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### Sunday

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**Sunday Night** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

## School equity plan Ok'd, draws support, opposition

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board on Tuesday voted 4-1 to adopt a Comprehensive Plan for Equity that drew comments for and against from several speakers.

The plan is in response to state guidelines for school systems to eliminate racial and socio-economic inequities in Virginia's public education system.

During the public comment period of the meeting, the proposed plan came under fire immediately from two citizens – Gina Paine and Billy Williams.

Paine said the "racial and social equity plan scraps the concept of equality of opportunity and replaces it with equity and equality of outcome."

She said her opposition centers around three areas, including school faculties undergoing mandatory equity training, establishment of "equity teams" in each school and the creation and funding of a black history club in the school system which she said seems "biased."

Williams said his concerns center around rules regarding transgender students and the sharing of



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bathrooms and locker rooms.

Several speakers expressed support for the plan.

Ashley Bowman said people have always opposed change, but the "data is clear, black and brown children are disciplined more and their test scores are lower." She added, "things have not been equitable in the past."

Pulaski County Education Association President Candace Castelluccio said the PCEA is fully supportive of the plan as are the state and national education associations.

The plan as presented by School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers and a multi-member equity advisory team lists as its goal to "eliminate the predictability of student outcomes based on race, gender, elementary school attendance zone, ability, socio-economic status, and/or languages spoken at home."

Siers noted during the meeting the goal could also include "sexual orientation" in that list as well.

The plan is divided into six parts – or "strategies:"

1-PCPS will conduct an equity audit at each school.

2-PCPS will launch an equity awareness campaign for its faculty and staff members.

3-PCPS will develop a professional development plan and calendar that includes a variety of equity-based opportunities for faculty and staff.

Long-Range Strategies

4-PCPS will increase the diversity of its teaching faculty.

5-PCPS will build an inventory of instructional resources and materials that reflects the diversity of the Pulaski County community.

6-PCPS will develop programs,

See PLAN, page A2

## SAFE Center of SWVA opens to provide needed service in Pulaski

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

It has been a long time in coming, but finally this week April Bennett saw her dream realized with the opening of a community based Forensic Nurse Examiner program in Pulaski.

A ribbon cutting event – hosted by Bennett's company Medical Consulting Services, LLC which will staff the program – was held Monday afternoon.

SAFE Center of Southwest Virginia is now open in office space provided by the Free Clinic of Pulaski on Fourth Street N.W.

Medical Consulting Services, LLC will staff the center to provide confidential, compassionate, comprehensive, trauma-informed services to adult and adolescent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

The center will provide medical care and refer-

als to help victims heal after an assault and will collect evidence to improve the investigation and prosecution of these cases. These services will be offered to anyone in the Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, Dublin, or surrounding areas.

A Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) is a Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Nurse who has received special education and training to enable them to provide care to victims of violence. FNEs provide trauma informed care to victims, blending the holistic care of nursing with standards from medicine, science, and law. A forensic patient is a patient who has a healthcare issue and overlaps with the legal system. While evidence collection and courtroom testimony are part of the FNE role, the medical wellbeing of the patient is the primary concern of the FNE.

"The Free Clinic of Pulaski has very generously donated 2 rooms to Medical Consulting Services, LLC to be used for forensic exams and office space.

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# Plan

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support systems, and school cultures that are steeped in equity practices and value the diversity of our community.

(Details on each strategy can be found on the school system's website at pcva.us under the "Board" tab in "Board Docs").

Siers said the plan basically "looks at what we're doing now and incorporates diversity," noting the effort would have an effect on 20 to 25 percent of the system's student body and up to 50 percent when students in poverty are included.

One strategy of the plan – number six involving "developing programs, support systems and school cultures that are steeped in equity practices and value the diversity of our community" – drew the most discussion.

Vice Chairman Dr. Paige Cash asked Siers that if a faculty member at the high school requested to start an LGBTQ club would it

be allowed.

Siers responded that it would, adding that the high school and middle school have processes in place for clubs to be brought into the school. They are just required to have a faculty sponsor.

"Overall, what we're trying to do is make sure that everyone feels a part of Pulaski County Schools. It's just a simple concept. "We don't want anybody to feel they are un-welcome in our schools. And we know from the conversations that we have had that we don't currently meet that goal," Siers explained.

"We have students who feel un-welcome, unappreciated and who feel they're different and can't fit in and can't be successful. And we just want to remove whatever is causing those types of feelings and try to give everyone a successful educational experience," he continued.

Cash noted she believes there is a misperception that the plan is only for a particular race of students.

"I want to correct that misperception," she said.

Ingles District representative Penny Golden, however, noted that wording in the plan supports that misperception and clearly mentions "African Americans."

Siers interjected that the wording in the plan could be changed to not single out one group and be more inclusive as was the intent.

Massie District representative Becki Cox asked Siers if there is any group that would not be able to request a club at the high school. Siers said if a "hate group" were to be requested "we'd have to use discretion and say no."

"We want groups that are there to help and uplift students," he continued.

Cox also noted she did not believe the plan would lower stan-

dards for grading.

Siers agreed, noting he didn't know where that opinion came from. He said information from the state said just the opposite – that such plans actually result in increasing standards and raising expectations and opportunities for all students.

Board Chairman Tim Hurst spoke last, noting he had read material over the past month in an effort to understand equity vs. equality.

"It's really how we look at things," he said.

"Whether it be race, gender or socio-economic status, we're talking about making sure everybody starts on a level playing field and providing the same actual

chance from the very beginning.

"Not every child is starting on a level playing field. We can't truly control all outcomes, but we can do all we can to make sure a child has a better opportunity for a better outcome. That's our responsibility as a board," Hurst said.

In the end, Siers recommended the board vote on approving the first five strategies of the plan, then next month consider the sixth strategy after it is reworded to be more inclusive.

Cash made the motion to approve the first five strategies, with Cloyd District representative Bill Benson offering a second.

It passed on a 4-1 vote with Golden voting no.

## Town of Pulaski says Martin agrees to move

Statement issued by the Town of Pulaski

Mr. Gary Martin has agreed to vacate and remove his residence from Town of Pulaski owned property.

A hearing was held in the Pulaski County General District Court on February 3, 2021, relative to an Unlawful Detainer proceeding filed by the Town of Pulaski on January 6, 2021. Mr. Martin indicated he did not want to oppose the process by the Town of Pulaski, and was in the process of purchasing a local piece of prop-

erty to relocate his residence. In addition, Mr. Martin's admission of no willingness to oppose the process was preceded by a letter sent to Mr. Martin by the Town in November of 2020 giving him 30 days to obtain proof of rear access to the property he was interested in purchasing from the Town. After Pulaski Town Council received no communication from Mr. Martin regarding his plans in this matter, the Unlawful Detainer proceeding was filed.

The case was continued to March 17th, 2021 where the Court will be able to review the steps

taken by Mr. Martin to ensure a timely resolution to the matter. It is expected Mr. Martin will own the new property and be able to share a preliminary, if not final, date scheduled for the transport of his manufactured home by that time.

Mr. Martin previously provided to Town Council a License entered into between him and the Town from 2007 which granted him the right to reside on the premises until 60 days after the end of his full time employment. Mr. Martin retired from full-time employment in 2016.

## Schools to distribute meals for county students Feb. 17

From Pulaski County Schools

Meal distribution will take place February 17th, 2021 from 12 to 2 p.m. at ALL Pulaski County Schools except Dublin Elementary.

Meal distribution for Dublin Elementary will be at the Dublin United Methodist Church. (Look for the school bus)

Meal Distribution will be located at the bus load areas at all schools (except PCMS).

PCMS – school entrance – straight ahead to loading dock area (back entrance to kitchen).

Parent/Guardians may pick up meals for their children at any school site.

Meals are being prepared and packaged by the Pulaski County School Nutrition Program staff.

School Meals are prepared for distribution for ALL children/students from age 2 – 18 (21 with disability). There are no ELIGIBILITY guidelines other than the age range listed above – every student/CHILD in the district is eligible.

Please call the School Nutrition Hotline with questions: 540-643-0104 or call 540-440-0375.

Parent/Guardians are encouraged to have their children present at pickup, but this is not required.

All meals consist of a minimum of the following items: 2oz. protein, 1oz. grain, ¾ cup fresh frozen or canned fruit and ¼ cup fresh, frozen or canned vegetable & 8 oz. flavored or unflavored fat free or 1% bottled milk.

## Town of Dublin lists President's Day schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, February 15th. Garbage scheduled for pickup on Monday, February 15th will be picked up on Tuesday, February 16th.

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# Center

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The Free Clinic has also agreed to allow these rooms to be used for SAFE Center of SWVA. If a patient is not medically stable, they will remain at Lewis Gale Hospital Pulaski and the FNE will examine the patient in the hospital,” Bennett said.

“This grant is giving the Town of Pulaski the opportunity to develop a free-standing clinic outside of a hospital setting. There is only one other clinic similar to this in the state and it is a sexual assault clinic in Eastern Virginia. SAFE Center of SWVA and Medical Consulting Services, LLC wanted to move outside of a hospital and into a more calming and soothing environment to start the patient’s healing process,” she added. The Town of Pulaski was awarded a grant by the Office on Violence Against Women at the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop the program.

“The Town of Pulaski and Medical Consulting Services, LLC are grateful to the Office on Violence Against Women for providing this opportunity to offer these services to our community and hopefully be able to teach others how to develop a program for their community,” Bennett said.

The program will work with several other local agencies in providing service in Pulaski, including Lewis Gale Hospital Pulaski, the Pulaski Police

Department, the Pulaski County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, The Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley, and the Pulaski County Department of Social Services.

The SAFE Center of SWVA hopes to collaborate with many other community agencies to provide the best care possible to victims.

Bennett has long seen the need for such a program in Pulaski and points to national and local statistics to support her opinion.

According to RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an



Mike Williams photo

Cris Trout, April Bennett and Melissa Harper cut the ribbon officially opening the Safe Center of SWVA in the Free Clinic of Pulaski building along with representatives of its community partners during a ceremony Monday.

attempted or completed rape in her lifetime (14.8 percent completed, 2.8 percent attempted). Every 73 seconds another American is sexually assaulted. About 3 percent of American men—or 1 in 33—have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. From 2009-2013, Child Protective Services agencies substantiated, or found strong evidence to indicate that, 63,000 children a year were vic-

tims of sexual abuse. Of victims under the age of 18: 34 percent of victims of sexual assault and rape are under age 12, and 66 percent of victims of sexual assault and rape are age 12-17.

