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From CARES Act funding

Small businesses, non-profits, first responders gain assistance

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Local small businesses, non-profits, deputies and rescue workers will benefit from action taken Monday night by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

The supervisors formally approved nine CARES Act funded programs and appropriations pertaining to local COVID-19 recovery.

The board also set a date for a public hearing on the use of golf carts in one area of Draper, and paid tribute to a former member of the board.

Prior to approval of the nine CARES Act funding proposals, supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie reminded citizens that



the CARES Act involves federal funds funneled through the state to Pulaski County.

"CARES Act funding is not local tax dollars," Guthrie emphasized.

Guthrie said it is the task of the Board of Supervisors to maximize the distribution of the funds to the best benefit of the commu-

nity and the local economy recovering from shutdowns due to COVID-19.

Chief among the nine proposals – which the supervisors approved each on individual unanimous votes – were grant programs to benefit local small businesses and non-profit organizations and provide deputies and rescue workers with hazard pay.

The Pulaski County Small Business Recovery Grant will provide grants of up to \$5,000 to 125 small businesses in the county. As of Monday night, County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said the county had already received 115 applications for the funding.

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'My scars are proof that I'm still here'

Pulaski's Lauren Warden shares her story

By JOSH JARMAN
Novant Health

Three years ago Lauren Warden was suffering from what she thought was common headaches. She walked into the doctor's office expecting a prescription and walked out with a life-changing diagnosis.

Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension, otherwise known as a Pseudotumor Cerebri, which causes relentless pain, vision loss and memory issues.

She would go on to have nine surgeries. And then No. 10, an operation she could never have imagined having.

A surgeon would expand her skull to make more room for her brain, literally making her head bigger. At first she was terrified by the idea. But over time, she came to embrace it. She just wanted her old life back and she was hoping Dr. Rashid Janjua, a neurosurgeon at Novant Health Brain and Spine,



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Lauren and Richard Warden after her surgery in the neuro ICU.

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Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie presents to Betty Lou Crawford a framed copy of a resolution approved Monday night to pay tribute to her late husband, Pete Crawford. At right are Crawford's brother, Gary and his wife, Betty.

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The county originally proposed \$350,000 in total funding for the grants, but due to the number of businesses applying, it was proposed last week that the amount of funding be increased by another \$275,000 up to \$625,000.

The Pulaski County Non-Profit Recovery Grant program will provide \$350,000 to non-profit organizations, including churches and veterans groups.

Two of the nine appropriations involve direct pay to sheriff's deputies and public safety personnel.

The supervisors approved one-time Hazard Duty Bonuses for Pulaski County Sheriff's Department's uniformed officers in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the pay period of September 15, 2020.

"The hazard duty pay bonus structure is intended to value the hard work and risks taken by our uniformed officers and to compensate them for their selfless service to our county and our citizens during this daunting and unprecedented time of COVID-19," Sweet said.

The board also approved a Hazard Duty Pay Bonus for full-time and part-time permanent public safety staff – primarily rescue squad workers – of \$250 for each 108 hours worked, and such hazard duty pay bonuses will begin on August 15, 2020, and continue through November 30, 2020, or until otherwise advised.

The Pulaski County Childcare Center Emergency Recovery Grant will provide \$40,000 in \$10,000 grants to the four certified childcare centers in the county. Sweet said the grants will help the centers survive the pandemic when the number of child care seats are reduced due to social distancing.

The Emergency Out of School Grant Program will provide \$30,000 in \$7,500 grants to organizations that develop new "out of school" programs where working parents can place their children when school is not an option.

The final three programs approved by the supervisors include the New River Valley Crisis Center Expansion Project, which will create additional capacity in the center located in Radford.

The additional capacity will allow for limited COVID-19 exposure for law enforcement officers

involved in civil commitments. It also allows for those officers to get back to patrolling and reduces the number of people involved in civil commitments from clogging hospital emergency rooms. Pulaski County's participation is contingent on the rest of the New River Valley localities' participation.

A \$2,000 appropriation for the New River Valley Regional Commission Regional Housing Resource Update is for developers, contractors, realtors and local government for New River Valley housing stock information. It also is contingent on all NRV localities participating.

And finally a \$15,000 contribution to the NRV Public Health Readiness Evaluation to develop a regional readiness evaluation tool to assist Pulaski County and the region's small businesses improve their readiness to operate during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

International Overdose Awareness Day

The supervisors approved a proclamation to recognize Aug. 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

The day is being set aside to remember loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths.

Drug overdoses claimed the lives of some 72,000 Americans in 2019.

Remembering Pete Crawford

The board approved a resolution in memory of Ira S. "Pete" Crawford who passed away March 19.

A former Vice President of Pulaski Furniture Corp., Crawford also served on the Board of Supervisors, PSA, New River Resource Authority, Industrial Development Authority and Pulaski Community Hospital board.

Golf Carts

The supervisors set Sept. 28 as the date for a public hearing to gain comments on the idea of allowing golf carts and utility vehicles on public roads in the Clarks Ferry Road area. Watch for a public hearing notice in The Patriot in weeks to come prior to the hearing.

Pulaski Council hears plans for downtown property

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Longtime Pulaskians know 37 West Main in downtown as where McCrory's "five and dime" store used to be years ago. You still hear people speak of how they could walk in and smell the roasted peanuts next to the candy counter in the front of the old department store where you could buy everything from toys to clothes to housewares.

In more recent years the building – the anchor of downtown Pulaski – was home to a pawn shop. The old building was left vacant again when the pawn shop moved a couple years ago to a new location in town.

West Main Development, LLC hopes to give the old building new life in the next three years as a combination of apartments and small businesses right along Main Street.

Luke Allison and Austin Strum of Aggregate Capital, LLC shared plans for the structure last week with Pulaski Town Council.

Aggregate Capital specializes in consulting, coordinating and "capital stacking" for restoration projects involving historic properties.

Allison and Strum were heavily involved in West Main Development's first downtown project – 87, 89 and 94 West Main Street – four apartments and three commercial spaces. So far all but one of the commercial spaces has been rented.

During their presentation to council, Allison noted that the appraised value of the spaces at 87, 89 and 94 was \$35,000 each. Now, he told council, they appraise for over \$1 million.

Aggregate Capital's plans for the over 13,000-square-foot 37 West Main includes construction of eight apartments – all but one on the second floor – an entrepreneur marketplace, co-office and business incubator.

Strum described the building as the "perfect location in the town for housing and businesses."

Frazier and Associates of Staunton provided the plans, site analysis and cost estimations for the project.

The second floor of the project includes seven apartments – four of which are described as "premier" and will be located on the back of the building facing Peak Creek. They will have an outdoor patio area and a rooftop garden, along with a communal area where residents can also hold private events.

Downstairs along the front of the building is a space for the future home of Pulaski on Main – the Virginia Main Street affiliate for the town.

Also in the front will be an "eatery / coffee shop" to offer quick and inexpensive food for people downtown, and an entrepreneur market for businesses.

Strum likened plans for this "downtown destination" to the Agora Downtown Market in Harrisonburg.

"What this is is a portable vendor space that is sectioned off to enable businesses to have a permanent store front when they can't really afford the traditional store commercial spaces," Strum explained.

Included in the rent businesses will pay are marketing services which will help them improve their internet presence and increase their e-commerce income through selling things online.

Strum said that's the "really neat part" of the design.

The first floor will include a business incubator to create downtown's first affordable office spaces for those who need an office but cannot afford a traditional office space.

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Warden

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would be the doctor who could deliver just that.

Rebel with a cause

When she was just six months old, Warden was adopted by her parents in the remote little town of Pulaski, Virginia, about 94 miles north of Winston-Salem.

“Little did I know at the time that my adoptive mother would end up being my school principal,” she joked. “I was a rebellious child, but I could never get away with anything.”

Warden recalls numerous in-school suspensions after she cut class and got caught smoking behind the building. But, despite her rocky adolescent years, she now credits her parents for providing her with a firm foundation built on honesty, hope and faith.

Warden went on to marry her husband Richard and together they have three boys Alex, 13, Stanley, 11, and Tanner, 10. She also works as quite possibly the only preschool teacher on the planet who has 22 tattoos.

Something didn’t feel right

Warden started getting headaches after a family tragedy in 2017. At first, she thought it was just stress, but the pain didn’t go away.

“I felt like someone was sitting on my shoulders and stabbing me in the head,” she said. “Then I started to lose my vision and decided it was time to ask for help.”

A quick assessment by her primary care provider led to one conclusion, a brain tumor. The worst part: Tanner, her youngest son, was with her in the exam room when the news broke.

“We left the doctor’s office and drove to meet my husband in Burger King’s parking lot,” she said. “As soon as the van door opened, my son popped out and told his father that mom has a brain tumor. For the longest time we just held each other in the parking lot.”

‘I don’t know if I’m going to like him’

Warden’s local neurologist confirmed the pseudo tumor diagnosis. At that point, her vision was so poor that she had to start wearing glasses and her pain was constant. “My neurologist said I needed to go to Winston-Salem to see Dr. Janjua,” said Warden. “Driving two hours from home to the big city of Winston-Salem was pretty scary. I had no idea how big Novant Health was, but I was told that Janjua was the best, so I went.”

Warden made her first trip to Winston-Salem with her mother-in-law. During the trip, she remembers loud bursts of laughter between long moments of silence.

And then, Warden met Janjua. She left the appointment with serious doubts.

“I wasn’t sure if I was going to like him,” she said. “He was very straightforward, like a guy version of myself. He told me that my weight was contributing to the problem and that I needed to lose weight. He also told me I needed to come back for a scan in two weeks to determine next steps. To be honest, that meeting was 30 minutes too long and I was irritated on the way home.”

‘A part of me died that day’

Alone with her thoughts, Warden started to lose faith and began to question what she had ever done to deserve this. Reluctantly, two weeks later she returned to complete her magnetic resonance venography (MRV) scan, an imaging procedure to visualize the veins inside her brain.

The results came back immediately. Warden held Richard’s hand as Janjua explained that because of the disease, her brain was like a pressure cooker in your kitchen. “Pressure, as it builds within a pressure cooker can release as steam,” he said, “but the mounting pressure inside her brain had nowhere to go.”

He went on to explain that there are three main parts inside the skull: your brain, spinal fluid and blood. And so in order to reduce the pressure inside of her head, he would have to have less of one of the three and a reduction in spinal fluid is the best option.

In order to do this Janjua recommended that a brain shunt, or narrow piece of tubing, be used to drain the excess fluid caused by the growth. The goal: relieve pressure to stop the pain.

Warden was overwhelmed by



Josh Jarman photo

Lauren Warden and her family meet with Dr. Janjua at a follow-up appointment.

the news. “I nearly blacked out,” she said. “Being as young as I was, and then hearing brain surgery, I just went numb. A few minutes later we were talking about my surgery date and how I was going to lose my hair. Things got real, real quick.”

And so Warden returned to Winston-Salem for brain surgery at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center in March 2017. The procedure went according to plan, but Warden will never forget looking in the mirror afterward.

“When I saw that my hair was gone and I had stitches up and down my skull, I just lost it,” she said. “I know I scared my husband as well as the nurse in the room.”

And when she got home, her normally eager-to-snuggle children, avoided her. “They were scared,” she said. “My youngest still wanted to sleep with us that night, but he stayed on dad’s side of the bed. As a mom, part of me died that day.”

From bad to worse

Warden’s pain persisted. Janjua performed a revision procedure two months later, with little effect. The pressure would not subside.

