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## WEEKEND WEATHER

### Saturday

A chance of showers with a high near 69.  
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### Sunday

A chance of showers before 8am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Chance of precipitation is 30%.  
Sunday Night - Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

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**DELEGATE DISTRICT 7**  
Sat. April 24th Primary

7th District Republicans in Pulaski, Montgomery and Floyd counties will elect a new Delegate this year. Pulaski County Republicans will vote in a "firehouse primary" Saturday, April 24 in the Farris Building at the NRV Fairgrounds from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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## Pulaski Police Chief Roche retiring June 1

From Town of Pulaski

After an accomplished career in law enforcement spanning over 40 years, Police Chief Gary Roche will be retiring from the Pulaski Police Department on June 1st.

Chief Roche first began his law enforcement tenure in 1976, when he was hired as a Police Officer for the Harrisonburg Police Department. After serving there for two years, he then went on to become a Deputy Sheriff of the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office in 1978. Between then and 2001, he held virtually every position within the Roanoke County Police Department, steadily making his way up the ranks with his last position being Commanding Officer of their Special Operations Division. In 2001, he was hired for the position of Police Chief for the Town of Pulaski. Before and during his career, Police Chief Roche also obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice and Public Safety from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice



Pulaski Police Department photo

Pulaski Police Chief Gary Roche

at Radford University.

With over 4 decades of law enforcement experience under his belt, Chief Roche has amassed

a staggering amount of accomplishments and accolades.

Among those achievements are  
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## Over half of county's citizens have received COVID-19 vaccinations

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Over half of Pulaski County's citizens have received COVID-19 vaccinations, according to statistics released Wednesday in the latest New River Valley Public Health Task Force's new status report.

Just over half of Pulaski County's population – estimated at 34,066 as of 2018 – have received vaccinations ... 17,542 to be exact.

In Radford, 7,713 of its 18,339 population have been vaccinated.

Over 35,000 people in the New River Valley – 20.5 percent of the NRV's population – have been fully vaccinated to date.

According to the task force's report, there have been 2,481 total cases of the virus in Pulaski

County and 2,030 in Radford.

Pulaski County has seen 113 people hospitalized and 60 deaths since the outbreak of the virus.

Radford has recorded 37 hospitalizations and 18 deaths.

As of Wednesday's task force update, 5 new cases had been reported in Pulaski County with a seven-day average of new cases standing at 4.

Radford reported 2 cases as of Wednesday with a seven-day average of 3.

According to the task force, here are the top things to know right now about the COVID vaccinations:

1. Pre-register now! Everyone who wants a COVID vaccine should pre-register at vaccine.virginia.gov. Data entered on the state's pre-registration site is being used for scheduling local vac-

cination appointments.

2. Vaccine supply: we anticipate an increase in supply through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program this month. In addition, the New Health District's vaccine clinic is prepared to vaccinate up to 3,000 individuals per day, as vaccine supply allows. Check the CDC's Vaccine Finder for local vaccines. Please keep current appointments. Appointment changes & no shows create additional work & delays.

3. At NRVRoadToWellness.com find:

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According to New River Pub-

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# Roche

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a commendation from the Roanoke Chief of Police for his performance at the F.B.I. National Academy, a first place award in the Virginia Law Enforcement Chief's Challenge in 2001, and earning the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Past President's Award. Outside of major awards, Chief Roche has consistently been involved in professional and volunteer activities. He has held the position of President or Chairman for multiple Police Chiefs Associations, and has participated in several community improvement organizations such as the Pulaski Community Partners Coalition and the Governor's Mental Health Working Group. Chief Roche has also been instrumental in securing continued accreditation with the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission for the Pulaski Police Department.



Police Chief Roche will be greatly missed by all who have worked with him at the Town of Pulaski. During his time here, he has elevated our police department to new heights and brought about a lasting commitment to the improvement of our community and the lives of our residents and visitors. We wish him well in his retirement and salute him for an incredible career.



Photo courtesy Town of Pulaski

## Town of Pulaski Honors Anderson On Retirement

At Tuesday night's meeting of Pulaski Town Council, a resolution was adopted recognizing Captain Alfred Anderson for his 25 years of service as a member of the Pulaski Police Department. The resolution was accepted on his behalf by Police Chief Gary Roche, Lieutenant Jill Neice and Lieutenant Mike Parmelee. Presenting the resolution to Chief Roche is Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins. Anderson retired April 1 after completing a total of 36 years of service as a soldier, deputy sheriff and police officer "in a career dedicated to the protection of his country and his community despite the dangers and hardships involved," the resolution states. Anderson served four years in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer, followed by seven years as a deputy in Giles County prior to coming to Pulaski's PD in 1995. Since joining the police department, Anderson has distinguished himself serving in the Patrol Division as an officer, sergeant and lieutenant; in the Investigations Division as a Detective and Detective Sergeant; in the Narcotics Division; as the Professional Standards Lieutenant and finally as Captain. In the course of his service he received the Distinguished Service Award four times, the Life Saving Award and the Combat Cross.

## COVID

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lic Health District Director Dr. Noelle Bissell, "our cases remain low. We have a good, downward trend since mid-February."

"There is discussion nationally that we could be on the cusp of another surge. Locally, the data does not show this – the number of new cases in the New River Health District has been slowly coming down since this winter," Bissell said.

"We are hopeful that as we continue to vaccinate, and as the weather improves, more activities will move outdoors, which will further reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We continue to encourage the 3 W's: watching distance, wearing masks, washing hands. And avoid the 3 C's: crowded spaces, closed spaces, close contact."



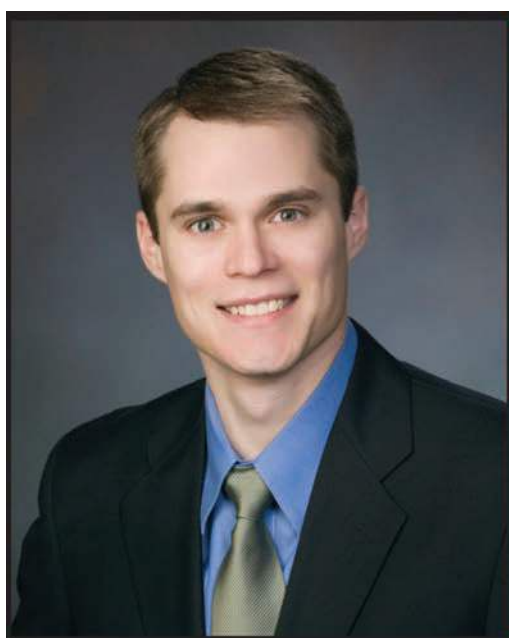
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## Town of Pulaski starts comp plan update process

The Town of Pulaski has started the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan which captures the Town's vision for the future, and guides growth, development, investments, and services to improve quality of life, and increase opportunities for citizens and current/prospective business owners. Also, the Town will be evaluating current issues and practices, adapting to changing regulations, and working in collaboration with the New River Valley Regional Commission to navigate this process.

An essential aspect of the Comprehensive Plan update is community feedback and the Town is hoping to receive comments and suggestions from the pub-

lic throughout the process. To provide an accessible feedback mechanism for the citizenry, the New River Valley Regional Commission has developed a website where community members can track current progress on the Comprehensive Plan, get information of upcoming meetings and events, review draft documents, and make suggestions. Please visit the website at <https://www.engagenrv.org/town-of-pulaski>, provide your feedback, and share it with your friends and family.

Please contact Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, at 540-994-8619 or by email at [bdeal@pulaskitown.org](mailto:bdeal@pulaskitown.org) with questions and/or comments.

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Mike Williams/The Patriot

## Firefighters, County Pay Final Respects To Sheriff Frank Conner

In a patriotic show of respect, firefighters from Pulaski and Dublin use the two departments’ ladder trucks to hold a huge American flag over Memorial Drive in Pulaski on Wednesday. The funeral procession for former Sheriff Frank Conner would moments later proceed from the Pulaski Church of God on Bob White Boulevard, turning right onto Memorial and under the patriotic display. Conner, a veteran as well as former lawman and public servant on the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and other boards, died at his home on April 1. He was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

## Library to offer evening hours

The Pulaski County Library System will be once again offering evening hours to the public, beginning April 19th! We thank everyone for their patience as we have tried to effectively provide library services as well as offer added public health safety measures through the past year.

Many of our new health safety measures remain in place, but we are finally able to open for evening hours again at this point.

Please see current hours listed below. We hope to see more of the community in the libraries once again; remember to wear

your mask!

Hours:

Pulaski Library  
Monday: 9am – 8pm  
Tuesday – Thursday: 9am – 7pm  
Friday: 9am – 5 pm  
Saturday: 9am – 2pm

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**CAROLYN SUE HALL  
SAFEWRIGHT**

Carolyn Sue Hall Safewright, age 73 of Draper, died Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at her residence. She was born on August 23, 1947 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Mary Opal Hicks Hall and Foy Macgill Hall. Carolyn retired from the Pulaski County Clerk of Court's Office, and was a member of the Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to her parent's, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles T. Safewright; brother; Ronnie M. Hall.

She is survived by her son: Brian C. (Errica) Safewright of Madison, AL; daughter; Angela (Daniel) Wright of Fairplay, SC; brother: Richard L. (Robin) Hall of Pulaski; sister; Sharon Sl. Hall of Wytheville. Also survived by two nieces: Amanda Spain of Shawsville and Alison Pollard of Rural Retreat, and a special friend: Mary Mabe.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Ingo officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens. Flowers will be appreciated, but for those who wish, they may make memorial contributions in her memory to Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church 5662 E. Lee Highway Max Meadows, VA 24360.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



**CLAUDE LESSLIE  
MARTIN**

Claude Lesslie Martin, age 94 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, April 1, 2021 at his home surrounded by family. Born February 25, 1927 in West Virginia he was the son of the late Dexter B. Martin and Callie M. Rogers Martin. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Vivian Green, grandsons, Tim Martin, Danny Martin, Jr. "Little Danny" and seven sisters. After retiring from Xaloy with 20 years of service, he went back to what his heart desired, logging, cutting timber and farming. He loved the outdoors, but more importantly the love of his life for 77 years, his wife Alma.

