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Widows of first responders are granted tax exemption

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Following action by the Board of Supervisors Monday night, the surviving spouses of any first responder who loses their life in the line of duty will be exempt from taxes on real personal property.

The exemption is allowed now following statewide approval in 2016 of a referendum allowing each county to approve such an exemption.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said Monday the loss recently of "one of our good friends [Deputy Perry Hodge] allows us to reflect on what we can do to truly look after those left behind."

He explained the ordinance allows for a total exemption from taxes on real property up to one acre.

Sweet said Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton had brought the matter forward.

"I think it's something we need to do for first responders," Compton said. He noted that Trooper Andrew Fox was working for him



when Fox was struck by a car and killed in the line of duty on Oct. 4, 2012.

Compton said he got the idea to pursue the ordinance one day while talking to Fox's widow.

"If this happens in the future to a first responder, at least their family will be somewhat taken care of," Compton said.

Pulaski County Sheriff Mike Worrell, speaking he said for all first responders, thanked the board for their consideration of the ordinance.

"This is incredible," Worrell said.

Brad Wright, Emergency Man-

agement Coordinator for the county, speaking he said for the fire, EMS and public safety personnel, said, "Whatever we can do to take care of these folks is much appreciated."

Especially, Wright said, for fire department personnel as the number of volunteers are dwindling, while the demands are increasing every day.

Tammy Holbrook, wife of a county deputy and president of Pulaski County Hearts Behind the Badge said she feels "thankful and blessed" to live in a county like Pulaski where there is so much support for law enforcement officers."

She continued that, while we're home sleeping, "law enforcement officers are out protecting us."

The ordinance was approved on a unanimous vote.

Also during Monday's meeting, Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith told the supervisors he has been granted a meeting with members of the state parole board con-

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School funding issue settled, budget to reach \$16 million

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Monday unanimously approved a resolution setting local funding for Pulaski County Public Schools for the 2021-22 school year at just under \$16 million.

The move came a week after a joint meeting on school funding between the two boards, which at times got a bit heated.

In the week since the meeting finance department staffers for both the school system and county put their heads together and were able to refine some funding figures earmarked for education.

In the end they were able to come up with enough additional revenue to allow the school board to meet their budget priorities.

The resolution passed by the board notes that it was the intent of the supervisors to again locally fund the school system at a "historic amount that is nearly double the state's Required Local Effort and which will equate to another year of increased annual local funding."

It also states that the increased local funding is "bolstered by a robust School Capital Funding Plan adopted by joint resolution [of the two boards] as well as significant contributions to debt service for the construction and renovations of our public school facilities."

Dr. Kevin Siers, School Superintendent thanked the board, and read a statement concerning the funding.

"The Pulaski County School Board is pleased that the Pulaski

County Board of Supervisors voted to approve a budget resolution this evening that provides approximately \$232,000 in additional funding for the 2021-2022 school year. We feel confident that with these additional funds paired with adjustments to other funding sources will allow us to meet our budget priorities of a 5 percent raise for all teachers, a 5 percent raise for all support staff, and the implementation of a new salary scale for custodians.

"We greatly appreciate the work that was done at the county level to help address these priorities. The 5 percent raise and projected decrease in health insurance premiums will keep Pulaski County Public Schools competitive with the surrounding school divisions and allow us

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Dublin Lions Club Celebrates New Member, Birthday

The Dublin Lions inducted their newest member at the April Club meeting. Lion Tereba Bott (above) was sponsored by Lion Bob Brouse and is the newest member of the club.

Also during the April meeting of the Dublin Lions Club celebrated a special birthday for one of its own, Willard Akers. Willard (pictured at left) turned 94 this month. He has been a member of the Dublin Lions since 1960, boasting perfect attendance during the last 61 years. If you see Willard out and about, make sure to wish him a happy birthday.

Schools

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to continue to recruit and retain the best educators in the region," Siers said.

He continued that sometimes during joint meetings between the two boards there can be friction.

"But from that friction we're doing some great things," Siers said. "If a person left here six years ago and came back, they

wouldn't think it's the same place. We've done some phenomenal things.

"None of it's been easy or been pretty, but it's all been real good. I appreciate that ya'll met with us and we hashed it out – argued on a few points and agreed on some others – but in the end you all have come up with the money that will allow us to meet our budget priorities and operate in a way next year that will serve our students well and keep us competitive with surrounding divisions so we can hopefully retain teachers and attract a few new ones into Pulaski County. So, thank you," Siers said.

The Pulaski County School Board will hold a public budget meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Pulaski County School Board Office to consider revised budget options for the 2021-2022 school year.

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cerning the possible parole for Stephen Epperly who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Gina Hall.

"We've got to make sure he continues to remain incarcerated," Griffith said of Epperly.

He implored citizens to follow his lead and write to the parole board and urge Epperly remain in prison.

Griffith said citizens can also contact him and tell their stories about the Hall murder and he would relay them to the parole board prior to Epperly's parole hearing in mid-May.

Griffith noted he had sent the parole board copies of old newspaper articles so they would see the impact the murder had made on the community.

Public Comment Rules Changed

The board voted to approve changes to its rules on public comments during board meetings.

Now, those wishing to address the board during public comment times will be allowed to speak for three minutes. A provision of the board's rules previously allowed a speaker representing a group to speak for five minutes. That provision has been removed from the board's rules.

New Church Building

The board gave approval to changes in the county's Future Land Use Map and zoning to allow for construction of a church at the corner of Belspring Road and Peppers Ferry Road in Fairlawn.

Community Life Church purchased two lots – one commercial and one residential – and asked the board to allow for the residential -zoned lot to be changed to commercial. The board agreed. Approval of the request was recommended by the county's Planning Commission.

The church plans to build a one-story, 10,000-square-foot facility, an outdoor playground space, and a parking lot with approximately 100 spaces.

Peak Creek Safety

Jim Graham approached the board with a petition signed by several Pulaski citizens living in the area of Peak Creek.

Graham and the others requested that the supervisors initiate a request to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to study the feasibility of navigational aids on Peak Creek near the site of the collision March 10 that took the lives of two boaters.

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March easily wins GOP primary

Patriot Staff Report

Marie March will carry the Republican banner in November's election for the 7th House District seat being vacated by Nick Rush.

March last Saturday easily defeated her two opponents, Sherri Blevins and Lowell Bowman during a "firehouse primary."

March took 54 percent of the vote with 1,387, followed by Blevins at 26 percent with 660 votes, and Bowman won 20 percent with 514 votes.

March won in both Pulaski and Floyd counties and had a strong showing in Montgomery County to carry the day.

Pulaski County went March, 528 votes; Blevins, 246, and Bowman, 189.

Pulaski County Republican Chairman Andy McCready was very pleased with the county's showing in the primary.

"I appreciate everyone who came out on Saturday to vote," McCready said, noting that Pulaski County turned out more voters in the primary than both Floyd and Montgomery.

Pulaski County had a turnout of 963 voters – over 100 more than Montgomery and over 200 more than Floyd.

McCready also expressed his appreciation for the volunteers who turned out to operate the primary locally at the New River Valley Fairgrounds.

McCready said he thinks the

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Troy Phillips Recognized By Board

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, along with representatives from the Kids Fishing and Veterans Fishing Committees, recognized Troy Phillips, Senior Conservation Police Officer, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, with tokens of appreciation for his leadership, commitment and dedication in establishing Virginia's largest annual Kids' Fishing Day event in Pulaski County (since 2010), and his unwavering support and unrelenting guidance which lead to the success of Pulaski County's Annual Veterans Fishing Day (established in 2021). The Board of Supervisors and staff also extended their gratitude to Phillips for his distinguished service with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and wished him well as enters retirement on May 1, 2021. Ingles District Supervisors Laura Walters (pictured above with Phillips) called the Kids Fishing Day in Pulaski County that Phillips has spearheaded is "one of the best in the state." Phillips has served with DWR in Pulaski County for 12 years and 25 total. At right is Kristy Holt of Virginia Veterans and Family Support who praised Phillips for his role in establishment of the Veterans Fishing Day. Also pictured (at left) is Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers and members of the Veterans Fishing Day volunteer committee.

Day of Prayer set locally May 6

Thursday, May 6, 2021, marks the 69th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer.

This year's theme is the prayer: "Lord, pour out your love, life, and liberty," based on 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.



The public is invited to join together at 12:00 noon at the historic Pulaski County Courthouse lawn on Thursday, May 6, for a 30-minute service led by members of the Pulaski County Ministerial Association. We invite members of our local governments, law enforcement, and

other elected officials to join us so that together we can lift up the good people of our towns, county, commonwealth and nation, our government at all levels, our educational system, judicial system, and churches in prayer.

After the time of prayer, the

public is welcome to stop by Emmanuel Gift Store, 653 E. Main Street, Pulaski, for refreshments.

For more information, contact the Rev. Terrie Sternberg, Trinity Lutheran Church, 980-3624 or trinitypulaski@gmail.com.

Calfee project gets Northam's nod

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam this week announced that he is recommending 13 projects for funding by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), totaling \$4.1 million in grants.

One of these is in Pulaski. Virginia's Appalachian region encompasses 25 counties and eight independent cities. ARC will finalize approval of these project awards later this year.

"The Appalachian Regional Commission is a key funding tool for addressing the unique challenges facing our Appalachian region," said Governor Northam. "Investing in Appalachia is more important now than ever before as we work to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure that no area of the Commonwealth is left behind in our recovery. These 13 projects align with our ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of all those in our Appalachian communities by creating new economic opportunities, building critical infrastructure,

preparing a skilled workforce, and supporting community development."

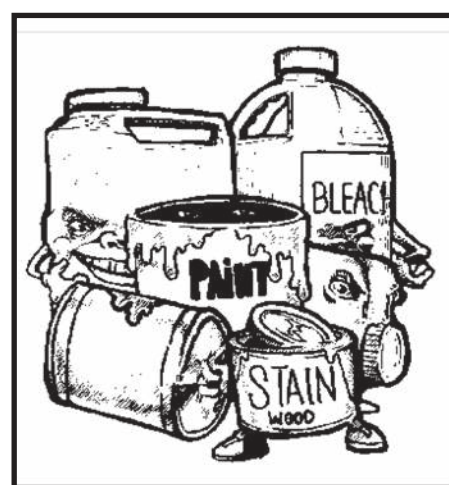
Established in 1965, the ARC is a federal agency focused on economic development throughout the Appalachian region. In February, Governor Northam was

elected by Appalachia's 13 governors to serve as ARC's states' co-chair for 2021. ARC grants are aimed at supporting the goal of building a strong and sustainable asset-based economy by funding

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PIERCE LEE FLINCHUM

Pierce Lee Flinchum, age 67 of Pulaski died Monday, March 29, 2021. He was born in Pulaski on March 11, 1954, and was the son of the late Lovic Pierce and Leanna Flinchum. He was a former member of the New River Valley Rescue Squad with 22 years of service.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Elizabeth Summers Flinchum. He is survived by his two sons; Brandon Chad (Brandi) Flinchum of Pulaski and Dickie Allen (Carrie) Harrison of Pulaski; three grandchildren; Katylin Marie Flinchum of Wytheville, Khristyna Elizabeth Flinchum of Wytheville, and Audrey Piper of Pulaski. Also survived by many cousins.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at Seagle Funeral Home with Rev. Dale Akers officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

EDWINA LOUISE MOONEY

Edwina Louise Mooney, 54, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2021. Edwina was preceded in death by her mother, Sandra Sue Wilkinson; and her husband, Guy Ray Mooney.

Survivors include her daughters, Jessica (David) Moye, and Tasha Mooney; son, Bradley Mooney; grandchildren, Jordan, Kylee, Jayce, Bradley and Dakota; brother, Leonard (Sibylla) Matheana; sister, Shawna (Mike) Wilkinson; and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be private.

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

BARBARA DAWN ADAMS

There will be a graveside service for Barbara Dawn Adams, Saturday May 1, at 2 p.m. at Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery in Dublin.

Kelly Howlett will be officiating. Family and friends are invited to pay tribute to Barbara.

Her family and friends have loved and missed her very much.



JERRY DANIEL TAYLOR

Jerry Daniel Taylor, age 77 of Draper passed away Monday, April 26, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born March 10, 1944 in Draper he was the son of the late William Lacy Taylor and Alma Rigney Taylor. His three brothers, George, Glenn and Bobby Taylor also preceded him in death.

Jerry worked for Overnite Transportation with over 30 years of service.

He is survived by his

Brother – Ralph Taylor – Draper

Sisters – Mildred T. Trail – Pulaski, Kaye T. Huff – Pulaski

Nephew – Danny Huff

Nieces – Connie and Debbie

Many other nieces and nephews
Funeral services were held Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Carson Linkous officiating. Burial was private at the Taylor Farm.

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

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



CAROL LEE WADE

Carol Lee Wade, 87, of Roanoke, whose name was called by the Lord to come home on Friday, April 23, 2021 was a loving wife of 68 years, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend. She will be greatly missed by all. Carol was preceded in death by her oldest son, Brent and granddaughter, Nicole.

She is survived by her husband, Charles L. Wade; sons, Rhett Wade (Patricia), Randy Wade (Nancy), and Danny Wade (Susan); grandchildren, Natalie Jacobini (Giancarlo), Charles R. Wade (Margaret), CarolAnne Wade, Hunter Wade (Michelle), Hannah Wade, Jette Wade (Kyle), and Emma Cundiff (Trent); and great grandchildren, Kaylee, Evelyn, Rhett, Olive, Easton, Brycen, Mason, and Carter.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held Thursday, April 29, at SW Virginia Veteran's Cemetery, 5550 Bagging Plant Rd, Dublin, VA 24084. A reception followed the Service in Pulaski at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2 Fifth Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Arrangements by Simpson Funeral Home.



