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Groundfloor apartments now possibility downtown

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Pulaski Town Council – after lengthy discussion Tuesday evening – approved a resolution amending the Special Exceptions permitted in the B-3 Central Business District to permit apartments on the ground floor of mixed-use buildings.

Both council and the Pulaski Planning Commission held a joint public hearing on a request by Luke Allison of Aggregate Capital / 37 West Main LLC to amend zoning language to allow ground floor apartments as a Special Exception.

Previously ground floor apartments were prohibited on the ground floor of mixed-use buildings in the commercial district.

According to a case overview provided council by Brady Deal, Zoning Administrator for the town, Allison made the zoning amendment request while working with the Virginia Housing Development Authority and the state Department of Housing and Community Development to secure grant funding for a project at 37 West Main Street in the former

Council Oks funding for PAT; mayor seeks town's patience

Pulaski Pawn building.

Both agencies recommended the project utilize more of the building space for housing.

At the same time, Allison and his team were being informed by multiple community members of the interest seniors had in living downtown. However, many of these individuals are unable to because of concerns surrounding daily use of stairs necessary to access second floor apartments.

The former pawn shop currently has a store front of 5,475 square feet and an additional 2,775 square feet of storage on the ground floor in the rear. A second floor includes 5,475 square feet of storage area.

The project as proposed would leave the store front for commercial use and would serve as the new home of Pulaski On Main, which Allison said would be the

driving force behind foot traffic and business on Main Street. The rest of the space would feature movable dividers to allow for custom booth sizes that allow vendors to rent a space that fits their businesses' needs.

The 2,775 square feet on the ground floor in the rear along the Creek Walk would be used for three apartments – two more than originally planned and be accessible only from the creek side of the building.

The entire second floor would be transformed into seven apartments – three facing Main Street and four on the Peak Creek side. Allison said his group is preparing and planning for roof-top patios on the four apartments on the rear and a larger community patio area available for all tenants of the building.

Deal stressed the intention of the hearings was not to grant the applicant approval for the Special Use, but to amend wording of the zoning to allow ground floor apartments in the business district as a Special Exception.

Allison would still have to

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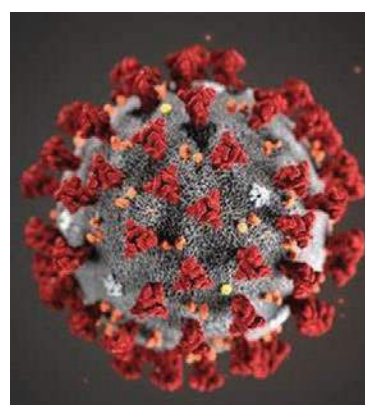
'We know this is real'

Virus 'long-haulers' battle lingering symptoms of pain, fatigue, depression, loss of taste, smell

(AP) — COVID-19 came early for Catherine Busa, and it never really left.

The 54-year-old New York City school secretary didn't have any underlying health problems when she caught the coronavirus in March, and she recovered at her Queens home.

But some symptoms lingered: fatigue she never experienced during years of rising at 5 a.m. for work; pain, especially in her hands and wrists; an altered sense of taste and smell that made food unappealing; and a welling depression. After eight months of suffering, she made her way to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center — to a clinic specifically for post-



COVID-19 care.

"I felt myself in kind of a hole, and I couldn't look on the bright side," Busa said. She did not feel helped by visits to other doctors. But it was different at the clinic.

"They validated the way I felt," she said. "That has helped me push through everything I'm fighting."

The clinic is one of dozens of such facilities that have cropped up around the U.S. to address a puzzling aspect of COVID-19 — the effects that can stubbornly afflict some people weeks or months after the infection itself has subsided.

The programs' approaches vary, but they share the goal of trying to comprehend, treat and give credence to patients who cannot get free of the virus that has infected more than 24 mil-

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Council

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request the Special Exception, which council and the planners would again have to review.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the zoning change. Council eventually approved the request on a 4-1 vote with Councilman Lane Penn voting against. Penn advocated tabling the matter for further study.

Also Tuesday, Monica Musick made her annual presentation to council on Pulaski Area Transit funding.

The Transit Manager responded to questions and issues raised by council and Town Manager Darlene Burcham, including a concern that bus drivers are too often slowing down at bus stops rather than stopping to give passengers time to walk to the bus.

In the end, council again approved Musick's request for level funding for the PAT of \$70,000 for the transit's next fiscal year. The transit also receives funds from the county as well as the state and federal governments.

In councilmember comments, Mayor Shannon Collins briefed council on remarks he made last week at a Chamber of Commerce function where he reported CARES Act funding that has been distributed in the town, the hiring of Town Manager Darlene Burcham, Social Media Manager Jordan Whitt and Deal.

He again thanked the county for providing the CARES Act funds.

"It's been a very trying first year of my first term, but I wouldn't trade it for the world," Collins said. "I love it."

"I think the town has been doing very well. I appreciate Darlene more than she knows," he said. "She's gotten a lot of things started that have been good - things that aren't seen by the public all the time. I wish people would remember that. Everything is not what you perceive on the outside. You have to see the things that are going on in the background too."

"There have been a lot of hard questions that have been asked, and she's stood up to it, and I want people just to give her a chance because our town is a beautiful town, and we need to get it back how it was."

"Just give us all a chance, pray for our town because we're doing wonderful things and we're going to come back. I feel like Pulaski is like a phoenix - we've been

down and we're ready to rise out of the flames.

"I just want to thank her (Darlene), all the employees - I think we've got a really great crew here," Collins said.

In the Town Manager's Report, Burcham responded to Collins' comments.

"The community often misunderstands the roles of all of us sitting here in the meeting tonight," she said.

"The mayor, because he has ceremonial responsibilities, he's seen out a lot. Your town manager, whoever that might be, just because that person is the one implementing the council's policies - not making the decisions but implementing them - they (citizens) don't always understand and appreciate that the town manager really doesn't - or shouldn't - do anything that council doesn't support or approve."

"I would be interested in the council at some future time sharing with Jordan and I ways that we can somehow educate the public in a better way to understand what the process is. That this is a council - manager form of government and the council is the legislative body."

"It really is all of us working together and I was pleased the mayor mentioned the staff because in the time that I have been here I believe the staff has been very responsive to a lot of changes that I have made and a lot more that I will make," Burcham said.

She mentioned a couple more changes in the offing - requiring new-hires go with direct deposit and automation of the check writing function.

"We're adapting to change and trying to find efficiencies."

Burcham noted the town has hired a new Human Resources person who will start work Feb. 1 and added that council would be seeing an overhaul of the town's personnel policies - the first since 2006.

Burcham also told council that she hopes to soon have a rough

draft of a capital improvement plan for multiple years.

She added the town has prepared town buildings and staff in every way it can to make sure employees and citizens are safe. She noted the ductwork in the Municipal Building was cleaned over the holiday weekend and the Senior Center has been closed temporarily due to issues with its heating and ventilation system.

"We're looking at possibly relocating that to an alternate location once we can determine the extent of the work that needs to be done. Amy (Hopkins), who does an admirable job with her seniors, called each of them today and made them aware of the closure and we will keep them involved and knowledgeable," Burcham said.

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Hurst elected to again lead school board in county

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

During its meeting last Tuesday, the Pulaski County School Board named its chairman and vice chairman for this year, held a public hearing on the 2021-22 school budget and remembered two supporters of the school system who passed away recently.

Tim Hurst, representing the Draper District on the Pulaski County School Board, was re-elected by his fellow board members to serve another term as chairman.

Robinson District representative Dr. Paige Cash was elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Also appointed Tuesday were Teresa Porter as Clerk, Brenda Crawford as Deputy Clerk and Assistant School Superintendent Chris Stafford as Parliamentarian.

Massie District representative Beckie Cox was selected to again serve as the board's representative on the Southwest Virginia Governor's School board.

Both Hurst and Cash were also selected to serve on the county's Facilities Oversight Board - formerly known as Joint Services.

The board also chose to continue holding board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the School Board Office with meetings beginning at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Meetings for 2021 are scheduled now for Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14.

During the budget hearing, only one citizen spoke.

Pulaski County Education Association President Candace Castelluccio thanked the board on behalf of the association for always making its members feel "heard, appreciated and supported."

Castelluccio, a pre-school

teacher at Riverlawn Elementary, told the school board the PCEA hopes board members will continue making step pay increases and raises a priority for all school staff in upcoming budget preparation.

She asked the board to continue prioritizing the lowering of health insurance premiums and noted school employees are "very thankful for the decreases of the last few years."

However, she said, school employees still long for "premiums closer to those of our county employee counterparts."

Castelluccio also asked the board to consider again this year what she called a "low-cost benefit" that will boost employee morale and retention - that being the granting of an additional personal leave day for school employees with "x-number of years" in the school system.

Finally, Hurst asked that those in attendance remember during a moment of silence Bobbie Hawks and State Senator Ben Chaffin - both of whom passed away recently.

Hurst said Hawks had worked for the school system for 30 years, from 1974 to 2004, and was known for her "homemade rolls and cinnamon rolls."

Chaffin, Hurst said, was a very good friend to Pulaski County Public Schools, and local officials never felt rushed when they visited Chaffin in Richmond when the legislature was in session unlike some others encountered during visits to the capital.

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Legislation to tax businesses’ PPP loans advances in House

By TYLER ARNOLD

(The Center Square) – Members of the Virginia business community are voicing concern over legislation that would require small businesses to pay state income taxes on forgivable loans received by the federal government as they are trying to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic restrictions.

Because Virginia is a state that does not automatically conform its state tax code to the federal tax code, it must introduce tax conformity legislation annually. Although normally a routine matter, a House committee has advanced legislation that would conform parts of the code. One part that’s left out of the bill is an income tax exemption for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, which are tax exempt at the federal level.

Del. Vivian Watts, D-Annan-dale, the sponsor of House Bill 1935, said during a committee meeting that fully conforming to the federal income tax code would cause a \$1 billion budget deficit for the state. Virginia, she noted, is required to pass a balanced budget every year, but the federal government is not.

Finance Secretary Aubrey Lane told lawmakers the state tried to conform to as much of the tax code as it could, but recent federal changes have made it difficult. In the proposed bill, the state would conform to most of the individual tax provisions, but it will deconform from many of the business tax provisions. Some of the deconformity is

from recent COVID-19-related changes to the tax code and others from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

The possibility that the state will not fully conform to the federal tax code has caused concern for businesses that have lost revenue during the pandemic and have to face a gradual minimum wage hike beginning in May.