For a local perspective on the need for a FNE program, data obtained from law enforcement in the Town of Pulaski and Pulaski County for the year 2018 include: Domestic assaults-387, Sexual assaults-54. These are the

victims who reported to law enforcement. There are many who do not wish to report to law enforcement but need the care of an FNE.

The department of social services data from July 2017 to June 2018 includes 2,019 referrals, 560 investigations, and 336 founded cases for Child Protective Services, and 100 reports of elder abuse.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY will hold a rate hearing as part of its March 24, 2021, 12:00 Noon, meeting located at the Authority’s administrative office at 7100 Cloyd’s Mountain Road, Dublin, Virginia.

In accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2 and Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly as amended, a virtual and in person Public Hearing of the Board of Directors will be held on March 24, 2021 at Noon, or as soon thereafter as may be heard. A staff briefing on the rates and budget will be held prior to the public hearing. This public hearing will also be held by electronic communication means. All interested parties are invited to participate by following the two-step process provided below.

The following is scheduled to be heard:

Rates, Fees and Charges to be Effective July 1, 2021

If you wish to make comments virtually or in person during the public hearing, please follow the two-step process provided below:

1. Register with the Administrative Office by calling (540) 674-1677 or via email at matkins@wildblue.net prior to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.
2. For in person - arrive at the Administrative Offices of NRRA at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting. You will receive instructions on how to attend the meeting at that time.

If you would like to provide comments on the public hearing subject matters, please feel free to fax us at (540) 674-1431, mail a letter to the Administrative Office, Attention: Office Manager, at P.O. Box 1246, 7100 Cloyd’s Mountain Road, Dublin VA 24084, or email us at matkins@wildblue.net. Please submit correspondence prior to the public hearing day.

Copies of the proposed rates, fees, charges and FY 2021/2022 budget are listed below and on file and may be examined by appointment in the Administrative Office at 7100 Cloyd’s Mountain Road, Dublin VA 24084 or online at [www.newriverresourceauthority.org](http://www.newriverresourceauthority.org). For more information, you may contact the Office Manager by calling (540) 674-1677. If you require a reasonable accommodation for this meeting due to a disability, please call the Office Manager at (540) 674-1677. If you are hearing impaired, you can contact Virginia Relay at 711 for TDD service.

The purpose of the hearing will be to consider a revision of the disposal rates to be effective July 1, 2021, at the New River Solid Waste Management Area. The following rates will be considered for adoption.

1. Municipal Solid Waste from \$32.00 per ton to a not to exceed rate of \$34.00 per ton.
2. Debris Waste from \$32.00 per ton to a not to exceed rate of \$34.00 per ton.
3. Alternative Daily Cover Material from \$17.00 per ton to an amount not to exceed \$22.00 per ton.
4. Virginia Tech Ash Alternative Daily Cover from \$7.00 per ton to an amount not to exceed \$10.00 per ton.
5. Clean Wood (delivered to mulch facility) from \$20.00 per ton to a not to exceed rate of \$25.00 per ton.
6. White good (appliances) from \$32.00 per ton to a not to exceed rate of \$34.00 per ton.
7. Recycling from \$32.00 per ton to a not to exceed rate of \$60.00 per ton.

Current rates that are not proposed to change are:

1. Uncovered/unsecured loads \$25.00 per incident.
2. A minimum ticket charge of \$5.00 per ticket.
3. Administrative fee of \$0.25 per copy (extra copies of scale tickets, files, etc.)
4. Non friable asbestos \$54.00 per ton (Rate used when Certification is needed by hauler/owner.)
5. Tires \$0.10 per pound (or \$200 per ton).
6. Special waste rate determined by the Executive Director based on conditional and density basis.

The hearing was authorized in accordance with Section 15.2-5136 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and by action of the New River Resource Authority at its January 27, 2021 meeting.

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David Bennett photo

Left to right is Cris Trout (Nurse Practitioner)-Medical Director; April Bennett, FNE; and Melissa Harper, FNE.

## March 15 is THE DAY for 5-day instruction

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Barring any changes, Pulaski County schools will return to full-time, five-days-a-week in-person instruction on March 15.

The school board gave its blessing on the plan at its meeting Tuesday night at Pulaski County Middle School.

School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers said it has been the goal of the school system to go back to five-day in-person learning sometime during the second semester.

Returning to fulltime in-person instruction on March 15 allows time for school personnel to receive their second vaccination of COVID-19 vaccine. Waiting until the 15th will allow two weeks for

the vaccine to reach its full efficacy, Siers said.

It was noted that current bus schedules will remain in place, due to the limited number of students allowed on each bus at a time.

“I think parents will be thrilled,” exclaimed Vice Chairman Dr. Paige Cash.

“I’m fine with it ... I think we’re ready,” said Chairman Tim Hurst.

“I hoped we could do it as of March 1,” chimed in Cloyd District representative Bill Benson.

It was noted that between 750-800 students remain on fully virtual instruction – about 20 percent of the student population.

Mary Rash, Director of Administration and Instruction, said about 300 students have so far returned to in-person instruction from virtual.



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# Area Obituaries



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**SIDNEY PRESTON COULSON**

Sidney Preston Coulson, age 84 of Dublin passed away Friday, February 5, 2021 at his home.

Born January 16, 1937 in Wythe County, Virginia, he was the son of William Gatewood Coulson and Ollie Gertrude Fowler Coulson. He was also preceded in death by his three sisters, Lois Gaye Coulson, Oleta Kathryn Coulson and Lilliam Coulson Thomas, and one brother, William Coulson.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was employed by Jefferson Mills as a supervisor for many years and also Renfro Industries in Pulaski. After he retired from the textile industry, he enjoyed working at the Radford Auto Auction for several years. Sid never met a stranger and welcomed everyone full heartedly. He loved animals, square dancing, and watching racing. He was an active member of the Newbern United Methodist Church and was the master of apple butter making for the Newbern Fall Festival. He will be missed by all for his humility, generosity and giving soul.

He is survived by  
His wife of 57 years – Eleanor Hamblin Coulson-Dublin  
Children –

Lesley Coulson Boveri & husband, John – Pacifica, CA  
Tony Coulson – Roanoke  
Benjamin Coulson – Dublin  
Sister – Donna Coulson – Houston, TX

Many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews  
A visitation will be Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., February 14, 2021 at Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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

To sign Sidney online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**WILLIAM DESMOND "DEZ" MCDANIEL, SR.**  
William Desmond "Dez" McDaniel, Sr., 93, of Fairlawn, passed away Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Lewis Gale Hospital.  
The McDaniel family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**GILBERT MARS ATKINS**

Gilbert Mars Atkins, age 76 of Hiwassee, Virginia passed away Sunday, February 7th, 2021. Born February 17, 1944 he was the son of the late Eugene & Ruth King Atkins. His wife of 52 years, Linda Jewel Viers Atkins, brother, Raven Atkins and sisters, Joy Ann Scott, Bertha Pentecost and Carol Jones also preceded him in death.

Gilbert joined Hiwassee Volunteer Fire Department in 1969 and was an active member for 52 years and 31 of those years he served as chief. Gilbert loved his family, and he was a great husband, dad, paw paw, great paw paw, brother, uncle and friend. He retired from Xaloy after 44 years. After his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his wife and family. He also enjoyed hunting with his sons and son-in-law, gardening and sitting on the front porch.

He is survived by his  
Sons & Daughters-in-law – Todd (Stacey) Atkins, Justin (Tessa) Atkins

Daughter & Son-in-law – Valerie (Neal) Huff

Grandchildren – Regean Arnold and MaHayle (Matt) Mabry  
Great Grandchildren – MaKenna & Millie Mabry, Jaxon Arnold  
Step Grandchildren – Stacie (Josh) Yaunsem, Eric Huff

5 Step Great Grandchildren  
Brother & Sister-in-law – Alvin (Mary) Atkins

Sister – Janie (Mike) Gregory  
Brother-in-laws – AJ Pentacost, Cecil Jones

Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law – John (Mildred) Viers

Many special nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, February 12, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastors Bobby Lewis and Don Scott officiating. Entombment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens – Mausoleum, Dublin. The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the funeral home.

The family extends its appreciation to the staff at Lewis Gale Hospital-Pulaski as well as Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Hiwassee Volunteer Fire Dept. (P.O. Box 188, Hiwassee, VA 24347).

To sign his online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements.



**RUTH ALBERTA MARTIN**

Ruth Alberta Martin, age 88 was completely healed and went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 6, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husbands, William Curtis Coleman and John Martin; brothers, Emmett Allen and Bill Allen; sister, Bessie Johnson; and her parents. She is survived by two sons, Curtis (Allison) Coleman of Port Charlotte, Florida and Bobby (Nora Jean) Coleman of Dublin; stepdaughters, Judith Salmon, Barbara (Blaine) Martin and Doris (Lonnice) Quinn; grandsons, Bobby Jr. (Sherry) Coleman of Dublin and Justin (Sara) Coleman of Floyd. Also surviving are her six great-grandchildren, Haylee, Logan, Isaiah, Eli, Asher and Josiah Coleman; brother, Bob Allen; and sister, Lorraine Wiseman.

Ruth was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed attending Fairlawn Church of God and loved her church family very much. She loved to sit outdoors and watch the birds and squirrels while doing word search puzzles. Before having a stroke in 2007, she faithfully cared for many elderly.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Fairlawn Church of God with Pastors Marcus Harrison and Justin Coleman officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Dale Memorial Park in Fincastle. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fairlawn Church of God.

To sign Ruth's online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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*The Patriot*



**ROY BUSTER HARRIS**

Roy Buster Harris, age 85 of Dublin passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021. Born August 19, 1935 in Richlands, Virginia he was the son of the late William Henderson Harris and Mary Myrtle Rebecca Lamie Harris. A son, Victor Harris; brothers, Earl, Delmer and Russell Harris and sisters, Grace and Frances also preceded him in death. A veteran of the United States Army he was a member of the 101st Airborne (Screaming Eagles). After his service for his country, he was a truck driver, Roy worked for Overnight Trucking for 30 years.