RICHARD VIVIAN "BIG RICK" LANDRETH

Richard Vivian Landreth "Big Rick" age 64 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Born March 16, 1957 in Radford, he was the son of Christine Grimes Miller and the late Vivian Elwood Landreth. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Christy Landreth Pamplery.

He is survived by

Wife – Anita Head Landreth-Pulaski

Mother & Step-Father – Christine & Jerry Miller – Pulaski

Sons

Richard Vivian "Ricky" Landreth, II – Pulaski

Michael Paul (Jessica) Epperley – Dublin

Five Grandchildren

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Grandson-in-law – Justin

Great Granddaughter – Emerson

Brother & Sister-in-law

Rodney & Kathy Landreth – South Carolina

Sister and Brother-in-law

Robin G. Horton and Ronnie Horton – North Carolina

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM – Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the at the Bower Funeral Home – Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Don Jones and Joe Blankenship officiating.

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

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

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

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Pulaski Church of God on Bob White Boulevard in Pulaski, Pastor Don Jones and all the members. Dana and Aaron Rygas of Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski. All hospital care and hospice care that were provided. All the family and friends of Claude and Alma Martin for there support, love and caring through this difficult time. With your help we have been able to weather the storm. You were all a blessing from God as he is our buckler and our strength.

Thank you

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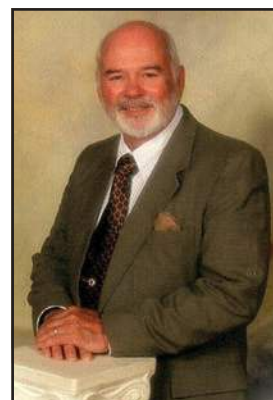
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The Family of Donna M. Smith

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Revival

There will be a revival May 1-4 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly at Bethesda House of Mercy in Floyd. Rev. Fredrick Shumba and Pastor Eddie Gallimore will speak.

May 6

Legion to meet in Radford

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, May 6, 7pm at the VFW Post 776 on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

May 7

Revival with Evangelist J.B. Shelton

There will be a revival with Evangelist J.B. Shelton of Christiansburg at Porters Bottom, May 7, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. Pastor Junior Dunford. For information or directions call 276-699-2351 or 276-266-0806. Everyone welcome. Please come and worship with us.

May 11

Sons of Confederate Veterans to meet

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, May 11, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. in Christiansburg. Dana Jackson will give a review of the new book, "Patriots Twice" by Samuel Hood. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

June 12

Boating Safety Class at Claytor Lake State Park

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources will be holding a free in person boating safety class on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM at Claytor Lake State Park in the Waters Edge Building. This course fulfills the state education requirement for all personal watercraft and motorboats with 10 or more horsepower. Registration is required and can be found at <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/167760>. Spots are limited.



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Phillips Recognized by Supervisors

Thomas L. Phillips, who works for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Pulaski, was recognized by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors during their meeting Monday night. Phillips retires on April 30, 2021, after eleven (11) years of service to the county. Pictured with him above are Board of Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie (left) and Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith.



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Cole Recognized by Pulaski Town Council

Captain Brian Cole (center) with the Pulaski Fire Department was recognized recently by town council upon his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the town. Cole has served a total of 24 years - the first four as a volunteer with the department. Due to his constant training and dedication, Cole rose steadily through the ranks of the department until attaining the rank of sergeant in 2002 and then captain in 2008. In addition to his supervisory duties and responding to calls for assistance, Cole presided over the department's Membership Committee and represented the department on the county's Fire Protection Committee. He also served as head chef for the department's annual Beef Stew and Barbeque held each year during Fire Prevention Week in which over 500 people are fed. Here Fire Chief Robbie Kiser and Mayor Shannon Collins present Cole with a framed copy of a resolution honoring his service.

ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

COLENE ROBERTSON TOLBERT

Colene Robertson Tolbert, of Pulaski, victoriously entered into the presence of her Savior, Jesus Christ on April 28, 2021 at the age 91 after a long battle with renal failure. There she joins her loving husband of nearly 60 years, Robert Daniel Tolbert. Many others have gone before her including her parents, Kent H. and Gillie Morehead Robertson, all of her beloved siblings and their spouses, her husband's siblings and spouses, and many other family members and dear friends.

Colene was born on February 24, 1930 in Pulaski, Virginia. She lived her entire life in the family home on the dairy farm and left this earth in the same home, as was her wish. She and Dan raised two children on the farm, William E. Tolbert (Cindy) and Patricia Tolbert Blevins.



She was an active and loving grandmother to Matthew Tolbert, Martin Blevins, Cassandra Tolbert Barker (Christian), and Jacob Blevins. She was more than overjoyed to be a great-grandmother to Avery Blevins. She was a favorite aunt to many nieces and nephews and was well-loved by the children who grew up in the community. She enjoyed close, long-lasting friend-

ships with many in the area. She will be greatly missed by all.

Colene was very industrious and enjoyed many different interests including being a founding member of the Robinson Tract Community Club, an active member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, a leader of the area 4-H club, and many other agricultural programs and associated groups. She was a talented seamstress, an avid gardener and an excellent cook.

Visitation will be held at Stevens Funeral Home, Inc. on Sunday, May 2nd, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Coronavirus protocol will be observed. A graveside service will be held on Monday, May 3rd at 11:00 am at Highland Memorial Gardens with niece, Rev. Teresa Tolbert, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorials be made to the Robinson Tract Community Club (PO Box 1872, Pulaski, VA 24301) or Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church (care of O. Howard, 3125 Schrader Hill Road, Pulaski, VA 24301).

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GEORGE BLAIR SANDERS

George Blair Sanders, 57, of Dublin, VA passed away Tuesday morning, April 27, 2021. He is survived by his wife, loving children Matthew, his girlfriend Ciara as well as Grace and her husband Zac, grandchildren Farmer and Dorothy, and his two sisters Lynn and Kay.

Blair appeared to be a simple man living the life he loved on the farm that he adored but he was so much more than that. He was born in Waynesboro, VA named after his grandfather's George Raymond Farmer and William Blair Sanders. He lived in Cincinnati, OH as well Fairfield, CT before he came back home to go to school at Virginia Tech. Blair graduated with a degree in Ag Economics and was an active member in his fraternity ATO where he discovered the meaning of true brotherhood. He was loved and respected by actives and alumni and gave an equal or greater amount back in return. After college he came into running the family farm that he loved so very much and became an active member of farming and golf communities alike. Blair was the life of the party, whether it be a tournament at Thorn Spring or having everyone over for a good meal and some laughs, Blair was always the life of the party. Along with being an exceptional cook, his taste in music was second to none and music could always be heard echoing throughout Black Hollow. He became a pioneer in rotational grazing techniques and the farming practices that revolutionized Black Hollow Dairy into a thriving place of life and love. For such a simple man he always put others needs before his own, whether it be



working so his kids and grandkids could get away for a little bit or helping a neighbor in need, Blair was always there to help. No words can express how much his presence will be missed, nothing will replace his memory, but the farm and family will continue to thrive because that's what Blair would have wanted.

The family will be having a celebration of life Sunday afternoon, May 2nd at 2 p.m., 3874 Black Hollow Road to celebrate a life well lived by this great man. We ask that in place of flowers donations be made to Pulaski County FFA to further youth involvement in agriculture.

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Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) one-shot COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use on February 27. Over 7.5 million doses of the vaccine were subsequently given.

On April 13, the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended a pause in administering J&J's vaccine due to six reports at that time of a rare blood clot in the brain developing after a person received a vaccine dose. The pause was ended on April 23 after officials at the agencies reviewed data on the cases of blood clots.

Americans deserve to have confidence in the vaccines they are relying upon to end the pandemic and resume normal life. Therefore, it is important to understand the reasons for the temporary pause in the J&J vaccine and any possible risks going forward. Accordingly, members of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health were recently briefed by FDA officials. I led the Republican members on the call.

At the time the pause was lifted, a total of fifteen cases of blood clots had been observed in women between ages eighteen and 59, with the symptoms taking place between six and fifteen days after vaccination. To underscore the rarity of the condition, that is fifteen out of the 7.5 million single-shot doses. Officials told us that the primary reasoning behind the pause was to ensure that medical professionals knew not to prescribe heparin, a blood thinner that is often used to treat blood clots but can be deadly when taken with this type of clot.

After studying the data, the FDA and CDC determined that the J&J vaccine still meets standards of safety, quality, and effectiveness. These fifteen individual cases of blood clots related to the vaccine must be weighed against the more than 500,000 deaths caused by COVID-19, as well as the coronavirus' many side effects.

In fact, one out of every six people who recover from COVID apparently develop blood clots in their legs afterward. Medical professionals have told me that they have observed a link between serious viruses generally, including the coronavirus, and these blood clots.

If you are concerned about side effects of the vaccine, talk to a medical professional. Staying vigilant for side effects in the two weeks after vaccination and letting your doctor know of any that may arise limit the chances of serious complications.

The President's Climate Summit: A Missed Opportunity

President Biden recently convened a virtual summit of heads of government from around the world to discuss the climate. Did anything productive emerge from the meeting?

Unfortunately, the answer appears to be no. President Biden has already chosen to reenter the Paris climate agreement which President Trump had rightly decided to leave, and instead of using the summit to call for greater carbon emission reductions from countries such as China and India, he unilaterally committed the United States to unrealistic goals.

The centerpiece of the summit was President Biden's announcement that the United States would cut emissions by 50 to 52 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.

This goal is unlikely to be met. It would require a major buildup in renewable energy capacity beyond what currently exists, as well as a buildout of high-voltage power lines to carry that power. These projects would take decades, but President Biden set his goal for the end of this decade.

Furthermore, while carbon emissions from the United States have already been trending downward, the Paris agreement calls for China, currently the world's biggest polluter, only to begin cutting emissions in 2030. Chinese President Xi Jinping merely used the climate summit to reaffirm this goal rather than set a new one. President Biden expects Americans to bear this burden when Chinese actions will more than offset it.

President Biden's climate summit did not show leadership, only a renewed commitment to the failed approaches of the past. His actions will hurt American jobs with little or no net benefit for the environment.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

Good pay doesn't require a four-year degree

History is full of successful people who carved their own path far away from traditional education. Despite what our culture, your parents, or your own inner critic tells you, there are lots of high-paying jobs out there that don't require a bachelor's degree.

Now, while you may not need a bachelor's degree specifically, you do need education. Some of the jobs require an associate degree, some trade school, and others specific certifications or apprenticeships. But here's the bottom line: You can earn good money and enjoy meaningful work without spending four years at college.

Here are 10 great examples. But trust me, there are plenty more.

Wind Turbine Technician
Median salary: \$52,910
Education needed: postsecondary nondegree award, on-the-job training
Job growth: 61%

Wind turbines are those huge white pinwheels that dot the plains and other windy parts of the country. As they become a popular source of alternative energy, the job demand for technicians is skyrocketing. Technicians work to

Guest Column

By Ken Coleman

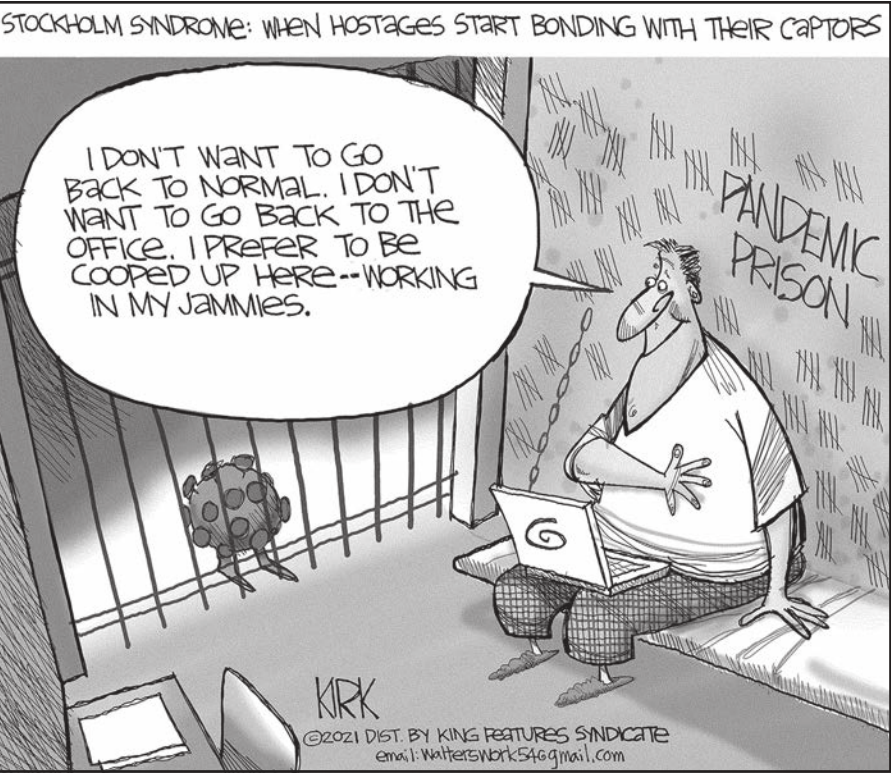
install and maintain wind turbines. You must be willing to spend a lot of time outside, but it is not recommended for people who are afraid of heights!

Electrician
Median salary: \$56,180
Education needed: high school diploma, apprenticeship
Job growth: 8%

If working with wires sparks your interest, then you might consider becoming an electrician. You can attend a technical school or find an apprenticeship for on-the-job training. Electricians bring power to buildings, homes, transmission lines, and a variety of equipment.