The Virginia state director for the National Federation of Independent Business, Nicole Riley, cautioned that not exempting PPP loans would have a negative effect on the 113 businesses that took out these loans.

“This is a money grab from the pockets of suffering small businesses who lost so much revenue when they were closed by the government and through no fault of their own,” Riley said. “The legislature just wants more money to spend but with this bill, that cost falls on the backs of small business owners.

“Small businesses took PPP loans when the government shut-down the economy and the goal was to save employee’s jobs and keep them off the unemployment rolls,” Riley said. “The business owners followed all the rules and carried out their end of the bargain. Essentially, the state is kicking them when they are down.”

Robert Melvin, the director of government affairs at the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association, told The Center Square his organization is disappointed in the legislation. He said any additional burden will hurt small businesses and likely will require some of them to lay off

employees or reduce hours.

Melvin said state changes to federal law regarding businesses will have a collective impact that will damage small businesses. The minimum wage is set to increase from \$7.75 per hour to \$9.50 per hour in May, but Melvin said people really will see the negative effect on businesses the following year, when the minimum wage goes up to \$11 per hour in January. The association is fighting to slow down the increase.

“None of this should be looked at individually,” Melvin said.

Stephen Haner, a senior fellow for state and local tax policy at the free-market Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy, told The Center Square the state should not be taxing the COVID-19 relief.

“This Northam Administration says this could be close to half a billion dollars over two years, which I consider as the state taking a 6% skim off the top of money Congress was and is using to save our economy,” Haner said. “It is no different than if the state tried to tax the individual stimulus payments, but they don’t dare try that. I think they were hoping the business community would just lie down and take this. The state is getting billions, billions of extra funds from the federal taxpayers and should not be taxing this relief.”

Republicans have urged the state to exempt these loans from taxation, but Democrats have a majority in both chambers of the General Assembly.

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January 25 Good Neighbor Club

The Good Neighbor Club will not meet this month. Plans are to have a meeting on Jan. 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

February 4
Am. Legion, HHC Post 30 to meet
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. In case there is heavy snow or ice that day, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

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VIOLET MARIE KILLEN HALL

Violet Marie Killen Hall, age 83 of Pulaski passed away Sunday morning January 17, 2021 at her home. Born April 7, 1937 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Oakley Killen and Florence Armbrister Killen. Her husband, Jack Douglas Hall, daughter, Patricia Hall, Granddaughter, Crystal Adams and brothers, Ronald and Glen Killen also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her Children – Douglas W. Hall – Pulaski

“Angie” & Charles Burton – Pulaski

Charlotte & William Hoback – Pulaski

11 Grandchildren

Sister – Jan Cox Hoover – Dublin

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, January 22, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the funeral home.

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

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



DAVID DERIC WIGAND

David Deric Wigand, 52, of Pulaski VA, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his father, Burton E Reany III, and his maternal and paternal grandparents. He is survived by: his wife of twenty years, Susan Wigand; two daughters, Eva and Charlotte, all of the home; mother, Jeannette H Wigand, of Richmond, VA; sister, Cassandra Wigand (Rob Horne), of Sugar Grove, VA; brother, William A Peabody III, of Richmond VA; mother-in-law Carolyn Sprouse; brother-in-law Robert Wall (Laura Jean Hatcher); and nephew J. R. W. Hatcher; a host of other family members and friends also survive David.

David was a graduate of George Mason School of Law, and was a Magistrate for the 27th District of Virginia's Judicial System. He had been a Magistrate for the past fifteen years. He was a fervent supporter of the Second Amendment, and a Life Member of the NRA.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at Tower of Refuge Church, 5846 Oak Grove Ave, Dublin VA 24084, with Pastor Stacy C Cope presiding. The family will receive friends from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tower of Refuge Church. Memorials can be mailed to the church (5846 Oak Grove Ave, Dublin VA 24084) or submitted online at www.towerofrefugechurch.com



JOHN P. HAMRICK

John P. Hamrick, age 77 of Pulaski passed away Monday, January 18th. A native of Webster County, West Virginia, John was a proud Vietnam Veteran serving 21 years in the Army. His military career consisted of posts in Hawaii, California, as well as Washington D.C. where he spent time serving at the White House and the Pentagon. After retiring from the military John began working at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RAAP), what is now known as BAE Systems. John also retired from his career as well after another 21-year stint. An unadmitted workaholic, John never fully quit working as he spent another 10 years driving a school bus for the county. John's passion for his work could also be found with the care he put towards his lawn and other hobbies. A beloved father, husband and friend, John will be missed by many.

John was predeceased by his parents, Marvin Bernard Hamrick and Della Helmick Hamrick, sisters, Jackie Mattingly, Nancy Lough, Shirley Kessler and daughter, Jessica Sue Hamrick.

He is survived by his Wife

Linda Irene Hamrick

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Annette Briggs

Many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and cousins

A private family service will be held at the Southwest Virginia Veteran's Cemetery, Dublin. A memorial service will be held later this year when the weather warms for friends and neighbors.

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

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



MARY CRAIG NELSON ANDREWS

Mary Craig Nelson Andrews, 91, of Pulaski, VA died Monday morning, January 18, 2021 in the Pulaski Health & Rehab Center, Pulaski. She was born in Wythe Co., VA on March 31, 1929 and was the daughter of the late Lonnie Nelson and Louise Bratton Nelson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Albert Andrews and a granddaughter, Michelle Andrews.

Surviving are:

Sons & Daughters-In-Law – Douglas “Randy” Andrews & Wife, Ruby

Charles “Dink” Andrews & Wife, Teresa

Grandchildren – Rhonda Davis & Husband, Gary

Crystal Andrews

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Graveside services were held Thursday, January 21st at Hufford Cemetery, Mt. Olivet Rd., Pulaski with Rev. Melissa McNair-King officiating.

Mary will finally be reunited in Heaven with her granddaughter Michelle Andrews.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



DWAYNE EUGENE PRICE

Dwayne Eugene Price, 56, of Pulaski, VA, passed away in the home on Wednesday, January 13. He was born October 17, 1964 in Toledo, OH to Murphy Delano Price and Charlotte Ann Clark Price.

Dwayne attended public school in Pulaski County and graduated from Pulaski County High School, class of 1983. Dwayne has lived in Orlando FL, Ft. Huachuca AZ, and Atlanta GA.

Dwayne was a member of Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church where he loved serving the Lord. Most recently he served on the Parking Ministry, Food Box Ministry, and was a member of the Interdenominational Theological Center Certificate in Theology Program.

Preceded in death by his Father Murphy Delano Price; maternal grandparents Leon & Ruth Martin Clark; fraternal grandparents Joseph & Geneva Crawford Price; and Uncle Alvin Price.

Dwayne leaves to mourn, his mother Charlotte Clark Price of Pulaski; brother Darrell Wayne Price of Pulaski; daughter Jessica Leigh Price of Winston Salem, NC; son Dareh Thomas Price of Atlanta GA; grandchildren Khmani, Emerald, Corbella, Zayne, Great Aunt Ruby M. West of Detroit MI, Aunt Marva C. (Michael) Hickman of Pulaski VA; Aunt Lavern C. (Richard) Law of Dublin VA; Aunt (Sylvia) Price of Conway AR; Uncle Russell Price of Houston TX; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A special devoted friend Mary Alice “Jenny” McClanahan Reeves.

A private funeral for the family was held Thursday, January 21, at Randolph Avenue UMC with Rev. Dr. Elston McLain officiating. Burial took place at the Martin Cemetery Allisonia, VA. Arrangements are entrusted to Serenity Funeral Homes and Cremation Service.

PERRY ANTHONY HODGE

Perry Anthony Hodge, 49, of Dublin passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

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

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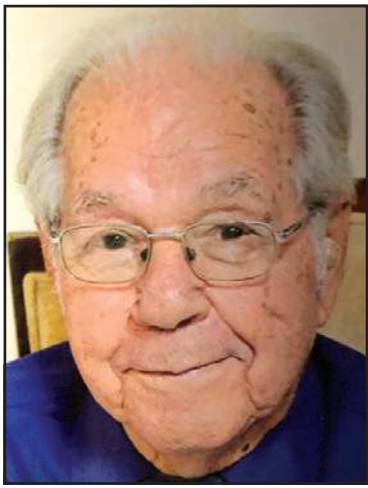
REBECCA "BECKY" JOYCE RORRER RUPE

Rebecca "Becky" Joyce Rorrer Rupe, age 63, of Fredericksburg, VA and formerly of Pulaski, VA transitioned to her heavenly home on Friday, January 15, 2021. She was the daughter of the late James Daly Rorrer, Sr. and Wanda Joyce Pugh Rorrer. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 45 years, Wayne Rupe; four sons, Gregory W. Rupe, James P. Rupe (Andrea), Aaron J. Rupe, and Zachary C. Rupe (Lauren); one brother, James Daly Rorrer, Jr. (Tammy); four grandchildren, who lovingly called her "MiMi," Katie Rupe, Levi Rupe, Carter Rupe and McKenna Rupe; sister-in-law, Sylvie Blaize (Claude) of France; a nephew, Cody Rorrer; a niece, Heather Rivera; aunt, Freda Pugh; and a dear friend, Kim Flack. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Randall D. Rorrer. Becky was the Director of White Oak Christian Academy, she had worked as a Deputy Clerk in Pulaski County, as a Licensed Practical Nurse, and as a tutor at New River Community College. Becky was a devoted Christian woman who loved God and served as a pastor's wife for many years and most recently at White Oak Ministries (Church of God of Prophecy) in Fredericksburg, VA. She had a passion for outreach and traveled to the state of Idaho and the countries of Mexico, Chile, and twice to Cyprus on mission trips. A celebration of her life was held Tuesday, Jan. 19 with Reverend Doug Patterson officiating. Interment followed at Shiloh Cemetery in Pulaski County. Flowers are appreciated but those wishing can make memorial contributions to: The Becky Rupe Memorial Fund at White Oak Ministries Church of God of Prophecy; 299 White Oak Road; Fredericksburg, VA 22405 The family is being served by Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg, VA, 540-382-2612.



