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Former sheriff and public servant Conner dies at 86



Former Pulaski County Sheriff Frank Conner (center) with another former sheriff, Jim Davis (right) and current Sheriff Mike Worrell. (Photo courtesy of Chris Conner)

By MIKE WILLIAMS
 The Patriot

Longtime public servant Frank
 Conner passed away Thursday
 morning.

The Patriot was notified early
 Thursday by his grandson, Chris
 that the former sheriff died about
 1 a.m.

Conner was best known for his

time as Sheriff in Pulaski Coun-
 ty – an office he held from 1978
 until 1991.

But he served in several differ-
 ent areas during his lifetime.

After retiring from the sheriff's
 office, Conner became the very
 first Cougar Assistant at Pulas-
 ki County High School and was
 elected from the Massie District
 to the Pulaski County Board of

Supervisors on which he served
 for 16 years.

As a young man, he began
 his public service as a soldier in
 the U.S. Army. Later he became
 an officer for the Department of
 Corrections, and then became a
 Deputy with the sheriff's office
 prior to becoming sheriff.

He was also a member of the
See CONNER, page A2

Supplies for Seniors effort sees number in need grow

By DANIELLE REID
 The Patriot

Caring, compassionate and
 concerned aptly describe the
 leadership and volunteers work-
 ing with the NRV Agency on Ag-
 ing (AOA), located in the Radford
 University Corporate Center in
 Fairlawn. Since 1975, the organi-
 zation has been active in the NRV
 community by supporting and en-
 hancing the lives of older adults,

their families and caregivers
 through advocacy, information
 and services.

Recently, a myriad of volun-
 teers came together to pack and
 deliver 118 bright red tote bags
 each filled with \$55.00 worth of
 supplies and staples for home-
 bound senior citizens in the NRV.
 The bags were donated by Heri-
 tage Hall. This annual Supplies
 for Seniors program has seen a
 large increase since last year due

to COVID-19.

"We continue to see our local
 population age, and find we have
 a high percent of older adults
 struggling from day to day to
 afford basic and often more ex-
 pensive items such as laundry
 detergent, cleaning supplies and
 personal care items," explained
 Shannon Hammons.

"Seniors are making very criti-
 cal decisions on whether they can

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Conner

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Pulaski County Public Service Authority's Board of Directors, and also served as a member of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Board of Directors for 19 years.

In May of 2017, Conner was recognized by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors for his years of service to the citizens of Pulaski County and the New River Valley on the Jail Authority Board.

In a Resolution of Appreciation approved by the board of

supervisors, Conner was recognized for his "commitment, dedication, and loyalty" which had resulted in "significant progress in Pulaski County over the past several decades."

"Service provided by Frank R. Conner benefited not only present and past citizens of Pulaski County, but will enhance the quality of life of its future citizens," the resolution stated.

"As sad as I am, I'm also so very proud," said his grandson, Chris earlier today.

"My grandpa spent his entire adult life being a public servant. He took so much pride in helping others and genuinely took an interest in their lives. He also became a true family man helping to raise 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

"Though I'm grieving, I'm also rejoicing because I know he is reunited with all his family and friends that he truly missed. I also know that he will continue to watch us all grow. Please everyone keep my beautiful grandmother in your thoughts and prayers."

Conner was 86 years old.

Funeral arrangements are pending at this time, and will be posted at www.pcpatriot.com



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Homecoming King and Queen Crowned

Kelsey Arnold and Lane Suthers, Pulaski County High School's Homecoming King and Queen are pictured above. They were crowned during halftime of last week's homecoming game at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium. Other members of the Homecoming Royalty were Prince - Julian Cregger and Princess - Alex Turner, and Duke - Ryan Luu and Duchess - Greta Peterson. The members of the Homecoming Court were: Kelsey Arnold escorted by Parker Arnold; Madelyn Aust escorted by Conner Compton; Grace Bailey escorted by Jacob Crabtree; Haleigh Brown escorted by Julian Cregger; Allyson Castle escorted by Drew Dalton; Ashlyn Kirtner escorted by Grayson Deu; Juliana Paine escorted by Chase Dotson; Greta Peterson escorted by Ethan Gallimore; Emmerson Scott escorted by Ryan Luu; Alexanne Turner escorted by Clay Phillips; Madison Webb escorted by Broc Simpson, and Shelley Whitaker escorted by Layne Suthers. Last week's game was also Senior Night as it was the last regular season home football game.



Pulaski Co. Parks & Recreation announce plans for the summer

2021 Randolph Park Summer Camp

Pulaski County Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce that we look forward to seeing our campers back at Randolph Park Summer Camp this June. Camp dates will be June 21, 2021 thru August 6, 2021. Guidelines and regulations are still being discussed to ensure that we can run a safe camp for our youth, and these guidelines will become available at a later date. Registrations for campers will also be posted at a later date. All registrations/payments will take place on our new online platform. To register to set up an account please go to <http://www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org/>

2021 Randolph Park Pool

Pulaski County's current plan is to open our waterpark this summer. Opening dates, times, schedules, etc. will be available at

a later date. The County of Pulaski will follow the guidance and guidelines from the CDC and the Commonwealth of Virginia when operating an outdoor venue such as Randolph Park.

Please note that our ability to continue offering these public services are subject to change as the CDC and the Commonwealth of Virginia revise their guidelines, recommendations, and requirements.

For further information please contact Shay Dunnigan at sdunnigan@pulaskicounty.org or call 540-674-1513(ext. 2)



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Supervisors kick off litter cleanup effort

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors is kicking off a litter clean-up campaign, asking civic groups, churches, businesses and individuals to participate in a year-long Adopt-A-Spot Campaign to assist in keeping our county beautiful by picking up trash and litter.

A county wide clean-up on Saturday, April 10, 2021, will kick off the campaign. Supervisors will be giving out bags, gloves, vests, etc. for use in pick up from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a. m. Sites are listed below:

Ingles District
Snowville Ruritan, 4867 Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee

Walmart, 5225 Alexander Road, Dublin

Cloyd District
Walmart, 7373 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn

New River Valley Fairgrounds, 5581 Fair Grounds Circle, Dublin

Draper District
Draper Park, 3165 Greenbrier Road, Draper

County Offers Citizens and Organizations Prizes and Recognition for Adopting-A-Spot and Helping Clean Up the County

Massie District
Magic Mart Plaza, 1000 Memorial Drive, Pulaski

Robinson District
Robinson Tract Community Center, 4443 Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski

The process is simple. Bags of trash can be left on the road where picked up or put out with weekly trash collection for PSA to pick up. Participants are requested to post their picture along with trash bags and items picked up to social media on the Clean Community Facebook page, using the hashtag #cleancommunitycouncil, #clean-up, #pulaskicountyis to help us account for results. Results are also requested to be emailed to Cheryl Farris cfarris@pulaskicounty.org to be counted. Certificates will be awarded to all who participate and turn in their contact information.

Groups and individuals will be offered the opportunity to Adopt-A-Spot and keep that spot, road,

neighborhood, etc. clean for a year. Those who volunteer to participate will receive an Adopt-A-Spot sign to put up at their spot or area with their name or logo, and at the end of the year, will receive a Visa gift card. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize of \$750.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00 at the end of the campaign. Certificates of appreciation will also be presented to all individuals and/or groups

that participate and submit contact information. If individuals are tracking their community service, they can submit hours to be listed on their personalized certificate. Adopt- A- Spots will be renewed on an annual basis.

Pulaski County will provide bags, gloves, and vests to groups for use at any time. These will be available along with the Adopt-A-

Spot signs at the County Administration office. If you would like to participate but do not have a site in mind, Pulaski County will provide suggestions. Cheryl Farris will be the contact at cfarris@pulaskicounty.org or (540) 980-7705 or Laura Walters lwalters@pulaskicounty.org or (540) 230-6272.

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Small Business Solutions Manager named by county

Pulaski County is pleased to announce that Lydia Gilmer has been hired to serve as the County's first Small Business Solutions Manager and officially started providing small business support on March 17, 2021.

The County's small business development focus will come at a valuable time when our local businesses are finding themselves in both a challenging yet opportunistic time due to the

novel COVID-19 pandemic. The department will be funded by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) through revenues generated from the EDA's acquirement of the New River Valley Business Center which has now been renamed the Pulaski County Innovation Center.

The County's small business development program is a part-

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The Town of Pulaski 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 by 12.8 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 \$.3043 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
- Effective Rate Increase:** The Town of Pulaski proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.34 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.0357 per \$100, or 11.7 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.

- Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the Town of Pulaski will exceed last years by 2 percent.

A Public Hearing on the increase and levy will be held on May 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Pulaski Council Chambers of the Town of Pulaski Municipal Building at 42 1st St NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. Notwithstanding other provisions of general or special law, the tax rate for taxes due on or before June 30 of each year may be fixed on or before May 15 of that tax year.

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PHILLIP LYNN MILLER
Phillip Lynn Miller, age 64 of Barren Springs, Virginia went to be with the Lord Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Born July 17, 1956 in Rose Hill, North Carolina he was the son of the late Charlie & Eula Mae Ritter Miller. His aunts and uncles also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his
Wife of 45 years – Wanda Darlene Gillespie Miller
Children

Phillip Lynn Miller, Jr. – Hillsville

Timothy Houston Miller, SR.

– Waynesburg, PA

Selena Estep – Draper

Grandchildren

Christina Miller, Houston

Miller, Falisha Miller, Renee

Miller, Phillip Miller III, Montana Miller, Jasmine Barrett,

Daniel Miller, Timothy Houston

Miller II and Adelynn Miller

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Ryleigh, Alan, Brentley and

Brealyynn

Aunt

Elizabeth Bowden – Fairlawn

Many cousins

To sign Lynn's online guest-

book, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



SANDRA ELAINE SMITH

Sandra Elaine Smith, age 72 of Dublin passed away Thursday, March 25, 2021 at her home. Born August 19, 1948 in Frankfort, Indiana she was the daughter of the late Charles Thomas Smith and Virginia Maxine Louks Meneely. She was the wife of Allen Gravley from 1966 to 1982 and they have remained close friends throughout the years. Together they had six children.

She is survived by her
Children

Angela Gravley (Scot) Sutphin

– Floyd County

Ronnie (Michelle) Gravley – Dublin

Vickie Gravley – Dublin

Deanna Gail Turpin – Stras-

burg, PA

Ricky (Uyen Truong) Gravley

– Dublin

Michael (Kellie) Gravley – Montgomery County

20 Grandchildren, 10 Great

Grandchildren

Sister

Brenda (Charlie) Dunham – Frankfort, IN

Memorial services were held

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 in the

Bower Funeral Home Chapel,

Pulaski with Pastor Mary Cook

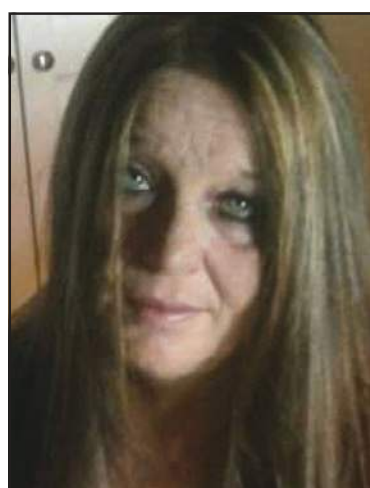
officiating. Inurnment followed at

the Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery, Draper.

To sign Sandra's online guest-

book, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



SUSAN KAY HARDY

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, Susan Kay Hardy, of Dublin, a loving wife and mother of four daughters passed away at the age of 62.

Susan was born on June 20, 1958 to Ira Quesenberry and Mary Henderson. On March 25, 1975, she married Richard Allen Hardy. They raised four daughters, Robin, Christine, Karen, and Sharon.

Susan was a selfless loving, compassionate person who touched many people's lives. She was strong in the darkest moments which was an inspiration to her children. She had a passion for gardening and her three cats. Most of all she loved her family.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, her father, Ira, her sister, Deborah. She is survived by her mother, Mary Henderson, four brothers, Wayne, Richard, Clint, and Ira Jr., two sisters, Juanita and Janet, her four daughters, Robin Coffey, Christine Evans, Karen Kane, and Sharon Akers, 21 grandchildren, Michael, Mark, James Jr, Nathan, Amber, Brandon, Richard Jr, Kiersten, Russell, Frank, Warren, Dustin, Caroline ,Raymond, Rebecca ,Ryan ,Daniel ,Ashley ,Britney ,Shianne, Devan and 9 great grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday 2:00 p.m., April 10, 2021 at Marshall Park and continue to Phillips Cemetery, Carroll County, Virginia.

Announced by Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.



CONNIE EUGENE BUCKNER

In loving memory of a wonderful husband and father, Connie Eugene Buckner, 75, of Pulaski, who earned his wings Tuesday March 23, 2021.

Connie was preceded in death by his parents, Vera Mae (Granny) Buckner and James (Jim) Harmond Buckner; brothers, Homer Moore and Curtis Buckner; sisters, Colleen Thomas & husband, Charlie and Edna Francis Stilwell & husband, Ivan and a special nephew, Lewis Hancock.

He is survived by his wife Stella Mae Buckner; sons & spouses, Mike & Angie Buckner, Terry & Angel Buckner along with a niece, Jean Hancock; grandchildren & spouses, Brandy & Derek Elwart, Alexis & Johnathan Taylor, Shelby & Robert Gilbo, Shianne Buckner and Seth Buckner; great-grandchildren, Colt and Gage Elwart and Khoda Gilbo; brother & wife, Luther & Patsy Buckner; special nephew, Jared Lane and many more nieces and nephews.