Occupational Therapy Assistant
Median salary: \$59,200

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Virginia Flunks Math

By Cal Thomas,
Tribune Content Agency

The state of Virginia, which used to be reliably red and mostly conservative, is providing more evidence of an increasingly blue and liberal hue.

Virginia is "considering" renovating its math courses. As the publication Virginia Mercury noted, "In webinars (Virginia Department of Education) officials have been upfront that the initiative is based on data, especially standardized test scores that show Black, Hispanic and low-income students have lower pass rates on state math assessments than White and Asian students. Those critical of the initiative have argued that Virginia is lowering its standards in favor of certain students instead of improving instruction to help more children reach advanced courses."

Initial reports, fueled by one county official, had this as a done deal, but that the state is even thinking about recommending such changes is indicative of where we are as a country. Instead of elevating students to standards that would help them achieve more in life, we lower those standards, sending a message that underachievement is OK.

If Virginia follows through on these math proposals - and officials deny a final decision has been made - it will add to America's decline in essential subjects. It would be another example of the soft bigotry of low expectations.

According to a National Center for Education Statistics (NAEP) report in 2019, math and science scores for fourth- and eighth-graders have dropped since 2017."

Peggy Carr, associate commissioner of NAEP, is quoted in a US News story: "Over the past decade, there has been no progress in either mathematics or reading performance, and the lowest performing students are doing worse."

A study published in Contemporary Educational Psychology by Teachers College Professor Stephen Peverly and former TC students Zheng Zhou of St. John's University and Tao Xin of Beijing Normal University (and reprinted in a Columbia University teachers publication) "suggests that Asian teachers simply know more about math. In a comparison of 162 third-grade mathematics teachers in the US and

the People's Republic of China, the researchers found that while American teachers were more knowledgeable about general educational theories and classroom skills, Chinese teachers had stronger knowledge of the subject matter they were teaching, as well as a better understanding of the overall elementary curriculum that their students had covered and would cover in later years."

While Americans are dumbing-down, the Chinese are smartening-up.

The study adds, "For the past 20 years, studies of math achievement have shown that Chinese (and other East Asian) children consistently outperform their American counterparts in almost every area."

Like "income inequality," there are those who believe "equity" means everyone should make the same and in the case of math, be equally stupid.

I was a terrible math student. My father was good at math. He would explain a problem to me and I sometimes would still not get it. He loved and was good at golf. I didn't and wasn't. He was not a natural public speaker. I am. He was not that good a writer. I will leave the judgment on my ability to readers.

Everyone has different skill sets. Students with math skills ought to be encouraged as some might end up in the space program or other areas that benefit humankind. Those with fewer skills can be helped.

Promoting equal outcomes in math and other subjects can only advance mediocrity, of which we have quite enough.

When I was in school achievers were praised and rewarded. There were honor rolls and at graduation a valedictorian and salutatorian. Those are mostly gone, apparently because of "equity." What we encourage we will get more of and what we discourage we will get less of.

If Virginia follows through on its math restructuring proposal, it will likely increase the exodus many are taking from public schools into home and private schools where their children can get a real education, assuming more politicians will allow them a choice.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor,
National Review

Back to the Future on Immigration

It's not 2007 again. But apparently no one has told George W. Bush.

To coincide with the release of a book of his paintings of immigrants, "Out of Many, One," the former Republican president wrote an op-ed in The Washington Post plugging the sort of immigration package that went down to defeat in both his administration and in the administration of his successor, Barack Obama.

Bush is an unusually sincere, earnest politician whose views on immigration are deeply felt and honestly come by -- they are just anachronistic, or should be.

If there's any lesson that everyone should have learned from Donald Trump's takeover of the Republican Party, it's that the party's old consensus on immigration is no longer sustainable.

Yet there's still a reflex toward the lazy conventional wisdom that all that ails the country on immigration is lack of an agreement to give an amnesty to illegal immigrants already here and increase numbers of legal immigrants, in exchange for more bells and whistles at the border -- what is commonly known as "comprehensive immigration reform."

Bush says not passing immigration reform is his biggest regret, and John Boehner, out with a score-settling memoir of his time as speaker of the House, says it is his second biggest regret (after not forging a big fiscal deal with President Obama).

Boehner spends a lot of time meditating on how the GOP became, in his telling, "Crazytown," a party of extremists and paranoiacs that eventually threw itself into the arms of Donald Trump.

The former speaker spreads the blame widely, but it evidently doesn't occur to him that one major factor driving a wedge between the party's establishment and its grassroots was the elected leadership's insistence on repeatedly trying to pass immigration bills that Republican voters rejected.

For his part, Bush sounds as if he's learned nothing. In his Post piece, he cites all the usual measures at the border included in these sort of bills -- "manpower, physical barriers, advanced technology, streamlined and efficient ports of entry."

That's all fine, but it is no substitute for rigorous enforcement in the interior of the country and can't counteract the open-borders message sent by welcoming illegal immigrants.

In that regard, Bush professes, as all supporters of comprehensive immigration reform always do, to oppose amnesty as "fundamentally unfair to those who came legally or are still waiting their turn to become citizens."

He then calls for an amnesty couched as, in one of the laziest cliches in the immigration debate, bringing illegal immigrants "out of the shadows."

This will be achieved "through a gradual process in which legal residency and citizenship must be earned," by requiring "proof of work history,

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OPEN FORUM

Calfee

Who Was That Masked Man?

To the editor,

As a child, we would watch movies of our heroes. There was “The Lone Ranger,” then later came “Batman,” “Batgirl,” “The Flash,” “Spider-Man,” “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” and many other heroes that did good for all mankind. They all wore a mask to conceal their identity, that way the hero could be any-

body, not just the individual. You could rise up and be a superhero. But now the mask is used in a different way. The mask gives a hiding place to keep you safe. Kind of like when you were a child, you put a blanket over your head when the monsters were after you. They couldn’t get you if you stayed covered up. I guess that is why our nation’s capitol is still surrounded by

fences and National Guardsmen. Someone fears that the monsters are after them. Reminds me of a Bible verse in Proverbs that says, “The wicked flee when no man pursueth” in Proverbs 28:1 Who do they think they need to protect themselves from? When we were young, we were taught that you could tell if a politician was lying because you could see their lips move. Well,

our President took his mask off during the joint meeting of the House and Senate. I could see his lips move. We need to attend our churches. Sing and Praise our God. Let God’s light shine through us in this dark world. Many people will not like to see us do this because, “Ye are the light of the World.” John 3:19: “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

Craig Strain
Dublin

Letter Policy

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Coleman

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Education needed: associate degree
Job growth: 32%

Occupational therapy is all about helping people learn and practice skills to live and work. Most occupational therapy takes place after someone has had an accident, or for elderly people who need help performing daily tasks around their homes. Occupational therapy assistants work with therapists and doctors to help patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and therapy offices. It’s an active and interactive job that gives you plenty of opportunities to work with people.

Radiologic and MRI Technologists

Median salary: \$62,280
Education needed: associate degree
Job growth: 7%

Both x-rays and MRIs are diagnostic tools that help physicians and patients understand what is going on inside the body. Techs are the workers who actually run the tests, and work with physicians to get the information needed to make a diagnosis and treat patients.

Aerospace Technician

Median salary: \$66,020
Education needed: associate degree
Job growth: 7%

If you’ve always had a fascination with planes and enjoy technical work, then you might consider becoming an aerospace technician. You’ll work with aircrafts or spacecrafts to test and calibrate systems, as well as install and repair various parts.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers/Cardiovascular Technologists

Median salary: \$68,750
Education needed: associate degree
Job growth: 12%

Sonographers use medical equipment to create images of organs, tissues and blood vessels that allow people to understand

what’s going on inside their bodies. Cardiovascular techs work with physicians to perform complex procedures related to heart health, such as inserting stents or pacemakers. They also help perform tests to diagnose cardiac health problems in patients.

Web Developer

Median salary: \$73,760
Education needed: associate degree
Job growth: 8%

Web developers blend a unique set of technical and creative skills to design and build websites. This is a high-demand job that you can find in a variety of agencies or businesses. Or you can even strike out on your own as a freelancer if you’re willing to make solid connections—and the pay is great!

Dental Hygienist

Median salary: \$76,220
Education needed: associate degree
Job growth: 6%

While cleaning teeth may not be for everyone, dental hygienists get a chance to impact their patients’ lives by take caring of their oral health. They screen patients, take x-rays, remove plaque from teeth, and counsel patients about good hygiene and nutrition habits. Most programs take three years to complete, and you must pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam in order to practice.

Elevator Installer and Repairer

Median salary: \$84,990
Education needed: high school diploma
Job growth: 7%

This is one of those random jobs that most people take for granted. Elevator installers and repairers make good money working with their hands. It’s no surprise that they often work in cramped spaces around heavy machinery. They’re often required to be on call 24 hours a day for repairs.

But supporters of the old consensus aren’t especially keen on understanding the arguments of opponents. Boehner refers to the “far-right crazies” who never forgave John McCain for pushing immigration reform, and blames “demagogues” and sheer “stubbornness” for blocking a comprehensive bill in 2014. So far this year, Republican senators have only talked of a narrower immigration bill focused on an amnesty for so-called Dreamers. Surely, though, the instinct toward comprehensive immigration hasn’t gone away. It’s up to Republican voters to constantly remind the party’s officeholders that 2007 is, indeed, a very long time ago.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Air Traffic Controller

Median salary: \$122,990
Education needed: associate degree
Job growth: 1%

Air traffic controllers have the exciting, high-stakes job of directing air traffic from the ground. They sit in those towers with lots of windows that you see at airports. Air traffic controllers often work nights and weekends to keep up with travel schedules. It’s an extraordinarily demanding job, but one with rewarding results.

Note: All median salary calculations were taken from 2019 data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Lowry

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payment of a fine and back taxes, English proficiency and knowledge of U.S. history and civics, and a clean background check.”

Such requirements are always promised in comprehensive immigration bills and are always toothless, serving only as a way to deny that the amnesty for illegal immigrants is indeed an amnesty.

Bush says, as well, that both parties should be willing to get behind “increased legal immigration,” a characteristic feature of these bills. In another tired talking point, Bush insists that a higher level of immigration is necessary to bringing more skilled immigrants -- never considering that we could also reduce the number of low-skilled immigrants.

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Pulaski County School Board Recognitions



Teacher of the Month

Riverlawn Elementary School and Pulaski County Public Schools are pleased to honor Lori King as Teacher of the Month. Lori portrays a positive attitude with all students and staff. In this world of COVID restrictions, Ms. King found creative ways to share the love of books and reading with her students. Along with being a librarian, Lori wears many other hats at the school. Some of these include fun projects such as implementing One Book, One School and composing Riverlawn's yearbook each year. Lori King is dedicated to her career. She's happy and ensures sure that the library is a fun place for kids to explore the love of reading.



Employee of the Month

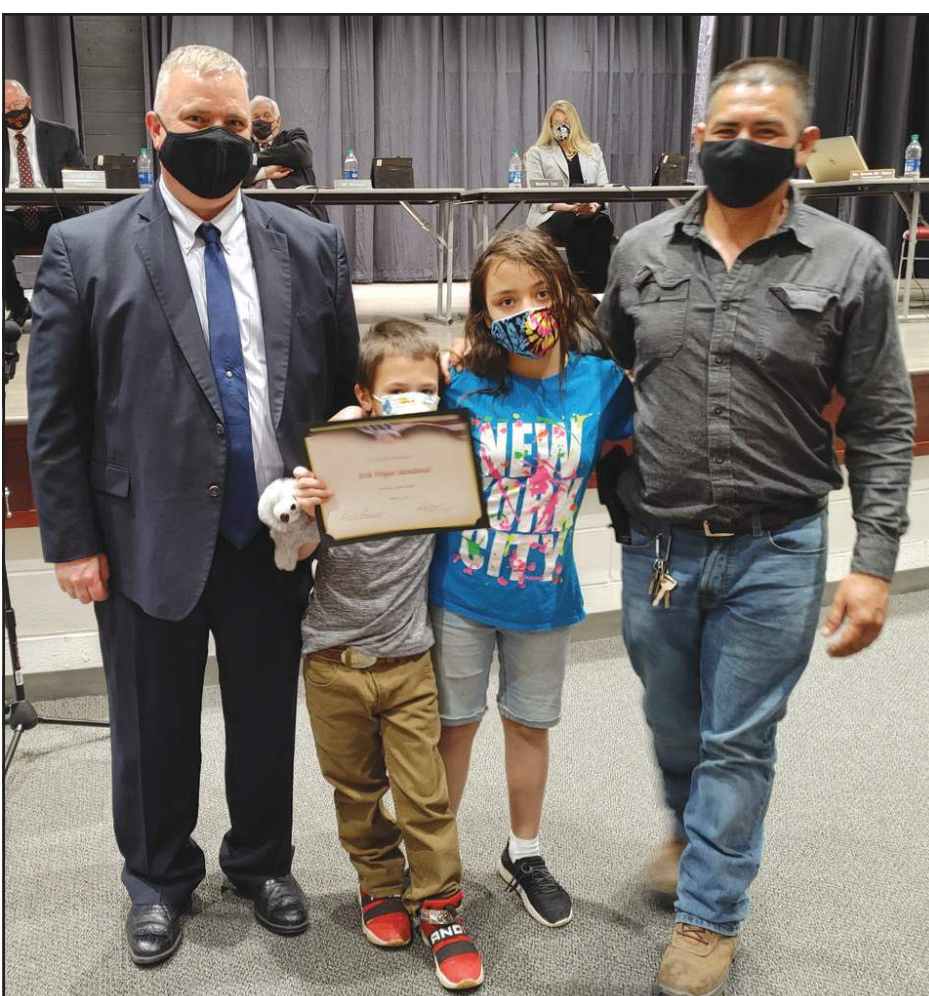
Riverlawn Elementary School and Pulaski County Public Schools are proud to honor Sharon Burchett as Employee of the Month. Sharon goes above and beyond what is needed each and every day. Mrs. Burchett always has a positive attitude, she never complains, and is willing to complete any task that she is asked to complete. She takes the time to build relationships with the students she works with and in return they trust and respect her. There's never downtime for Sharon, she is constantly asking what she can do to help out around the school. All of this makes Mrs. Burchett the perfect candidate for Employee of the Month. She puts others' needs over her own. Everyone at Riverlawn adores Mrs. Burchett. She is a ray of sunshine in the hallways at Riverlawn.



