Talbert.

Left to cherish his memory are his childhood sweetheart and loving wife of almost 50 years, Bonnie Bane Talbert; his son & daughter-in-law, Kevin & Brittany Talbert; his grandchildren, Tyler, Tanner and Haley; his brother & sister-in-law, Mike & Joyce Talbert; his sisters & brother-in-law, Elizabeth & Ernest Miller, Barbara Spangler and Patricia Farmer; special friend and brother-in-law, Lewis ("Tom") Bane; and several special nieces, special nephews and special friends, too many to list.

Per Danny's wishes, he will be cremated and no public services are planned at this time.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Dr. Matthew Kaatz for his care during Danny's sickness.

The Talbert family is in the care of A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate, avestandsons.com, (540) 921-2985.

ARBUTUS ANN HOPKINS

Arbutus Ann Hopkins, 91, of Pulaski died on Friday, January 28, 2022, at Noble Senior Living in Christiansburg. She was born February 21, 1930, to the late Charles Hamilton and Lottie Akers Hamilton Martin. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Evans Hopkins; and siblings: Garnett Hamilton, Phyllis Hamilton Bratton, Orlando Campbell, and Dreama Campbell.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Jesse E. Hopkins, Jr. and wife Alice Lee of Bridgewater, Va., Daniel L. Hopkins, and wife Linda; grandsons and spouse, Bradley S. Hopkins and wife Sherry, and David Hopkins. One brother, Donald Hamilton.

Ms. Hopkins enjoyed music, worship, and fellowship with her fellow members of the First Church of the Brethren, Pulaski.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 31, 2022, at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. Burial followed at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, VA.

The Hopkins Family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Services. Online condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com



Photo courtesy of NRCC

The music of Sassafras Bluegrass Band will be featured during this month's Jamboree.

NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree to be held Feb. 12

The music of Sassafras Bluegrass Band will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree on Sat., Feb. 12, 2022. 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.

Sassafras Bluegrass Band is based in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The group is a bluegrass band who pays homage to the Bill Monroe, and the Flatt & Scruggs era but also enjoys pushing the edge of progressive Newgrass music as well. Their repertoire also includes a range of musical styles including old time, country, folk, western swing and originals. Sassafras Bluegrass Band members have performed at a long list of festivals and venues including Merlefest, Walnut Valley Festival, Riverhawk Music Festival, Songs of the Mountain, King Pup Syndicated Radio, Red White and Bluegrass Festival, Albino Skunk Festival, Plum Hollow Festival, Chomp & Stomp Festival, Mean Fiddler, Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival, Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival, High Mountain Bluegrass Festival, Pickin' on the Plains, Rogersville Bluegrass Festival, Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival, Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival, and many others. Collectively, they have shared the stage or studio with Doc Watson, Jack Lawrence, Charlie Waller, Josh Graves, John Cowan, Jim Lau-

derdale, Ronnie Bowman, Tony Rice, Russell Moore, Jim Buchanan, Allison Krauss, Tim O'Brien, Mark O'Connor, Laurie Lewis, Tony Furtado and many others. The group includes Wes Tuttle on mandolin, fiddle and vocals; Billy Gee on upright bass and vocals; Chris Bryant on banjo and vocals; and Randy Gambill on guitar and vocals.

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

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

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What Republicans Are For

At a recent and rare press conference, President Biden pondered out loud, “What are Republicans for? What are they for? Name me one thing they’re for.”

I am happy to name not just one but a lot of things we are for. Furthermore, I’m happy to invite him to work with us on them, although I doubt my invitation will be accepted. The President seems more interested in



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

pandering to progressives than actual progress. I offer him a partial list of the things we are for regardless.

Border Security
A country has the right to determine who enters its borders and earns the benefits of citizenship. To secure this right in the United States and to protect the benefits of citizenship for Americans both native-born and naturalized, the Federal Government should step up its efforts to reduce the flow of illegal migration and smuggling across the border.

The month of December 2021 alone saw 178,840 apprehensions at the border, the worst December on record. Many of those apprehended are released in the interior of the United States and never show up for court hearings. In addition to illegal immigration, seizures ofentanyl went up by 134 percent in fiscal year 2021. Apprehensions of people and smuggled goods generally track with overall traffic, so plenty of people and illegal drugs are entering the country undetected.

The most immediate way to reverse these troubling trends is to finish the border wall. The wall would prevent many crossings and allow Border Patrol agents to focus on the areas that most need their attention.

Building the wall should accompany work with our neighbors in Mexico and Central America to reduce the flow of asylum seekers, most of whom arrive at our border lacking legitimate claim to asylum. The Trump Administration had made diplomatic agreements to do so only to have the Biden Administration dismantle them and encourage more illegal immigration.

Republicans know that improving border security would restore the rule of law, reduce the availability of illegal drugs that are contributing to record overdose deaths, and treat with fairness legal immigrants who come to our country the right way.

Energy Production
The United States enjoys bountiful energy resources, but just as importantly, we possess the workforce and technology that can develop these resources safely and reliably.

The 21st century boom in American natural gas demonstrates the benefits of domestic production. It has helped reduce our country’s greenhouse gas emissions overall, provided jobs across the country, and been shipped to export markets overseas. Further, it produces lower greenhouse gas emissions than Russian natural gas. As long as we continue to use this fuel – and it will – we should encourage it to buy American.

Accordingly, Republicans would remove artificial constraints that have been placed on the energy sector. The Federal Government should facilitate responsible energy production, not suppress it.

Made in America
Energy is not the only domestic industry that deserves support. Republicans want to support the workers and businesses making products here in the United States. This is not just a way to generate growth. It is a matter of health and security.

The coronavirus pandemic and its related disruptions show the dangers of relying too heavily on other countries. Irresponsible or malicious powers can hoard exports, block them for political purposes, or provide inferior goods. Americans should not be in a position where they have to wear KN95 masks made in China, the very country that failed to warn the world about the pandemic until too late.