He is survived by his Wife of 77 years - Alma Ilene Martin - Pulaski Children Betty Steele - Dublin Norma (Charles) Martin - Radford Gordon (Barbara) Martin - Bland

Bonnie Gravley - Pulaski Carol (Sophia) Martin - Draper Rickey Martin - Pulaski Danny (Becky) Martin - Hiwassee 15 Grandchildren 18 Great Grandchildren

Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Don Jones officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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



**LILLIAN PAULINE  
HOPKINS O'DELL (POLLY)**

Lillian Pauline Hopkins O'Dell (Polly) was 78 when she heard those sweet and comforting words "Come on, My Child. We're going home" on March 30, 2021 at her earthly home in Hiwassee, Virginia where she lived for 40 years.

Born in Smith County, Virginia on February 25, 1943 to Elsie Lee (Prater) Hopkins and Jack B. Hopkins, SR. Polly moved with her family to Rockville, Maryland in her teen years with her three sisters, Georgia, Daisy and Kay and three brothers, Jack Jr., Tom and Jimmy.

Polly worked for Wades and Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center for many years in the kitchen.

Polly is survived by her husband of 61 years, Leonard M. O'Dell, SR. (Sonny), daughter - Theresa O'Dell, son - Rusty & Tania O'Dell.

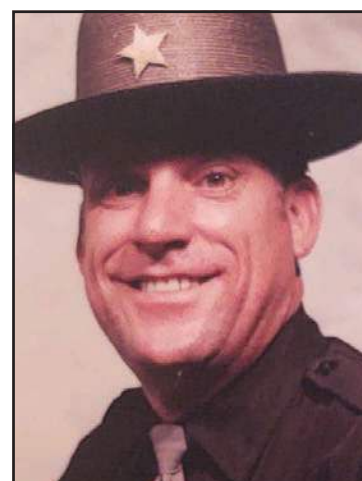
Nanny gave so much to our family, she loved us with Agape Love. Nann's legacy will be passed on to three grandchildren - Misty & Hector Hernandez, Cody & Brittany O'Dell and Ashley & Todd Amann. It will also be passed to her amazing great grandchildren - Nicholas and Joseph Hernandez and Noah Amann.

Polly was a beautiful soul. Her memory will live on in all of our hearts forever. Those biscuits and gravy will be missed. Per her request, there will be no services. Psalm 23:1-6

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**FRANK ROOSEVELT  
CONNER**

Frank Roosevelt Conner, age 86 of Dublin, died peacefully Thursday, April 1, 2021, surrounded by his family at his residence. He was born in Giles County on February 1, 1935 and was the son of the late Ersha Burton Conner and Henry H. Conner.

Frank began his law enforcement career in 1959 working for the Department of Corrections at Camp 1. He next joined the Sheriff's office in 1962. He would become Sheriff in 1978 and hold that position until he retired in 1991. After retiring, he became the first Cougar Assistant Security Officer for Pulaski County High School. He also served on the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors for the Massie District for 16 years. During his time on the Board of Supervisors he served on several committees/boards including New River Valley Resource Authority, New River Valley Regional Jail Authority and Pepper's Ferry Wastewater Treatment Authority to name a few. Frank was a 53-year Mason and member of Henry Clay Lodge #280 A.F.&A.M. in Dublin. He served as Worshipful Master of Virginia May Lodge #38 in Radford, and was a dedicated member of the Kazim Shrine.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter: Drema Conner; brothers; Clifford Conner, Woody Conner, William "Tommy" Conner; sister; Bonnie.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Glorina Fisher Conner of Dublin; sons; Frank R. (Joann) Conner, Jr. of West Chester, PA, and Michael (Ann) Conner of Newbern; daughter; Myra Gay Rasnake of Dublin; brothers; James R. "Buddy" Conner of Richcreek, Sidney Allen (Rosemary) "Doodle" Conner of Carroll County, and Arvin H. Conner; sisters; Donnia, Patsy, and Iva; grandchildren; Alicia Conner, Christopher (Nikki) Conner, Lydia (Nicky) Conner, and Amanda (Clay) Crumpler; great-grandchildren; Kaydence, Camden, Kashden, Bryson, Briella, Brystal, Morgan, and Henry.

Funeral services were held at Pulaski Church of God on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at the Pulaski Church of God with Derek Hinkley officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery with full

military honors, and a Masonic Graveside Committal Service officiated by Henry Clay Lodge will follow. Honorary pallbearers will be Pete Huber, Gray Barnes, Mike Worrell, Jim Davis, Dennis Ritter, Rodney Scott, Joe Levine and Mark Armentrout. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to the Shriners Hospital for Children at [donate.lovetorehrescue.org](http://donate.lovetorehrescue.org) or 2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, Florida 33607. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

**JERRY DUANE "TONY"  
HORTON**

Jerry Duane "Tony" Horton, age 65 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, April 4, 2021 at his home. Born March 14, 1956 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Richard Pierce Horton, Sr. and Bonnie Davis Horton. His brothers, Robert Larry Horton, Richard Pierce Horton, Jr., James Edward Horton, Steven Foster Horton and sisters, Virginia Faye Akers and Janet Elizabeth Sigman also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Stepchildren Kay, Michelle and Jimmy Number of Step- Grandchildren

Brother David Lee (Melissa) Horton - KY

Sisters Linda Horton Blevins - Pulaski

Deborah Horton (Charlie) Holbrook - Roanoke

Several Nieces and Nephews

Per Jerry's wishes there will be no services. To sign his online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**ETHEL HUNTER TURNER**

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

The Turner family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

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## HAZEL NAOMI BRUNK VAUGHN

Hazel Naomi Brunk Vaughn, 84, of Little Creek went to be with the Lord Monday, April 5, 2021 at her home in the presence of her family. She was born in Bland Co. on April 28, 1936 and was the daughter of the late Huston N. Brunk and Genoa Davis Brunk. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Luther V. Vaughn; a daughter, Glenda V. Lindsey; by four brothers and six sisters.

Surviving are:  
Son & Daughter-In-Law – Rickie & Debora Vaughn  
Daughters – Debra Vaughn  
Alice V. Gallimore  
Foster Son – Joseph and April Brunk  
Grandchildren – Anthony Wright  
Rick Vaughn  
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Gary Lee and Amy Gallimore  
Cary and Matt Smith  
Amber and Sam Hall  
Emily and Travis Woody  
11 Great-Grandchildren  
Sister – Betty Wolfe of Bland County  
Many Nieces and Nephews

Hazel’s family would like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice and Dr. Matt Skewes for their care and support.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 8th from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Linda Hale officiating. Interment followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski.

## GLENDA JEAN POWERS HYLTON

Glenda Jean Powers Hylton, age 73 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021 at the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born June 26, 1947 in Marion, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Howard “Hop” Leonard and Peggy Pierce Leonard. Her husband, James Franklin Hylton and grandson, Trevor Hylton also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her  
Children  
James “Jimmy” (Melissa) Hylton – Pulaski  
Lisa Hylton – Pulaski  
Jeffrey Hylton – Pulaski  
7 Grandchildren  
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Debra Mathena – Pulaski  
Teresa Leonard – Pulaski  
Ralph (Loretta) Powers – Dublin  
Kim Leonard – Pulaski  
Linda Woodrum – Pulaski

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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

**TOMMIE JEAN SIMPKINS**  
Tommie Jean Simpkins, 92, of Pulaski, VA left this world Wednesday March 31, 2021. She was born in Pound, VA on May 6, 1928 and was the daughter of the late Barney and Ida Stapleton. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Archie J. Simpkins; and a son and daughter-in-law, William (Dan) and Sue Ellen Simpkins, Bristol, TN.

Surviving are:  
Sons & Daughters-In-Law – David & Trish Simpkins, Amesville, VA  
Allen & Judy Simpkins, Pulaski, VA  
Grandchildren – Holly Guenther, Vashon, WA  
Cara Simpkins, Bethesda, Md  
Julie Simpkins, Piney Flats, TN  
John Simpkins, Powell, TN  
Ian Simpkins, Carbon Dale, IL  
Ben Simpkins, Pulaski, VA  
Pat Calhoon, Pulaski, VA  
Izza Bella Lefler, Wytheville VA

Great-Grandchildren – Briar and Willow Guenther, Vashon, WA

Many, many friends.  
Tommie was employed with Peoples Drug Store for 30 plus years. Also, along with her husband, they owned and operated Mountain Peddler Book Store. She was a familiar character at local flea markets until her health forced her to stop. She will be missed and leaves a large gap in many peoples lives. Thank you, mom, for the wonderful childhood and for all of your help, advice and patience as an adult. Love you forever. Rest in peace in God’s arms.

Graveside services were held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA. A memorial service will be held in May. In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations be made to your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

## DAILEY HENDERSON SMITH

Dailey Henderson Smith, age 80 of Dublin, died Monday morning, March 29, 2021 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. Dailey was an auto mechanic, and worked in various locations in Pulaski County, and was a graduate of Vo Tech, now New River Community College. Dailey was born on August 10, 1940 in Pulaski County, and was the son of the late Thelma Lee Dailey Smith and Robert Henderson Smith. He was a graduate of the 1959 class at Dublin High School, and was a member of the Mt. View United Methodist Church. He loved NASCAR and followed and enjoyed local sports.

He is survived by a cousin: JoAnn Lowman Childress of Roanoke, and her son Joe Childress also of Roanoke: cousin, Bill Wallace of Brevard, NC: Ashley Borders of Richmond: special friend, Sheri Barnett of Pulaski County.

Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family would like extend their appreciation for their excellent nursing care to the nursing staff and doctor at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in the

critical care unit. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



## CLARENCE RAY CHRISLEY

Clarence Ray Chrisley, age 85 of Hiwassee passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at his home. Born June 30, 1935 in Hiwassee he was the son of the late James Harold Chrisley and Viola Blanch Collins Chrisley. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Edna Christine Covey Chrisley, great grandson, Baby Steven, sister, Ola Lawson and brother, Billy Chrisley. Clarence worked for VDOT for over 35 years. He and his wife were flea marketeers for many years, throughout the area. He was a member of the Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church in Allisonia, Virginia.

He is survived by his  
Children  
Cathy & Marlon Staples - Hillsville  
Drema & MSgt Raul Dominguez – Max Meadows

Joyce & Steve Holcomb – Hiwassee  
CJ & Melinda Chrisley – Hiwassee  
10 Grandchildren  
9 Great Grandchildren  
1 Great Great Grandson  
Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Robin Syke officiating. Interment will follow at the Covey Family Cemetery (Hiwassee).