Senior of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County High School is pleased to announce our Senior of the Month for April is Khalia Brown. Khalia is the daughter of Pamela Edwards and Alphonaza Brown of Pulaski. Khalia's nominating teacher stated that she has known Khalia for all of her high school years and is already sad (and happy of course) that she will be graduating. Khalia has a level of maturity that should be more equated to someone older. She is an excellent student and has excelled in all of her Early Childhood classes. She has a real true passion to work with young children. Khalia's goal however is not to teach children, but reaches higher to that of a child psychologist so that she can help other children. Khalia plans to attend NRCC for two years, then transfer to Emory & Henry to study Child Psychology.

She is now an intern in the Early Childhood Education Preschool program and is always willing to go above and beyond to help with any and all issues that arise. Amazingly enough, Khalia is always seeking out more ways to help! Due to Covid, and the rearranging of the preschool schedule, she volunteers to stay after school to help until parents pick up their children. She also manages to work up to 30 hours a week as a cashier at Food Lion in addition to maintaining a full course schedule this semester. During her time at PCHS Khalia has been president of the FCCLA. In her very limited spare time, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family and dog.



Pledge of Allegiance

Riverlawn Elementary School and Pulaski County Public Schools are honored to have Erik Folgar Sandoval as student of the month. Erik led the April School Board meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Erik resides with his father Armando Sandoval. Erik began his school career at Riverlawn Elementary when he was three years old in Mrs. Clay's Preschool Class. It didn't take long for Erik's sweet smile and sense of humor to win over the hearts of the entire staff at Riverlawn Elementary. Many of our staff have fun stories of where they have crossed paths with Erik. In Kindergarten, Erik tried to convince one of the visiting police officers to arrest his teacher, Mrs. McDowell, for not allowing him to talk in class. Erik is currently a second grade student in Ms. Worrell's class. Each morning she looks forward to seeing Erik as he always arrives eager to get the day started, he comes in with enthusiasm that is contagious to others, and even though his smile is covered by a mask, she can see the excitement in Erik's eyes. Each morning Erik always has some great story to share with Ms. Worrell about what happened at home the night before. Over the years, this young man has begun to blossom and grow into the responsible second grader he is now. Erik has a tenacious spirit and all the qualities of a natural leader. Anyone would be able to pick up on that just by chatting with him for a few minutes or less.

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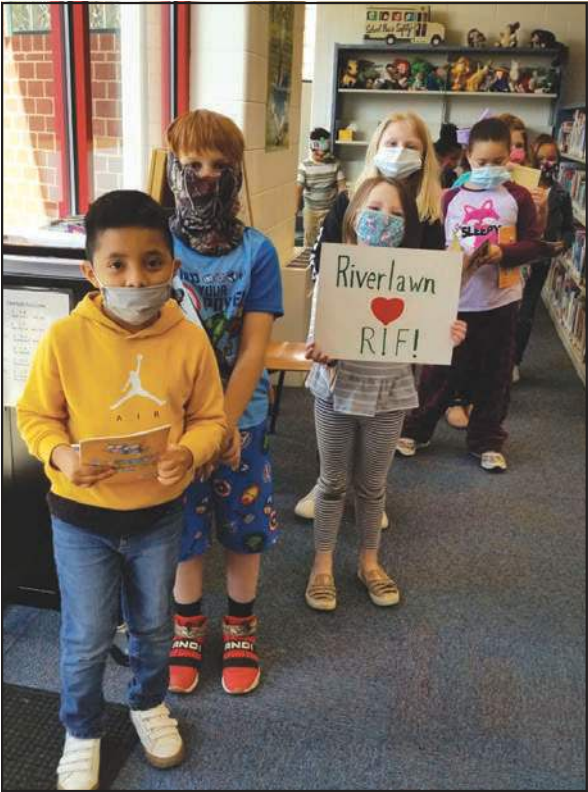
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Woman’s Club of Radford photos
Students at Riverlawn Elementary head back to their classroom after receiving their books from the Woman’s Club of Radford.



Betty Overdorf, Reading is Fundamental Coordinator, explains the COVID guidelines procedure to Snowville Elementary students before they choose their books.

Woman’s Club of Radford distributes over a thousand books

The Woman’s Club of Radford combined their fall and spring Reading is Fundamental (RIF) book distributions into a one day event in order to work within COVID restrictions.

On April 16, Riverlawn El-

ementary students were given 800 books. On April 19, Snowville Elementary students were given 240. Each student received two books. Both schools are in Pulaski County.

The RIF program guidelines

entail that children receive two new books a year. One of the essential components is that the child choose his or her own book. Because of the restrictions, children did not actually touch the books while they

were deciding. Instead, club members opened and displayed the books after the child pointed to his or her choice.

Everyone was masked and all the children were cooperative

in following the new procedure. The members of the Woman’s Club appreciate the efforts on the part of school personnel in helping us achieve our goal of promoting a love of reading in children.

Good and Bad News

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are in our late twenties, we have no debt, and our household income is about \$180,000 year. We’re thinking about building a home, but we’re not sure whether to build just for us, or maybe building a multi-family place so we could live upstairs, rent the rest, and make some money. Your advice would be appreciated.

Joel

Dear Joel,

If you’re looking strictly at quality of life considerations, like privacy and having a little room to yourselves, a single family home is the way to go. But, if making extra money is important to you at this point, a multi-family structure might work. The good news is your tenants would be right there. The bad news is your tenants would be right there!

From a landlord’s perspective, living next to or above your tenants means you can keep an eye on things a little better. Your tenants might also take better care of the place with you around. But those kinds of situations aren’t always beautiful things. When you’re living a floor or wall away from someone, you’re all up in their business, and they’re all up in your business. It’s not for everyone.

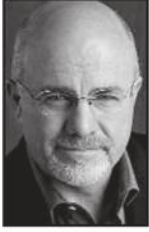
If you’re planning to have kids soon, I’d recommend going the single family route—specifically because of the quality of life. Looking at the other side, you’ll make money with a multi-family construction, but it’ll probably be a pain in the butt. You’ll be giving up some things if you go that route.

Let me put it this way, Joel. I’ve owned a ton of investment real estate in my life, and my wife didn’t want to live in any of those properties. Still, there’s nothing inherently wrong with either decision. Just make sure your mortgage is a 15-year, fixed rate loan, and the monthly payments are no more than 25 percent of your combined take home pay. Save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent to avoid PMI, too.

Take a hard look at the numbers, and make sure you and your wife have a long, long talk about everything. You two should be in complete agreement about every aspect of this situation before moving forward!

—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 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN,



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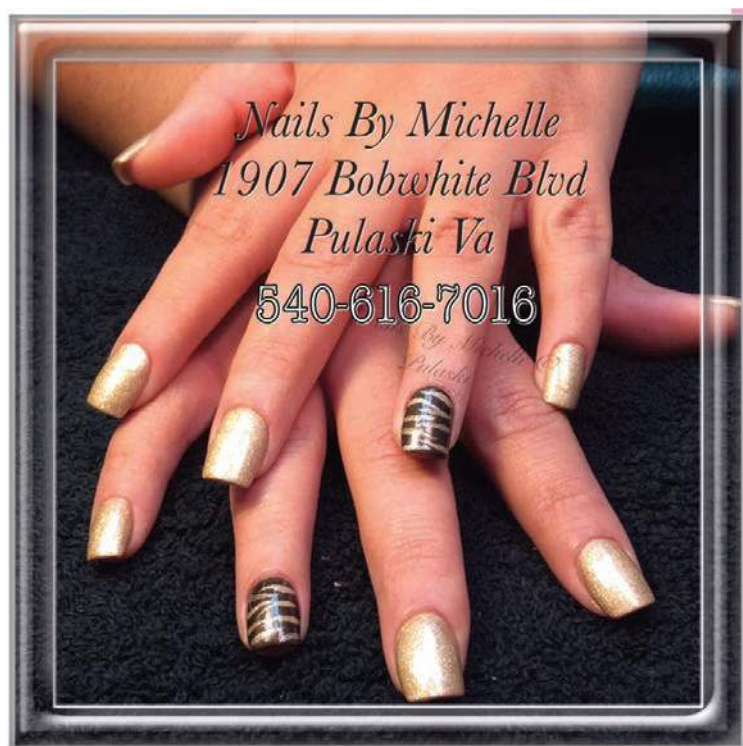
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Chamber Welcomes Nesselrod on the New

On April 20, 2021, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of Nesselrod on the New under new ownership. Owners Jeff and Anna Caldwell were already rooted in our community through many endeavors and recently have purchased Nesselrod on the New. In attendance were new owners, Jeff and Anna Caldwell; Shelia Smith, 2021 president of Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce; Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Joseph Guthrie; Assistant County Administrator, Anthony Akers; as well as several members of the business community. During the ceremony, Jeff and Anna were presented with a proclamation from Pulaski County read by Board of Supervisors Chairman, Joe Guthrie. The Caldwell's plan to utilize the property for overnight stays at the inn, weddings and events. The grounds feature a secluded gazebo surrounded by gardens, a sunken amphitheater, and a large events pavilion. "Anna and I are incredibly excited to be opening back up Nesselrod on the New and working hard to make it a destination point in Pulaski County and the New River Valley for a variety of events that showcase our great community" say Jeff Caldwell. Nesslerod on the New is located in Fairlawn at 7535 Lee Hwy. Pictured above (from left) are Bill Cunningham, Lydia Gilmer, Howard Sadler, Joe Guthrie, Peggy White, Jeff Caldwell, Mason Caldwell, Anna Caldwell, Shelia Smith and Anthony Akers.



Mangekian charged with first degree murder; being held without bond

On April 23, 2021, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Cory Steven Mangekian was charged with First Degree Murder in the death of Sandra Lee Mangekian. He is currently being held without bond at the New River Valley Regional Jail.

Deputy Gerald Downey reported earlier this afternoon that a private citizen provided a tip that helped located Mangekian at the Food Lion on Tyler Avenue in Radford.

Cory Mangekian is the son of Sandra Lee Mangekian.

Cory Steven Mangekian was located and taken into custody

Friday at about 12:30 p.m.

A special thanks to Radford City Police Department for their quick response when the suspect was located in their jurisdiction, the Virginia State Police Special Crimes Division, the United States Marshalls Service who verified that the stolen vehicle was in Georgia after the crime was committed, and to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division for the countless hours working on this case.

A special thanks goes to the citizens, both of Pulaski County and neighboring jurisdictions who contacted our office with information and ultimately located the suspect and stolen vehicle in Radford City after he returned to the area. The success of our agency is dependent on the relationship we have with our community, and today, that relationship speaks volumes as we work towards closure for a victim many of you never met. I want to thank each of you for your continued support for my office, but most importantly, for the support you show the men and women serving Pulaski County. At this time, no further information concerning this incident will be released.

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County Tourism to host service excellence workshop

Pulaski County Tourism will host Dr. Vincent Magnini, a globally ranked prolific hospitality researcher, for the "Delivering an Experience through Service Excellence" workshop. Available for Pulaski County businesses, groups, employees and organizations, the workshop occurs from 10 a.m.-Noon on May 4 in the Pulaski County Administration Building.

Delivering an Experience through Service Excellence workshop presents the latest research pertaining to how destinations can go about establishing and maintaining first-class customer service culture. To help maximize long-run profitability, visitors should have the opportunity to engage in efficient and friendly interactions with local residents and service providers at every touchpoint. Key topics in the workshop include guest delight, service failure recovery, non-verbal communication and verbal communication.

Dr. Magnini, the host of the workshop, is a U.S. Fulbright Scholar and has published seven books including a new release in 2020 for nature-based attractions titled An Ecotourism Provider's Handbook (with Donald Forgione). Dr. Magnini has also been featured on National Public Radio's With Good Reason, All Things Considered, Pulse on the Planet and cited in the New York Times and Washington Post.

"Dr. Magnini understands the value of an experience for our visitors and customers," said Peggy White, Pulaski County Tourism Director. "We are thrilled to have him, and we are excited for how this can continue to help us create memorable experiences for our visitors and local residents."

Due to health restrictions, there is limited space for workshop attendees. To sign-up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/nehf64f4> or call the Tourism Department at (540) 674-4161. For those unable to attend, a video recording and a one-on-one review with the Pulaski County Tourism Department will be provided.

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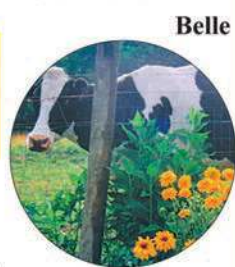
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Pulaski County Lady Cougars Honored

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Monday paid tribute to the Pulaski County High School Lady Cougars girls basketball team. The Lady Cougars went undefeated during their regular season before losing in the Class 4 state championship game to Louisa County. The Lady Cougars are led by head coach Scott Ratcliff.