We have a range of solutions to offer. One I’ve introduced, the Domestic SUPPLY Act, would require the Federal Government to partner with domestic manufacturers to ensure a supply of personal protective equipment during emergencies.

Preserving Republican-enacted tax reforms that encourage domestic investment are also a priority, as are regulatory reforms to protect job creators from overly burdensome mandates.

My next column in this series of things Republicans are for will be devoted to health care policies we support.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, 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.

The Time is Now

The one important component other than “location, location, location,” that most people agree is critical to the success of siting an important project is – “Timing is everything.” I couldn’t agree more, quite frankly, with both of these elements of approach.

With Pulaski County quickly evolving into a Next-Level Rural Community, many would believe that the timing for many strategic initiatives is now. One specific project that has eluded Pulaski County for a very long time that became even more apparent as a result of the residual effects of COVID-19, is a community center for all our citizens to access and enjoy.

With the shutout of our public-school facilities to host sports and recreation activities within their gyms and other formerly accessible spaces, it further elevates the need and paradoxically the demand for such community facilities.

The County recently undertook a complete restoration and upgrade of



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Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co. Administrator

the Central Gym using CARES funding and labor provided by our Parks & Recreation and General Properties Departments. The end product resulted in a beautifully restored gym that is now the most used indoor public sports facility in the County.

Unlike many localities during the pandemic, Pulaski County worked creatively and resourcefully to safely continue to provide important recreational programming to our youth.

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Crime and a widow’s eloquence

By CAL THOMAS,
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Trust in government has been declining since the administration of President Lyndon Johnson. According to Pew Research, only 36 percent of Democrats and Democrat-leaning independents and 9 percent of Republicans and those leaning Republican now trust government. Who can blame them given the failure of government to perform on many levels? One might think that trust by Democrats would be lower as they are regarded by many as the party of government and run large, crime-challenged cities.

Rarely does a voice break through the wall of meaningless political rhetoric as what occurred last week at the funeral of New York police Detective Jason Rivera who, along with his partner, Officer Wilbert Mora, was brutally murdered by a man who was shot by a third police officer and later died. The alleged gunman, 47-year-old Lashawn McNeil, was on probation after a drug conviction in 2003. His mother said he was mentally ill.

Rivera’s widow, Dominique Luzuriaga, received thunderous applause at St. Patrick’s Cathedral when she said: “The system continues to fail us. We are not safe anymore, not even members of the service.”

Among those in attendance was Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, whose lenient approach to criminal suspects has been denounced by police officers, police unions and Republican politicians, but insufficient numbers of Democrats.

In what many believe to have been a direct criticism of Bragg, Dominique Rivera said of her late husband: “I know you were tired of these laws, especially of the ones from the new DA. I hope he’s watching you speak through me right now.”

Bragg later issued a statement in which he said he is “grieving and praying for Detective Rivera and Officer Mora today and every day, and my thoughts are with their families and the NYPD.” He promised that “violence against police officers will never be tolerated” and “my office will vigor-

ously prosecute cases of violence against police and work to prevent acts like this from ever happening again.” How? He didn’t say.

What Bragg and other district attorneys, liberal Democratic mayors in big cities and even President Biden refuse to comprehend is their contribution to the violence and anarchy sweeping the land. They seem indifferent to the laws they took an oath to uphold. Whether it is on urban streets, or at the southern border, where undocumented immigrants continue to pour into the country, laws are not being enforced.

Pictures of criminals looting high-end stores and shoplifting goods with impunity and video of cop killings should be used to awaken the public to what looks like spreading anarchy.

If the streets are not safe for police officers, they cannot be safe for average citizens.

What might help? One option should be the return of capital punishment for people out on bond (which needs to be raised) and who kill again. No amount of “feel good” policies will restore order. Ridding the planet of evil killers would go far to protect the rest of us. In addition to the murder of cops, people are being pushed onto subway tracks and attacked on sidewalks as they go about their business. Why are these perpetrators treated like misbehaving children who get sent to their rooms without dinner, but are back at the breakfast table the next morning?

The tendency is to forget monstrous events as other stories take their place. Recent police killings in New York, Harris County, Texas, and elsewhere must not be forgotten, lest they become more common and public safety is further compromised. Ultimately, it is up to voters to put people in office who will do more than offer “thoughts and prayers.”

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/Zonder-van).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Could DeSantis Beat Trump?

It was only a matter of time before Ron DeSantis’ rising star ran into the unmovable object of Donald Trump’s will to continue to dominate the GOP.

A spate of recent news stories has focused on the proto-feud between the past president with future ambitions and the protege who rode his endorsement to victory in a Florida GOP gubernatorial primary and has big ambitions of his own.

The level of the clash shouldn’t be exaggerated -- so far, it mostly consists of muttering from Mar-a-Lago.

Obviously, it’s also insanely early. But the Trump-DeSantis storyline is inherently alluring, given the chances of a collision between two men who have been allies and the possibility of the subordinate in the relationship eclipsing the figure who helped to elevate him.

Whether that ever happens is unknowable, yet the spat is revealing, nonetheless. Some version of what DeSantis represents has the greatest odds of coaxing the party away from Trump and forging a new political synthesis that bears the unmistakable stamp of Trump while jettisoning his flaws.

There’s simply never going to be a GOP revelation in which the rank-and-file suddenly decides, “It was a mistake to ever embrace Donald Trump, and now we want to be the party of Adam Kinzinger.” There will be no Bourbon Restoration.

The challenge to Trump will have to come from the Trump wing -- at this point, more like the Trump fuselage, wing and landing gear -- of the party. After Trump’s presidency, the party is more populist, focused on the culture war, resistant to media narratives, and skeptical of business -- and would it remain so if Trump retired tomorrow.

Although in many ways an orthodox conservative, DeSantis covers these bases. Importantly, he’s a lightning rod for criticism from the left -- now a major plus for Republican voters -- and gives as good as he gets in clashes with the media. There are few causes that light up the Republican base that he doesn’t find a way to address, whether on big tech or critical race theory, and he has emerged as the party’s exemplar on the pandemic, with his strenuous opposition to lockdowns and mandates. This gives him credibility with Trump voters and the foundation to compete with Trump, not as a critic or scold but as someone who can do it better.