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Sunday at the Funeral Home. To sign Clarence’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

## EVELYN ELAINE (FARMER) SIMPSON

Evelyn Elaine (Farmer) Simpson, 83, of Radford passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2021. She was born on December 3, 1937 to the late Oak and Mary Farmer. She was also preceded in death by her son, Rocky Giles.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Rita Vicars and Renee Roop and special daughter-in-law, Sara Giles; grandchildren, Josh Roop, C.J. Roop, Jubal Giles and special granddaughter Tosha Mosier (Jermere Mosier). Her great grandchildren include Elijah Simpson, Mekih Martin, Zendaya Mosier, Harmony Roop, Rhythm Roop, and Liam Wheeler. Evelyn also leaves behind her special friend, Wanda Smith and Melissa Webb as well as many other special friends and family members.

She loved so much her special dog and cat, Fritz and Bubba.

The family wishes to thank the CCU staff at Carilion New River

Valley Hospital. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or the ASPCA.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:00pm at Horne Funeral Home with a memorial service to follow at 5:00pm in the Horne Funeral Home Chapel.

# PULSE

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

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# The Perseverance of Faith


In our country, we are very fortunate to recognize each individual's ability to practice his or her religion, or not practice a religion, as they see fit.

The current time of year is a period of the utmost importance for many people of faith. Two of the world's great religions observe holidays which are central to their meaning: Easter in Christianity and Passover in Judaism.

As they did last year, these holidays take place in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic that has claimed too many lives. The coronavirus had also disrupted many of the activities of daily life, including religious observances for people of faith. But the dangers of the pandemic, like many other dangers, cannot stifle belief.

The practice of religious belief has overcome worse. Even if we gather with precautions to inhibit the spread of the virus or use tools such as Zoom to meet virtually, we can still connect with fellow believers and express our faith openly. We are still fortunate to live in a country where, as George Washington wrote to the Jewish congregation of Newport in 1790, "All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship."

That has not always been the case anytime or anywhere. One does not have to look far away or far back to find different circumstances, in which practicing faith openly could be dangerous.



**Morgan Griffith**  
9th District Representative

I recently read Graham Greene's classic novel *The Power and the Glory*. Although fictional, it is set in a real time and place, 1930s Mexico. At the time, the socialist government running the province of Tabasco was persecuting the Catholic Church – in a country along our borders within living memory.

But Greene's novel portrays not only persecution of a faith but its power. The protagonist is an unnamed priest fleeing for his life from the authorities. A flawed man and well aware of it, the priest feels guilt and fear but nevertheless performs his duties and attends to the spiritual needs of others. *The Power and the Glory* shows how faith can transcend limitations, whether our very own or those imposed by a government.

I have told in this column on Easter before a story about the Soviet Communist leader Nikolai Bukharin. As the story goes, in 1930 he traveled to Kiev to speak before a large crowd and vigorously denounced religion. After he finished, he asked if the audience had questions.

In response, a man came to the speaker's platform and shouted to the crowd in the customary Orthodox way, "Christ is risen!" The crowd answered back, "He is risen indeed!"

The story about Bukharin in Kiev has been told many times, but it may be a legend; no reporting at the time confirms it, although the Communist rulers of the Soviet Union no doubt would not want such a story to be repeated. But decades after the episode with Bukharin reputedly took place, the whole world could see in a Community-ruled country a similar widespread affirmation of faith and rejection of state-imposed atheism.

In 1979, John Paul II had just become the new pope. Formerly Karol Wojtyla of Poland, he made a return visit to his homeland in June. Poland at the time was ruled by Communists aligned with the Soviet Union, and the regime imposed restrictions on worship in accord with its atheistic doctrines.

When he returned, hundreds of thousands of Poles turned out to see him. They were proud of a native son, but they turned out for more than that. As he preached to the crowd, they chanted, "We want God!"

Their faith could not be suppressed by Communist tyranny, and in the end, their faith outlasted Communist tyranny.

These stories show how faith can persevere even amid the harshest circumstances. So, too, do the holidays being observed at this time of year. Passover came out of a time when the Jewish people were in bondage in Egypt, and Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his trial and crucifixion, overcoming death itself.

For those celebrating like my family and myself, I wish you a happy Easter. For all others, I wish you peace.

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](http://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.

# Vaccinated? COVID Advice Clear as Mud

If you're confused about COVID vaccine and when our lives are going to change for the better, you're not alone.

We're considered to be fully vaccinated once two weeks have passed after the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after the one-dose Johnson & Johnson.

What's new is this, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: If fully vaccinated, you can be indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask. You can meet indoors with unvaccinated people in one household unless one of those people has a health risk. If you've been around someone who has COVID, you don't have to stay away from people or get tested unless you have symptoms ... or live in a group setting. In that case, stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

Clear as mud, right?

It gets worse. According to the CDC, as fabulous as this new vaccine is, even if fully vaccinated, we still need to wear masks in public. We still need to social distance. We still need to avoid medium and large crowds. We still need to stay out of poorly ventilated spaces. We should delay travel.

So what's the holdup? Why are we still under restrictions after getting the vaccine? The best I can figure out is that the answer lies with the COVID variants, the different versions created as the virus mutates. It appears that not all of the vaccines work equally well on all of the variants. Frankly, some of the vaccines work rather poorly, depending on which variant it encounters.

Until scientists figure this out, we still need to be cautious: wear masks, stay away from people, stay out of crowds. Except for getting the vaccine, not much has changed.

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# The Lie Of Georgia Voter Suppression

President Joe Biden is so committed to bipartisan cooperation and fact-based governance that he's launched an ignorant and incendiary attack on the new Georgia voting law.

Biden says the new law is "Jim Crow in the 21st century" and "an un-American law to deny people the right to vote."

It's now practically mandatory for Democrats to launch such unhinged broadsides. Elizabeth Warren, accusing Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp of having stolen his 2018 election victory over Democratic activist Stacey Abrams (a poisonous myth), tweeted, "The Republican who is sitting in Stacey Abrams' chair just signed a despicable voter suppression bill into law to take Georgia back to Jim Crow."

Anyone making this charge in good faith either doesn't understand the hideousness of Jim Crow or the provisions of the Georgia law.

The old Jim Crow was billy clubs and fire hoses; the alleged new Jim Crow is asking people to write a driver's license number on their absentee ballot envelopes.

The old Jim Crow was poll taxes; the new Jim Crow is expanding weekend voting.

The old Jim Crow was disenfranchising voters en masse based on their race; the new Jim Crow is limiting ballot drop boxes to places they can't be tampered with.

It's hard to believe that one real voter is going to be kept from voting by the new rules.

To better ensure the security, the law requires that voters provide a driver's license or state ID number to apply for a ballot and one of those numbers (or the last four digits of a Social Security number) when returning the ballot.

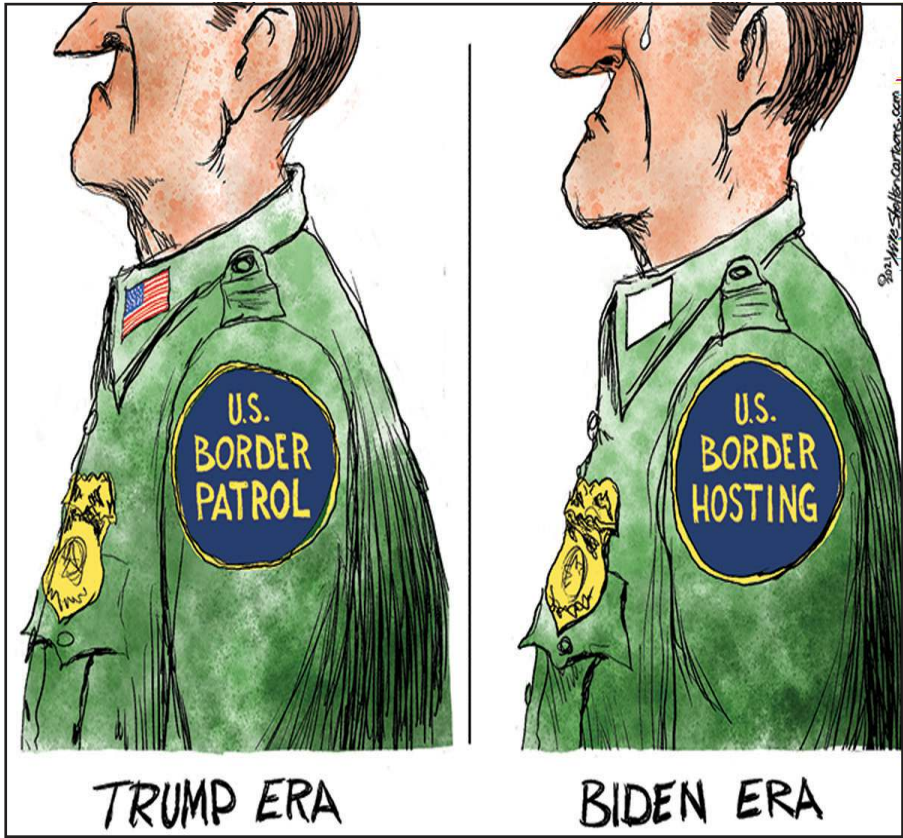
The law narrows the window for requesting absentee ballots, although still allows plenty of time. A voter can request a ballot as early as 11 weeks prior to an election or as late as 11 days prior (any later risks the completed ballot not getting delivered in time).

Ballot drop boxes were a pandemic-era innovation in Georgia. The law keeps them, while limiting their location to early voting sites.

After getting backlash over proposed limits on weekend early voting when Black churches run their "Souls to the Polls" events, Georgia lawmakers expanded the potential for weekend voting.

The law gives the State Election Board more authority to take over local election operations, but there's no doubt that election officials in Fulton County, where metro Atlanta is located and long lines at the polls are common, have been incompetent.

Perhaps most controversially, it bans people from distributing food or drink to voters standing in line, an effort to keep partisans from trying to sway voters near polling places. But poll workers can provide food and drink for general use.



# I'm a capitalist, Mr. President, but you're not

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

Back in the day when "Saturday Night Live" was funny, Chevy Chase would open the "Weekend Update" segment by saying, "I'm Chevy Chase ... and you're not."

That line came to mind over President Biden's massive tax-and-spend proposals, which are unlike anything since FDR, after whom Biden appears to be modeling himself. The president thinks he's a capitalist ... but he's not.