“Hours after my second procedure, I asked the nurse for a razor so I could cut the last bit of remaining hair off the top of my head,” she said. “It was something I could control, so I wanted to take it off myself.”

After returning home her memory worsened and depression ensued. On separate occasions she allowed the kitchen sink and bathtub to overflow. She had to put sticky note reminders all over the house to remember things like turning the stove off.

She also stopped going to church. “My boys kept praying for me and wanting me to go,” she said, “but I just couldn’t do it anymore.”

A different approach

Warden had a decision to make.

The logical next step was a lumbar shunt. There were also other more invasive options but those would not be feasible until all other options were exhausted.

“I decided to go with the lumbar shunt,” she said. But she chose to hold off on her next surgery until she could take the boys on a family beach trip.

“With everything else going on, my first job is to be a mom,” she said. “I wanted them to just enjoy being kids.”

‘Until I fell asleep’

Janjua performed Warden’s lumbar shunt in October 2017.

“For some reason, I was more nervous about the lumbar procedure than I was the brain surgeries,” she said. “Afterward, I had such a bad panic attack that they had to call Janjua up to check on me.”

That night he sat by her bedside in the hospital until she fell asleep.

I hadn’t seen that side of him before,” said Warden. That’s when she realized that she found the perfect doctor.

When asked about knowing when to be honest and forthcoming and when to show compassion, Janjua said, “My job is to take care of her like I would take care of my own wife. This is a mother of three children. This is somebody’s wife, and somebody’s daughter. They deserve to know the truth, and sometimes the truth is not always sweet. But when she’s having a panic attack, I’m no longer the doctor and she’s no longer the patient. There’s a fellow human being laying over there having a panic attack and in that moment the best thing I can do for her is to hold her hand and provide reassurance.”

In that moment her faith returned, but her pain continued.

“I decided to start going to church again with the boys,” she said. “I would drive the boys there, and then stay in the car, livestreaming the service from my phone. I just wasn’t ready to be seen by anyone.”

That was until Tanner recommended that she listen to “Scars,” a song by the group I Am They. “I realized I was ashamed of my scars, but I needed to embrace them.”

Last surgery

At that point, Warden decided to take things into her own hands. She grew tired of her trips back-and-forth to North Carolina and chose to spend the next six months closer to home where she had two brain stent procedures performed in Roanoke, Virginia. The result, no improvement.

Janjua had not offered her the brain stent surgeries as he did not feel that she would get any improve-

ment from them. He was right.

“That’s when I decided it was time to try the cranial expansion procedure,” she said. Janjua had discussed this procedure as a last resort operation with her before and after many surgeries, he felt that the time had come to entertain this. “I knew this was my last shot, so she loaded up the car and made the first of 15 more trips back to Winston-Salem on Jan. 2, 2020.”

Janjua used an analogy to explain the series of procedures. “Imagine for yourself that in her situation, the glove is just too tight for the hand. In each of the first few procedures we essentially tried to reduce the size of her hand inside the glove, but when that didn’t work, we decided to make the glove – or in this case her skull – bigger to accommodate the size of her brain to relieve pressure.”

To do this Janjua worked with Dr. George Lawson at Forsyth Plastic Surgery to insert tissue expanders under Warden’s skull. Much like the tissue expanders used after a mastectomy for breast reconstruction, these expanders were used to stretch her skin over multiple weeks in order to make additional space in her skull for the last procedure.

“Think of it like a gift-wrapped box,” Janjua said. “Since we were planning to make the brain or box bigger, we needed more wrapping paper. That’s why the tissue expanders and stretching her skin was so important.”

Final thoughts

Six days before her final procedure, Warden wore flip flops, blue

jeans and a knit hat to hide how her skull has expanded like a cone on the left side of her head.

“None of this would be possible if it were not for the loving support of my family,” she said. “Richard was incredible and became Mr. Mom, when I wasn’t able to be much of a mom or wife. And my boys never stopped praying for me.”

When asked what she had learned throughout this experience, Warden said that she discovered who she is and why she was here. And that she wants to share her story to encourage others to never give up.

“When I was first diagnosed, I joined every support group,” she said. “Then I deleted them all. I got tired of seeing other people suffer. But I want to share my story to provide hope where there is none.”

In her final weekend before surgery she decided to write just-in-case love letters to her husband and children, and then go to church on Sunday.

“I want to make sure my boys know how much I love them and tell them that I’m sorry they had to go through this,” she said. “I hope they can forget these bad memories and that we can make some new ones together soon.”

Before heading home after her final pre-op appointment, Warden said that she had to go see her good luck charm, Diane Ayala. Ayala works as Janjua’s assistant and the two became close after Warden’s first procedure three years ago.

“Diane was there for me during the crying moments and the mad moments,” Warden said. “Now that we are at the end, saying goodbye to all of the people that I have grown to love and trust is bitter-sweet.”

“This surgery is not for everybody. This requires a lot of faith, courage and willingness to go through the process of expanding the skin and then undergoing the meticulous surgery. We have a lot of experience with this surgery and have the team that can do this safely,” said Janjua.

It’s over

Warden was nervous the morning of her surgery. Shortly after arriving at the hospital at 5:30 a.m., she met her nurse, the anesthesiologist, the video team that she agreed to let record the procedure and then Janjua.

“Dr. Janjua came in and gave me a big hug that felt like it was 20 minutes long and all my anxiety went away,” she said. “He told me

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LAURA "LOU" CARRIE STANLEY MCPEAK

Laura "Lou" Carrie Stanley McPeak took her heavenly flight to be with her Heavenly Father and her earthly father on August 24th, 2020. She was born July 15, 1954 to Jefferson Beveley "J. B." Stanley and Mary Frances Gordon Stanley. Lou attended Dublin High School Class of 1974. She was a member of First Church of God – Dublin. Lou loved her church family and appreciated their love, prayers and support.

Left to cherish her memory is her mother, Mary Frances Gordon Stanley, and her sisters, Beverly Farmer of Eggleston, Carla Diane Stanley of Dublin, and Robin (Bobby) Martin of Barren Springs. Lou's greatest joy in life was being a loving aunt to her 15 nieces and nephews. Lou's courageous battle with cancer touched many peoples' lives. All that met her could feel her gentle, caring nature.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Dr. William Mayo, Dr. Robert Rotche, and all her medical support teams throughout the years. Thank you to Mountain Valley Hospice... your staff was wonderful to Lou and became a part of our family.

The family will receive friends from 4 until 6 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial service will begin at 6 p.m. with Pastor Mike Hudson officiating and Chaplin Jason Kline providing special music.

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



CHERISH NICOLE "NIKKI" WILLIAMS

Cherish Nicole "Nikki" Williams, age 37 of Pulaski passed away Friday, August 21, 2020 surrounded by her family.

Born October 6, 1982 in Radford, Virginia, she was the daughter of Rose Thomas Williams and the late Russell Warren Williams. Her grandparents, Alton & Barbara McNutt, James & Marlene Williams and cousin, Andy Ridpath also preceded her in death.

She was a faithful member of the Pulaski Church of God and was an employee with the Building Bridges Day Care for over 20 years.

She is survived by
Her son
Gabe Williams – Pulaski
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Rose Thomas Williams – Pulaski
Brother
Shane (Suzanne) Williams – Pulaski

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Brandon Williams
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Many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and extended family and friends

Funeral services were held Monday, August 24, 2020 at the Pulaski Church of God with Pastor Donald Jones officiating. A private interment followed at the Hufford Cemetery (Mt. Olivet Road) Pulaski on Tuesday.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

ALBERTA L. SAFEWRIGHT

Alberta L. Safewright, devoted mother and grandma departed this life on Friday, August 21, 2020 with her family by her side.

Alberta was born in Pulaski, VA to the late Maceo Wilkerson and Annabelle Olverson Wilkerson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry B Safewright Sr.; three sisters, Hazel Wilkerson, Juanita Cook and Ellabea Webb.

She leaves to cherish her memory one brother, Donnie Wilkerson of Lynch, KY; four daughters, Mary Jane Safewright, Anna Safewright of Pulaski, VA, Sadie Mae Safewright and Alice Ann Martin of Norfolk, VA; one son, Henry B. Safewright Jr. (Toni) of Pulaski, VA; 14 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church. She served in the capacity of a Trustee, building fund and kitchen committee, Choir, Pastor Aid, and usher until her health declined. She retired from Volvo Trucking after 24 years of service.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 27 at First Baptist Church, 220 Magazine Street, Pulaski, VA 24301 with Rev. D. Patterson, Officiating.

DEATH NOTICES

KENNETH RUDOLPH NUNN

Kenneth Rudolph Nunn, 91, of Pulaski passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family and pets on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

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

JOHN KELVIN KELLIS

John Kelvin Kellis passed away peacefully with his family around him in his home on Sunday, August 23rd, 2020 at the age of 66.

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

BETTY LOU HARRISON YOPP

Betty Lou Harrison Yopp, 86, passed away at her home in Draper on Sunday, August 23, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband James Dalton Yopp; and her parents, Jesse and Hassie Harrison.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, James D, Jr. and April Yopp, and Jackie Yopp; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Leonard Woodrum, Karen and Graham Slate, and Wanda Yopp; sister, Dorothy Akers; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services will be private.

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

MARIE COLEMAN RUNYON

Marie Coleman Runyon, 85, formerly of Dublin, died Wednesday afternoon, August 26, 2020, in the Commonwealth Senior Living at Hillsville. She was born in Virginia on August 17, 1935 and was a retired employee of Volvo Trucking. Ms Runyon was preceded in death by her husband, David Runyon.

Surviving are:
Sister & Brother-In-Law - Amy & Chester Webb

Friend - Allen Collins

There will be no visitation or funeral service for Ms. Runyon.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

Scars

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that he was doing this procedure for my boys, for their lives to go back to normal."

Lawson started the nearly four-hour procedure by carefully removing the spacers from Warden's brain. Then, using his hands, Janjua carefully cut and readjusted nearly 80% of her skull on the left side of her head to "expand the glove" and relieve the pressure in her head.

For the first time in three years, Warden woke up with a no pain and no headache.

"I'll never forget seeing Richard's face," she said. "He looked so calm and I was so calm. We both knew it was over."

The following day, Warden held Richard's arm as the couple made several laps around the neuro intensive care unit. "Throughout it all, Richard never left my side," she said. "I can't wait to go home and wrap my arms around my boys."

Return to normal

Fearing the worst about her new set of scars, Warden waited until she got home to look in the mirror. And when she did, she was scared to even allow the boys to see her.

"At first, we actually used Google Home to talk back and forth in the house," she said. "But then Tanner, who was with me when I was first diagnosed, insisted on coming in the bedroom. I'll never forget that he took one look at me and said, 'Mommy, you are beautiful.'"

Eight days later the entire family piled into the family's minivan and headed back to Janjua's office for a follow-up appointment.

"I feel great," she said. "Besides the pain from surgery, the pressure is gone and so are my headaches."

The joy was palpable in the exam room. After inspecting her incision, Janjua asked Richard if it felt like he had his wife back. A visible lump formed in Richard's throat as he smiled and nodded his head yes.

"I absolutely think she is a fantastic woman," said Janjua. "And I love her for everything that she brings to the table as a patient who has never given up. I will never give up if my patients don't either."

As for Warden: "I don't care about my scars anymore. My scars are proof that I'm still here."



Lauren Warden with Alex and Tanner at the lake after surgery.