He is survived by his  
Wife of 51 years – Jo Ann Baker Harris- Dublin

Children  
Joseph Scott (Shelene) Harris – Eagle Rock, VA

Norman Lee (Laura) Harris – Durham, NC  
Becky Dalton – Pulaski

Rita Harris – Pulaski  
Robert Carl (Jeannie) Haga, Jr. – Pulaski

Cynthia Ann Hanshaw – Pulaski

Numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Johnny Howlett officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Roy's online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**JOHN SHULAR MORRIS, JR.**

John Shular Morris, Jr., 90, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, February 6, 2021 in the Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem. He was a longtime member of Dublin United Methodist Church and retired from Hercules in 1985. He was preceded in death by his parents, John S., Sr. and Elva G. Morris; daughter, Connie Lynn Mauck; and 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

Survivors include his loving wife of 73 years, Mary Etta Morris of Dublin; sons, Johnny Morris and Dinah of Roanoke, Ricky and Regina Morris of Shiloh; son-in-law, David Mauck; grandchildren, Amanda, Cary, Erika, John, Tara and Tyler; great grandchildren, Monica, George, Muna, Stella, Ella, Wyatt, Lynnen, Naomi, Oakley, Bexley and Ava; brother, Benny Morris and Carol of Pembroke; sisters, Norma Jean McPeak and Tom of Dublin, Loretta Pifer of Dublin, and Barbara Hall of Snowville; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Thursday, February 11, 2021 in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin with Rev. Don Shelor and Rev. Don Hanshaw officiating.

The Morris family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford, Virginia.

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**BILLY JOE MEADE**  
Billy Joe Meade, age 85, of Fairlawn died Friday night February 5, 2021, at New River Valley Medical Center. He was born in Scott County, Virginia on October 5, 1935. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Ruby Meade and one sister, Charlotte Wright.  
Billy was retired with 30+ years of service at Radford Army Ammunition Plant where he was a strong union member and shop steward. He was a faithful member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Radford. He enjoyed participating in church activities including revivals. He also enjoyed gardening.  
He is survived by his wife Margaret Meade of Fairlawn and three sons Gary Meade (Vicky) of Dublin, Terry Meade of Glendale, Kentucky, and Keith Meade (Robin) of Dublin as well as two sisters Wilma Burroughs of Ohio and Eleanor Hoback of Christiansburg. He is also survived by former wife, Faye Patterson of Pulaski.  
He is survived by stepson Rodney Huff and stepdaughters Sharon Marshall, Phyllis Huff, Patsy Hackney (David), Sandra Chafin, and Janie McCoy (Dale).  
He had three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 17 step-great grandchildren.  
Special thanks to Dale McCoy and neighbor Tony for taking care of Billy.  
Services were held at Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski on February 11, 2021 followed by a private service for immediate family members with Pastor Randy Baker officiating. Billy will be buried at Thornspring Cemetery in Pulaski at a later date.  
Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



**MICHAEL DAVID CECIL**  
Michael David Cecil, age 68, formerly of Salem, VA, passed away peacefully Friday, February 5, 2021, at home, in Snowville, VA (now Hiwassee), with his first wife, Nancy Cecil, at his side. Mike was surrounded and supported by his family, and Carilion Clinic Hospice caregivers in the final six months of his life.  
Mike was born on December 24, 1952 in San Antonio, Texas, to the late Jason D. Cecil, and Lena Louise Dunagan Cecil, of Pulaski County, VA. He was preceded in death by his father, and sister, Linda C. Ward (John). He was also predeceased by his aunts and uncles: Anna C. Justice (Rush), Betty C. Blankenship, Brenda C. Edmonds (Roy), Walter Dunagan (Helen), and Monroe Blankenship.  
He is survived by his mother Louise, and sister, Debbie Cobb (Allen), all of Wilmington, NC. His uncle, Robert Cecil (Arlene), of Christiansburg, VA, also survives, as do his second wife, Joy, third wife, Bonnie, and cherished step-grandson, Corey Powers.  
Mike was a proud veteran of the United States Army, having served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, NC. He later served in the 116th Infantry Regiment of the Virginia Army National Guard.  
After graduation from Glenvar High School (Salem,VA), and completion of his military service, Mike worked for several grocers, but primarily with Food Lion in the Roanoke and Salem area. His first job in the grocery business was part-time, and after school, at the Sunset Service Center (Elliston, VA), owned by the Apgar family. Members of the family remained Mike's life-long friends.  
Mike enjoyed playing golf, going to car shows, and in his later years, watching wildlife and birds on the side porch in Snowville.  
A graveside service was held Tuesday, February 9, at Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church, on Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee.  
The family is deeply grateful for the committed care provided by his Hospice team. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Carilion Clinic Hospice New River Valley, 701 Randolph Street, Suite 110, Radford, VA 24141-2429.  
Sympathy cards may be sent to the Family of Michael Cecil, % Stevens Funeral Home, P.O. Box 32, Pulaski, VA 24301.  
A Celebration of Life will be held later this year, in warmer weather.



**ELIZABETH ANN RATCLIFFE MEREDITH**  
Elizabeth Ann Ratcliffe Meredith, 83, of Pulaski, passed away on February 4, 2021. She was the daughter of Raymond Francis Ratcliffe and Ruth Ratcliffe King.  
Annie was born and raised in Pulaski and graduated from Pulaski High School and Stuart Circle Hospital Nursing School. After Nursing School graduation she married Curtis James Meredith and moved to Newport News, Va where they raised their family together. She will be missed by all who knew her for fun loving personality and her wonderful breakfasts.  
Annie was preceded in death by her husband of over 40 years, Curtis James Meredith and her 2 daughters, Cindy Routt and Lydia Dodson. She is survived by her son Jay Meredith and his wife Kim of Orlando, FL. She will be greatly missed by her 8 grandchildren, Meredith Routt and her husband Terrance of Winchester, Kyle Meredith and his wife Chelsie Of Orlando, Connor Meredith and his wife Morgan of Orlando, Hunter Routt of Newport News, Cooper Meredith of Columbus, OH, Harris Dodson, Spencer Dodson and Lily Dodson all of Knoxville, TN.  
The family will receive friends on Saturday February 13, 2021 at Seagle Funeral Home beginning at 12:30 p.m., with a celebration of her life at 2:00 p.m. Graveside internment will follow at Oakwood East Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seagle-funeralhome.com](http://www.seagle-funeralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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**ALLEN GRAHAM POWERS**  
Allen Graham Powers, 93, of Pulaski passed away peacefully at home after a long illness on February 4, 2021. Allen was born in Rural Retreat, VA., on October 1, 1927 to Emory Cooper Powers and Alma Vaughn Powers. He was preceded in death by his eight brothers and three sisters. Allen enlisted into three branches of the military: Merchant Marines, the Army, and the Air Force and served honorably during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was a proud member of the American Legion and the VFW. After leaving the military, Allen became a successful businessman who served the Pulaski community faithfully, and was a past president of the YMCA and a board member of the Agency on Aging. He was a member of the Family Worship Center in Pulaski. Allen's memory will be cherished by his wife of 64 years, Opaleen Ogle Powers; his sister, Erma Jean Marshall of Pulaski; several nieces and nephews; grandnieces and grandnephews; his many friends and faithful neighbors especially Anne Carpenter and Allen's "grandson", Jefferson Carpenter and his wife, Sherri Gravelin Carpenter of Round Rock, TX. Heartfelt appreciation is expressed to his devoted caregivers: Angie Akers, LaFon Burton, Intrepid Hospice, and the VA. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb 10 at the Family Worship Center on Memorial Drive in Pulaski with Rev. Jeff Wilhoite officiating. Burial was at the Southwest Virginia Veteran Cemetery in Dublin. The Powers family is under the care of Stevens Funeral Home.

**LORETTA WAGNER HIGHT**  
Loretta Wagner Hight, 83, of Pulaski away Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 at her home. Born in Pulaski on Nov. 14, 1937, she was the daughter of the late James and Mary Cruff Wagner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Crockett Hight, Sr.; a son, Paul Andrew Hight, three sisters and a brother. She was a member of the New Life Church of the Nazarene.  
Surviving are her children; Deborah H. Myers, Marvin C. Hight, Jr., Michael A. Hight, Richard E. Hight, Steven Hight and his wife, Deborah Hight and 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.  
Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.  
Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski.

**OCIE VIOLA YOUNG SUTPHIN**  
On February 3, 2021 Ocie Viola Worrell Sutphin, 87, passed away at her home in Dublin. Preceding her in death was her husband Kenneth Lee Young and Emory Sutphin. Also, her son Kenneth Michael Young and grandson Timothy Dale Carden. Also, son-in-law Jack Allen Akers.  
Left to cherish her sweet memories are her daughters Christine Y. Akers, Vickie Lee Young Carden and Tina (Jimmy) Y. Sims. Daughter- in- law Geraldine Young. Grandchildren include Michael Young, Jill Akers White, Yvette Aker, Amy Sims Bond and Jennifer Tallant. Great grandchildren-Tyler Aker, Chloe White, Zander White, Devin Bond and Ryder Bond. Also, Ryan Tallant, Alyssa Tallant and Jaycee Tallant.  
Ocie retired from Kollmorgan and enjoyed traveling and gardening and spending time with family and friends.  
The family would like to send a special thank you to Medi Home Health and Hospice for their continued care and love for our mother during these last years of her life.  
Barbara Luckadoo, you were a true blessing to mom for your care and love you showed her and our family and we thank you so very much.  
Stella Watson, thank you for all you have done for your life long friendship with our mom. You have cared for her during times when family couldn't. You are a true and dedicated friend of our family and we truly appreciate all you did for her.  
Vickie, you have been a true Angel for caring for mom so unselfishly since day one. Because of you we had our precious mother years longer than if she had been anywhere else. She passed away in her own home being cared for by your loving hands.  
Ocie is in the care of Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski. The service will be Saturday, February 20th at 11:00 AM from the Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin at the mausoleum. Masks are required.

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# Editorial

## River Turtles?

River Turtles!?!  
“No, really, what is the new name?”  
That was our first response upon watching the video last Friday announcing the name of Pulaski’s entry in the “new” Appalachian League. The team’s ownership said they wanted a name that considers the “heritage of the New River.”

