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County's tax rate adjusted to 74 cents

Will bring 8% more real estate tax revenue to county

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

On a 4-1 vote Monday night, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors set the county's new real estate tax levy at 74 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value.

The action came following a presentation by County Administrator Jonathan Sweet on the results of the recent real estate reassessment and his reasoning for lowering the tax rate only to 74 cents and not lower; and a public hearing in which former Massie District Supervisor and Board Chairman Andy McCready questioned the need for setting the tax levy anywhere above 69 cents per \$100.

In his presentation, Sweet explained that reassessment of real estate values in the county showed values 12 percent higher than previous values.

Previous real estate value in the county totaled \$2.785 billion. Fol-



Jonathan Sweet



Andy McCready

lowing reassessment – which occurs every six years in the county – that same real estate is valued at \$3.120 billion – an increase of over \$335 million or 12 percent.

Sweet said considering the inflation rate for the past six years rising by 2 percent per year, there is concern over where the economy and inflation will go over the next six years.

With that in mind, he told supervisors, "We probably should enjoy the full 12 percent," Sweet

said, meaning keeping the tax rate at 77 cents.

However, he said the board of supervisors had worked diligently along with the Economic Development Authority in the past on economic development, job growth and capital investment.

Because of that, Sweet said staff is recommending to the supervisors that they set a rate that would generate 8 percent more tax revenue for the county instead of the full 12 percent.

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Citizens take lead in fight against littering in county

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Local citizens, organizations and businesses are joining forces to clean up Pulaski County.

Trash is everywhere it seems. On the sides of roadways, in median strips, parking areas. Just about anywhere you can think of you'll likely find items like beer cans, fast food wrappers or an assortment of other trash.

At Monday night's meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith reported to

the board on his office's efforts at cleaning up.

"Some board members asked me last month to spearhead some efforts to pick up trash in each district of the county on the side local roads. One piece of trash is too much, but there's a lot," said Griffith.

Griffith's office staff with help from the Adult Drug Court Treatment Team and Pre-Trial Probation Department through New River Community Corrections were able to pick up 67 bags of trash from last month's meeting of the supervisors to Monday night's

meeting.

Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie praised the efforts of Griffith and his group as well as private citizens who have been busy around the county picking up trash.

Guthrie noted he has been picking up trash in an area near his home along Route 100 from around the New River Valley Airport down to Cleburne Way-side.

At one point during his remarks, Guthrie and Vice Chair-

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Tax

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“We can continue to work hard on economic development, expenditures and be pragmatic, resourceful and creative for the next six years,” he said.

Taking 8 percent of the increased property value would set the tax rate at 75 cents, Sweet said.

However, he said out of concern for citizens and businesses and how the 75-cent rate would impact them – along with concerns about the future and making sure the county has enough resources for law enforcement, schools, libraries, parks and recreation, ambulances, fire departments, the judicial system and more – “staff recommends a levy lower than what was advertised to 74 cents per \$100.”

Sweet said by lowering the tax levy, some citizens’ taxes would go down, but unfortunately some will go up.

The county’s previous tax rate was 77 cents per \$100 of assessed value following approval of the referendum to build Pulaski County Middle School, which boosted the rate from 64 cents to 77 cents.

With property values increased with the reassessment, a tax rate

of 69 cents would have resulted in the county realizing the same amount of tax revenue as before. Any rate higher than 69 cents will result in the county receiving more real estate tax revenue – basically a tax increase.

McCready argued against the need for an increase.

He told supervisors he had been looking over the as-of-yet unfinished county budget for next year with all its revenue projections.

“You have gains in Public Service Authority of \$100,000. You have a gain in personal property taxes of \$713,000. Gain in Machinery and Tools of \$184,000. These are all factors that have come about because of this board’s and previous boards’ investments,” McCready noted.

“There’s an estimated gain of \$1 million in sales tax which is typically earmarked to schools. The budget is showing a slight decrease in meals tax – not sure I’m on board with that – but I’m going to take it as it is.

“Net effect is this board is looking at \$1.8 million in tax revenue increases without an increase in the tax levy. That’s \$1.8 million more for the coffers of Pulaski County without a tax increase.

“That’s great news. That means Pulaski County has done so much better than many of our neighbors during COVID,” he said.

McCready continued that he also notes that “our friends from the state have decided to do a little better. The state is sending \$60,000 in additional funds to the Commonwealth’s Attorney, \$125,000 more to the Sheriff’s Office, more money to the Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer, Clerk of Court. Everybody’s getting a little more money from the state.

“So, it is kind of confusing to me why we need to raise real estate taxes,” McCready said.

He continued that while he knows the budget for next year isn’t anywhere close to being final, he sees it is proposed that the county put \$1.5 million more in reserves.

“During 2020 did this board vote to tap into our reserves or were they left untouched,” McCready asked. “I know what it (reserves) was when I left – I left with a healthy reserve and I hope that you guys haven’t touched it. A reserve of \$1.5 million equals 6 cents on real estate.

“So, I’m left with a lot of questions about the budget. I realize not everything is in yet about the budget, but it looks like great news everywhere I look except for the real estate levy. It just seems like we’re hitting the panic button,” he charged.

“Have you dipped into the reserve and not told the public? I don’t think that has happened. I think ya’ll have maintained a sound budget. And most of you on this board promised ‘I will not raise your taxes.’ Anything over 69 cents is raising taxes,” McCready said, adding that raising the tax rate from 69 cents to 77 cents raises about \$2 million. “And you have \$1.8 million in growth!”

“In summary I ask you the board not to adopt a tax hike. Settle on 69 cents,” McCready im-

plored.

Sweet responded that the increases McCready spoke of for Constitutional Offices is all Compensation Board funding and does not go to operations.

“The board is looking to provide 5 percent adjustments for those folks. It appears there is a need to increase funding to cover things such as increases in fuel for school buses, police cars, trash trucks, etc.

“There is another side of the story on the expense side on why we would need additional revenues,” Sweet said.

He added, “This board has never tapped into reserves, in fact it has grown reserves.”

He said the “one-time investment into reserves” that McCready mentioned is a “deposit to help us with the inflation that we face.”

“That’s never been done before. There’s never been a line item for a strategic investment into reserves to basically position the board to be able to have a rainy-day fund.

“Some will say, ‘well your reserve is healthy.’ But we have Moody’s and S&P Global bond ratings which basically say our fund balance is adequate for our bond rating. But if we experience a rainy day, we have no buffer and that means we’re digging into our reserve in a dangerous and irresponsible way.

“So, to prepare for the future – to in essence have a buffer around our buffer – to be able to seize upon strategic economic development opportunities such as Volvo’s investment in real estate at the Hardie Farm and allow for a \$400 million investment to take place – resources were required, and those resources actually came from our strategic reserve – a working capital reserve.

“We’ve been talking during the budget work sessions about the efforts we have taken to guard ourselves against the unknown. That laundry list of potential financial threats that face not only Pulaski County but Virginia and the nation and the world.

“We are definitely guilty of being fiscally responsible, for being prudent, for looking ahead and making strategic investments that no one has made before and the reassessment and the natural growth of valuation has allowed us to do that,” Sweet said.

Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton spoke next.

“We’re losing deputies left and right. It takes \$69,000 to train one up and they’re going to Christiansburg or somewhere like that. To me it’s worse than defunding the police because not only are we not creating police officers here, but we’re giving \$69,000 not to have them.

“Those are the things we talk about in the budget meetings that scare me. And the schools too. They’re losing people to Montgomery County and other places like that. I want to be on firm footing to make decisions.

“I know Sheriff Worrell, before it’s over, will have to have \$440,000 for body cameras for our officers. I know it looks like we’re just squirreling away money, but we’re planning for the next six years and I don’t want to fall short.”

“There is effectively nearly a half-million dollars strategically slated for our law enforcement in our FY22 budget,” Sweet said, adding, “Our budget isn’t keeping up with inflation.

“It’s a much more comprehensive robust conversation looking at both sides (revenue and expenses) to understand exactly why. We’re going to have to manage that.”

Ingles Supervisor Laura Walters offered the motion to set the tax rate at 74 cents, with Compton adding the second.

“I agree with Jonathan (Sweet) and Dirk (Compton), we have to keep up with not only inflation, but for our law enforcement and first responders we have to provide them with the tools they need to be safe and to be effective.”

The new levy passed on a 4-1 vote with Vice Chairman Charlie Bopp voting a resounding, “No!”

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Hackworth easily wins 38th Senate seat

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Republican Travis Hackworth has won the race for the 38th State Senate District seat left vacant by the death Jan. 1 of Ben Chafin.

With all 106 precincts reporting in the district, final unofficial results show Hackworth has 17,943 votes (76%) to his Democratic challenger Laurie A. Buchwald’s 5,724 (24%).

In Pulaski County, with all 13 precincts reporting, Hackworth won by 3,062 (67%) to 1,528 votes (33%).

In Radford, Buchwald’s home, she won by only 137 votes – 1,069 to 932.

And in Hackworth’s home area, Tazewell County, he has won 5,422 votes to Buchwald’s 812.

Former Virginia House of Delegates Speaker, retired teacher, and candidate for Governor Kirk Cox congratulated Travis Hackworth tonight on his election to serve the 38 District in the Virginia Senate.

“Congratulations to Travis on

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Trash

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man Charley Bopp held up a large piece of foam packing material that had blown across the highway near where Guthrie was picking up trash.

"This blew into the grill of my car," Guthrie told the audience. "It could have just as easily blown into the windshield of my car."

"This didn't blow out of someone's vehicle. A lot of the trash I picked up was fast food containers people carelessly threw out of their car. But this was in all probability on a truck headed toward the landfill up Route 100," Guthrie surmised, noting that some of the worst cases of trash along roadways in Pulaski County can be found along Route 100.

Guthrie told County Administrator Jonathan Sweet that the county needs to work with the New River Resource Authority about the "abundance of trash the NRRRA's trucks are bringing into Pulaski County from other localities because of the landfill and what we can do to eliminate some of this trash."

Sweet is now one of the county's representatives on the NRRRA board.

A Little Wytheville resident mentioned ways of getting the word out to the general public about the trash problem and cleanup efforts. He noted he had seen some people out cleaning along the roadways lately.

Guthrie also held up a beer can he picked up along Route 100.

"Last Sunday I picked up three bags of trash on the median along Route 100. On Monday as I was heading out Route 100 this was lying out in the median. The can was thrown out between Sunday evening and Monday morning."

"My point is you can't do it (pick up trash) once! It has to be an ongoing effort," he said.

Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers told of a cleanup campaign underway in the county now, spearheaded by Iron Heart Winery in Allisonia. Each bag of trash picked up earns a citizen one chance in a raffle



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Supervisor's Chairman Joe Guthrie and Vice Chairman Charles Bopp hold up a piece of trash that blew into the grill of Guthrie's car on Route 100 recently.

which features cash prizes donated by local citizens and businesses. See Iron Heart's Facebook page for more details.

Akers said there are some people who think that "it's someone else's duty to pick up trash" - namely inmates from the New River Valley Regional Jail. Akers explained that since COVID, inmates have not been allowed to take care of a variety of chores they used to handle such as picking up trash. He mentioned, however, that some limited inmate labor may become available around the end of the month.

"The Commonwealth's Attorney's office picked up 67 bags in four hours. Think about that! And there were other groups out doing the same thing," Akers said, add, "What we need is for people to stop throwing trash out of their car windows."

Akers pointed out, too a misperception about law enforcement, that they don't stop people for littering.

"If they see someone litter, they will arrest them," he said.

Akers mentioned certain areas where the trash problem is really bad, such as some areas leading to the high school and in certain fast

food restaurant areas.

"We spent an hour and a half on the stretch from Walmart to Cougar Trail Road," he said.

"It takes a whole village to keep our county clean," Akers said.

Guthrie blamed part of the trashy problem on COVID.

"I think part of this is COVID-related as far as the inmate work crews not being able to work is concerned. It's also COVID-related due to losing the dining rooms in our fast-food restaurants. People are no longer eating in the restaurants and throwing trash away there. They're eating in the car and when they're finished, they're throwing the trash out the window. Please just take it home and throw it in your trash can so it doesn't get blown around and scattered along our highways. It looks bad and creates problems for all of us," he implored.

Akers drew chuckles from the audience when he said, "The beer industry must be thriving because we picked up can after can after can."

He added that the Drug Court participants who picked up trash - all 19 - were very appreciative to do what they did because they

believe the county has invested in their lives and they were all very glad to be of help in return.

Ingles District Supervisor Laura Walters noted the Pulaski County Clean Community Council would soon be rolling out an "Adopt-a-Spot" campaign.

"Individuals, groups, civic organizations and departments can adopt a spot for a year and keep that spot - it can be a road, your

neighborhood, anywhere you want to adopt - and we'll be doing some recognition for that," Walters said. "We'll have signs to put up to give your group credit for that, and there will be some financial rewards as well at the end of the year for keeping that spot cleaned. So be on the lookout for details soon," she said.

Kickoff day for that effort will be Saturday April 10.