Josh Jarman photo

Project

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preneurs and business men and women that encourages networking with an open floor plan," Strum continued.

The final space downstairs is an apartment with an entrance on the creek side of the building – ideal for those who want to live downtown, but without stairs.

Allison said Frazier and Associates estimate the total cost of the project at \$2.3 million, which includes a \$40,000 roof replacement and some \$468,000 in "soft" costs.

Acknowledging the project will "take some money," Allison said they will pursue the project in the same way as their first – through

historic tax credits, Virginia housing, Department of Housing and Community Development and Enterprise Zone grants.

This time, however, he said there are two new components of the funding plan – an opportunity fund created by Aggregate Capital called Opportunity Pulaski, LLC and a Founders Round.

"Opportunity Pulaski is a mechanism to help investors who have capital gains and there are tax incentives for investing in these areas," Allison explained.

He said the Founders Round would provide the opportunity for Pulaski residents to invest and be founding owners of a project in

their own town.

"We're going to create a time to reach out to our own community, show them what we want to do with this building, show them what's possible and have them have the opportunity to be investors in a project in their own space," Allison continued.

Strum said the timeline on the project is roughly three years to completion. Included is a six-month period for founders' investments and another 12 months for architect and contractor proposals and planning. The final 21 months will be for construction.

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Warner visits Pulaski, meets with local leaders

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

A cadre of local business people were invited to meet with Senator Mark Warner on Monday to discuss the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, and the steps our economy needs to recover. The meeting was held as a roundtable discussion at the Historic Pulaski Train Station.

Attending the meeting with Warner were Debbie and Bill Gardner of Draper Mercantile; Peggy White from the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce; Luke Allison and Steve Critchfield of West Main Development; Dr. Michael "Mickey" Hickman representing Calfee Community and Cultural Center; Catherine VanNoy from Pulaski on Main; local entrepreneur David Hagan; and Kevin Siers, Pulaski County School Superintendent.

In the meeting, one of several held Monday in the region dubbed as "Community Check-ups," Warner acknowledged that "there is a lot going on in Southwest Virginia which is very exciting."

He then invited the socially-distanced and masked group of business people to introduce themselves and commented on their "imagination, courage and perhaps a bit of craziness" to be pursuing success in the COVID-19 environment.

Warner fielded questions from the group including topics of opening up the economy, distribution of potential COVID-19 vaccines, federal leave packages with hopes that some restrictions will be lifted, and his belief that local governments should have more say in deciding how to spend the federal funds.

"One thing that the virus has shown us is that broadband is a necessity," stated Warner. "It has moved Tele-Health years

forward." He hopes the next COVID-19 legislative package will fully fund broadband to every household in America, which he believes is especially important in rural areas.

VanNoy suggested the development of a study of broadband mapping to make the coverage more precise. Warner agreed that maps often times produced by competitive companies can show broader coverage than the reality.

Dr. Siers brought the topic of needing an influx of funding because of the loss of sales tax revenue due to the virus. He is concerned about the added burden on students and whether the lengthy time away from the classroom will effect national test scores.

Warner suggested that local colleges offer a three-credit course to students who would be willing to tutor grade-level students needing help.

Several questions were asked about the next round of stimulus packages and funds for small businesses.

White introduced the topic of Agri-business, noting that ten local dairy farmers are needing FDA assistance. Warner suggested they contact Stephany Daugherty in his office.

Hickman focused his comments on the need for increased investment in institutions benefiting the community, criminal justice reform and equal access to capital. "Less than 3 percent of venture capital goes to blacks and less than 10 percent to women," he stated.

Hagan noted that small business people were waiting to see what the rules will be regarding the next stimulus package.

"For the first 30-days no one spent any money except for groceries. Businesspeople wondered if they would go broke or die first," quipped Hagan who has multiple businesses. He commented that building materials had increased

er, 68, of Chesapeake, Va., was transported to Carilion Giles Community Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The vehicle's only passenger, Suzanne M. Schucker, 67, of Chesapeake, Va., was also transported to Carilion Giles Community Hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Neither occupant was wearing a seatbelt. Alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.



Sen. Mark Warner chats with Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins at today's event at the Historic Train Station.

Danielle Reid photo

in price greatly during the past three months. "The biggest help to businesses has been the low interest rates around 2.8 percent," said Hagan.

Warner stated that the PPP program was well intentioned but there was a problem if an applicant was from a rural community, black, female or new in business because they did not have an established relationship with traditional banks. "We need to take \$15 to \$18 billion from mainstream and move it into Community Development Financial Institutions and do redevelopment financing that traditional banks won't do. This could double or triple capital for local businesses," explained Warner.

Warner also met Monday with community leaders in Abington and Wytheville, then later traveled to the Blue Ridge Parkway where he discussed the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act signed by President Trump that will fund \$1.1 billion in maintenance needs at Virginia National Parks. The historic legislation will also bring 10,000 jobs to the state.

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Man succumbs of injuries from crash in Giles County

Virginia State Police Trooper D.L. Vaughn is investigating a single-vehicle crash in Giles County. The crash occurred Aug. 24, 2020 at 6:51 p.m. on Route 635 (Big Stoney Creek Road), approximately 2 miles north of Route 628 (Olean Road).

A 2003 Ford Econoline van was traveling on Route 635 when it ran off the right side of the road and struck an embankment before overturning and coming to rest on its side back in the roadway.

The driver, Russell M. Schuck-



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California, Here We Come?

A famous song of the 1920s went, “California, here I come.”

Today, one might sing that line with dread rather than anticipation as rolling blackouts afflict California residents. But the same public policies that have brought disaster to the Golden State are being pushed with vigor elsewhere, including here in Virginia.

The immediate cause of the rolling blackouts is simple. California cannot produce enough power to meet demand. In the middle of a heat wave, when demand on the power grid increases, enough supply cannot be found, especially at the end of the day when solar power fades.

Many of the actors in this debacle, from grid operators to utility regulators to the state’s top public officials, point their fingers at each other. The fundamental culprit, however, is California’s mandate that all power must come from clean energy by 2045. The mandate also puts down benchmarks before then, for example



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

setting a 50 percent clean energy goal in 2025.

Cleaner energy in itself is a worthwhile goal. California erred by setting arbitrary goals and

then placing increasing burdens of electricity generation on wind and solar power, sources that simply have not proved up to task.

To add insult to injury to California’s citizens, between 2011 and 2018 they were hit by electricity prices increases nearly seven times higher than those in the rest of the country, according to the advocacy group Environmental Progress.

The dysfunction in California’s energy policies is plain to see, which is why it is alarming that some would bring these policies to other states and to the United States at large.

In April, Governor Ralph Northam signed the Virginia Clean Economy Act requiring 100 percent carbon-free energy in the Commonwealth by 2050.

According to the State Corporation Commission, which regulates electricity rates, the mandate to build solar and wind generation capacity will drive a rise of 45 percent in the rates paid by Dominion Energy customers over the next decade.

So Virginians should brace themselves for at least one feature of California’s electricity regime, the surging prices.

The Virginia Clean Economy Act will also shut down most coal-fired power plants by the end of 2024. One of coal’s assets is its capacity to act as a baseload power source. Unlike wind or solar power, it can provide power at any time. Closing coal plants takes away a reliable energy source that can make a crucial difference during a time of increased demand, as California’s power customers likely know all too well by now.

In spite of these obvious flaws, proponents of wind and solar mandates counter that climate change is too urgent, and that their policies are the only way forward to save the planet. But there are alternatives that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions without forcing skyrocketing rates and requiring customers to accept lapses in service.

We can pursue a strategy that focuses on energy production within the United States and development of new technologies that can be exported to the world.

Between 2005 and 2018, total greenhouse gas emissions in the United States decreased by 10 percent. Clean power mandates did not drive this decline. Instead, a major contributor was the use of natural gas produced in the United States, which burns cleaner than other fossil fuels.

Energy production in the United States, which takes place under greater environmental scrutiny than in other energy producers around the world, increased jobs without driving air pollution. As long as fossil fuels will be used, and they will be in other parts of the world whatever California and Virginia might do, we should encourage the use of responsibly produced American fossil fuels.

American companies and laboratories are also hard at working finding ways to burn fossil fuels in a cleaner manner or put the byproducts to use. We should encourage these developments, which can then be deployed in our country or sold around the world, controlling pollution while creating jobs and boosting economic growth.

Researcher in our region have made great advances in this field, as U.S. Department of Energy officials learned in a meeting I recently set up between them and Southwest Virginia energy innovators.

As China constructs power plants in sub-Saharan Africa using slightly-improved 1970s technology, the United States can move forward with cutting-edge research and development that benefits the environment and American jobs.

California’s experience with clean energy mandates is an alarm bell. Paying higher rates and accepting intermittent service cannot be the only possibility for our energy future. We should heed the warnings and pursue a better alternative.

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

RUNNING MATES



Rich Lowery

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Post Office Paranoia

At this rate, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy will be lucky if he isn’t arrested and tried for treason before a people’s tribunal.

According to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, DeJoy is a “complicit crony” aiding Trump’s efforts to sabotage American democracy. She believes the two have hatched a plot to delay mail-in voting and disenfranchise countless Americans prior to the election.

In tried-and-true fashion, President Trump has stoked suspicions by saying that he opposes a \$25 billion Postal Service bailout in the latest Democratic COVID-19 relief bill. According to Trump, blocking this measure -- and \$3 billion in election aid to the states -- will prevent universal mail-in voting. But the bailout doesn’t have anything to do with mail-in voting, and given the billions of pieces of mail handled by the post office every week, it surely can handle the increased volume from mail-in voting.

It is true that Postmaster General DeJoy is a fortune Trump donor. He made his major jump in shipping and logistics, though, and he was selected by the Postal Service’s board of governors.

Little did he know, when he took over the agency in June, that he’d soon have a starring role in the country’s latest psychodrama. Every change at the Postal Service is now seen through the prism of a belief that the agency is a tool of creeping authoritarianism.

Letter collection boxes are being removed -- never mind that this has been an ongoing process for years. Underutilized boxes are decommissioned or moved to higher-traffic areas. In 2009, the Washington Post reported that 200,000 boxes had been shelved over the past two decades. In 2016, the inspector general noted that another 12,000 collection boxes had been cut over the previous five years.

Letter collection boxes of a sudden have big, red locks on them -- well, yeah, as an off-hours device to prevent the theft of mail, also something the Postal Service has done for years.

The Postal Service is deactivating mail-sorting machines -- right, and there was a plan for this prior to DeJoy becoming postmaster general, and it has long been discussed in response to the declining volume of mail.

DeJoy is cutting back on overtime -- indeed he is, because artificially swollen overtime is an enormous expense that he hopes to eliminate with a more rational delivery system.

Democrats and much of the media make it sound as though the post office was an efficient, smooth-running agency before DeJoy took charge. In reality, the post office has lost nearly \$80 billion since 2007, and it lost more than \$2 billion last quarter. Unless the service finds a way to innovate, it is headed for bankruptcy.

This is the impetus for DeJoy’s reforms, which should be welcomed by all the people now caterwauling about how essential the post office is to the American way of life.

DeJoy has been adamant that the Postal Service will do its job

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Disproving a Negative

By Cal Thomas,
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Labeling another person has become a popular political pastime. The intent is to use a label that is impossible to disprove no matter the amount of contrary evidence.

Perhaps the worst label one can attach to another person is “racist.” How does one disprove that? The left has shamefully and inaccurately used the label against Republicans and conservatives over many years to great political advantage. The label is applied in order to delegitimize one’s opinion and ostracize the person from legitimate debate.