JEFFREY WAYNE BURCHETT

Jeffrey Wayne Burchett, 59, of Oswego, IL formerly of Pulaski, VA, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 11, 2021. We know that he was praising and glorifying Jesus as he entered his eternal home. Jeff was a constant missionary always telling anyone he met about his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has spent the last 21 years serving the Lord wholeheartedly. He was always concerned about the eternal life of others and shared the gospel message to countless people not only in the United States but in Africa, Greece, and Mexico. Jeff was a true disciple of Jesus. He unselfishly gave to anyone, opened his home to everyone, and deeply loved his wife and children. Jeff was preceded in death by one sister, Teresa Burchett and grandparents, Philip and Fairy Burchett and James Avril and Blanche Mabry. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Michelle Burchett; children, Craig, Ryan (Odesa), and Ian Burchett; parents, Doug and Janet Burchett; brother, Shawn Burchett (Sonya); sister Ashley Snyder (Terry); brother-in-law Kenney Edwards (Pam); sister-in-law Sue Edwards; nephews Steven Edwards, Cody Edwards, and Noah Burchett; nieces Katy Edwards, Alexis Snyder, and Erin Burchett; and many other relatives and friends. A celebration of life was held on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at River of Life Church, 5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, VA. Interment followed at Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the ministry, EuroRelief.net, or the Burchett GoFundMe page. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



EWELL JACKSON "SMILING JACK" AKERS

Ewell Jackson "Smiling Jack" Akers, age 93 of Dublin passed away Wednesday morning January 13, 2021 at his home. Born October 4, 1927 in West Virginia he was the son of the late Arthur "Swiftly" Akers and Lourie Semones Akers. His wife of 70 years, Violet Madeline Akers (2018), three sisters and nine brothers also preceded him in death. Jack was owner/operator of Akers Garage since 1965 and a veteran of the United States Army during WW II. He is survived by his Sons – Roger (Mary) Akers – Dublin Michael "Wimpy" (Charlene) Akers – Dublin Grandchildren – Tessa (Justin) Atkins – Dublin, Ryan (Tamara) Akers – Dublin Great Grandson Jackson Akers – Dublin Several nieces, nephews and special friends Special Little Friends – Maddie, Sadie, Bayley Funeral services were held Monday, January 18, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Randall Lawrence and Pastor Larry Meadors officiating. Entombment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens-Mausoleum, Dublin. To sign Jack's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



ALMA LEE FLANAGAN MYERS

Alma Lee Flanagan Myers, 91, of Pulaski, VA died Sunday, November 8, 2020. A Celebration of Life for Alma will be held Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Max Creek Baptist Church Sanctuary with Pastor Mike Coleman officiating. The family requests everyone wear masks and practice the social protocol for social distancing. Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

"MEMAW, MOM, MAMA SUE" BRILLHEART CARDEN
"Memaw, Mom, Mama Sue" Brillheart Carden peacefully left this earthly life on January 15, 2021 at 9:20pm in her beloved home on Maple Street. Waiting at Heaven's door was her husband, Big Al, her parents, Jerry Allen and Hazel Jennings Brillheart (Papa and Mimi), her brother, Jerry Brillheart (Jimmy) and many cousins, including Fred Beamer (Bubba) and Ann Ferrell (Annie Ronney). Mama Sue is leaving the charge to "carry on and do good things" to her four children, Sarah, Nick, Tony and Amy, along with eight grandchildren, Chris, Jesse, Andrew, Josh, Gray, Jacob, Jordan and Hannah, and four great grandchildren, C.J., Ashton, Cici and Archie. Her greatest joy and love could be seen when family was gathered and she felt immense pride in the closeness we all share with each other. Suffice it to say, Mama Sue's "river of life" ran deep and the ripples are still being felt. We will honor her kind heart, her sense of humor, and her sweet loving embraces for decades to come. During this time of the Covid pandemic, there will be no formal service and no need for flowers. Mama Sue's love for youth and sports tells us that in lieu of flowers, a donation to the Dublin United Methodist Church Youth Fund at 424 E. Main Street, Dublin VA 24084 is welcome, and due to the extraordinary efforts of Good Samaritan Hospice, donations can also be made to 2408 Electric Road, Roanoke VA 24018.

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DONALD RAY JONES

Donald Ray Jones, age 67 of Pulaski passed away Friday, January 15, 2021 at the VA Medical Center, Salem. Born March 22, 1953 in Pulaski, he was the son of the Evelyn Nelson Jones Kidd and the late Robert Lee Jones. He was also preceded in death by his Step- father, Albert Sidney Kidd; and Step- sister, Mary Alice Kidd Edmonds. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and the United States Army having served in Vietnam. Donald graduated with a bachelor's degree and master's degree at Radford University. He is survived by His Mother – Evelyn Nelson Jones Kidd-Pulaski Sister – Sheila Jones (Cecil) Cross – Pulaski Brother – David Wayne (Angela) Jones – Ferrum, VA Nieces – Heather Dawn Cross Boyd, Miranda Lee Cross Mitchem Step Nieces – Amanda Diane Simmons, Autumn Marie Simmons Step Nephew – Douglas Rex Shelton Great Nephew – Cameron Boyd Great Niece – Madison Whitesell Great Great Niece – Harper Grace Boyd Step- Sisters – Sandra Kidd Lackey-Pulaski, Judy Kidd Bladen-Pulaski Step Grandchildren – Barry Edmonds and Sarah Beth Akers Memorial services was held Thursday, January 21, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski with Pastor Randall Lawrence officiating. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

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Strides in Closing the Digital Divide

Closing the digital divide is a challenge for American society in the 21st century that must be met. Internet connectivity brings with it economic growth, educational opportunities, individual quality of life, and many other assets, but rural areas lag behind urban ones in access to reliable internet service. Making the American dream available to all citizens requires building out internet infrastructure from sea to shining sea. Fortunately, great strides in this effort have been made by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under the leadership of outgoing Chairman Ajit Pai. The FCC has paid attention to the needs of rural communities such as those found throughout Virginia's Ninth Congressional District, targeting funding and supporting creative initiatives that will help more Americans obtain reliable and fast internet access. One of these initiatives in our region has captured recently. Wise County Public Schools will be the beneficiary of a program that uses low-orbit satellites to provide high-speed broadband in rural and isolated areas. Forty-five families in the county will receive free internet



access through this technology. The FCC has approved applications from various companies planning to use satellites to provide

broadband access and has also awarded money to help these providers serve rural areas. The difficulties of connecting Southwest Virginia are representative of the problems satellite broadband connectivity aims to fix: the traditional method of laying fiber optic cables is expensive in isolated areas with difficult terrain. Satellites present an alternative for getting these areas online. I have supported the FCC's move in this area, and I am pleased that some residents in our area will benefit directly from them in the immediate future. The FCC has not only advanced innovative ways to close the digital divide, but it has supported them with unprecedented levels of funding. Last year, the FCC held its Phase I auction for the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, which will ultimately total a \$20.4 billion effort. Phase I targets 10.4 million Americans in rural areas with no broadband access, and it prioritizes service at higher speeds. In the jurisdictions of the Ninth District, 31,038 locations will be served and a total of \$23,405,973.49 funded. These investments will make a substantial difference. Out of the 29 cities and counties making up the Ninth District, 22 of them received money, including \$7,718,764.40 to Patrick County, \$306,730.16 to Lee County, \$256,562.20 to Montgomery County, and \$33,632.30 to Craig County. Phase II will focus on areas that are deemed partially served as well as any unserved areas left over from Phase I. The FCC has also encouraged the use of telehealth, which has great potential to expand access and affordability in rural health care. Since 2017, funding for the FCC's Rural Health Care Program increased by 43 percent. The commission also allowed funding from previous years to carry forward, so the overall result was that funding for the program doubled from \$400 million in 2017 to \$802.7 million for the 2020 funding year. The FCC also moved forward with the Connected Care Pilot Program, a step announced by FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr at the Tri-Area Community Health Center in Laurel Fork in 2019. The program is a \$100 million initiative to support telehealth services to low-income Americans, including those in rural areas. Quick action and flexibility provided by the FCC during the coronavirus pandemic has also been invaluable. In March, Chairman Pai launched the Keep Americans Connected Pledge asking providers not to cut broadband and telephone service during the pandemic. Over 800 companies made this commitment, including providers serving the Ninth District. As hospital facilities turned their focus to responding to the coronavirus, the FCC launched a \$200 million COVID-19 Telehealth Program so patients could receive health care in their homes or at mobile locations, ensuring they did not go without the care they needed. Additional FCC actions during the pandemic included more funding and waiving regulations to assist schools and libraries with connectivity to continue providing services to students. As schools shifted to remote learning, these measures gave them a lifeline so students would not completely miss out on further education. There is much to do still to close the digital divide. I know too many Ninth District residents lack the reliable broadband service they need. To get there, I hope the next FCC Chair adopts the same forward-thinking and innovative approach as Chairman Pai during his time leading the commission.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

Prophecy In Motion

Former President Ronald Reagan had a lot to say about freedoms in America. One of his most famous quotes may be more prophetic now with the results of the 2020 election than any other time. "History will record with the greatest astonishment that those who had the most to lose did the least to prevent its happening ... If we lose freedom here, there's no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth."

More than any other modern nation, Americans have witnessed the hand of God creating, blessing and preserving our country. While other countries have gone through multiple governments amid chaos and civil war, America's Constitution has provided stability for its citizens for over 200 years. This is an absolutely amazing track record on the world stage. The Russian Revolution of 1917 perpetrated by the Bolsheviks radically transformed the Russian monarchy into the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR); and established the first communist state. The Bolsheviks were a far-left Marxist organization founded by Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (aka Vladimir Lenin). Their political regime focused on overthrowing the Tsar's former capitalist government, seizing power for themselves while promising peace, land and food for all. The communist state became god and any who resisted their

will were slaughtered. Before Lenin's death on January 21, 1924, he had killed an estimated 3 million Russian people under the rhetoric of liberation. This brutal socialistic/communist form of government has been attempted in numerous countries since then but has miserably failed to benefit the general population each time. Instead, individual freedoms are lost, the economy plunges, inflation causes mass starvation, and many are imprisoned or killed for their opposition to the oppressive government. One of the first freedoms to go in these authoritarian types of states is the freedom of speech. The government takes control of media and limits what the people can say, read and hear. In the past weeks, haven't we seen this type of censorship occurring in social media outlets? Individuals who have a different opinion other than theirs' have had their social media accounts closed, been personally pressured, and their

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One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

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Patriot's Post

Jonathan Sweet
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Winners and Losers

We continue to ask ourselves when will the pandemic be over and when will things get back to what we can call "normal." The distribution of the vaccine and the promise of spring around the corner have given hope to many, and perhaps it is a small light at the end of the tunnel. In local government, we tend to plan for the worst and hope for the best, and in unprecedented times such as this, we find ourselves taking that cliché a step further. In fact, we have went beyond just planning and have found ways to make these uncertain times strategically productive. Response to COVID-19 and its collateral effects, we have worked diligently to best position Pulaski County to survive and perhaps thrive in the post COVID world. The County has awarded 223 COVID-19 recovery and support grants totaling more than \$1.1 million of CARES Act funding to small businesses and non-profits and appropriated \$997,000 to the towns of Pulaski and Dublin to assist with their respective responses to the pandemic. Furthermore, the County has aggressively invested nearly \$.5 million of CARES Act funding in broadband infrastructure and deployment technologies to provide nearly 1,000 residents with new or upgraded internet access. The County has also redeployed resources to invest in our indoor and outdoor recreational assets in every district of the County. We are confident this will continue to yield a return for both our residents and our visitors. Targeted investments and intentional planning to support the tourism industry, entrepreneurship, small businesses, existing industries, residential development, commercial and retail recruitment, agriculture and the further diversification of our revenue streams, will position Pulaski County to achieve our 40-by-30 goal of having 40,000 residents by the year 2030. These extensive efforts will allow us to seize upon emerging opportunities to attract talent from rural communities, as well as those departing from urban areas who are looking for a safe, stable and affordable quality of life that bodes access to unclaimed opportunities, outdoor recreation, quality schools and secondary education, good jobs, varietal housing stock, culture, proximity to commercial centers and all that Pulaski County has to offer. When the dust settles, many communities may find themselves in a difficult rut, but others will have effectively embraced the challenges, seized upon the opportunities and strategically positioned themselves to be a winner in this new economy and post COVID world. Pulaski County is...Strategically Positioned.