Football legends ... past & present
Calfee Center sponsors online conversation

On Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., the Calfee Community & Cultural Center will host an online panel discussion regarding the past and present of Pulaski County Cougar Football. Panelists will include Pulaski County High School Head Football Coach Mark Dixon, Legendary Coach Joel Hicks, as well as former Cougar greats Gary Clark and Shane Graham. There is no cost whatsoever to participate in this event. Simply go to www.CalfeeCCC.org/PulaskiFootball to register. You will then receive a Zoom link to participate in the May 8th event. The panelist will take questions regarding Pulaski County High School Football and this is a great opportunity for Cougar fans to discuss the past and present of the Pulaski County High School Football Program. Calfee Community & Cultural Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the repurposing of the history Calfee Training School in Pulaski into a childcare center, commercial kitchen, digital learning lab, and museum highlighting local Appalachian African American leaders in history. In addition, the project will provide event space for community use, cultural and educational programming, small business incubation and meeting spaces. To learn more, please go to Calfee CCC's website at www.CalfeeCCC.org or visit their Facebook page.

Top ACC offenses look to new faces

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

The Atlantic Coast Conference's top offenses should be right back in the flow next season. There will just be some new faces at North Carolina and Clemson that will be piling up the yards. The Tar Heels, who led the ACC with more than 537 yards a game, still have perhaps the

league's best quarterback heading into the fall in junior Sam Howell. But North Carolina won't have its 1,000-yard backfield in Javonte Williams and Michael Carter, who combined to 33 touchdowns last fall. Howell's prime targets from a season are also off to the NFL in receivers Dyami Brown and Dazz Newsome, who combined for 109 catches, 1,783

yards, and 14 touchdowns a year ago. Howell, the talented passer who is projected a top NFL draft choice in 2022, will spend the next few months getting the next wave of offensive talent ready to build on. Ty Chandler, a Tennessee transfer, arrives to help the backfield while Dyami Brown's brother, Khafre Brown, was third with 337 yards in receptions returns. "So its gives me an opportunity to kind of watch every single position and then after every play, kind of talk to guys if they're doing stuff wrong," Howell said. Clemson's run of offensive success loses two centerpiece players in quarterback Trevor Lawrence and tailback Travis Etienne. Lawrence was the ACC's player of the year last season and is expected to go first overall this year's NFL draft. Etienne, the ACC player of the

year in 2018 and 2019, leaves as the league's all-time rusher, surpassing the mark of North Carolina State's Ted Brown set in the 1970s. The Tigers appear set at quarterback as sophomore D.J. Uiagalelei takes over behind center for Lawrence. Uiagalelei was one of the country's top high school passers and showed that last season when Lawrence was sidelined for two games due to COVID-19. He rallied the Tigers from 18 points down to defeat Boston College on Oct. 31, then threw for 439 yards against Notre Dame in a 47-40 OT loss a week later. "Feel like there are a lot of things I could work on, but that I did a lot of things well, too," Uiagalelei said. Clemson's backfield is far less settled. Lyn-J Dixon has backed up Etienne the past three years

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139 Appy alumni on MLB Opening Day rosters

USA BASEBALL

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. -- One hundred and thirty-nine Appalachian League alumni appeared off the 2021 Major League Baseball season on Opening Day rosters. Twenty-nine of the 30 Major League Clubs featured Appy League alumni on their rosters to start the year. The Minnesota Twins led the way with 16 former Appy League players on their Opening Day roster, followed by the Houston Astros, New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals, who each featured 10 to start the 2021 season. The 139 alumni are highlighted by several MLB award winners from last season, including Ronald Acuña Jr. (Danville) and Donovan Solano (Johnson City), who played 37 and 45 games in the Appy League, respectively. Additionally, Adam Wainwright, who spent time with Danville in the Appy League and won the Roberto Clemente Award in 2020, started his 16th season with the St. Louis Cardinals on Opening Day. In the American League, the 2020 Comeback Player of the Year and Silver Slugger Award winner, Salvador Perez (Burlington), was one of seven past Appy League players featured on the Kansas City Royals Opening Day roster. Elizabethton alum Liam Hendriks won the Mariano Rivera AL Reliever of the Year Award last season and started off the 2021 campaign with the Chicago White Sox. Detroit Tigers third baseman Niko Goodrum spent the most time of any current big leaguer in the Appy League, playing 117 games for Elizabethton in 2011 and 2012. Twins outfielder Max Kepler also crossed the century mark in the Appy League, playing in 109 games alongside Goodrum in 2011 and 2012 for Elizabethton. The complete list of Appy League alumni, by Major League club, who appeared on 2021 Opening Day rosters is as follows:

Arizona Diamondbacks (3)
Nick Ahmed (Danville)
Carson Kelly (Johnson City)
Tim Locastro (Bluefield)

Atlanta Braves (8)
Ronald Acuña, Jr. (Danville)
Ozzie Albies (Danville)
Ian Anderson (Danville)
Nate Jones (Bristol)
Charlie Morton (Danville)
Cristian Pache (Danville)
Austin Riley (Danville)
Huscar Ynoa (Elizabethton, Danville)

Baltimore Orioles (3)
Rio Ruiz (Greeneville)
Tyler Wells (Elizabethton)
Bruce Zimmerman (Danville)

Boston Red Sox (2)
J.D. Martinez (Greeneville)
Garrett Whitlock (Pulaski)

Chicago Cubs (2)
Jason Heyward (Danville)
Craig Kimbrel (Danville)

Chicago White Sox (1)
Liam Hendricks (Elizabethton)

Cincinnati Reds (2)
Jonathan India (Greeneville)
Lucas Sims (Danville)

Cleveland Indians (2)
Amed Rosario (Kingsport)
Eddie Rosario (Elizabethton)

Colorado Rockies (1)
Germán Márquez (Princeton)

Detroit Tigers (7)
Akil Baddoo (Elizabethton)
José Cisnero (Greeneville)
Niko Goodrum (Elizabethton)
Daniel Norris (Bluefield)
Victor Reyes (Danville)
Jonathan Schoop (Bluefield)
Julio Teheran (Danville)

Houston Astros (10)
Bryan Abreu (Greeneville)
José Altuve (Greeneville)
Carlos Correa (Greeneville)
Cristian Javier (Greeneville)
Chas McCormick (Greeneville)
Lance McCullers, Jr. (Greeneville)
Myles Straw (Greeneville)
Blake Taylor (Kingsport)
Kyle Tucker (Greeneville)

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VHSL Football Championship Games

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Class 2 Final – Appomattox County (9-0) @ Stuarts Draft (8-1)
Class 3 Final – Lord Botetourt (9-0) @ Lafayette (8-0)
Class 4 Final – Salem (Salem) (9-0) @ Lake Taylor (7-0) – 3:00 pm
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Large Yard Sale: Antiques, weed eater, good variety of items available. May 7 and 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4972 Lizzie Gunn Road, Pulaski.

Yard Sale: Heron's Landing Community-Wide Yard Sale in Fairlawn. May 8 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Both entrances: River Course and Heron's Landing Drives. Rain Date: May 15.

YARD SALE: April 30 and May 1, 8:30 - 4:30 at 5955 Willowbrook Lane, Hiwassee. Assorted items for sale.

Yard Sale: Newbern United Methodist Church will hold a yard sale Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15 (rain or shine) from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Yard Sale: Indoor spring yard safe at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Pulaski. Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Breakfast available (sausage biscuits) and lunch (hot dogs and baked goods). Huge selection of household items, furniture and miscellaneous. Masks required and COVID guidelines in place.

Yard Sale: Just Kids Stuff Indoor Yard Sale, Saturday, May 1. Declutter, drop off, shop! Fairlawn Church of God Fellowship Hall, 7 a.m.-noon. All proceeds go to benefit the Kids' Church. Donations due by Friday, April 30. Volunteers appreciated!

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You can still see reruns of the TV show, Hee Haw, where one of their famous entertainers, Grandpa Jones, often appears and is asked, "What's for supper?" I was brought up as a country boy on Little Creek and enjoyed most of the home cooked meals as mentioned by Ole Grandpa. My family raised most of the fruits and vegetables that were needed to prepare these enjoyable dishes. Also, we had chickens and a hog or two that furnished the bulk of our meat needs. Our milk cows furnished us with milk and butter. I enjoyed hunting and fishing, and small game along with the fish we caught, helped supplement the domesticated animal meats we raised.

There are some foods that are just not enjoyable to my taste. Just like today, a lot of people both children and adults do not like broccoli – I happen to like it in certain meals. One veggie, I did not like that my mother often prepared was parsnips, which resembled a white carrot. I did not even like them even when she cooked them with potatoes. Even today, I would have to be pretty hungry to eat parsnips.

I came across a food last week that I never hope to try and eat



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again. My fishing friend, Dick, and I were going into one of the area restaurants open to the public, and he remarked, "I wonder what kind of seafood they have." After getting menus, we were picking some appetizers to go with the main course, and he picked calamari which is a squid cuisine that I had never tried. I said might try it, but ordered another of their appetizers to fall back on in case it was not all that appealing. The squid's main body is sliced and served like small onion rings. The rings were OK, but after sampling the tentacles, I felt I was trying to eat rubber bands. So, to all you that like squid, more power to you; but no more for me.

I thought I would go into some of the unusual foods people in today's world partake of. This will have to be continued into

another column as this is such a broad subject. I had hoped to also give a recipe today as some of the readers have said they enjoy trying them. I need to find my Ozark cook book as some of the recipes are good down home Southern cooking and I can get a good recipe in next week's column. Some of them are a little far out as my next column will reflect. From memory, I recall two of the recipes where how to prepare carp (fish) and terrapin which is a small turtle. I have eaten the larger mud turtles and they may be similar in taste.

There are many food sources of the world with the birds of the air, animals on land and in the sea and the fish of the sea. This along with the fruit and vegetables that are grown domestically and the plants of the wild provide for the food chain to the world. The 11th chapter book of Leviticus of the Bible gives God's instructions on dietary standards for what one should be eaten and what not. I hope to touch on these next week. I leave you with this found in I Corinthians 10: 31KJV, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Until next time

West Virginia transgender athlete bill signed by governor

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia's governor signed a bill Wednesday that bans transgender athletes from competing in female sports in middle and high schools and colleges.

The bill was among 38 signed by Republican Gov. Jim Justice. It had narrowly passed the state Senate, which had added the college component, before being overwhelmingly approved in the House of Delegates.

Justice said earlier this week that he would "proudly" sign the bill despite warnings from some lawmakers that the NCAA could retaliate and decide not to hold college tournaments in the state.

Last month, hundreds of college athletes signed a letter to the NCAA Board of Governors asking the organization to refuse to

schedule championships in states that have banned transgender athlete participation in sports.

The NCAA in 2016 moved championships out of North Carolina in response to a bill legislating transgender people's use of public restrooms.

"It concerns me that we may miss out on a really important sporting event or something like that that could come to West Virginia," Justice said. "However, I think the benefits of it way outweigh the bad part of it."

Bills seeking to ban transgender girls from competing on girls' sports teams in public schools also have been enacted this year in Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi, while South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem has implemented the move by executive order.

JOBS

PULASKI COUNTY PSA WASTEWATER SERVICE TECHNICIAN

The Pulaski County Public Service Authority is seeking a Wastewater Service Technician. This position is responsible for performing routine, semi-skilled and technical work in the installation, maintenance and repair of utility systems, pump stations, monitoring, repair and maintenance of flow meters, minor repairs to automotive and other equipment, inspection of sewage facilities, manholes, valves, etc.

This is a full-time, non-exempt position with benefits such as health, dental, optional vision, retirement, vacation, sick leave and paid holidays. The salary range for this position is \$22,880 to \$41,996 and is commensurate upon education and experience.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission or download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Safewright, Human Resources Director, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Position is open until filled
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Part Time Line Service Technician New River Valley Airport

The New River Valley Airport located in Dublin, Virginia is seeking two individuals as full-time line service technicians. The primary responsibilities consist of refueling aircraft, towing aircraft into out of hangars, marshalling aircraft to designated parking spaces, processing sales and responding to customer needs. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid Virginia Driver's License. Prefer aircraft refueling or equipment operational experience (such as a forklift, tractor, etc). Excellent customer service skills and dependability a must.

These positions include benefits such as health, dental, vision, life and participation in the VRS Retirement Program. The hourly rate for this position will be \$13 per hour.

Interested individuals may apply at their local Virginia Employment Commission Office or download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Safewright, Human Resources Director at tsafewright@pulaskicounty.org.

Position open until filled.

Princeton Baseball rebranded as the Princeton WhistlePigs

PRINCETON, WV – The Princeton Baseball Association has announced their new identity, the Princeton WhistlePigs. The new identity comes as the Appalachian League converts into a collegiate wooden bat league this summer in a partnership with Major League Baseball and USA Baseball.

"We are excited about our new brand and the level of excitement it will bring to Princeton. We look forward to welcoming our fans back to H. P. Hunnicutt Field to share in our new team and look,"



WhistlePigs general manager Danny Shingleton explained.

The WhistlePigs will make their 2021 season debut at home June 3 against Burlington.

LEGAL NOTICES

Water Quality Report

The 2020 Water Quality Report for the Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA), which includes the following systems: Countywide, Brookmont, Mt. Olivet and Lakewood Estates, will not be mailed to customers this year. You may find the Reports on our website at <http://pulaskicounty.org/psa-faq.html>. If you desire a copy be mailed to you please contact Jared Linkous at (540) 980-7710 or jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org for a digital copy.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21006362-00
Radford Circuit Court
619 Second Street, Radford, VA 24141

ELIZABETH ELLEN REYES v. OSCAR ESMUNDO REYES RODAS

The object of this suit is to:
TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that OSCAR ESMUNDO REYES RODAS appear at the above-named Court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 7, 2021.