Connie was a kind, good-hearted person who love spending time with family and friends. He loved drag racing and spent many weekends at the track.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 2:00 PM from Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until service hour. Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

JEFFERY WAYNE EDWARDS

Jeffery Wayne Edwards, age 51 of Barren Springs, VA passed away Sunday, March 28, 2021 at the Forsyth Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC. Born April 7, 1969 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Windle Jackson Edwards & Judy Elaine Jones Edwards. His brother, Windle Edwards, Jr. sisters, Tammy Elaine Montgomery, Susan Renee Grubb, maternal grandmother, Irene Linville and stepfather, Garland Collins also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his
Sons – Jeffery Edwards, Jr. – Max Meadows

Christopher Charles Edwards

– Max Meadows

Grandson – Axel Edwards

Brother – Terry & Vanessa Edwards – Draper

Maternal Grandfather – Bill Linville – Pulaski

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday 2:00 p.m. April 2, 2021 at the Moore Family Cemetery (Delton Community) with Tim Pope officiating.

The family will leave in procession from Bower Funeral Home at Friday 1:30 pm to the Moore Cemetery.

To sign Jeffery's online guest-book, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

ETHEL HUNTER TURNER

Ethel Hunter Turner, 91, died peacefully on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at her home in Pulaski, Virginia.

The Turner family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

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Business

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nership between the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the EDA, and will focus on providing support to the County's small businesses and local entrepreneurs looking for assistance to grow or start their business here. The rollout of the program coincided with the acquirement of the NRV Business Center, a mixed-use business incubator in Fairlawn, VA. The development and implementation of the new program is a strategic objective identified within the County's

Comprehensive Plan and will be a catalyst toward achieving the County's 40-by-30 goal of having 40,000 people call Pulaski County home by the year 2030.

"The success of our small business development efforts depends largely upon putting the right person in place to lead this department and provide the support services, conductivity and creative solutions our growing small business community needs to survive and thrive in this unusually challenging yet oppor-

tunity rich environment" stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator.

"We are thrilled to bring Ms. Gilmer on board and share her talents with our business community and help stabilize and grow our local economy. This has been a missing ingredient in our recipe of making Pulaski County a next-level community, and I am pleased we have finally added small business solutions to our economic development repertoire."

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Supplies

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afford prescriptions, food, personal or cleaning items. Many of them are opting to get medicine over food and basic supplies,” he added. Hammons serves as the Director of Development & Marketing for the NRV AOA.

Special programs like Supplies for Seniors / Staples for Seniors / Fido Pantry, are based on the generosity of the local community because they are not funded by government monies. The programs began when UPS drivers delivering packages noticed the struggles of homebound senior citizens and wondered what they could do to help. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) started Supplies for Seniors in Radford and Montgomery and were first to jump on board ten years ago. Because of their innovative program, they were given a Best Practices award in VA. It was agreed that these programs needed to go throughout the entire community including Giles, Floyd, Draper, Dublin, Pulaski, Hiwasee and Alsonia.

Hammons credits the United Parcel Service (UPS) in Dublin for being the chief financial sponsor by donating the funds to purchase the items for this program. Until this year, UPS drivers delivered the totes to homebound seniors, using their own personal time on the weekends to accomplish this. This year, due to UPS’s extra delivery load, the AOA enlisted town, county and VA state police to deliver the totes. The officers are also donating their own personal time to take the totes to homebound seniors.

“Each qualified senior in the household receives two tote bags. One with cleaning supplies and one with personal care items. Items in the totes include laundry detergent, household cleaners, paper products, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, tooth paste, etc. Items that have a higher price in the store are simply left on the shelves as unattainable,” Hammons lamented.

“When someone asks why these needs exist, my answer is that most times an older adult will not ask for help, and the community isn’t aware that seniors have specific needs. Recently, because of COVID-19, many seniors are living behind closed doors and not out in the public. We are concerned with seniors’ dignity and self-esteem,” said Hammons.

To receive the services of AOA, seniors must be a client of the agency. Client status is a referral process and can include self-referral, referral from a pastor, church member, neighbor, law enforcement, etc.

Shannon Cook, Volunteer Pulaski! Program Coordinator encourages people to go to the AOA website to see the variety of programs that they have. “We receive donations of time and funds from children all the way up to seniors whom we serve. Work force, businesses, peer groups in churches, companies, college students participate. It’s a good thing to see that from the youngest to the oldest our donors are making this happen,” she said.

AOA programs encompass more than the Supplies for Seniors and Staples for Seniors. There are 375 seniors receiving home delivered meals on a daily basis Monday – Friday; and others in more rural areas receiving frozen meals every two weeks. AOA is a resource for seniors



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Pulaski County Captain Saunders, Sargeant Adam Abdelaziz and Brett Downey join State Troopers Jay Boone and Tyler Golden, both field training officers. Trooper Boone said, “It is extremely important to give back to our local community. The Community needs to see us doing something besides writing tickets.” They are shown here with Shannon Cook, Volunteer Pulaski! Program Coordinator and Shannon Hammons, AOA Director of Development & Marketing.



Volunteers completed filling the 118 tote bags to be distributed on Monday and Tuesday at the Agency on Aging in the Radford University Corporate Center in Fairlawn.

Danielle Reid/The Patriot

needing medical transportation services, care coordination services, legal services, homemaker services, Virginia insurance counseling services, and other services which can be seen on their website. They recently added the Virginia Navigator to their home page to help seniors locate community resource services in their area.

One of the newer programs is Fido Pantry, providing food for the pets of senior citizens. Hammons explains, “For a senior, their pet is the best thing that happened in their lives. As their companion, the pet keeps the senior engaged, gets them up in the morning, gives them a purpose. When it came to our attention that some seniors were sharing their food with their pet instead of feeding themselves, we realized a need to develop a pet program. It was a big sleepless night for me, trying to develop one that would make sure the senior wasn’t giving up their needed nutrition for their pet. That is how Fido Pantry came into existence and is supported by donations.”

“Donors want to know that their dollars are making a huge impact in the community. I want to make an impactful change in the community, too. I love, love, love what I do. As the Director of Marketing, I raise money but I make it a point to make some of the deliveries and hear their stories so I can tell others why it is important that someone donates. When you can share stories of hunger and how these programs help to curb that hunger, people decide they want to help and make a difference, too.”

On June 23 potential donors can participate in Give Local NRV – a day of on-line giving/philanthropy in NRV. People can go online and see all the AOA programs including Fido Pantry and Staples

for Seniors and donate to their favorite ones. One-hundred per cent of the gifts go to help seniors or their pets.

For more information go to: <http://www.nrvaoo.org/index.html> or visit <https://www.facebook.com/nrvaoa/>


Pulaski County Sargent Adam Abdelaziz while he delivered Supplies for Seniors totes.

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Reality Check For The Dems' Agenda

A week of hearings in the Energy and Commerce Committee was supposed to build momentum for the Democrat agenda. But testimony offered at the hearings by witnesses, whether those called by the majority or with backgrounds in liberal causes, should serve as a reality check to the grand progressive schemes being advocated.

The first hearing on March 22 convened the full committee to look at H.R. 1848, the LIFT America Act, the committee Democrats' bill on infrastructure. This bill would potentially be a piece of the sprawling \$3 trillion package President Biden wants to assemble.

Looking at the text of H.R. 1848, and reading the signals from the Biden Administration, it appears that infrastructure will be used to justify spending on the liberal wish list and enacting parts of radical plans such as the Green New Deal.

In energy policy, H.R. 1848 would mean lavishing subsidies on other fuel sources that lack the reliability or capacity to serve our energy needs, increasing counterproductive regulations, and raising energy costs on Americans.

Although a former U.S. Secretary of Energy under President Obama and a witness called by the Democrat majority on H.R. 1848, Dr. Ernest Moniz was willing to provide a check on this vision. When I had the chance to question Dr. Moniz, I asked him about the importance of permitting carbon capture utilization and sequestra-



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

tion (CCUS) technology to reduce carbon emissions. Dr. Moniz expressed his belief that CCUS would remain important going forward, and

“what we need is at the Federal and at the State levels, ways of streamlining, not short cutting, but streamlining the permission process.”

His views on this matter contradict the emerging Democrat consensus that sees no future role for fossil fuels and prefers regulating our way out of environmental challenges, rather than relying on American innovation and technology.

It was important to hear this message from someone like Dr. Moniz, with his stature in energy policy and previous service in the Obama Administration.

Similarly, at a Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing two days later on March 24 about February's Texas blackouts, we heard from a witness who had spent his life in environmental activism but warned of overreliance on renewable fuels.

Michael Shellenberger is the founder and president of the advocacy organization Environmental Progress. Past causes he has championed include saving California redwoods and improving conditions for workers in Nike's Asian factories.

He offered testimony on the Texas blackouts during a period of extreme cold. Analyzing the performance of the major various fuel types during the event, he found that the performance of all dropped somewhat. Nuclear energy, however, did best, and wind the worst.

One of the lessons to be drawn from the blackout is the preservation of baseload power. Coal and nuclear primarily serve this purpose, but intermittent sources such as wind and solar cannot. The latter fuel sources also do not offer adequate energy density to power everything we expect the electrical grid to support.

Mr. Shellenberger's testimony should caution Democrats as they pin their energy hopes on wind and solar. Depending only on renewables jeopardizes electrical grid reliability with potentially disastrous consequences.

A final word of warning for the Democrat agenda came later that day from a witness at a Subcommittee on Energy hearing on the majority's CLEAN Future Act (a Green New Deal cousin), which sets the economy on a path to decarbonization by at least 50 percent in 2030 and completely by 2050.

I noted the lessons from the earlier hearing on the Texas blackouts about the need for grid resilience. One of the witnesses called by the Democrats, energy consultant Alison Silverstein, mentioned in her testimony that an energy policy based around renewables would require the massive expansion of the continent's high-voltage electric grid. That means more high-voltage lines crisscrossing the country, and the costs of building those lines will be paid by you, the consumer, through higher rates.

I asked Ms. Silverstein if such a project would take “twenty to thirty years at a minimum,” and she replied, “Yes.”

Taken together, the answers from these witnesses should be taken by Democrats as a significant reality check on their agenda. The transformative change in energy policy they seek would take decades and yet fail to meet the power needs of our society.

Instead, we can pursue practical energy policies rooted in innovation that solve environmental challenges while supporting economic growth. Choosing such a course would be heeding the lessons of this series of hearings.

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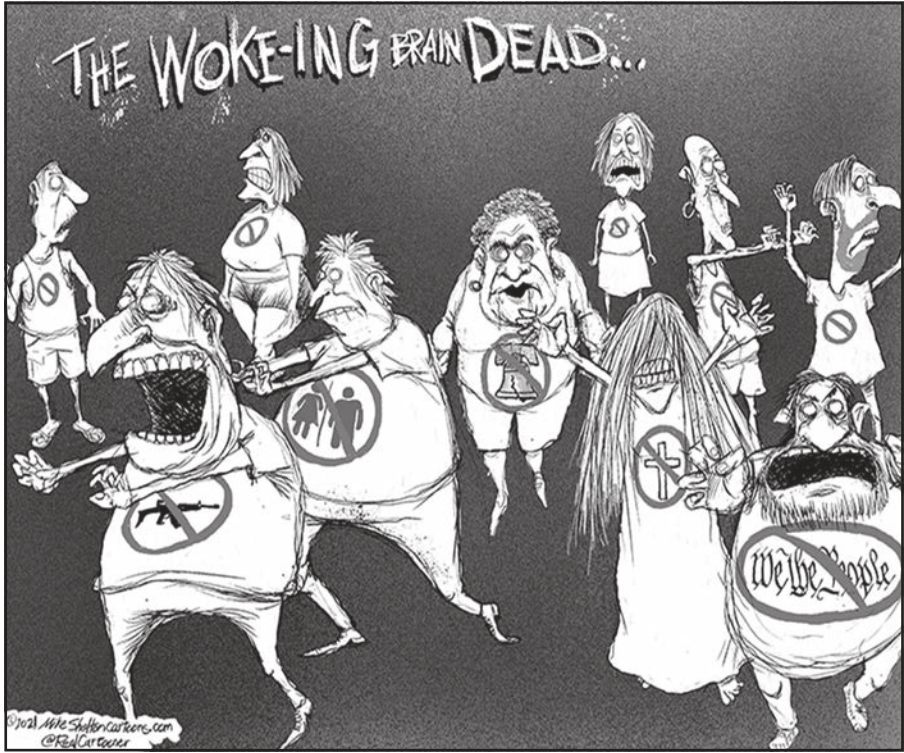
By Danielle Reid

place, but everyone found out where He was going and arrived there before He did! He had a few moments of private grief and communion with the Father, but He didn't send everyone away and continue the pity party. Read further and you'll find that Jesus' ministry became even more focused and powerful.

Instead of retreating from everyone, Jesus ministers to the crowds of thousands, healing their sick and feeding 5,000 men (plus women and children). Immediately after that, Jesus sends the disciples ahead of him to the other side of the lake (Gennesaret), then later, astonishes the disciples by defying the laws of nature and walking on water. Peter joins Him briefly; and then they get in the boat together. When they reach Gennesaret, thousands of people recognize them and bring all their sick for Jesus to heal. Lots of other miracles are recorded after that, including the Transfiguration.