A name that the entire fan base can relate to – especially the youngest fans.  
Something that would be fun and inviting.  
Well, we’re not really sure the entire fan base can relate to turtles, but there is no doubt the youngsters will probably fall in love with the one depicted in the team’s logo. And we don’t even care that home plate is turned the wrong way. It’s still cute!  
Fun and inviting? Well, probably so. We’ve always considered games at Calfee Park fun and inviting and believe they will continue to be.  
Names of the other Appy League entries are just as, well, different and are representative of something involving each local community.  
There’s the Greeneville Flyboys, Johnson City Doughboys, Kingsport Axmen, Bristol State-Liners (our favorite new name), Burlington Sock Puppets (our least favorite new name) and Elizabethton River Riders.  
The teams in Bluefield, Princeton and Danville – at this writing – have not yet announced their new names.

Minor league baseball teams have long sported unusual nicknames, so River Turtles probably won’t stand out very much compared to the rest of them.  
Like Akron RubberDucks. Or the Amarillo Sod Poodles. There’s the Batavia Muckdogs and the Charleston RiverDogs. Charlotte Stone Crabs. The Fort Wayne Tin Caps. Hartford Yard Goats. The Lansing Lugnuts. The Missoula PaddleHeads.  
We could go on and on, but you get the idea.  
Certainly, the owners can name the team what they desire, and we’ll continue to support our River Turtles.

But we would have preferred Pulaski Counts. The name the town’s team had back in the pre-Appalachian League days. It was a Brooklyn Dodger farm team back then. The name was a play on words, borrowing from Count Casimir Pulaski for whom the county and town are named after. The Count, for you newbies, was a Polish nobleman who came to America to fight in the Revolutionary War. He was known as the father of the American cavalry and died during the Battle of Savannah.

Or something like Engineers or something else pertaining to trains considering our railroad heritage.  
But it wasn’t our call.  
So, all we can say now is ...

Go River Turtles!!!



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# Count Your Blessings

When I was a teenager, my mother used to tell me, “No matter how bad things get, there wll always be someone who has more problems than you.”  
I would look at her as if she were from another planet and inwardly moan, “You just don’t understand.” It was impossible to imagine who could have more problems than the ones I was facing. What could be more devastating than not having a date for the Friday Night Sock-Hop, or getting a bad haircut the day before the school yearbook photos were taken?

As we mature, we understand that there are more difficult problems to conquer in life, and sometimes these problems seem overwhelming. I won’t begin to enumerate the crisis in our nation’s capital or dealing with the pandemic. Instead, let’s look at the bright side of life today, especially the blessing of living in Southwest Virginia.  
For instance, did you know that Syracuse, NY has consistently earned the title of the snowiest city in the U.S.? On average, they receive 124 inches of snow each winter; and on February 3rd (one day after Ground Hog’s Day) they had a record snowfall of 30 inches during one storm. And I thought we were experiencing global warming.  
No thanks to visiting Syracuse during the winter months, but in milder weather, it could be a fun city to explore. Some interesting information about this city includes:  
- Two Syracuse men invented the traffic light and installed the first one in

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

1924.  
- The first loafer (shoe) in the world was patented by the Nettleton Shoe Company of Syracuse.  
- In 1840, the first dental chair was invented by Milton Waldo Hanchett of Syracuse.  
- And in 1848, the first Ferris wheel built in the U.S. came from Syracuse and was used in the New York State Fair.  
But Syracuse has a very interesting history. Jesuit Priests had established missions in Quebec and decided that missions should also be instituted in what is now New York State. In 1654, a Jesuit Priest named Pierre Lmoyme established a mission on the east shore of Onondaga Lake. The mission, named Fort Sainte Marie, was brought into existence to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the native Americans, specifically the Iroquois nation and the Hurons.  
Eventually, the mission was destroyed, and the plan deserted after the brutal martyring of Father Jean deBrebeuf, and several other Jesuit priests at

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# Trump Trial Is Bad Drama

By Cal Thomas,  
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If the second impeachment trial of Donald Trump were a play it would close after one performance. The plot is known, the outcome is certain, and the drama is contrived.  
If it were a film, it might be called “Fifty Angry Senate Democrats” (apologies to “12 Angry Men”), or the 2003 film with a title that seems to fit this current dud, “Runaway Jury.”  
What’s the point? The point is to allow Democratic senators to make speeches that seem high-minded, but in reality are low political posturing.  
Constitutional attorney John Whitehead is correct when he writes: “Impeaching Trump will accomplish very little, and it will not in any way improve the plight of the average American. It will only reinforce the spectacle and farce that have come to be synonymous with politics today.”  
Trump’s lawyers used the phrase “unconstitutional political theater” in their filing requests that the Senate dismiss the one charge that the former president incited rioters who invaded the U.S. Capitol building on January 6. Democrats fired back that Trump committed “the most grievous constitutional crime” ever committed by a U.S. president.  
Somewhere Richard Nixon is smiling.  
This is a show trial, designed to satisfy the left’s ravenous base that is out for blood and to teach anyone who thinks he (or she) can reform Washington to think again. The message? The Establishment will destroy you if anyone tries again to drain the swamp. Swamp creatures love the swamp. It is their life.  
It is also a fundraising tool for both sides, which appears the only bipartisan behavior left in Washington.  
Once Donald Trump is again acquitted, he is likely to resume public appearances, but perhaps he should consider waiting a while. Let the tension build, as in any good drama. Then, do not make it all about him. We’ve seen that play. Instead, comment on President Biden’s policies and broken promises. Quote Biden back to himself and tell the country

how he is contributing to unemployment, higher gas prices, an economy that had begun to improve, and hypocrisy over executive orders.  
Then, after some weeks pass and the media is going nuts because Trump has deprived them of ratings, hold some massive rallies. No name-calling, though. Stick to policies, not personalities.  
In their filing to the Senate, Trump’s lawyers made these points:  
1. The text and structure of the articles discussing impeachment do not grant to the Senate the authority over a former president.  
2. The Constitution only gives the Senate jurisdiction over the resident, not the former president, of the United States.  
3. The article of impeachment violates Mr. Trump’s First Amendment rights.  
4. The Senate cannot disregard the First Amendment and the Supreme Court’s long-established free speech jurisprudence.  
5. Mr. Trump as an elected official has First Amendment rights to freely engage in political speech.  
6. Mr. Trump’s speech was fully protected by the First Amendment.  
Lastly, Mr. Trump’s figurative use of the words “fight,” “fighting,” have been used by many, none are impeachable.  
The filing concludes that by accusing the House of not granting Trump due process, that the article of impeachment is “deficient and can only result in his acquittal” and “fails to state an impeachable offense as a matter of law.”  
A question already raised by legal scholars is whether a president who is no longer in office can be “impeached.”  
The ultimate intent of Democrats seems to keep Trump from running again in 2024. They likely fear the power of the 73.6 million who voted for him, as they should, because he is a threat to career politicians and the Establishment.  
This really bad theater would not even survive as a road show. It’s more like a bad circus act.



Rich Lowery

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# Congress bows to the pen and phone

President Joe Biden has proved that, if nothing else, he has a pen and a phone.  
According to The Economist, he signed more executive orders in his first two days than President Donald Trump signed in nearly his first two months.  
And he was just getting started.  
Republicans have no standing to complain about Biden’s spate of unilateral measures, given they were fine with Trump using exactly the same means. But that presidents of both parties govern this way doesn’t make it better -- it makes it worse.  
Some executive actions starkly usurp congressional authority, while others are firmly within the executive’s ambit. Yet the sheer amount of activity that presidents undertake on their own isn’t in keeping with the spirit of our constitutional system.  
The presidency has overawed a legislative branch that is only too willing to sign over power and responsibility. Congress has been an eager participant in its own neutering.  
James Madison thought the legislature would be insatiable, steadily accumulating power. Instead, it is the least self-respecting branch, led by people who identify with the interests of presidents and their own parties over and above the interests of their own institution.  
This means that Congress is essentially cut out of the action on important questions of national policy.  
Obama blocked the Keystone XL pipeline, Trump blessed it, and Biden blocked it again.  
Obama took us into the Paris climate accord, Trump took us out, and Biden is taking us back in.  
Consider what Biden did on his own the other day. He directed the Interior Department to stop new oil and gas leases on federal land and to identify steps to double renewable energy production by 2030.  
He created a special presidential envoy for climate, as well as a White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy, a National Climate Task Force, a Civilian Climate Corps Initiative, an Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, a White House Environmental Justice Inter-agency Council, and a White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.  
On top of this, he established a Justice Initiative to steer 40% of relevant federal investments to disadvantaged communities.  
And on the seventh day, Biden rested (after tucking his pen back in his pocket).  
If Congress had passed a bill doing all this, it’d be considered a pretty active day. Instead, Congress stood on the sidelines

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**JOHN JERRY ROBERTSON**

John Jerry Robertson, age 77 of Dublin, died Monday, February 8, 2021 at Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem. He was born in Giles County in the town of Pembroke on November 16, 1943, and was the son of the late Lena Lake Lafon Robertson, and Francis Earl Robertson, Sr. John was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Radford, and was a retired employee of Radford Army Ammunition Plant with 37 years of service. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter; Angela Lee Jarrell: brothers; Horace N. Robertson and Joseph Robertson: sister; Bonnie Jean Lafon. He is survived by his wife: Nancy E. Robertson of Dublin: two sons; John J. (Michelle) Robertson, Jr. of Fairlawn, and Leslie Aaron Robertson of Dublin: two daughters; Katherine Robertson of Pearisburg, and Emily Stone of Dublin: brother; Francis E. (Smokey) Robertson of Pembroke. John is also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and his loving dogs, Willie, Billy, and Izzy. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 900 Pendleton Street Radford, VA 24141, with Bishop Gary Samples officiating. Interment will follow in Hickman Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday at the church from 12 Noon until 2:00 p.m. Flowers will be appreciated, but for those who wish, they may make memorial contributions in his memory to any local Hunters for the Hungry organization. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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the hands of the Iroquois. Even under unbelievable torture, Father deBebeuf was said to have continuously attempted to win his attackers to Christ.

You may recall one of the most famous Iroquois leaders, Haiwatha, formed the Iroquois Confederacy from five Native American tribes. The native people from this confederacy created the game of lacrosse. You might also recognize a descendent of this confederacy, Chief John Big Tree, whose profile was used on the Indian Head nickel.