They're Coming To America

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

In 1980, singer Neil Diamond recorded a song that celebrated American immigration, first in the early 1900s and then more recently. The song included this chorus: "On the boats and on the planes They're coming to America Never looking back again They're coming to America."

The song makes no distinction between the legal and orderly immigration of the early 20th century and the chaotic and illegal immigration that characterizes today's movement of mostly Central Americans into the country. Last Sunday, thousands of Hondurans formed caravans in an attempt to violate Mexico's southern border on their way to our southern border. Police and soldiers wearing riot gear tried to block them, but the migrants broke through, undeterred by tear gas and batons. They are likely coming because they are hearing that President Biden plans to deport fewer of them and because relatives have encouraged them to make the risky journey. They are coming because of poverty and crime in Honduras and other countries. Many of them had their homes destroyed by hurricanes. Biden has also said he will not continue construction of Donald Trump's border wall, which the Trump administration touted as having a significant deterrent effect on undocumented people crossing the border. That, too, sends a "y'all come" signal southward. The prospect of a human tide coming to America now becomes very real. And the promise of U.S. citizenship for the 11 million undocumented already here can only serve as an additional enhancement for even more to come. Interviewed on TV networks, some in the caravan say they want to come to America for jobs. What about those Americans who are out of work because of the pandemic? Shouldn't U.S. citizens be first on the list for any available jobs? If migrants are illegally

allowed in, or manage to get in, what signal will this send to the thousands -- perhaps millions -- who will come and what additional burden will that place on American taxpayers and social services? I have been exploring possible travel to countries in Europe and Central and South America, hoping to break free from all the lockdowns and regulations in this country. Many of them are closed to American citizens. These countries apparently don't want anyone bringing COVID with them. Shouldn't that also be a concern for the U.S. government? How many migrants seeking to come to America are infected with COVID and will aid in its spread? How many are gang members who will add to the crime problems in major U.S. cities? The left claims Donald Trump is responsible for the January 6 rioting at the U.S. Capitol because he "incited" the crowd to insurrection with his rhetoric about a "stolen" election. Why, then, can't Biden's language about easing the path to America and gaining citizenship equally be a cause and effect? Throughout history, uncontrolled immigration without assimilation has contributed to the collapse of other superpowers. The United States does not enjoy special protection from a similar fate. Some on the left cynically believe these migrants can be turned into Democrat voters and along with censoring conservative beliefs on social media and other platforms and creating states out of Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia the Republican Party and all opposition to their agenda can be squashed. Neil Diamond's song was meant as a patriotic celebration of America's "melting pot." Given the chaos that will come if Biden's promise is not retracted, that "pot" is likely to boil over, causing irreversible harm. 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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OBITUARIES

CRYSTAL ANN SMITH

Crystal Ann Smith, age 32 of Pulaski went to her heavenly home Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. Born September 9, 1988 in Wytheville she was the daughter of Henry Lee Altizer and Pamela Lee Slusher Altizer. Her grandmother, Virty Altizer, aunt, Vickie Slusher and grandfather, James W. Slusher also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her

Children - Serena Smith – Pulaski, Aliyah Smith – Pulaski

Parents- Henry Lee & Pamela Lee Altizer – Pulaski

Grandmother - Mildred Slusher - Pulaski

Sisters - Shannon (Jeff) McPeak – Pulaski, Tammy (John) Farmer – Pulaski, Cindy (Tony) Warden – Pulaski

Brother - Junior (Stacy) Altizer



– Pulaski

Best Friend - Sheena Smith Meredith – Pulaski

Memorial services will be held at a later date. To sign Crystal’s online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

MELVIN DELANO KING

Melvin Delano King, age 85 of Pulaski passed away Thursday morning January 14, 2021 at his home. Born July 17, 1935 in Carroll County he was the son of the late Dewey King and Lennie Pearl Fleming King. His sister and her husband, Melodean (Douglas) Crowell, brothers, Boyd King, Jewell (Sue) King , great nephew, Jeffery King, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Nieces and Nephews Jewell Wayne King, Jr, Jackie Lane King Jeffrey Dean King Melissa “Missy” J. King Radcliffe & Jamie A. Radcliffe Great Nieces and nephews Ashley & Roger Crigger Joey Radcliffe and the late Megan Ratcliffe

Jessica and Shay McMillan Sister-in-law Helen H. King Funeral services will be held

2:00 PM – Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Kelly Howlett officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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

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FRANKLIN FREDRICK “BUTCH” WADDELL

Franklin Fredrick “Butch” Waddell, 79, of Pulaski, VA died Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in the LewisGale Hospital Pulaski. He was born in Pulaski on April 27, 1941 and was the son of the late Ellis and Madeline Sonner Waddell. He was a retired employee of the Pulaski Health Care Center and was a Sgt. in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are:

Wife – Juanita Sue Jennings Waddell

Sisters & Brothers-In-Law – Kathy W. & Gary Sayers Betty & Ron Stoots

Brothers & Sisters-In-Law – Terry & Lourenda Waddell Kenny & Reina Waddell Richard & Debee Waddell

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 PM from the Abundant Life Ministries with Rev Randal Lawrence officiating. Visiting will be at the church where the family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until the service hour.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

JOHN MICHAEL CRABLE

John Michael Crable, 84, of Pulaski died Tuesday morning, January 19, 2021 at his home. He was born in Lonaconing, Maryland on December 3, 1936 and was the son of the late James Vincent Crable and Mabel Virginia Harrison Crable. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Linda Martin Crable, brothers Daniel (Danny) F. Crable, James (Jimmy) Crable, and by his sisters Helen Folk, Carol Minnick and Frances Shroades.

Mr. Crable had a bachelor’s degree in Math & Physics from Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH. He worked with the Boy Scouts of America for a number of years, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Toastmasters, and the AUSA (Association of the United States Army). He was a retired safety officer with Hercules, R.A.A.P. and he was a member of the Pulaski First Church of the Brethren, Pulaski.

Surviving are:

Children – Donna, Ralph, Barbara, Beverly and Elaine

Grandchildren – Amber, Shannon, Patrick, Brian, Mathew, Katelyn, Brent, Scotty and Hayley

Great-Grandchildren – Eliora Allen, Tabitha Allen and Jonathan Allen

Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 24th at 2:00 PM

from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Frank Peters officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 until the service hour. Interment will follow the service at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

VIRGINIA QUESENBERRY DONELSON

Virginia Quesenberry Donelson, of Pulaski, passed away due to heart related issues on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the age of 92. She was born in Pulaski County and was the daughter of the late James Emmett Quesenberry and Amanda Mitchell Quesenberry. She was also preceded in death by her son, Emory E Donelson, III, of Richmond, VA; sisters, Rose Hite, Betty Horton, Edith Clifton, Alma Huff, Velta Webb and Emma Hilton, along with a brother, Arnold Quesenberry.

Surviving are:

Daughter – Darlene J. Donelson

Her son’s children – Emory Ellsworth, IV

Abigail Leigh

Matthew Raymond

In addition to her career as a devoted mother, she worked for the Central Intelligence Agency followed later by the Gas Appliance Manufacturing Association until her retirement in 1988. After retirement, she moved from Northern Virginia to her hometown of Pulaski, VA. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church located in Pulaski since moving to the area. She volunteered at Daily Bread and then for many years, at LewisGale Hospital Pulaski.

Funeral services will be provided by Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski, VA. She is interred at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski designated for “the local area needy” and/or Johns Hopkins Medicine-The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center in Baltimore, MD.

BRANDON LEE ABBOTT

Brandon Lee Abbott, age 33 of Pulaski, died Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at his residence. He was born on April 27, 1987 in Pulaski and is the son of Evelyn Frances Boyd and James Edward Abbott, Jr. He was preceded in death by his aunt: Joy Regina Boyd; maternal grandfather; Bernard Lee Boyd.

He is survived by his mother: Evelyn Frances Boyd of Pulaski: one brother; Charles James (Britni) Abbott of Bland: Maternal grandmother; Carol Hylton Boyd of Pulaski: Uncles; Tony (Crystal) Boyd of Chester, Stephan (Debbie) Boyd of Pulaski, Donald (Daddy) Tabor: several cousins and two special friends Shawn Richardson, Christopher Dillan: nieces and nephews; Jasen Carter McDade, Makynna Grace Abbott, and

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OPEN FORUM

Reader opposes solar farm project

To the editor,

As a lover of nature as well as regional history, I oppose the building of solar energy installations in Pulaski County, particularly in the piecemeal placement that is currently planned. If such a growth must intrude on the serene beauty of our hills and valleys, then it would be far better if it could be hidden in one area, not spread out in a field here, another there.

I am particularly opposed to its being located in an area containing so many historical sites, such as New Dublin Presbyterian Church, Rockwood, and Back Creek. I’m very sorry that Oakland, an original Cloyd house, is not on the historical register in order to protect it.

Pulaski County has just hired a new tourism director. Solar farms are not going to help her plan inviting tours.

We have been told that a buffer zone and tree planting will hide the installations, but I would need to see more concrete evidence of that. We have been told that no trees will be removed or contours of the land changed, but I would need more information to believe it. Who will keep the buffer zones or the land around the solar panels clean and neat?