So, what's the point? We can with-

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Jim Crow and the Georgia voting law

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

At his news conference last Thursday, President Biden said of Georgia's new voting law, “It makes Jim Crow look like Jim Eagle.”

Jim Crow was not a person, but unlike most former presidents, he has a museum: The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia.

The name came from a song written by Thomas Dartmouth “Daddy” Rice. From the museum webpage: “Rice, a struggling ‘actor’ (he did short solo skits between play scenes) at the Park Theater in New York, happened upon a black person singing (a song titled ‘Jim Crow’) -- some accounts say it was an old black slave who walked with difficulty, others say it was a ragged black stable boy. Whether modeled on an old man or a young boy we will never know, but we know that in 1828 Rice appeared on stage as ‘Jim Crow’ -- an exaggerated, highly stereotypical black character.

“Rice, a white man, was one of the first performers to wear blackface makeup...His Jim Crow song-and-dance routine was an astounding success that took him from Louisville to Cincinnati to Pittsburgh to Philadelphia and finally to New York in 1832. He also performed to great acclaim in London and Dublin. By then ‘Jim Crow’ was a stock character in minstrel shows, along with counterparts Jim Dandy and Zip Coon. Rice's subsequent blackface characters were Sambos, Coons, and Dandies. White audiences were receptive to the portrayals of blacks as singing, dancing, grinning fools.”

President Biden and other Democrats apparently want us to believe there has been no racial progress since then.

Democrats should display some humility when it comes to African-Americans and voting since it was members of their party who opposed civil rights legislation, defended slavery in the 19th century and promoted “black codes” in Southern state legislatures that denied many rights to former slaves. Those were elected Democrats who stood in schoolhouse doors, denying access to black children. Democrat sheriffs clubbed people in the streets during

demonstrations and sicced dogs on them, among other indignities. It was also the party that required “poll taxes” and “literacy tests” for blacks, violating their right to vote.

The Georgia law leaves in place many voting options, in addition to showing up on Election Day. It eliminates signature matching, which should appeal to both parties. Vote tabulators will no longer have to subjectively decide the authenticity of two signatures.

Instead, voters will receive an ID number with their mail-in ballots or applications. Those numbers must match. In person voters who do not have an ID can easily obtain one.

How is doing a better job of ensuring ballot integrity and boosting confidence in election outcomes racist? Critics claim the new law negatively affects African American voters. Do they think Blacks are so incompetent they can't do the minimum required in order to vote?

For years Democrats have expanded voting laws to include registration at the DMV, early voting, and absentee voting with no excuses (still allowed under the new law). The Georgia law, which is being duplicated in other states with Republican majority legislatures, seeks to prevent vote harvesting and voting by people who don't exist, or who have moved out of state.

Today's Democrats like to claim “voter suppression” when Republicans attempt to make sure every ballot is legitimate. We can't afford to repeat Donald Trump's claims of suspect voting behavior, miscounting and questions about machines and illegal voters that he alleged characterized the 2020 presidential election.

Most people are willing to accept the defeat of candidates for whom they voted if they believe the system was fair and the tabulations accurate. Achieving that end is the purpose of the new Georgia law. It's not about Jim Crow, or for that matter, “Jim Eagle.”

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Facts Ignored in Attacks on Asian Americans

At least it's permissible to question the conclusions of federal law enforcement again.

During the Russia investigation and afterward, officials like FBI Director Christopher Wray were put on a pedestal by Democrats and the media.

Now, Wray has occasioned sharp Democratic dissent by stating that the horrifying murder spree at Atlanta-area spas that killed six Asian American women wasn't racially motivated.

Tammy Duckworth, the Democratic senator from Illinois, said in response to Wray that she wanted to see a deeper investigation, “It looks racially motivated to me.” The new Democratic senator from Georgia, Raphael Warnock, agreed, “We all know hate when we see it.”

These are evidence-free objections to an FBI evaluation that we have every reason to believe is based on the best-available facts.

All indications so far, including the perpetrator's statement as related by the police and reporting about his background in the press, suggest that he was struggling with a sex addiction, visited massage parlors for sex, and carried out his attacks as, by his perverse reasoning, vengeance against the parlors for the occasion for his temptation.

What he did is unforgivably awful, heartbreakingly destructive, and, of course, profoundly hateful.

It's just not the right kind of hate to fit a woke narrative of white supremacists targeting Asian Americans in a frenzy of racism fueled by former President Donald Trump's use of terms like “the China virus” and “Kung Flu” during the pandemic.

There has been an ongoing effort to link the spa shootings to a trend of increasing hate crimes against Asian Americans. There is much still to learn about this phenomenon. It may have peaked last spring with the onset of the coronavirus and certainly appears to be driven by several big cities, especially New York City, Los Angeles and the Bay Area. But this broader trend doesn't appear to fit a neat woke narrative, either.

For one thing, many attacks against Asian Americans clearly aren't acts of white supremacy, or even incidents of racial hatred.

It is an unfortunate feature of big American cities at the moment that not much explanation is needed for attacks against anyone other than a rising tide of lawlessness. That surely accounts for some significant percentage -- if by no means all -- of the attacks.

A high-profile stabbing of a Chinese man in Manhattan in February was carried out by a troubled 23-year-old man from Yemen. Despite pressure from Asian American activists, prosecutors declined to charge the assault as a hate crime after they found no evidence that it was.

The suspect in the killing of Vicha Ratanapakdee, an elderly Thai American who died after

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Small business issues top list of concerns for March

Where Credit Is Due...

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Floyd County resident Marie March is a Donald Trump supporter, and she doesn't care who knows it. But she's more than that. She's also a supporter of small business, the Second Amendment, and helping others get their lives back on track – and still others to get a start in business.

March is one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for the House of Delegates in the 7th District – the seat previously held by Nick Rush.

March is known in the New River Valley as the owner of two popular Christiansburg restaurants, Fatback Soul Shack and Due South BBQ.

She made headlines back in January after she and her husband, Jared, a Floyd physician attended the “Save America Rally” at the National Mall in Washington for President Trump.

The rally proceeded the violence at the Capitol Building. March is on record saying she and her husband left the area prior to the incident at the Capitol.

Upon returning, March faced backlash for attending the rally from some in the area, including incumbent 12th District Delegate Chris Hurst, a Democrat.

Hurst later apologized on social media for his comment.

Since Hurst's criticism her restaurant businesses has boomed – even tripled in revenue, March told The Patriot Tuesday.

“I realized real quick that we're in RED Southwest Virginia. That's really why I'm running. I thought, ‘Gosh, I bet I could get elected!’ These people are mad. They're Trump supporters and I'm a Trump supporter.”

March says the dust-up with Hurst was part of the reason she decided to run for the House seat. “Well, partly,” March said. “We serve country food and I always knew our clientele is about 99 percent conservative. But when that happened, everyone came flooding in from everywhere to let us know they support us. But additionally, I've fought with local government for years. When the noise ordinance thing happened with the Starlight movie theater in Christiansburg, I was in the middle of that. I fought the sign ordinances – I'm really big on free market and personal property rights so I've gone up against some local yahoos for several years. I've figured out how to read contracts, so I don't



Marie March

mind going after them.”

March said her campaign is “going pretty good.”

“If I walk up to a house that's got a Trump sign they run out and give me a hug. I get excited. Every house we pull up to I tell the person I'm with, ‘These are my people!’ I jump out and run to the door and they're like, ‘You're the lady from the barbecue!’ There's a lot of enthusiasm. I think I can win; I really do. I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't think I could,” she said.

March remains an unapologetic supporter of the 45th President.

“I'm not backing down from my support for Trump. He got us a tax cut, which enabled us to have health care for our staff. All those years under Obama they were talking health care and our staff were too poor (to pay for it). We couldn't afford to do it for them. But as soon as Trump gave us that tax cut, we had the money in the bank to provide health care for our staff. So, even liberals, when I tell them that story that makes them think for a minute. Almost,” she joked.

What sets March apart from her opponents for the GOP nomination?

“I actually own eight different small businesses. My husband

doesn't own them. I own them. I put my husband through medical school when we opened Due South BBQ, then we've gone on to open Fatback Soul Shack. But I've also started NRV Homegrown, a small business alliance with 350 small, independent, locally owned businesses. We publish a magazine, we do a website, social media and we sell a discount card that is used as a fundraiser for schools. When you buy that card, the schools get \$10 from every card they sell, and it helps to drive business – kind of like the sports card that a lot of schools sell – but we do it so instead of sending them to franchises we send them to the local mom and pops.

“We also do a boarding house. Years ago, we started hiring a few folks coming out of incarceration. We hired them in our kitchen to get them back to work and into society. We worked with a program called Virginia Cares. Bringing folks out of that program – they need low-income housing because they're getting back on their feet. If they don't have low-income housing to go into that they can afford then they end up going back to whatever it was that got them on drugs to begin with.

“So, we converted an old mo-

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It may appear to be a bit premature to take a moment and reflect on and give thanks for the weathering of one of the most unusual, unprecedented and uniquely challenging seasons we have faced as a community as well as a society in modern times – But I think it is time.

What I am referring to is obviously the pandemic and the many residual consequences and its disruptive aftermath.

My first article of 2021 was entitled “Winners and Losers” and it focused on Pulaski County's efforts to strategically position ourselves to be a “winner” in this new economy and post-COVID world. My second article further explained what my extensive 2020 Year End Report actually means for Pulaski County and our promising future.

In all this reporting, reflecting and pontificating on what is to come, I may have failed to fully express my gratitude for what we as a County Team were able to achieve well beyond anyone's expectation during the crazy year of 2020.

My 2020 report did include direct thank-you's to the Board of Supervisors as well as each of our departments for their hard work, dedication and resiliency, and my column also publicly expressed my sincere appreciation for the men and women who make up our family of public servants.

Nevertheless, I left out a couple of important thank-you's and I want to take this time now to acknowledge my extended gratitude.

First, I want to thank all those precious folks who joined together and fervently prayed for Pulaski County when by resolution, the BOS officially declared Sunday, March 29, 2020,

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draw and retreat, whine and moan about the evil in the world; or we can determine in our hearts that we will become more involved and effective. We can be busy doing God's will!

First, like Jesus, we need to get closer to God. Easter is a great time to do this. Ask Him what to do. God has given us all talents and abilities that we can use for His glory. There are many opportunities to show the love of God in our local community as well as on a global scale. If we don't find an existing opportuni-



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Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co. Administrator

a “Local Day of Prayer,” and for all those faithful folks who have never stopped praying for the County since.

I also want to simply give tremendous thanks to God for His continued hand of mercy, grace and favor upon this County during this entire pandemic. The County has been blessed directly, indirectly and even in disguise through all of this, and I would be remiss not to pause and give praise for all He has done for the County, for the men and women He has put in place to selflessly serve this community, and for His continued hedge of protection.

I am privileged to work alongside such amazing people and serve such a favored people.

Lastly, I am thankful in advance, for what I believe He is going to do for this blessed community and am honored to be here in this moment for such a time as this.

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being brutally pushed to the ground in broad daylight in San Francisco in January, is a 19-year-old Black man.

Last March, an Asian American woman was assailed on a bus in the Bronx by a group of Black teenage girls who accused her of spreading the coronavirus. There can be no doubt about the racial element of this assault, but the perpetrators belonged to one of the demographic groups in America least likely to be influenced by Trump or to favor white nationalism.

A New York Times story on attacks in New York referred to the awkwardness when the attackers are other minorities. It noted that some Asian American community leaders “say tougher enforcement could end up

pitting Asian Americans against Black and Latino communities, inflaming racial tensions.” The head of a Chinese social services agency told the paper that “many of his Asian colleagues were verbally harassed during the pandemic but chose not to alert law enforcement because they worried the perpetrators, who were often people of color, could be mistreated by the police.”

None of these complications are allowed to interfere with a simplistic narrative of Asian Americans as victims of white supremacy, no matter what the facts are, no matter what the hitherto unassailable FBI director says.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Ye Must Be Born Again

John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee. Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Verse 5 "Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

Verse 7 "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again."

To be born again, is to be born from above. When we were born physically, we entered into the family of man. When we are born again spiritually, we enter into the Family of God.

John 1:12 says.. "But as many as received him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name." We must be born again of the Spirit of God, to have any part in the Kingdom of God, in its beginnings here on earth, and in its culmination in Heaven.

Nicodemus came to Jesus under the cover of darkness, quiet possibly because he was afraid of what his religious colleagues might say about him, or do to him, if they knew. But lest we think too hard of him for His secrecy, we must give him some credit at least, for coming to Christ.

Before a person can be born again, they must come to Jesus. There are many who could be saved, if they'd only come to Jesus, but sad to say, a lot of folks put it off until a more convenient season and remain in a poor, pitiful lost condition. If they'd only come to Jesus, He'd lead them out of darkness and into His marvelous light. He'd give them life for death. He'd give them lives worth living. He'd light up their lives. He'd make them ready for Heaven. If they'd only come to Him.

Paul went before Felix, governor of Caesarea, and preached the gospel to him, and Felix was so moved by the Gospel, and by the convicting power of the Holy Ghost, that he trembled.

But foolishly, he sent Paul away, saying, Go away Paul; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for you. As far as we know a more convenient season never came around for Felix.

Hell is filling up and running over with lost souls who planned to be saved, but never got around to it. And they died in a lost condition.

I imagine there are countless souls in the regions of Hell right now, who are crying out over and over, with empty words of bitter regret, "too late, too late, too late."