To their credit, Republicans are fighting back against this smear. At Monday’s GOP convention, several African Americans spoke.

Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) had the best line and personal story of the night. He said he had gone “from cotton to Congress,” growing up in his grandparents’ home after his parents divorced. Scott co-authored a police reform bill, but he reminded viewers that Democrats “walked out of the room” from it because “they wanted the issue more than they wanted a solution.”

Scott then got to the heart of what made him a success: “... even while I was failing the ninth grade ... my mother always said, ‘When you shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you will be among the stars.’ She never lost faith in me, even when I lost faith in myself. Because of her encouragement, I went to summer school and caught up.”

He met a businessman who “saw something in me that I could not see in myself and started teaching me valuable lessons in life.” From there he was off and running.

Scott’s story was about taking advantage of the opportunities America offers.

Another speaker was football great Herschel Walker. Speaking as one might testify as a character witness at a trial, Walker, who said he has known Donald Trump for 37 years, defended the president against charges by the left that he is a racist and doesn’t care about Black or brown people.

“People who think that don’t know what they’re talking about,” Walker said. “Growing up in the Deep South, I’ve seen racism up close. I know what it is, and it isn’t Donald Trump. Just because someone loves and respects the flag, our national anthem and our country doesn’t mean they don’t care about social justice. I care about all of those things. So does Donald Trump. He shows how much he cares about social justice in the black community through his actions, and his actions speaks louder than stickers or slogans on a jersey.”

Scott and Walker -- and many other African Americans who spoke -- represent a new generation of Black people who cannot and will not be stereotyped as members of a monolithic bloc expected to indulge in groupthink and vote only for Democrats. They reject the notion expressed by Joe Biden to an African American radio host: “If you have a problem figuring out whether you’re for me or Trump, then you ain’t Black.”

Incredibly, polls show that an overwhelming number of African Americans intend to vote for Democrats in the fall election. That could be about to change, as Republicans increasingly show they care for all Americans and expose the failure of Democrat programs, which sink more boats than they lift.

Republicans are starting to do a better job of reaching out to minorities. It is their party -- from Abraham Lincoln, to Calvin Coolidge (who spoke out for civil rights during a time when the KKK was ascendant), to Dwight Eisenhower (who sent troops to desegregate Southern schools), to providing the critical votes that passed civil rights legislation in the 1960s over the objections of Southern Democrats -- that offers minorities an opportunity to become independent of government and build a better future for themselves and their families.

A positive almost always overcomes a negative.

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

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About Our Money

To the editor,

Should members of the House of Delegates receive travel per diem payments during the Special Session if they ARE NOT traveling and having “virtual” sessions?

Virginia Democrats seem to think so. That’s \$250 per day allotted each.

Speaker Filler-Corn decreed - over Republican objections - that Delegates would meet virtually for the Special Session and that members would not travel to Richmond. THE SAME DAY, Democrats passed a resolution on a party line vote authorizing daily payments for travel expenses.

House Republicans sent a letter to the House Clerk letting her know that our caucus will not be accepting per diem payments for virtual sessions.

“ We believe it is wrong and Virginia taxpayers should not tolerate it.”

Virginia Democrats already raised taxes by nearly \$2 billion this year and many Virginians are hurting financially due to COVID-19. Now they feel entitled to collect money intended for travel and lodging for “attending” from their couch?

I am tired of the pattern of disregard for Virginia taxpayers. We must take back Virginia and restore fiscal responsibility and transparency to our Commonwealth.

Vote EVERY YEAR, we can only hope to restore sanity. Next year will be critical, too, with the governor race fast approaching.

Trump HQ on Main Street in Wytheville has been very busy. We’re going to extend our hours shortly. Hours will be posted on the door. We’ve had visitors from North Carolina, Florida, New Jersey and Arizona. You’re invited to come by, register to vote if need be, see the merchandise and pick up your free yard sign.

**Linda Meyer,
Speedwell**

Supports SB5103

To the editor,

I fully support Senate Bill 5103. The Hall family has suffered not only the anguish of losing a loved one, but also have the continued torment of not knowing where the remains of the victim, Gina Hall, are located.

On the other hand, her convicted murderer, Steven Epperly has had the continued opportunity to seek release from the Virginia Department of Corrections through parole. No family or community should have constant angst over the potential release of a murderer through parole, especially under the circumstance of this case.

Make no mistake, the evidence in this case proved that Steven Epperly is an unrepentant predator who is right where he belongs.

I proudly made my opinion known to the parole board in the attached letter and it will remain a permanent part of his file. To be unapologetically blunt, the only way Steven Epperly should ever leave the Virginia Department of Corrections is in a pine box.

Senate Bill 5103 is a step in the right direction in ensuring that happens.

**Sincerely,
Justin L. Griffith,
Pulaski County Commonwealth’s Attorney**

Ms. Linda L. Bryant
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Re: Stephen Matteson Epperly, #1106705

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I was appointed to be the Commonwealth’s Attorney of Pulaski County on July 1st, 2020. I am writing regarding inmate, #1106705, Stephen Matteson Epperly and parole. I am strenuously and unequivocally opposed to his parole, under any circumstances. The heinous brutal crime he was convicted of occurred in 1980, three years prior to my birth. However, I can assure you that I have been aware of the impact on this community my whole life.

As I am sure you know, Gina Renee Hall, was the young lady that Stephen Epperly was convicted of murdering. It is my understanding, the evidence at trial showed blood splatter that was consistent with her being beaten to death. I write “consistent with”, because Gina Renee Hall’s body has never been located. Her family has suffered not knowing where her remains are for over 40 years.

Epperly’s prosecutor, Everett Shockley, is still a pillar in the legal community here in the New River Valley. His work on this case was nothing short of remarkable. He is still a voice of justice in this case, as proven by his May 12, 2020 letter to you. According to Mr. Shockley, to this very day, Epperly denies any involvement in her death or disappearance. As a lawyer, friend, and the foremost expert on this case, I implore you to take Mr. Shockley’s word for it in this case. His level of concern for the safety of the public surrounding any release of Epperly speaks to not only Mr. Shockley’s passion for justice but the dangerousness of Mr. Epperly.

Finally, I am proud to speak for this whole County and urge you to see fit that Epperly remains incarcerated. He is indeed an unrepentant predator who shattered the Hall family and the innocence of those in this County. He is exactly where he needs to be and he needs to remain there for the rest of his natural life.

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Shot In The Arm

Like many of the past few months, there is so much going on that it lends itself to so many different subject matters and occurrences to write about and share with you. I trust you all understand the challenges that exist in this unusual time, but for our local governments they have been exponentially compounded and exasperated.

I often look back over the day, the week and even the past months and marvel over the volume and diversity of obstacles we have overcome and what new and novel problems we have solved in response to COVID-19 and its collateral damage.

I often find myself as many of you do, exhausted by the never subsiding pressure of addressing all of the important and time-sensitive issues that constantly keep popping up.

Fortunately for me, I have had so many folks in the community share words of appreciation, encouragement and hope. This positive affirmation is what has helped fuel me through our long and daunting community response to COVID-19. The calls, texts, emails, and handwritten letters have meant so much to me and I want you all to know how very appreciative and grateful I am to each of you who have blessed me with words of kindness. They have been a shot in the arm to me and I cannot thank you all enough.

I want express my gratitude for all your kindness and support, and to pay that forward. I want



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to do this by saying Thank You! to many of our truly deserving folks.

A Thank You to our teachers and administrators for your willingness to serve our students; to my Board who has shown leadership through this time of chaos; to the ministers who share voices of hope and love, to county and town employees who show up as essential personnel and continue to serve with passion; to our law enforcement and first responders who show us what heroes really look like; to the small businesses

who are fighting to keep the doors open and our citizens working, to our non-profits who fill in the gaps and help take care of our community; to our healthcare workers who show bravery in their service; to all the clerks who report to work where we buy our essential goods and services; to the volunteers that are always giving of themselves and their time regardless of the risks; and my list of gratitude goes on.

I want you all to know that you are an inspiration to me and to the community, and your service to the county does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Your examples of service are a shot in the arm to all of us in the county and is what will bring us through this time together.

May God bless and keep you all.

Pulaski County is ... Selfless Service

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regarding mail-in ballots. The post office’s recent warnings to states that they should be mindful of how quickly ballots can be delivered were intended to avoid unrealistically late deadlines for mail-in voting that could create a train wreck in

November.

But in their inflamed state, Democrats want a villain. If not a foreign potentate, then the guy in charge of delivering the mail.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Pulaski County Middle School nears completion

By **KRYSTAL WHITT**
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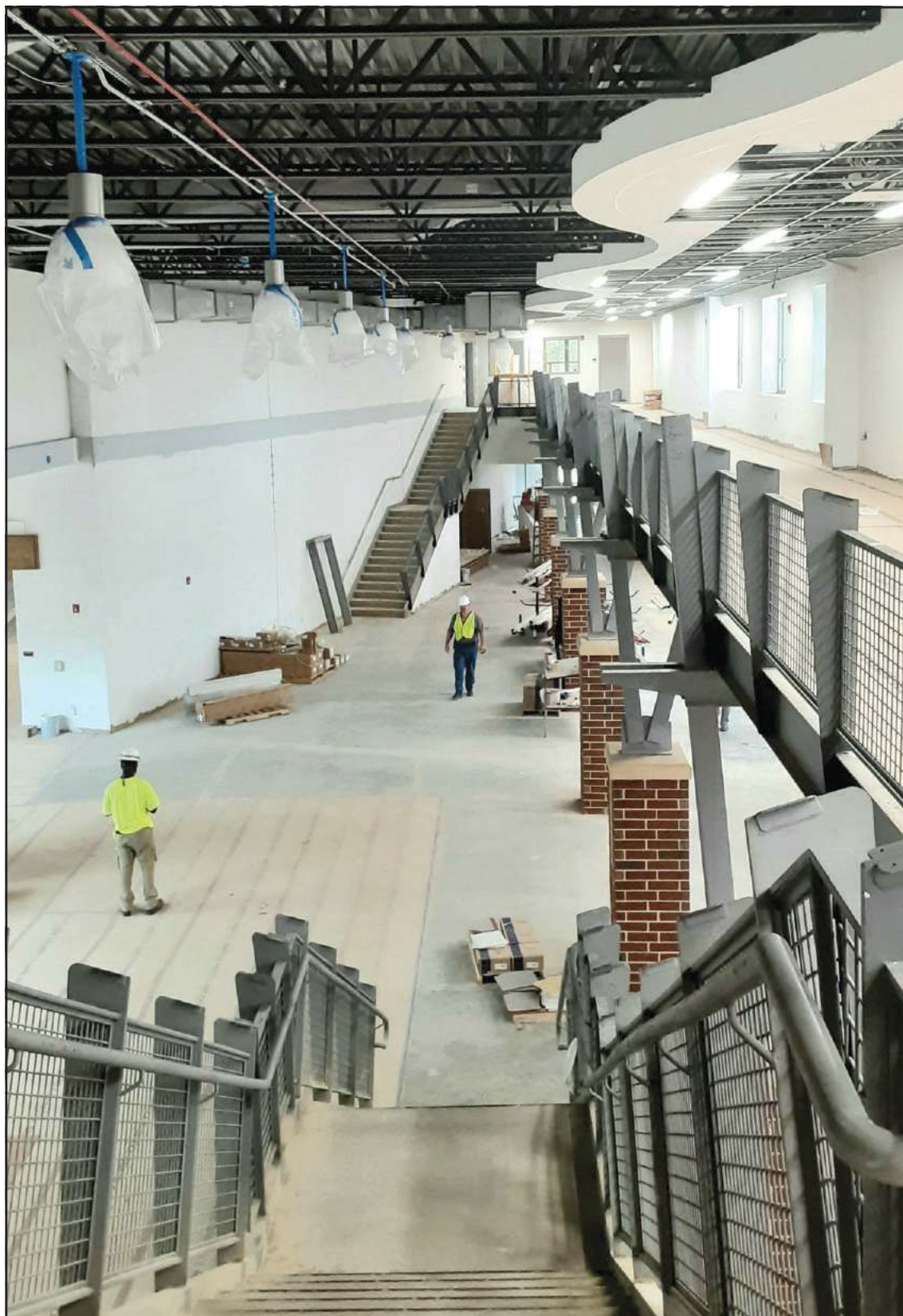
Maybe because it is a \$47 million dollar facility sitting on 55 acres of land. Maybe because it is an approximately 160,000 square foot facility boasting of natural light and intricate design. Or maybe, it is because of all these things and more that the new Pulaski County Middle School is one in a million (multiplied by 47).