I do not favor the loss of agricultural land. A new, young generation should have a chance to enter farming because we may need more farm products in the future, and Va. Tech with its agricultural department has always been our local pride. Unfortunately, solar farms want the best, the flattest land, land which should first be considered for agriculture. Our local farmers need all extra available land to grow feed. If they must compete with solar farms, the cost to rent that land will increase or little extra land be available. Then they

must purchase feed, greatly increasing their cost, maybe driving some out of business. Local stores such as Ace Hardware, Tractor Supply, and Rural King will be adversely affected as the small farmer is slowly squeezed out.

Solar farms don’t need any agricultural products. After 35 years, Pulaski County may be left with the cost and problems of decommissioning these farms even if the company has promised otherwise. That company may sell to another company which may not honor the original agreement. Solar panels are considered toxic waste and are not allowed in landfills or accepted for recycling. After 35 years, the land these panels were on may be so damaged it can never be used for agriculture again.

Economically, I don’t see much benefit for the average citizen of the county. We are an agricultural county, and solar farms will certainly not benefit the local farmers except for those landowners who will make a windfall renting their land.

Are county residents going to be able to buy the electricity at a lower rate to repay them for their loss of natural beauty? Many homeowners may find that their property has decreased in value since incoming buyers may prefer agricultural beauty to having a solar farm nearby. My husband and I bought our land on Collier Street because we fell in love with the beauty of the area. We certainly would not have chosen to build near scattered solar farms.

Maybe the installation of solar farms will bring some good to the county that all residents can share; however, at this time I must oppose the plan as one which will benefit a few while the rest of our citizens are being forced to go along with something that brings more loss than benefit for them.

Sincerely, **Roxie S. Reed,**
Concerned citizen of Pulaski County

Nation

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businesses threatened or boycotted. Basically, their thoughts, opinions and words have been expunged.

This malignant censorship is even expanding into Congress where the Homeland Security Committee has attempted to invoke the 14th Amendment in regard to the January 6th Electoral College certification challenge (“...no elector...shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion...”) to place Republican Senators Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley on the no-fly list; basically, equating them to terrorists. Incidentally, the public opinion polls show the U.S. Senate approval rate in December 2020 to be 15 percent ... dropping down from November’s low of 23 percent.

Totalitarian tactics were written about in George Orwell’s prophetic novel “1984,” Orwell’s “Animal Farm” and Aldous

Huxley’s prophetic novel “Brave New World” where technology (telesccreens, hidden cameras and microphones) are everywhere and an all-powerful state controls the peoples’ behaviors and actions. Everything people do or say is watched and heard by the Thought Police, i.e., those in authority. Power is maintained through force and intimidation. The consequences of these rigid controls are a loss of dignity, morals, values, and emotions — in short, a loss of humanity.

Huxley feared that the use of scientific and technological advances to control society would enable totalitarian governments to change the way people think and act. (Communist China seems to be a prime example of this.) Children at a young age would be conditioned not to function as individuals or to think independently. As Mustapha Mond, one of Huxley’s char-

acters, explains: “One believes things because one has been conditioned to believe them.”

Will 2021 be the beginning of Huxley/Orwell prophecies coming to pass – where people are conditioned to believe what the media and government tell them? Or will concerned American citizens endeavor to maintain the freedoms Reagan held so dear; and ensure a platform for the truth to be told?




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Braelyn Eliana Abbott.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Bible Church with the Rev. Jim Linkous officiating. Interment will follow in Shiloh Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

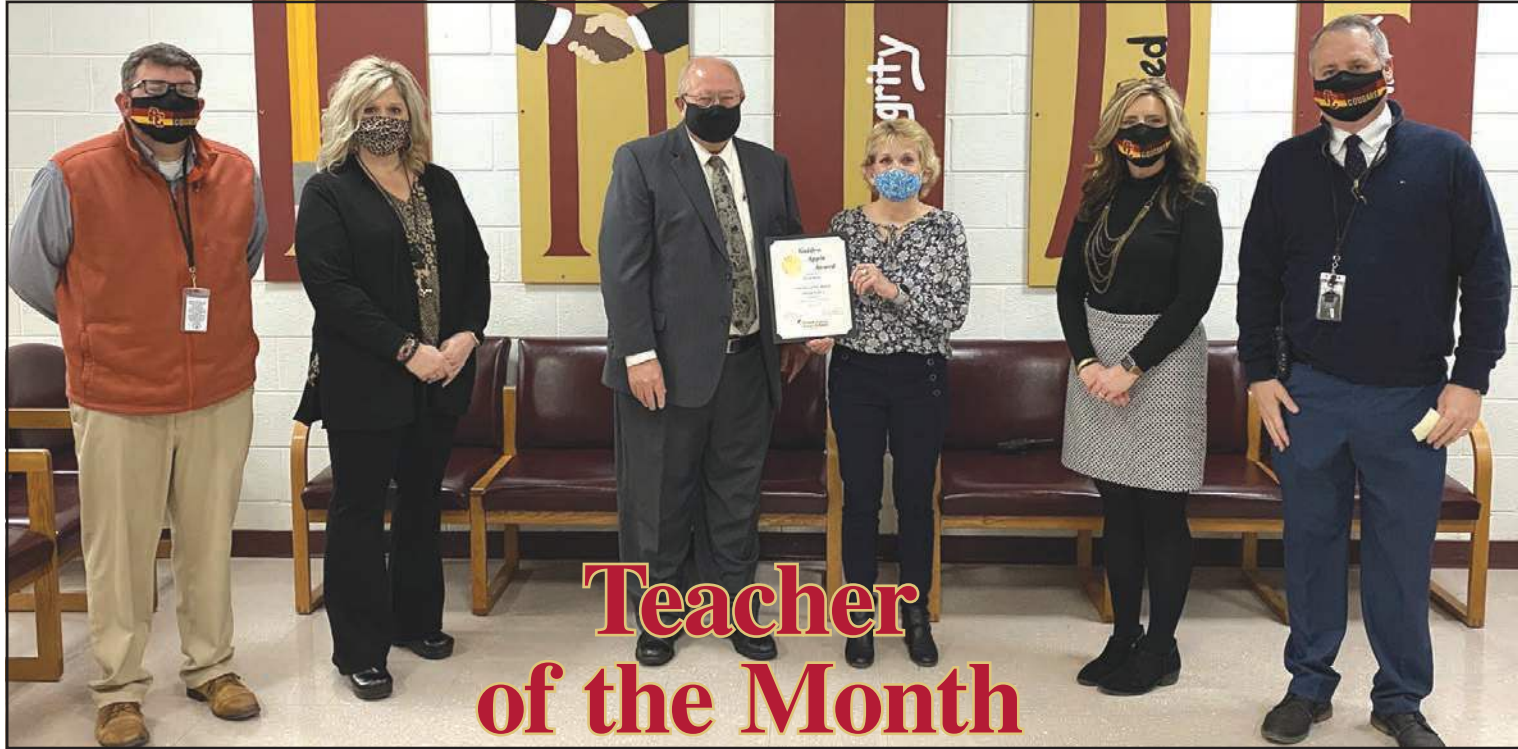
Virus

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lion Americans and killed about 400,000.

“We know this is real,” said Dr. Alan Roth, who oversees the Jamaica Hospital clinic. He has been grappling with body pain, fatigue and “brain fog” characterized by occasional forgetfulness since his own relatively mild bout with COVID-19 in March.

Like so much else in the pan-



Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County High School are pleased to announce Pam Hall as Teacher of the Month for the 2020-2021 school year. Currently, Pam Hall is a special education teacher who serves as a case manager for students with IEPs and co-teaches with our math department. Ms. Hall is known to carry a stack of worn index cards held together with a rubber-band that serve as her lifeline for maintaining an impeccable compliance record with timelines for students. Pam is known for her love of animals, but her love of school shines in all she does. Pam works with the Humane Society and with the Women’s Shelter (WRC) in Radford for 16 years. During a time when everything was disconnected and teachers had to scramble to learn how to adapt to different ways of teaching, she stepped up and created a community feel in our school. This is something very typical of Pam, but her nominator felt that she really worked extra hard to keep faculty connected to each other when at times they felt anything but connected. She is very dedicated to PCHS and has volunteered her time to help with everything from Open House to Graduation. She is a true inspiration to those around her with her always positive attitude. Her energy is second to none, and has been a light this year amidst the challenges we’ve worked through. (Pulaski County Schools photo)

demic, the scientific picture of so-called long-haulers is still developing. It’s not clear how prevalent long-term COVID problems are or why some patients keep suffering while others do not.

Current indications are that up to 30% of patients continue to have significant problems that intrude on daily life two to three weeks after testing positive. Perhaps as many as 10% are still af-

flicted three to six months later, according to Dr. Wesley Self, a Vanderbilt University emergency physician and researcher who co-wrote a July report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Doctors have known for months that intensive care patients can face extended recoveries. But many COVID-19 long-haulers were never critically ill.

At the University of Texas Medical Branch’s post-COVID-19 clinic in Clear Lake, patients range in age from 23 to 90. Half were never hospitalized, said the clinic’s director, Dr. Justin Seashore.

“They were told they should be feeling better, and they didn’t,” he said. Instead, they were left with fatigue, shortness of breath, anxiety, depression, difficulty concentrating or other problems they did not have before.

Some were told they would have to be on oxygen for the rest of their lives. A highlight has been helping many of them get

off it through treatment that can include respiratory therapy, occupational therapy, mental health check-ins and more, Seashore said.

Long-term COVID-19 care has been launched in settings ranging from big research hospitals like New York’s Mount Sinai, which has over 1,600 patients, to St. John’s Well Child and Family Center, a network of community clinics in south Los Angeles.

Rather than focusing specifically on patients who still feel sick, St. John’s aims to schedule a physical exam, a behavioral health visit and monthly follow-ups with everyone who tests positive at one of its clinics, CEO Jim Mangia said. Nearly 1,000 patients have come in for exams.

Since Luciana Flores contracted the virus in June, she has been contending with back pain, stomach problems, shortness of breath and worry. The mother of three lost her job at a laundry amid the pandemic, and she doesn’t feel well enough to look for work.

St. John’s has helped, she said, by diagnosing and treating a bacterial infection in her digestive system.

“I think it’s really important for other patients to receive the same care,” Flores, 38, said through a Spanish interpreter. “I don’t feel the same. I don’t think anything will ever be the same, but there’s no other way around it: I have to keep moving forward.”