April 7, 2021

Rebecca R. Price, Deputy Clerk

REQUEST FOR QUAILIFICATIONS CDBG PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES TOWN OF PULASKI, VA

The Town of Pulaski is seeking a non-exclusive proposal from qualified firms to provide grant management services for the redevelopment of the Calfee Training School to be used as the Calfee Community & Cultural Center. The project will include a childcare center and cultural heritage museum. The Town anticipates receiving notification of a CDBG grant for this project in September 2021.

A copy of the RFQ packet is available at www.pulaskitown.org and by contacting the Town Manager at dburcham@pulaskitown.org or (540) 994-8600.

Proposal Submittal:

Five (5) copies of proposals shall be submitted on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 21, 2021. To the Town of Pulaski, P.O. Box 660, Pulaski, VA 24301 (street address 42 1 s t Street, NW) The outside envelope must be marked **"Qualifications for Management Services, Calfee Community & Cultural Center Planning Grant."** Proposals received by telephone, facsimile, email, or after stated time and or date will be considered non-responsive and not accepted.

Public Notice

APPROVAL OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING FUND

Public Notice No.: WSL 013-21
First Publication Date: (April 23, 2021)

The Virginia Department of Health has under consideration a request for a Categorial Exclusion from an Environmental Assessment for a waterworks project proposed to be funded through the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund. The applicant is the Town of Dublin.

Project Description: The project proposes to replace 1,823 existing water meters located within existing meter boxes and update 590 touch read meters with radio read capability. There will be no earthwork or disturbance around the existing meter boxes.

The applicant feels that the project meets the following exclusion categories established by the Department: Replacements of existing equipment or structures at their present location. These activities also include reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, street repaving, and building modifications, renovations, and improvements.

Documentation supporting this request includes:

- Categorical Exclusion request prepared by Town of Dublin dated 2/26/2021

Prior to implementing construction, the applicant will obtain all applicable permits. On the basis of a review of the request and support documentation, the Virginia Department of Health proposes to approve the request.

Persons may comment in writing to the Department on the proposed approval of the Categorical Exclusion within 30 days from the first publication date. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Department. Following the comment period, the Department will make its determination regarding the approval.

All comments should be addressed to:

Kelly Ward
Program Director, Financial and Construction Assistance Programs
Virginia Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water
109 Governor Street
Richmond, Va. 23219

Kansas Speedway is up next for the NASCAR

From NASCAR

After a wild race at the behemoth that is Talladega Superspeedway last weekend, the NASCAR Cup Series prepares for this Sunday’s Buschy McBusch Race 400 (3 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) at Kansas Speedway, its fourth event of the 2021 season on a 1.5-mile track. Groundbreaking for Kansas Speedway was held on May 25, 1999. The official opening of Kansas Speedway was in 2001, with the first NASCAR Cup Series race being held on Sept. 30, 2001. The event was won by Hendrick Motorsport’s driver and NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon (Chevrolet). Gordon would actually win the first two NASCAR Cup Series races held at Kansas (2001, 2002).

During the 2012 season, between the April and October events, the 1.5-mile Kansas Speedway track underwent a repave, adding variable banking in the corners bringing them to 17-20 degrees. In total, there have been 30 NASCAR Cup Series races at Kansas Speedway, one event from 2001 - 2010 and two races per year since 2011. The 30 Cup events have produced 16 different pole winners and 15 different race winners. Stewart-Haas Racing’s Kevin Harvick leads the series in poles at Kansas Speedway with five (fall 2013, 2014 sweep, spring 2018, spring 2019).

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE SERVICE RATE AND FEE INCREASES BY THE TOWN OF DUBLIN

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Virginia Code §§15.2-927, et seq. 15.2-2109, et seq., and pursuant to Chapters 12, 13 & 16 of the Dublin Town Code, the Town Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia, to consider enactment of an ordinance increasing the rates and fees for water, sewer, and garbage services as follows:

Service	2020-2021	Proposed
<i>New water and sewer application</i>	\$25.00	\$25.00
<i>Water disconnection or reconnection</i>	\$60.00	\$60.00
<i>New water service (only) security deposit</i>	\$150.00	\$150.00
<i>New sewer service (only) security deposit</i>	\$100.00	\$100.00
<i>New garbager service (only) security deposit</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00
<i>Combined , new watr.,sew. and garb. Serv. security deposit</i>	\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>Sewer connection fee,in town, 3" or 4" line</i>	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<i>Sewer connection fee,out of town, 3" or 4" line</i>	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
<i>Water connection fee,in town, 3/4" line</i>	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<i>Water connection fee,out of town, 3/4" line</i>	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
<i>All other water or sewer connections (total cost to be determined prior to connection)</i>	Act. Con. Costs plus \$1,000.00	Act. Con. Costs plus \$1,000.00
<i>Customer requested water meter replacement</i>	\$150.00	\$150.00
<i>Customer requested water meter accuracy test</i>	\$55.00	\$55.00
<i>Monthly infrastructure rehabilitation fee-residential water and/or sewer</i>	\$2.50	\$3.00
<i>Monthly infrastructure rehabilitation fee-commercial water and/or sewer</i>	\$3.50	\$4.00
<i>Return Check Fee</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00

Water, Sewer and Garbage	2020-2021	Proposed
Water	<i>2000 Min</i>	<i>rate</i>
<i>Water - Residential In Town</i>	\$24.49	\$26.94
	\$6.38/1000	\$7.01/1000
<i>Water - Residential Out of Town</i>	\$36.33	\$40.69
	\$7.81/1000	\$8.75/1000
<i>Water - Commercial In Town</i>	\$26.14	\$30.06
	\$5.89/1000	\$6.77/1000
<i>Water - Commercial Out of Town</i>	\$35.76	\$42.19
	\$8.25/1000	\$8.44/1000
<i>Water - Industrial In Town</i>	\$36.20	\$42.72
	\$7.15/1000	\$8.44/1000
<i>Water - Industrial Out of Town</i>	\$41.14	\$48.55
	\$8.25/1000	\$9.74/1000

Sewer	1500 min	Proposed
<i>Sewer - Residential In Town</i>	\$11.74	\$12.91
	\$6.51/1000	\$7.16/1000
<i>Sewer - Residential Out of Town</i>	\$14.32	\$16.90
	\$7.80/1000	\$9.20/1000
<i>Sewer - Commercial In Town</i>	\$27.00	\$31.05
	\$6.15/1000	\$7.07/1000
<i>Sewer - Commercial Out of Town</i>	\$27.00	\$35.10
	\$6.15/1000	\$7.99/1000
<i>Sewer - Industrial/Manufacturing In Town</i>	\$107.53	\$118.28
	\$7.02/1000	\$7.72/1000
<i>Sewer - Industrial/Manufacturing Out of Town</i>	\$107.53	\$139.78
	\$7.02/1000	\$9.13/1000
Garbage	Rate	Proposed
<i>Garbage - Residential</i>	\$17.00	\$20.00
<i>Garbage - Commercial/Industrial</i>	\$24.00	\$28.00
<i>Dumpster (6 cu. Yd)</i>	\$31.00	\$36.00
<i>Dumpster Rent</i>	\$21.00	\$25.00

All persons desiring to speak for or against any of the proposed rate and/or fee increases should appear at the aforementioned time and place or submit their comments in writing to the Dublin Town Manager prior to the hearing.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for review in the Dublin Town Treasurer’s Office.

ACC

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and will likely get the first crack at the spot this fall. But the Tigers also have several hungry backs looking to make a mark including five-star freshman Will Shipley. Some other things to know about the upcoming ACC football season:

MIAMI’S BACK
The Hurricanes showed promise under second-year coach Manny Diaz last fall and have some of their key pieces back from a team that went 8-3 a year ago. Quarterback D’Eriq King, who threw for 2,686 yards with 23 touchdowns and five interceptions, is recovering well from a torn ACL suffered in Miami’s bowl loss to Oklahoma State. “He is doing great like we thought he would,” Diaz said. “Everything they ask him to do in rehab, he one ups it.” Safety Bubba Bolden, the team’s top tackler last year, turned down the NFL to come back to Miami for a another season.

MAKING STRIDES
Florida State coach Mike Norvell believes his team took some steps forward from their 3-6 season last year. A lot of that could be the play of UCF transfer McKenzie Milton this spring who completed 6 of 11 passes for 96 yards and a touchdown as returns from a devastating knee injury in Nov. 2018. Norvell hasn’t said whether Milton or Jordan Travis, who started six games last year, is the frontrunner heading into the fall camp. Still, Milton’s passes were precise and he showed good mobility — all good signs for the Seminoles.

EARLY TESTS
Don’t sleep on college foot-

ball’s opening week when several ACC teams will have challenging tests that will impact their season. Clemson opens against Georgia of the SEC in Charlotte, North Carolina on Saturday, Sept. 4. It’s the first time these schools have played — their campuses are less than 90 minutes apart — since 2014 in Athens, Georgia when the Bulldogs won 45-21, Miami opens against defending national champion Alabama in Atlanta on Sept. 4. The Hurricanes and Crimson Tide last met in the 1993 Sugar Bowl for the national championship, won by Alabama 34-13. Also, Louisville faces Ole Miss of the SEC and Florida State plays Notre Dame to start the season. The Fighting Irish who competed for the ACC crown last season, have returned to their FBS independent status.

STABILITY
The ACC enters 2021 with no new head coaches heading into the fall. League schools changed six head coaches combined in 2019 and 2020 and ACC administrators chose to stand pat in going forward. It’s the first time since the 2018 season league schools have kept their head coaches. Clemson’s Dabo Swinney and Duke’s David Cutcliffe are the deans of the group, each leading their programs since 2008. Boston College’ Jeff Hakey and Florida State’s Mike Norvell are the newest, both arriving after the 2019 season. North Carolina State’s Dave Doeren received a two-year contract extension. Mack Brown also received a new contract that will keep him with the Tar Heels through 2025.

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José Urquidy (Greeneville)
Kansas City Royals (7)
Jake Brentz (Bluefield)
Wade Davis (Princeton)
Cam Gallagher (Burlington)
Carlos Hernández (Burlington)
Jakob Junis (Burlington)
Nicky Lopez (Burlington)
Salvador Perez (Burlington)
Los Angeles Angels (3)
Alex Cobb (Princeton)
Junior Guerra (Danville)
Aaron Slegers (Elizabethton)
Miami Marlins (3)
John Curtiss (Elizabethton)
Elieser Hernandez (Greeneville)
Magneuris Sierra (Johnson City)
Milwaukee Brewers (1)
Adrian Houser (Greeneville)
Minnesota Twins (16)
Jorge Alcala (Greeneville)
José Berrios (Elizabethton)
Byron Buxton (Elizabethton)
Alex Colomé (Princeton)
Randy Dobnak (Elizabethton)
Tyler Duffey (Elizabethton)
Mitch Garver (Elizabethton)
Ryan Jeffers (Elizabethton)
Max Kepler (Elizabethton)
Jorge Polanco (Elizabethton)
Hansel Robles (Kingsport)
Taylor Rogers (Elizabethton)
Brent Rooker (Elizabethton)
Miguel Sanó (Elizabethton)
Andrelton Simmons (Danville)
Cody Stashak (Elizabethton)
New York Mets (10)
Miguel Castro (Bluefield)
Jacob deGrom (Kingsport)
Edwin Díaz (Pulaski)
Luis Guillorme (Kingsport)
Robert Gsellman (Kingsport)
Jeff McNeil (Kingsport)
Tomás Nido (Kingsport)
Brandon Nimmo (Kingsport)
Kevin Pillar (Bluefield)
Dominic Smith (Kingsport)
New York Yankees (1)
Nick Nelson (Pulaski)
Oakland Athletics (5)
Elvis Andrus (Danville)
Chris Bassitt (Bristol)
Adam Kolarek (Kingsport)
Ramón Laureano (Greeneville)
Yusmeiro Petit (Kingsport)
Philadelphia Phillies (4)
José Alvarado (Princeton)
David Hale (Danville)
Matt Moore (Princeton)

Vince Velasquez (Greeneville)
Pittsburgh Pirates (5)
Anthony Alford (Bluefield)
Phillip Evans (Kingsport)
Michael Feliz (Greeneville)
Mitch Keller (Bristol)
Richard Rodríguez (Greeneville)
San Diego Padres (7)
Victor Caratini (Danville)
Nabil Crismatt (Kingsport)
Joe Musgrove (Bluefield, Greeneville)
Wil Myers (Burlington)
Emilio Pagan (Pulaski)
Tommy Pham (Johnson City)
Blake Snell (Princeton)
San Francisco Giants (4)
Wilmer Flores (Kingsport)
Jake McGee (Princeton)
Aaron Sanchez (Bluefield)
Donovan Solano (Johnson City)
Seattle Mariners (2)
Chris Flexen (Kingsport)
Rafael Montero (Kingsport)
St. Louis Cardinals (10)
Génesis Cabrera (Princeton)
Paul DeJong (Johnson City)
John Gant (Kingsport)
Ryan Helsley (Johnson City)
Jordan Hicks (Johnson City)
Andrew Knizner (Johnson City)
Yadier Molina (Johnson City)
Alex Reyes (Johnson City)
Edmundo Sosa (Johnson City)
Adam Wainwright (Danville)
Tampa Bay Rays (6)
Chris Archer (Burlington)
Kevin Kiermaier (Princeton)
Collin McHugh (Kingsport)
Austin Meadows (Bristol)
Ryan Sherriff (Johnson City)
Ryan Yarbrough (Pulaski)
Texas Rangers (3)
Kolby Allard (Danville)
Mike Foltyniewicz (Greeneville)
Jordan Lyles (Greeneville)
Toronto Blue Jays (9)
Ryan Borucki (Bluefield)
Jonathan Davis (Bluefield)
Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (Bluefield)
Danny Jansen (Bluefield)
Alejandro Kirk (Bluefield)
Steven Matz (Kingsport)
Tim Mayza (Bluefield)
Jordan Romano (Bluefield)
Rowdy Tellez (Bluefield)
Washington Nationals (1)
Luis Avilán (Danville)

Spring Wrapup

14 players ready to break out in the ACC in 2021

By **PETE IACOBELLI**
AP Sports Writer

A look at football players in the Atlantic Coast Conference this spring who are poised to have standout seasons this fall (Notre Dame, which competed in the league last season, returned to FBS independent status in 2021):

ATLANTIC DIVISION

BOSTON COLLEGE: LB Kam Arnold played in the Eagles' secondary as a freshman last season and made a case in spring to be a starting linebacker this fall. He had 15 tackles as he played all 11 games.