Senate

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Travis Hackworth

his election to the Senate! He is a champion for conservative values, and I can think of no one better suited to fill the vacancy left by Ben Chafin. He is a good man and will serve the 38 District well. Southwest Virginians are fortunate to have him as their advocate."

Hackworth is a businessman in Tazewell and a member of that county's Board of Supervisors.

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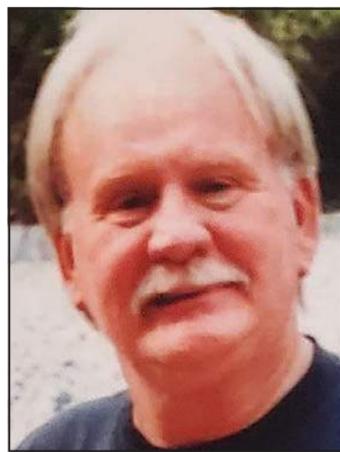
VIRGINIA FAYE HORTON AKERS

Virginia Faye Horton Akers passed away on March 22, 2021 at Highland Ridge Rehab center in Dublin, Virginia. She was born July 25, 1943 to the late Richard Pierce Horton Sr and Bonnie Faye Davis Horton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers, Larry Horton, Richard "Dickie" Horton, James "Jimmy" Horton, Stephen Horton, and a sister Janet Sigmon.

She is survived by her children, Lloyd Akers and his wife Jennifer of Pulaski, and daughter Sheri Akers of Dublin, grandchildren Lauren Akers of Christiansburg and Arianna Akers of Dublin. She is also survived by two brothers, Tony Horton, David Horton (Missy) sisters Linda Blevins, and Debi Holbrook (Charlie). She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Her service was on Thursday, March 25th at Stevens Funeral Home with Rev. Don Sizemore officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski.



JERRY PAUL GREGORY, SR.

Jerry Paul Gregory, Sr., 74, of Pulaski, VA died early Sunday morning, March 21, 2021 at his home. He was born in Pulaski, VA on February 28, 1947 and was the son of the late Clinton Thomas Gregory and Annie Turner Gregory. He was a retired employee of Gallimore Paving.

Surviving are:

Sons and Daughters-In-Law – Jerry Paul Gregory, Jr and Missy, Wytheville

Eric Wade Gregory and Angie, Dublin

Granddaughters – Jenna Kaye Cummings

Callie Danielle Gregory

Great-Granddaughter – Madelyn Sage Cummings

Brothers & Sisters-In-Law – Larry & Brenda Gregory

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The family would like express their deep appreciation and thank you to LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, Intrepid Hospice and Susie and Sammy for all of their care and support of Jerry. And a special thanks goes out to Skip Stevens.

Jerry will be cremated and there is no funeral service being conducted.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



JOSEPH DANIEL NEWMAN

Joseph Daniel Newman age 87, went to his Heavenly Home Friday, March 19, 2021 after battling health issues in the last year.

He was a proud U.S. Air Force Veteran and worked many, hard years at Radford Army Ammunition Plant. Joseph loved animals and reading the morning paper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Hazel Newman; and his brother, Jack Newman, all of Pulaski, Va.

Joseph is survived by his loving and dedicated wife, Jane Brickey Newman, of Pulaski, Va.; daughters, Joette McClellan and husband, Rob of Kingsport, Tenn., Jana Bright and husband, Craig of Hiltions, Va.; sister, Elizabeth Surface and husband, Earl of Seven Lakes, N.C.; sister-in-law, Jean Newman, of Pulaski, Va.; four grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

The family would like to thank Smokey Mountain Hospice for their help and support.

No public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to an animal shelter of your choosing.

To share memories of Joseph Daniel Newman please visit www.seaverbrown.com. Care for Joseph's family has been entrusted to Seaver-Brown Funeral Service & Crematory, 237 East Main Street, Marion, Va. 24354.



GENEVIEVE DAISY ALBERT

Genevieve Daisy Albert, age 72 of Dublin, died Saturday, March 20, 2021 at her residence. She was born on February 8, 1949 in Radford, and was the daughter of the late Mable Rigney McDaniel and the late Paul McDaniel. She was a member of the New Dublin Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother: Sonny McDaniel; two sisters: Ann Dowell and Fern Killen. She is survived by her husband, Terry Andrew Albert of Dublin; son: Troy Albert of Salem; daughter: Trish L. Albert of Dublin; sister Frances (Charlie) Costigan of Christiansburg; three grandchildren; Joshua Albert, Asher Albert, and Austin Albert; one great-grandchild; Violet Albert.

A graveside funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, with the Rev. Charles Damron officiating. Flowers will be appreciated, but for those who wish, they may make memorial contributions in memory of Genevieve to the Women's Resource Center of the NRV PO Box 477 Radford VA 24143. Online condolences may be sent to www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



CAROLYN DEAN COWAN QUESENBERRY

A loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister who will be remembered for

her character, faith, friendliness, and contagious laughter passes away at 72. Carolyn Dean Cowan Quesenberry, born February 9, 1949, passed peacefully into glory on March 19, 2021 surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Oliver M. Cowan and Audrey D. Cowan, preceded in death by her brother, Oliver M. Cowan Jr and nephew, Bryan K. Cruise.

Carolyn is survived by her beloved husband of 46 years, Richard R. Quesenberry; her daughter Jennifer Quesenberry and husband Jason Woodriddle, grandchildren Alana M. Bratton and Bryson C. Bratton; one dear sister Gail Stephens; and several special nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church, 2755 Old Baltimore Rd, Draper, VA 24324, on Saturday March 27, 2021 at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Carolyn's memory, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. Carolyn faithfully sponsored children at St. Jude's and it was her favorite charity. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.grubbfuneralhome.com Grubb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

MRS. ETHEL YVONNE BROWN

Mrs. Ethel Yvonne Brown left this life on earth on March 22, 2021 at the New River Valley Regional Center. She was surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Brown was a proud life long resident of Pulaski Virginia. As a child she attended Calfee Elementary Training School in Pulaski and graduated from beloved Christiansburg Industrial Institute, Christiansburg, Va., in 1954. Mrs. Brown, "Yvonne" loved working people and specifically young people, whom she always said "were our future." As a young woman, she was a Brownie Scout Leader at Calfee Elementary Training School in the 1950's. She also ran the summer play ground program held in north Pulaski, for the Town of Pulaski in the 1960's.

Yvonne was also a proud member of The Colored Women's Club, Junior Women's Civic Club, The District #24 Tri - Community Chapter, #238 Order of The Eastern Star of Virginia. Yvonne was also a long-time active member of the Democratic Party locally and on the state level. She was also a Lifetime Member of the NAACP where she worked with both the youth groups and strategic planning committees. Yvonne was employed by Jefferson Mills, Radford Arsenal, Klopman Mills and the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department as a deputy until she retired.

As a young child Yvonne became a member of Clark's Chapel Methodist Church, which is now Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church, working as an usher and member of The United Methodist Women.

Those preceding Yvonne in

death are her mother Margret Lee, her father Eck Hebron, sisters: Ethel Louise Hebron Simmons, Joyce Mae Anderson, brothers: Douglas Adolph Hebron and Aaron Anderson.

Yvonne leaves to cherish her memory, husband and true-life partner of 64 years, as she fondly and sincerely refers to as her "Bread & Butter" Daniel R. Brown Sr., son, Daniel R. Brown Jr., of Suffolk Va., daughter, Denise Renee Brown, of Virginia Beach Va.

Sisters: Annette Anderson of Christiansburg, Va., Beatrice Bullock of Richmond, Va., Julia Turner of Richmond, Va., and Patricia (Fred) Poole of Pulaski, Va.

Brother: Marvin Lee of Pulaski Va.

Grand Children: Ayana Dan-

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JACK DONALD VIA AKA "COWBOY JACK"

Jack Donald Via aka "Cowboy Jack," 87, passed away on Saturday 13th of March, 2021 in Kernersville, NC. He was born November 10th, 1933 in Pulaski, Va. He was the son of late Robert James Via and Hazel Kane Via.

He was married to late Shirley Shomaker Via for 60 years. Cowboy Jack was a member of First Christian Church Pulaski, Va and a lifetime member of the NRV Horse Association. He worked for Xaloy and retired after 38 years of service.

He is survived by son, Perry Via and wife Joann Via of Kernersville, NC. Three sisters: Marie Keesling of Roxboro, NC;

Betty Bratton of Coshocton, Ohio, Bonnie Matherly of Colonial Beach, Va and brother Herman Via of Tucson, Az. Cowboy Jack was preceded in death by his brother Doug Via of Pulaski and sister Doris Via of Colonial Beach, Va. Four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to NRV Horse Association PO BOX 521, Dublin, Va 24084. Memorial service is not scheduled now due to COVID-19. The memorial service will be announced in the newspaper. Family, friends, neighbors, his church and NRV Horse Association will be notified.

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Bowman feels obligation to 'get involved'

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Lowell Bowman of Riner is a businessman, farmer, husband and a father. But he's no politician and he will be the first to admit that.

But not being a politician didn't stop him from throwing his hat in the ring in an attempt to win the 7th District seat in the Virginia House of Delegates.

He's now one of three candidates seeking the seat that Nick Rush held for a decade. Rush announced recently he would not seek a sixth term in the House.

What prompted Bowman to run for the seat was his displeasure with the direction his state is heading.

"I feel an obligation to my country and my state to get involved," Bowman told The Patriot this week.

"I think it's going to take people like me in government - people who have been in the field and in the ditches and who have had to deal with a truck broke down on the side of the road. We're the ones who need to be up there in the General Assembly.

"That's what I think it's going to take.

"I just don't like the direction that we're going in the state," he said.

Bowman said he's met a lot of people in the just over two weeks since he announced his campaign.

"I've been talking to a lot of people. I've been campaigning a lot just in the couple weeks since I announced. To me the biggest issue I have found that people have brought up to me is 2nd Amendment and gun rights.

Brown

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Michelle Brown, Iman Nichelle Brown, Eshae Jenelle Brown

Great Grand Children: Zaymorin Hardy, Zy'Aire Hale, Zalia Hays and Norman Harrison.

Mrs. Brown is also survived by a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

For every person who referred to our mother as 'Momma' and/or "Momma Brown" we the Brown family love you and we're extremely thankful on how you impacted our mother's life as

WALTER DUANE KEGLEY

Walter Duane Kegley, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at his home.

Born July 2, 1946 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Ralph & Avery Sherwood King Kegley. His sister, Ann Kao, stepson, Timothy Finn, father-in-law, Rev. Archie Flinchum and son, Walter Duane Kegley, Jr. also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Wife - Connie Jean Kegley - Pulaski

Daughter - Tammy Kegley
Stepchildren - Melissa Finn, Sharon Timberlake

8 Grandchildren, 4 Great Grandchildren

Brothers & Sisters - Judy Kegley - FL, Ralph (Brenda) Kegley - SC, Betty Sue (Robert) Mitchell - Radford

Memorial services will be held 7:00 PM - Sunday evening March 28, 2021 at the Peak Creek Mission of Prayer (3661 Case Knife Road, Pulaski) with Rev. Dale Akers officiating.

The family will receive friends before service time Sunday at the church.



Lowell Bowman

"That is by far hands down ... I've spoken to hundreds of people and that is at the top of their list, to protect gun rights.

"That's number one on my list," he said.

Bowman also wants to get the economy of both the state and nation going again, and he wants people to be able to speak freely and express their opinions without fear of being silenced.

"I want to get the economy opened up and just do everything I can to help it thrive. Whatever that looks like. Just encourage that and help it along. Just get everything opened back up and moving again.

"The First Amendment, too, that's another big item. Our religious freedom and the ability just to have a conversation without being canceled. Or a college kid being able to have a conversation in the corridor and not feel like you're going to be hit by a book or something.

"Just to be able to have a conservative viewpoint on a college

campus, that's important.

"It's a healthy thing to disagree. There's nothing wrong with that. But you see video after video of just nastiness against people. I don't know if one person can fix that, but something needs to be addressed," Bowman said.

"One thing I want the voters to know is this is the first time I've ever done anything like this. I've never run for anything or been in any political office, so I don't know all of the innerworkings of what's going on in Richmond. I work a job and I have a lot of things going on. But from where I started to where I am now, I have been successful. You don't get that way by making bad decisions. So, I think whatever is put in front of me in Richmond when I get there, I'll make a good decision for the 7th District. Whatever issue is on the table.

"It will be from a conservative viewpoint, but I'll make the right decision for what we need to do. I feel confident that I can do that. I wouldn't be putting myself out there if I didn't think I could," Bowman said.

Bowman is no stranger to Pulaski County. He bought his first house in Pulaski County in the Highland Park area where he and his family lived for about 6 years until they moved to Montgomery County.

"While I was in Pulaski County, I was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals," Bowman remembered.

"When I was at Anderson and Associates, I worked on projects for the county. I'm a professional engineer and licensed land surveyor. We worked on industrial projects and things like that.

"One of the projects I worked on was the water connection between the City of Radford and Pulaski County. We did that in conjunction with Draper Aden.

"I was one of the designers on that project and that's what led to attracting Red Sun Farms to the New River Valley Commerce Park near Dublin.