While touring the new middle school with Pulaski County School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers, the distinctive features from architect to academic planning were evident at every turn. When asked if anything this elaborate and unique had ever been built in Pulaski County before, Siers pondered and said, "Not since building the high school."

The first view inside the new Pulaski County Middle School causes one to look out and up as artistic symmetry curves and scales open space both vertically and horizontally. Though initial thoughts lean toward the eye-catching new looks, learning about cost-saving strategies proves an overall intelligent design: vast amounts of natural light to enhance space and conserve energy; multi-purpose equipment; and cross-functional spaces.

Beyond cost-cutting and space saving strategies, safety has been a top priority in the design of the school. Windows throughout the school not only serve as a means of providing plenty of natural light, but also enhance safety as outside activity can easily be seen.

Rebecah Smith, Principal of the new Pulaski County Middle



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School, also has a clear view of outside from her space. In addition, the school has two assistant principals, ensuring even more supervision.

Social and emotional health are also top priorities at Pulaski County Middle School. To recognize the need for a large school to be readily available for its students, the school has a guidance counselor for each grade level. In addition to three counselors, the school also has two sensory rooms where students can de-escalate as needed.

Speaking of doubles, Pulaski County Middle School also has two gyms, an auditorium that can be divided into two different spaces, and more than two times the opportunity for students to gain experience in their interests. If a student wants to explore life-skills such as cooking, they can do so in a class that houses a commercial kitchen. Or, if students want to take the stage, pursuing their dreams of stardom, they can perform their hearts out in performing arts classes that are in the same area and have access to the auditorium that seats an audience of up to 400 spectators.

Technology is yet another area students of Pulaski County Middle School will be able to

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**When your pharmacist makes a change,
don't you think you should as well?**

MARTIN'S
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Ashley Williams



Doug Futrell

Coming to Serve Dublin in 2020

School

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experience, not only as a desired elective, but in learning across curriculum, since there is a promethean board in every classroom.

As School Board Chairman Tim Hurst among other board members have noted, cost efficiency and value are important to the community. Siers explained the reason promethean boards are a better value than smartboards is due to lifetime cost, meaning there are no subscriptions and regular fees as opposed to those catches with smartboards.

Students of Pulaski County Middle will have to wait just a tad longer to experience this one in a “47” million school as construction is being completed.

Students at the school are starting virtual classes on Sept. 8, while the rest of the county’s students stagger attendance with virtual classes due to current plans surrounding COVID-19 for a couple of weeks.

Then, Monday, September 21st PCMS students will see for themselves all that has been awaiting their wide-eyed and ready-to-learn presence.

Photos of the interior of Pulaski County Middle School by Krystal Whitt



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Tuck’s Collision to host extrication training event

In crashes where minutes can spell the difference between life and death, first responders to the accident scene need up-to-date information so they can act quickly and safely! Knowing specifically where and how to efficiently cut and extricate can make the difference in saving precious minutes and lives as well as the safety of the first responders.

Keeping first responders up to date on the latest new technology in vehicles is a challenge for every local fire department.

The National Auto Body Council F.R.E.E.™ program keeps first responders abreast of the rapid changes in vehicle design. High-strength steel, airbags, advanced restraint systems, onboard technology and safety around alternative fuel vehicles are all covered in the program.

Tuck’s Collision at 1001 E. Main St. Pulaski, VA 24301 will host first responders from the surrounding area at a special NABC F.R.E.E.™ education and guidance program at 5 p.m. on September 10 to help ensure Virginia drivers have the best prepared response in case of an accident. The NABC F.R.E.E. program is sponsored by Tuck’s Collision, Pulaski Fire Department, Erie Insurance

Co. and HURST Jaws of Life.

The NABC F.R.E.E.™ program provides advanced education and guidance to help first responders practice cutting techniques on advanced vehicles, addressing high-strength steel and composite materials, multiple airbags, onboard technology and changing vehicle design. The vehicles for the program were donated by State Farm Insurance company and HURST Jaws of Life will provide the classroom information and extrication demonstration.

The growing popularity of high-voltage hybrid and electric vehicles and the many safety concerns surrounding these vehicles makes this program a necessity. Alternative fuel systems present different

challenges when first responders arrive at the scene of an accident. Electric cars, hybrid cars and natural gas vehicles have fuel systems that pose dangers for first responders if need arises to “cut” the vehicle for rescue.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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7	4	6	9	2	5	8	3	1
9	3	2	6	8	1	5	4	7
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2	5	3	7	6	4	1	9	8
3	9	7	8	5	2	4	1	6
6	1	8	3	4	9	7	5	2
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We're in this together, so please wear a mask

We are in this together. It doesn't matter your political affiliation, what you do for a living, for whom you work, where you live, or how much money you have. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all fighting the same battle—to protect one another and ourselves from a virus for which there is currently no vaccine and no cure. The best possible weapons in stopping this invisible threat are simple steps we can all take.

Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Maintain social distancing.

By wearing a mask, you significantly reduce the risk of spreading the disease if you have it—with or without symptoms—and of contracting this disease which continues to put our loved ones, friends, neighbors and coworkers in hospitals, on respirators and in graves.

In Virginia, we are seeing success, which is one of the reasons we have been able to progress to Phase 3, and why our infection and death rates have remained stable. Still, we are not out of the woods, and continued vigilance will make all the difference.

Science has proven that masks are effective in slowing the transmission of the virus. In communities where mask adoption has been mandated or voluntarily embraced, statistics show a reduction in infection and death.

Recent studies in Health Affairs, The Lancet, and medical journals compared the COVID-19 growth rate before and after mask mandates in various states. These prove that mask mandates led to a slowdown in the daily COVID-19 growth rate over time. Health Affairs data suggested the first five days after a mandate, the daily growth rate slowed by 0.9 percent compared to the five

days prior to the mandate, and at three weeks, the daily growth rate had slowed by 2 percent. Internationally, countries that have embraced wearing masks or mandated them have had a significantly lower death rate due to COVID-19.

The risks this virus poses to all of us still loom large. As we are seeing in other parts of the country, a surge is inevitable when we let our guard down and stop wearing masks in both indoor and outdoor spaces where we will encounter others. We must remain vigilant, because wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing are working.

That's why we are here. As the physician leaders of the major health care organizations in southwest Virginia, and on behalf of the thousands of doctors, nurses, advanced care professionals and employees throughout our health systems, we are in this together. But clearly, we can't do it alone.

Please help us to keep our communities safe and reduce the scenes of misery, pain and loss of life we see in our facilities each day due to this awful virus.

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September 5

VFW Post 1184 & Auxiliary Sale/BINGO to be held

The VFW & Auxiliary will have a Hot dog/Bake sale (by donation only) on Saturday, September 5, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Post located on the corner of Dora Highway and Washington Ave., in Pulaski. Drinks and snacks are also available for purchase. Quarter BINGO will be held 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come join the fun!

September 6

Beasley 47th Family Reunion planned

The Beasley Reunion will be held September 6, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. All heirs of Floyd Heath and Joana

Ellen Cochran Beasley are invited to the 47th family reunion. Both come from Carroll County. Mother of Heath is Francis Beasley Carpenter. This will be held at Bissett Park, Radford in Shelter 1. Bring enough food for your family and drinks. Other items will be provided. For more information call 540-250-1677 or 540-922-9618.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

3rd 'Princess Puppy' book published

What do you do if you're on vacation and a natural disaster happens? If you are the Princess Puppy, you gather your friends around you and after you're rescued, you help other pets and

people in need.

That's exactly what the Princess Puppy does in her most recent adventure, "The Princess Puppy Book 3 – Love Conquers All," written by Danielle Reid of

Pulaski County and illustrated by Anne Ring.

This charming children's book was published on August 25, which is a very significant day. Three years ago on August 25, Hurricane Harvey came ashore in Houston, Texas causing massive flooding and destruction. Over 50 inches of rain fell leaving 30,000 homes damaged or destroyed and thousands of people and pets stranded.

The book describes how millions of Americans came together to the rescue of victims of Hurricane Harvey – some sending food, water and supplies while others served as first responders.

As the Princess Puppy says in her book, "It was wonderful to see people reaching out to help each other. It didn't matter what the victims' ethnic group, religion or social status was; or whether they were friends or people they didn't know. The volunteers saw Americans in need and wanted to help. Those who couldn't come to Houston to personally help sent semi-trucks loaded with food, water and supplies. But the trucks brought more than just food and supplies ... they brought hope ... they were sharing God's love with hurting people."

The Princess Puppy Book 3 is published by Author Reputation Press and available in soft cover and ebook. Go to <https://author-reputationpress.com/product/the-princess-puppy-book-3-love-conquers-all/>

A portion of the book sales will go to volunteer organizations assisting victims of hurricanes.

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Saufley - Pinckney

Christopher and Kimberly Saufley of Draper are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Lindsay Saufley, to Isaac Remington Pinckney, son of Rev. David Pinckney and wife Sharon of Chichester, New Hampshire. Morgan graduated from Wytheville Community College with an Associates degree, and Isaac studied pastoral leadership at Liberty University for two years and is actively involved in church ministry at Living Hope Church in New Freedom, Pennsylvania.

He is currently employed as a lumberjack at North Hill Tree Experts in Pennsylvania and is apprenticing to be a farrier. Their wedding is planned for October 3, 2020 at Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church.

The service will be conducted by Rev. Robert Davis of Draper's Valley Presbyterian and Rev. Tim Dance of Living Hope Church in New Freedom, Pennsylvania.

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NCSU, Va. Tech game delayed

GREENSBORO, N.C. (theACC.com) - The Atlantic Coast Conference announced today that the NC State at Virginia Tech football game will be rescheduled for Saturday, September 26. The game was originally scheduled to be played on Saturday, September 12.

The rescheduling follows the positive tests and subsequent quarantining of student-athletes within the NC State football team. The conference and team are adhering to the outlined protocols within ACC Medical Advisory Group report, which is available on theACC.com.

As was previously announced, the 2020 ACC Football scheduling model includes 11 games (10 conference plus one non-conference). The 11 games will be played over at least 13 weeks with each team having two open dates. The two open dates for each team allows flexibility, when possible, to make necessary adjustments. Game times and television selections will be released in the future.