CLEMSON: WR Justyn Ross is expected back after missing last year due to a serious neck injury and figures to return to the form of a potential first-round NFL draft pick he showed his first two seasons. Ross, 6-foot-4, had 46 catches for 1,000 yards and nine touchdowns in 2018, then 66 receptions for 865 yards in 2019.

FLORIDA STATE: The Seminoles have high hopes for UCF transfer QB McKenzie Milton, who is returning from a significant knee injury two years ago.

LOUISVILLE: DE Yaya Diaby was a junior college standout who started seven games last season and had 18 tackles, including 2.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage. This spring, defensive line coach Mark Ivey said Diaby has added about 18 pounds of muscle was a positive on defense.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE: The Wolfpack returned starting QB Devin Leary, lost in October after breaking a bone in his left leg. He finished with 890 yards with eight touchdowns and just two interceptions in his four games before the injury.

SYRACUSE: RBs Abdul Adams and Jarveon Howard both opted out of the 2020 COVID-19 impacted season. The two are back and looking to make their marks in the Orange backfield. Howard ran for 337 yards in 2019 while Adams, an Oklahoma transfer, gained 336 yards.

WAKE FOREST: RB Justice Ellison has the edge at joining Christian Beal-Smith in the

Demon Deacons' two-headed backfield. Ellison, a rising sophomore, played in eight games his freshman season, gaining 115 yards and a touchdown.

COASTAL DIVISION

DUKE: QB Gunnar Holmberg led the depth chart after spring in the race to replace last year's starter, Chase Brice, who transferred to Appalachian State. Holmberg played in six games last year behind Brice, completing 18 of 25 passes for 161 yards. He threw two interceptions and no touchdowns.

GEORGIA TECH: QB Jeff Sims is a sophomore who showed lots of promise along with lots of mistakes his first season, passing for 19 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. But Yellow Jackets coach Geoff Collins said Sims has taken positive steps this spring that will be evident in the fall.

MIAMI: WR Charleston Rambo spend his first four years at Oklahoma and could be the deep threat the Hurricanes have needed. Rambo started 24 games with the Sooners. He played in Miami's spring game and had seven catches for 74 yards.

NORTH CAROLINA: WR Josh Downs appeared in 10 games as a freshman. The 6-4 wide out figures to get plenty of opportunities with the Tar Heels top two receivers from last year gone.

PITTSBURGH: TE Lucas Krull was a Florida graduate transfer in 2020 who was expected to play a big role for the Panthers. But he played just one game due to injury. The 6-6 Krull, though, has played like an NFL first-rounder this spring, according to coach Pat Narduzzi.

VIRGINIA: TE Jelani Woods is an Oklahoma State transfer who Cavaliers coach Bronco Mendenhall called the brightest spot of the spring. Woods left the Cowboys with 31 career receptions for 361 yards and four touchdowns.

VIRGINIA TECH: DE Ty-Juan Garbutt started 11 games in 2019 and figured to be a bigger contributor the next season. Instead, he had personal issues at home to deal with that limited him to just four games in 2020.

James new coach at Grayson



Stephen James

Went 43-20 in six seasons at Pulaski County High School

Patriot Staff Report

Former Pulaski County Cougar Head Football Coach Stephen James is the new head coach at Grayson County.

James resigned from both his coaching and teaching positions at PCHS on May 15, 2020. In James' resignation letter he was very appreciative of his six years at Pulaski County High School. James compiled an impressive 43 wins in his six seasons as the Cougar head coach.

James left Pulaski County to return to his alma mater, George Wythe High School, as a social studies teacher before taking the head coaching job at Grayson County.

James is a graduate of GWHS and attended Emory & Henry. When he resigned from PCHS, James also expressed desire to spend more time with his family. James' wife is Assistant Superintendent of Wythe County Schools.

James came to Pulaski County in 2014 following a successful stint at Fort Chiswell High School. His final year coaching the Pioneers he led the team to the state semi-finals.

At Pulaski County, James finished with a 43-20 record. His final season, the Cougars went 9-3, losing in the second week of the VHSL Playoffs in Lynchburg to E.C. Glass, 27-10. It was the second straight season the Cougars had reached the 12-game mark of the season.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF DUBLIN FY 2021-2022 BUDGET

The Dublin Town Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 at its regular meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. on May 20, 2021 in the Council Chambers at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia. Attendance and comment by the public is welcome. The Dublin Town Council will then convene for approval of a budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2021 at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia.

The following is a synopsis of the proposed budget and is published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only:

General Fund	2021/2022
Revenue:	
Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes	\$ 354,440
Other Local Taxes	\$ 393,000
Licenses and Permits	\$ 63,000
Fines	\$ 14,688
State Revenue	\$ 844,967
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 246,120
Total General Fund Revenue	\$ 1,916,215
Expenditures:	
General Administrative	\$ 193,931
Police	\$ 425,729
VDOT Street Dept Eligible	\$ 656,000
Street Dept In-Eligible	\$ 9,000
Fire Marshal	\$ 9,977
Fire	\$ 92,838
Street Department	\$ -
Street Lighting	\$ -
REMSI, Inc.	\$ 6,800
Recreation Department	\$ 2,500
Capital Outlay	\$ 49,200
Debt Service	\$ 82,440
Nondepartmental	\$ 307,800
General Fund Balance	\$ 50,000
General Fund Cash Flow Reserves	\$ 30,000
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 1,916,215
Enterprise Fund	
Revenue:	2021/2022
Water Sales	\$ 1,702,054
Sewer Fees	\$ 573,000
Solid Waste Collection/Disposal Fees	\$ 260,000
Dublin Industrial Park	\$ 586,437
Total Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$3,121,491
Expenditures:	
Water Department	\$ 1,355,916
Sewer Department	\$ 344,000
Nondepartmental	\$ 303,490
Capital Outlay	\$ 245,660
Solid Waste Collection/Disposal	\$ 123,662
Dublin Industrial Park	\$ 491,955
Debt Service	\$ 186,808
Enterprise Unrestrictive Reserves	\$ 70,000
Total Enterprise Fund Expenditures	\$3,121,491
Total Budget-Revenue & Expenditures for both Funds	\$5,037,706

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed budget should submit their comments in writing to the Dublin Town Manager prior to the hearing, or, *subject to current health safety regulations*, may appear before the Council at the above-stated time and place.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for review in the Dublin Town Treasurer's Office.

ORDINANCE 2021-2 FOR INCREASE OF CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX RATE

Upon the ___ unanimous vote || ___ affirmative vote of a majority of the incumbent members of the Dublin Town Council as recorded below, after conducting a properly advertised/noticed public hearing at the Council's regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council's chambers at the Dublin Municipal Building, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia, the Council of the Town of Dublin hereby enacts this ordinance to amend, effective July 1, 2021, Dublin Town Ordinance 2020-3 so as to increase the excise tax imposed by the Town on cigarettes ("cigarette tax") from the rate of 1.25¢ per cigarette to 3.34¢ per cigarette (thus the cigarette tax on a usual pack of 20 cigarettes will be 67¢ and on a usual carton of 10 packs of cigarettes, \$6.68). All other provisions of Dublin Town Ordinance 2020-3 are affirmed and remain in effect.

The Town Treasurer shall notify all known or believed cigarette vendors located in the Town as of the cigarette tax rate increase effected by this ordinance, and the effective date of the increase. As provided in Dublin Town Ordinance 2020-3, the Treasurer shall also notify all subsequent applicants for Town business licenses of that ordinance and of the cigarette tax rate increase under this ordinance. However, that any cigarette vendor does not receive such notification shall not relieve him/it of his/its obligations under either ordinance.

Adopted and enacted this May 21, 2021

	In favor	Opposed
Debra Lyons	_____	_____
Wayne Seagle	_____	_____
Edith Hampton	_____	_____
Dallas Cox	_____	_____
Steve Crigger	_____	_____
Debbie Hager	_____	_____

Attest: _____
Benny P. Skeens, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tyler F. Kirkner, Clerk of Council & Town Manager

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABATE AND/OR REMOVE HAZARDOUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 7137 DEPOT ROAD, BELSPRING, VIRGINIA

The County of Pulaski hereby gives notice to the heirs, devisees, or other successors in interest of REGINA DOBBINS, and to any other claimants to any interest in the following real property, that on or subsequent to May 24, 2021, unless sooner fully and properly done so by the current property owner(s), the County will physically abate and/or demolish and remove the structure located at 7137 DEPOT ROAD, Belspring, Virginia, which structure, due to its present condition, poses a danger to the public health and safety.

As authorized by Virginia Code §15.2-906 and an ordinance adopted by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on July 28, 2008, the cost of such demolition and removal shall be assessed to the property owner(s) and a lien will be place on the property for such cost.

Any person(s) claiming ownership of or an interest in this property should immediately contact the Pulaski County Building Official at 540.980.7710.

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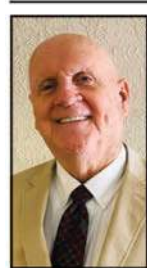
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The Book of the Revelation is a preview of the end times that shows how God will overthrow the wicked empires of the world, put all sin and rebellion under His feet, and set up the everlasting kingdom.

Rev. 1: 1-5. “John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is and which was and which if to come, and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne. And from Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.”

The writer of the book of the Revelation was John the Disciple and Apostle. He had been marooned on the Isle of Patmos when the vision of the Revelation occurred. He was told to write down what he saw and heard and send it to the seven Churches which are in Asia. By name the Churches were located in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.

The word seven used in many places in the bible means fullness, completion, or perfection. Therefore the seven Spirits which were before God’s throne represent the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The message to the Church at Sardis is the Fifth Church mentioned. Rev. 3:1. “And unto the Angel of the Church in Sardis write; these things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.”

John’s prophetic messages came from the mouth of Jesus. Jesus is described as the one who holds in his hand, the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars. The seven stars represent the seven Churches.

In the church at Sardis, we find that the church was living on their past reputation. Claiming to be alive and active but in reality the Church was almost dead. Almost because there were still souls in Sardis who were still actively engaged in serving God in the beauty of Holiness. The good news for the Church at Sardis was that Jesus can restore life to a dead dry church or to a dead dry church member. Jesus came bringing Life in its most desirable forms. New Life in Christ; Abundant Life; and Eternal Life. In Him was the light of life.

There are some Churches that are dead and dry as a poke of shucks. When I come to church service, I want to get involved in the worship service and I want to witness the manifestation of the Holy Spirit during the Service. If the Holy Ghost has been programmed out of a church service, I’d just as soon be sitting in a Dentist chair. When I go to Church I go for three reasons. To worship God in Spirit and in Truth; to hear the word of God being preached or taught under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and to fellowship with others of like precious faith.

When the Holy Ghost is allowed to manifest Himself in a Church service, it is wonderful

Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.
Prayer Service, Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Phone: 980-1028
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

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

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Newbern Christian Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor Mark Asbury
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

Newbern United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

Dublin Baptist Church

Dublin Baptist Church
100 Hawkins StreetDublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Pastor: Dennis Jones
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Adult Bible Study Streamed on Facebook: 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski
(physical address)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski
(mailing address)
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton
Associate Pastor:
Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor
Sunday Services
9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship
9:00AM - Contemporary Worship
10:00AM - Sunday School
11:00AM - Traditional Worship
Contact Info.
Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org
website: www.fumcpulask.org

Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church

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

River of Life Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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

Heritage Church

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

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Fellowship Church

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

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)
2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324
Senior Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Davis
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream •
11:00 a.m.
(or anytime) on YouTube

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

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

Grace Ministries

Church of God of Prophecy

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

Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Jim Linkous
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Children's and Youth's Church Classes: 7 p.m.

Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road
P.O. Box 1330
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Richard R. Goad, Jr.
Senior Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

Max Creek Baptist Church
 3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
 www.maxcreek.org
 www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
 Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
 Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
 Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman
 Sunday Services
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
 Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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

Showers of Blessing Church of God in Christ
 305 Newbern Road, Dublin
 Pastor Elder Stephen Muse
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 Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church
 1607 Randolph Avenue
 Pulaski, VA 24301
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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be allowed into Heaven. Others counsel that perhaps the Hell bound will eventually be annihilated, put out of the misery of having to face the fact that they took the wrong road. “Hell,” some say, “is what Christians have used to scare people into converting to Christ.” But is this really true? Did Jesus use scare tactics? No. Every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God is truth. Jesus spoke the truth because of His deep love for us. If the truth scares us, we know that it is our guilty conscience reacting to Truth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family Worship Center First Pentecostal Holiness
 955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
 540-980-7287
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 Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
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 Pastor Frank Peters
 Sunday School: 9:45
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
 980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries
 3050 Lee Highway
 Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
 (Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
 Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement
 Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7 pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages
 Adult Bible Class
 THRIVE Teen Class
 Children's Bible Class and
 Special Activitiy Classes

New Life Church of the Nazarene
 45 S. Jefferson Avenue
 Pulaski, VA 24301
 540-980-2001
 www.newlifepulaski.com
 email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
 Pastor: Julie Armbrister
 Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
 4008 Robinson Tract Road
 Pulaski, VA 24301
 Telephone: 980-8186
 Pastor Johnny Howlett
 Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor
 Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church
 2640 Max Creek Road
 P.O. Box 326
 Hiwassee, VA 24347
 Pastor: Jason N. Aker
 Phone: 276-699-3176
 pastorjasonaker@gmail.com
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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

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

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
 3826 Bob White Boulevard
 Pulaski, VA.
 Pastor: Allen Harman
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Preaching: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
 325 Randolph Avenue
 Pulaski, Va.
 Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske
 Phone: 980-6565
 fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.