"So, I have done a lot of design work for the county and worked with the local government there. All that helped to attract business to the county in a round-about way.

"We were preparing the park for development. I've done that in multiple counties in Virginia.

"That kind of ties me back to Pulaski County," he said.

Today Bowman is co-owner of Bowman-Griffin General Contractors and Bowman-Griffin Waste Management. He's also a beef cattle farmer. He has an engineering degree from Virginia Tech and is married to Stevie Spence Bowman. They have three children: Kiley, 15; Thomas 8; and Max, 6.

"My faith in God provides a solid moral compass that will help guide me," Bowman said in a press release announcing his candidacy earlier this month. "I

am Pro-Life and will work diligently to protect the rights of the most innocent of all, the unborn.

"I am among those the Founders of America called the common working man, the very ones in whose hands they placed the preservation of our nation by giving us the Right to Vote."

Bowman faces two challenges in the April 24 "firehouse primary" for the Republican nomination. Also seeking the nomination are Sherri Blevins and Marie March.

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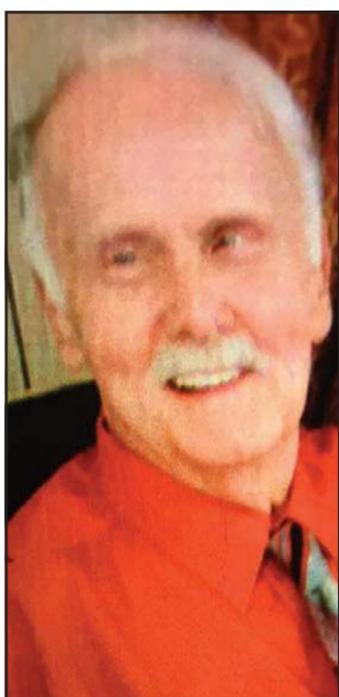
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Biden's Crisis at the Southern Border of U.S.

Abraham Lincoln was fond of a question that asked: if you call a sheep's tail a leg, how many legs does it have? If someone answered five, Lincoln said, he would be wrong; calling a tail a leg does not make it so.

President Biden has chosen not to heed this lesson. The situation on America's southern border is a crisis, even when his Administration has refused to acknowledge it.

Border security was a priority of President Trump and his Administration. Most notably, he made progress on the border wall despite intense Democrat resistance in Congress, but the wall was not the only measure. The United States reached agreements with several Central American countries that had them take in some of the asylum seekers attempting to enter our country, and the Migrant Protection Protocols required asylum seekers to remain in Mexico while American officials processed their claims.

In addition, during the COVID-19 pandemic, enforcement agencies invoked a section of immigration law that permits fast deportation of illegal immigrants to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

President Biden entered office determined to reverse these policies. He halted construction of the border wall, even though Congress had just appropriated \$1.4 billion for it in December. He resumed the "catch and release" policies of apprehending illegal immigrants and then letting them go within our country. The "Remain in Mexico" policy and asylum agreements with Central American countries were cancelled, and unaccompanied minors would no longer be returned from the border.

These actions follow a campaign in which Joe Biden vowed to deliver citizenship for illegal immigrants and said he would end



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

the "Remain in Mexico" policy. As if the message sent by these actions were not enough, his Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, who

is charged with enforcing immigration laws, said at a White House press briefing: "We're not saying, 'Don't come.' We are saying, 'Don't come now.'" suggesting that illegal immigration itself was not a problem, only the timing of it.

The outcome from this clear aversion to immigration enforcement was predictable. Before President Biden's inauguration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encountered fewer than 1,000 family units per week attempting to cross the border. Now that rate is at 6,000 per week.

In February 2020, CBP encountered 36,687 migrants at the border. This February, it encountered 100,441 - an increase of more than 170 percent. This scale of illegal immigrant apprehension at the border in February has not been seen since 2006.

Many of these illegal immigrants are unaccompanied minors. Federal law requires that they be transferred to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which then finds sponsors in the United States to take in the minors. But the spike in arrivals has jammed the process, so CBP is forced to hold the minors for longer than the time limits imposed by law.

Large numbers of people being held in close quarters and then released obviously pose a serious problem during a pandemic, yet the Biden Administration has released illegal immigrants into the U.S. without testing them for COVID-19, and congressional Democrats have rejected efforts to require testing of apprehended illegal immigrants.

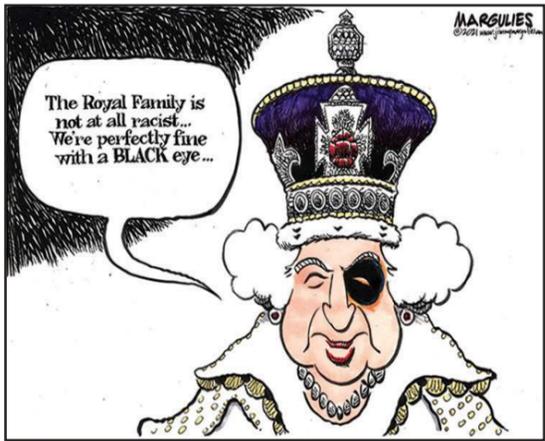
COVID is only one of the dangers from the border surge threatening the health and safety of both Americans and migrants. Smugglers and human traffickers victimize those making the trek to the border, and Biden's CBP has confirmed that four people arrested at the border since October 1 match names in a terrorist tracking database. Border patrol officers have been taken off the border and reassigned to process migrants. The coyotes and smugglers know how to exploit this additional gap in border security.

Yet when Secretary Mayorkas appeared at a House Committee on Homeland Security hearing on March 17, he followed the lead of his boss, President Biden, and repeatedly refused to call the situation at the border what it is: a crisis.

I strongly believe in legal immigration. In fact, I would like to see our country welcome more legal immigrants. The Biden Administration's reckless border security policies are deeply unfair to immigrants who want to become Americans the right way and diminish the rule of law, one of the defining traits of our republican system.

In only two months, the Biden Administration has turned upside down policies meant to secure our border, enforce immigration law, and treat fairly those who want to share in the American dream legally. The consequences are incurring a real cost. Americans and those who want to be Americans deserve better.

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



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Trust the Science or the Scientist?

Recently, we've heard a lot about "trust the science," but it gets a bit confusing when "the science" seems to change, often to fit the political whim of those in power.

For the past year we have been told: "Don't wear a mask ... then wear a mask ... then wear two masks ... Stay six feet apart ... then stay three feet apart ... wipe down everything you bring into the house ... then, don't wipe things down."

The more recent "trust the science" discussions are advising us that there are no longer just two sexes. It doesn't take a Rhodes Scholar to know what any farmer can tell you: that if you put two bulls in a field, you will never increase the size of your herd with calves.

It makes your head spin trying to keep up with the "scientific" information of the day. All this confusion has caused me to wonder who or what do the scientists trust? So, I did some of my own research.

The following may surprise you. Most of us were not taught in school about the Christian faith of many great scientists and philosophers, so let this enlighten you as it did me.

Although it is said that Albert Einstein did not believe in a personal God, he kept pictures on his wall of three strong

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Christian scientists who did: Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday and James Clerk Maxwell.

Einstein stated: "The more I study science, the more I believe in God ... and I want to know how God created this world ... I want to know His thoughts."

Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727) wrote more papers on religion and theology than he did on science. Newton was an earnest believer in God and wrote in Principia, 1687: "Order and life in the universe could happen only by the willful reasoning of its original Creator, whom I call the 'Lord God.'"

"There is one God, the Father, ever living, omnipresent, omniscient, almighty the maker of heaven and earth, and the Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

"Don't doubt the Creator, because it is inconceivable that accidents alone could

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

COVID Relief Bill: Bad Policy, Bad Faith

Joe Biden has signed what may well end up being the biggest accomplishment of his presidency, an enormous \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill.

With his other priorities likely to molder in the Senate, the spending will probably stand as a signature statement of Biden's approach to governance -- and it should be a damning one.

The legislation is a COVID-normer; it is neither a MISNO-mer; it is neither a COVID nor a relief bill. Only a tiny portion of the spending in the bill goes toward vaccinations and other priorities directly related to the pandemic.

Much of the rest of the spending is not well-suited, or even designed, to respond to current economic conditions, which are increasingly favorable.

Democrats are telling themselves that it's like 1933, when we were in the midst of a depression, whereas it's more like 1983, when we were coming out of a punishing recession.

Or to put it another way, the Biden bill is reacting to the wrong spring. It is no longer the cataclysmic spring of 2020, with the economy shattered and nothing to fight the virus except social distancing and masks, but the much more hopeful spring of 2021, with the economy opening back up, COVID cases steeply declining and vaccinations ramping up massively.

Jobless claims have decreased, and personal incomes are higher than when the pandemic started. Both the Congressional Budget Office and Goldman Sachs are projecting rapid economic growth in 2021. As states open back up, nearly 20% of the U.S. population has received at least one vaccination shot.

This isn't to say that all is well. There is an estimated \$420 billion hole in the economy, although, as even center-left critics of the bill have noted, you don't need a \$1.9 trillion bill to fill it.

The latest bout of spending is spread around willy-nilly on Democratic priorities and constituencies.

Take public education, where Democratic-allied teacher unions dominate. It's not clear why any additional spending is necessary, given that tens of billions of education funding from prior COVID relief bills are still unspent, even as many districts have already begun to reopen for in-person instruction.

Nonetheless, the bill spends roughly another \$130 billion on K-12 education, which will be spread out over years. The CBO projects more spending for elementary and secondary education will occur in fiscal year 2026 than this fiscal year.

The \$350 billion in aid to states and localities comes despite state and local tax revenue being down only a tick through much of 2020 compared with the year before. According to widely cited Moody's economist Mark Zandi, the state and local funding gap will be roughly \$60 billion through fiscal 2022. Still, states and localities will be showered with money, after more than \$500 billion in aid to

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West Virginia: Another tax-free heaven?

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

West Virginia is unique among America's 50 states. At a convention in Wheeling, Virginia, in 1861, delegates from Virginia's northwest counties, which were loyal to the Union, voted to break away from that state over the issue of slavery and their refusal to be part of the Confederate states.

West Virginia is again attempting to "break away," this time on the issue of taxes. While the Biden administration wants to raise federal income taxes to cover overspending, the governor of West Virginia, Jim Justice, wants to reduce and eventually eliminate his state's personal income tax. If successful, West Virginia would join nine other states that do not impose state income taxes on their citizens.

Though his state has experienced a population decline for 70 years, Gov. Justice believes now is the right time to reverse the trend by cutting the state's income tax by 60 percent in the first year, leading to its eventual elimination.

In an interview, I asked the governor for his rationale behind erasing his state's major revenue source. He said it is because the state's economy is booming and it now has a "\$100 million surplus," in spite of the pandemic. That's because, he says, businesses, including restaurants, "are 100 percent open" and people are flocking to the state to spend time and money.

He estimates that if his tax cut proposal passes the majority Republican legislature it will "put \$2,200 more in people's pockets. Every single person in the state will end up cash positive."

What about those who do not earn enough to pay state income tax? "I'll just write them a check," he says. The governor says that expenditure will be paid for and the lost revenue recovered by raising the state sales tax from 6 percent to 7.9 percent "on beer, sodas, tobacco and luxury items." He predicts his proposal will raise property and home values, and result in more jobs and higher wages.

Such an outcome would replicate the pre-pandemic economy under the Trump administration, which cut federal income taxes.

Asked why the state is seeing relatively strong financial numbers when many other states are struggling, Justice says, "It's absolutely economic growth. Our tourism industry, our state parks - everything - are booming in West Virginia. This is across high tech, higher education, medical, tourism, etc."

With such an improving economy, will the governor accept the state's portion of the \$1.9 trillion relief bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Biden?

"Absolutely," he says. The problem, as The Wall Street Journal noted, is this language in the measure: "A state or territory shall not use the funds to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue."

Governor Justice Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) for including that language in the bill, but he says he will abide by the law if it is interpreted in a way that frustrates his proposed tax cuts.

A federal fair, or flat tax - even a "use" tax - instead of a graduated income tax, has been a dream of many Republicans and conservatives for decades. Not only would it give everyone "skin in the game," as opposed to the current situation where half the country pays no federal income tax, it would also eliminate much of the class warfare the left uses to raise taxes on "the rich" and successful.

If Gov. Justice manages to navigate the legal challenges that will likely come from his proposed cut in state taxes, West Virginia could be a model for other states and even the federal government. This would require many voters to get off the gravy train and take more responsibility for themselves.

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

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So, It Has Come To Us!

To the editor,

So, it has come to us! One would not believe that our small Virginia county has now been attacked by the Virginia Department of Education (VDE), placing on students, teachers and parents, their broadly liberal views on what should happen in our public schools.

Recently, I received the proposal from the above Department concerning the treatment of transgender students. Through these proposals, the school system is not just attempting to protect such students, but by making huge changes in our schools, are actually promoting such aberrant behavior. I use the word "aberrant" deliberately because transgenderism is a deviation from how our holy God has made us – biologically male and female – nothing in between. Yet, the VDE's guidelines for school boards and public schools make it very clear that we must all change our lives to accommodate this new and persistent threat to normalcy.