In a very short time, we have regressed from Ronald Reagan's "government is not the solution to our problem, government IS our problem" and Bill Clinton's declaration that "the era of big government is over" to Biden's belief that the era of big government is just beginning.

Let's define two terms. First, capitalism: "an economic system in which investment in and ownership of the means of production, distribution, and exchange of wealth is made and maintained chiefly by private individuals or corporations, especially as contrasted to cooperatively or state-owned means of wealth."

Now, socialism: "a theory or system of social organization that advocates the ownership and control of the means of production and distribution, capital, land, etc., by the community as a whole, usually through a centralized government."

The definition of what fits the Biden tax and spending blowout is the latter. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is ratcheting up the notion that only government is the answer to every problem by proposing a global minimum tax. Axios reports what it concludes is the rationale behind her thinking: "Convincing other countries to impose a global minimum tax would reduce the likelihood of companies relocating offshore, as Biden seeks to increase the corporate rate from 21 percent to 28 percent."

That's got it backward, but it typifies the thinking of those whose faith is in ever growing, more expensive and intrusive government.

Former President Trump's reduction in corporate tax rates persuaded some businesses to move back to the U.S. from overseas. They had exited because of higher taxes.

Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody Analytics, reacted to the Biden administration's tax-and-spend proposals when he told *The Hill*: "It takes a whole different perspective on government. ... Ever since Ronald Reagan it's been about government dysfunction, we need smaller government, less government. ... This is the complete opposite. It's saying government and only government can solve the problems we have because they're so large and beyond any one of us. Infrastructure is a collective problem."

The obvious question then becomes, if big government can solve our problems, why hasn't it solved them by now?

In a 2018 article, *Investor's Business Daily* quoted the Bureau of Economic Analysis: "... some \$305.6 billion returned to the U.S. from overseas accounts (after President Trump cut corporate tax rates). That's a \$1.2 trillion annual rate, and far more than the \$35 billion one year before."

How is returning to the bad old days of higher taxes going to convince those companies that returned home to stay home? No reporter has asked that question and no one in the Biden administration has voluntarily offered an explanation.

Speaking of Chevy Chase, the comedian once said: "Socialism works ... [and] Cuba might prove that. I think it's conclusive that there have been areas where socialism has helped to keep people at least stabilized at a certain level."

Yes, and that level is mutually shared mediocrity and, in some cases, mutually shared poverty. Capitalism raises boats for those who play by its rules, accompanied by shared moral values, while socialism, especially when paired with communism, sinks too many boats and hopes.

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





# Members of Board of Supervisors endorse Ballard for delegate

PEARISBURG, Virginia – On Monday, April 5th, The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors including Joe Guthrie (Chair and Cloyd District Supervisor), Laura Walters (Ingles District), and Dirk Compton (Draper District) are proud to endorse Jason Ballard for the 12th Delegate District to replace Chris Hurst in November. They have provided the following statements for release:

“We as Pulaski County elected Republicans know that Jason Ballard will represent Southwest Virginia’s values and needs in Richmond. Something Chris Hurst has failed to do.”

“We definitely need a change in that Delegate District, and Jason Ballard is the person who will go to Richmond and stand up for Southwest Virginia. We need to replace Chris Hurst,” said Dirk Compton.

“I’m very impressed with Jason Ballard and his qualifications,” said Laura Walters. “He is very capable of giving us the voice we need in the House of Delegates and will get things done for Southwest Virginia. Unlike Chris Hurst, Jason is from the 12th District. He was born and raised in Giles County.”

“Jason Ballard is a man of great ability and integrity who I will look forward to working with as Delegate for the 12th District,” said Joe Guthrie. “The 12 District includes two of the three precincts I represent on the Board of Supervisors. So, if you vote at either Riverlawn Elementary School or at Belspring Methodist Church, you’re part of the 12th Delegate District. Please vote this November for Jason Ballard for Delegate.”

Jason is a trial lawyer with the law firm of Headley Ballard LLC and is licensed to practice law in



Jason Ballard

Virginia and West Virginia. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army JAG Corps. Jason resides in Pearisburg, Virginia, with his wife, Catherine, and they have four children, Sydney, William, James, and John Thomas. Jason is a member of the Pearisburg First United Methodist Church and serves on the Pearisburg Town Council. He also volunteers his time to serve as a coach and on multiple community committees.

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If you are a member of a church group, civic group, neighborhood or an individual who wants to add a cleanup activity to your resume, FOPC will provide bags, grabbers, gloves, safety vests, etc. at one of our approved locations. Other suggested locations will be considered if they are directly adjacent to a stream in Pulaski County. We will con-

duct a safety briefing, provide the supplies, and arrange for the collected trash to be picked up.

Save the date for our 2021 Annual Spring Peak Creek Clean Up scheduled for Saturday, April 24 at 10 AM. Participants should meet at 41 First Street NE (parking lot behind the Senior Center) for a safety briefing and assignments. Grabbers, bags, safety vests, gloves, masks, water and snacks will be provided. Pandemic protocol will be followed.

Contact us at info@friendsof-peakcreek.org for more info.

## Obstacles and Answers

Dear Dave,  
In your mind, what are some of the biggest mental and emotional obstacles preventing people from addressing their financial problems?

Roger

Dear Roger,  
This is a great question! There are always circumstances beyond our control that can put us in a bad place, financially or otherwise, for a season. But to change your situation when it comes to money, you have to be willing to step back and honestly look at the overall picture of what has and hasn’t been working—and why. You need to be willing to admit you might have been wrong about a few things, and be open to learning and trying new ways.

Myths about money and debt are definitely near the top of the list of things messing people up when it comes to their finances. I’ve heard it said if you tell a lie often enough and loudly enough, that lie will become accepted as a fact. Repetition, volume, and longevity will twist and turn a myth, or a lie, into



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a commonly accepted way of doing things. Debt is so ingrained into our culture, and has been marketed to us so aggressively, that most Americans can’t envision a car without a payment, a house without a mortgage, or a college student without a loan. We’ve also bought into the myth that we can get rich quick. We’re living in a microwave society, but living right financially is a

crook pot concept. It takes time.

Some people are afraid of change. Change can be painful, and many simply won’t change until the pain of where they are exceeds the pain of change. When it comes to money, where you are right now is a sum total of decisions you’ve made to this point. If you don’t like where you are, you have to admit changes need to be made in order for you to achieve your dreams.

Finally, a lot of folks simply haven’t been taught the proper way to manage money. Ignorance is not lack of intelligence, it’s a lack of know how. There’s a big difference between the two. Admit, even if it’s just to yourself, that you are not a financial expert.

Read about money, talk to people who have been successful with their finances, and begin a life-long quest to learn as much as you can about money and how to manage it wisely. What you don’t know about money will make you broke, and keep you broke!

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## Lowery

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The deeper point is that in the contemporary United States, with such wide and ready access to the ballot, changes around the edges don’t disenfranchise people.

Georgia considered limiting no-excuse absentee voting to voters 65 and over. Even this wouldn’t have dissuaded anyone from voting. A study published by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research found that turnout increased in 2020 just as much in states without no-excuse absentee voting as in states with it.

Strict voter ID laws have long been denounced as voter suppression. It’s not true. According to a 2019 working paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research, “strict ID laws have no significant negative effect on registration or turnout, overall or

for any subgroup.”

And Democrats issued dire warnings about the effects of the Supreme Court in 2013 ending so-called preclearance that required federal approval of changes in the rules in certain jurisdictions.

This, too, was wrong. A paper by a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Oregon concludes, “The removal of preclearance requirements did not significantly reduce the relative turnout of eligible Black voters.”

None of the facts, though, can possibly overcome the attachment that Biden and other Democrats have to their emotionally resonant and politically powerful Jim Crow smear.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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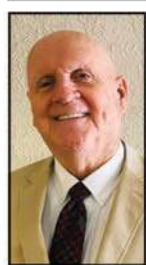
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## Awake, Thou That sleepest

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We are living in the last days. Tribulation such as the world has never known is coming upon the inhabitants of the earth. It's almost time for the Lord to come. It's no time for the members of the Church to be sleeping at the switch.

Jesus is coming for His bride, just any day now, to provide an escape for the faithful from the horrors of the tribulation period. We need to have our lamps trimmed and burning brightly, so that when the call is made for us to "come up hither" we'll rise to meet our blessed Lord in the air.

In the parable of the ten virgins, there were five wise and five foolish virgins who were awaiting the coming of the wedding party. The five wise virgins were vigilant, prepared and had brought extra oil with them, so they would have a sufficient supply to replenish their lamps, should the bridegroom delay His coming. And when the call was made, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh," the five wise virgins trimmed their lamps, and went out to meet the Bridegroom, and joined the wedding party.

The five foolish virgins weren't prepared. They brought no extra oil with them and when their lamps went out, they had no light. Because they were unprepared, they were unable to find their way to greet the wedding party and were left behind.

To be left behind when Jesus comes would be the most horrifying thing that anyone could ever experience. We can miss a train or a bus and there will most likely be another one that will come by. But once the Rapture of the Saints takes place, there'll not be another opportunity to go out and meet Christ and be caught away with Him up into Heaven.

While the virgins were waiting for the Bridegroom to come, they all slumbered and slept. One preacher said, the wise slept a peaceful sleep, knowing that when the Bridegroom came, they would hear the call, arise, relight their lamps, and go out to meet the Lord. The five foolish slept the sleep of negligence and weren't prepared, and therefore, not ready to go.

No one knows when Jesus will return, so we have to have our spiritual lamps lit, and an ample supply of the oil of the Holy Spirit to keep our lamps lit, should He delay His coming. If our spiritual reservoirs are empty, because the Spirit of God has been quenched in our lives or grieved by the harboring of sin in our hearts, our feet won't leave the ground come Rapture time.

The only difference between the wise and the foolish virgins was, five were ready to meet the Lord and five were not. The main point of this parable is that we must be ready to meet Jesus when He comes. We won't have time to get ready when He comes. His coming will be sudden. If we're not ready to meet Him, we will be left behind.

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Church of our choice. But the most important thing we are to do is to be watching and waiting, with anxious anticipation and eager expectation, for the coming of the Lord. We must be born again of the Spirit, and we must keep that experience alive and well, and be ready, should the Lord come or call.

If we're just playing Church, we'll be left behind. We can't be living borderline lives with one foot in the world and one foot in the Church and expect to go with Jesus when He comes.