In fact, it is likely that the most telling line of attack against a potential candidate Trump would come from the right.

That he elevated Dr. Anthony Fauci early in the pandemic and listened to his advice for too long.

That despite all his talk of building the border wall, he didn’t get it done and left intact

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Ex-student is arraigned in shooting of two campus officers

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A former student at a private college in Virginia was arraigned Wednesday on murder charges, a day after authorities say he returned to his alma mater and fatally shot two campus officers.

Police identified the gunman in Tuesday's shooting at Bridgewater College as Alexander Wyatt Campbell, 27. A spokeswoman for the small liberal arts school about 125 miles (200 kilometers) northwest of Richmond said Campbell was a student there from 2013 to 2017.



Alexander Wyatt Campbell

"My son is mentally ill and he did something that I could not control and no one could come to help him," Campbell said in an interview with the newspaper on Wednesday. "I'm sorry for what has happened. I could not prevent it."

"This is a very hard time for Wyatt and his family and for the families that he has affected," she said through tears. "It is not about gun control. It is not. ... It is about mental illness and how we have no control over that, the way society is right

now. I can't help my son."

School president David W. Bushman identified the slain officers as campus police officer John Painter, 55, and campus safety officer J.J. Jefferson, 48. He said the campus was mourning the loss of the well-known and well-loved officers. In a statement, Bushman said the two were known as "the dynamic duo" and that Painter was the best man at Jefferson's wedding this year.

Virginia State Police said the shooting happened shortly after the campus officers responded to reports of a suspicious man on

campus around 1:20 p.m. Tuesday. Spokeswoman Corinne Geller said that after a brief interaction, the man opened fire on the officers, shot them and fled on foot. The two officers died on the scene.

Officers from state and local law enforcement agencies then joined the search and found the suspect off campus. He had waded into a river and was taken into custody on an island in the river, state police said. Police said multiple guns were recovered as evidence both on and off campus.

Campbell was treated for a gunshot wound that was not life threat-

ening. Geller said that it wasn't clear if he received the wound in an exchange with police or if it was self-inflicted.

Authorities have so far not offered any motive for the shootings.

Logan Bogert, a spokesperson for Bridgewater College, said that while Campbell was a student at the school, he was on the track and cross country teams. His last known address was in Ashland. Campbell attended Patrick Henry High School in Ashland.

Gov. Glenn Youngkin ordered flags to be flown at half-staff across the state to honor the officers.

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a desperately flawed immigration system.

That he rattled China's cage but didn't make fundamental changes to the trading relationship and was too complimentary of President Xi Jinping.

And, finally, that he lost to Joe Biden, a desperately flawed candidate who only made it into the White House because Trump made himself so unpopular.

Would DeSantis be audacious enough to run against Trump in 2024? The case against waiting is that that it's extremely unlikely that the governor can maintain his exalted status in the party until 2028.

On the other hand, the case against running in 2024 is that it involves the enormous risk of

encountering the business end of the Trump buzzsaw, which could change DeSantis' image in the party forever.

Trump took a not-so-veiled shot at DeSantis in a recent interview, hitting unnamed "gutless" politicians who won't say whether they've gotten a COVID-19 booster shot or not. DeSantis has been notably evasive on this question, and Trump was giving him a hint of things potentially to come.

For the moment, though, DeSantis should take the grumbling from Trump as a compliment -- the past and current master of the GOP sees a future threat arising.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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Washington Football Team now Commanders

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writer

Washington's NFL team is now known as the Commanders. The new name unveiled Wednesday comes 18 months after the once-storied franchise dropped its old moniker following decades of criticism that it was offensive to Native Americans and under fresh pressure from sponsors. The organization committed to avoiding Native American imagery in its rebrand

after being called the Washington Football Team the past two seasons. "As an organization, we are excited to rally and rise together as one under our new identity while paying homage to our local roots and what it means to represent the nation's capital," owner Dan Snyder said. "As we kick off our 90th season, it is important for our organization and fans to pay tribute to our past traditions, history, legacy and the greats that came before us. We continue to honor and

represent the Burgundy and Gold while forging a pathway to a new era in Washington." Washington joins Major League Baseball's Cleveland Guardians among North American major professional sports teams abandoning names linked to Native Americans. The NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, NHL's Chicago Blackhawks and baseball's Atlanta Braves have said they are not planning to make a similar

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Wins pile up for Lady Cougars

3 more wins give PCHS 10 straight

Patriot Staff Report

The Lady Cougars posted three victories in the past week, running their win streak to 10 straight. Pulaski County dominated Hidden Valley and Radford before beating Blacksburg for their 15th win of the season. This past Tuesday, the Lady Cougars beat the Lady Bruins, 67-52 for a River Ridge District win. PCHS now stands at 9-0 in the district for the season. Keslyn Secrist led the Lady Cougars with 19 points and Ally Fleenor added 18. Paige Huff chipped in 15 followed by Jaden Lawson with 5, Erin Russell with 4 and Tori and Morgan Vest added 3 each. While the final margin was only 15, the final verdict was never really in doubt. Last week on Thursday, the Lady Cougars pummeled winless Hidden Valley, 73-23 in Roanoke. Lawson and Secrist led the Lady Cougars with 17 each, followed by Fleenor's 11 and Hannah Keefer's 10. Russell scored 8, Morgan Vest had 6 and Huff and Tori Vest added 2 each. This past Monday night, the Lady Cougars doubled-up Radford at home, 64-32. Secrist again led the way with 18. Huff added 10 for PCHS followed by Tori Vest with 8 and Fleenor and Lawson adding 7 each. Other scoring came from Keefer, 5; Russell, 4; Hailey Capps, 3, and Morgan Vest, 2. This Friday night the 15-3 Lady Cougars travel to Roanoke to battle the Lady Knights of Cave Spring in another RRD contest.