Virginia Tech's season will now open Sept. 19 in Blacksburg against Virginia.

VHSL releases draft calendar

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – The VHSL Executive Committee met in a special work session Monday, August 24, to discuss schedule options for regular season and postseason championships under the Condensed Inter-scholastic Plan.

After meeting with coaches, athletic directors/principals, and superintendent representatives from the respective regions over the past 10 days, the VHSL staff drafted a working plan “Championships + 1” schedule for the FY 2021 Athletic and Academic Activities and presented those findings to the Executive Committee.

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Men's Club Champion - Mike Pickett



Ladies Club Champion - Melissa Stump

Winners of key tournaments this summer at the Thorn Spring Golf Course.

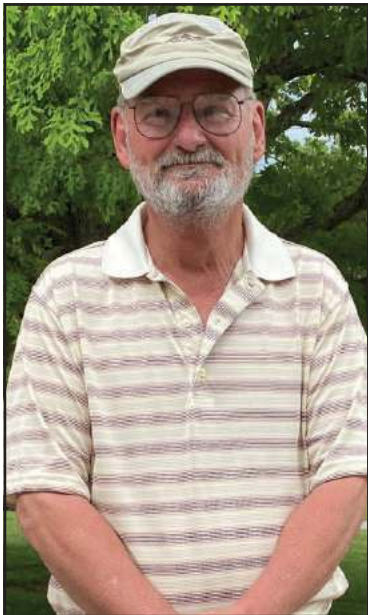
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Championships +1

Virginia High School League FY 2021 Athletic/Academic Activity Calendar								
Season 1 – Winter Sports								
Activity	Number of Contests	MPR	First Practice	First Contest	Region Start	Region Deadline	VHSL Semi-Finals	VHSL Finals
Basketball	14	8	12/07	12/21	02/08	02/13	02/16	02/20
Gymnastics	6	8	12/14	12/28	02/01	02/06	NA	02/12-13
Indoor Track	6	8	12/14	12/28	02/01	02/06	NA	02/13
Sideline Cheer	NA	20	12/14	01/06	NA	NA	NA	NA
Swim & Dive	6	8	12/14	12/28	02/03	02/06	NA	02/13
Wrestling	8	8	12/14	12/28	02/01	02/13	NA	02/18-20

Season 2 – Fall Sports								
Activity	Number of Contests	MPR	First Practice	First Contest	Region Start	Region Deadline	VHSL Semi-Finals	VHSL Finals
Competition Cheer	3	20	02/04	03/01	04/05	04/10	NA	04/17
Cross Country	6	8	02/15	03/01	04/12	04/17	NA	04/23-24
Field Hockey	10	8	02/15	03/01	04/12	04/17	04/20	04/22-24
Football	6	15	02/04	02/22	04/07	04/17	04/24	05/01
Golf (Boys)	8	NA	02/15	03/01	04/12	04/15	NA	04/19
Golf (Girls)	8	NA	02/15	03/01	NA	NA	04/21-22	04/26
Volleyball	12	8	02/15	03/01	04/12	04/17	04/20	04/23-24

VHSL

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“I want to be clear that this work session was not intended to produce a final plan. The purpose of the work session was to provide a draft to the Executive Committee for the FY2021 sports and academic season and for the process of

building a plan for regular season and postseason,” said VHSL Executive Director, Dr. John W. “Billy” Haun. “The various staff meetings with coaches, athletic directors, principals, and superintendent representatives discussed at length the challenges, including health, safety, and financial considerations of implementing any schedule options. “We appreciate the hard work and feedback our region athletic

directors, coaches, principals, and other representatives provided to our staff during region meetings and through our coaches advisory committees. Our newly formed Student Advisory Committee also provided invaluable feedback as well. The VHSL is fortunate to have a dedicated group of school administrators and coaches who are working tirelessly during these unprecedented times on behalf of all students, as we plan for athletics and academic activities for the upcoming year.”

VHSL Draft Schedule

Academic Activities			
Activity	First Level Deadline	Next Level Deadline	VHSL Finals
Theatre (All Classes)	02/06	02/20	03/4-8
Scholastic Bowl	01/30	02/13	02/27
Forensics	02/20	03/06	03/27
Debate	03/27	04/10	04/23-24
Robotics	Submission Deadline 04/30		05/29
Film Festival	Submission Deadline 04/01		06/05
Creative Writing	Submission deadlines 03/15		
Publications Evaluation	Registration and Receipt of Broadcast, Magazines, Newsmagazines, and Newspapers 06/15		
	Registration and Receipt of Spring delivery Yearbooks: Registration and Book 06/15		
	Registration and Receipt of Fall Delivery Yearbooks: Registration 06/15; Book 09/30		
Multi Media Contest	Registration and Receipt of Online News 10/15		
	Submission deadline 06/15		

Rat Killings

I was reading a story the other day of some guys pulling a prank on another one (let's call him George). George was trapping (he thought) some rats at a building that was adjoining a school and bragging of their size and how he was keeping them away from getting into the school where he was a janitor. In reality, he had caught only one rat and had not caught another.



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His friends, one of which ran a mill that ground corn wheat etc., then began trapping them at the mill site and then putting them in Georges' traps. George was telling everyone that he was doing a great job of ridding his area of the rats. He friends finally told George what they had done and they all had a big laugh together.

Rats are a rodent and some may be surprised that the squirrel is also of the same family as the rat. I have read that squirrels are called “swamp rats” in the bayou parts of the Southeastern United States. Most would agree that if the squirrel species (Gray, Fox etc.) had the same amount of hair as a rat, their appearance would be about the same. The big difference is how the rat is a pest, but the squirrel is an animal that is an animal to be hunted and eaten as seasons are regulated along with other various species of game animals.

Prior to our present land fill systems, trash was not disposed of properly as it was taken to sites and dumped and left for the most part uncovered. Rats are scavengers that love most grains as related above but also take to garbage and can live

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Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Pulaski County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Pulaski County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Pulaski County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at (https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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there and multiply in numbers. These sites were where I first got acquainted to the sport of rat killings.

A boyhood friend of mine, Tim had moved away before we graduated high school together and was attending college in West Virginia. He would often come back to the area and bring a couple of his classmates. They suggested on one occasion to go and shoot rats in an area dump. They all had nice 22 caliber rifles with zeroed in scopes. We went after dark as that was the time that the rats came out and were most active. I had a pretty good 22 Marlin rifle that I could hit most of what I aimed at. We had handheld flashlights that we taped to our guns which enabled us to see the rats as they scurried amidst the trash. The rats were very active and there were a lot

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of rats that met their Waterloo that night. As expected, it was a time of a lot of missed shots. We went through several boxes of lot of 22 cartridges as Tim and his buddies were shooting automatics and I was using a tube-fed lever action Marlin. We called it a night as ammo was low but I was hooked as a "rat shooter."

I went back a few more times to the dump by myself but a visit to another site turned me off. There was an area service station that had a place the owner dumped his trash over the bank and was more than glad to see me come and shoot some of the rats there. He came out the second visit I was there and I stood beside as I was using a H.& R. revolver to shoot them. I mistakenly had the hammer cocked and holding by my side and pilled the trigger. Needless to say, it

shook both of us up pretty good. I don't recall going rat hunting again after this and area landfills soon closed. The new ones were covered daily and adhered to new governing regulations.

I recall one of Jerry Clowers' joke as he was into rat killing growing up in rural Mississippi. Jerry went running into the house from the outside commotion of those killing the rat population. He was calling out to his mother as he approached the living room unaware that the local preacher was visiting. "Look Mom, what a big rat I just got," then seeing the preacher said, "And it just up and died."

The rat is an animal that destroys and by the same token, 1 Peter 5:8 states: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Put your trust in the Lord if you do not know him and he will sustain you.

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Notice is hereby given that on August 20, 2020, the Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia declared the structure on the property located at 233 Newbern Road in the Town of Dublin to be a public nuisance and directed that the title owner of this property, George A. Jennings, complete removal or abatement of the nuisance by November 13, 2020, or the structure will be demolished and disposed of by the Town of Dublin, with the full costs therefor assessed to the property owner and a priority lien placed on the property. George A. Jennings, and/or any party claiming ownership of or an interest in the property, may request a hearing before the Dublin town council regarding the nuisance declaration by serving a written request on the Dublin town mayor, Benny P. Skeens, at 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia, no later than November 13, 2020.

ABC License

Draper Valley Grille Inc., Trading as **Draper Valley Grille,** 2800 Big Valley Road, Draper in Pulaski County, VA 24324-2008. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer On and Off Premises, Mixed Beverage Restaurant and Keg license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Donna Surber, President

Note: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Heritage Cares gains donation from Food Lion

Heritage Cares Food Pantry has received a \$3,000 grant from the Food Lion Charitable Foundation to feed local residents during the coming year. Heritage Cares Food Pantry will use the gift to purchase food from Feeding America Southwest Virginia and other sources.

"We rely on gifts and grants from outside sources to help feed those in need in our area. This gift will enable us to accomplish this goal. We are very appreciative to the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation for their most generous gift. Together, we can make a difference," said Harriet Berry – Director of Heritage Cares Food Pantry.

Heritage Cares is a non-profit organization that operates as a ministry of Heritage Church in Dublin. The organization operates an on-site food pantry which

distributes food to those in need within our community and surrounding areas, without reservation. Heritage Cares, operated by volunteers, is supported by its local church financially and voluntarily. However, due to the continually growing need in the area, it is beyond its financial means to sustain this ministry without assistance for outside organizations.

Established in 2001, The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provided financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$12 million in grants.

Earlier, Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation also donated \$2,000 to Heritage Cares' account at Feeding America.

Wythe County Supervisors Ok free meals for students

At their regularly scheduled meeting this past Tuesday evening, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to allocate an initial \$250,000 allotment to Wythe County Public Schools.

The purpose of this funding is to address food insecurities that may exist due to the COVID-19 economic downturn. The money is made possible thanks to the county's federal allotment of special funding known as CARES (The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) passed by both houses of Congress and signed by the President in March 2020.

School Board officials say the funds will be put towards feeding Wythe County Public Schools students who do not already qualify for free meals, both breakfast and lunch, every day during the 2020-2021 school year. School officials say the funding will provide county families some peace of mind that while school is in session, their child's nutritional needs will be met during breakfast and lunch.

Though the initiative is only for the upcoming school year, county officials say they feel that offering the free meals will provide an added measure of relief to hundreds of county families who may be suffering during these challenging economic times. Virginia's current seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 8.0%, compared to 2.7% in July of last

year. "The Wythe County School Board would like to thank the Wythe County Board of Supervisors for their willingness to participate in this collaborative effort to address food insecurities of students in Wythe County," said Mr. Chalmer Frye, chair of the School Board.



Mike Williams photo

This week, Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation presented Heritage Cares Food Pantry in Dublin with a \$3,000 grant to assist with the pantry's efforts to feed local families. Pictured here are (from left) Anna Freeman, Harriet Berry of Heritage Cares, Yana Hunter, Missy Seagle and Assistant Store Manager Ricci Bell of the Pulaski Food Lion.