In order for the reader to understand the matter of which I am so concerned, we must look at some of the VDE's definitions used in their guidelines. Some of them are as follows, as copied directly from their online guidelines. Only the font has been changed.

Gender: A set of social, psychological, and emotional traits that classify an individual as typically masculine or feminine, although the social construct of gender may be more diverse across a continuum rather than as a binary system.

(Notice here that their definition of gender has no mention of the biological status at birth.)

Gender Expression: The manner in which a person represents or expresses their gender identity or role to others, often through appearance, clothing, hairstyles, behavior, activities, voice, or mannerisms. Gender expression may change over time and from day-to-day and is not necessarily related to the person's gender identity.

Gender Identity: A person's internal sense of their own identity as a boy/man, girl/woman, another gender, no gender, or outside the male/female binary. Gender identity is an innate part of a person's identity and can be the same or different from society's expectations with the sex they were assigned at birth.

(Here again, "the sex they were assigned at birth" does not include the term "biological".)

LGBTQ+: An acronym for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and others."

Transgender: A self-identify-

ing term that describes a person whose gender identity is different from their sex assigned at birth. A transgender girl is a girl who was presumed to be male when she was born, and a transgender boy is a boy who was presumed to be female when he was born. Note that there is a wide range of gender identities in addition to transgender male and transgender female, such as nonbinary.

(Note here the words "presumed to be male" ... "presumed to be female" – as if the biology of their male and female parts did not matter.)

Thus, in the classroom how does this work out? Again, the guidelines speak.

"Schools shall allow students to use a name and gender pronouns that reflect their gender identity without any substantiating evidence. School staff shall, at the request of a student or parent, when using a name or pronoun to address the student, use the name and pronoun that correspond to their gender identity."

This only produces confusion for students and teachers and other staff members, in having to refer to a girl who is really a boy as she/her, etc. This presents problems for parents, as well, who do not agree with what their child has proclaimed about him or herself. School divisions have to decide whether to abide by the child's wishes, or the parents' desires. All this is spoken to in the VDE guidelines in detail.

Besides that, dress and grooming codes must be rewritten to include whatever the transgender student wishes. Everything is now leaning towards making transgender students feel comfortable and safe. What about the "normal" student who is intimidated by having their whole lives and environments changed to accommodate the few?

These policies will also affect classroom and extra-curricular activities. I quote:

"Gender-based policies, rules, and practices can have the effect of marginalizing, stigmatizing, and excluding students, regardless of their gender identity or gender expression. Examples of practices that may be based on gender include grouping students for class activities, gender-based homecoming or prom courts, limitations on who can attend as "couples" at school dances, and gender-based events such as father-daughter dances." In other words, every area of school life will be affected by these policies.

And what about gym classes, showering and dressing? VDE has spoken about this as well:

"Whenever schools provide gender-specific activities such as

physical education classes, students should be allowed to participate in a manner consistent with their gender identity. Students have the right to equitable access to programs, activities, and events that include but are not limited to acknowledgements, dances, assemblies, after-school programs, extracurricular activities, intramurals, non-competitive sports leagues, and field trips. For overnight field trips, the school should not force the student into single-occupancy accommodations that are not required for other students; however, such alternative accommodations should be made available to any student requesting them. It is important that school divisions adopt policies and procedures that are focused on the safety of all students and seek to address privacy interests in situations involving individuals undressing or showering."

It seems that schools will have to be creating more bathrooms and locker room facilities as well. The guidelines write: "All students are entitled to have access to restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities that are sanitary, safe, and adequate, so that they can comfortably and fully engage in their school programs and activities. Schools frequently maintain separate restrooms, locker rooms or other facilities for males and females. Students should be allowed to use the facility that corresponds to their gender identity."

A huge responsibility now lies on our local school boards to decide just how far our schools have to go. The VDE speaks to this issue as well. Part of what they say follows: "In order for the policies to be effective, local school boards should consider developing detailed guidelines and processes for the implementation of these policies." This will include student records and much more. There is not space in this article to include all the "teacher training" which will be required to carry out the guidelines.

As the March 12, 2021 Patriot reported, our school board has already met and are working on their "equity plan." While the plan apparently concerns race as well as transgenderism, they will have to deal with this transgender issue. Frankly, I believe their complete plan should be published for all to see, not just those who attend one of their meetings. This article is just a "heads-up" for parents and teachers. Parents must decide whether they want their children subjected to transgender education (yes, it is even being taught in the lower grades as a choice). It is already affecting our children. American Family Association reports a poll of Generation Z (ages 6-24) with these results: "Among Gen Z youth, 59 percent believe nouns other than man and woman should be used, and 35 percent of this age group believe they will change their gender identity at least one time in their lives!"

This is what is happening! Pray up! Stand up! It Matters That We Stand!

Pat Guthrie
Pulaski

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be the controller of this universe." Michael Faraday (1791-1867) is best known for his work on electromagnetism. We know his achievements as the Faraday effect, Faraday cage, Faraday waves; but what we didn't know was that he was a passionate Christian who was deeply interested in the relationship between faith and science.

He wrote: "The book of nature which we have to read is written by the finger of God." And, "I bow before Him who is Lord of all ... and the great and precious promises whereby His people are made partakers of the Divine nature."

Another of his statements is: "Since peace alone is the gift of God, and as it is He who gives it, why should we be afraid? His unspeakable gift in His beloved Son is the ground of no doubtful hope."

James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879) was credited for bringing physics, electricity, magnetism and light into unity in science through Maxwell's Equations. For Maxwell, science and faith were congruous and studying God's creation was considered an act of worship.

Maxwell wrote: "I think men of science as well as other men need to learn from Christ, and I think Christians whose minds are scientific are bound to study science that their view of the glory of God may be as extensive as their being is capable of."

To my surprise, I found there are hundreds of scientists who profess a belief in God and in Jesus Christ. Here are a just a few more.

Robert Boyle (1627-1691-Chemistry) wrote: "God [is] the author of the universe, and the free establisher of the laws of motion." And, "The Gospel comprises indeed, and unfolds, the whole mystery of man's redemption, as far forth as it is necessary to be known for our salvation."

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642 - Italian astronomer, physicist, engineer, philosopher, and mathematician) wrote: "Mathematics is the language with which God has written the universe." "God is known by nature in his works, and by doctrine in his revealed Word."

"The Bible shows the way to go to heaven, not the way the heavens go.

The prohibition of science would be contrary to the Bible, which in hundreds of places teaches us how the greatness and the glory of God shine forth marvelously in all his works, and is to be read above all in the open book of the heavens."

JOHANNES KEPLER (1571 – 1630 Astronomy) believed that "Science is the process of thinking God's thoughts after Him." His statements of faith are bold: "God is great. Great is his power, infinite his wisdom. Praise him, heaven and earth, sun, moon, and stars in your own language. My Lord and my Creator, I would like to proclaim the

magnificence of your works to men to the extent that my limited intelligence can understand ... Those laws are within the grasp of the human mind. God wanted us to recognize them by creating us after his own image so that we could share in his own thoughts ... I believe only and alone in the service of Jesus Christ. In Him is all refuge and solice."

Dr. Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965 Physician) stated: "Struggling to find the universal concept of the ethical ... there flashed upon my mind ... the phrase: 'Reverence for Life.'"

Schweitzer believed "There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts. To be glad instruments of God's love in this imperfect world is the service to which we are called."

Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) founder of microbiology and immunology prayed while working in his laboratory. He said "The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God ... Question your priorities often, make sure God always comes first."

Blaise Pascal (1623-1663) Well known for his work in physics, math, computing and theology, gives us his inner thoughts about who he trusts: "Faith is different from proof; the latter is human, the former is a Gift from God." He wrote: "There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus ... Jesus is the God whom we can approach without pride and before whom we can humble ourselves without despair."

Sir Frances Bacon (1561-1626 – **Scientific Method**) believed that the only way to really understand science was if you believed in God and used the Bible as a resource. "Of all virtues and dignities of the mind, goodness is the greatest, being the character of the Deity... There was never law, or sect, or opinion did so much to magnify goodness, as the Christian religion doth."

These are just a few of the scientists from antiquity who professed a trust in God and Christ. Contrary to what the media would like us to believe, there are hundreds of contemporary scientists who are believers. Maria Mitchell is one of them. She is America's first female astronomer, named to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

After hearing a sermon about the dangers of science, she wrote: "Scientific investigations, pushed on and on, will reveal new ways in which God works, and bring us deeper revelations of the wholly unknown."

For insight into the relationship between scientists and Christianity, read *Confronting Christianity* by Rebecca McLaughlin; and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christians_in_science_and_technology

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states and localities last year.

The bill spends \$86 billion bailing out union-negotiated multi-employer pension plans.

Transportation gets tens of billions of new spending, which by its nature doesn't happen quickly, and more than \$30 billion goes to expanding Obamacare, a long-term Democratic policy goal.

It's doubtful that the checks of \$1,400 to individuals are necessary; it is more supply -- i.e., businesses being closed or supply chains disrupted -- than demand that is hampering the economy now.

The continued elevated unemployment payments make unemployment more lucrative than employment for many people, and will discourage a return

to work at the margins.

For all that, the bill is popular. From where Biden sits, why not spend as much as possible under the rubric of "COVID relief"? To paraphrase Rahm Emanuel, a pandemic is a terrible thing to waste.

Assuming the bill doesn't cause some disastrous unintended consequence, it will allow Biden to take credit for a roaring economic recovery that is already building.

This might be shrewd politics, but it is not evidence-based or bipartisan governance. It's getting while the getting is good, and assuming that no one will notice.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town of Dublin, Virginia proposes to increase property tax levies.

- Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property in the Town of Dublin by 13.3 percent.
- Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.21 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
- Effective Rate Increase:** The Town of Dublin proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.24 per \$100 of assessed value (which is the existing real estate tax rate). The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.03 per \$100, or 14.3 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above-percentage, based on the reassessment valuation.

- Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the Town of Dublin will exceed last year's by 14.7 percent.

A public hearing on the effective tax rate increase will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers (second floor) of the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia. All persons desiring to comment on the proposed effective tax rate increase should submit their comments in writing to the Dublin Town Manager prior to the hearing, or, *subject to current health safety regulations*, may appear before the Council at the above-stated time and place.

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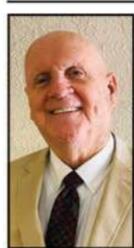
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Why Do We Need Grace?

It has been said that grace is everything for nothing to those who don't deserve anything.

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A man does not get grace till he comes down to the ground, till he sees he needs grace. When a man stoops to the dust and acknowledges that he needs mercy, then it is that the Lord will give him grace.

Why do we need Grace? First of all, we need grace because we can't be saved without it. For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2:8,9)

John Gill tells us that we can't even take credit for the act of faith, because it is God who creates faith and implants it in our hearts and minds so that we might believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

The Law was insufficient. And so came Grace. When Jesus Christ came, the Mosaic Covenant was replaced by a Better Covenant. The Covenant of Grace. Christ came bringing a new and living way to get to God.

Grace has made us free not only from sin, but also from Jewish rites and ceremonies and from the old sacrificial system of the blood of bulls and goats. Christ's sacrifice was complete. No works that we can add to it, will make it any more complete.

The bible says that the law was good in that it was a Schoolmaster, to show that we, as humans can't possibly keep the whole law, but will offend, because the law demands us to live our lives in strict accordance with it, but provides not the power to help us to become righteous in God's sight.

A great number of Jews accepted Christ and the Covenant of Grace, but then some turned back to the old ways. They voluntarily went, by their own volition, back to the bondage of the law.

He told these foolish Galatians, Hey, if you are counting on Circumcision to make you righteous in God's sight, then Christ will be of no benefit to you.

You can't blend together the two systems. Because the new covenant has replaced the old covenant.

When you think you can be justified or made righteous by the law, you sever your relationship with Jesus Christ and you fall away from God's grace.

Paul was explaining to these foolish Galatians that salvation comes to those who place their faith in Jesus Christ. What is of the utmost importance is faith expresses itself in love. Faith is made active in love. Love is the ultimate calling for faithful service to God and to others. It is the fulfillment of the two greatest commandments. 1. Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and being and 2. Loving others as ourselves.

God's grace is sufficient. Condensed version.