Pulaski County's sophomore forward Hannah Keefer dribbles around a Blacksburg defender during the Lady Cougars' win Tuesday.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Boys miss going 4-0 by point

Patriot Staff Report

During the past week, the Pulaski County boys basketball team missed going 4-0 for the week by just one point. Last week, on Thursday, the Cougars and Carroll County were finally able to finish their suspended contest with Pulaski County winning in double-overtime, 63-54. The game had been suspended weeks earlier due to a medical emergency involving the father of two of Carroll County's players. The game was halted with just four minutes left in the contest. After play resumed, the two teams ended regulation tied at 45. Both teams scored 5 points in the first overtime period, but the Cougars outscored the Cavaliers 13-4 in the second overtime to claim their second win of the season over Carroll County. Lane Nester led the Cougars with 15 points. JJ Gulley and Peyton McDaniel each added 13. Other scorers came from Josh Bourne, 11; Khalib Horton, 6; Caleb Underwood, 3, and Kyle O'Neal with 2. The Cavaliers' Bryce Smoot led all scorers with 23 points. Later that same evening, the Cougars got a 12-point win over Hidden Valley, 75-63 in a River Ridge District contest. Nester had a big game for the Cougars, scoring 23 on the night. O'Neal added 19 including five three-pointers. Also scoring for the Cougars were Gulley with 12, Bourne, 8; Sutherland, 7; Kanisorn Thapena, 4, and Horton, 2. This past Monday night, the Cougars dropped a heartbreaker to Christiansburg, 48-47 as the Blue Demons got revenge for an earlier loss to Pulaski County. The Blue Demons led 41-37 after three quarters, but the Cougars came back only to see their rally fall one point short. Gulley led the Cougars on the night with 18 points. Nester was also in double-figures with 14. Bourne added 9, O'Neal, 3; Sutherland, 2, and Horton had 1. This past Tuesday night, the Cougars came out on top of a second straight nailbiter in the 40's, beating Blacksburg, 48-46. Gulley hit a jumper with 4.6 seconds to play to seal the win for Pulaski County. Gulley was leading scorer on the night with 18 points in the River Ridge District victory. Other scoring came from Bourne, 16; Nester, 9; O'Neal, 3, and Sutherland, 2. The win left the Cougars with a 10-8 record on the season and an even 5-5 in the RRD. Pulaski County hosted district power Cave Spring on Thursday night in the Cougar Den.

Hokies run away from GT

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Keve Aluma scored 24 points on 8-for-11 shooting and 8 for 9 from the foul line and Virginia Tech led most of the way in an 81-66 win over Georgia Tech on Wednesday night.

Virginia Tech (12-10, 4-7 ACC) has won back-to-back contests following a three-game losing streak. Michael Devoe's layup pulled the Yellow Jackets into a tie at 23 with 8:26 remaining before half-time. From there the Hokies responded with an 18-4 run and led 41-27 when Darius Maddox made a 3-pointer with 2:47 before intermission. The Hokies doubled their 46-35 intermission margin to 63-41 on Aluma's three-point play with 13:53 remaining. Storm Murphy scored 18 points and Justyn Mutts made all four of

his shot attempts to score 10 for Virginia Tech, which shot 52.8% (28 for 53). Devoe was the only player for Georgia Tech to reach double figures with 30 points missing just eight shots in 19 attempts. Virginia Tech now leads the all-time series by a margin of 21-8. The Yellow Jackets (9-12, 3-8) host Clemson on Saturday. The Hokies have a home-and-home with Pitt, facing the Panthers on the road on Saturday before returning to Blacksburg, Virginia to face them on Monday.



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ACC, Tech football schedule finalized for ‘22

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The Hokies’ 2022 schedule was officially announced on Monday night, and excitement for the next chapter of Virginia Tech Football under new head coach Brent Pry is ramping up. Pry will make his debut as Virginia Tech head coach on either Friday, Sept. 2 or Saturday, Sept. 3 when the Hokies visit Old Dominion. Pry’s initial home game at Lane Stadium will come against ACC foe Boston College on Sept. 10. Virginia Tech will play six home games at Lane Stadium, highlighted by a Thursday night contest against West Virginia on Sept. 22 as the Hokies seek to reclaim the Black Diamond Trophy. Tech will also welcome ACC Coastal foes Miami (Fla.), Georgia Tech and Virginia to Blacksburg. Don’t miss your chance to be a part of the action this fall. New season tickets are still available for as little as \$350 with flexible payment plan options, while current season ticket holders have until Wednesday, Feb. 2, to submit renewal applications. Road games at North Carolina and Pitt, and a home contest against the Hurricanes, mark a crucial ACC Coastal stretch in Weeks 5-7. Tech has Week 8 open before a trip to NC State on Thursday night, Oct. 27, to wrap up the month. Tech opens November at home against Georgia Tech on Satur-

Name

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change. From 1932 until two seasons ago, Washington had used the name Redskins — which offended Native Americans and others. As the Commanders, Washington keeps the same burgundy and gold colors that were around for the three Super Bowl championships in the 1980s and early ‘90s glory days. It follows the desire of team president Jason Wright and coach Ron Rivera for the new name to have a connection to the U.S. military.

Commanders was chosen over other finalists such as Red Hogs, Admirals and Presidents. Red Wolves, an initial fan favorite, was ruled out earlier in the process because of copyright and trademark hurdles. The rebranding process had been going on since the summer of 2020, when team officials opted for the temporary Washington Football Team name that lingered into the 2021 season. The change comes amid the organization’s latest controversy: dozens of former employees describing a toxic workplace culture, which caused Snyder to commission an investigation that was taken over by the NFL. After the investigation by attorney Beth Wilkinson’s firm, the league fined Washington \$10 million and Snyder temporarily ceded day-to-day operations of the team to his wife, Tanya, while he focused on a new stadium agreement. The league did not release a written report of Wilkinson’s findings, a move that sparked criticism. The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Reform is holding a roundtable discussion Thursday with a handful of former team employees to discuss their experiences. Getting a stadium deal done is next on the agenda for Snyder and his front office. The team’s lease at FedEx Field expires after the 2027 season and momentum is building for an agreement in Virginia, though sites in Maryland and the District of Columbia are still under consideration.