Nicodemus needed to be born again. Jesus is looking down into someone's heart right now, and He sees a heart than needs changing; He sees a soul that needs saving; He sees a life that is broken and needs mending, and He wants to meet those needs and give them a brand new beginning in life. I believe He is knocking on the hearts door of someone, right now, seeking entry. If it's you, for heaven's sake and your own sake, don't turn Him away.

Open up the door to your heart and invite Jesus to come in, and He'll come in, and rewrite your life. The door to a person's heart can only be opened from the inside. In the well-known picture of Jesus standing at the door knocking, if you'll look closely, you'll see that there is no door handle or door knob on the outside of the

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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.

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7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
Pastor Mark A. Miller
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Cell) 540-320-2431
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message):
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Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
Ages 5-12
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Faith Bible Church

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

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Worship 11 a.m.
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Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

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(540) 980-2132
firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org
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Service 11 a.m.
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Community Christian Church
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540-674-4308
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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Minister:
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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1621 Bob White Boulevard
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Pastor Donald Jones
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(540) 250-2974
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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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1749 Newbern Road
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Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
Telephone: 980-8186
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Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor
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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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The Patriot

McCraw

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door. It must be opened from the inside.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, ye MUST be born again. Not ye SHOULD be born again. Or you CAN be born again. But ye MUST be born again. It is a requirement for entering into the Kingdom of God.

Nicodemus was a Pharisee. A Religious man. A Ruler and Teacher of the Jews, and even a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin Court, and yet he had never been born again.

He believed, like most Jews, that as long as he was a Jew, and of the seed of Abraham; As long as He kept the bulk of the law and offered up the appropriate animal sacrifices; He was sure to be admitted into the Kingdom. But in the New Covenant, which replaced the Old Covenant, Jesus came bringing a new and living way to get to God. He IS the new and living way. Now, all who come to God, must be drawn by the Holy Spirit, and must come to God, through Jesus.

Jesus Himself said, “No man cometh to the Father, but by Me.” There are NOT many ways to get to God. There’s only one way. And that singular way is through Jesus. He IS the way, the truth and the life.

Living a good moral life, doing acts of kindness, giving to charities, Church membership, Church attendance, paying tithes and giving in offerings, or doing any other good work, will not save a soul from the penalty, guilt, habit and dominion of sin. For we are saved by grace, and not by our works of any kind.

“For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is a gift of God. NOT of works, lest any man should boast.” (Eph. 2: 8, 9.) Every person who has entered into the Kingdom of God since Jesus came, has been born again. It’s a prerequisite; It’s a precondition; It’s a requirement; It’s a necessity; in order to be permitted to enter into the Kingdom of God.

Being born again is a life changing experience. It’s not an option. It is not just a cosmetic make over. It’s not just getting a case of do betters. It not just turning over a new leaf. It’s not just having our names on a Church Membership roll. It’s much, much more than that.

It’s not even a Reformation. But it’s a Spiritual Transformation wrought in one’s life by the mighty, soul saving, power of God, through faith in the shed blood of Jesus. The Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.

It’s when Jesus moves into a heart, and the devil moves out. It’s when the old carnal nature is put to death, and is replaced by a new nature, fashioned after God’s own Nature. It’s when one goes from being under the shadow of death, into newness of life, in Christ Jesus.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Psalms in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What type of musical accompaniment is given as instructions for recitation of Psalms 4? Flutes, Stringed instruments, Shofars, Mandrakes
3. From Matthew 6, what did Jesus say not to use when we pray? Loud curses, Impure thoughts, Vain repetitions, Wandering shifts
4. 1 Chronicles starts with how many chapters of genealogy? 3, 5, 7, 9
5. From Esther 1, King Ahasuerus lived in what city? Ur, Shushan, Antioch, Tarsus
6. Who was the first son of Moses and Zipporah? Haggai, Gershom, Mark, Zebudah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stringed instruments; 3) Vain repetitions; 4) 9; 5) Shushan; 6) Gershom

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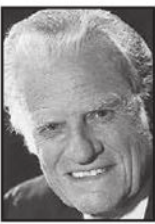
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: While many are casting doubt on the Bible as God’s truth, others rely on it as the source of life itself. A great many educators question its authority, but isn’t God’s Word the ultimate authority for mankind? - B.T.

A: The authoritative source for mankind is the Holy Bible. Its wisdom is both ancient and relevant; historic and prophetic. Above all, it is the Word of God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and

the Word was God” (John 1:1). It is our code book and its message is the key to life. The Bible has come down to us through the ages. It has passed through so many hands and survived attacks of every kind. Neither barbaric vandalism nor civilized scholarship has touched it. Neither the burning of fire nor the laughter of skepticism has accomplished its annihilation. And it never will. Through the many dark ages of man, its glorious promises have survived unchanged.

History recounts the true story of The British and Foreign Bible Society during World War II.



My Answer

Billy Graham

When the Germans began bombing the city of Old Warsaw, the wife of the director went to the storeroom and carried some two thousand Bibles to the basement. She was trapped by the bombing and later captured by the Ger-

mans and put in a prison camp. She managed to escape, and after the war was over she was able to retrieve the Bibles and distribute them to people in need. Warsaw was flattened, but one wall of the Bible Society remained standing. On it were these words, painted in large letters: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

Oh, that people would retrieve their Bibles and open its pages of truth. It’s the indestructible Book written by God Himself. No nation which relegates the Bible to the background can long survive.

Not really an emergency

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are close to having our home paid off and being completely debt-free. Can we dip into our emergency fund to pay off the house?

Enid

Dear Enid,

I'm not sure I'd recommend doing this. I might think about it if your emergency fund is way too big, plus you have a very small amount left to pay on your home. But remember, your emergency fund should be three to six months of expenses—not income. On top of that, paying off your home a few months earlier isn't exactly an emergency.

Believe me, I understand the feelings that go along with being so close to becoming completely debt-free. It can be tempting to throw a bunch of money at your house, and get rid of the mortgage payments. Still, even as much as I hate debt, I wouldn't put my emergency fund at risk to make it happen.

When you do things like that, Enid, you're just begging for Murphy to come visit. The moment you write a big check and weaken your emergency fund for something that isn't an emergency, the transmission in your car will go out or you'll have to replace the central unit on your home. It's not worth the risk!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

Should I catch up on my past due bills before saving up \$1,000 for Baby Step 1?

Shar y n

Dear Shar y n,

That's exactly what you should do. Get current or make payment arrangements with everyone who's willing to work with you first. In the process, make sure you're keeping your own living necessities in mind—food, shelter, clothing, utilities, and transportation.

After you've done that, and saved a beginner emergency fund



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of \$1,000, start your debt snowball and pay off all your debts from smallest largest, except for your home. That's Baby Step 2. In Baby Step 3, you'll save up and increase your emergency fund from \$1,000 to a full three to six months of expenses. Once you reach this point, you can really start looking toward the future.

In Baby Step 4, start investing 15 percent of your income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans. College funding for the kids, if there are any, is next in Baby Step 5.

Baby Step 6 is a big one, because this is where you pay off your home early. But Baby Step 7 is the real deal. This is when you're completely debt-free, and you're able to build wealth like crazy and give with outrageous generosity!

—Dave

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

March

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tel into a really nice place that has five different buildings, and we house people who need to get back on their feet. We've had great success with it. We've got managers that have now worked for us for years who are sober and have gotten married and have kids. They're loyal. We have extremely loyal folks in our restaurants.

"My competition hasn't done that. My competition has never fought against government, they've been a part of the problem," she said.

"My husband and I spoke at both the Floyd County and Montgomery County Sanctuary meetings because we actually have concealed carry classes taught at our restaurant. Our managers actually carry concealed at our restaurant. So, we're big pro-Second Amendment people. We went to Lobby Day in Richmond two years ago. My opponents didn't speak at any of that, didn't show up for any of that. Now they're saying they are big Second Amendment people, but they were nowhere to be found," March added.

Being a small businessperson, it's no surprise March is big on getting help for small business owners.

"The big thing with me is small business. There is a bunch of stuff I want to do to help the small business owners.

"Small businesses, when they collect tax dollars, they actually collect sales tax, meals tax, lodging taxes — they have to collect those taxes. They're actually paying credit card fees on the taxes they collect. We've got to put a bill in there so the government compensates them back for those credit card fees that they're having to carry from those tax collections.

"That's number one," she stat-

ed.

"Number two is all the paperwork. I own restaurants, so I have to fill out USDA, FDA, health department, ABC, the grease trap department, the water department ... I have all this paperwork. The government needs to be compensating us for our time. Either you have a staff accountant and people to fill out this stuff or we do it ourselves and it's just like they force us to have to do all their paperwork and all their administrative.

"So, If I can get up there to Richmond, there's going to be bill after bill after bill that I'm going to be carrying to help the small business folks. I know what we go through.

"I've got all kinds of ideas on other bills. I could go on and on," March said.

"Of course, the Second Amendment is a big deal too.

"What they've done with this preemption is a disaster," March exclaimed.

Changes in the state's preemption laws allow localities to set their own laws regarding possession, carrying, storing and transportation of firearms and ammunition.

"In Blacksburg, they're starting to make everything gun free zones and the only people who disarm are the lawfully abiding citizens. The criminals don't disarm when they see a sticker on a door. We've got to get those rights restored. Our rights have seriously been infringed by Richmond.

"I'm friends with most of the VCDL (Virginia Citizens Defense League) so if I win the primary, I'll be carrying bills for them. I pass out those Guns Save Lives stickers when I campaign," March noted.

"If they (citizens) know me, they know I'm pro-Trump and I did not back down. I went to see my President speak at the Jan. 6 event and it was great! That was the first time we'd gotten to see Trump. The Democrats they tried

to make me look terrible, like I was somehow involved in what happened at the Capitol and we weren't there. We went to see Trump. It was a great day, and I am never going to back down from my support of Donald Trump.

"I agreed with all of Trump's policies. There wasn't one policy that I didn't think was a brilliant idea and just like Trump, I'm a business owner and I'm going to be working for the people, for jobs — it's all about jobs. Jobs are what makes a society successful. We've got to get jobs," said March.

"We've got two small business incubators that we've gotten off the ground. My husband and I have invested in some younger people and their ideas for two small businesses in Christiansburg. We have helped to rehabilitate some properties for them and have actually invested in their businesses through low interest loans to get them off the ground.

"What I want to do is get together a coalition of wealthy business owners who have made it and us all start investing in our youth so we can keep them here in our communities after they graduate. We've got to take them under our wing and mentor them. And instead of all the grant money, we've got to self-fund it and help these people open their own niche small businesses and mentor them and help invest in them," March said.

Republicans in the 7th District, including Floyd County, most of Pulaski County and a portion of Montgomery County will choose their nominee April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a "firehouse primary."

Republican voters in Pulaski County will cast their ballots in the Farris Building at the New River Valley Fairgrounds in Dublin.

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April 2

Good Friday Service

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April 3

Saturday Bingo

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 Pulaski, Va will host 25¢ Bingo Saturday, April 3rd 11:00am to 2pm. Post home is located corner of Dora Highway and Washington Ave.

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.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Radford Clothing Bank

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

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Sat. April 10th: Pastor Todd Garwood**

**Fri. April 16th: Pastor Charlie Barbettini
Sat. April 17th: A Night Of Singing**

NOTE: FREE food to go meals only 11 am until 1 pm. Hot Dogs, Chips, Dessert and Drinks. The Clothing Bank will be open with Free Men's, Women's, Boys and Girls Clothing.

**Fri. April 23rd: Evangelist Terry Simone
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It's Salem week. Enough said.

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

It's Salem week! Enough said. Friday night's contest at Salem will be the 48th between the two powers in what is easily the biggest game in these parts every football season. Salem leads the series between the two teams, 28-19 and has enjoyed the edge in recent seasons.

The Spartans come into Friday night's game as the top team in Region 4D and the River Ridge District, sporting a 5-0 record. Their last win was a 42-0 shellacking last Friday of Hidden Valley – a team Pulaski County beat earlier this season, 48-7.

The Cougars of course are coming off their first loss of the season, 24-23 to Patrick Henry – a team Salem beat in week three, 34-17. The Cougars are 4-1 on the season and in River Ridge play.

Following the loss, one might wonder about the Cougars' attitude – what with their undefeated season gone up in smoke.

According to head coach Mark Dixon, the team is responding well.

"So far so good," Dixon said Tuesday. "I think they came back Monday ready to work and had a pretty good day yesterday. I feel after watching film we all understand the areas where we have to become more sound in if we want to have chances against good football teams. So, I feel good about how they've responded in practice and with their energy level."

As for this week's opponent, Dixon said, "No rest for the weary."



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Pulaski County Head Coach Mark Dixon believes Friday's game with Salem will be decided in the trenches. Here, Cougar lineman Diego Turner wins his battle in the trenches, standing up a Patriot ballcarrier while playing off a block from another Patriot.

"We certainly don't have time to lick our wounds or sulk any. The competition is going up another level – maybe two more levels. Salem is certainly a heck of a challenge."

The Spartans have wins

against Blacksburg (50-0), Christiansburg (35-13), Patrick Henry (34-17), Cave Spring (63-7) and Hidden Valley (42-0).

"They're just a well-oiled machine. Really coached well with great talent everywhere," Dixon

said of the Spartans.

"They stress you all over the field in different ways. They're able to run the ball, attack the middle of the line, they attack off the edges and they're able to get outside. They have skill kids that

are really good. It forces you to play a lot of man-to-man. And then they have receivers who can beat you there," he said.

"Defensively they're just head and shoulders above anybody we've played. You can just see the athleticism all over the field, and they're physical," Dixon said.