He's not coming for halfhearted Christians. He's coming for whole-hearted Christians. He's not coming for those with their hands in the cookie jars of the world. He's coming for those who are without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing. He's coming for His bride, His love, His heart. He's coming for those who love His appearing.

"Awake thou that sleepest." We must make sure that we have our priorities in order and our sins under the blood of Jesus. This scripture speaks volumes to those who have fallen into spiritual apathy. It is a call for them "wake up." To gird up the loins of their minds. To live their lives exercising self-control, so as not to be overcome by the temptations of the world.

One of these days, the Rapture of the Saints is going to become a reality! We're going to defy gravity as we rise to meet the Lord in the air. We'll join our departed loved ones who have died in Christ, who shall rise first. And then we which are alive and remain, will be caught up together with them to meet Jesus in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Thes. 4:16, 17)

"See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise." To walk circumspectly is to walk carefully. We must be careful about how we live our lives and live them for the Lord. We must be careful about the paths that we trod. Those who are wise, live for God. Those who are foolish, don't. Those who are wise know that if they want to see Jesus when He returns, they must be living their lives in the beauty of holiness, and not just any old way. Just any old way is not going to be good enough to make it in the Rapture.

Redeeming the time because the days are evil. We don't have much time left to get our loved ones saved so we need to make the most of the time we have left.



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# Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Nehemiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives and princesses, along with 300 concubines of King Solomon? 3, 50, 100, 700
- When he had a vision, who said "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean"? Adam, Reuben, Samson, Peter
- From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? Apollos, John the Baptist, Jehu, Stephen
- When he met King Abimelech, Abraham pretended that Sarah was his ...?  
Mother, Neighbor, Sister, Daughter
- Besides Jonah, what other prophet ministered in Nineveh? Nathan, Paul, Nahum, Philip

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 700; 3) Peter; 4) Stephen; 5) Sister; 6) Nahum

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

# Grief comes with many losses

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

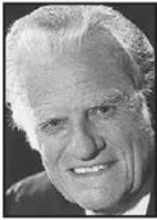
Q: My friends are forsaking me as I mourn the death of my husband, saying it's time to move on. This seems harsh. - M.D.

A: Grief comes with many losses. Whatever its cause, grief will come to all of us. We need only to open our hearts to notice those with grieving hearts - for there are many others grieving as well. Grief which is not dealt with properly can cause us to lose our perspective on life.

After a personal loss, people

think that nothing looks the same. Food loses its flavor, music seems hollow, and nothing satisfies. Tears come at strange times. Often someone in deep grief resents those who want to pick up the pieces and help them move on. In these times, friends seem callous and thoughtless.

Grief is nothing to be ashamed of, but we must not stay in our grief. Groping through grief is an emotional, physical, and spiritual effort. Faith in Jesus Christ - the God of all comfort - gives us the power to pass through grief. Grief turns us inward, but compassion



## My Answer

Billy Graham

turns us outward, and that's what we need when grief threatens to crush us. The Bible tells us to carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2). Look for others to console.

Jesus was no stranger to grief. The Old Testament foreshadowed

Him as a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53:3-4). This is why He came to live among mankind; to relate to us in our suffering and sorrow, bringing joy again to our souls. Without the sustaining hand of God, it's hard to understand anyone overcoming grief. But Jesus conquered everything that leads to sorrow unto death, and He enables us to do the same. We are told to give Him all of our cares and concerns. The prophet Micah wrote: "Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light" (Micah 7:8, NIV).



# Kitts seeks Dem nod for 7th District House seat

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Derick Kitts wants voters participating in the Democratic Party's primary on June 8 to know that he's no "cookie-cutter" Democrat.

Kitts is one of two Democrats so far who will have their name on the ballot when the party's primary is held to choose a nominee to seek the 7th House District seat in Richmond.

Del. Nick Rush announced in early March that he is not seeking another term. His announcement has prompted three Republicans and two Democrats to throw their hats in the ring as possible successors to the popular Republican.

Kitts is no stranger to Southwest Virginia politics. Back in 2016, the Christiansburg resident — then fresh out of the Army — tried his hand at running for Congress challenging incumbent Morgan Griffith.

As Griffith's other challengers through the years have found, things didn't go well for Kitts who was able to capture only about 28 percent of the vote.

But that didn't quell his desire to serve, so he's making another bid — this time in the Virginia House of Delegates.

"It's all about service," Kitts said when asked why he is running. "You feel like you can do more to help people. My grandfather was a retired firefighter. My father was in the Army. My oldest daughter is in the Army, and my youngest daughter is getting ready to commission in the Army," said Kitts who served for 24 years in Army himself.

"Being a Southwest Virginia boy, I just want to give back to my community."

Kitts said one of the things the district needs that he can provide is a strong voice.

"One of the things we need is a strong voice. You know I have a strong voice and I just want to use it for good. I just want to use it to help people."

In an interview this week, Kitts discussed several issues, including education.

"If you don't have a seat at the table you don't get to have a voice. Power is migrating north. Right now, the chances of the Republicans taking back the majority in both houses and the three State houses are slim. So, what do we do? How do we get our voice in there?"

"You don't want to be a cookie-cutter Democrat, then everyone paints you with one brush. Give me the chance. I want to re-do education. We want equality, not equity. We want equality. We want to be on the same level as Northern Virginia. I don't think our kids deserve to be second-class citizens."

"We need to re-figure education funding."

"We need to support our teachers. We need to support our students. We need to raise

the per-capita spending per student. We need to raise incomes for teachers. We need to make it rewarding for people to be a rural teacher. I think that's important because, right now, based on the way the school system is you have teachers leave here during their last few years, move to Northern Virginia, teach there for three or four years to raise their retirement and then come back home.

"It shouldn't happen," Kitts said. "That's why it's important to have someone who can stand up and say, 'this is wrong. We need to fix it.'"

Kitts noted that some people will hit him on Facebook and say, 'oh, you're just a Democrat and you're going to give into whatever they [party leaders] say.'

"I told them I'm not running if you want me to do certain things. I'm going to stick to my guns, stick to my area," Kitts said.

"This is my home. I was born and raised here. I may have joined the Army and left, but I came back. I've raised my daughters here. My wife's here, she works here and goes to school here. This is our home, and it is important that you represent your home."

"Now, do I have certain things that I believe in? Yes. Will there be a little difference here and there? Yes. But by and large, I was born and raised in Southwest Virginia."

Kitts noted he went to Bluefield College and is getting his masters from Virginia Tech. He worked at Radford University and Virginia Tech, and now is a middle school basketball coach.

Kitts believes whoever is elected to take Rush's place in Richmond needs to be a voice for jobs.

"When you talk about jobs you need to talk about infrastructure. There are the piñata issues that are always easy to hit — I-81 is always easy to hit, broadband is always easy to hit — that all politicians like to talk about. It's always easy to talk about problems, let's talk about how we're going to fix them."

Kitts suggested that while everyone is talking about I-81 we shouldn't forget roads like Route 8 between Christiansburg and Floyd or Route 221 have problems as well.

He says rural broadband is another issue.

"Because of COVID, people are realizing they're able to work a lot more rural and do a lot more telecommuting. That's helped cause a big housing boom. Why don't we recruit people to Pulaski? Pulaski is beautiful. You can be at



Derick Kitts

the lake; you can watch the sun set on the mountains. And still work for your Northern Virginia firm. New Jersey, New York. North Carolina. It doesn't matter.

"The point is the cost of living is easy down here — a lot cheaper than a lot of other areas. The only thing holding us back from blowing up is the infrastructure and that includes internet."

"You can work from here, put your kids in a good school and still make the money you were making in a more urban and suburban area because you can now work remote ... I think that's a selling point for Pulaski and for Floyd."

"I started a small business. It's tricky getting funded. It's tricky getting started. We need to do more to boost the entrepreneurial spirit."

Kitts said there has always been a push for him to run for the House seat.

"I needed to find the time and get the support from my wife. When I ran for Congress, I had just got out of the Army and had a little different mindset," said Kitts who added that first run campaigning throughout the sprawling Ninth Congressional District was hard on his truck.

"I killed my truck. I put between 50,000 and 80,000 miles on it in less than six months. I drove the paint off the hood and roof."

"We got a lot of response last time. A lot of the things I want to do now, are things I wanted to do then, but now I have the ability to focus on the rural and local level."

"We've gotten a good response this time," Kitts noted, adding, "There's a lot of voter fatigue on both sides, but there's a lot of things need to be done."

"The feedback we've gotten has been very, very encouraging."

Born in Roanoke, Kitts has been married to his wife, Kimberly for 21 years. She is a social worker and Kitts has a small printing business in Belspring.

He is a retired infantryman who served for 24 years. He pulled two combat tours in Iraq one in Afghanistan. He was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for actions in Iraq.

"I want to be a strong voice for the area, for SW Virginia," Kitts repeated.

"I went around a couple weeks ago to get signatures. Some reactions were bad, some were good."

"I had a Republican tell me 'I'll vote for you. I know you're in the other party, but you believe in the same things I believe in.' I think that's important so when people do talk to you, they know you represent them."

"I think too many times now, with identity politics, people get too wrapped around the party."

"It's important that you know you'll have somebody who will stand up to people in Richmond and Northern Virginia and relay a message for Southwest Virginia," Kitts said.

One thing he did say that came up several times while seeking signatures to become a candidate was his stand on gun issues.

"I was asked what my position is on the 2nd Amendment. I'm a supporter of the 2nd Amendment. I'm a gun owner. But I think it's important that we have sensible gun laws. I believe in background checks and more training. I think those big areas are important to push forward. But we've also got to be sensible. We need to be more bi-partisan when we look at it and it doesn't need to be so adversarial," Kitts said.

"Somebody said, 'whatever you do you're going to bow down to whatever they say.'"

"I actually told them [party leaders] that, 'if I do this, I don't agree with certain positions, and

I'm going to disagree. Understand that I am going to represent my area and I'm not going to be a hypocrite. Like I say, I'm a gun owner. I'm retired infantry. A decorated combat veteran. I understand there is a time and place, but there must be some sensibility too. Background checks are not optional, and I don't think anybody disagrees with that or the training. Not everybody needs to run around with one (a gun), you need to have the proper training."

Kitts said since his run against Griffith in 2016, he's tried to stay involved in issues that he is concerned over.

"In the last five years I've tried to stay involved. I've worked to push a couple things forward for disabled veterans. One was the Disabled Veterans Education Act. There are a lot of good benefits out there. If you're 100 percent disabled, the State of Virginia will pay for your family's education. But not the veteran. That's important," said Kitts who was wounded in the Battle of Ramadi in Iraq.