Many other Christian denominations now exist in the Syracuse area, with most of them becoming prominent in the early 1800's. Eventually, a Jesuit college was established in 1946. The students are encouraged to follow the early tenents of the Jesuits – that “Love is shown in

# County land transfers for January

A partial list of Land transfers for January as recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office. The rest of January’s list will appear in next week’s issue:

David B. Luther to Altos Group, LLC, property at 7517 Lee Highway (former Industrial Gas Co. property), Fairlawn, \$180,000.

Memorial WVR, LLC to Pulaski Development, LLC, Memorial Square Shopping Center property in Pulaski, \$2,362,500.

Stacy M. Hurd to Barry A. Collins, property at 6221 Isaak Walton League Road, Snowville, \$47,500.

Allen L. Clark to Mary L. Pennington, property at 5966 Willowbrook Lane, Snowville, \$45,000.

Council J. Compton to Lea C. Monday, property at 1224 Floyd Avenue, Pulaski, \$70,000.

Joel C. Funk to Charles K. Davis, property at Lot 75 Section A, Claytor Lake Estates, Snowville, \$70,000.

Justin Bowers to Lincoln T. Martin, property at 5731 Ridgewood Place, Pulaski, \$72,165.

Harrison & Harrison Investing to Mary L. Wilson, property at 3012 Honaker Road, Draper, \$129,900.

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... and commented.

“I’m proud that President Biden is announcing a slew of executive actions on climate,” Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer tweeted.

Schumer’s only complaint is that Biden isn’t doing more on his own authority.

This is the same Chuck Schumer who has been a legislator since 1975 when he took a seat in the New York State Assembly, who has been in Congress since 1981 and the Senate since 1999, and who ascended to majority leader about a week ago, representing the apex of a national legislative career.

And yet Schumer has urged Biden to declare a national climate emergency because it would allow him to do things “without legislation.”

This would be like Chief Justice John Roberts giving Biden advice on how to pack the Supreme Court -- except it’s unimaginable that a Supreme

Timothy Alan Rorrer to Amber N. Eppling, property at 1516 Prospect Avenue, Pulaski, \$79,700.

Joseph Hoff to Robin Elaine Lafon, property at 5306 Westvale Avenue, Pulaski, \$169,900.

Materials, Inc. to Conn-Weld Industries, LLC, commercial – industrial property at 5269 Newbern Road, Dublin, \$658,000.

NRVG Construction, LLC to Timothy Hale, lot near Belspring Road, Fairlawn, \$15,001.

Teresa A. Frederick to Jonathan Tyler White, property at 1016 Morehead Lane, Pulaski, \$265,000.

Gail M. Byrd, Executor to Teresa A. Frederick, property at 4039 Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski, \$170,000.

Richard T. Eversole to Vickie Lynore Marvin, property at 2764 Big Valley Drive, Draper, \$334,000.

Shelley F. Mabe to Shelly Lawrimore, property at 4054 Four Seasons Lane, Pulaski, \$275,000.

John J. Mansfield to Brian K. Rochelle Jr., property at 6141 Parrott Mountain Road, Parrott, \$157,990.

Edward A. Sprano to Joseph

Hoff, property at 1024 Prospect Avenue, Pulaski, \$75,500.

Jeffrey Dewayne Roark to John Gregory Blankenship, lot on Highland Road in Fairlawn, \$19,000.

Sierra Ferguson to Miranda Gail Lowry, property at 1936 Snider Lane, Pulaski, \$190,000.

Manataka Properties, LLC to Randy Edward Murray, property at 4130 Clarks Ferry Road, Draper, \$282,000.

Georgie J. Reedy to Steven Wayne Watson, property at 2576 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, \$302,000.

Andrew Chase Martin to Morgan Williams, property at 4716 Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski, \$200,000.

Angela Dalton Collins to Ronald N. Dalton, property at 4580 Mallard Point Way, Unit 2, Dublin, \$260,000.

Richard Kerchner to Whitney P. McDaniel, property at 5460 Montgomery Hollow Road, Dublin, \$228,000.

Victoria H. Wooten to Cheronda Kim Curtis, property at Lot 2 Southern Subdivision, Whitt Southern Road, Pulaski, \$254,900.

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Surety Trustees, LLC to BKC Properties, Inc., property at 2653 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, \$52,270.

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Jennifer Holston to Sarah E. Meek, property at 5500 Stafford Drive, Dublin, \$137,900.

Donald V. Sumner to Eric L. Sumner, property at 117 5th Street, Dublin, \$120,000.

Courtney S. Hawks to Daniel C. Whited, property at 512 First Street SE, Pulaski, \$32,980.

Robert T. Stewart Jr. to Rick A. Henthorn, 6242 Stone Ridge Drive, Dublin, \$290,000.

David L. Rhodes to James R. Chappine, property at 2899 Atwoods Drive, Draper, \$390,000.

Joshua D. Jones to Timothy Hurst, property at 5412 Aldrin Street, Dublin, \$174,000.

Court justice would be so openly disdainful of the legitimacy and prerogatives of his or her own institution.

This is a particular congressional disease. As Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute wrote in an essay for Commentary magazine, Congress has been delegating its authority to the executive branch for some time. What’s new is that partisanship has created a loyalty for members of Congress that transcends their attachment to Congress itself, while more and more members consider their office merely a platform to get attention.

“Congress is weak and dysfunctional because that suits its members,” Levin writes. “It could renew itself only if its members wanted such renewal.”

All indications are that, no, it is perfectly content to be supplanted by the pen and phone.

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

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# Herring settles case for Pulaski County couple

**Complex owner must pay \$30,000 to family who they attempted to evict over an assistance animal**

RICHMOND – Attorney General Mark R. Herring's Office of Civil Rights has helped bring justice to a Pulaski County couple who experienced threats of eviction because of their assistance animal.

Attorney General Herring's Office of Civil Rights has settled a lawsuit alleging four counts of housing discrimination against the owner and property managers of a Pulaski County townhome community, who threatened to evict tenants because they had an assistance animal living in their apartment with them. Attorney General Herring and his team argued on behalf of the Virginia Fair Housing Board in this case.

"Virginians with disabilities have the right to live with an assistance animal, especially if that assistance animal helps them live happier, more full lives – assistance animals are not pets and cannot be subject to fees or breed and weight restrictions like other pets can be," said Attorney Gen-

eral Herring. "Assistance animals, like the Butler's, are often the best way for individuals with debilitating symptoms caused by various mental or physical impairments to substantially improve their quality of life. I am proud of my newly created Office of Civil Rights for their hard work on this case and I hope this sends a message to other landlords that housing discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated in the Commonwealth."

Before and after they moved into their apartment, the complainants Charlene and Michael Butler requested and provided clinical verification of the need to bring Charlene's assistance dog to live with them in the Unique Deerfield Village Townhomes Complex (Deerfield). The on-site property managers repeatedly refused their reasonable accommodation request, instead imposing weight limits and pet deposit fees on the assistance animal. When the Butlers elevated their request, the owner of Deerfield, Jeffrey Stump, sent the Butlers a written denial that threatened eviction saying, "It has come to my attention that you have a pet residing in your unit. It makes no difference that is an emotional support dog. It is still a pet." Stump made good on that threat and attempted to evict the Butlers.

The Butlers prevailed in that court case and filed a complaint alleging housing discrimination with the Virginia Fair Housing Office.

After a thorough investigation by the Virginia Fair Housing Office, the Fair Housing Board found reasonable cause to believe that Stump and the property managers had illegally discriminated against the Butlers by:

1. Refusing to grant a reasonable accommodation
2. Refusing to rent based on disability
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Attorneys from Attorney General Herring's Office of Civil Rights promptly filed a complaint in Pulaski County Circuit Court. The parties were able to agree on a resolution without further litigation.

As part of the settlement, the landlord must adopt non-discrimination and reasonable accommodation policies, attend fair housing training annually for three years, and pay the Butler's \$30,000 as compensation. Moving forward, any time an applicant or tenant requests a reasonable accommoda-

tion at Deerfield, the landlord must provide them with the community policy that explains how to process the request.

"I am thankful to both the Attorney General's office and HOME for all of their help in this matter. If you are being harassed by your landlord due to your disability, sex, sexual orientation, race, religion, etc., please speak up!" said Charlene Butler. "Everyone has the right to live in a safe, comfortable environment. The Attorney General's office will stand up for you against discrimination and legal aid in your area can help you with a tenant's assertion."

Residential housing providers may request and obtain reliable, credible disability verification in support of accommodation requests for assistance animals; however, they cannot require overly burdensome documentation. Guidance issued by the Fair Housing Board to address issues regarding the verification of reasonable accommodation requests for assistance animals, particularly those that provide emotional support or other seemingly untrained assistance to people with disabilities, is available here.

Virginians who believe they have experienced housing discrimination may file a complaint by contacting the Virginia Fair Housing Office at:

- (888) 551-3247
- [www.dpor.virginia.gov/Fair-Housing](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Fair-Housing)

In January, Attorney General Herring announced the creation of the Office of Civil Rights within the Office of the Attorney General to expand, enhance, and centralize his ongoing work to protect Virginians from discrimination and to secure and expand the rights of all Virginians. The new designation of the Office of Civil Rights is the culmination of a multiyear plan to expand the authority and resources dedicated to protecting the civil rights of Virginians, and to place the protection of civil rights at the center of the mission of the Office of Attorney General.

Virginians who believe they have experienced discrimination in any other form may reach out to Attorney General Herring's Office of Civil Rights:

- (804) 786-2071
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## Retirement Before College

**Dear Dave,**  
A friend told me about your Baby Steps program. I have one question, though. I noticed that according to your plan, saving for retirement should come before saving up a college fund for your kids. Why is this?

Natalie

**Dear Natalie,**  
In short, college funding is not a necessity. Being able to set aside money for college is a great thing to do if parents can afford that sort of thing. But you can fund your education in other ways. There are loads of scholarships out there just for getting good grades. You can also work while you're taking classes. And one of the biggest things when it comes to getting an education is choosing a school or training program you can afford. Trust me, I believe in education. But there are lots of ways to get a college degree, or other career training, without your parents having to foot the bill or taking out student loans.