Paul said you were doing so well, and living the Christian life by faith in Christ Jesus, who led you away from the truth? You were running so well in the gospel race. What happened to you? Why did you get off on the wrong track? It wasn't God the Father. It

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3200 Lee Highway
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Pastor: Alan Pearce
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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

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

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Pastor: Mark Asbury
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835

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

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

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

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church
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Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor Mark Asbury
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

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

Valley Harvest Ministries
1 Harvest Place
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
540-674-4729

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

Dublin Baptist Church
100 Hawkins Street
Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Pastor: Dennis Jones
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
Children's Church and Nursery
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski
(physical address)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski
(mailing address)
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton
Associate Pastor:
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Sunday Services
9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship
9:00AM - Contemporary Worship
10:00AM - Sunday School
11:00AM - Traditional Worship
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6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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

River of Life Church
5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084
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Sunday School 9:15 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Wednesday Evening Life
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deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
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announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at
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6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin
Pastor Mike Pierce
Service Times:
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;
Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
Facebook.com/
HeritageChurchDublinVA

Fairlawn Baptist
6758 Oxford Avenue
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7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
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Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

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Radford, VA 24141
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540-577-5780
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service
7 p.m. Youth Service

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Sunday Morning Worship Service
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Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
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Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

Fairlawn United Methodist Church
7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
Pastor Mark A. Miller
markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com
Cell) 540-320-2431
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message):
11 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry
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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.
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

Dublin Christian Church
5605 Dunlap Road
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Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
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Richard R. Goad, Jr.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

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firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org
Sunday Services:
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,
Service 11 a.m.
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

First Baptist Church
5473 Baskerville Street
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Wallis Brown
540-674-2677
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New Dublin Presbyterian Church
5331 New Dublin Church Road
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon
Website: newdublinpres.org
540-674-6147
Services 11:00 AM Sundays

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

First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Minister:
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3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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

Aldersgate United Methodist
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(540) 980-1349
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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

Pulaski Presbyterian Church
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975 Memorial Drive
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship Service: 11:00am

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540-980-2001
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Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Pastor: Jason N. Aker
Phone: 276-699-3176
pastorjasonaker@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
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Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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wasn't God the Son. And it wasn't
God the Holy Spirit.

This false teaching that the law
trumps out over grace is a false
teaching. It's like leaven. A little
leaven, a little false doctrine, leav-
eneth the whole lump.

Timothy was saved, by grace,
through faith. So he was NOT say-
ing, "Timothy, you are not saved
unless you get circumcised," but
was helping he Timothy become a
Jew, so that he might win the Jews
who were yet unsaved. So as not
to give an offense to some of these
Jews, whom he wanted Timothy to
be able to win to Christ.

These scriptures go together to
point out that salvation by the law
is no longer possible, since Jesus
came in person, ushering in the
dispensation of Grace.

The Gospel proclaims liberty
from the ceremonial law but binds
us faster under the moral law.

We can take our liberty with all
kinds of things as long as we are
not committing sin by the doing of
it. Sin is sin, and is to be abstained
from by those who are serving the
Lord. John the beloved said in 1
John 2:1 "My little children, these
things write I unto you, that ye sin
not. And if any man sin, we have
an advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous."

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Gethsemane
in the Old or New Testament or
neither?

2. What signal or mark did Ju-
das use to betray Jesus to the reli-
gious leaders of the day? Marked
Jesus with ash, Pointed to Him,
Gave Jesus a kiss, Washed Jesus'
feet

3. In John 11:45-53, who was
the high priest who called for
Jesus' death? Elionus, Joazar,
Simon Cantheras, Caiaphas

4. When Mary Magdalene and
"the other Mary" came upon the
risen Jesus, who did He ask them
to inform? Priests, Disciples, No
one, Villagers

5. From John 20, which dis-
ciple doubted Jesus had risen
unless he could see the wounds?
Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thadde-
us

6. How long did Jesus remain
after His resurrection before He
ascended into heaven? Instanta-
neously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2)
Gave Jesus a kiss; 3) Caiaphas;
4) Disciples; 5) Thomas (called
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Churches and schools have a role in teaching children

From the writings of the Rev.
Billy Graham

Q: Society today teaches that the
classroom is where our children
should learn what they need in life.
Is this true? -- T.C.

A: Parents have a heavy
responsibility to nurture their
children. Parents are responsible
not only for meeting the physical
needs of their children -- which
even nature teaches -- but also for
spiritual growth. The Scriptures,
which God intended for everyone
to obey, says, "These words which

I command you today shall be in
your heart. You shall teach them
[the Scripture] diligently to your
children, and shall talk of them
when you sit in your house, when
you walk by the way, when you
lie down, and when you rise up...
You shall write them on the door-
posts of your house and on your
gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Churches and schools have a
role in teaching children, but the
responsibility lies with the parents
who gave life to their children and
have the greatest love for them.



My Answer

Billy Graham

Living a good example in front
of children is vital. If they see par-
ents do something that is contrary
to what they teach, children may
rebel and turn away from truth. If
children hear parents talk about
honesty yet fail to see it in lived

out, this inconsistency will do
great harm.

The truth is that moms and dads
don't go into parenthood experi-
enced, so they are bound to make
some mistakes. The important
thing is to teach God's Word and
be a consistent example. Be hum-
ble before the Lord and ask for
His wisdom. Pray that God may
crown your home with grace, love,
and mercy, and pray daily for your
children by name. It blesses the
Lord greatly when the influence
of Christian parents build godly
character into their children.

Schools seeking \$534,000 in additional funding

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board is asking the Board of Supervisors for an additional \$534,000 to balance its budget for next school year.

The School Board on Tuesday evening, meeting at Pulaski County High School approved a

nearly \$52 million school budget for the 2021-22 school year.

The budget as presented by Chris Stafford, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operation calls for an additional \$1.1 million in state revenue for a total of \$29 million from Richmond. State funding is based on an Average Daily Membership of 3,807 students.

The increased funding from Richmond includes supplemental funding to help localities provide 5 percent pay increases to teachers and support staff.

Failure to give the full 5 percent raises reduces the amount of the state supplements.

Stafford told the school board that finance directors for school systems in surrounding localities have indicated their divisions are all proposing to give the full 5 percent increase for next year.

Giving a lesser increase than 5 percent, Stafford said, would put Pulaski County behind the other school divisions. That would put the school system in a bad position when competing for teachers and administrators.

Providing 5 percent increases for teachers will cost the school system just over \$1.3 million and providing support staff with the 5 percent increase will cost \$486,000.

The school budget also calls for new salary scales for custodians to keep pace with future changes in the state's minimum wage increases.

The state's current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour increases

May 1 to \$9.50 per hour, to \$11.00 per hour on Jan. 1, 2022, and to \$12.00 per hour on Jan. 1, 2023.

The current starting pay for a custodian is \$10.64 an hour. The proposed new starting pay is \$12.00 per hour.

The cost for the new custodian pay scale is just over \$149,000.

School nutrition workers will also see the increases; however, those costs are not included in the school budget, but are provided through the school cafeteria fund.

Stafford said a \$345,000 contingency fund created in the current year's budget due to concerns over COVID will also be applied to next year's budget to lessen the shortfall.

The contingency plan was created at the beginning of the pandemic and after the shutdown of schools to help deal with unknown costs due to COVID-19 and possible decreases in state revenues and student enrollment.

The contingency is no longer needed, Stafford explained, due to the stimulus funding received to address COVID-related costs and because state funding and student enrollment have stabilized.

The result is a budget short-

fall for next year of just over \$534,000, with \$16,041,260 in county funds proposed for education. County funding this year is \$15,507,134.

After the School Board voted 5-0 to approve the budget, Stafford was asked what happens if the supervisors reject the request for the additional funding.

Stafford said the School Board would have to meet again and consider alternatives to address the shortfall. However, he noted that with 85 percent of the budget being related to personnel, it would be very difficult to reduce the budget further.

Plus, he said, if the School Board had to reduce the 5 percent raises, it would mean less received in state supplement funding.

"We think this is a very conservative budget," stated School Board Chairman Tim Hurst. "All we are asking for is to maintain a competitive pay scale."

The budget will now be transmitted to the county and will meet the state-imposed deadline of April 1 for schools to provide supervisors with a budget.

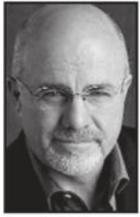
It Will Work Out Better In The Longrun

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are having a financial disagreement. I would like to go ahead and fully fund our Roth IRAs, even though we have about \$10,000 in car loan debt. She, on the other hand, thinks we should pay off the debt first. We can probably have either one completed by the end of the year. What do you think we should do?

Mark

Dear Mark,
I've got to go along with your wife on this one. I'm glad you two are having money discussions, and working toward making decisions together, but you'll never get control of your finances until you rid yourself of the mindset that debt is okay. Once you lose that idea, you'll begin to understand missing a year of funding your Roth IRAs isn't going to kill you. It's also not going to prevent you from becoming wealthy and living like no one else when it's time to start thinking about retirement.

If you stay in the mindset that having debt is okay, or that you're going to let it hang around, eventually it will really mess you up financially. Winning with money is more about behavior than math. Don't get me wrong, you need to crunch the numbers



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and be mindful of them, but all the mathematical components are nothing but theory if the behavior doesn't kick in.

So yeah, I'm siding with your wife on this one. Just follow the Baby Steps plan. Have all your debt paid off, except for your home, and an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved and set aside before you start any long-term investing. A lot of folks will tell you my way isn't mathematically correct, but it will work better in the long run—for your money, your marriage, and in other areas of your life!

—Dave

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March 27

Easter Egg Hunt

The Belspring Community will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27th at 2 PM at the Belspring Community Park on Neck Creek Rd. There will be games, prizes and pre-packaged treat bags for the children.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Cleanup

The Hufford/Mt.Olivet Community cemetery is holding a cleanup on Saturday, March 27 in preparation for the Spring and upcoming mowing season. We respectfully ask that families with plots or loved ones buried there, please remove all old and faded flowers and help us pick up wind blown trash. For any questions, please call 540-200-7880 or 540-616-9131.

Thornspring Cemetery Cleaning

The cemetery at Thornspring United Methodist Church will be cleaned Saturday, March 27, 2021 in preparation for the upcoming mowing season. We respectfully request each family to inspect their plots & remove any wreaths, flowers, vases, etc that you would like to keep or reuse at another time. If you have any questions, call 540-320-5348.

March 28

Chalk Art Revival

Belspring Baptist Church will welcome Rev Dwight Haynes, who will conduct a "Chalk Art Revival", beginning Sunday, March 28th thru Wednesday, March 31st. There will be a "social get together" on Sunday afternoon from 5:30 until 7 PM. Everyone is invited. The Church is located at 6887 Depot Street, Belspring, VA.

April 1

American Legion Meeting
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, April 1, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864. April 13

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart-Horse-Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, April 13, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Jonathan McPeak will give a talk on the "History of the Virginia 45th Infantry Regiment". Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

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Cougars face their first big test vs. PH

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The preliminaries are now over. Now the hard work begins.

After a 4-0 start with no winning margin less than 21 points – and a bye week – the Pulaski County Cougars face the two toughest tests of their abbreviated 2021 season.

Last week's bye couldn't have come at a better time for the Cougars and head coach Mark Dixon let his players take full advantage.

"We practiced a little bit early in the week then took some time off," Dixon said Tuesday. "We got some fundamental stuff out of the way that first day on Monday, and then we took a break. Just kind of lifted weights.

"We'd had a pretty long stretch there with the games being bunched together and hadn't had any time off. So, I thought the kids needed a little bit of a break," he said.

A week with no game always helps players get over the bumps and bruises of the season and had to help junior running back Keyonte Kennedy who's been playing with a broken cast as he recovers from a broken hand.

Dixon is hopeful one of his primary weapons on offense is cast-free come Friday's game time.

"I'm not 100 percent sure yet, but the last I heard I think it will be off," Dixon said.

Despite the cast, in the Cougars' 56-0 win two weeks ago against Blacksburg, Kennedy was a big producer, rushing for 114 yards on 19 carries.



Pulaski County's defensive front has played strong this season. Pictured here (from left) are Chayton Rollins, Zeke Surber, Clay Phillips and Diego Turner.

Production, however, isn't all Dixon worries about when a running back like Kennedy carries the ball in one hand and a cast on the other.

"You kind of hold your breath. You always worry about turnovers with that big cast like that," he said.

Other than Kennedy, Dixon said the rest of the Cougars are good to go.

"We're 100 percent healthy, knock on wood."

While the Cougars have dominated their opponents so far this season, Dixon doesn't believe his team is getting too confident.

"No, I don't think so. The kids are certainly aware of what we're facing this week. They've seen some film and they know the challenges are huge," Dixon said.

"I think that's kind of leveled us out and got us back focused on the things we need to focus on to have a chance to win."

Friday's opponent – Division 5

power and old rival Patrick Henry won't be a pushover.

The Patriots come out of Roanoke as the top team in Region 5D, boasting a VHSL power rating of 23.60 – just ahead of Pulaski County's 23.50 this week and not too far behind Salem's 25.50.

Coached by Alan Fiddler, they're 4-1 overall and in the River Ridge District, and their only loss came in week three when they fell at Salem, 34-17.

The Patriots' four wins came

against Hidden Valley (14-6), Blacksburg (56-0), Cave Spring (32-18) and Christiansburg (41-21).

Friday night's game in Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium is the Patriots' last of the regular season.

The Patriots are led by VMI-bound senior quarterback Roy Gunn who passed for 188 on 7-of-12 passing last week in their win over Christiansburg.

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Radford drops close one to Glenvar, 16-14 Hokies hoops season ends vs. Florida

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

The Radford Bobcats hosted Glenvar last Saturday with the Bobcats looking to remain undefeated on the season.

The game was littered with a lot of fouls and fourth and turnovers by both teams.

The Bobcats kicked off to Glenvar, but on the second play Kyle Hanks was tackled by Reece Mabry forcing a fumble recovered by the Bobcats' Spencer Perdue.