Kitts believes certain issues shouldn't be partisan.

"Education, veterans benefits and mental health. They should be bipartisan. Shouldn't even be up for discussion. Infrastructure should not be a partisan issue. If you don't like it because of the letter next to a person's name, you should sit back and re-think your priorities," he said.

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# Big plays fuel Salem's 27-14 win

*Cougars complete regular season with 4-2 record, third seed in playoffs*

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

If you had seen the final stats before the final score, you probably would have believed Pulaski County beat Salem last Friday night in the Cougars' final regular season contest.

But stats don't always tell the real story.

The Spartans kept their winning streak against the Cougars alive, scoring 13 points in the first six minutes of the game and coasting to a 27-14 victory.

The win closed Salem's regular season with a 6-0 record, while Pulaski County slipped to 4-2 on the COVID-shortened season.

Salem's win assured them of the top spot in the Region 4D playoffs beginning this week, while Pulaski County's two final losses dropped them to a third seed in the playoffs. (See related story.)

Pulaski County put together 347 total yards of offense to Salem's 262. The Cougars had 16 first downs to the Spartans' 8.

The Cougars' Drew Dalton went 17 of 31 passing on the night for 198 yards compared to Salem's Daron Wilson who completed only 3 of 6 pass attempts and had 1 interception.

The difference in the game, however, was Salem's big plays.

The first came with just over two minutes gone in the game.

The Cougars could only get to their 36-yard line when on fourth down, punter Broc Simpson's kick got hung up in a stout wind and took a Salem bounce before being downed at the Pulaski



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Cougar John Lyman pulls out of the grasp of a Salem defender in early action last Friday. Lyman caught three passes for 42 yards against the Spartans and had one pass interception.

County 39 – a net 3-yard kick.

Two plays later, Salem's Zavone Wood broke free and scored on a 35-yard run. Wesley Cross added the PAT and Salem was on the board early at 7-0.

After the Cougars punted on their next possession, Wood broke free again and rambled 68 yards to the Pulaski County 5.

Two plays later he carried it in from the three for his second touchdown of the night. This time a high snap cost the Spartans an extra point and Salem led, 13-0 with 6:11 to go in the first.

"I thought the speed of the

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game got us initially in the first quarter," Cougar Head Coach Mark Dixon said. "It took us a minute to adjust to the speed and I thought they were more physical

up front. We gave up really two big, long runs.

"Then offensively we just struggled all night to run the ball between the tackles. That created a huge challenge for us.

"I thought as the game went on we got more competitive. I am certainly proud of the effort of our kids," said Dixon.

He said his Cougars still have some work to do to win big games like last Friday's.

"We're still not playing clean enough football to win big games. We've got to be a lot better in

See COUGARS, page B2

# Former Cougar, King, Beamer head for Va. hall

Charlottesville, Va. – The Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class of 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is going virtual on Sunday, April 25.

Due to the COVID pandemic and restrictions on gatherings, the VHSL is disappointed that it will not hold its annual in-person ceremonies to honor this inductee class and their outstanding achievements. However, we will still celebrate each inductee as in past years, but it will be done virtually. In addition to this virtual celebration, the VHSL will recognize the 2020 Class at the next in-person banquet as well.

The presentation hosted by the NFHS and will be free to the general public, with no registration or fees required. Further details on the virtual ceremony will follow soon as the VHSL celebrates the Class of 2020.

The Class of 2020 includes eight athletes (Frank Beamer – Hillsville, Barney Cobb – John Marshall, Wheeler Hughes – Dunbar, Leroy Keyes – G. W. Carver, Cora Jackson-Robinson – Essex, Jeff King – Pulaski County, Tara Sheets – Gate City, Jasmine Thomas – Oakton), three coaches (Gregg Conner – Powhatan, Darnell Dozier – Princess Anne, Jim Larkin – Chancellor), and three contributors (Charlie Cloe – Central Virginia Football Officials, Tom Dolan – Jamestown HS/VHSL, Valerie Kibler – Harrisonburg).

## Jeff King

Pulaski County HS  
Basketball/Football

Jeff King was an imposing figure for the Pulaski County High School Cougars. At 6-6, and 240 as a senior, Jeff was All-District for offense as a tight end, and defense as an end/strong side linebacker. He was 1st Team All-State and

the "Timesland Football Player of the Year." He was named the Roanoke Times 2000-01 Male "Athlete of the Year," and was a "Prep" High School All American. He caught eight touchdown passes on offense and recorded eight quarterback sacks on defense; and was credited with 101 pancake blocks as a senior tight end. On the court, King scored over 1,000 points for the Cougars Basketball team, and as a senior, averaged 25 points and 14 rebounds per game. He was All-District and All-Region in basketball his senior year.

Jeff went on to play collegiately at Virginia Tech, where he played in every game his sophomore, junior and senior seasons; and was the full-time starter at tight end his junior and senior years. He even put his court skills to work for the Hokies as a senior on the basketball team, and was an outstanding contributor. Jeff was a 5th round pick by the Carolina Panthers and played five seasons in Carolina, and three more years for the Arizona Cardinals. Today, Jeff is a scout for the Chicago Bears.

Frank Beamer  
Hillsville HS  
Football

A three-sport athlete at Hillsville High School, Frank Beamer led the Indians at quarterback his junior and senior years; tossing 43 touchdowns in a time when the forward pass was rarely utilized, and amassed over 3,000 yards through the air. In 1964 Frank led the team to an 8-2 record, narrowly missing a berth to the state tournament, falling to rival Blacksburg. That season remains one of the most successful

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# Bobcats are back, playoff bound

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

After a delay due to Covid, the Bobcats were looking for an opponent to fill the last weekend in their schedule. Carroll County was the original opponent for Friday, but the Cavaliers would not re-schedule after it was cancelled. The Bobcats got lucky when the Richlands-Graham game was cancelled due to Covid cases on the Graham team. This setup a rematch from the previous season where the Bobcats were beaten soundly in Richlands.

The Blue Tornados took the first possession and drove the ball to mid-field where the shotgun snap was deflected and Kamaree Tanner was able to beat the diving QB to steal the possession for the Bobcats at their own 49 yard line. Radford moved the ball to



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#4 Kamaree Tanner recovers the fumble by Richlands QB caused by #12 Zane Rupe

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# Cougars

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special teams. We gave up a lot there I thought. We've got to be a lot more consistent running the football to be able to open up the offense a little more.

"I thought we became a bit one-dimensional, having to throw the ball too much. That's tough when you're one-dimensional against a team that has good athletes," he added.

Both teams traded possessions to end the first quarter before Pulaski County began its first scoring drive as the second quarter began.

The Cougars got a big play of their own when on third and ten, Dalton hit Quemar Porter on a screen pass which Porter took all the way to the Salem 25 for a 50-yard completion.

The Cougars got to the Salem 20 before facing a fourth and five. Head Coach Mark Dixon sent in Simpson for a 37-yard field goal attempt, but the kick sailed wide right.

On their next possession, Salem was forced to punt after Will Bishop sacked Wilson on third down play for an 11-yard loss.

The Cougars got the ball back at their own 45.

Dalton hit Jacob Johnson on a play-action pass for 15 yards. Ethan Gallimore ran for 7, 5 and 12 yards before scoring on his fourth straight carry from 16 yards out. Simpson added the PAT and Pulaski County trailed, 13-7.

It looked like Pulaski County had shaken off the disastrous first quarter, but on the kickoff, Salem's Shawn Collins returned the kick 37 yards to the Spartan 44.

Then on first down, Salem's big-play offense struck again when Wilson hit Collins on a 56-yard scoring pass. The PAT try from Cross was good and just like that Salem led, 20-7.

Pulaski County responded and looked like it would answer with a score – especially when Dalton hit Porter on a 36-yard pass to get the Cougars inside Salem's red zone.

Gallimore carried 2 yards to



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Pulaski County's Jacob Johnson hauls in a pass last Friday against Salem. Johnson caught six passes for 38 yards in the game.

the Salem 15, but as has happened time after time this season, the wheels came off for the Cougars again as they were flagged for illegal procedure.

On the next two plays, Dalton threw incomplete twice to give Pulaski County a fourth and 13 from the Salem 20.

Simpson was brought back into to try another 37-yarder, but this time the kick was blocked.

The half ended with Pulaski County trailing, 20-7.

In the second half, both teams traded possessions until late in the third quarter when on a third and eight, Wilson went play action and hit Collins on a 34-yard pass play to give the Spartans a first and goal from the Cougars' 8.

Three plays later, Cameron Leftwich carried for one yard and the touchdown. Cross hit the PAT and Salem led, 27-7.

However, the Cougars didn't quit.

Starting their last possession



Quemar Porter carries for yardage against Salem. Porter rushed one time for 42 yards and a touchdown. He also led the Cougars in pass receptions with 5 for 106 yards.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot

at their own one following a big punt by Salem's Cross, the Cougars would drive all the way down the field.

On third and 10 from the 1, Dalton hit John Lyman for a 30-yard reception and a drive-saving first down.

A Gallimore rush for five, Keyonte Kennedy gained 10 and a holding call on Salem put the ball at the Spartan 46.

On second down, Kennedy gained 3 more.

Then on third down, Porter broke free down the sideline and raced 42 yards for the score.

Simpson hit the PAT and the Cougars trailed, 27-14, but with only 2:45 to play.

An onside kick attempt failed for the Cougars and that was the game.

The Spartans' win streak in the series went to 11 straight as Pulaski County hasn't won this contest since 2010.

Individually for Pulaski County, Gallimore again hit the century mark with 100 yards on 20 carries. Porter went 1 for 42 yards, Kennedy was 3 for 12, Simpson went 1 for 5 and Dalton carried 8 times for -10.

Wood was the leading ground gainer in the game, with 18 carries for 139 yards.

Porter led the game in receiving with 5 catches for 106 yards. Johnson had 6 for 38, Lyman was 3 for 42 and Gallimore went 3 for 12.

Lyman also had an interception.

Trevor Burton had a sack for the Cougars as did Bishop.

## Hall

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in Carroll County regular season history. Beamer was named all-state and all-south his senior year. His tough and gritty play caught the eye of Virginia Tech's Coach, Jerry Claiborne, who recruited Beamer as a Defensive Back.