Salem has at least three players already committed to play in college.

Running back/linebacker Zavier Woods has committed to Louisiana-Monroe of the Sunbelt Conference.

Twin brothers Jorden and Jayden McDonald are now committed to Virginia Tech after previously saying they intended to also attend Louisiana-Monroe.

Jorden is a cornerback and wide receiver while Jayden is a wide receiver and strong safety. Both are listed as "athletes" by Tech. Where they'll play as Hokies will be determined this summer.

Jayden was a first defensive back for the 2019 Class 4 all-state team off Salem's 12-2 squad that reached the Class 4 state semi-finals before losing to eventual state runner-up Tuscarora.

The Spartans of head coach Don Holter are lead on offense by sophomore quarterback DaRon Wilson who took over for Chauncey Logan Jr. after three games this season.

Woods' rushing mate behind Wilson is junior Cameron Leftwich.

Receiving targets include Chase Greer and their kicker is

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Cougars see unbeaten streak come to close

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Drive-ending miscues by the Cougars and clutch play by Patrick Henry's talented senior quarterback Roy Gunn helped send Pulaski County to its first loss of the 2021 season Friday night, 24-23.

"We just shot ourselves in the foot on a couple drives that were really tough, and then we struggled to contain the quarterback and him throwing the ball," stated Head Coach Mark Dixon in summarizing his Cougars' loss.

Gunn, committed to continue his football career at the Virginia Military Institute, was as good as billed if not better.

"I knew he was good, but he even impressed me more in person," Dixon said. "He just made some dynamic throws. Kept them alive several times. He kept plays alive and we didn't get a lot of pressure. His receivers kept moving and, like a good quarterback, he kept his eyes up



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Will Bishop, Diego Turner and Ethan Gallimore wrap up this Patrick Henry ballcarrier during last Friday's 24-23 loss.

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and waited until he could find one open and moved the chains."

On at least three Patrick Henry scoring drives, Gunn delivered big plays on third and fourth down to keep the Patriots' offense on the field.

On PH's second possession, Gunn faced a third-and-15 at the Pulaski County 42 only to hit Carmelo Taylor for 18 yards and a first down. The next play, Gunn scrambled for 20. PH scored a play later when Arjuan Webb hit paydirt from four yards out.

Webb's score was only the third touchdown given up by the Cougars' defense all season.

The Patriots botched the extra point, and the lead was 6-0.

Pulaski County answered back starting with a long kickoff return by John Lyman to set up the offense at the Cougar 41.

Pulaski County used an 11-play drive, featuring six carries by Ethan Gallimore and four by Keyonte Kennedy to take the lead when Kennedy crossed the goal line on a 5-yard carry. Broc Simpson added the PAT kick and the Cougars led, 7-6.

On the Patriots' next possession, Gunn came to the rescue again when on second-and-14 he hit Taylor on a 26-yard pass play.

On this drive, however, Gunn's heroics were stymied by Pulaski County's Layne Suthers and Will Bishop.

On second-and-nine at the Cougars' 27, Gunn passed to the in endzone thinking touchdown only to see the pass batted away by Suthers.

On the very next play, Gunn dropped back looking for an open receiver only to have Bishop knock the ball out of his hand. Bishop ended the threat when he fell on the loose ball to give it back to Pulaski County.

The Cougars started downfield.

Bishop came up big again when, on third down, he caught an 11-yard pass from quarterback Drew Dalton.

Three plays later Dalton came up big again, hitting Lyman on a 26-yard reception and a first down.

Gallimore took the ball two yards to the Patriots' 17 and then

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the wheels came off for the Cougars.

Dalton was sacked for a three-yard loss and then, on third down, the center snap flew over his head for another five-yard loss.

On fourth-and-16, Simpson came on a booted a 42-yard field goal to give Pulaski County a 10-6 lead.

Patrick Henry responded with a quick scoring drive to take the lead.

Gunn hit Taylor on a wide receiver screen pass for 32 yards, then hit Taylor again for five more. Gunn then ran a QB draw for three more to set up a third-and-2 from the Pulaski County 7 with only 55 seconds left in the first half.

Webb was stopped cold on the play to set up a big fourth down for the Patriots.

Again, Gunn came through, hitting Taeshawn Webb on a seven-yard TD strike.

Gunn threw to Webb again on the two-point conversion try, however, Webb bobbled the catch and the try failed and the score stood at 12-10 with 51 seconds left in the half.

Pulaski County would grab the lead again just before the half with a short two-play scoring drive, set up by another long kickoff return by Lyman to the PH 36.

On first down, Lyman came up big again with a 23-yard reception from Dalton down to the PH 13.

Dalton then, under heavy pressure, hit Trevor Burton on a 13-yard strike for the touchdown. Simpson was true on the PAT kick and the Cougars took a 17-



Antonio Nottingham/PC Touchdown Club

Cougar John Lyman came up big for Pulaski County last week returning kickoffs and hauling in four pass completions for 112 yards.

12 lead into the locker room.

The Cougars got the ball first with Quemar Porter returning the second half kickoff to the 50.

Pulaski County rushed down the first on nine plays featuring runs by Dalton, Kennedy and Gallimore.

Kennedy's nine-yard rush on first down deep in Patriot territory gave the Cougars a second-and-one with the ball on the PH three.

Then the wheels came off again with Pulaski County being flagged for illegal procedure. That moved the ball backwards to the PH seven.

Next play, Kennedy was stopped for a yard loss.

On third down, Dalton threw into the endzone only to be intercepted by Patriot Bodie Kahoun.

On the very next play, Gunn hit Taeshawn Webb again for 35

yards, despite Cougar defender Chase Dotson tipping the pass.

Five plays later the Patriots faced a fourth down at the Cougars' 30. Gunn came up big again, completing a 15-yard pass under pressure by the Cougars' defense to keep the drive alive.

Two plays later he hit Taeshawn Webb for a five-yard score. Gunn passed for the two-point conversion, but missed the mark and PH led, 18-17.

On their next possession, the Cougars mounted their final scoring drive of the game featuring two big pass plays from Dalton to Lyman.

The drive got off to a scary start when, on first down, Gallimore rushed for four yards, but had to be helped off the field with what turned out to be a cramp. He would later return.

Three plays later, just after the start of the fourth quarter, Dalton connected on a short pass to Lyman who turned the catch into a 35-yard gain to put the Cougars in business on the PH side of the field.

After Kennedy – sporting a smaller cast on his right hand this week – rushed for a yard, Dalton again hit Lyman – this time on a 28-yard pickup to the PH 19.

Kennedy gained three on first down and then Porter took the pitch on a toss sweep and rambled 15 yards to the PH one.

As he's done several times this season, Dalton carried the ball behind his big offensive line and scored to make it, 23-18 Cougars.

Dixon decided to go for two on the conversion in an effort to take a seven-point lead. However, it wasn't to be as this time Dalton was stopped short of the goal line.

The Patriots' offense failed to respond and punted to Pulaski County who couldn't get a drive going either. Simpson booted a punt that Gunn decided not to

return, and the Patriots were to start at their own 10.

On first down, Bishop and Diego Turner sacked Gunn for an 8-yard loss to the two.

After Arjuan Webb rushed for eight yards back to the 10, Gunn came up big again passing to Devin Tellez for 41 yards to the Pulaski County 49.

Arjuan Webb rushed for 10 more to the Cougar 39 before Turner turned in another big defensive play for Pulaski County, sacking Gunn for an 11-yard loss.

With the ball at mid-field, Gunn struck again, hitting Tellez on a 32-yard pass play.

Two plays later, an illegal procedure penalty against PH put the ball at the 23 of Pulaski County.

On third-and-15, Gunn called an audible at the line and hit Jahzae Kimbrough in the back of the endzone with what turned out to be the winning score.

Again, PH failed to convert a two-point try and the Patriots led, 24-23. With 4:11 to go.

On their next possession, the Cougars stalled at their own 49.

Patrick Henry took over and couldn't move either, with Sean Medley punting on fourth down. Medley hit a beauty that rolled out of bounds at the Cougars' four with only 34 seconds left.

Two plays later, Dalton hit Suthers for a 21-yard gain. After spiking the ball on third down, Dalton was intercepted by Marquis Adams to end the game.

As dynamic as the Patriot offense is, Pulaski County still out-gained them, 354-349.

The Cougars rushed for 180 yards on 41 carries, while the Patriots rushed 29 times for only 53 yards.

The Patriots amassed 296 yards through the air, however, to the Cougars' 174.

Gallimore hit the century mark in rushing again, carrying 16 times for 107 yards. Kennedy rushed 12 times for 38 yards. Porter had 5 carries for 26 yards. Dalton was 8 for 9 yards.

Lyman had 4 catches for 116 yards. Gallimore had 2 for 25. Suthers caught one pass for 21 yards, Burton had 1 for 13 and Bishop added 1 for 9 yards.

Dalton finished with 9 completions on 20 pass attempts and 2 interceptions.

Gunn went 17 for 29 with no interceptions.

The loss puts Pulaski County's record at 4-1 with one regular season contest left – this Friday at Salem. Game time is 7 p.m.

Salem

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freshman Wesley Cross.

What do the Cougars have to do to beat their arch-rival?

“We definitely can't have another 10 penalties,” Dixon said, alluding to the Cougars' penchant this season for penalties – especially of the pre-snap variety.

In five games so far this season, the Cougars have been penalized 39 times for 315 yards. Ten of those came in the loss to PH.

“It will get ugly quick if we're not able to get more sound. Those illegal procedures and those type things have got to stop to have a chance,” Dixon said.

“There's not one thing [to fix] which is kind of tough. Sometimes we have a lineman who is jumping early and it's obvious. Sometimes we're late with the snap. Sometimes the count's not right. We mess up the count – the cadence. It's at all three levels so it's not one thing. When you're doing it at three different levels now, you're up to six or seven of them [penalties]. And that's what's happening. I've never experienced as many as we're having.

“It's not the same thing all the time. If it were the same thing, I'd

feel easier about the fix, but three different things are happening at the most in-opportune times.

“We've certainly improved from the beginning,” Dixon said of the play of his offensive linemen.

“The last game we were able to establish a good running game. We'll be challenged to another level this week. If you eliminate the penalties, then I think you've got a chance to continue drives and that's the thing that we have to do. We're running the ball efficiently enough, but we're not a team that can afford to be second and three and jump offsides and be second and eight. That's killing us,” he said.

Dixon believes the game will be decided – as they say – in the trenches.

“It's going to come down to can we stop their run and are we able to establish the run. It will be a line of scrimmage game,” he said.

How does Dixon feel about playing in “THE GAME” in these parts – a game he's heard about for years?

“I think because of the type of year it has been, it's been hard to get just focused. We've been so fo-

cused on the day-to-day of improving and we're still there. Typically, this game is played after 10 games, two scrimmages and a whole summer of working. And so, it seems the game is just here so fast. That's what it feels like to me like, ‘wow, we're already to this game.’ It's almost like drinking water through a fire hose. It's happening so fast. It's hard to get – I know how important this game is I do – but there's so many other things we're trying to get corrected as we're moving along it's hard to just simply – I don't know - even get into Friday night when I'm so worried about today,” Dixon said.

Game time is 7 p.m. at Salem. The game is being live streamed over gamedaymagazine.com

VHSL Rankings

The Virginia High School League released its latest ranking of state high school football teams earlier this week.

In our Region 4D, Salem is tops with a 26.00 rating. Pulaski County is next with a 22.60. Right behind is Piedmont District power George Washington of Danville at 21.75. Amherst of the Seminole District is next at 19.80.

Only the top four teams in each

region qualify for the playoffs, which will get underway next week.

Other rankings of note: In Region 2C, Appomattox leads the way with a 21.60 rating followed by Dan River (20.67), Glenvar (18.80) and Fort Chiswell (18.60).

Radford's loss two weeks ago to Glenvar dropped the Bobcats into 5th in Region 2C and out of the playoffs for now. The Bobcats, whose athletic programs are on pause due to COVID protocols, have a rating of 17.25.

Radford's game last week against Floyd County was canceled.

In Region 3D, Lord Botetourt is king of the hill right now with a rating of 27.20. Abingdon (23.50), Carroll County (21.40) and Northside (20.00) are next.

With their win over the Cougars, Patrick Henry now leads Region 5D with a 25.50 rating. Next are Albemarle (22.40), William Fleming (22.00) and Brooke Point and Mountain View are tied (21.00).

And in Region 1C, Galax is on top at 20.80. Next are Narrows (20.40), Grayson County (15.40) and Parry McCluer (15.00).

More games, more money for NFL

(AP) - There was never any doubt the NFL would grow its regular-season schedule to 17 games once the labor agreement with the players union was reached a year ago. More games, more money and more flexibility for America's most popular sport.

Potentially, more injuries for the guys on the field, too, though Commissioner Roger Goodell and other league executives cite data compiled with the NFL Players Association showing preseason games are more dangerous to health and safety than a match that matters.

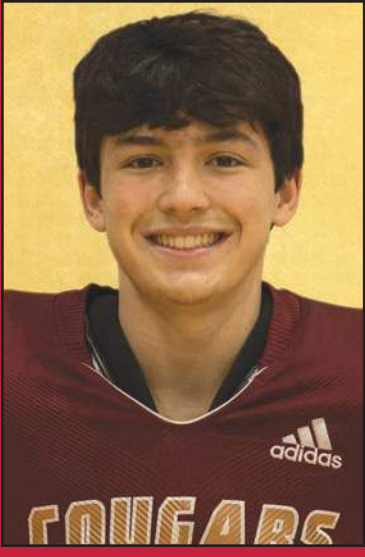
There have been protests since early March 2020 and will continue to be from players about the reconfiguring of the 20-game maximum to 17 that count and three exhibitions. Their chance to make a strong stand against it came and went during those CBA negotiations. And the union members will see their portion of shareable revenues rise from 47% to 48.5%.