There’s no proven cure for long-term COVID problems. But clinics aim to offer relief, not least by giving patients somewhere to turn if their usual doctor can’t help.

“We wanted to create a place that patients could get answers or feel heard,” even if there are still unanswered questions, said Dr. Denyse Lutchmansingh, the clinical lead physician at Yale Medicine’s Post-COVID Recovery Program.

At the Jamaica Hospital program, patients get mental health assessments, a lung specialist’s attention and physical exams that delve deeper than most into their lifestyles, personal circumstances and sources of stress. Several hundred people have been treated so far, Roth said.

The idea is to help patients “build their own healing capacity,” said Dr. Wayne Jonas, former director of the National Institutes of Health’s Office of Alternative Medicine. He is now with the Samueli Foundation, a California-based nonprofit that works with the hospital on marrying alternative ideas with conventional medicine.

The long-haulers get exercise and diet plans and group or individual mental health sessions. Recommendations for supplements, breathing exercises and meditation are also likely. That’s in addition to any prescriptions, referrals or primary care follow-ups that are deemed necessary.

“We’re not just saying, ‘It’s all in your head, and we’re going to throw herbs and spices at you,’” Roth said. With no tidy, proven answer for the complex of symptoms, “we do a common-sense approach and take the best of what’s out there to treat these people.”

Busa got a test that determined she has sleep apnea, which causes people to stop breathing while asleep and often feel fatigued when awake. She is getting a device for that and is using wrist braces and getting injections to ease her pain. Her program also includes psychotherapy appointments, supplements and new daily routines of walking, riding a stationary bike and writing in a journal about what she has to feel grateful for.

Busa feels she is coming along, especially in terms of her mood, and credits the clinic.

“There’s light at the end of the tunnel,” she said, “and there are people and doctors out there who can relate to you.”

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PCHS girls, Ratcliff win opener Tech defends way by Wake

By BRIAN BISHOP
The Patriot

In the much-anticipated coaching debut of Pulaski County Head Coach Scott Ratcliff, the Lady Cougars on Saturday beat the Radford Bobcats 53-43 in the Cougar Den.

Cougar junior Taryn Blankenship scored the first points of the game and the Cougars never trailed.

Courtney Crigger came off the bench after Jayden Lawson picked up her second foul in the first quarter and gave the Cougars a much needed spark, scoring six first quarter points.

The Cougars led 14-8 after the first quarter.

Pulaski County led 27-12 midway through the second quarter and it looked like it could be a blow out.

However, Radford sisters Haley and Hanah Whitt hit back-to-back three pointers and Laney Cline added 4 points late in the second quarter to cut the lead to 29-23 at the half.

The Lady Cougars came storming back in the second half as Ally Fleanor scored 9 third quarter points to help the Cougars outscore the Bobcats 17-9 in the quarter.

Pulaski County picked up their defensive intensity and executed offensively much better in the second half. However, Radford continued to hang around during the fourth quarter, but could never get closer than 10 points.

The Lady Cougars play again Monday night at Floyd.

Fleanor led Pulaski County in scoring with 12, Taryn Blankenship added 11, Courtney Cregger had 10, Paige Huff chipped in 9, Keslyn Seacrist added 8 and Erin Russell had 3.

Jada Dean led Radford in scoring with 12, Laney Cline added 10, Haley Whitt had 9, Maggie

Pruitt fired, Vols start over ... again

(AP) - The Tennessee football program is starting over yet again, this time after coach Jeremy Pruitt and nine others were fired Monday for cause when an internal investigation found what the university chancellor called "serious violations of NCAA rules."

Chancellor Donde Plowman said Pruitt was responsible for



Top Photo:

Paige Huff splits the defenders to score against Radford.

At Right:

Taryn Blankenship scores during the first half against Radford.

Photos by Brian Bishop

Tuck had 4, Hannah Whitt scored 3, Gracie Connor scored 3 and Brooke Phillips added 2.

With the win, Pulaski County goes to 1-0 on the season, while Radford drops to 5-2.



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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - On the road, the Virginia Tech men's basketball team scrapped past Wake 64-60 on Sunday night to earn their third straight win and improve to 5-1 in conference play for just the second time since joining the ACC in 2004.

The Hokies (11-2, 5-1 ACC) have now defeated the Demon Deacons (3-5, 0-5) for a fifth straight time and earned their fourth consecutive win in Winston-Salem. Mike Young is now 3-0 versus Wake Forest.

Three Hokies reached double-figures in scoring including guards Tyrece Radford (20 points), Hunter Cattoor (13) and forward David N'Guessan (13) which is his career-high. Tech scored 28 points off its bench which marks the eighth time this season the Hokies have had 25 or more points off the bench.

On the defensive end, Tech notched a season-high nine blocks with forward Keve Aluma recording four of those, which is his career best. The Hokies forced Wake to shoot just 36% from the field and 30% from behind the arc. Tech also caused the Demon Deacons to commit 13 turnovers and the Hokies scored 12 points off those mistakes.

It was back and forth action at the start as both the Hokies and the Demon Deacons traded baskets. With just over 12 minutes to go in the first half sophomore Cattoor hit a triple and freshman N'Guessan scored six straight points to cap off a 9-0 run and put Tech up 17-9.

Down the stretch of the first forward Aluma scored four consecutive points and the Hokies controlled the rest of the half with pace and key defensive stops. Tech went into the break with a 29-23 lead.

Radford came out in the second half and finished an and-1 to kick things off for the Hokies and put them up 32-23. Midway through the second half Wake would fight back into the contest with a 12-2 run which tied the outing at 44-44 with just over eight minutes to go in the game.

With just over four minutes left, Cattoor hit from downtown to extend the Hokies lead to 54-49 and give Tech a cushion late in the contest. Clutch free throws down the stretch put the Demon Deacons away and carried Tech to a 64-60 victory.

QUOTING MIKE YOUNG

On if he saw a great performance from N'Guessan coming:

"I've seen him coming," Tech coach Mike Young said. "I see him coming daily. He had six points and I think he had two 'and-ones' in the first half." He had nice minutes in the second half and nice contributions. He defends. He's smart. Tyrece [Radford] was terrific, yet again. Hunter Cattoor really picked up our wagon [when] we were up two with the ball and he hit a big shot off a play that Naheim [Alleyne] gave him with a great screen from Keve [Aluma]. It is a true team and they don't care who gets the credit and that is a fun group to be a part of."

GAME NOTES

- Radford had a team-high 20 points which marks the second time this season he has hit the 20 points mark and the fourth time this season he has led Tech in scoring.

- Cattoor nailed three triples against Wake which is the third time this season he has made three or more 3-pointers.

- As a team, the Hokies hit 16 free throws and have now made 15 or more free throws in

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Bird Searching & Watching

My hunting and fishing buddy, Dick Gregory, and I traveled to Wythe County last Thursday in search of some upland birds. We were on Lick Mountain in the Big Survey Land Management Area southwest of Fort Chiswell looking for ruffed grouse. We did not spot any and very few other birds were even seen. This past Saturday, we decided to travel into the coal fields of neighboring West Virginia, to check out some old abandoned strip mines where other hunters have been successful in the past.

The weather was not too bad Saturday morning when we left around eight o'clock but soon changed the farther west we traveled. Going up VA 42 before you get to Bland Correctional Farm, the right lane was snowed in as no one had traveled ahead of us going west but some travel toward us had knocked most of the snow skiff from the road surface. We took the Wilderness Road past the "Farm" and into Rocky Gap. The wind had really gotten up by this time and snow squalls hit us at times making driving very hazardous. We decided not to go through the East River Mountain Tunnel via I-77 into Bluefield and into old mining areas. Instead, we took VA 61 up Clear Fork to take in some birdwatching in Burke's Garden which is noted for several raptorial birds of prey.

Turning off 61 onto the paved VA 623 we crossed over the low gap in the mountain that passes the stream coming out of Burke's Garden and flows into Clear Fork. This is the only paved road into the valley as other roads in and out are graveled National Forest roads. You can travel around paved roads of close to ten miles without fear of becoming lost as they either dead end or run into each other. Most people are aware of the bowl-shaped area being named for James Burke whose potato peels left there came up as they would the next year as in a garden. It is known as God's Thumbprint and from an area view indeed resembles a capped dome with its top removed leaving land that is some of the best for farming in Virginia. Dick told me it was also known as Vanderbilt's First Choice before they eventually settled on the present site in Ashville. N.C.

On the way along 61 and into the valley, we spotted a few Kristel of the falcon family that are about the size of blue jays. We traversed most of the roads around the "Garden" and several more

Hokies

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seven contests this season.

- N'Guessan notched his career high in points with 13 but also went a perfect 5-for-5 from the field which marks his career best in field goals made.

Boston College at Virginia Tech men's basketball game postponed

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference this week that the Boston College at Virginia Tech men's basketball game has been postponed. The game was scheduled to be played on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Vols

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tinuing the information provided to us indicates serious violations of NCAA rules," Plowman said. "They occurred. These serious infractions warrant immediate action."

Among those fired Monday were inside linebackers coach Brian Niedermeyer and outside linebackers coach Shelton Felton, four members of the on-campus football recruiting staff, the director and assistant director of football player personnel and a football analyst/quality control coach.

The Volunteers went 3-7 last season. Pruitt's firing means Tennessee will be looking for its fifth different coach since the Vols last won the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title in 2007.



Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

Kristel Falcons were spotted and a Blue Heron flying up from a pond. Cooper and Sharp-shinned hawks were seen on power lines and trees bordering the roadways.

A Bald Eagle was spotted in an old dead White Oak Tree (no doubt victim of the Gypsy Moth) and its large nest in a still alive large oak nearby. This was about 500 feet from the Burke's Garden Country Store where we stopped. We talked with the owner there and set up a viewing scope and were able to watch until the eagle flew back into the nest.

About 3 p.m. we stopped at Mattie's Country Store and had a delicious hamburger on sour-dough bread and called it a day as

the wind and snow were getting pretty bad at times.

This was my most enjoyable trip to Burke's Garden as I again got to see one of God's beautiful creations. I was reminded how birds of the ground and of the air are provided for even in the worst of weather as some of the birds we saw were in their morning search for food. I once heard an evangelist state, "If the richest man in the world tried to feed the birds of the world for one day, he would go bankrupt." But God does it every day and as Christ related in Matthew 6:26KJV, "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" If we read ahead, 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you?" Then, if we loved God as He loves us and our neighbor as ourselves, how much better would our country and the world be compared to the turmoil that we now see.