Another reason I advise this approach is because everyone is going to retire someday—unless, unfortunately, they



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happen to die before reaching retirement age. Retiring and eating are necessities. College is a luxury. Lots of people succeed in life without going to college,

and thousands have worked their way through college. I worked 40-plus hours a week in college, and still graduated in four years. The only good way to retire is by planning for it years ahead of time, and that means saving and investing.

Sure, you should try to help your kids with their educations if you can. Even a little bit each month over the course of several years can help a lot. But some parents might not be able to put a dime toward their kids' educations after high school. That doesn't make them bad people or bad parents. And it doesn't mean their kids can't still go to college, and avoid debt doing it!

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 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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# Cougar girls advance to finals

Rout Salem by 31; to face Amherst Friday at home

The Pulaski County girls basketball team routed Salem Wednesday, 64-33 in the Region 4D semi-finals and will advance to play Amherst Friday (Feb. 12) for the region crown.

The Lady Cougars were lead by Ally Fleenor's 23 points. Other scoring was Cregger with 10, Huff, 8, Blankenship, 8, Secrist, 5, Goble, 4, Vest, 2 and Russell 2.

With the win the Lady Cougars remain unbeaten on the season.

Amherst reached the regional final by shutting out E.C. Glass, 15-0.

**At right:**

**Kensley Jones scores late in the game.**

Brian Bishop/PC Patriot



# Boys fall in 5 OTs to Halifax

The Pulaski County Boys fell to Halifax Wednesday evening in five overtimes, 75-69 in the 4D Region semi-finals.

A.J. McCloud led the Cougars with 28 points.

Other scoring saw O'Neal with 13, McDaniel, 12, Bourne, 8, Gulley, 7 and Nester with 1.

# Pulaski's Appy team re-named 'River Turtles'

Prepare to be "shell" shocked.

The excitement surrounding the rebranding of Pulaski's baseball franchise culminated today with the unveiling of the organization's new name: The Pulaski River Turtles.

With a nod to its New River Valley heritage, the inspiration behind the River Turtles name was a renewed commitment to Calfee Park's family-friendly culture.


"When considering the name, we weighed feedback from the local baseball community, Calfee Park's history, and our lo-

cation in the New River Valley," says General Manager JW Martin. "After thoughtful consideration, we wanted a brand that represents what our ballpark is really all about. We have a welcoming, fun, family environment that puts smiles on faces. We think this brand captures that."

Pulaski's new brand identity is part of the evolution of the restructured Appalachian League. In September, the league announced it would transition to an elite, wood-bat summer league

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Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

# Wildlife Facts & Fallacies

I was watching a crime documentary the other day where a person had been accused of cutting the victim with the back side of a hunting knife before disposing the body in a stream. It was proved later that the marks found on the body had most likely come from mud turtles that were found to inhabit the waters. A person went so far as to let a good-sized turtle be held out by others and bite his forearm to match the same type marks as found on the murdered victim. The animal kept clamped down on the arm until it was lowered back into the water.

This brought to mind the old saying that if a mud turtle happened to bite you that it would not turn loose until thundered. This might be quite a wait especially in a dry hot time during summer months. There are many things that are nothing more than superstitions that are handed down and I am going to touch on a few for today's column.

It is often told if a bear happens to chases you, to never climb a large tree to get away but find a smaller one which the bear cannot climb. If this happened to be black bears, they would most likely run from you unless it happened to be a female with cubs or a grizzly found in western states. I have read of cases such as this where people climbed a smaller tree and the grizzly reared up in height close to ten feet and literally tried to shake them out. If I were ever in this kind of bear country, I would try to get away by any ways possible. If I made up a tree, I would try and wait the bear out and even pack a "Dirty Harry" (Clint Eastwood) 44 magnum to deter any bear coming up a tree after me.

Animals can smell your fears is another fallacy. It is true a blood hound can track a person from no more than the microscopic flakes of dead skin on the ground. Most all animals have highly rated senses of smell. It is noted that bears can smell food sources from over 35 miles. I once tried to bluff down a dog that was growling and blocking my path. I reached down to pet him, but he clamped down on my right thumb that I had broken about 20 years previously. I had some arthritis pains prior to this but the dog did me a favor as I no longer suffered from "Ole Man Ritis" boy, Arthur" after that.

Turkeys may be able to detect you by smell, but they possess exceptional sight and hearing abilities. I once climbed a tall white pine in a hollow to get a shot at a gang of them that came out in a field about 100-yards in distance. Shifting to get a shot off they either heard or saw me as they began to run prior to taking flight. I did get a smaller gobbler but not the biggest one in the group with my 30-06.

Animals have some unusual abilities and many are difficult to understand. Some are herbivores; others carnivores and some omnivores (eaters of both plants and animals). After the flood of the time of Noah, mankind and the animal kingdom no longer lived by subsisting on a vegetable diet, but were as stated in Genesis 9:3KJV, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." Some animals hunt other animals and

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The Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on February 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W., in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following variance request:

A request by Shah Development LLC, for a variance to Section 4.4.3 Site Development Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia for property located at 202 Fifth Street (tax parcel (s) 081-7-152-1) in the R-3 Multi-Family Residential District. Section 4.4.3 requires minimum setbacks of 25’ from the Front, 5’ from the Side, 25’ from all public streets, and 25’ from the Rear. The applicant requests a variance to allow a 10’ setback from Fifth Street and a 10’ setback from Madison Avenue which would permit the applicant to construct a single-family dwelling in the approximate location of the former dwelling on the parcel.

Comments and/or questions can be sent ahead of the hearing via email to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, bdeal@pulaskitown.org, or via phone at 540-994-8619; or in the form of written comments to Brady Deal (42 First Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia) until the date of the hearing. Copies of the variance application, site plans, and corresponding ordinances may be reviewed at the Pulaski Municipal Building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, in-person attendance will be severely limited. Participants are encouraged join the meeting via Zoom using the meeting credentials listed below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82000591040?pwd=YUpMUXBCdFZMN2Y5TDUwK2QxWkNtZz09>  
Meeting ID: 820 0059 1040  
Passcode: 814610

### PUBLIC HEARING ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA

The Pulaski Architectural Review Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W., to consider an update to the Town’s Commercial Historic District Design Guidelines.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, in-person attendance will be limited to no more than 10 persons in the Council Chambers.

Participants are encouraged to join the meeting via Zoom using the meeting credentials listed below.

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Citizens may review the draft design guidelines at <https://tinyurl.com/PulaskiGuidelineDraft> or on the Town website. A copy of the draft design guidelines is available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s Office on the 2nd Floor of the Pulaski Municipal Building, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Comments and/or questions can be sent ahead of the hearing via email to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, bdeal@pulaskitown.org or Justin Sanders, CLG Project Coordinator, jsanders@pulaskitown.org; via phone at 540-994-8619; or in the form of written comments to Brady Deal (42 First Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia) until the date of the hearing. All comments received prior to the meeting date above will be forwarded to the Architectural Review Board for their consideration.

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 at (540)-994-8601 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

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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# High school congratulates its winter sports teams

Pulaski County High School wishes to Congratulate our winter sports teams for their recent successes. Under very difficult circumstances our players, coaches and trainers persevered and experienced many successes. Below are some of those.

**Swim:** The PCHS swim team competed in the Class 4 Region D swim meet last Tuesday February 3rd at Christiansburg Aquatic Center. While no individual swimmers qualified for the state swim meet, several swimmers set personal records this year in the pool.

**Wrestling:** The PCHS wrestling team competed at Amherst County HS this past weekend and performed very well. The Cougars qualified 4 wrestlers for the state tournament. Xavier Ramsey (Region Champ), Gavin Warner (2nd Place), Nicholas Golden (2nd Place) and Damion Fowlkes (2nd Place) finished in the top two and will wrestle Saturday February 20th in the state meet. The following wrestlers

finished in the top four and are alternates for the state wrestling meet. Evan Alger (3rd Place), Jacob Crabtree (4th Place), Connor Gallimore (4th Place), Zeke Surber (3rd Place), Parker Midkiff (3rd Place) and Molly Keller (4th Place).

**Indoor Track:** The PCHS Indoor Track team competed in the Region Indoor Track meet on Tuesday February 9th. The boys team finished as Region Runner-Up a mere five points behind the Region Championship team. The girls team placed a surprising 3rd place considering only four girls competed at the regional meet. Region meet information attached below.

**Sideline Cheer:** We sincerely appreciate our winter cheer squad as they have been limited in their ability to be on the floor encouraging our team, leading chants and bringing that Cougar Spirit to our games. However, restrictions couldn’t curb their enthusiasm as they found creative ways to support our teams and impact the

home games.

**Boys Basketball:** The PCHS Boys Basketball team played an extremely tough schedule and somehow found a way to play a full 14 game schedule and earn a #2 seed in the Region D basketball tournament.

**Girls Basketball:** The PCHS Lady Cougars Basketball team finished the regular season undefeated and earned the #1 seed in Class 4 Region D.

**Submitted by:**  
**Scott Vest**  
**Pulaski County High School**  
**Athletic & Activities Director**

#### PCHS Indoor Track Class 4 Region D Meet Girls:

89 team points...finish 3rd. (un-official results) Team consists of only 4 members. Top 3 performers in each event qualify for the state meet 3/1 at Liberty University.

Won 4 Individual Region Championships  
Won 4 Individual Region Runner-ups

Kelsey Arnold, Radford University commit, won all 4 championship and 2 runner-ups.....an absolute incredible performance.

Madison Woolwine, University of Charleston commit, won 1 runner-up

Allyson Castle, Christopher Newport University commit, won 1 runner-up

Claire Dunnigan finished 3rd ....state qualified

**Boys:**  
173 team points....4A Region D Runner-ups...unofficially lost to Blacksburg by 5 points. Top 3 performers in each event qualify for the state meet 3/1 at Liberty University.

See **TRACK**, page **B8**

## Davis

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humans depend on domestic and wild things to supplement their diet. Perhaps animals were given by their creator survival skills to evade other predators as well as the human hunter. Once the Good Lord returns again, all will be as it was in the Garden of Eden.