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ACC 2022 logo schedule.

day, Nov. 5, before consecutive road games at Duke and Liberty. The Commonwealth Clash presented by Smithfield will once again fall on the Saturday after Thanksgiving as UVa visits Lane Stadium. The Hokies have won 21 of their last 23 meetings with the Cavaliers, including 11

straight victories in Blacksburg. Virginia Tech fans will get their first opportunity to see Pry’s squad at the 2022 Spring Game, which is set for 4 p.m. ET on Saturday, April 16. Further details for the event will be announced when finalized. The game will be broadcast live on ACC Network.

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Public Hearing
Town of Pulaski
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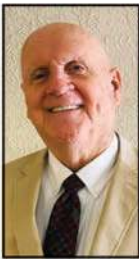
1. A proposed rezoning for properties located on Bob White Blvd [tax parcel(s) 073-21-2A, 073-21-2, 073-21-3A, 073-21-3, 073-21-4, 073-21-5, 073-21-6, 073-21-7, 073-21-8, 073-21-9, 073-23-10, 073-23-11, 073-23-12, 073-23-13, 073-23-14, & 073-21-15] from B-2 General Business to R-2 Two-Family Residential.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Abigail's Godly Advice To David

The Talmud says that Abigail “was one of four women of surpassing beauty in the world.” She wasn’t just beautiful on the outside. She was beautiful on the inside as well.

Nabal, her husband was churlish or rude in a mean-spirited and surly way. His name meant “Fool.” Our story says that Nabal was shearing his sheep in Carmel. It was a festive occasion with plenty of food and drink for everyone.

Nabal was a wealthy man. More than likely theirs was an arranged marriage. It was all “take” with Nabal, and no “give” whatsoever. Abigail found herself in a dead end marriage but she was true to her vows and tried her best to make the marriage work.

Nabal was a stubborn, greedy, poor excuse of a man. He was dumber than a stump to put himself on the wrong side of David, a mighty Warrior and the next King of Israel.

A person can be rich in finances, and poor as a Pauper in soul and spirit. It’s better for us as born again believers to be rich in faith, hope and charity, than to have a million dollars in the bank.

David sent out ten young men to go to Nabal and ask if he would share some of his excess of food with him and his men? Nabal’s answer was “Who is David? Shall I then take MY bread and MY water, and MY flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they be?”

David’s men had been protecting Nabal’s family, his servants and his livestock from thieves and predators. He owed David and his men a debt of gratitude but he was thankless and ungrateful.

When David learned of the disrespectful way Nabal treated his men, he flew into a rage. He intended to shed blood over the matter.

Nabal refused to give David’s men even a few crumbs of food to eat. Did I mention he was dumber than a stump? He didn’t know what was good for him, and what was bad for him.

A lot of folks have that problem. If they knew what was good for them, they’d accept Jesus into their hearts and lives, and be saved. If they knew what was bad for them, they’d get off the broad way that leads to destruction before they end up in a devil’s hell.

David took with him, 400 fierce, fighting men with their swords strapped on, and they rushed over towards Carmel, determined to kill every male there, young and old, and Nabal for sure!

When Abigail heard the news of the impending attack of David and his mighty men of war, she knew she had to do something quickly. So she intervened to prevent David from shedding innocent blood. She brought David and his mighty men of valor, an ample supply of food and her apology for what had happened.

David had murder in his heart. But Abigail came to him, humbly fell down at David’s feet, and bowed herself to the ground. She called David Lord, something like fourteen times.

She cried out to David, “Disregard my husband, for he is a fool as his name implies. Let me speak to your men. This thing you are planning to do is not of God. If your anger demands the shedding of innocent blood, let your anger be on me.

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David didn't hear from God in Prayer; or through a Prophet or a Priest, or from an Angel, or through a divinely inspired Dream or Vision. No, God spoke to David, through this godly woman. Abigail was in a right relationship with God, and God showed her how to advise David.

David wisely realized that she was sent by God to keep him from making a tremendous mistake, doing something in anger that would have severely damaged his good reputation. He would have been labeled as a murderer if he had shed innocent blood.

A wise person will control their anger and not allow their anger to control them. Ecclesiastes 7:9 "Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools." James 1:19,20 "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

So David said to her when he realized she had been sent by God, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me. And blessed be the good advice you have given to me, for you have kept me from avenging myself by shedding blood.

After Nabal sobered up, Abigail told him what she had done. When he had heard, the bible says, "His heart died within him. And he became a stone." Ten days later, the Lord smote Nabal and he died. David didn't have to judge Nabal for God judged him and he died.

Nabal is a picture of those who are ungrateful to God, without any regard to future judgment. God will judge those who do not appreciate His love and mercy and who take His grace for granted.

This story in the bible shows us that God can speak to us and let us know His will for our lives, in many ways. It can be by an Angel, by a still small voice, through a dream or a vision, by a Prophet or Priest, or it can be through a godly person with wisdom, as it was in David's case.

The story has a happy ending. David married Abigail the widow and they lived happily ever after.

Proverbs 12:9. "Stupid people always think they are right. Wise people listen to advice."

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Philemon in the Old Testament or New Testament or either?
2. From Genesis 6:14, what was another name for the natural asphalt used to caulk Noah's Ark? Gopher, Pitch, Chimera, Helios
3. Who told Laban he had gone 20 years without a decent sleep? Adam, Jacob, Moses, Noah
4. In John 3, who said, "How can a man be born if he is old"? Obadiah, Nicodemus, Joshua, Job
5. From Acts 13, who was called "a man after thine own heart"? David, John the Baptist, Gideon, Peter
6. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through ..." Prayer, Belief, Deeds, Christ

ANSWERS: New, Pitch, Jacob, Nicodemus, David, Christ

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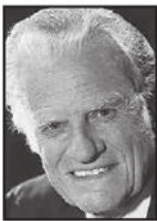
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My Answer

Billy Graham

for them. The Bible says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:3).