Until next time

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PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W. and take action on the following requests:

A request by Pulaski Development LLC, Agent: Kevin Conner, for property located at 1000-1088 Memorial Drive, (Tax Parcel (s) 072-140-48 & 072-140-48a), for a Zoning Amendment to add Section 4.11.2-1.2 Light Industrial Uses a. Cottage Industry, c. Custom Manufacturing, d. Greenhouse or Nursery, e. Industry Type 1, h. Packaging, and k. Warehouses to Section 4.8.2-2 Special Exception under B-1 Limited Business District.

A request by Aggregate Capital LLC, Agent: Luke Allison, for property located at 37 West Main Street, (Tax Parcel (s) 072-051-21-37), for a Special Exception per Section 4.10.2-2(1)c of the Zoning Ordinance to construct second-floor apartments and first-floor apartments on the south side of the building with entrances facing Peak Creek.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 10 persons are allowed in the chambers at a time. As a result, in-person attendance will be severely limited. Citizens may attend the hearing virtually via Zoom using the following link and information.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82631564830?pwd=dGRGeDcwZzV6RTljZnMyZlVnU25jdj09>
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Passcode: 260708

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

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 980-1220 (TDD accessible) or (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to consider a recommendation on the following change to the Pulaski County Zoning Map. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, February 9, 2021 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the application listed below;

a) Petition by applicant Donald Scott & Teresa A. Brookman to rezone a portion of the property from Medium Density Residential (MDR) to Low Density Residential (LDR), at Tax Map#067-001-0000-0030 located at 4736 Lakeland Road, Ingles District.

Comments may be presented orally, or in writing, prior to the meeting or in person at the public hearing. Information regarding the matter(s) referenced above is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Community Development Department, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

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Out on a Limb

EL-COME-WAY, OO-TAY LASS-CAY

PIC LATIN AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: MR. GELLMAN

R.F.D.

COWS CAN GET COVID?

NO, BUT I'M ERRING ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING THEM ANYWAY UNTIL I'M SURE THEY'VE GOT HERD IMMUNITY.

The Spats

I NEED TO REVISE MY WILL.

WHY?

I FORGOT TO LEAVE ANYTHING TO MYSELF.

POPEYE

HEY CHAMAN

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OH...REALLY?

HOW MANY CITATIONS' KIN I GIT?

ONE FOR EVERY CONTRIBUTION!

I DO, HOWEVER, REQUIRE A TASTE TEST BEFORE BEING INCLUDED!

I BETCHA I KNOW TH' NAME OF YER GUIDE

IT'S A BET!

"51 WAYS WITH HAMBURGER!"

HE ACTUALLY LOST THE BET... IT WAS "101 WAYS WITH HAMBURGER"

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WE FINALLY GET INVITED TO ANOTHER HOLIDAY PARTY AND YOU EMBARRASS ME. WHY DIDN'T YOU STICK TO THE CUE CARDS I MADE YOU?

LAFF-A-DAY

"I warned you not to forget to ask the waiter for a doggie bag."

"Daddy woke up _____ again."

SCRAMBLERS

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

Bitter GRANY

Cover ALOCK

Close BRANEY

Stupid NANIE

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Wordsworth work

5 Spasm

8 Billie — King

12 Against

13 Granada gold

14 Sea eagle

15 500 sheets

16 Chess piece

17 Right on the map?

18 On an angle

20 Dines

22 Donald Duck's outfit

26 Birth-related

29 "Exodus" hero

30 Vitamin stat

31 Prior nights

32 Pvt.'s superior

33 Grant basis, at times

34 Seminary subj.

35 Take to court

36 Smartens (up)

37 Produce aisle display

40 Pan handler?

41 Rookie

45 Boyfriend

47 Business mag

49 Press

50 Formerly, once

51 French vineyard

6 Lyricist Gershwin

7 Monarch's spouse

8 Army vehicles

9 Test-paper smudges

10 Reply (Abbr.)

11 Court divider

19 Chum

21 Swiss canton

23 Beer type

24 Nantes notion

25 Tiny amounts

26 Soft ball?

27 Say it's so

28 Put on the air

32 Be enough

33 Blockheads

35 That lady

36 Golfer Michelle

38 Closes

39 Full-length

42 Party cheese

43 Greek vowel

44 Seth's son

45 Wager

46 Historic period

48 Big D.C. lobby

DOWN

1 Law firm aide, for short

2 Till bills

3 List-ending abbr.

4 Brunch cocktails

5 "Only Love" actress Marisa

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top ten

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10. Heart Leaf Philodendron

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Asia?

2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the trashcan dweller in PBS' "Sesame Street"?

3. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nuts are used to make marzipan?

4. MOVIES: What incantation did the fairy godmother use to transform the character in Disney's animated "Cinderella"?

5. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for onychocryptosis?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male goose called?

7. LITERATURE: In which famous work did the phrase "eat, drink and be merry" appear?

8. MUSIC: What is the most watched video on YouTube?

9. CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical symbol of potassium?

10. AD SLOGANS: Which company sells its popular clothing with the slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Letter on pillow is different. 2. Man's shirt is black. 3. Mouse design is different. 4. Lamp is missing. 5. Picture on wall is missing. 6. Curtain is longer.

Answers

10. Levi

9. K

8. "Baby Shark Dance"

7. The Bible

6. A gender

5. Ingrown toenail

4. "Bibbidi bobbidi boo"

3. Almonds

2. Oscar the Grouch

1. Yangtze River

Solution time: 25 mins.

CRANKY

Today's Word

3. Nearly; 4. Inane

1. Angry 2. Cloak

SCRAMBLERS

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: S equals T

ZMJK QVJJ UJBC UFREFWRJ HSJ

AJSQ QMFSSJBJO, H SFPJ HS

CVE'O MFUJ WBJFPHKA KJZQ.

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Americanisms

"If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these acceptance speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven."

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"CAREFUL, MY FRIEND, OR YOUR HARD HEAD MAY DAMAGE GOD'S ANCIENT HANDIWORK," VAL JESTS.

BUT IG HAS SPIED SOMETHING. "LOOK! GAWAIN'S HARD HEAD FINDS MORE THAN ROCK!" IT IS A SHRED ...

"... FROM THE HEM OF ALETA'S GOWN" SAYS VAL. "SHE'S LEAVING A TRAIL!"

NEXT: Unearthly

FLASH GORDON

DALE ARDEN

DR. HANS ZARKOV

FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE
1-10

NIGHTFALL ON MONGO.
AS PALE SLOWLY DRIFTS OFF TO SLEEP, HER THOUGHTS RETURN TO THAT FATEFUL DAY LONG AGO...

ABOARD AN EASTBOUND TRANSCONTINENTAL FLIGHT WE FIND FLASH GORDON, YALE GRADUATE AND WORLD-RENOWNED ATHLETE.

SETTING DOWN, THEY'RE CONFRONTED BY A DISHEVELED FIGURE...

WITH A DEAFENING ROAR, THE TRIO TAKES OFF IN A ROCKETSHIP OF THE SCIENTIST'S DESIGN...

SHARING THE CABIN, FELLOW PASSENGER DALE ARDEN.

THE PLANE IS HIT BY A METEOR SHOWER CAUSED BY THE APPROACHING PLANET.

...DR. HANS ZARKOV.

DRIVEN MAD BY THE INTENSITY OF HIS EFFORTS TO SAVE THE EARTH, HE TAKES FLASH AND DALE CAPTIVE.

...WHEN A NEWLY DISCOVERED PLANET HERALDED EARTH'S IMMINENT DESTRUCTION!

FLASH AND DALE BARELY ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES!

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by BUD BLAKE

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U M T T N E M E L P P U S M E
R I Q O N L N S C J I G L O P
M U D N E D D A F C D C A P P
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Extra Income From your Employer**

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Addendum Dividend Patch Sequel
Addition Encore Plug-in Supplement
Appendage Extra Postscript

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

V C R W U U H V C F X W L O U G V
O R F X W L C D K U Q A F V R F N V C L V
D U G W R V V U Z R R K D U G A
Y L M G R N . — L M L X L M H L

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CryptoQuote
answer
The good thing about being a hypocrite is that you get to keep your values. — Alan Alda

ADD-ONS
(H C T A P P E N D I X)
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R E C O N C I L I A T I O N
M I M I C R Y
T E M P T A T I O N
P U S H I N G
N E C E S S I T Y
D O U B T
M U N D A N E
P O P

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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1				6	9	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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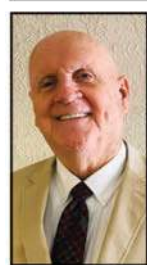
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Holy Angels

Angels are supernatural beings, created by God. They act as intermediaries between God and Humanity. The title, Angel, means messenger in the Hebrew.

Angels are innumerable. Revelation 5:11 says, "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." The math shows that there are over 100 million Holy Angels.

Their power is inconceivable. Isaiah 37:36. "Then the Angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."

Angels are ministering spirits sent to minister to those who shall be the heirs of salvation. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Hebrews 1:14.

Angels appeared unto Jesus after his temptation in the wilderness and ministered unto Him. An Angel appeared to Jesus as He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane to strengthen Him. A mighty Angel rolled away the massive stone at the tomb of Jesus.

The highest order of Angels are Arch Angels. Michael is the only Arch Angel who is identified as being an Arch Angel in the New Testament, although many believe that Gabriel, the angel of the annunciation, is also an Arch Angel.

Seraphim and Cherubim are also high ranking Angels. Seraphim are mentioned in the bible as having six wings and fly around the throne of God never ceasing to say "Holy, Holy, Holy." Cherubim are similar Angelic Beings who are involved in the worship of God and who do His will. Golden Images of two Cherubim were placed on top of the sacred Ark of the Covenant, kneeling with wings touching, over the mercy seat. Images of Cherubim were woven into the veil of the Temple and the Tabernacle.

Concerning Guardian Angels, it is very possible that there are Angels who are sent out by God to protect us. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 91:11.

Some believe that the saints of God will become Angels after death but that is incorrect. We who are saved will never be Angels. While we are here on the earth, we are made lower than the Angels, but in heaven, our position shall be higher than the Angels because we have become the sons and daughters of God, have been overcomers of temptation and sin; have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus; and they haven't. They were created as sinless creatures whereas we who are saved were born in sin and now, praise be to Jesus the Savior, have become the sons and daughters of God.

Angels are never to be worshipped or prayed to. They are not gods but rather servants of the Most High God.