Until next time

#### 2021 Pulaski River Turtles Home Dates

June 5-6: Princeton  
July 8-9: Bristol  
June 10-11: Princeton  
July 15-16: Elizabethton  
June 12-13: Burlington  
July 17-18: Bluefield  
June 22-23: Danville  
July 20-21: Johnson City  
June 24-25: Kingsport  
July 28-29: Burlington  
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## Turtles

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for the top 300 college players in America. Structurally, the Appalachian League will serve as an entity of Major League Baseball and USA Baseball’s Prospect Development Pipeline for the 2021 season and beyond.

Though teams in the Appalachian League will no longer be affiliated with Major League Baseball organizations, MLB will have a supporting role in league operations, and athletes will have extensive exposure to MLB club scouts.

2021 will mark Pulaski’s 55th season fielding teams in the Appalachian League. The 2021 Pulaski River Turtles schedule includes 27 home games, with Opening Night slated for Saturday, June 5th. The schedule features 12 home games in June, 11 home games in July, and four home games in August, with the regular season finale scheduled for Saturday, August 7th. In total, the 2021 schedule boasts 54 dates.

All home games will begin at 7PM.

The anticipated return of Appalachian League baseball to Pulaski will headline an action-packed summer schedule at Calfee Park. The organization anticipates an additional lineup of special events and independent youth baseball dates; a complete calendar of events is coming soon.

“Our focus is to continue to build on the solid foundation of success this organization has enjoyed since 2015,” says Martin. “Our fans and corporate partners are an integral part of that success, and we hope everyone will join us in making the first season of River Turtles baseball a memorable one.”

2021 season tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 540-980-1070. Additionally, a very limited number of boxes are available. Individual game tickets will go on sale later this spring. Pulaski River Turtles merchandise is available for purchase online with many more offerings coming soon.



Amber Waves

HERE YOU GO, HONEY. TRY YOUR MOM'S CASSEROLE.

WHAT IF I'M CERTAIN I WON'T LIKE IT BEFORE I TRY IT?

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

SHOW-OFF

JERK

SUPERMAN'S SHORT-LIVED CAREER WITH CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.

HOW DO YA LIKE THE ROSES I GOT YA FOR FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, HONEY?

UM... THEY'RE OKAY...

BUT I STILL PREFER THE ONES YOU USUALLY BUY FOR ME.

by Mike Marland

The Spats

GRANDA, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IGNORANCE & APATHY?

RUB RUB RUB

I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T CARE.

by Jeff Pickering

POPEYE

HEY CUSMAN

OLIVE'S COMMIN' OVER FER DINNER T'NITE!

THA'S NICE!

WANNA JERN US?

WOT IS YA HAVIN'?

WE'RE HAVIN' SPIN'CH FRITTERS!

ME MAMA WOULD NEVER SUBJECT ME T'DAT!

AYOY, MAMA! WOT'S COOKIN'?

NUTHIN'S COOKIN', SONNY!

SUM'FIN' WRONG?

JES'A PIPE BUSTED AN I CAN'T GITA PLUM'ER!

AN'RONA'S BLACK-SHEEP BRUDDER GOT AMNESIA AGIN' ON ME FAV'RIT SOAP...

...AN'Y WANT ME TA T'NK 'BOUT DINNER?

AYOY, FOLKS! HOW KIN I PASS UP HAVIN' SPINCH FRITTERS!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

OK, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOUR ARGUMENT FOR THIS BEING A GOOD MOVIE IS IT HAS A "HIGH BODY COUNT"?

LAFF-A-DAY

"Gentlemen, let's not come to a hasty verdict. This is the first vacation from housework I've had in fifteen years!"

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!

Swish LAGGER

Trajectory COVERT

Scoundrel VINILLA

Tarsus KLEAN

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 To boot

5 Tummy muscles

8 Writer Rice

12 Appeared suddenly

14 Earth

15 Regatta

16 Pout

17 "— a Camera"

18 Decisive moments

20 A Musketeer

23 Prejudice

24 Reddish horse

25 Lake activity

28 CCV x X

29 Pre-diploma hurdles

30 Dig in

32 Straw hats

34 Carton sealer

35 School orgs.

36 Used a sponge

37 Stir-fry veggie

40 Crony

41 Slanted type (Abbr.)

42 Yacht lover's event

47 French 101 verb

48 Veteran

49 Easy targets

50 Ballot marks

51 Whig's rival

DOWN

1 NYPD alert

2 Brit's restroom

3 Hotel amenity

4 Choice

5 Leading man?

6 Tampa Bay NFLer

7 Dishes not on the regular menu

8 Home of St. Francis

9 Entre —

10 Egyptian river

11 BPOE members

13 Historic times

19 "Phooey!"

20 Branch

21 Pyramid, maybe

22 Sainly ring

23 Wild pigs

25 Challah holder

26 Tide variety

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31 Danson of

"Cheers"

33 Granny Smiths

34 Mild cheese

36 Bulb measure

37 Slapstick arsenal

38 Jazzy James

39 Seniors' org.

40 Cushions

43 Flamenco cheer

44 Med. plan option

45 Not 'neath

46 Like some humor

top ten

Most Binged TV Shows\*

1. The Office

2. Community

3. Breaking Bad

4. Parks and Recreation

5. Avatar: The Last Airbender

6. Waco

7. New Girl

8. The Sopranos

9. The Big Bang Theory

10. Friends

\* 2020 pageviews

Source: IMDB

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What is the hardest substance in the human body?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Off which U.S. state's coast is Santa Catalina Island located?

3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to hold a press conference?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many breaths does the average human being take in one day?

5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the Seal song "Kiss From a Rose"?

6. U.S. STATES: A city in this state became the first in the world to install a parking meter?

7. ANCIENT WORLD: Before he became a philosopher, what was Socrates' profession?

8. LANGUAGE: What is the only letter that does NOT appear in any of the U.S. states' names?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?

10. LITERATURE: Which dystopian 1950s novel was originally titled "The Fireman"?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Tooth enamel

2. California's

3. Woodrow Wilson, March 1913

4. About 23,000

5. "Batman Forever" (1995)

6. Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)

7. Stone mason

8. Q

9. A tower

10. "Fahrenheit 451," Ray Bradbury

GNIVING

Today's Word

3. Villain; 4. Ankle

1. Gargle 2. Vector

SCRAMBLERS

Clue: N equals B

Z ZDHQZEM VGHV H LBYYX

NMVSMME H LHEEYE HEK H

NMRR SYIRK NM KINNMK

"VGM NYYDMBHEQ."

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Americanisms

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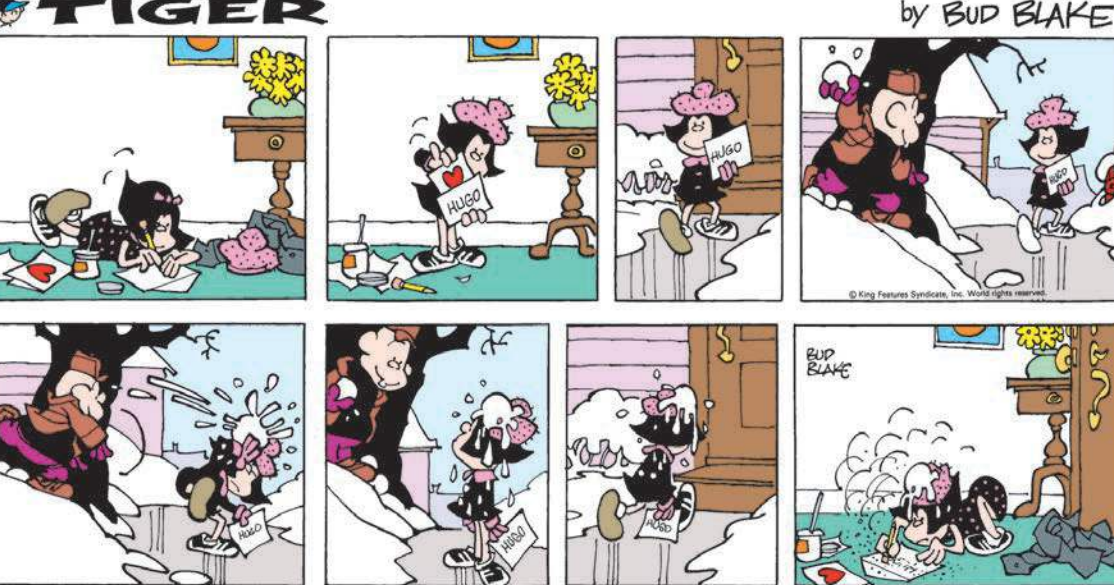
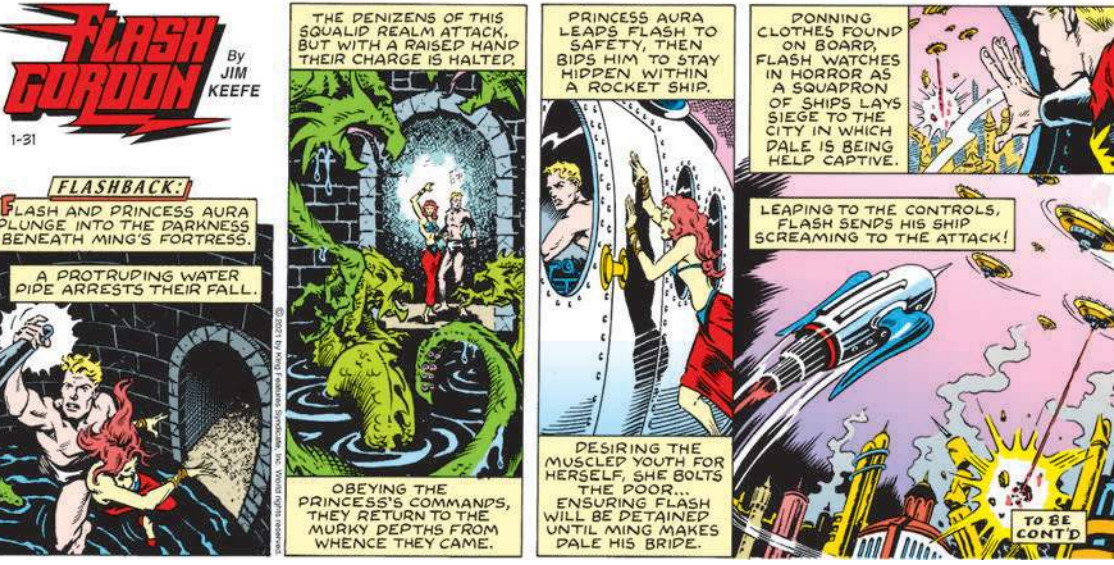
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The **Radford Clothing Bank** is open by appoint-

ment only. To qualify for free clothing, you must receive Medicaid or SNAP (Food Stamps). Call the Clothing Bank at 633-5050, Monday – Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. to make an appointment. Hours for shopping are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Clothing Bank is located at 2000 West St., Radford, Va. Donations of clothing, shoes, purses, and linens are being accepted.