Contrary to what many say, we are not the masters of our own souls. We must not put our will above God's will. We must not

insist on our own way or dictate to God. Rather, we must learn the difficult lesson of praying as the sinless Son of God Himself prayed, "Not my will, but thine, be done." The Scripture says that the one mediator between God and man is Jesus Christ. We must know Him, and we must pray in His Name. Our prayers must be directed according to the will of God. Let's be thankful to the Lord for hearing us call on His name.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

We are called to trust God's promises

Q: If it is true that God answers our every prayer, why do I feel like He doesn't even hear me? - P.A.

A: The Bible teaches the victorious assurance that God answers every true petition made by every believer who follows Him in obedience. Whether the answer is "yes" or "no," and sometimes "wait," He still answers.

We are called to trust God's promises; He possesses everything. He will supply our needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). The Lord gives His Holy Spirit that guides us

in prayer, according to His will, for He knows us best. No task is too arduous, no problem is too difficult, and no burden is too heavy for His loving response. The future, with its tears and uncertainties, is fully revealed to Him. Skeptics may question it, humanists may deny it, and intellectuals ridicule it, but God's Word is true.

Christ's own promise is that if those of us who belong to Him abide in Him and His words abide in us, we can ask Him and He will answer (John 15:7). However, many people ask with the wrong motive, not knowing what is best

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

WE CAN'T PLAY VIDEO GAMES. MY MOM WANTS ME TO GET SOME FRESH AIR.

I DON'T GET IT. THE AIR OUT HERE SEEMS JUST THE SAME AS IT IS IN THE HOUSE.

YOUR MOM SAYS THE SAME THING. I THINK THIS IS SOME KIND OF CONSPIRACY.

WHATEVER IT IS MUST BE EXHAUSTING AS SHE ALWAYS FALLS ASLEEP WHEN I LEAVE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

THE TAN VOLVO...

DOG PARK

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

...AND NOW HERE'S DAVE WITH THE FORECAST...!

NOT SURE I LIKE THIS NEW WEATHER GUY...

HE SAYS WITH ALL THE ACCESS TO WEATHER DATA WE HAVE THESE DAYS THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO GET TOO DETAILED.

TODAY: BAD. TOMORROW: NOT MUCH BETTER. WEDNESDAY: SORTA OKAY. THURSDAY: KINDA SO-SO FRIDAY...

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WHAT'S BETTER THAN TED DANSON?

I GIVE UP, WHAT?

TED SINGIN' AND DANSON!!

POPEYE

HEY CYSMAN

MOOCHING POPEYE WAS A WASHOUT?

AHA! BUT GRUTUS APPROACHES

WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE A COMESTIBLE

WHAT HAVE YOU THERE, GRUTUS?

AN APPLE PIE FROM THE FOOD DEPOT

A COMMERCIAL PIE? DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU ARE INGESTING?

HUH?

DO YOU WISH TO CONSUME APPLES TREATED WITH SULFITES...

...HYDROXYLATED LECITHIN AND HYDROGENATED SOYBEAN OIL...

...BAKED WITH FERROUS SULFATE, MALTODEXTRIN AND SODIUM STEAROYL...

...NOT TO MENTION CELLULOSE GUM?

GOOD GOLLY, NO!

ALLOW ME TO RELIEVE YOU OF THAT FOUL MESS!

GEE... T'ANKS, WIMPY!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

AS A HOMEOWNER I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THIS IS THE "CIRCLE OF LIFE."

LAFF-A-DAY

"Don't even say hello to him, Evelyn—he's in no mood for it."

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!

Swallow

SIGNET

Maps

STARCH

Equip

REAPPER

Plod

GUDTER

TODAY'S WORD

"Mr. Principal, class teachers, distinguished audience ... I forgot my _____."

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Kitten's cry

4 Opera set in Egypt

8 Garden intruder

12 Eggs

13 Some deer

14 — -bitty

15 Containers for laundering

17 Appear

18 "So there!"

19 Pittsburgh pro

21 Emphasize

24 Droop

25 Chop

26 Pirate's potation

28 Yokels

32 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"

34 Pinnacle

36 "— come back now, hear?"

37 Trifled (with)

39 PC alternative

41 Roman 151

42 "— the sea-son ..."

44 NASA vehicle

46 Critic's essays

50 Part of DJIA

51 Send forth

52 Give a faded look to, as jeans

56 Lettuce vari-

7 Admin. aides

8 Know-it-all

9 And others (Lat.)

10 Diminutive suffix

11 Color worker

16 Dinner for Dobbin

20 Corn spike

21 Excellent, in slang

22 Toy block

23 Place

27 May honoree

29 Aftermath

30 Vogue rival

31 Thin cut

33 Beatles classic

35 Standard

38 Conk out

40 Pamper

43 Sage

45 Farm female

46 Country's McEntire

47 Actor Jannings

48 Unspoken feeling

49 Gulf War mis-sile

53 Unwell

54 Yon maiden

55 Sweetie

DOWN

1 Trim the grass

2 Actress Longoria

3 Remove by cleaning

4 Tennis legend Ashe

5 Debtor's note

6 Society new-bies

7 Admin. aides

8 Know-it-all

9 And others (Lat.)

10 Diminutive suffix

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top ten

GEMSTONES FOR ENGAGEMENT RINGS

1. Colored diamonds

2. Sapphire

3. Emerald

4. Ruby

5. Amethyst

6. Tourmaline

7. Citrine

8. Garnet

9. Aquamarine

10. Opal

Source: International Gem Society

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: In British English, what is a singlet?

2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a murmuration?

3. MOVIES: Which 1951 adventure film features a character named Charlie Allnut (played by Humphrey Bogart)?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president campaigned for reelection with the slogan, "Don't change horses midstream"?

5. HISTORY: Where did the St. Valentine's Day massacre (murder of seven gangsters and associates) take place?

6. TELEVISION: How many seasons did the original "Star Trek" series run?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the basic currency used in Kenya?