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 and it draws us closer to God.
 Sad to say, the Holy Ghost has been programmed out of some Church services; or He has been quenched and not allowed to manifest Himself; or because of some sin in the Church that has not been dealt with by the Church and it has grieved Him so much that He has left.

We need to have a Holy Ghost Revival when we come to Church. We need the fire of God to be burning in our Churches to the point where we'll be ignited and set on fire for God.

I love to be in a service where the Holy Ghost fire of God is in manifestation. The Holy Ghost quickens. That word quickens means to give life. So if a Church or a Church member is dead and dry as last year's bird nest, what they need is to do is to have the Holy Ghost Fire rekindled and burning in their services.

John the Baptist said, “I baptize you with water but there is one coming after me whose shoes I am not worthy the bear. He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with Fire.

When we are baptized with fire we glow with enthusiasm. We become red hot, burning, fire brands for the Lord. The power of God radiates and emanates from our lives.

When the 120 in the upper room received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they exploded spiritually. They spilled out into the Streets speaking of the wonderful works of God. Peter, filled with the power of the Holy Ghost anointing, preached a sermon and 3,000 souls were saved and added to the Church.

The Holy Ghost fire is needed in every Church for without it, their services will be dead and dry. Just like dead leaves that were once alive have fallen and are good for nothing but to be raked up and taken to the dump.

Sardis had a name that claimed to be alive, but were dead. They had a reputation in the past of being on fire for God, but many in the Church at Sardis had lost their zeal. Certainly no Christian full of the life of Christ wants to go to Church service where there is no Holy Ghost in manifestation and no anointing. There's a big difference in singing and anointed singing. There's a big difference in preaching and anointed preaching.

I always loved the old gospel song that we ought to be singing every chance we get. “O Lord, send the power just now, O Lord send the power just now; O Lord sent the power just now, and baptize everyone.”

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Hosea in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- Emboldened by God's declaration, which Old Testament king went into battle with singers leading the army? Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Jehoshaphat
- From 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? 7, 33, 40, 57
- The prophecy of Obadiah is basically about what nation? Shem, Edom, Tabor, Nebo
- What was Aquila's profession in Corinth? Tentmaker, Harp player, Mapmaker, Servant
- David was what relation to Boaz? Brother, Son, Grandson, Great-grandson

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Jehoshaphat; 3) 40; 4) Edom; 5) Tentmaker; 6) Great-grandson

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I NEED A HOBBY. ALL I EVER DO IS JUST EAT AND SLEEP.

MAYBE I SHOULD LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE OR LEARN TO PLAY PIANO?

AHH, WHO NEEDS ALL THE AGGRAVATION OF TRYING TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW.

BESIDES, I'VE GOT THIS DOWN TO A SCIENCE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SALES ARE DOWN, MORALE IS LOW AND THE SOUND OF CRUNCHING PEANUT SHELLS IS ANNOYING. CAN WE PLEASE ADDRESS THE ELEPHANT ON THE ZOOM?

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

Sim daydreams about more ways science could increase his herd's productivity...

HMM...YEAH... IT COULD PRODUCE MILK, BEEF AND WOOL!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WALK AROUND THE HOUSE IN YOUR UNDERPANTS ALL DAY.

WOULD YOU PREFER IT IF I RAN?

POPEYE

HEY ETSAMAN

I WUZ JES' FILLIN' THA HAMPER...

AN'A BOTTLE OF ICE TEA?

EXCELLENT!

GOOD MORNING, FOLKS! ...HERE I AM, AS PROMISED!

DERE'S FIVE BURGERS...A FUEL CAN FER HEATIN'EM...

IS WIMPY GOIN' ON A PICNIC, POPEYE?

NO...HE VOLUNTEER'D TO WALK CHESTER

HAVE YOU GOT EVERYTHING I'LL NEED?

...ROLLS, ONIONS AN' T MATERS... AN' TATER SALAD AN' COLESLAW

LAFF - A - DAY

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I GOT YOUR EMAIL EXPRESSING HOW MUCH YOU NEED TO RETURN TO WORKING ONSITE...UH WAIT, THIS IS FROM YOUR WIFE.

MARRIAGE COUNSELOR

"That's my story. Now I'll give you his story."

SCRAMBLERS

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

Sediment LEASH

Bloom REFLOW

EXIT TRAPED

Cover DELISH

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fashion
- 6 Cougars
- 11 Copier part
- 12 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
- 14 Sweatshirt variety
- 15 "The Raven" maiden
- 16 Off-roader (Abbr.)
- 17 Burn with steam
- 19 Khan title
- 20 "Moonstruck" star
- 22 - -la-la
- 23 War god
- 24 "Praying" singer
- 26 TV actor Prinze
- 28 Business mag
- 30 Melancholy
- 31 Dagwood's lady
- 35 Chic again
- 39 Lariat
- 40 Neither mate
- 42 Actress de Matteo
- 43 - -de-France
- 44 Red Square figure
- 46 Last (Abbr.)
- 47 Sister of

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- Moses
- Restaurant fan
- Sports venues
- Not as small
- Admin. aides
- Plant firmly
- Columns
- Secondhand
- Chess piece
- On the train
- Composer Prokofiev
- Crude cabin
- Rental contract
- Canine cry
- Bonn's river
- Threw in
- Moreover
- Corn serving
- Movie houses
- Hat edges
- Nabokov novel
- Puccini works
- Very long time
- Plod
- Counted (on)
- Western flick
- Sentry's weapon
- Cannes milk
- Linguist Chomsky
- Check-cashing needs
- Sphere

DOWN

- 1 Mollify
- 2 Caches
- 3 Pay stub abbr.
- 4 Floral rings
- 5 Upright

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top ten

Causes of Death

- 1. Heart disease
- 2. Cancer
- 3. Accidents
- 4. CLRD*
- 5. Stroke
- 6. Alzheimer's disease
- 7. Diabetes
- 8. Influenza/Pneumonia
- 9. Kidney disease
- 10. Suicide

*Chronic lower respiratory disease
Source: CDC

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

WADDLE

Today's Word

3. Depart; 4. Shield

1. Shale 2. Flower; solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals J

GTWY NZLWZYW JWZLWN EIPP

EISKYF DTW GKYDWS, K FIWNN TW

VZIPE JW XWXYIW KY XRYIRSA.

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Trivia test

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is Canada's northernmost territory?
- 2. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a bar named Paddy's Pub?
- 3. SCIENCE: Mycology is the study of what?
- 4. MUSIC: Which city is mentioned in the Eagles' 1972 song "Take It Easy"?
- 5. MEASUREMENTS: Which civilization was the first to divide a day into 24 hours?
- 6. U.S. STATES: How many states border Colorado?
- 7. MOVIES: "Hedwig's Theme" is the music that marks which movie series?
- 8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novella "Breakfast at Tiffany's"?
- 9. LANGUAGE: What does The Magna Carta mean in English?
- 10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for June babies?

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- 1. Nunavut
- 2. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
- 3. Fungi
- 4. Winslow, Arizona
- 5. Ancient Egyptians
- 6. Seven: Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming
- 7. "Harry Potter"
- 8. Truman Capote
- 9. The Great Charter
- 10. Pearl

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms



"The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has."

— Will Rogers

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CryptoQuip

When someone becomes dull during the winter, I guess he answer could be jejune in January.

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IG GASPS, HIS WORST FEAR REALIZED. IT WAS INDEED HIS BELOVED PRUDENCE WHO FELL FROM HER CAPTOR'S GRASP INTO THE TORRENT.





FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE

4-18

HEAVING A RECOVERY MISSION FOR A POWNED ARBORIAN SHIP, FLASH MAKES A QUICK STOP EN ROUTE IN KIRA, THE KINGDOM OF CAVES.

LOOK, FLASH...ZUG'S PEOPLE STILL RECOGNIZE YOU AS THEIR LEADER.*

*FLASH HAD WON THE KINGDOM IN THE TOURNAMENTS OF MONGO.

ZUG, GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

I HAVE NEED OF ONE OF YOUR MEN. A SHIP HAS CRASHED IN THE MOUNTAINS NOT FAR FROM FRIGIA. THE PROWESS OF ONE OF YOUR CAVE MEN ON OUR TEAM WOULD BE INVALUABLE.

THERE IS AMONG US ONE WHO CLIMB HIGHER--WITHOUT WEAKNESS--THAN ALL OTHER.


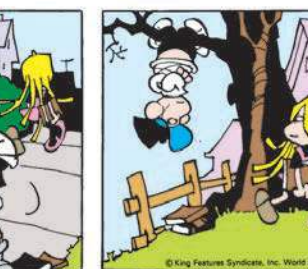
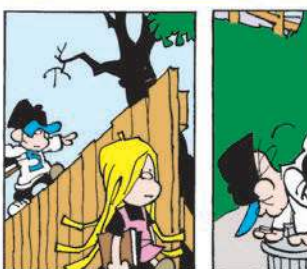
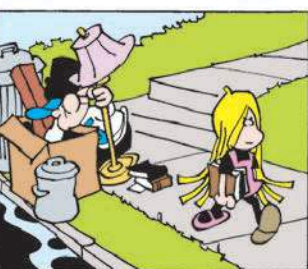

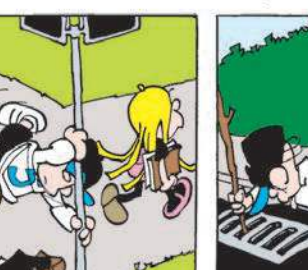
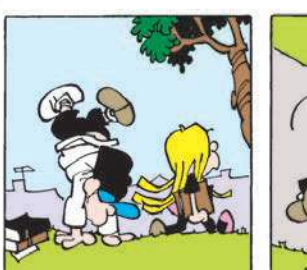

THEN THAT'S THE MAN FOR THE JOB.

TENGSI, COME HERE!

YOU SHALL JOIN FLASH ON MISSION--SERVE HIM. IT WOULD BE MY HONOR, O KING.

TO BE CONT'D~

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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: STORY OF EVA PERÓN

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Camelot	Copenhagen	Hamilton	

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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.

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— DUKTM TFSKII

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— Brian Aldiss
a confused civilization?

answer
CryptoQuote

ONE-WORD MUSICALS



Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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Office Manager



LewisGale partners with Sarah Cannon

LewisGale Regional Health System announced recently it has partnered with Sarah Cannon, the Cancer Institute of HCA Healthcare, to expand its comprehensive cancer services in Southwestern Virginia. The announcement was made during events at cancer centers located on the LewisGale Medical Center and LewisGale Hospital Pulaski campuses, which will now carry the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute name. As part of the partnership, all LewisGale Regional Health System facilities join a collaborative group of Sarah Cannon's cancer programs.

Patients treated for cancer at all LewisGale hospital facilities will have access to even more advanced and evidence-based care — from screenings, diagnostics, and surgery, to radiation, chemotherapy, and novel clinical trials — eliminating the need to travel far from home.

“With our dedicated, skilled team of physician and clinician experts, LewisGale Regional Health System has long enjoyed a reputation of being a regional leader in cancer care,” said Lance Jones, market president of the health system. “The communities we serve know us as a health system where patients have access to the latest treatments and technology that are delivered with a level of compassionate, quality care that is second to none.”

The partnership with Sarah Cannon now provides a comprehensive approach to providing cancer services designed to provide integrated oncology care for patients within all LewisGale facilities. Through clinical excellence and the latest technology, LewisGale has even greater access to global cancer research and care network to treat breast, lung, gastrointestinal, colon, brain, metastatic, and other cancers.

“Today’s announcement marks a major milestone in LewisGale’s commitment to caring for, and improving, the overall health of individuals who live in Southwest Virginia,” said Brian Gross, MD, who serves on the Cancer Governance Team and as chief of surgery. “More than ever, patients are seeking world-class cancer experts and promising new therapies. By partnering with Sarah Cannon, we are combining our exceptional local physician expertise and care with internationally-recognized teams across the Sarah Cannon network to improve patient care.”

LewisGale Regional Health System’s oncology services will become a Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute program, effective immediately. This will include new “Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute” signage on the cancer center facades in Salem and Pulaski, new internal signage at all four hospital facilities where cancer care services are provided, and cobranded logos on cancer-related marketing initiatives and communication.



Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

BATON ROUGE, LA -- The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Sierra Felty of Draper at Radford University

Jessica Castle of Dublin at Radford University

McKinzi Hamilton of Dublin at Radford University

Noah ODell of Dublin at Radford University

Sara O’Dell of Dublin at Radford University

Brian Cales of Pulaski at Radford University

Caitlin Davis of Pulaski at Radford University

Elizabeth Wall of Pulaski at Radford University

They are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization’s notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.



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Fri. April 23rd: Evangelist Terry Simone

Sat. April 24th: Pastor Dedrick Phillips

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.

NOTE: Sun. April 25th: 11 AM SUNDAY MORNING OUTREACH SERVICE AT THE STREETS Pastor Todd Garwood

Fri. April 30th: Sister Barbara Kidd

Sat. May 1st: Sister Ginger Cancino

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Wear what you have and come as you are! Come expecting a Blessing
“Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature” Mark 16:15

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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