Angels appear to humanity at times in other forms as a test to see if they will be received and assisted with hospitality by Christians. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby

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Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway
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Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.
Prayer Service, Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Phone: 980-1028
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

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

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Mark Asbury
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835

Newbern Christian Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Rev. Becky Wheeler
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,
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Pastor Mark Asbury
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umd

Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern
Rev. Paige Wimberly
674-6111
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place
P.O. Box 458
Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
Associate Pastors:
Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
540-674-4729

Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road
Dublin, VA 24084
Phone: 540-674-6111
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/
Pastor: Paige Wimberly
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street
Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Pastor: Dennis Jones
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
Children's Church and Nursery
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

Memorial Baptist Church

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

River of Life Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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

Heritage Church

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

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 577
424 East Main Street
Pastors Don Hanshew & Don Shelor
(540) 674-5128
office@dublinumc.com
Early Worship - 8:45 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am
Worship - 10:55 am

Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street
Radford, VA 24141
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins
540-577-5780
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service
7 p.m. Youth Service

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

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

Pastor: Judy Yonce
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
528 5th Street, S.E.
Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
Pastor Mark A. Miller
markmiller.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.
Youth Ministry
Facebook.com/Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

Grace Ministries

Church of God of Prophecy

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

Faith Bible Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski
Pastor Melissa McNair-King
(540) 980-2132
firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org
Sunday Services:
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,
Service 11 a.m.
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Minister:
The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

Max Creek Baptist Church
3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
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
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.
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Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church
1607 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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

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

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

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

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

New Hope Chapel
1555 Case Knife Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080
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Service Times:
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Family Worship Center First Pentecostal Holiness
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
540-980-7287
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
KidsZone 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
www.fwcpulaski.church

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren
1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7
pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages
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THRIVE Teen Class
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New Life Church of the Nazarene
45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
4008 Robinson Tract Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Telephone: 980-8186
Pastor Johnny Howlett
Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor
Sunday 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
2640 Max Creek Road
P.O. Box 326
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jason N. Aker
Phone: 276-699-3176
pastorjasonaker@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

St. Edwards Catholic Church
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Bernie Ramirez
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

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

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3826 Bob White Boulevard
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some have entertained Angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:2.
When Lazarus the beggar died, the Angels of God carried his soul over into the Paradise of God.
Angels are not omnipotent, omniscient, or omnipresent because they are not gods. Only God possesses these attributes.
Anytime in the bible where an angel of God appeared to a human being, their presence was so overwhelming that those who saw them fell down before them filled with fear and trembling. The guards at the tomb of Jesus fainted before them, and fell out like dead men.
Angels are mentioned in the Bible more than 300 times. To be mentioned in the Bible once is pretty amazing, but to be mentioned over 300 times is both positive and undeniable proof of their existence.
Concerning Angels having wings, it seems that some do and some don’t. Certainly the Sera-phim and Cherubim have wings because the bible tells us so.
However when human beings mentioned in the bible have seen angels, there is no mention of wings at all. They are generally dressed in spotless white and have a glory about them that frightens those to whom they appear.
Angels are mostly invisible to the human eye. It appears they are only visible on certain occasions when they choose to be visible. They do have the power to assume the identity of a man when the need arises. For example, the two angels who appeared to Abraham before going to Sodom and Gomorrah appeared to Abraham not as Angels but as two men. Also with them as they visited Abraham was God and His appearance was what is called a Theophany. A Theophany is a visible manifestation of God to humankind.
The manna from above that God provided for the Israel-ites during their travels in the wilderness has been called by some, Angel Food. But we have no concrete evidence that manna was really Angel food. It was bread from Heaven that God sent down to feed His people in the wilderness.
Angels are celestial beings who make up the Heavenly Host of God. In Rev.19:10 John the beloved was about to worship an angel and the angel forbade it. “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not.”
When Jesus comes back in great power and glory at His second advent, He will be accompanied by all of the Holy Angels of God. “And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.” (Rev. 19:14)

Bible Trivia


1. Is the book of Samaria in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. In 1 Peter 2, all believers are called to be part of a royal ...? Family, Priesthood, Flock, Wedding
 3. From Judges 11, what judge of Israel was a prostitute’s son? Hosea, Jephthah, Samson, Lot
 4. In Revelation 12:3, how is Satan depicted? Silver goat, Black horse, Red dragon, 7-winged bat
 5. From 2 Kings 23, where was King Josiah killed? Megiddo, Anathoth, Philadelphia, Jericho
 6. In Esther 1, what king did she marry? Jehu, Omri, Ahasuerus, Zedekiah
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Priesthood; 3) Jephthah; 4) Red dragon; 5) Megiddo; 6) Ahasuerus**

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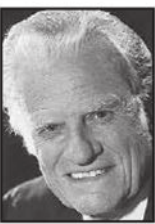
Q: I am a Christian but I struggle with thoughts that keep me defeated. My thoughts bound me. I try going to church and listening to Christian music, but still my mind wanders to all the wrong things. How can I stop it? -- T.T

A: God knows our thoughts better than we know them. Many people struggle with negative thoughts or impure thoughts but never think to take it to the Lord in prayer and many people never think to open

up God’s Word to read what He has to say to us about our minds.

The answer is that God wants us to fill our minds with the things of Him, with thoughts and emotions that are good and pure, that reflect Him instead of the evils of this world. The Bible tells us to think on things that are true, pure, and right (Philippians 4:8).

But first, we must confess our sinful thoughts and desires and ask the Lord to forgive us of our sin. The Bible says that all have sinned and fall short of God’s glory (Romans 3:23). We must believe Jesus is who He says He is -- the Son



My Answer

Billy Graham

of God -- who died for our sins to bring us to salvation and eternal life. When this happens, God sends the Holy Spirit into our lives to help us walk with Him in obedience. He has given us His Word to lead and guide us. He has opened

the way for us to humble ourselves before Him in prayer and receive His strength and power to live a holy life. It is God’s desire that we be conformed to the image of His Son and to have pure minds and Christlike hearts.

When God empowers us, we refuse to let sin have its way in us. All believers are called to be holy in mind, body, and spirit (1 Peter 1:15).

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

Coast Guard Auxiliary announces staff officers and change of watch

NEW RIVER VALLEY, VA –The Coast Guard Auxiliary in the New River Valley is proud to announce the 2021 Flotilla Staff Officers, along with a successful Change of Watch. The new officers are listed below.

Flotilla Commander – Steve Holcomb

Vice Flotilla Commander – Emogene Adkins

Staff Officer for Communications and Operations– Arnold Bohanan

Operations Assistants – Tom Rundell and Richard Parks

Staff Officer for Communication Services – Charles Fladhammer

Staff Officer for Diversity and Inclusion – Douglas Hargro

Staff Officer for Finance – Laura Walters

Staff Officer for Human Resources – Emogene Adkins

Assistant – Levi Parks

Staff Officer for Materials – Thomas Rundell

Staff Officer for Maritime Safety and Envir. Protect. – David Gruber

Staff Officer for Navigation Systems – Jesse Jackson

Staff Officer for Public Affairs – Kyle Hector

Staff Officer for Publications – Sandra Delaughter

Staff Officer for Public Educa-

tion – Melinda Harman

Staff Officer for Recreational Boating Safety Visitor and Vessel Examination – Steve Holcomb

Staff Officer for Secretary and Records – Melinda Harman

Assistant – Joyce Whitfield

Auxiliary University Programs

Unit Officer – Eric Collins

Claytor Lake AUXDET officer – Dean Jackson

The New River Valley Flotilla held the Change of Watch ceremony on 10 Jan, 2021. This ceremony marked the start of the 2021 flotilla officer's watch. It also brought together members of this flotilla along with other flotillas, branches of services and members of the community we serve. The ceremony included special guests Dr. Chuck Harris and Commander, U.S.

Navy Roy Evans. The flotilla leadership emphasized the important role that we fill for the safety of the citizens in the communities we serve and our eagerness to have an impact. ###

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org

Town of Pulaski uses CARES Act funds for drive-through window

On Tuesday, January 12th, the Town of Pulaski's Finance Department opened its newly installed drive-through window for use by the public.

The window's installation was made possible through the use of CARES Act funds provided to the Town by Pulaski County, based on the need to provide citizens with an additional 'social distancing' option when making payments on utility bills.

At this time, only payment services will be provided at the drive-through window. Due to potentially long wait times for others, customers seeking other services such as applying for a new utility connection or applying for a business license are asked to consult with the Finance Department from within the Municipal Building. Customers can request the paperwork required for these services at the window, but we ask that they fill them out after receiving them and move from the window. In addition, the standalone drop box that has previously been used for remotely depositing utility payments located near the side of the Municipal Building will be removed. Customers can now utilize the drop box located adjacent to the

drive-through window.

To make use of the drive-through window, customers will need to operate the touch-activated speaker system located next to it. A Finance Department employee will then assist them with their utility payment.

The Town of Pulaski would like to thank Advanced Door Service based in Roanoke for their work installing the window. Some additional modifications after the initial installation were required, and they were very accommodating in working with us to accomplish what was needed.

If you have questions please contact Jordan Whitt, Social Media Manager at 540-994-8610 or by email at jwhitt@pulaskitown.org.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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Do Some Of All Three

Dear Dave,
I was talking to a friend the other day, and I couldn't remember what you said about the three good uses for money and why each is important. Would you go over them again?

Albert

Dear Albert,

I've been doing this for a lot of years, and after all that time studying finance and teaching people about money, I can still find only three good uses for money—spending, saving, and giving. You should be doing all three while you're working your way out of debt and towards wealth, and after you become wealthy.

The kid in us likes the spending part of this equation, because it's so much fun. The problem with most people is they can't really afford the fun they have. You should have some fun no matter where you are on the financial scale, but it should be inexpensive fun in the beginning. Then, the fun can get bigger, better, and more frequent once you're out of debt and building wealth.

The grown-up part of us likes investing and saving, because that's what can prepare you for retirement and make you wealthy. After a while, though, investing can feel a little bit like Monopoly. You can be up, or



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you can be down. Sometimes the market fluctuates, but a mature investor will ride out the waves and stay in for the long-term. If you have quality investments with long track records of success, they will come back up. Start investing 15% of your income for retirement once you've paid off all debt except for your home and you have three to six months of expenses saved for an emergency fund.

The most mature part of you will meet the kid inside when you give. Giving is the most fun you'll ever have with money. Every financially, mentally, and spiritually healthy person I've

ever met has been turned on by giving. I've met and talked with thousands of millionaires in my career, and one thing all the healthy ones have in common is a love of giving.

Someone who never has fun with money misses the point. Someone who never saves or invests money will never have any. And someone who never gives is holding on too tight. Do some of each, and enjoy the ride!

—Dave

*** Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.**

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