An assistant football coach at Radford High School from 1969-71, Beamer was not long to stay in the high school ranks, and in 1972 began a long and storied career in the college game. First at The University of Maryland, then on to stops at the Citadel and Murray State, before being named the head coach of his alma mater following the 1986 season. Before retiring in 2015, Beamer's 238-121-2 record over 29 years at Virginia Tech made him the winningest football coach in school history, and the winningest active and longest tenured coach in FBS at the time of his retirement. His Hokie teams won three Big East, and four ACC titles during his tenure, played in bowl games from 1993-2015, and played for the national championship in 2000 in the Sugar Bowl vs Florida State.

Beamer is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, the Virginia Tech and Murray State Halls of Fame, The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, and was the consensus National Coach of the Year for the 1999 season.

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# Reminiscing

Last week I got a chance to reminisce with someone that I had not seen in several years. Grady Young taught shop courses at Pulaski High School and is still going strong at 88 years young (no pun intended). He had called me about a year ago and did not know who I was and related that he enjoyed my columns in the Patriot. He is originally from Little Creek and many of my writings reflect experiences there. In reality, he did know me quite well as my middle name of Arnold was what most people called me as I growing up. I share my first name as that of my dad as he was known by, and some people today often call me Wade.

When I was a teenager, we had these country ball teams and Grady had along with Russell Harrell managed the Poplar Hill team that I played on. The day I dropped in to talk with Grady, he had just gotten back from fishing at what was at one time, my grandparents place on the CREEK. The present owner has fish in a pond and Grady had enjoyed his time there.

When I was in my preteen and later teenage years, I had enjoyed traveling from our place a couple miles on up the CREEK to help my uncles and aunt who ran the farm. There was no fish pond there then, but I caught many a fish in the CREEK with first cousins that stayed there at the same time as I. My aunt was a great cook and the many varieties of fish we caught such as Redeyes, Chubs, Perch, Bass, Suckers etc., we cleaned to go along with her great home-cooked dinners.

Grady and I talked of the trapping we both had enjoyed as kids and the extra spending money we obtained trapping muskrats and possums etc. We could take the pelts to the above-mentioned Poplar Hill store at the intersection of VA Rtes. 100 and 42. It was also the area post office for



## Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

mail off Little Creek. I recall the time my Uncle Burke Davis, (a very knowledgeable trapper in his younger days) who helped me skin out the first mink I ever caught. This was to make sure that I could get top price when I took it to the Poplar Hill store.

Another thing Grady and I talked about was the abundance of chinquapins that we were able to gather and sell. They grew on bushes with burrs and a smaller kernel that resemble the larger ones that were on the American Chestnut. The devastating blight that wiped out the wonderful chestnut trees has about done the same to chinquapins of the same family of the forest.

We, that hunt and fish and enjoy the great outdoors, can get together and talk old times. This can be at our homes or at a hunting or fish camp. The good old times are great to look back on and reflect on our younger days. By the same token, is good to heed the wise words of King Solomon as found in Ecclesiastes 12:1a KJV, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth..." I came to know Him as my Lord and Savior at an early age and recommend Him to any and all who have never made that commitment.

Until next time

**The Patriot**  
**540-808-3949**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### 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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26th, 2021 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1) Application submitted by Tamara & James Nash and John & Kimberly Edwards regarding an "Ordinance to Vacate an Unimproved Right of Way, a portion of Redwood Lane which was created by a plat of subdivision attached to an instrument recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 177, Page 127".

2) Application submitted by Community Life Church, to Rezone Tax Map #029-1-15B, Belspring Rd. from High Density Residential Zone District to Commercial Zone District.

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

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

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

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

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

Bidding Documents also may be examined at:

DODGE Data, 3315 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71913  
Valley Construction News Plan Room, 426 Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016

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

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

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

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

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

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

Owner: Pulaski County  
By: Jared Linkous  
Date: **March 28, 2021**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 9, 2021

Town of Pulaski, Virginia  
42 1st Street NW  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Phone (540) 994-8616

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 26, 2021 the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Fund/CDBG and CIG# 20-20-28/ARC# 20-01A funds to undertake a project known as the James Hardie Sanitary Sewer Improvements. In 2017, a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) explored several alternatives, including chemical treatment and re-routing of the flows from the James Hardie industrial facility, re-routing discharge through the Town's gravity collection system. Preferred scenarios include the installation of a one-million-gallon storage tank and necessary appurtenances to shorten the flow path (currently about 5-miles), while also increasing the facility capacity. The total project budget is \$2,842,300, of which \$700,000 is CDBG and \$500,000 is ARC.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Pulaski, Virginia has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Town Office and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The ERR is also available on the Town website under the engineering department: <https://www.pulaskitown.org/government/departments>

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Town of Pulaski at the following address on or before April 26, 2021: Town of Pulaski, 42 1st Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301 and (540) 994-8616, Attention: Mr. Bill Pedigo, Town Engineer. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Pulaski, Virginia certifies to DHCD that Darlene Burcham, in her capacity as Town Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Pulaski, Virginia to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Pulaski, Virginia's certification received by April 26, 2021 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the (NAME OF RE) approved by DHCD; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director  
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development  
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office  
Main Street Centre  
600 E. Main St., Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430  
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Bill Pedigo, Town Engineer  
Town of Pulaski, Virginia  
42 1st Street NW  
Pulaski, VA 24301



# LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

Pursuant of provisions of Title 15.2 Section 2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Pulaski County Public Service Authority has ordered the publication of the following budgetary synopsis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. It should be noted that the revenue and expenditure estimates contained herein are tentative and are calculated for financial planning purposes. Eventual adoption of the budget outlined below will not necessarily constitute an appropriation of the governing body.

REVENUE PROJECTIONS

	Budget FY 20-21	Proposed Budget FY 21-22	Difference Inc (Decrease)
<b>PSA FUND:</b>			
Revenue Use of Money & Property	100,132	104,064	3,932
Charges for Services	9,991,800	10,835,413	843,613
Recovered Costs	213,935	219,600	5,665
<b>TOTAL PSA FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 10,305,867</b>	<b>\$ 11,159,077</b>	<b>\$ 853,210</b>
<b>PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</b>			
Revenue Use of Money & Property	2,000	-	(2,000)
Transfer from PSA Fund	1,198,852	1,285,400	86,548
State Revenues	1,500,500	1,136,600	(363,900)
<b>TOTAL PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 2,701,352</b>	<b>\$ 2,422,000</b>	<b>\$ (279,352)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 13,007,219</b>	<b>\$ 13,581,077</b>	<b>\$ 573,858</b>

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	Budget FY 20-21	Proposed Budget FY 21-22	Difference Inc (Decrease)
<b>PSA FUND:</b>			
Refuse Services	4,428,275	4,757,438	329,163
Water Services	1,819,657	2,054,222	234,565
Sewer Services	1,131,103	1,174,449	43,346
PSA Administration	793,754	927,987	134,233
Street Lights	6,700	6,600	(100)
PSA Capital Reserve	82,210	80,000	(2,210)
PSA Miscellaneous Expenses	12,000	10,000	(2,000)
Transfer to PSA Capital Fund	1,198,852	1,285,400	86,548
Debt Service	833,316	862,981	29,665
<b>TOTAL PSA FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 10,305,867</b>	<b>\$ 11,159,077</b>	<b>\$ 853,210</b>
<b>PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,701,352</b>	<b>\$ 2,422,000</b>	<b>\$ (279,352)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 13,007,219</b>	<b>\$ 13,581,077</b>	<b>\$ 573,858</b>

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2020 at the County Administration Building Board Room, 143 Third Street NW, Pulaski, VA. Complete copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 143 Third Street NW, Pulaski, VA. Telephone inquiries may be directed to 540-980-7705. Comments may be e-mailed to PSA Executive Director, Jared Linkous, at jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org.

# LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

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

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

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

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

Base Rate (\$/mo):

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

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

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

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

Base Rate (\$/mo):

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

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

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

- **Sewer**

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

Base Rate (\$/mo):

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

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

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

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

Base Rate (\$/mo):

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

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

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

**Residential and Commercial Connection Fees will remain unchanged.**

- **Current PSA Refuse Rates**

- **Basic Services**

**Residential**

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

**Commercial**

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

- **Special Services**

**Residential**

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

**Commercial**

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

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

- **Basic Services**

**Residential**

- **Standard** .....\$ 20.00
- **Low Volume**.....\$ 13.00

**Commercial**

- **Barrel**
  - **Standard (2 Barrels)** .....\$ 22.00
  - **Additional, ea.** .....\$ 2.00
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    - **up to 500 ton**.....\$37.00
    - **500 to 2,000 ton**.....\$33.00
    - **over 2,000 ton**.....\$29.00

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    - **over 2,000 ton**.....\$29.00
- **Special Event**

**Truck, per hour \$ 75.00**

Additional related information may be obtained from the Pulaski County Engineering Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, 143 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia or by calling 540-980-7710. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made available by the county upon request. Please contact the county's ADA Compliance Officer at 540-980-7800 (TDD accessible) or 540-980-7710, ten days prior to the above public hearing date to arrange for these special accommodations.



# Bobcats

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the Richlands 13 yard line before Zane Rupe connected with Xavier Cobbs for a 13 yard TD reception. Mason Spoule connected on the PAT.

On the ensuing kickoff, Richland's Dylan Brown ran the ball from his 15 and, after breaking a few tackles, made it to the 43 where Marcell Baylor was able to strip the ball. Landen Clark recovered the ball at the Richlands 40 yard line. The Bobcats failed to convert the turnover to points when Rupe threw an interception at the Blue Tornado 13 yard line.

Richlands gained a first down before Gavin Cox connected with Logan Steele for a 4 yard completion. Zane Rupe knocked the ball free and it was recovered again by Tanner at the Blue Tornado 34 yard line. Eight plays later the Rupe pushed his way across the goal line for the second TD of the game. The PAT failed on an incomplete pass. Bobcats led 13-0 with 1:39 left in the first quarter.

Once again Richlands was able to work the ball to mid-field but the drive stalled and they were forced to punt. The Bobcats took over at their own 38. On the next play, Rupe took the ball around the left end and was able to cut back across field for a 62 yard touchdown. Sproule's kick was good giving the Bobcats a 20-0 lead with 10:52 in the second quarter.