The Bobcats drove down to the 16-yard line, but were unable to get it into the end zone. Mason Sproule's 33-yard field goal attempt missed to the left.

Taking over on the 22 yard line, Glenvar QB Aiden Wolk managed to get their running game going moving the ball down to the Bobcat's 22 yard line. However, an incomplete pass, offensive penalties, and a sack by Bobcats Perdue and a Kennedy forced Glenvar to punt from the 43 yard line.

The Bobcats took possession, but were unable to sustain a drive and punted after three-and-out.

Trying to take advantage of good field position the Bobcats' 47 yard line, Wolk completed a pass to Nick Woodson for an



#1 Xavier Cobbs, #7 PJ Prioleau, #4 Kamaree Tanner bring down the Glenvar runner.

8 yard gain. But just 2 plays later Wolk's pass was intercepted by Zane Rupe.

The Bobcats offense suffered yet another turnover almost immediately when Darius Wesley-Brubeck fumbled the ball at

the 44 yard line.

Glenvar regained possession and was able to finally score on a 24-yard field goal by Wolk, and

Glenvar led 3-0 midway through the 2nd quarter.

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Hokies hoops season ends vs. Florida

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Florida overcame playing short-handed most of the season after preseason SEC player of the year Keyontae Johnson was lost because of a scary medical episode.

The Gators did it again, getting through to the second round for an eighth straight NCAA Tournament appearance — and doing it without two key contributors.

"This team just continues to show character," Florida coach Mike White said. "No one's been through what they've been through."

Colin Castleton scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, Tre Mann hit a step-back 3-pointer with 23 seconds left in overtime and the seventh-seeded Gators held off No. 10 seed Virginia Tech 75-70 in a first-round game on Friday.

Florida was cheered on by Johnson, who has turned into a de facto assistant coach since returning to the team following a December game in which he collapsed on the court and was hospitalized. He is still recovering from the episode, and doctors told him he could not play again this season.

The Gators had plenty of time to learn how to play without Johnson. But they opened the NCAAs without key forward Omar Payne, who was benched by White, and lost starting guard Tyree Appleby midway through the second half after an inadvertent elbow opened a gash on his forehead.

Enter Castleton, who was dominant on the inside. And Mann came through with a pair of key 3-pointers late to send the Gators (15-9) into the second round to face the Ohio State-Oral Roberts winner.

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Cougars

Hokies

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"They're great in the skill positions. A veteran quarterback who's elite. He's going to be a college quarterback and you can tell he's played a ton of football," Dixon said about Gunn and the Patriot offense.

"Then they've got big speed on the outside. All of them have been with the QB for a couple of years with the exception of one of them. There's four of them. All four wide receivers can flat out get open and they all can fly," Dixon added.

One of the Patriots' stars in last week's win included freshman running back Arjuan Webb who scored three touchdowns and ran for 189 yards in the game - 157 coming in the first half.

One of his biggest runs was a 76-yard carry that led to one Patriot score.

Patriot receiver Taeshawn Webb hauled in two touchdown passes - his first on a 94-yard reception.

"The challenge is they're going to spread the field and be able to make plays. Their line has big strong kids. They have a complex system they run and they're good at it," Dixon said.

To win, the Cougars need to keep running the ball and run time off the clock.

Plus, the Cougars have been victimized by their own penalties in their first four games. That needs to stop, according to Dixon.

"We'll have to run the ball and definitely limit the number of possessions they get. They're just explosive.

"And, we're going to have to really get more disciplined with our penalties and cut that out. We're not going to be able to continue to overcome the pre-snap penalties - jumping offsides and those types of things," Dixon added.

Game time is 7 p.m. in Dobson Stadium.

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"It just shows who we are as a team, our character," said Castleton, a transfer from Michigan. "We went through a lot of other stuff off the court, and this game today we went through a lot on the court."

Mann hit a 3 with 2:49 left in regulation, a shot that became huge as Virginia Tech rallied in the closing seconds and forced overtime on Nahiem Alleyne's 3-pointer with 1.4 seconds left. Mann's second big 3-pointer gave the Gators a 74-70 lead and proved enough after Cordell Pemsel's missed jumper with 10 seconds left.

Mann, an all-SEC performer, finished with 14 points. Scottie Lewis added 15 for the Gators.

Alleyne was brilliant for the Hokies (15-7) through regulation but was held to just one basket in overtime. He finished with 30 points and scored the final 12 of regulation for Virginia Tech.

"I mean it was a crazy feeling. Everybody's dream is to hit a big shot. Big-time players made big-time plays," Alleyne said of the tying 3-pointer. "It was just a crazy feeling. I mean that wasn't really the play. We were supposed to give the ball to Tyrece (Radford), but they were shading his side so Keve (Aluma) passed it to me and

Radford

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The Bobcats again were unable to convert a first down from the kickoff and were forced to punt. Glenvar's Jackson Swanson fielded the punt, but was immediately brought down by Bobcat Allen Hamblin.

Wolk handed off to Colvin Delano who was tackled for a 5-yard loss by Alex Kanipe. Wolk's attempted pass on the next play was again broken up by Kanipe. Yet another turnover occurred on the next play as Wolk was intercepted by Marcell Baylor.

The Bobcat offense took the field, but was still unable to muster a first down. Another punt by Sproule gave possession back to Glenvar who fumbled, but recovered the ball at the 38 yard line.



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Virginia Tech's Keve Aluma drives to the basket against Florida during last week's NCAA Tournament game.

I just knocked it down."

Tyrece Radford added 16 points for the Hokies and Hunter Cattoor finished with 11 off the bench. Virginia Tech hit 5 of its first 10 3-point attempts, but made just two the rest of the way.

Florida held Keve Aluma, Virginia Tech's leading scorer at 15.6 points per game, to just seven points before he fouled out early in overtime. Aluma appeared to believe the foul was only his fourth. Virginia Tech coach Mike Young said he considered keeping

Aluma on the bench to start overtime.

"That was a poor choice on my part," Young said.

The opener of the tournament at historic Hinkle Fieldhouse didn't disappoint for drama as the short-handed Gators trailed by 10 in the first half and faced a 44-36 deficit with 15 minutes left before chipping away.

"We weren't losing the game," Castleton said. "I mean that's just what it comes down to. You've got to have a mindset of 'We're not

losing this game.' We don't want to go back to Florida just yet."

NO PAYNE

Payne was ejected from the SEC Tournament quarterfinals early in the second half for a flagrant-2 foul against Tennessee's John Fulkerson. Fulkerson suffered a concussion and facial fracture and is uncertain for Tennessee's opener against Oregon State.

Payne started eight of 23 games and averaged 3.7 points. White declined to say if he will allow Payne to play in the second round.

"It was the right thing to do. That's it. Omar handled it like a champ. Omar's very remorseful," White said.

HINKLE'S LIGHT

The first NCAA Tournament game at Hinkle Fieldhouse in 81 years was rife with history, nostalgia and ... sunlight. A cloudless day had sun pouring in through the windows at the top of the arched, steel-truss roof. Windows on the concourse level along the South side of the building had shades pulled down to block the sun, but there were sunspots dotting the north end of the court.

The only previous NCAA Tournament action inside Hinkle occurred on March 23, 1940, when Indiana beat Duquesne 39-30 to win the East Regional.



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#7 PJ Prioleau avoids the last Glenvar defender to take it 71 yards for a touchdown.

Glenvar's incomplete passes from Wolk, coupled with a false start penalty, forced a punt by Jeb Secrist that was blocked by Bobcats PJ Prioleau.

The ball was recovered on the 39 yard line by Bobcats Keith Tabor who ran it to the 19 yard line.

With 4:13 remaining in the 2nd quarter the Bobcats scored on a 19-yard carry by Wesley-Brubeck. The PAT by Sproule was good, giving the Bobcats a 7-3 lead.

After a brief offensive possession Glenvar still was unable to find the end zone and the Bobcats went to the locker room at half-time still leading 7-3.

The Bobcats and Glenvar went back and forth on possessions the 3rd quarter. The Bobcats got within striking distance, but came up short when Sproule's field goal from the 17 yard line missed right.

Glenvar was finally able to string together some first downs. However, the score remained 7-3 Bobcats at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Glenvar finally scored a touchdown in the 4th quarter after a long drive from their own 27 yard line.

Wolk completed passes to Nick Woodson, Dagan Williams and

Jack Swanson for a combined 39 yards. Coupled with runs by Hanks, Gabriel Schaffer, and Swanson to put the ball in the red zone on the 5 yard line.

Glenvar's Dagan Williams took over QB duties at the 18 yard line, which culminated in a touchdown by Hanks from 2 yards out. The PAT was good and Glenvar went up, 10-7.

The Bobcats Xavier Cobbs fielded the kickoff on the 15 and returned it for 15 yards. On the next play QB Rupe fumbled but recovered the ball. He then completed a pass to Cobbs for an 11-yard gain. Rupe's next pass was completed to Prioleau who carried the ball 71 yards to the end zone for a touchdown. Sproule's PAT was good and the Bobcats

took the lead back, 14-10.

Glenvar mounted a 4th quarter drive with Wolk again at QB. From their own 17 yard line, Wolk utilized Hanks, Delano, Schaffer and Swanson to move the ball to the end zone for a touchdown. The PAT by Blake Custer hit the upright and Glenvar took the lead back 16-14 with 1:50 left in the game.

The Bobcats made a final effort to get within field goal range, but was stymied by incomplete passes.

The inability to convert first downs, turnovers, and missed field goals contributed to the Bobcats' 16-14 loss to Glenvar.

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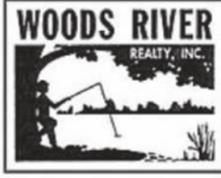


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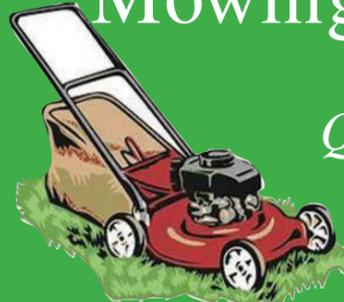
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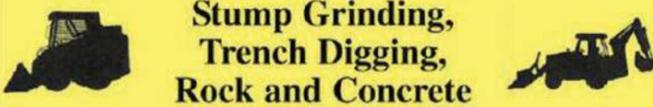


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salmon eggs, power bait etc. To really get into trout fishing, I believe the challenges and thrill of catching trout is by using a good fly rod and reel. Books galore have been written on the treatises of fly fishing stressing the many facets that embrace this topic. Just so much can be covered in a column and I may go into more topics in later ones and even tying your own flies. Today's column will offer some tips when fishing for the elusive trout using a good fly rod and reel.

If you stayed away from fishing during the days of winter, you need to check out your equipment and get everything in working order prior to heading to some of the area trout streams. Make sure lines on reels and rods are in working order. If you wade streams to fish make sure your waders are properly equipped with felt bottoms to avoid slipping on stream bottoms. Some items to have are as follows: A lariat around your neck with a multitool, nippers and halo. Your vest should have in addition to several fly choices in assorted boxes along with sinkers of different weights and sizes. Tippets, leaders and strike

indicators would be needed. A sharpening tool for dull hooks along with a fluffing tool to get the flies back to their originally tied appearance. A head lamp to use as a late evening hatch may come about or you get caught as darkness ascends as you are hiking back out. If you are not one with 20-20 vision, use your prescription glasses or a cheap pair of glasses of 3 power at least to tie on flies etc. Sun protection and bug spray should be included.

By using a small hand seine, you can determine what insects are on the stream bottom. Kicking over several rocks will cause the bottom dwelling ones to rise into the net as the water current flushes them. Stonefly nymphs

More than 50 years since NASCAR Cup Series has competed on dirt

From NASCAR

Not since the checkered flag flew on NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty for winning the race on September 30, 1970 at North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, North Carolina has the NASCAR Cup Series competed on a dirt track. Now more than 50 years later, the series is getting back to its roots in this



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cannot swim and do not rise until their hatch time. Black or Golden Stonefly flies along with March Browns should be good choices for fishing the bottom of such streams. As noted earlier, we can get into other topics of fly-trout fishing in future columns.

This time of the year is a good

time to fill your freezers by using good fishing techniques. My neighbors on Little Creek, Mary and Gary Kiser, are avid trout fishing folks and bring in a lot of trout from the many places they go. Mary has given me some of her trout cakes prepared the same way as recipes for salmon cakes and they are delicious. I recommend you try doing some of your own.

As I have touched on trout fishing and their great taste, I recommend this of the Good Lord above: Psalm 34:8 KJV "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Until next time

weekend's Food City Dirt Race at the Bristol Motor Speedway Dirt track (3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) as more than 20,000 cubic yards of dirt were hauled in to create the temporary dirt track surface.

The NASCAR Cup Series has had a long legacy of racing at dirt tracks prior to the Modern Era (1972-Present), from 1949 to 1970 the series competed in 501 races on dirt. The very first NASCAR Cup Series points-paying sanctioned race in the inaugural season of 1949 was on dirt at Charlotte (Old) Speedway, a 0.75-mile track in Charlotte, North Carolina and the event was won by Jim Roper driving a Lincoln.