8. MEASUREMENTS: What is a furlong?

9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Europe?

10. ANATOMY: What is the basic component of hair, skin and nails?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. An undershirt

2. The flight of a large flock of starlings in a coordinated, swooping pattern.

3. "The African Queen"

4. Abraham Lincoln, 1864

5. Chicago

6. Three

7. Kenyan shilling

8. An eighth of a mile

9. The Volga

10. Keratin

Solution time: 25 mins.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Ingest

2. Charts

3. Prepare

4. Trudge

5. B

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: C equals B

QP GFWGU PTBB QX CGQVS

YGHQDQM EGHXGB CM CTSX CTVM,

YG WQSYE CG YHDQVS H CHB

YHUG BHM.

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— Patricia Neal

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Prince Valiant
Galahad tells of Draco's recent history: "You know well of his jealousy toward you."

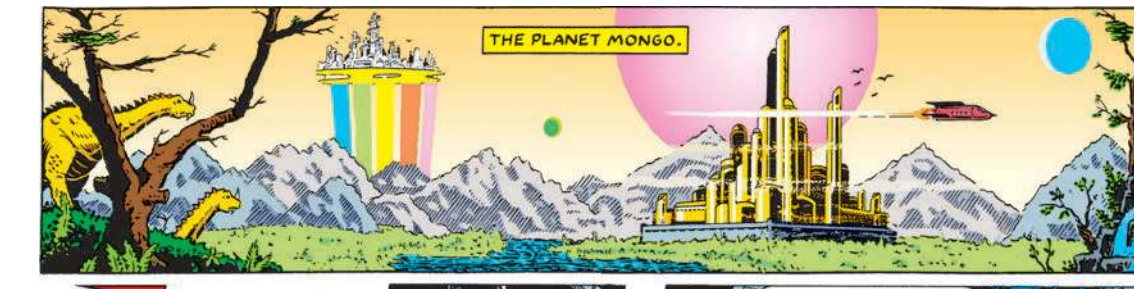
"DRACO WAS ALWAYS SUSPECTED OF TREACHEROUS DEEDS, BUT NEVER CHARGED. HE MARRIED NOT LONG AFTER YOU SCUTTLED HORADUS' FLEET."

"HIS MYSTERIOUS BRIDE HAD REPORTEDLY COME FROM THE WESTERN HILLS, HER FAMILY HISTORY IS UNKNOWN IN CAMELOT, THUS SHE WAS AN ODD CHOICE FOR A STATUS-SEEKER SUCH AS DRACO."

"FURTHERMORE, THIS WIFE, CALLED MALDUBH, SEEMS TO CARRY THE CHILL OF WILD PLACES ABOUT HER. IT IS NOT UNFAIR TO SAY SHE UNNERVES PEOPLE."

"NONETHELESS, SINCE THEIR MARRIAGE DRACO HAS RISEN FROM MINOR COURT ADVISOR TO PROMINENCE IN ARN'S REGENCY. SOME CREDIT HIS PROGRESS TO HIS DARK WIFE."

"I CREDIT IT TO HIS BURNING HATRED FOR PRINCE VALIANT..."
NEXT: The sea cave



FLASH GORDON
1-23
By JIM KEEFE
FLASH'S ROCKET SHIP IS ATTACKED!

WE'VE LOST THE HELM!

WHAT IN BLAZES..?!

WE'VE HIT GROUND...
WE'RE TRAPPED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA

TIGER
by BUD BLAKE

THIS WOULD BE A BETTER GAME...

...IF THESE BASKETS WERE CLOSER TOGETHER!

answer

MAGIC MAZE

RYWTROLJGEBYWUR
VPNKIGDBZXVSQOV
MEKIVGV E CAYWUSO
SMIRNOV QVPNLJHN
FEVLLISOVEEXELA
CEAOIYSTRODXVUV
SGKQRSPTEOZENMI
VOPOPTAKLNDOB JH
SRFECBEVZEZER EY
XOVOLVAPVUYUFOL
TVOKLOVOLIAHKIM

RUSSIAN FAMILY NAMES

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: FORMER PRESIDENT BORIS —

Alexeev	Kuznetsov	Pavlov	Sokolov
Egorov	Lebedev	Petrov	Vasiliev
Fedorov	Mikhailov	Popov	Volkov
Ivanov	Morozov	Smirnov	

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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.

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IOXA; QEHSJEF SBXL YTVL NO
RHEO RHOV XSXG SJLB IOXA.
— AHVX WXAQV

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— Rosa Parks
I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.

CryptoQuote
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Say yes to these always affordable fruits, veggies

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Think about your last trip to the grocery store...did you notice anything ‘eye-catching’? If you said your grocery bill, you got it! You’re certainly not alone if you have been stunned by the current price of groceries – which can feel very discouraging to all households. Luckily there is a silver lining, with many fruits and vegetable options out there that won’t break the bank!

Kale is a super food there is no doubt about it. Kale is low in calories, high in vitamins and minerals and is very affordable. One bunch of kale averages around \$0.70 in the grocery store. This means you could fill a produce bag to the brim with kale and it would cost you around \$4.00, if not less. Not sure what to do with it? Try tearing kale off the stock and add to your next favorite soup!

Sweet Potatoes are loaded with vitamins A and C, which support a healthy immune system; and are very rich in potassium. One large, cooked sweet potato has less calories and less sugar than a small oatmeal raisin granola bar – a perfect snack for all ages!

Bananas are a tried and true essential at almost every house! One-bunch of bananas averages

\$1.30 in the grocery store. I’ll repeat that... six bananas costs about \$1.30. Not only are bananas convenient, but they are loaded with antioxidants and fiber to keep our hearts healthy and happy.

Citrus season is here! Oranges, grapefruits, mandarins, Cara Cara oranges – so many juicy, flavorful selections. Not only do citrus foods help protect the body from countless illnesses, but they are affordable, convenient and quite durable, so you can toss one in your purse or backpack – It can take a few bumps and bruises.