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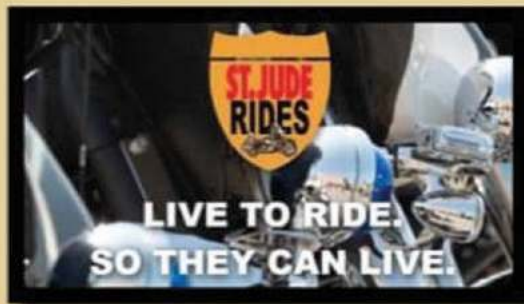
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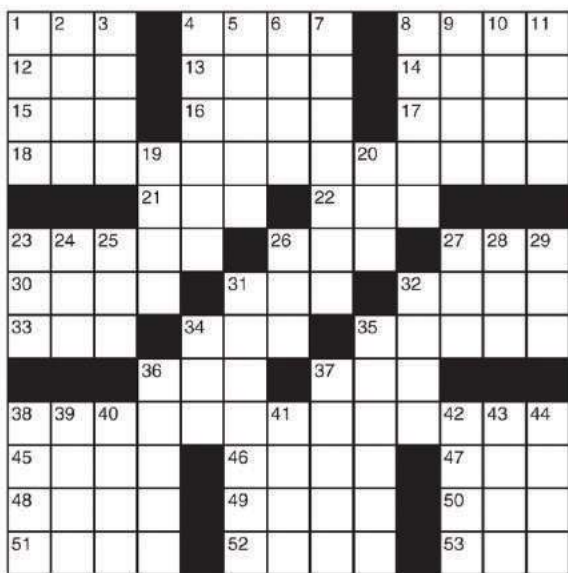
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Early bird?
- 4 Said "not guilty"
- 8 Molt
- 12 By way of
- 13 Emanation
- 14 Rent
- 15 Work unit
- 16 Whirl
- 17 Long-billed wader
- 18 Sprinter's device
- 21 Many millenia
- 22 Parcel of land
- 23 Allude (to)
- 26 Driver's license datum
- 27 Foundation
- 30 Out of control
- 31 "Oklahoma!" baddie
- 32 Stead
- 33 Vat
- 34 Haw partner
- 35 Tureen accessory
- 36 Prohibit
- 37 Emeril's shout
- 38 Extremely exciting
- 45 Plankton component
- 46 Love god
- 47 Dove's remark
- 48 Works with



- 49 New Haven school
- 50 Choose
- 51 Not so much
- 52 Resorts international?
- 53 "The Matrix" role

DOWN

- 1 Prior nights
- 2 Encircle
- 3 Lady
- 4 Cleric
- 5 Pea-family plant
- 6 Ms. Brockovich
- 7 Hung
- 8 Half a circus clown's pair
- 9 Vagrant
- 10 The Red
- 11 Dilbert's worksite
- 19 Stench
- 20 Go a few rounds
- 23 Snitch
- 24 Ostrich's cousin
- 25 Pass (off)
- 26 Total
- 27 Auction action
- 28 Wet wriggler
- 29 Payable

- 31 Football garb
- 32 Genie's home
- 34 Chapeau
- 35 Expires
- 36 Marching-band section
- 37 Half of 49-Across' fight song
- 38 Booty
- 39 Otherwise
- 40 Census statistics
- 41 Snare
- 42 PC picture
- 43 "Unh-unh"
- 44 Attend

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top ten

Bar Soaps*

- 1. Dove
- 2. Dial
- 3. Irish Spring
- 4. Caress
- 5. Zest
- 6. Ivory
- 7. Olay
- 8. Aveeno
- 9. Lever 2000
- 10. Coast

*most used in U.S.

Source: Statista

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which activity uses terms such as baste, bias and selvage?
- 2. MYTHOLOGY: What are the Norms?
- 3. AD SLOGANS: Which product uses the advertising slogan "Vermont's Finest"?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
- 5. MUSIC: Which Madonna song features a recitation of 16 cultural icons?
- 6. U.S. STATES: How many states begin with the letter "A"?
- 7. HISTORY: Who was queen consort to French and English kings in the 12th century?
- 8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "All children, except one, grow up"?
- 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president detested broccoli and banned it from his meals?
- 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crabs called?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTYNOFF



- 10. A cast
- 9. George H.W. Bush
- 8. "Peter Pan"
- 7. Eleanor of Aquitaine
- 6. Arkansas
- 5. "Vogue"
- 4. Wellington
- 3. Ben & Jerry's ice cream
- 2. Norse goddesses of fate
- 1. Sewing



Solution time: 24 mins.

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: Y equals W

- KU RIRVPJMNP YRVR GM QFKA F
- JEABZ MU YRKQZG, YMEYN GZFG
- JVKAQ ED FXX BXMDRV GMQRGZRV?

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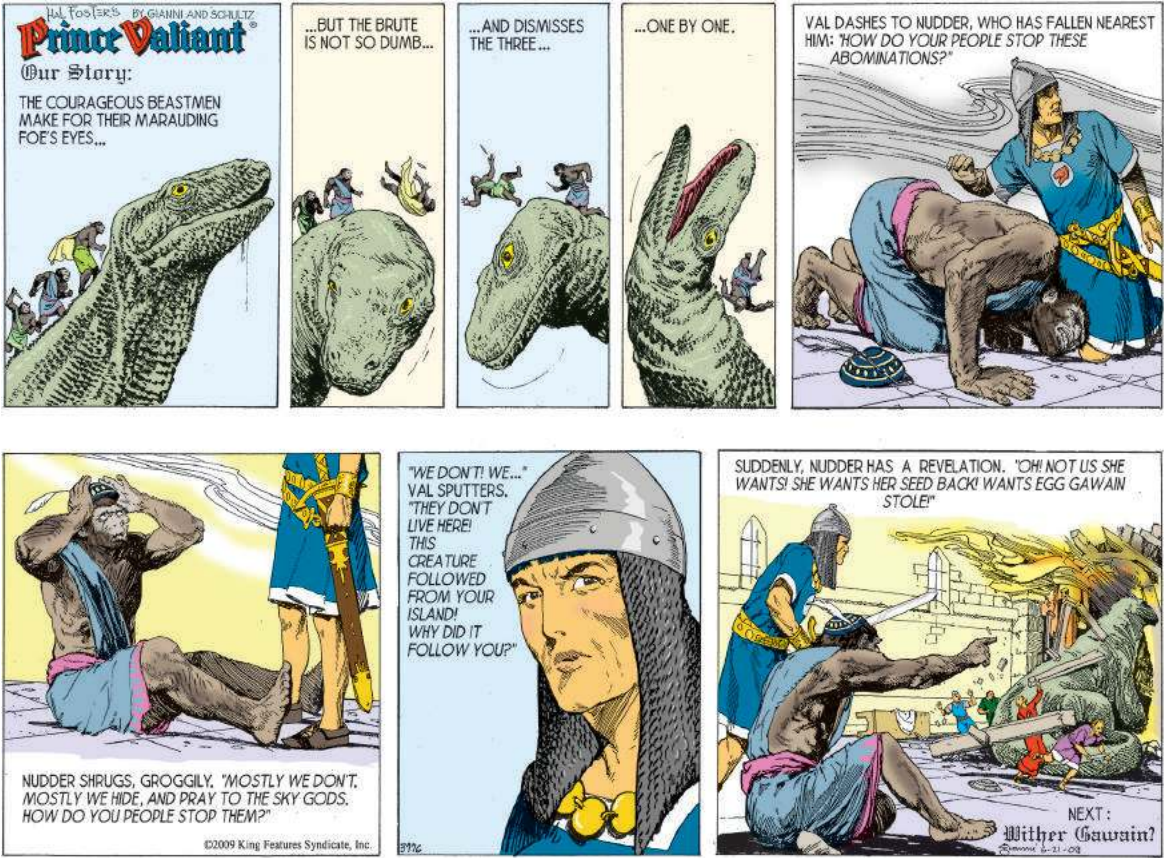
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Linen press, chestnut, 2 arched panel doors, shelves, 2 over 3 drawers, wooden knobs, French

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This pair of dancers titled “Cavaliere Indiano and Danzatrice Indiana” were made in the 1930s in Turin, Italy. They have the incised mark “Cia Manna.” The pair was estimated at \$800 to \$1,200 but did not sell.

bun feet, Canada, 1800s, 83 x 51 inches, \$430.

TIP: Never wash a wooden doll if you can avoid it. If there is no other way to remove the dirt, be sure to wet a cloth and then clean. Don’t wet the doll.

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Now here's a tip!
by Jo Ann Derson

* Here’s a budget stretcher: “Credit goes to my friend for this great butter extender. Whip 1 pound of softened butter and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Slowly add 1 cup of olive oil. Beat up to 5 minutes to add air and increase volume. Pour into two 1-pint containers and refrigerate. Economical, spreads like soft margarine, tastes great and you get the benefits of olive oil in a natural product.” -- S.B., British Columbia, Canada

* Mix a quarter cup of salt in with two tablespoons of bath wash for a sudsy, refreshing, skin-soothing salt scrub.

* “Before I go to the beach, I freeze an ice-cube tray full of lemonade. Then, we use the cubes in our travel cups. It keeps the lemonade cool, and as it melts (which tends to be quickly), it doesn’t water down the drink.” -- K.H. in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

* Some tips for middle or high-school kids going back to school virtually: Have a designated workspace. This can be as simple as a large tray turned upside down and placed on the end of the bed with a storage ottoman to sit on. It will be better than trying to lay in bed and work.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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CryptoQuote

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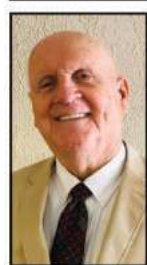
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

King Belshazzar’s Folly

The Church Property is sacred and belongs to God, and we must be very careful not to dishonor it by bad behavior.

A few years after the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, a new King by the name of Belshazzar came into power. One evening he threw a big drunken party. Belshazzar and his 1,000 guests drank intoxicating wine from the Holy Vessels that had been taken from the Temple when Jerusalem was conquered by the Babylonians. To make matters even worse, they praised the idol gods of Babylon. As a result Belshazzar perished in a judgment from God. This should serve as a reminder to us, not to profane or desecrate the sacred, holy things of God. And that includes the things which have been dedicated to God.

At this time, the huge armies of the Medes and the Persians were encamped just outside the gates of the city of Babylon. The city was under siege. The city of Babylon had food stored laid up for 20 years. Water was provided to the city by the Euphrates River, part of which ran under the walls and through the city.

By using the Holy Vessels for unholy purposes, Belshazzar committed sacrilege against the one, true living God. He profaned the holy vessels and that was inexcusable to God.

Belshazzar wanted to impress his guests. He had them drinking their booze out of golden vessels. A short time later, he had to pay the price for misusing the holy vessels of God.

Alcohol can make a person do foolish things. If he hadn’t gotten drunk, he most likely wouldn’t have desecrated the Holy Vessels of God.

We live in a world where many profane the Holy Name of God. We are surrounded by people who express hostility and indifference towards God, instead of reverencing Him as they should. They mock Christianity and Christ’s church. Recently mobs burned many Church Buildings in America. Church burnings take place across America are often associated with hate & evil. Someone is going to be held accountable to God for destroying church property in America.

The Lord’s Prayer says, “Hallowed (Holy) be Thy name.” It’s our duty as faithful Christians to reverence God and to keep His name and the things of God holy.

In that same hour came forth fingers of a man’s hand, and wrote upon the plaster of the wall of the King’s Palace, and the King saw part of the hand that wrote. Then the King’s countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.”

Then came in all the King’s wise men to try to interpret the message; but they could not give the interpretation. This was because they were not true prophets but counterfeits.

The Queen Mother remembered how Daniel interpreted the dreams of Nebuchadnezzar and she suggested that Daniel the Jew be brought in to interpret the message.