In total, the 501 dirt Cup races have produced 76 different winners. NASCAR Hall of Famer Lee Petty leads the series in dirt track wins with 46 victories; followed

by Buck Baker with 42 and Herb Thomas with 41.

This week the competitors will be tasked with wrangling a Bristol Motor Speedway Dirt track that has been measured to exactly 0.5-mile, and this weekend's event will be 125 miles (250 laps) in length. The race will be broken up into three stages. The first two stages are 75 laps each and the final stage is 100 laps.

Plus, NASCAR has instituted a special format for Busch Pole Qualifying that includes qualifying races to decide the starting lineup. The lineups for the qualifying races will be done by random draw on Thursday, March 25 at 4 p.m. ET. There are four qualifying races scheduled with 39 entrants competing. The first three qualifying races will have 10 drivers each and the fourth qualifying race will have nine drivers entered.

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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ003540-01-12 and JJ003540-01-13
Radford J&DR - Juvenile Division

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* TALBERT, TRAVIS DEWAYNE, JR.

The object of this suit is to:
AMEND THE CURRENT CUSTODY AND VISITATION ORDER FOR TRAVIS DEWAYNE TALBERT, JR.

It is ORDERED that RUBY KATIE JONES appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before April 20, 2021 at 02:00 PM.

Sally Davis, Clerk

Public Hearing Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to review three (3) applications in April. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host three (3) public hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to receive comments about the applications as listed below;

1) Application submitted by Tamara & James Nash and John & Kimberly Edwards for the Planning Commission to consider and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding an "Ordinance to Vacate an Unimproved Right of Way shown as a portion of Redwood Lane".

2) Application submitted by Community Life Church, to Rezone Tax Map #029-1-1 SB, Belspring Rd. from High Density Residential Zone District to Commercial Zone District.

3) Application by Community Life Church, to Amend the Future Land Use Map Designation for Tax Map #029-1-15B, Belspring Rd., from Medium Density Residential to Commercial.

The public can receive information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process, by using any one of the following methods; E-mail: eholeton@pulaskicounty.org Phone: 540-980-7710 Regular Mail: Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. In Person: By attending the meeting at the location listed.

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School board recognizes winning athletes



The Pulaski County School Board honored winter sports participants for their accomplishments at the board's meeting Tuesday evening.

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 Hailey Capps
 Courtney Cregger
 Ally Fleenor
 Brook Goble
 Paige Huff
 Kenzlee Jones
 Hannah Keefer
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 Erin Russell
 Keslyn Secrist
 Tori Vest

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 Zach Fox
 Brady Fowler
 JJ Gulley
 **Armonte Hill-Lewis
 Evan Hall
 Keyonte Kennedy
 Garrett Kinder
 Wesley King
 John Lyman
 Bryce Martin
 Quemaar Porter
 Dante Reid
 Layne Suther
 Diego Turner
 *Class 4 Indoor Track Long Jump State Champion**

- Girls Indoor Track**
 Kelsey Arnold
 Allyson Castle
 Claire Dunnigan
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- Wrestling State Qualifiers**
 Nicholaus Golden
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- Wrestling State Tournaments**
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Indoor Track Teams

Congratulations to the PCHS Boys and Girls Indoor Track Team. The PCHS Cougar Boys team finished as State Runner-Up, this is the highest team finish ever for the indoor track team!! The Lady Cougars also excelled this year finishing sixth out of twenty eight teams at the State Meet!



PCHS Girls Basketball Team

Congratulations to the PCHS Girls Basketball team. The PCHS Girls Basketball team finished with a 12-1 record, the Lady Cougars won the Class 4 Region D Championship for the second year in a row and were the VHSL Class 4 State Runner-Up!



Wrestling Team

Pulaski County Schools photos

Congratulations to the PCHS Wrestling Team. The PCHS Wrestling team had an outstanding season and were able to qualify 10 wrestlers for the State tournament in Virginia Beach!

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Letitia Preston Floyd - Few have heard her name

By KAREN FINCH

Unfortunately, we have no portraits of Letitia Preston Floyd though she was the wife of a Governor of Virginia and the mother of another Governor of Virginia. Her husband was a member of the United States Congress who was widely respected as a proponent of westward expansion. He was first a strong supporter, then a political enemy, of President Andrew Jackson. She was raised a Presbyterian but became a Roman Catholic who led many in her family to adopt that faith. She bore 12 children, but had to bury five of them before they reached adulthood, three before they were 2 years old. She was interested in politics and her opinions were respected by her husband and those who engaged her in conversation. She became the historian of her family and much of what we know about her family comes from her writing, especially a very long letter she wrote to her son, Benjamin Rush Floyd. Outside of her family descendants and a few historians in and around southwest Virginia, few have ever heard her name.

Letitia Preston Floyd (1779-1852) was the 10th child and 6th daughter born to Susanna Smith Preston and William Preston. Only four years old when her father died of a stroke, Letitia was raised primarily by her mother. The Preston family believed in educating all their children,



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which was not typical of frontier families in the late 18th century. Perhaps because of this education, Letitia was often lauded for her "extraordinary intelligence and attainments." One writer said she was "the Abigail Adams of Virginia" then suggested "perhaps Abigail Adams should be called the Letitia Floyd of New England." She was described by her contemporaries as "tough-minded." Though we don't know for sure, that last "compliment" may have meant she was independent and determined to chart the course of her own life. She inherited 900 acres of land from her father, so she was certainly independent enough to avoid being forced into marriage for financial reasons.

When she was in her early twenties (an old maid by the standards of the time), she visited her sister Susanna and brother-in-law Nathaniel Hart at their home in Kentucky. While there she met an intelligent but poor young man named John Floyd. John was the son of one of her father's good friends, also named John Floyd, who had been killed by Native Americans before his son was born. Impoverished by the death of his father, John was determined to improve his status in life but he was having a great deal of difficulty doing so. He had begun medical school but had to drop out because he could not afford the tuition. Letitia and John married in 1804. She sold 500 acres of her inheritance to finance his education and he went to the University of Pennsylvania to complete his medical studies under the famous Dr. Benjamin Rush. John was away from home for long periods of time and Letitia managed family, land, and finances by herself.

After finishing his studies, John Floyd practiced medicine for a short time in Lexington, Virginia then settled in Christiansburg near family. War with Britain in 1812 called him away to act as a military surgeon in Norfolk then as an officer in the militia. By 1814 he was involved in politics, having been elected to the Virginia legislature, and the family had moved to their new home at Thorn Spring near Newbern. In 1817 he was elected to Congress and served six terms before deciding not to run for another term. Instead, he came back to Virginia and was elected governor in 1830.

Letitia did not go to Washington or Richmond with her husband to live but she was there for Andrew Jackson's inauguration and she was impressed. She wrote "I wished every friend I have had been present. Never could I have imagined such a spectacle." She referred to Jackson as "the old Hero (sic)". She could not bring herself to approve of his policies, especially those on slavery, and four years later she was so appalled by Jackson's policies she referred to him as "a bloody, bawdy, treacherous, lecherous villain."

While John was in Congress, some of his children joined him in Washington and were enrolled at Georgetown, which was operated by the Jesuits. While he was in Richmond, John had formed a friendship with a priest assigned to St. Peter's Catholic church because he was a more interesting speaker than the protestant preachers in town. This began Letitia's relationship to the Roman Catholic church. She was,

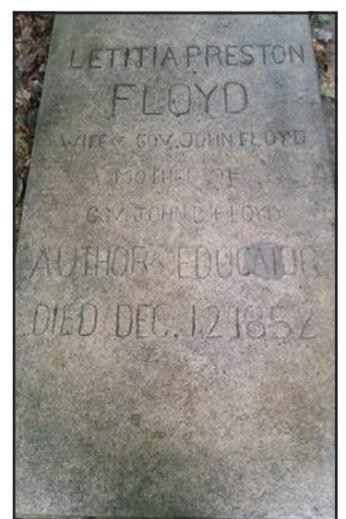
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A current view of the site of Thornspring. Nothing is left of it other than a few outbuildings. It is located on private property not far from Newbern and the spring still flows.



Virginia Governor's Mansion in Richmond as it would have looked when Gov. Floyd was there. It was under his time the porch and other outside upgrades occurred.



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DWR warns of spring's extremely cold water

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Until summer, expect water temperatures to be much colder than the air temperature and plan accordingly. It is important to dress for the water temperature and wear your life jacket when boating should an accident occur. Wearing a life jacket is critical should you fall into cold water. Your body's first reflex is to gasp for air, which increases the chance of drowning, especially if you are not wearing a life jacket.

Weather conditions and a marine forecast can be found on the National Weather Service website. The United States Geological Survey has water temperatures for some inland lakes and rivers.



If your boat capsizes, try to reboard your vessel or anything else that is floating. Get as much of your body out of the water as possible.

No one plans to take a dip this time a year, but it's important to protect yourself by preparing for

the worst – wear warm clothes and a life jacket.

For more information on boat-

ing, boating education, and water safety, please visit: <https://virginia-wildlife.gov/boating/>.

If you do fall into cold water, don't panic.

If you don't already have on a life jacket, put one on.

Do not remove any clothing.

Try to reboard your vessel or anything else that is floating. Get as much of your body out of the water as possible.

Remember that you will start to lose strength if you stay in the water for more than a few minutes, so get yourself and everyone else out of the water as quickly as possible.

If you can't get out of the water quickly, focus on reducing heat loss.

- o Stay as still as possible and let your life jacket support you. Staying with your boat is usually better than trying to swim for shore.

- o If you are alone, pull your knees toward your chest and your arms into your sides.

- o If others are in the water with you, huddle together.

- o Try to use any means possible to summon help.

Seek medical help right away for victims of cold-water immersion.

Always dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature, when boating.

Virginia outlaws the death penalty

JARRATT, Va. (AP) — The governor signed legislation Wednesday making Virginia the 23rd state to abolish the death penalty, a dramatic shift for the commonwealth, which had the second-highest number of executions in the U.S.

The bills were the culmination of a yearslong battle by Democrats who argued the death penalty has been applied disproportionately to people of color, the mentally ill and the poor. Republicans argued that the death penalty should remain a sentencing option for especially heinous crimes and to bring justice to victims and their families.

Virginia's new Democratic majority, in full control of the General Assembly for a second year, won the debate last month when

both the Senate and House of Delegates passed the measures banning capital punishment.

Gov. Ralph Northam, a Democrat, signed the House and Senate bills in a ceremony under a tent Wednesday after touring the execution chamber at the Greensville Correctional Center, where 102 people have been put to death since executions were moved there from the Virginia State Penitentiary in the early 1990s.

"There is no place today for the death penalty in this commonwealth, in the South or in this nation," Northam said shortly before signing the legislation.

Northam said the death penalty has been disproportionately applied to Black people and is the product of a flawed judicial system that doesn't always get it right. Since

1973, more than 170 people around the country have been released from death row after evidence of their innocence was uncovered, he said.

Northam recounted the story of Earl Washington Jr., a Black man who was sentenced to death after being wrongfully convicted of rape and murder in Virginia in 1984. Washington spent more than 17 years in prison before he was exonerated. He came within nine days of being executed.

"We can't give out the ultimate punishment without being 100% sure that we're right, and we can't sentence people to that ultimate punishment knowing that the system doesn't work the same for everyone," Northam said.

Virginia has executed nearly 1,400 people since its days as a

colony. In modern times, the state is second to Texas in the number of executions, with 113 since the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976.

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in a very real sense, courted by various Catholic clergymen over a period of many years before finally converting. She was baptized a Catholic at the age of 74, less than a year before she died. This was seen as a great coup by the Catholic establishment as it brought several Preston and Floyd descendants into that faith, and it certainly created a stir

among the strongly protestant FFV (First Families of Virginia).

Shortly after leaving the governorship, John suffered a severe stroke, and was physically impaired for the remaining three years of his life. Letitia nursed him through his illness and, after his death, traded or sold her land at Thorn Spring to move to the more isolated Burke's Garden

near one of her sons.

Note: The author of this article is Karen Finch, a long time and beloved teacher in Montgomery County. She is currently the Regent for the Alleghany Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution in Blacksburg and supporter of Wilderness Road Regional Museum.