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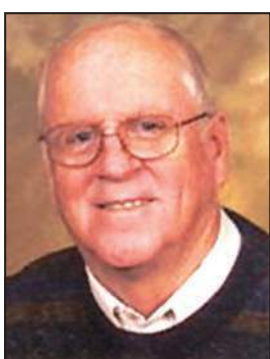
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Trout Fishing In Full Swing

A not too hard a winter is behind us and it appears that spring is now here. Trout have been stocked in many area streams and my fishing buddy, Dick, and I got in some fishing last week. We like to go where there are not too many other people fishing or have been there already. Banks along streams that have recently been fished in overabundance will look like the entrances to groundhog holes. You can tell that the "whistle pigs" are using them if they are well-worn and not grown over with vegetation. Most stocking by DGIF personnel is done at the larger pools of water and likely near a road or highway. This is where a number of all the people fish and after a few days there are most likely few trout left. Having chest or hip waders is a plus where a person can traverse the streams and find good fishing along the way. Trout like fast moving waters and you can often bring in land some of these as you wade and fish in the water eddies or near the bank.

I gave some tips for fly fishing last week and will try to follow up with regular type ones in this column. One good thing to have

Final Four promises to be good

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — March Madness was worth the year-long wait.

The disappointment of losing last year's NCAA Tournament to the pandemic added excitement for this year's bracket and it didn't disappoint with a slew of upsets.

Now that the dust has settled a bit, we're down to four.

One is chasing history. Another wasn't supposed to get this far. Two, both from Texas, have rekindled memories of the old Southwest Conference.

This should be fun.

THE TEAMS

Gonzaga. The Zags haven't lost since February 2020 and have history within their grasp. Win two games and they'll not only hoist the championship trophy for the first time, they'll become the first team to complete an undefeated season since Indiana in 1976. Oh, they're also good on offense. Twenty-seven straight double-digit wins good.

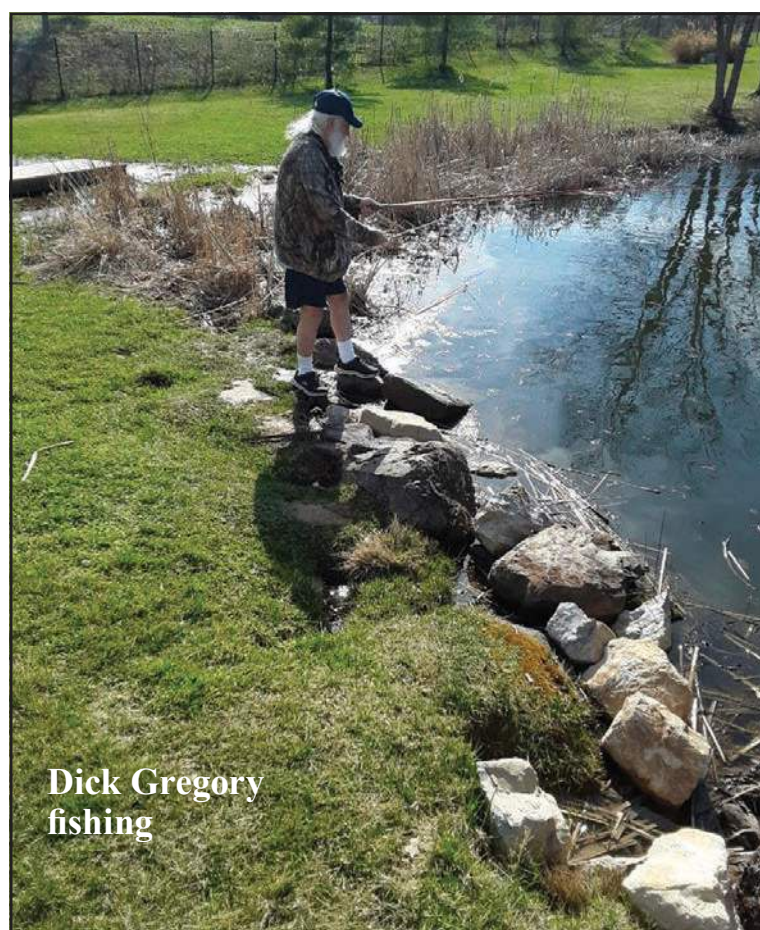
Baylor. The Bears were discounted as title contenders when a late-season COVID-19 pause seemed to slow their roll. No one's saying that now after they swarmed their way through the bracket. If you like in-your-jersey defense with a dash of up-tempo offense, this is your team.

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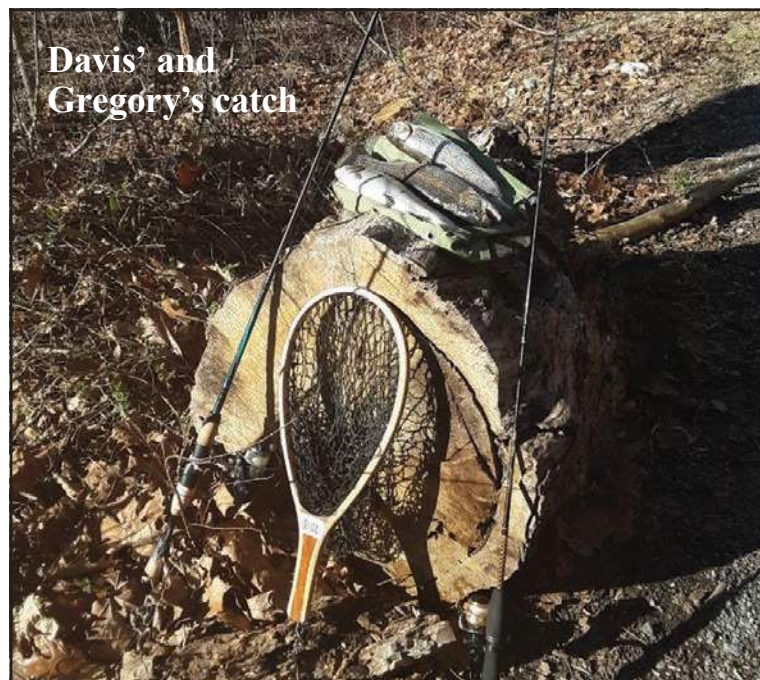
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Some streams are catch and release and others are fee fishing ones. Dick has been wanting for us to take in Crooked Creek in Carroll County. The regs state that a daily permit rate of \$8.00 will be required from the first Saturday in April for a portion of the "Crooked." We may not beat the deadline there, but hope to at least take in Big Tumbling



Dick Gregory fishing



Davis' and Gregory's catch



Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

Creek of the Clinch Mountain WMA before the catch and release and fee fishing season kicks in.

There are many ways to go fishing for the stocked streams and to all who enjoy this sport, I wish you the best. If you are a parent or grandparent, I recommend taking the children or

grandchildren fishing. They not only can learn the art of fishing in the beautiful outdoors, but also God's creation is made more manifest to them. In Job 12:7,8,9 KJV, we read, "But ask the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall teach thee: Or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee: Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?" The beasts, fowls and fish and the earth itself have been placed under man's dominion. All this will teach an honest student the truth of their special creation by an omnipotent, omniscient Creator.

Until next time

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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.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County will make reasonable accommodations available when requested. Contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

LEGAL NOTICES

Advertisement For Bids Pulaski County, Virginia 143 3rd St. NW, Suite 1 Pulaski, VA 24301

Sealed Bids for the construction of the International Blvd. Improvements Project will be received, by Pulaski County, at the **offices of the Pulaski County Administrator**, until 2:00 PM local time on May 6, 2021, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of construction of commercial entrances and shoulder/surface maintenance activities on International Blvd including milling, paving, marking, signing, and associated appurtenances.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Hurt & Proffitt, Inc., 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, Attn. J. Michael Johnson, PE (mjohnson@handp.com), 540-552-5592. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at:

DODGE Data, 3315 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71913

Valley Construction News Plan Room, 426 Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the Issuing Office upon nonrefundable payment of \$150 for each 22 x 34 set, \$100 for each 11 x 17 set, or downloaded free of charge at <http://www.handp.com/contact/bids>.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on April 15, 2021 at the office of the Pulaski County Administrator, 143 3rd St. NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The procedure for withdrawal of bids shall be in accordance with procedure (i) of Section 2.2 - 4330 of the Code of Virginia

The bidder shall show evidence of being a VDOT prequalified contractor. Evidence of being a VDOT prequalified contractor shall be included with the submitted bid. A list of VDOT prequalified contractors can be found at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/prequalified-list.pdf>.

The successful bidder must comply with the Presidents Executive Order #11246, prohibiting discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, sex, or national origin; Executive Orders #12138 and 11625 regarding utilization of MBE/WBE subcontractors in the performance of this contract; provide certification that they do not or will not maintain or provide for their employees facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin; comply with the provisions of Civil Rights Act of 1964; and comply with the Davis-Bacon Act.

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Houston. Like Baylor, the Cougars were in the now-defunct Southwest Conference. They’re playing a bit like they did back then, conjuring up memories of the Phi Slama Jama days. They like to play defense, too, so there’s going to be a few bruises when they meet the Bears in the Final Four.

UCLA. What a job Mick Cronin has done with the Bruins. He brought some of that toughness his Cincinnati teams had with him to Westwood and has UCLA back in a once-familiar place. The Bruins like to squeeze the pace and their opponents, so Gonzaga’s next step on the road to perfection won’t be an easy one.

NFL

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the nearly \$16 million drop this year. So the players will profit on that end, too.

But they could have gotten more out of the 17-game machinations when it became clear the 32 team owners were steadfast in their de-

STAR PLAYERS

Corey Kispert, Gonzaga. The All-American sharpshooter has won more games (126) than any player in decades and is the Zags’ go-to offensive guy. He’s the second player in the last 10 years to shoot 50% from the floor, 40% from 3 and 90% from the free throw line.

Jared Butler, Baylor. The first player in school history to be named an Associated Press All-American is the leader on a team full of standouts. He can score, dish, loves to hit clutch baskets.

Johnny Juzang, UCLA. The athletic guard’s decision to leave Kentucky gave the Bruins a huge boost. He can score in bunches, as he showed in the Elite Eight against Michigan, and is playing his best basketball at just the right time.

Quentin Grimes, Houston. Another transfer who has had a

massive impact on his new team. The former Kansas guard is the Cougars’ leading scorer and a big reason they’re back in the Final Four for the first time since the Phi Slama Jama days.

KEY PLAYERS

Davion Mitchell, Baylor. He’s got the size of a linebacker, but the quickness of a cat. Put Mitchell on the opposing team’s scorer and you can almost guarantee they’re going to have a bad night.

Jalen Suggs, Gonzaga. The highest-rated prospect in program history does not play like a freshman. He lives for the big moments and has thrived under the postseason spotlight. Keep an eye on his passing. The former top-level quarterback prospect drops 3-4 dimes a game that will make your jaw drop.

Tyger Campbell, UCLA. The sophomore point guard may

That would have pushed the Super Bowl back by two weeks instead of the seven days under the format approved Tuesday, but the league has had an eye on playing the title game on Presidents Day weekend for a while.

have the best hair in the bracket and the game to match it. He’s a steady force for the Bruins and fearless driving into the paint, even at 5-foot-11, 180 pounds.

DeJon Jarreau, Houston. The senior is the Cougars’ floor leader, assists leader and can fill it up when he’s hot. He scored 20 points against Oregon State in the Elite Eight, so he’s clearly not afraid of the spotlight.

THE COACHES

Mark Few, Gonzaga. Fewy has turned a small Jesuit school in eastern Washington into a national powerhouse. Gonzaga has reached the NCAA Tournament every year there’s been one in his 21 seasons, three Elite Eights and is in the Final Four for the second time since 2017.

Scott Drew, Baylor. He resuscitated a program reeling from one of the darkest scandals in college

sports history during 18 seasons in Waco. The Bears reached the Elite Eight three times under Drew and broke through this year, earning the school’s first Final Four bid in 71 years.

Kelvin Sampson, Houston. He’s returned to Indiana, where his career nearly came to an end. Sampson was forced out at Indiana in 2008 due to NCAA sanctions and has reinvented himself during seven seasons at Houston, taking the Cougars to the Final Four for the first time since 1984.

Mick Cronin, UCLA. He took a bit of a risk taking over a UCLA program that had fallen off when he arrived in Westwood two years ago, but has made it work quite well. The Bruins have embraced Cronin’s play-hard style and are back in the Final Four for the first time since 2008.

Regardless, here we are with the preseason reduced to three games except for the teams in the Hall of Fame game. And the regular season kicking off on Sept. 9 and ending exactly four months later.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Pulaski County Public Service Authority will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, on the proposed revision of water, sewer and refuse rates at which hearing owners, tenants and occupants of property to be served or served by the Authority and all others interested will have an opportunity to be heard.