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

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F A T S A P E C B Z Y W V U S

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

Apple pie	Chocolate	Hamburgers	Pizza
Baked beans	Cornbread	Ice cream	Pot roast
Casseroles	Custard	Meatloaf	Roast beef
Chili	Dumplings	Pasta	

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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.

NXD	SUNX	NT	KF	JVEDO
SHISTMD	VM	RUVO	PVNX	VITQ
IUVRM,	PXDIDTQ	KF	MTHR	VM
AITTYDO	NT	IHQ.		
—	XDIKUQ	KDRYVRRD		

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**CryptoQuote**  
answer  
The path to my fixed purpose is laid with iron rails, whereon my soul is grooved to run. — Herman Melville

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

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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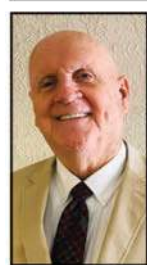
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## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## God is My Helper

Psalm 40: Verse 1. “I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.”

David said, “He heard my cry.” David learned to be patient and to wait upon the Lord. You know we may ask God for something and God hears our prayer, but doesn’t answer right away. We know that God always hears one of His children when they pray. And we know that God answers prayer. In Jeremiah 33:3 God said, “Call unto me, and I WILL answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things that thou knowest not.” But He does it in His own time and in His own way.

And so we have to learn to wait upon the Lord, in faith believing that God will answer our prayers and that His answer will always be, the best answer possible and right on time. Isaiah 40:31 says, “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

These scriptures show us that David waited on the Lord and sometimes he waited for a goodly amount of time. This takes patience and sometimes a lot of patience to wait upon the Lord. While we wait, we are to show God that we trust in Him. Even if our prayer isn’t answered immediately, we must have faith that God is working on it. Some things may have to fall in place before God can give us the best answer possible to our prayer.

While we are waiting patiently, we must move forward in faith, being confident that God is working out our problem.

Sometimes our prayers are not answered because we haven’t gotten down to business with God. We prayed half-hearted prayers when we should have been praying whole hearted prayers.

A woman came up to a preacher in a prayer line one evening and she told the preacher, “I have asked God to save my husband many times but He hasn’t done it yet. The preacher told her to get down to business with God and to go over to the altar and get down on her knees and believe with all of her heart that God is going to save her husband. So she did as he asked. In just a few minutes, in walked her husband and he knelt down beside of her and was saved. Afterwards he said, “I was sitting out in my car waiting to pick my wife up after the service was over and I felt a conviction like I had never felt before, and when the car door opened up by itself, I thought I’d better go in and get saved.”

If we want a miracle from God we’ve got to get down to business with God. We’ve got to let God know that we want His answer to our prayer more than we want anything else, and we’re not going to give up

See MCCRAW, page B7

### Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
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:  
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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

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### Draper United Methodist Church

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### Newbern Christian Church

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### Mountain View United Methodist Church

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Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Pastor Mike Pierce  
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Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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### Trinity United Methodist

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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
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Pulaski, Va.  
Phone - 980-0820

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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.psalml1@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
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11 a.m.

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Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

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Worship 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth  
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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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Pulaski, VA.  
Pastor: Allen Harman  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.  
**FUNDAMENTAL**

# McCraw

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until He answers our prayer.  
One time Daniel prayed for a vision from God, and it was 21 days before the answer came. An Angel appeared unto him and said, “God heard your prayer 21 days ago and sent me to give you an answer to your prayer, but the Prince of the Kingdom of Persia withstood me for 21 days. The prince of Persia was a powerful demonic spirit. But lo, Michael, one of the chief princes of God came to help me; and we overcame that evil spirit of delay. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.”

We learn from this that the devil has powerful demonic spirits who work in conjunction with him to influence the happenings in the kingdoms of men. That there is a great warfare going on between the Angels of God and the evil spirits of Satan that oppose God. Together, the two Angels were able to defeat the prince of Persia, and get the message through to Daniel.

I believe in persistent prayer. If I pray for someone to be saved, and the Lord doesn't save him that day, I'm going to be praying the same prayer every day until God does save him.

Persistent prayer is not just asking and hoping. But it is knocking, and keeping on knocking, and not taking no for an answer.

Jesus was teaching his Disciples about being persistence in prayer. He said there was a certain man who had company come in on him late in the evening. He needed to give this visitor something to eat but he had no bread in the house. So he went over to his neighbor's house and knocked on his door and his neighbor got out of bed and asked him what he wanted. He told him and the neighbor told him to go away. He said, I'm in bed already and all of my family is in bed. But the man wouldn't go away. He kept on knocking until his neighbor got up and gave him the bread that he needed. Jesus said, “I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence, he will rise and give him as many loaves as he needs.”

So we see that persistence works. If we are persistent in our prayers, and resolved to never give up, our persistence will pay off in the end. If you have a loved one who's not saved, pray for them persistently until they do get saved.

# Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Revelation 21, what perfectly square city is described as having walls made of jasper? New Damascus, Jericho, New Jerusalem, Philadelphia
3. In Matthew 5, to what two things did Jesus compare Christians, salt and ...? Water, Bread, Light, Mountains
4. Saint Luke said Jesus was about how old when he began to teach? 18, 22, 30, 45
5. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses' death? Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham
6. What was the trade of Paul? Shepherd, Carpenter, Tentmaker, Tax collector


**ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) New Jerusalem; 3) Light; 4) 30; 5) Joshua; 6) Tentmaker**

“Test Your Bible Knowledge,” a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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## Christian responsibility: Speak truth to an unbelieving world

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

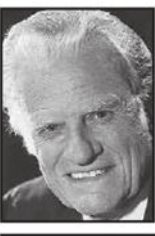
**Q: If we fight sin are we are not fighting sinners, and is this right? - F.S.**

A: Christians understand that the world is embroiled in the great battle between right and wrong, just as the Bible says. “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness” (Isaiah 5:20).

Christian responsibility is to speak truth in the midst of an un-

believing world. When God's people speak the truth from Scripture, it does offend. Some Christians may do this in the wrong spirit, but God's truth remains and God Himself will fight our battles. But this does not mean that Christians are to be silent when society assaults the Word of God. We must take a stand in light of truth - God's truth.

Mankind has a fighting spirit. There are many words that express this and it is important to understand their meanings. From the beginning man has fought against God and His word. There is an



**My Answer**  
Billy Graham

expression that says, “Don't fight it - it's bigger than both of us.” But fighting sin is not wrong.

It is important to understand that “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principal-

ities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). The battles on earth are far less than what is taking place in the heavenly realm known to God. But on earth He empowers His people to be strong and to put on the armor of God.

Just as the American military fight to protect the nation's freedoms, God's people ought to fight for His truth because it is the only hope that mankind has to live in freedom for eternity.



# Kyle Busch wins Clash

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kyle Busch snagged the first win of the new season, streaking past NASCAR champion Chase Elliott after Elliott spun leader Ryan Blaney in the final stretch of the exhibition Busch Clash.

Blaney had chased down Elliott on the road course at Daytona International Speedway to take the lead with two laps remaining in Tuesday night's 35-lap Speedweeks opener. Elliott, winner of NASCAR's last four road course races dating to 2019, didn't let Blaney pull away and set himself up for one final chance at the win.

He stalked Blaney into the chicane headed into the turn four final push and as Elliott closed in on his bumper, the two made contact and Blaney spun into the wall. It cost Elliott his momentum and Busch sailed by for the surprise victory.

"I just knew to keep my head down and keep focus ahead and just seeing if I could hit my marks to have a shot like that if something like that were to materialize,"

Busch said.

Busch led only the final 300 or so feet of the race for the victory for Joe Gibbs Racing. It was Busch's second win in the exhibition — he also used a last-lap pass to win in 2012 — and the 10th for Gibbs. JGR also won last season's Clash.

For Busch, the win comes after a disappointing one-win season for the 2019 NASCAR champion. He struggled in the second half of the season, failed to advance to the final four championship round for the first time since 2014 and his No. 18 Toyota crew was overhauled during the winter.

Gibbs made so many changes to Busch's crew, he joked he felt like he'd been the one fired and moved to a new ride.

"I'm not sure that we're mature enough or we're ready enough in order to win as a group, but I feel like this is a good start," Busch said. "Winning never hurts anything, but there is some stuff for us to get a little bit better on, for us to grow on."

Elliott finished second and Blaney was third.

## Track

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Won 4 Individual Region championships

Won 9 Individual Region Runner-ups

Brady Fowler, won 1 individual championship

4 X 200 relay team (Armonte Hill-Lewis, John Lyman III, Quemaar Porter, Keyontae Kennedy), Region Champions

John Lyman III, runner-up 2

Brady Fowler, runner- 2

Garrett Kinder, runner-up 1

Evan Hull, runner-up 1

Layne Suthers, runner-up 1

4X400 relay team, runner-up 1 (Layne Suthers, Bryce Martin, Armonte Hill-Lewis, Dante Reid)

4x800 relay team, runner-up 1(Evan Hull, Wes King, Bryce Martin, Zach Fox)

State qualified:

Wes King – 2 mile

JJ Gulley – High Jump

## Super Bowl TV audience dips

NEW YORK (AP) — The pandemic-era Super Bowl between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Kansas City Chiefs reached the big game's smallest television audience since 2006.

An estimated 92 million people tuned in across the country to watch the Bucs' 31-9 victory, the Nielsen company said Tuesday. Add in a record number of people who streamed the game online and CBS said the total audience was 96.4 million.

That's down from the 101.3 million people who watched the 2020 game between Kansas City and San Francisco.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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## Cougar Boys' Season Ends But Not Without A Fight

Kyle O'Neal makes a 3-pointer for Pulaski County Wednesday night in the Cougars' 5-OT loss to Halifax. O'Neal finished with 13 points on the game. The loss ended the season for Pulaski County.

Brian Bishop/ PC Patriot

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