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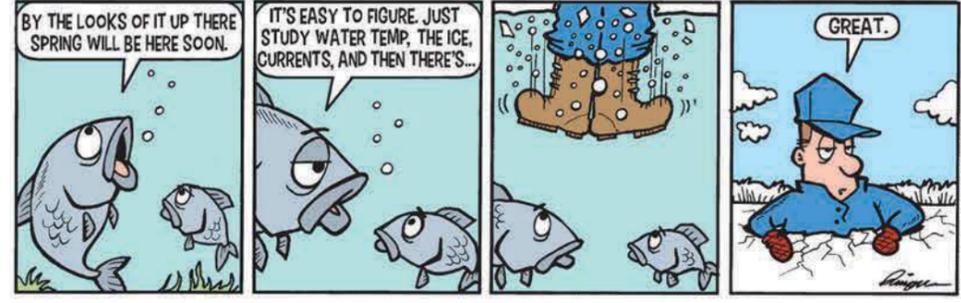
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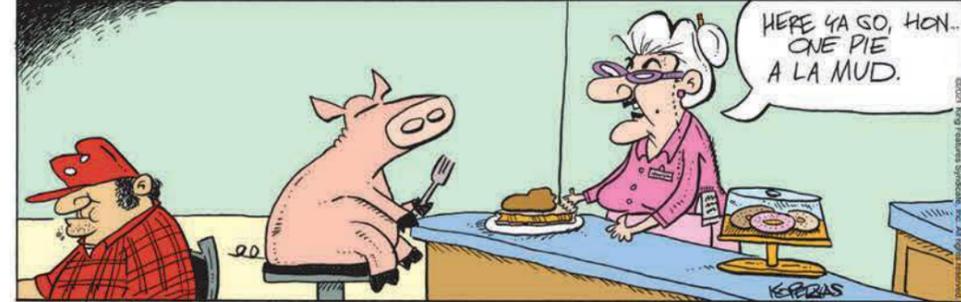
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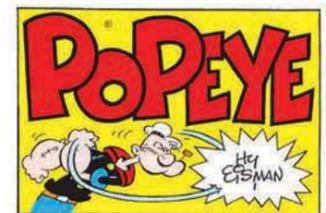
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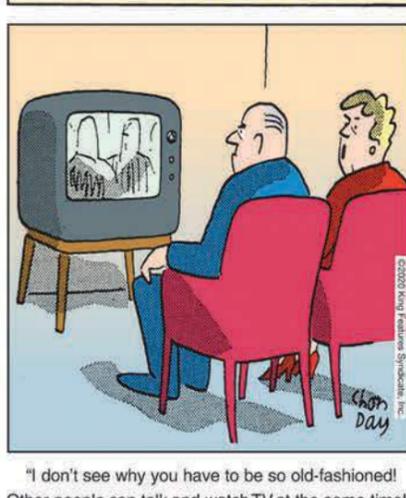


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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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!

Average
MAILED

Ship
FIGHTER

Tasty
VARYOS

Cycle
PLEAD

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Actress Farrow
4 Carries
9 "Blue Bloods" network
12 Fireplace residue
13 WWII sub
14 "2001" computer
15 William and Kate's daughter
17 Lawyers' org.
18 Cato's 502
19 Noah's landfall
21 Summaries
24 Garr of "Tootsie"
25 Berliner's cry
26 Hog haven
28 Quartet doubled
31 Ella's style
33 Congeal
35 iPhone voice
36 King of Judea
38 Dazzle
40 Right angle
41 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"
43 Sneaky sort
45 Secret matters
47 Request
48 Perched
49 Fraud
54 Candle count

DOWN

1 Buddy
2 Somewhat
3 "Caught ya!"
4 Dutch exports
5 Woodwind players
6 Youngster
7 Really annoy
8 Sound system

9 Donor's beneficiaries
10 Rum cake
11 Venetian-blind part
16 Vitamin stat
20 Story lines
21 Impetuous
22 Caesar's "Behold!"
23 Role
27 Evergreen tree
29 Perry's creator
30 Cash drawer
32 Forum wear
34 In the direc-

tion of
37 Does the mambo
39 "Blade" actor Snipes
42 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
44 Alias abbr.
45 Now, in a memo
46 Sitar music
50 Ger. neighbor
51 Mahal pre-ceder
52 Gardner of film
53 Pen tip

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top ten

Trending Food Orders*

1. Spicy chicken sandwich
2. Chicken burrito bowl
3. Chicken wings
4. Waffle fries
5. Cold brew coffee
6. Steak quesadilla
7. Iced latte
8. Fish and chips
9. Strawberry shake
10. Roast beef sandwich

*Diners, 2020
Source: Grubhub

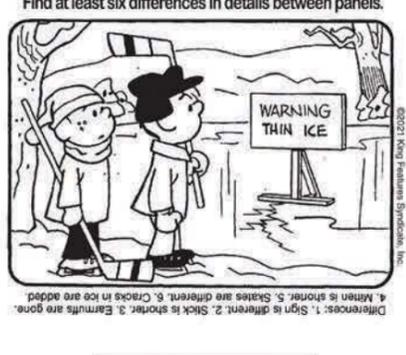
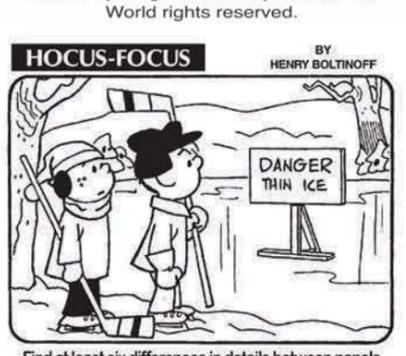
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
3. MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?
4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Medal; 2. Freight; 3. Savory; 4. Pedal

EMPLOYED

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals L

S ICFSRXK T MEXZXKCL ZPZZD

XTFSIL RTIFTWCPZX, MC S RTWXXK

ESG GD GXWCI RCWWSX UTUD.

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Answers

1. Abraham Lincoln
2. 0.2 ounces
3. Nakatomi Plaza
4. Boulder, Colorado
5. Philosophy
6. Jimmes
7. Mount Fuji
8. South America
9. A.A. Milne
10. One ten-billionth of a meter, used to measure very small distances.

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms

"Tough times don't last, tough people do."
— Gregory Peck

ANSWER

CryptoQuip

I noticed a sheeppog puppy eating cartilage, so I called him my melon coffee baby.

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"GOOD PLAN," AGREES IG, AS HE YANKS THE KNIGHT IN TOW. NEITHER NOTICES THAT A DIM PHOSPHORESCENCE LIGHTS THEIR WAY.

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HIGH ABOVE, VAL AND TROLLENBERG WATCH THE LITTLE PEOPLE AND THEIR REMAINING CAPTIVES DISAPPEAR, REGARDLESS OF WHAT EVER AWFUL FATE HAS BEFALLEN OUR COMRADES...

"... WE MUST CROSS THIS CHASM AND CONTINUE OUR PURSUIT!" GULPS VAL. "THAT," RESPONDS TROLLENBERG, "IS WHY I AM HERE."

BEFORE LONG, THE MOUNTAINEER HAS RIGGED HIS LINES AND STARTED THE TWO ON A DIZZYING DESCENT!

NEXT: The crossing

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Alex Raymond Self-Portrait

FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE

3-14

FLASHBACK:
HAVING WON DALE'S HAND IN MARRIAGE IN THE TOURNAMENTS OF MONGO, FLASH'S VICTORY IS TRANSCIENT AT BEST...

...FOR THEIR UNION IS FORESTALLED UNTIL FLASH CONQUERS KIRA, THE INHOSPITABLE SAVAGE KINGDOM OF CAVES.

EVEN AFTER SUCCESSFULLY MASTERING ITS INHABITANTS, FLASH IS KEPT ON THE RUN BY THE EMPEROR'S RELENTLESS ATTACKS.

ESCAPING MING'S CLUTCHES, THE MARCOONED FUGITIVES' BRAVERY AND COURAGE RALLIES OTHERS.

UNITING UNDER FLASH'S LEADERSHIP, THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF MONGO RISE UP, BREAKING MING'S REIGN OF TERROR!

ELUDING JUSTICE, MING WAGES A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE TO REGAIN THE THRONE...

...AND EXACT REVENGE ON THE EARTHLINGS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS RUIN!

ORIGIN SEQUENCE DEDICATED TO FLASH'S CREATOR, ALEX RAYMOND
TO BE CONT'D

TIGER
by BUD BLAKE

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K T R O L Y J G E B Y W U E R
P N E K I G W H I T E G B D D
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A W U S S F Q L P C N L J L H
F L E C A **Y O R K S H I R E** A
D Y L X H C V F U S Q P N S M
T A P I O C A D O O L B K S J
H F E H N E N E Z O R F C E B
Z Y C R S A M T S I R H C N X
V U T R B Q V P M U L P O M L

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: STAFF OF LIFE

- | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Banana | Christmas | Nesselrode | Vanilla |
| Black | Figgy | Plum | White |
| Blood | Frozen | Proof of the | Yorkshire |
| Chocolate | Hasty | Tapioca | |

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAXR
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.

GN PORZC ZGM RGMTOEGP
YNFTUR BZG RYRO IR LOECCRG
NG CXR VFRZ, CXNTPX UZGA
CXRROR IR LXN XZYR COERM EC.
— XROUZG URFYEFFR

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— Herman Melville
here be who have tried it
on the flea, though many
olume can ever be written
No great and enduring
answer
Cryptoquote

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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100 Years Old

A birthday parade and gathering was held in Pulaski on March 13 for U.S. Navy Veteran Bill Linville. Everyone attended wished him a happy birthday and thanked him for his service.

Pedestrian dies in crash on I-81

At 10:50 p.m. on Sunday (March 21), Virginia State Police responded to a crash involving a pedestrian on northbound I-81 near the 71 mile marker.

A Dodge Ram was traveling north on I-81 in the left lane when a pedestrian walked across the travel lane. The Dodge was unable to avoid striking the man. The pedestrian, Justin J. Briggs, 41, of Wytheville, Va., died at the scene.

The driver of the Dodge, a male from Newport News, Va., was uninjured.

The crash remains under investigation.

Piland honored for sales production, quality service

Dennis Bane, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Valley Real Estate is pleased to announce that in recognition of outstanding sales production and commitment to quality service, Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently honored Regina Piland, sales associate with CENTURY 21 Valley Real Estate with the 2020 CENTURY 21(r) President's Producer Award. The annual award is bestowed upon those CENTURY 21 System sales affiliates that earn the CENTURY 21 CENTURION(r) award and the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer award in the same calendar year.

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"We are thrilled to recognize Regina Piland's work for this momentous achievement," said Michael Miedler, president and chief executive officer, Century 21 Real Estate LLC. "This is an outstanding honor since only a small percentage of affiliated agents in the United States received this award for sales."

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NEWS BRIEFS

King awarded research grant

BATON ROUGE, LA -- L.S. King, of Pulaski, Virginia, has been selected as a 2021 recipient of a Graduate Research Grant by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa



Phi-the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. The grants of up to \$1,500 are designed to support graduate students who are active Society members seeking funding for research in support of career development opportunities. King is one of 20 recipients nationwide to receive the award.

King, a graduate student at Radford University, will use funds from the award to support creative research in photopolymer gravure, culminating in a thesis exhibition and supplemental book.

Behold The Beauty

As I look out my window such beauty to behold,
 The sky so blue and bright the sun shining like gold.
 I began to thank the Lord for such a beautiful day,
 What a blessing you have given us as I begin to pray.
 The winter we've had with snow so white and clean,
 It is now saying good-bye we are now welcoming spring.
 Flowers blooming budding of trees,
 Wind blowing with a gentle breeze.
 Green grass peeping up from the ground,
 Birds singing what a wonderful sound.
 We cannot imagine all the beauty that is here for us today,
 We can just look around and enjoy now and always.

Naomi Davidson,
Pulaski

L-O-V-E works in Radford

RADFORD, VA— The Radford Tourism & Cultural Arts Commission is thrilled to announce that a new attraction is being installed in downtown Radford.

Oversized L-O-V-E letters will form the display at 1100 E. Main Street (the intersection of E. Main and Virginia Streets in what was formerly called the Farmers Market lot). The commission decided to use classic white letters and to feature the Radford logo inside the "O" since the new design unveiled recently has been so well received. The solid white acrylic letters will be customized throughout the year to feature holidays and special events that are happening in Radford.

The bright white letters will stand out against the ghost ad mural that is so well known and recognized in downtown. The perfect picture can be taken by standing on the sidewalk to the east of the letters, and a short wall in front of the letters allows for friends and family to easily be included in the photo. The iconic Radford clock borders the photo to the right and the mural in the background pays tribute to the many artistic offerings found in Radford--from the Radford University College of Visual and Performing Arts Series to our public art program that has been featured over the past several years as well as the local artisans and crafters that call Radford home.

The Virginia is for Lovers campaign is over 50 years old and is ranked as one of the most successful campaigns of all time. With that popularity in mind, the folks at Virginia Tourism have encouraged localities and businesses and attractions to "share the love" and install their own LOVE works in their communities. As of now, there are over 200 works in the state, and many people plan trips around visiting the LOVE works and getting that perfect picture. The newly installed letters in



downtown Radford are sure to bring visitors to the area as part of their LOVE tour. We invite you to #LoveRadfordVA and #LoveVA when you share your photos with the Radford LOVE works. For all of the works in the state, check out Virginia.org.

The Radford Info & Welcome Center is now open in its new

location at 701A W. Main Street and has information about attractions and local places to eat, shop and stay while in Radford. The Welcome Center has Radford logo souvenirs and merchandise, and current hours are Tue-Thur 10AM-2PM. The center can be reached at Info@VisitRadford.com for additional information.

Two make E&H Dean's List

EMORY, VA -- Emory & Henry College congratulates students named to Fall 2020 Dean's list. To be named to the Dean's list students must be a full time student and receive a 3.6 GPA for the semester. The following students have been named to the Emory & Henry College Dean's list:

- Brody Fields of Pulaski
- Timothy Johnson of Pulaski

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