A copy of the current and proposed rate schedules are included below:

- **Note:** In all current and proposed water and sewer scenarios below the monthly bill is calculated as follows:
 - **Base Rate + (Gallons Used X Usage Rate ÷1,000)**

- **Water**
 - **Current (Effective July 1, 2020)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)	\$ 11.96
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 70.35
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 140.71

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 5.63
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 5.28
over 100,000 gal	\$ 4.91

- **Proposed (Effective July 1, 2021)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)	\$ 12.56
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 73.87
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 147.75

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 5.91
50,000 to 100,000 gal.....	\$ 5.54
over 100,000 gal	\$ 5.16

- **Sewer**
 - **Current (Effective July 1, 2020)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)	\$ 14.08
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 101.50
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 211.06

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 8.09
50,000 to 100,000 gal.....	\$ 7.74
over 100,000 gal	\$ 7.37

- **Proposed (Effective July 1, 2021)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)	\$ 14.78
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 106.58
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 221.61

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal.....	\$ 8.49
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 8.13
over 100,000 gal.....	\$ 7.74

Residential and Commercial Connection Fees will remain unchanged.

- **Current PSA Refuse Rates**

- **Basic Services**

Residential

- **Standard**\$ 18.00
- **Low Volume**.....\$ 11.00

Commercial

- **Barrel**
 - **Standard (2 Barrels)**\$ 20.00
 - **Additional, ea.** \$ 2.00
- **Dumpster (6 Yard Container)**
 - **Rent, per month**.....\$ 15.00
 - **Haul, ea.**\$ 28.00
- **Rolloff (30 Yard Container)**
 - **Rent, per month**.....\$ 80.00
 - **Haul, ea.**\$ 85.00
 - **Tipping Fee, per ton**\$ 37.00

- **Special Services**

Residential

- **Brush/Debris**
 - **Small Load (One Grapple)**Free
 - **Additional Grapple(s), ea.** \$ 15.00
 - **Full Truck, ea.**\$ 60.00
- **Rolloff (30 Yard Container)**
 - **Rent, per month**.....\$ 80.00
 - **Haul, ea.**\$ 85.00
 - **Tipping Fee, per ton**\$ 37.00

Commercial

- **Boom Truck**
 - **Haul, ea.**\$ 60.00
 - **Tipping Fee, per ton**\$ 37.00
- **Compactor**
 - **Rent (30 Yard Container), per month**\$ 250.00
 - **Rent (40 Yard Container), per month**\$ 300.00
 - **Haul, ea.** \$ 85.00
 - **Tipping Fee, per ton**\$ 37.00
- **Special Event**
 - **Truck, per hour**.....\$ 75.00

- **Proposed PSA Refuse Rates (Effective July 1, 2021)**

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Pulaski County land transfers for February

Land transfers for February as recorded by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's office:

Towne Center Apartments to GPR VA Pulaski 1-3, LLC, apartment building on 3rd Street, N.W., Pulaski, \$468,000.

Across the Board Construction to Sheila Marie Ratliff, property at 6810 Pulaski Avenue, Fairlawn, \$176,500.

Heather A. Barker-Church to Thurman Gary Dickerson, property at 528 E. Main Street, Dublin, \$160,000.

Timothy G. Artrip to Thomas D. Underwood, property at 132 15th Street N.W., Pulaski, \$50,000.

Della B. Flinchum to Thomas D. Underwood, property at 124 15th Street N.W., Pulaski, \$50,000.

Estate of Randall W. Hall to Robert Gary Thompson, property at 1449 Lakeview Drive, Pulaski, \$280,000.

Everston Luther Gallimore to Tamara L. Harrison, property at 5187 Beamer Hollow Road, Pulaski, \$25,300.

Byrd Lodge LLC to Kanitta Charoensiri, lakefront property off Owens Road, Snowville, \$130,250.

Willard E. Woodyard Jr. to Harriett H. Gorby, property at 6013 Oakview Avenue, Dublin, \$170,000.

Zachary W. Dao to Andrew Chase Martin, property at 3245 Schrader Hill Road, Pulaski, \$200,000.

D. Paige Marshall Wimmer to Lance Chatagnier, property at 7519 Bluff View Drive, Fairlawn, \$445,000.

Gloria Doyle Morris, Trustee to Amber T. Nester, property at 220 Pine Street, Pulaski, \$72,500.

Historic Calfee Park, LLC to Gary W. Martin, property at 224 Pierce Avenue, Pulaski, \$11,000.

Timothy S. Hughes to Gwendolyn A. Brim, property at 8316 Augusta National Drive, Fairlawn, \$50,000.

Jeremy D. Cox to Harry D. Saul Jr., property at 105 6th Street, Dublin, \$110,000.

Spencer A. Rygas to Steven M.

Taylor, lot off Robinson Tract Road, \$79,900.

April Joy Asbury, Executor to Bitfrontier Capital Investment, lot off 1st Street, N.E., Pulaski, \$32,000.

New River Valley Housing, LLC to William Joseph Rigney Jr., property at 5729 Pifer Drive, Dublin, \$202,400.

John Johnson Lipsey II to Stateson Homes, LLC, property at 6688 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Fairlawn, \$110,000.

Curtis Smith to Patrick T. Hallinan, property at 3522 Simpkinstown Road, Snowville, \$40,000.

Equity Trustees LLC to BKC Properties, Inc., property at 4503 Clarks Ferry Road, Draper, \$121,000.

Jimmy L. Simone II to Brian C. Hall, property at 5551 Highland Road, Dublin, \$246,000.

Abba Investments, LLC to Kimberly S. Miller, property at 2802 Mt. Olivet Road, \$42,000.

Ronald J. Caudill to Peter Cheney, property at 3291 Virginia Heights Drive, Pulaski, \$47,000.

Quicken Loans, LLC to Emnet LLC, property at 150 Third Street N.W., \$112,250.

Robert O. Carpenter to Pinakin Gandhi, property at 7568 Bluff View Drive, Fairlawn, \$65,000.

REO Trust 2017-RPL1 to Jerry L. Bennett, property at 5460 Lovell Drive, Dublin, \$85,000.

Ronald J. Caudill to Pulaski North, LLC, property at 916 Bland Street, Pulaski, \$25,000.

Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Holly Beth Woodyard, property at 3073 Little Creek Road, Dublin, \$43,750.

Christopher Pifer to Stateson Homes, LLC, property at 6274 Harbour Town Drive, Fairlawn, \$65,000.

Joe F. Roberts, Jr. to Joe F. Roberts, property at 625 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$53,000.

John Douglas Trail to Javier A. Garcia, lot at 4768 Bryson Lane, Draper, \$12,000.

Richard B. Love to Curtis L. Cox, property at 606 Dora Highway, Pulaski, \$189,500.

Thomas Properties, LLC to Michael C. Klapproth, lot at 8168 River Course Drive, Fairlawn, \$97,500.

Terry L. Farmer to Andrew T. Lawson, property at 954 4th Street N.E., Pulaski, \$94,500.

Kenneth E. Waldenville to Aleta R. Blankenship, 1515 Prospect Avenue, Pulaski, \$136,000.

Rhonda Houchins to Debra Lynn Rice, property at 6818 Pulaski Avenue, Fairlawn, \$159,000.

Radford Rentals LLC to VQ Properties, LLC, former Hop-In property at 6000 Wright Avenue, Dublin, \$75,000.

Teresa A. Harvey to Gerri A. Manns, property at 7340 Manns Drive, New River, \$155,000.

Linda Hunter Butt to Tammy Trussler, property off Honaker Road, Draper, \$75,000.

Jack Richmond to James E. Trendall, property at 6207 Highland Road, Dublin, \$215,000.

Mark S. Owens to Chris Blankenship, lot off Wilderness Road near Mt. View, Dublin, \$40,000.

Deborah Michelle Kelling to Mencie Amanda Sexton, property at 6130 Danny Avenue, Dublin, \$123,500.

Leigh Hall Whitney to Spa Properties, LLC, property at 4160 Old Mill Road, Pulaski, \$150,000.

Patricia A. Martin to Richard G. Martin, property at 532 Stout Lane, Pulaski, \$29,500.

Frederic A. Rawlins II to David J. Ramsey Jr., property at 8326 Sawgrass Way, Fairlawn, \$571,000.

PMD Properties, LLC to Matthew Duggan Jr., property at 7448 Ridge Road, Fairlawn, \$145,000.

Benjamin N. Pifer to Stateson Homes, LLC, lot at 6286 Harbour Town Drive, Fairlawn, \$65,000.

Jane Gregory Alley to Robert D. Cooper Jr., lot off Deertrot Road, Dublin, \$30,000.

Zachary Peaslee to Dustin L. Edmiston, property at 4581 Wilbur Circle, Dublin, \$305,000.

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County meetings, closings for April

• Friday, April 2, 2021, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority billing office and the three convenience centers (Bagging Plant Road, Dublin; Dora Highway, Pulaski; and Mason Street, Fairlawn) will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2021, in observance of Good Friday. Garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

• Monday, April 5, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 4 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Clean Community Council, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 11:00 a.m. (Contact: Anthony Akers, Assistant County Administrator, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, Virginia, 24301, 540-980-7705, aakers@pulaskicounty.org). This committee is responsible for the oversight of community, roadside and property clean-ups.

• Monday, April 12, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 4 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 8:00 a.m. (Contact: Natasha Grubb, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, ngrubb@pulaskicoun-

ty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land-use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

• Monday, April 19, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 4 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, April 20, 2021, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Conference Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia,

10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

• Monday, April 26, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, April 27, 2021, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

Commonwealth's attorney issues statement on sentencing in child porn cases

To the public,

Today (March 30), the Pulaski County Circuit Court sentenced Travis Doerzaph to over 13 years in the Virginia Department of Corrections for convictions related to child pornography. Last week, John Lynch was sentenced to 14 years in prison for similar charges. They also received over a combined 140 years in prison hanging over their heads when they are released. They are required and expected to fully comply with all the terms of the of their probation and sex offender registry. If they step out of line once, we will ask that they serve every last day of time hanging over their heads.

These types of charges are repulsive. They will never be tolerated in Pulaski County. There is no place in a free society for someone that is willing to have any involvement in child pornography. The people that view these videos live in the shadows but walk amongst us. It is the work of watch dog law enforcement agencies and local investigators on the ground that bring them to the light. Our office is grateful for them every day.

Sincerely,
Justin L. Griffith
Pulaski County
Commonwealth's Attorney

April Art Cafe' for children and adults set for April 10

Pulaski – The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley invite you to join us for our monthly Second Saturday Art Café offerings. For children, we have free art kits for “It’s Fun Being Green.” Seeded paper can be artfully decorated with colored pencils, crayons, water-color markers, or watercolor paints and then planted in a pot or in the yard to sprout a variety of flowers. We have other art creations to make to celebrate springtime, and children can also learn about Earth Day and care of creation to go with the art kits. Kits can be picked up at the Fine Arts Center between 10am and Noon on Saturday, April 10. First-time recipients: kindly register for your child’s kit on our website: www.facnrv.org/second-saturday-art-cafe-registration or call us at 540 980-7363.

Our adult class, April 10, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, will be led by Heather Arnold on making a “Sketchbook Journal.” Participants will learn how to create their own journal, and Ms. Arnold will demonstrate various techniques and simple exercises to complete a personalized “Art Journal” that would score an A+ in art school while incor-

porating mindful strategies to combat creative blocks. Sketchbook journaling gives owners a special place to practice techniques and media and even track progress in developing a skill, be creative without judgment, relax and quiet the mind, tend to complex thoughts and emotions, and many other benefits. The class will be held virtually, so equipment for “zooming” is necessary. The class fee is \$20 per person (15% discount for Fine Arts Center Members), and a list of supplies needed for the class are listed on our website: <https://www.facnrv.org/workshop-20210413>. Register for this workshop by April 8.

About the instructor: Heather Arnold studied Fine Art at Virginia Tech where she focused on combining traditional and digital technologies. During her time there, she discovered the benefit of having sketchbooks and time to journal. Now she is a Computer Technician with Pulaski County Public Schools, and she still carries a journal day-to-day just in case a creative spark brightens.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Arley is a 3-month-old DLH tabby. He likes to be petted but is not a fan of being held. He's very playful and loves toys. Arley likes to talk but has a very quiet meow. He will still need to be neutered and given his Rabies vaccine!



In order to protect both the citizens of Pulaski County and our personnel, we will be closed to the public until further notice. We will alter our adoption process during this time. If you are interested in an animal here at the shelter, please submit your application with you may access on our Face Book page: Pulaski County, VA Animal Control, Once your application is approved, you will be contacted and a time will be made available for you to do a meet and greet.