Belshazzar promised Daniel everything but the moon if he would interpret the meaning of the handwriting on the wall. He promised to elevate Daniel to a position of power that was third

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Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.
Prayer Service, Wed. 6:30 p.m.
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5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
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5155 Wilderness Road
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secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 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
Associate Pastor:
Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor
Sunday Services
9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship
9:00AM - Contemporary Worship
10:00AM - Sunday School
11:00AM - Traditional Worship
Contact Info.
Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org
website: www.fumcpulask.org

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

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995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Michael S. Jones
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9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
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5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084
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Building Service 7:00 PM
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Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm
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2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service
6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

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Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
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Facebook.com/
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Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
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The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Worship - 10:55 am

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jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com
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11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service
7 p.m. Youth Service

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324
Mailing address: Same as above
Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Primary Service Times:
Sunday Morning Worship Service
8:30 and 11:00
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Evening (5:45 Supper in the
Fellowship Hall (Sept thru May) - Youth Groups
and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.)
Contact Info:
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
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
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
528 5th Street, S.E.
Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

Snowville Baptist Church

3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee
Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
Pastor Mark A. Miller
markmiller.psalm1@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.
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ist-Church

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
Ages 5-12
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road
P.O. Box 1330
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Richard R. Goad, Jr.
Senior Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
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Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

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firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
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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.

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

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

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

Community Christian Church
 Jason Allmon, Pastor
 5382 Grace Street
 Dublin VA, 24084
 540-674-4308

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.

Max Creek Baptist Church
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 www.maxcreek.org
 www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
 Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
 Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
 Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman
 Sunday Services
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
 Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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

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 Worship 7 p.m.
 Monday Bible Study 7 to 9 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist
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 Pulaski, VA 24301
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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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

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 Pulaski, VA 24301
 Office Phone:980-2631
 Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org
 Website: www.pulaskipca.org
 Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess
 Sunday School: 10:00am
 Worship Service: 11:00am

Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship
 6598 Annie Akers Road
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 (540) 639-3443
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 1555 Case Knife Road
 Pulaski, VA 24301
 Pastor Darrell Gray
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 11 a.m. Sunday Service

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 980-3798

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 Pulaski, VA 24301
 540-980-2001
 www.newlifepulaski.com
 email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
 Pastor: Julie Armbrister
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 Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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 4008 Robinson Tract Road
 Pulaski, VA 24301
 Telephone: 980-8186
 Pastor Johnny Howlett
 Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church
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 P.O. Box 326
 Hiwassee, VA 24347
 Pastor: Jason N. Aker
 Phone: 276-699-3176
 pastorjasonaker@gmail.com
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

St. Edwards Catholic Church
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 Priest: Fr. Bernie Ramirez
 Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

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 Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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in the Kingdom, plus great riches. Daniel couldn’t have cared less about the enticements. But being a true prophet of God, he knew what it was all about. He gave the interpretation and it was about things that Belshazzar didn’t want to hear.

Belshazzar was not at all like his ancestor Nebuchadnezzar who acknowledged the great God of Heaven. Belshazzar’s foolish pride and arrogance brought him down from his throne to an early grave.

A great spiritual lesson can be gleaned here. At any moment God could call our number and we’d be swiftly be taken out of this world to stand before Him in judgment.

If an unsaved sinner would just think about that for a moment or two, it might make him or her come running to an altar of repentance and convince them to change their evil ways. We mortals live and continue to live by the grace and mercy of God. Our next breath and our next heartbeat is in God’s hands. He could call us out of this life at any moment and we’d have to go out and face Him in the judgment.

The writing on the wall stated, Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin. Daniel said “This is the interpretation.” Mene, Mene meant that God has numbered thy kingdom and finished it. Tekel meant thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting. Upharsin meant thy Kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

The armies of the Medes and the Persians entered the city along the riverbed, having diverted the Euphrates River and conquered Babylon. That very night Belshazzar the Babylonian king was killed, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom.

To desecrate the name of God or the holy things dedicated to God is a serious sin that can and will cause the guilty party to pay much more than they would be willing to pay.

Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

- Is the book of Cornelius in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- Whose first chapter begins, “The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth”? 3 John, Galatians, Hebrews, Jude
- What were Gihon, Pison Tigris, and Euphrates as connected with the Garden of Eden? Cities, Kings, Rivers, Caves
- In Revelation 2, what city was said by John to have “Satan’s seat”? Pergamos, Miletus, Patara, Sodom
- From Acts 13, where were Paul and Barnabas deserted by Mark? Jericho, Perga, Athens, Damascus
- In 1 Kings, who is given credit for writing 1,005 songs? Jacob, Solomon, Philip, David

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 3 John; 3) Rivers; 4) Pergamos; 5) Perga; 6) Solomon

Lord knows our needs, we must put them before Him

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I am working in a church right now but have been offered a job that pays much more than I make, and quite honestly I need a larger salary to make ends meet with my growing family. I have been offered a job as an accountant for a night club. My church tells me I should lead a separated life and should not associate with such a business. Should I decline based on this? - C.W.

A: Many people struggle with decisions about working for businesses that promote alcohol, gambling, promiscuity, and entertainment that leads to temptation. The “struggle” alone should help answer the question.

Can Christ be lifted up and glorified in such environments where men and women are consuming alcoholic beverages, gambling away their money, and engaging in conversation that is often filled with the baser things of life?



My Answer

Billy Graham

The Bible tells us to “come out from among them and be separate” (2 Corinthians 6:17). While separation does not mean disengagement from the world, there are certain activities and places that God clearly wants

us to avoid not only to protect ourselves from spiritual harm, but so that the witness we have will not be tarnished.

Scripture also says: “I will set nothing wicked before my eyes” (Psalm 101:3). While a person works at such at establishment, but may not have to engage in its entertainments, a person still must ask themselves if they can have a clear conscience knowing that such a place glorifies evil rather than God.

The Lord knows our needs

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Biking the New River Trail

From our guest writer, Jacklyn Myers, Truliant Federal Credit Union.

I've been riding bikes for as long as I can remember. Growing up if you didn't ride a bike you weren't cool. That was many years ago. Fast forward to seven years ago, and I decided it was time to be a cool adult. So I purchased a new bike and had one goal in mind: to ride the New River Trail in one weekend – beginning in Pulaski, stopping at the New River State Trail Park in Foster Falls to camp, then finishing in Galax.

It didn't stop with one weekend. It's been a great ride these last seven years, and one that I'll continue it for many more. I realized one weekend on the New River Trail isn't enough. Each is an adventure that should be documented in pictures and sharing with others.

I love to share with people that the trail head starts in Pulaski County, where I've lived since 1985, and serve as a Truliant Member Financial Center manager. I've loved every moment here and never think of living any other place. I tell people, you must take full advantage of the trail. Don't be in a rush savor every moment.

My first sighting of the Hiwassee Bridge over the New River was breathtaking. Today it is still my favorite part of the trail. The history of this 57-mile linear park is fascinating. It follows an abandoned railroad right- of- way. It is so interesting that you will want to learn about it for yourself and teach your children and grandchildren about it as part of our heritage. The trail follows 39 miles and passes through four counties and the City of Galax.

This is a trail for all ages to bike, hike and ride horseback. You have several cabins to choose from if you decide you want to stay. A few that come to mind are New River Retreat Cabins, Chestnut Cabins, and New River Cabins. There are also two campgrounds to choose from at Foster Falls and Cliffview. This is where the real adventure begins, with camping, sitting by a campfire, and listening to the relaxing sound of the New River and Chestnut Creek. To take full advantage of all that Foster Falls has to offer, there is horseback riding, kayaking, fishing and exploring.

What I love most about the trail is that it's never closed. It's open to ride 365 days a year, and each season brings its own



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excitement. With spring, new green life comes to the open fields. New baby fawns stand at a stream drinking with their mom, and the wonderful scent abounds of multi-colored wildflowers.

Summer brings much excitement with people boating, fishing, and families camping. All sorts of wildlife can be found, including deer, geese, owls, hawks, and the occasional snake. Our favorite is to watch for the turtle sun bathing on rocks along the New River.

With fall, the trees are overtaken by vibrant colors, and the distant smell of a campfire immediately makes me think of pumpkin spice. We won't forget winter, when you'll see frozen water falls, geese flying south, and deer running through the fields. With the leaves on the trees now gone, the very best part of winter is standing on the trail and being able to see for miles and miles. Don't forget to bundle up – it does get breezy and cold.

My New River Trail adventures are an ever-changing ride. None is ever the same. We never enter the trail at the same place. I always see a new rock formation, a new piece of history, and have great conversation with my forever riding partner, my husband Doug.

This year has been the best yet on the trail. We ride every weekend. Anyone who knows me knows that I value family, friendship, and decompressing from the world's stresses in the woods. I gather that others have too during this unique time. I've seen more families on the trail, and heard more laughter coming from children as we pass.

We decided to make 2020's riding adventure different and focus on putting a smile on a rider's face by placing a friendly painted rock on all parts of the trail. It has been an awesome summer.

When asked where will we enter the trail today I always resort back to the Hiwassee Public Boat landing. The Hiwassee Bridge is my favorite spot on the trail – Pulaski is my Home!

get nominated for playing Ben on the critically acclaimed series "Ozark," he did win two Daytime Emmy Awards in 2006 and 2008. It probably won't be long before he adds a primetime statuette to his mantel or even, perhaps, an Oscar.

Celebrity

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bet he wins an Oscar someday though. -- E.E.

A: Pelphrey burst on the soap opera scene back in 2003 when he made his professional acting debut as the troubled Jonathan on "Guiding Light." While he didn't

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Show Them Your Value

Dear Dave,
I've been with my company almost four years. Currently, I make the same money as a co-worker with the same title and the same amount of time on the job. But since we've both been there, I have taken on many more responsibilities than he has. What's your advice on asking for a raise? I feel that I have the right to complain about the situation, and think I should make more money than he does.

Vincent

Dear Vincent,
If you honestly feel like you deserve a raise because of your effort and performance on the job, that's fine. Sit down with your leader, and make an objective, logical, and reasonable argument for why you deserve more money. I wouldn't mention your co-worker, because it's just not relevant. What is relevant is the value you bring to the company.

I understand how you feel right now. But no, you don't have the "right" to complain. You agreed on your pay when you took the job, and you should perform your duties with integrity and character. What someone else does, or doesn't do, isn't tied to your personal compensation.

If you think you deserve a raise, and you've got the results to prove it, sit down and have a respectful



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conversation with you leader. Show him or her the numbers, and the value you bring to the company, and explain why you feel you should get more money.

Good luck, Vincent!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm just starting to pay off my debts. How do you feel about moving credit card balances to other companies in order to get lower rates? It seems like that would help me get out of debt faster.

Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,
I get what you're saying. It might help speed up the process a tiny bit, but the habits that got you into debt in the first place

won't change just because you've switched credit card companies. What you're talking about is an easy way to lower the interest rates—temporarily, in most cases—but it doesn't keep you from taking on more debt.

Many people think they've really done something to solve their debt problems when they do this. But you've got to remember that getting out of debt, and gaining control of your finances, is all about changing the person you see in the mirror. You've got to make a commitment to getting out of debt, staying out of debt, and sticking to a written, monthly budget—that means keeping track of every, single dollar and living on less than you make.

In many cases, when people have problems with debt it's the result of unwise lifestyle and financial choices. But guess what? When you change, interest rates don't matter nearly as much. And when you shift your mindset about money, that will make a difference in a way that changing credit card companies and chasing lower interest rates can't!

—Dave

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