Cabbage is not only a fan favorite of many families here in southwest Virginia, but it is extremely nourishing and inexpensive. Averaging \$0.49 per pound in most areas, you can feed a family of four with one head of cabbage. It is an excellent source of vitamin C, vitamin K and also supports healthy blood pressure levels. For the most nutritional benefits, trying steaming or adding to a favorite soup!

Other nourishing (and affordable) fruits and vegetables include apples, potatoes, and carrots. It should be noted that many of the foods mentioned have a good shelf life compared to other fruits and vegetables – meaning they do not spoil as quickly as other produce items, so you can buy in bulk when appropriate. For more tips, trick or recipes visit our website at <https://eatsmartmovemoreva.org>



Pulaski Elks Lodge photo

Pulaski Elks Hoop Shoot winners compete at State shoot

Pulaski Eks Lodge champion Hoop-shooters competed for a seed in the State Hoop Shoot on January 22. Bedford Elks Lodge Sponsored the District Hoop Shoot, (L-R) Rori Harris (SES), second place (alternate to state invitation); Amelia Bausch (CES), 3rd place; Cameron Johnson, 3rd place (CES), and Isabelle Lytton (John Dalton Intermediate), Champion of Elks Southwest VA Hoop Shoot finishing in first place. Ms. Lytton has been invited to compete in the State Tournament Shoot-off In February along with 3 other regional finalists. The Shoot will be At Fishburn Military School, sponsored by the Waynesboro Elks Lodge.

FSU picked first in ACC baseball

GREENSBORO, N.C. (theACC.com) – Florida State has been selected as the Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball preseason favorite by the league’s 14 head coaches. The coaches voted Georgia Tech as the favorite to win the Coastal Division.

The Seminoles received eight votes as the likely overall ACC winner. Virginia received three votes, followed by Notre Dame with two and NC State with one.

Florida State was also picked to finish atop the Atlantic Division with 88 total points, followed by NC State with 76 and Notre Dame with 70. Louisville placed fourth with 64, followed by Clemson (43), Wake Forest (35) and Boston College (18). The Seminoles received eight votes as the division favorite, while Notre Dame had three, Louisville two and NC State one.

Eight coaches picked Georgia Tech to win the Coastal Division, while Virginia had five first-place votes and Miami one. The Yellow Jackets tallied 91 total points, followed by Virginia (77) and Miami (71). Defending ACC champion Duke placed fourth in the voting with 60 points, followed by North Carolina (44), Virginia Tech (25) and Pitt (24).

Florida State finished 31-24 overall last season, placed third in the Atlantic Division and was one of eight ACC teams selected to compete in the NCAA Tournament. FSU earned three league postseason individual honors, with catcher Mat Nelson voted the ACC Player of the Year and Parker Messick joining NC State’s Carlos Rodon (2012) as the second player in conference history to be voted ACC

Pitcher and Freshman of the Year in the same season.

Messick has been named the National Preseason Pitcher of the Year by Perfect Game, and the Seminoles have been ranked among the nation’s top 15 in every major preseason poll released thus far.

Nine ACC teams have been ranked in at least one major poll during the 2022 preseason, and 15 different ACC players have been named to at least one preseason All-America Team.

The ACC has placed at least one team in each of the last 15 College World Series and at least six teams in each of the last 17 NCAA Tournaments.

All 14 ACC baseball teams open their seasons on Friday, February 18, with conference play set to begin on Friday, March 11. Full results of the 2022 ACC Baseball Coaches Preseason Poll, with first-place votes in parenthesis:

- Atlantic Division**
1. Florida State (8) - 88
 2. NC State (1) - 76
 3. Notre Dame (3) - 70
 4. Louisville (2) - 64
 5. Clemson - 43
 6. Wake Forest - 35
 7. Boston College - 16
- Coastal Division**
1. Georgia Tech (8) - 91
 2. Virginia (5) - 77
 3. Miami (1) - 71
 4. Duke - 60
 5. North Carolina - 44
 6. Virginia Tech - 25
 7. Pitt - 24

Be patient, find your path...and forget about student loans

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are 30, and we are on Baby Step 2. He wants to go back to school and become a social worker. He currently makes about \$20,000 a year as a teacher’s assistant, and he wants to take out student loans to do this. He already has an associate’s degree, which wouldn’t mean four years of loans, but the idea scares me a lot. I have a good job, so how can I still support him and his desire to further his education without agreeing to go deeper into debt?

Britney
Dear Britney,
So, it’s kind of a situation where you’re working the Baby Steps and he’s not. On top of this, he wants to go into debt to do social work. Does he know what social workers make these days?

This guy obviously has a heart for helping people. That’s a great thing. But I’ve got to believe there are ways to expand his options. Social work is one path, but there are probably several paths he could follow to get involved in what he loves about the idea of social work.

I’m guessing he has a passion for counseling and advocating, too. Finishing a four-year degree would put him in a position where he could potentially move into a guidance counselor role or something along those lines, considering his background. But taking out loans isn’t necessary. He just needs to be patient, and wait a little bit while you two buckle down on the Baby Steps and get out of debt. He could get a second job for a while nights or weekends, and then you’d be able to pay off your debt faster and avoid those stupid loans thanks to the cash you set aside. Plus, there are millions of dollars in scholarships out there for traditional and non-traditional students.

Sometimes when people feel stuck in a job, they automatically default to the idea they need a degree. What your husband really needs right now is a clear idea and direction. Then, you determine if a degree is necessary to get there. Don’t misunderstand me. I’m not against social work. But I’ve talked to so many people who went six-figures into debt, only to wind up making \$38,000 as a social worker for the state. That’s crazy!

You two need to sit down together, and talk all this out. Tell him why



Dave Says
Dave Ramsey

you’re worried, and point out that borrowing a bunch of money isn’t the only way—and definitely isn’t the smart way—to make this happen. If you really want to support him, Britney, you need to help him see there are steps he can take to pursue his dream without it turning into a financial nightmare for both of you.

— Dave

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



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