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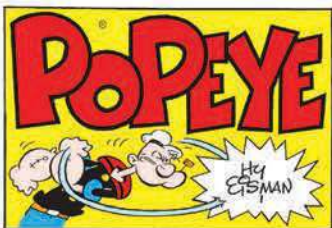
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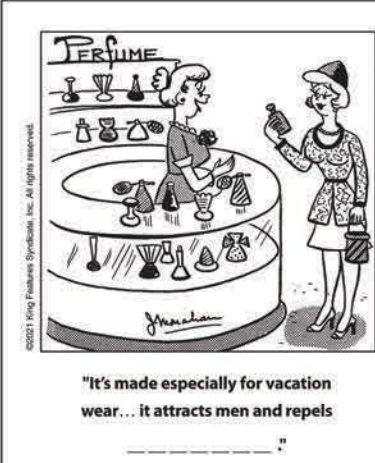
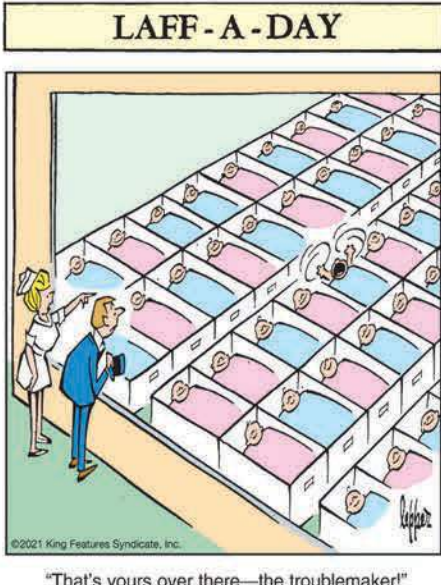
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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RELAY
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RINSE
Belt
PARTS
Furnish
REACT

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

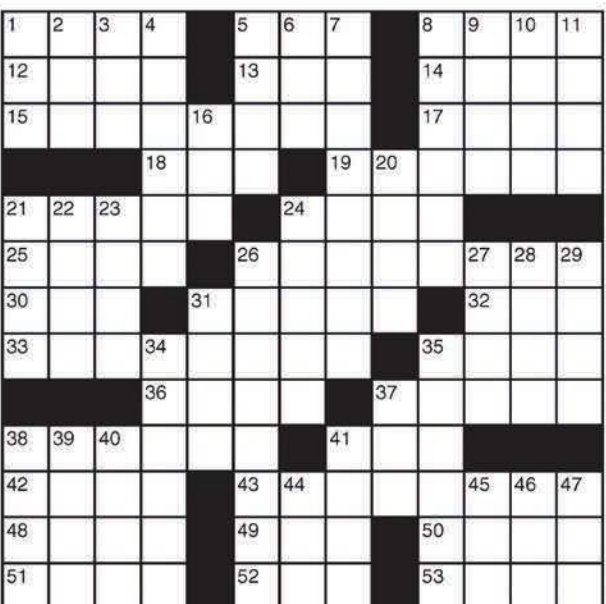
by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tub session
- 5 Petrol
- 8 Microwaves
- 12 Jai —
- 13 Dadaist artist
- 14 Vicinity
- 15 Home to the Buccaneers
- 17 Fish feature
- 18 Evening hrs.
- 19 Whirl
- 21 Jazz genre
- 24 Crossword hint
- 25 Former mates
- 26 Turquoise-like color
- 30 Mimic
- 31 Rib
- 32 Ltr. holder
- 33 Pentagon VIPs
- 35 Broad
- 36 The Eternal City
- 37 Golfer's wear
- 38 Calms
- 41 Actor
- 42 Canal zone
- 43 Dorm room sleepers
- 48 Curved molding
- 49 Corn spike
- 50 Pakistani language



- 51 Office plant
- 52 Reuben bread
- 53 Grate
- Croatia
- Operatic solo
- Hide
- Auction
- Sound booster
- Year-end celebration
- Tempo
- Big fair, for short
- Pager sound
- Trucker in a union
- Floral rings
- Nullify
- 29 Always
- 31 Helen's home
- 34 Impudent
- 35 Orville's brother
- 37 Moving day rental
- 38 Starting
- 39 Olympic sled
- 40 Lusty look
- 41 Employ
- 44 Path
- 45 Epoch
- 46 License to drill?
- 47 Dine

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top ten

CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES*

- 1. United States
- 2. Russia
- 3. China
- 4. India
- 5. Japan
- 6. South Korea
- 7. France
- 8. United Kingdom
- 9. Brazil
- 10. Pakistan

*Largest Christian population

Source: Pew Research Center

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. SCIENCE: Where is the world's most active volcano located?
- 2. TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV drama invented the catchphrase "The truth is out there"?
- 3. MATH: What is the total of numbers 1-100 added consecutively (1+2+3, etc.)?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do the 100 folds in a chef's hat represent?
- 5. LITERATURE: In which Harry Potter book does the Whomping Willow make its first appearance?
- 6. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries in Africa have only four letters in their names?
- 7. MOVIES: In the animated movie "Up," to which scouting group does Russell belong?
- 8. ARCHITECTURE: Who designed the famous Fallingwater House in Pennsylvania?
- 9. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "hyper" mean?
- 10. MEDICAL: What is the common ailment classified in medical terms as singultus?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTNOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lamp is different. 2. TV dial is missing. 3. Stars are moved. 4. Parts are different. 5. Skate wheel is missing. 6. Frame is thinner.

Answers

1. Hawaii (Mauna Loa)
2. "The X-Files"
3. 5,050
4. 100 ways to cook an egg
5. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"
6. Three: Chad, Mali and Togo
7. Wilderness Explorers
8. Frank Lloyd Wright
9. Over, excessive
10. Hiccups

INSECTS

Today's Word

1. Layer 2. Siren
3. Strap 4. Cater
solution

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: G equals T

XOGQW GNQ OXGNQW HQG NDL
MQQ BDYL NXEQ LQEQWXH OQHG-
GDC CQTL, NQ MXL X SXWBQY SXT.

Americanisms

King Crossword

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BUT THE SWIFT CURRENT SWEEPS HIM FORWARD...

...WHEN A HIDEOUS SHAKING BEGINS.

THE RUMBLING GROWS AND THE STONES HEAVE AND FALL—EARTHQUAKE!

VAL WORKS QUICKLY TO SECURE THE LINE FOR HIS COMRADE'S CROSSING...

...UNTIL THE PRINCE REAPPEARS A WAYS DOWNSTREAM AT THE FAR BANK!

...AND FORCES HIM UNDER! TROLLENBERG HOLDS HIS BREATH...

NEXT: The deepest tomb

DALE ARDEN

FLASH GORDON

DREAMING OF PAST ADVENTURES, DALE IS ROUSED FROM HER SLEEP BY THE SOUND OF A ROCKET SHIP.

DALE, IT'S A RESCUE PARTY!

ZARKOV! HOW DID YOU FIND US?

WE WERE ABLE TO ZERO IN ON THE COORDINATES OF MING'S FORTRESS BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED.

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE ALIVE. I FEARED THE WOR...

THE CREATURE! IT...IT SURVIVED THE WATERFALL!

NO TIME FOR A REUNION, POC. LET'S GO!

GUN IT!

SORRY FOR THE RUPE AWAKENING, DARLING.

IT'S NOT A CONCERN. THE IMPORTANT THING IS WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN...SAFE.

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FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE

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TIGER
by BUD BLAKE

BET I CAN BEAT YOU!

BET YOU CAN'T!

WANNA PLAY WINNER TAKE ALL?

WHAT'S WINNER TAKE ALL?

IT MEANS WHOEVER WINS GETS EVERYTHING THE LOSER HAS

HE TAKES IT ALL?

YUP

21 TO 12! I WIN!

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Also Known as Sweet Peppers

Banana	Chili	Hot	Sergeant
Black	Cone	Jalapeño	Stuffed
Cayenne	Green	Melageta	Tabasco
Cherry	Habanero	Red	

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

YUWNXZNDN, YUWNQZJRB
JRHDNAJMPN JY XEJQJRB
QU MN GRUXR.
— HEDP YEBER

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Somehere, something incredible is waiting to be known.
— Carl Sagan

CryptoQuote
answer

PEPPERS

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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	9		5				3
7				6	1		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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Suit targets Va.'s policies on transgender students

By DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A faith-based conservative group filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging Virginia's new state guidelines on the treatment of transgender students in public schools, alleging the policies violate parental child-rearing rights and student rights to freely exercise their religion.

The lawsuit filed by The Family Foundation of Virginia, the Founding Freedoms Law Center and a parent from Hanover County asks the court to send the model policies back to the state Department of Education for revision.

The suit alleges the department failed to adequately respond during a public comment period to complaints that the policies violate the constitutional rights of students, teachers and parents. The policies address prevention and response

to bullying and harassment of transgender students and participation in school activities.

The policies state that “access to facilities such as restrooms and locker rooms that correspond to a student’s gender identity shall be available to all students.” They also say transgender students may use pronouns reflective of their gender identity, and that failure to speak a student’s preferred pronouns could be considered harassment and discrimination.

“We maintain our concerns that these guidelines erase basic parental rights and protection of bodily privacy and safety rights for even our youngest students,” said Victoria Cobb, president of The Family Foundation and the Founding Freedoms Law Center, the foundation’s legal arm.

“The constitution of Virginia ensures that the fundamental right of parents to raise their children in accordance with their own beliefs does not sim-

ply get erased simply because the state of Virginia chooses to dismiss those rights to fulfill its own ideological agenda,” Cobb said at a news conference.

The lawsuit does not address whether transgender girls should be allowed to compete on girls’ sports teams in public high schools, a topic of controversy elsewhere in the country. An Associated Press investigation found that legislators in more than 20 states have introduced bills this year that would ban transgender girls from competing on girls’ teams, but in nearly every case, sponsors could not site a single instance where such participation has caused problems.

In Virginia, the model policies developed by the Department of Education do not address sports participation because high school sports are controlled by the Virginia High School League. The league’s rules allow transgender student

athletes to play on teams different from their biological gender, but consistent with the student’s gender identity under certain circumstances. The rules require documentation affirming the student’s “consistent gender identity and expression.” The student’s school principal must also provide a statement that says the expression of the student’s gender identity is “bonafide and not for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage in competitive athletics.”

Sarah Via, the mother of two children in the Hanover school district, said she is concerned that under the new policies, when her 10-year-old daughter reaches middle school next year, she could be forced to undress in a locker room in front of a biological male who identifies as female.

“Like most girls, she wants to be modest and wants to choose when a biological male can see her body. How is it appropriate for biological males and school administrators to take that choice from her?” said Via, a plaintiff in the suit.

“This policy concerns me because it usurps and undermines my authority — my parental authority — over my children,” she said.

The General Assembly passed legislation in 2020 directing the Department of Education to create model policies on the treatment of transgender students. Named as defendants in the suit are the department and Education Secretary Atif Qarni. A de-

partment spokesman declined to comment on the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges that the department’s review process was rushed and failed to address legal objections raised by parents and the Family Foundation during the public comment period, including claims that the policies violate the equal protection rights of non-transgender students and violate parental rights to direct the upbringing and education of their children. The lawsuit also claims the policies violate religious freedom because they do not include any religious exceptions or accommodations for faculty and students who “maintain orthodox religious precepts about the distinct and complementary nature of male and female.”

Veelamneck, executive director of Equality Virginia, said the guidelines are needed.

“We know that Virginia LGBTQ students, specifically transgender youth, face significantly higher rates of discrimination and harassment not only from their peers, but school staff as well. The Virginia Department of Education’s guidance is an important step in the right direction of making schools more inclusive so every child feels safe, welcomed and valued,” Lamneck said in a statement.


Under the legislation, local school boards have been directed to adopt policies that are consistent with or more comprehensive than the model policies developed by the state by the start of the 2021-22 school year.

SPRING FIRE SEASON: FEB 15 - APRIL 30 PLEASE BURN SAFELY

If you must burn, please follow these fire safety tips from Virginia Department of Forestry:

1. Contact your local fire department or Virginia Department of Forestry office.
2. Beware of power lines, trees and structures.
3. Clear all flammable materials, such as dry leaves and dry grass, from around the fire.
4. Have water and hand tools, such as a shovel and/or rake, available.
5. Have communication available or have someone nearby who can call for help in case of an emergency.
6. Burn when the humidity is high and the wind is calm.
7. Burn between 4:00 p.m. and midnight. The 4 PM Burning Law is in effect from February 15 through April 30.
8. Stay with the fire until it is completely out.
9. Keep your debris piles small, adding to them as they burn down.
10. If you are using a burn barrel, make sure the barrel is in good condition and covered with a wire mesh screen. Clear all dry grass and weeds from around the barrel (at least 10 feet of clearance)





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Oh, those picky eaters

Andrea Wann, MPH
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Are you a parent or grandparent of a picky eater? If you answered yes, welcome to the club and lean in to the comfort knowing you are not alone. Picky eating can come at any age in children. Picky eating is normal, and it is never too late to start helping a picky eater navigate the waters. While it feels discouraging, there are actions you can take to help embrace this difficult stage.

- Never force a food, instead encourage for your child to try a bite(s). This will take time to establish. It can take up to 20 times before a child tries or likes a food. Be patient, it is worth the wait.

- Create fun names for foods! (this works better with the little ones)

- Hold off on giving snacks an hour before a meal (i.e. lunch or dinner). Children, who have an appetite, are more likely to try new foods or be more accepting of new foods.

- Try eating your meals together, at the table and with no screen time or visual distractions (i.e. no television, games,

tablets, etc.)

- Praise positive behaviors. Not only does this boost confidence in children, but they may be more likely to continue to try new foods.

- Allow your child to pick out their own fruits and vegetables in the grocery store or farmers market – whether it is in fresh, frozen or canned varieties.

- Keep trying, keep calmly encouraging and keep consistence – it might take several weeks before you see a difference, but stick with it! There are so many parents and grandparents in the same situation right this moment.

We want our children to enjoy as many colorful fruits and vegetables as possible. Vegetables and fruits provide nourishment that helps their bodies and minds

grow so they can feel their best. Eating is meant to be an enjoyable experience in two ways; the first is that we enjoy the flavors and textures of the foods being eaten and second, that we take comfort knowing we are consuming healthy foods that are needed for our bodies to function effectively.

Check out the Eat Smart Move More website <https://eatsmart-movemoreva.org> for free family and kid-friendly recipes, information on SNAP use at farmers markets, and other valuable resources!

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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

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