On the ensuing possession the Blue Tornado's Sage Webb ran the ball to the Bobcats 46 before several Cox passes fell incomplete and the ball was turned over on downs. On the first play, PJ Prioleau was stopped for a 2 yard loss. The next play, however, Prioleau found a seam and rocketed up the middle of the field for a 56 yard touchdown run. The extra point gave the Bobcats a 27-0 lead with 8:43 left in the half.

Sproule's kickoff ended up in the end zone for a touchback forcing the Blue Tornadoes to



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#7 PJ Prioleau breaks through up the middle to rush past Richlands and score a TD

start deep in their own territory. On the second play, Cox threw a deep pass that was picked off by Baylor on a leaping grab at the Bobcat 48. On this possession, the Bobcats drive stalled after an offensive interference penalty negated a completion to Cobbs at the 15 yard line and they were forced to punt.

Richlands took over and drove the ball to the Bobcat 19 yard line on several key plays including a 4th and 6 conversion on a pass from Cox to Webb for 20 yards. After a block in the back penalty brought up 2nd and 25 the Richlands drive stalled and Radford took over on downs at their own 27. The Bobcats failed to move the ball and the Sproule 55 yard punt pinned the Blue Tornadoes at their own 11.

Richlands was unable to convert a first down and was forced

to punt. Cobbs caught the punt at the 41 and returned it to the Richlands 22 yard line with under a minute left in the half. Darius Wesley-Brubeck carried for three yards, which set up a Rupe to Baylor 19 yard touchdown with 16 seconds left. Prioleau attempted to throw for the 2 point conversion but with the receivers covered, he made a couple quick cuts and was able to reach the end zone to give Radford a 35-0 lead at halftime.

The Bobcats received the second half kickoff and were forced to punt. On the next play, Cox threw another interception to Baylor where Radford took over on the opponents 40. Again the drive stalled and Radford was forced to punt, pinning Richlands on their own 18. After getting sacked on second down by Tyrel Dobson and Brandon Thompson, Cox threw his final interception of the game in which Landon Clark crossed the field and returned it for a pick 6. Sproule hits the ex-

tra point and the Bobcats led 42-0 with 3:59 left in the third quarter.

Both teams substituted in their back up players and the game ended with no further scoring. The game was marred with lots of personal foul and unsportsmanlike penalties. Many of the penalties were offsetting. The Bobcats were able to take advantage of 6 turnovers by the Blue Tornadoes which often left Radford with a short field to score. Rupe finished with 9 carries for 86 yards and 2 TDs and Prioleau finished with 8 carries for 80 and 1 TD. Defensively Baylor ended up with 2 interceptions and Tanner had 2 fumble recoveries.

With the win over Richlands, the Bobcats earned the 4th seed in Region 2C and will travel to Appomattox on Friday, April 9 to take on the Raiders; a rematch from the 2018 Regional final in which the Bobcats won giving the Raiders their only playoff loss in the last 5 years.

## NASCAR

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was on Sept. 25, 1949 and won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Red Byron driving an Oldsmobile for car owner Raymond Parks. NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty leads the NASCAR Cup Series in wins at Martinsville Speedway with 15 victories (1960, 1962, 1963, 1967 sweep, 1968, 1969 sweep, 1970, 1971, 1972 sweep, 1973, 1975, 1979) – the most any driver in the series has won at a single track; he also won 15 races at North Wilkesboro. Joe Gibbs Racing's Den-

ny Hamlin leads the NASCAR Cup Series among active drivers in wins at Martinsville Speedway with five victories (2008, 2009, 2010 sweep, 2015).

This weekend's Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 on Sunday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90) will be 500 laps (263 miles) and broken up into the three stages. This weekend's starting lineup was determined by Metric Qualifying.

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# Pot made legal in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia became the first Southern state to legalize marijuana Wednesday, as lawmakers voted to approve Gov. Ralph Northam's proposed changes to a bill that will allow adults to possess and cultivate small amounts starting in July.

Northam sent the bill back to lawmakers substantially changed from the version they sent him in February. The amendments lawmakers agreed to Wednesday would accelerate the timeline of legalization by about three years, well before retail sales would begin, a move that's been cheered by racial justice advocates.

"The time has come for our state to legalize marijuana. The amendments ensure that while we're doing the complicated work of standing up a commercial market, we aren't delaying immediate reforms that will make our Commonwealth more equitable for all Virginians," House Majority Leader Charniele Herring said in urging her colleagues to approve the governor's changes.

Democrats said the bill was a matter of urgency, a necessary step to end what state figures show is a disparate treatment of people of color under current marijuana laws.

Northam's amendments cleared the House 53-44 with two abstentions during a one-day session held for the purpose of putting the finishing touches on the year's legislation. In the Senate, lawmakers deadlocked 20-20 and Democratic Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax broke the tie, voting to approve the changes.

The final version of the legislation would allow adults 21 and up to legally possess up to one ounce (28.3 grams) of cannabis without the intent to distribute beginning July 1. It also would allow the home cultivation of up to four plants per household beginning July 1. Public use of the drug will be prohibited.

"This is not going to generate some ganjafest at Jiffy Lube Pavilion out in the parking lot, because that is smoking in public. Just like you can't drink in public, you can't smoke in public under this," Democratic Sen. Scott Surovell said.

It will be years before legal retail sales follow legalized possession. The bill lays out the complex process of creating a new state agency to oversee the marijuana marketplace, with sales beginning and regulations taking effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

Many parts of the bill dealing with the regulatory framework will have to be reapproved by lawmakers next year. The possession and cultivation pieces will not.

Republicans, who overwhelmingly opposed the bill when it initially went through the General Assembly, railed against the latest version citing several reasons.

GOP Del. Chris Head called the bill "a train wreck."

"The hard-fought compromise that barely made it out of this chamber and over to the Senate has just been discarded. And why is that? It's because some activists want marijuana legalized and they want it legalized now, consequences be damned," he said.

Some Republicans also took issue with labor provisions in the new version of the bill, in particular a change that says the government can revoke or suspend licenses issued under the new law in cases where an employer has refused to "remain neutral regarding any union organizing efforts by employees."

During the legislative session, the Senate sought to legalize simple possession beginning in July, but House Democrats argued that legalization without a legal market for marijuana could promote the growth of the black market. The bill as passed in February would not have legalized simple possession until 2024.

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# Adult Day Service reopens in Dublin

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

After a year of closure because of COVID-19, the 4,200 square foot Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center reopened this week to the delight of staff and its founder/executive director, Linda Davis.

For those who think (as I did previous to this tour) that the Center is similar to the doggie daycare concept where you merely drop off your loved one and pick them up a few hours later, you couldn't be more wrong. The highly trained director and staff offer multiple services and therapies to help the Day Care participants improve their quality of life.

"We have the best educated, qualified and licensed staff available. At Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center, we focus on quality of care. Our mission is to improve the participants' function and quality of life. Many of our participants have been teachers, researchers, professors and nurses who have contributed to our community. Some have overcome tremendous physical and emotional challenges. We acknowledge their accomplishments and help build their self-esteem," adds Davis.

Davis holds multiple degrees and certifications including Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP) and Gerontological



Terri Stuart and John Overton, Dir. of Physicians Relations of LewisGale Hospital stack donated items for the Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center from the LewisGale Hospital Employee Supply Drive in honor of National Doctors' Day being held May 30, 2021. The Center is located at 211 Fifth Street in Dublin and is open M - F from 7:30am to 5:00pm.

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Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification (GCNS-BC). Additionally, she is certified in mental health practices and is adjunct faculty at Radford University. The Center is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services and

employs Registered Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants and Activity Assistants. The staff assess and monitor health conditions and will alert family members to changes in health, which helps prevent hospitalization.

"Many of us have taken care of family members and know what it's all about. The gift of service is the greatest gift of all," stated Davis, who provided long-term care for her own Mother. She dedicated the Clinic Room to her Mother, Bernice Davis.

At the Center participants are provided with breakfast, lunch (purchased from Pulaski County-School Dist.) and afternoon snack. Disabled adults with needs such as assistance with eating, toileting, ambulating, bathing/dressing and other special needs are cared for with respect and love. Many low to moderate income families in our area are served regardless of their ability to pay. Since open-

ing in November 2016, the Center has provided care for 39 families with many of the participants remaining at the Center for 8-10 hours a day/5 days a week.

Participants are encouraged to enjoy the home-like atmosphere and become involved in meaningful activities which include gardening with the help of the Master Gardeners' Club, music, games, dancing, socializing, exercise, crafts, artwork and using the interactive smart board donated by the CE Richardson Benevolent Foundation of Pulaski. The Foundation is also responsible for donating the ARJO Medical Therapy Tub which is very therapeutic because of the warm water and bubble jets.

The Center has established function-specific rooms to help with intake, evaluation and therapy for the participants. There is a fully functional exam room for health monitoring, a spa room, fall prevention equipment to help strengthen participants balance and prevent falls, a living-room area with comfy chairs and bookshelves, dining area, and outside gardens.

Since 2019, the Center has provided hands on clinical experiences in caring for older adults for 243 students from RU School of Nursing in the Gerontology Nursing course and Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing course, RU School of Occupational Therapy Program and New River Community College Registered Nursing Program.

On hand to help in preparation for reopening of the Center, Lewis Gale Hospital donated boxes of paper plates, napkins, baby wipes, markers, colored pencils and storage bins in honor of National Doctors' Day being celebrated May 30, 2021.

Davis is grateful for the generous donations from the Lewis

See SERVICE, page B10



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Members of the Master Gardeners Club arrived to plan the spring gardens at the Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center. L-R Linda Davis, Master Gardener members Cynthia Creighton, Douglas Mitchell, Ruth Ann Whitener and Olin Whitener.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, FELLAS, GATHER ROUND, YOUR PIZZA HAS ARRIVED.

THE PIZZA GUY SEEMED A BIT CONFUSED WITH YOUR ORDER.

HE TOLD ME THEIR GARBAGE PIZZA IS THEIR SPECIALTY BUT HAS NEVER HAD A REQUEST...

TO ADD ACTUAL GARBAGE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

I'M GOING TO PRESCRIBE A TOPICAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY FOR YOU...

BIG SAL'S ITCHY TRIGGER FINGER FLARES UP AGAIN.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

FIRST DAY OF FISHIN' SEASON!

WOO-HOO!

FIRST DAY OF EATIN' THEIR WORMS AND SPITTIN' THEIR HOOKS!

WOO-HOO!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

THE FOOD NETWORK & THE CRIME NETWORK ARE MERGING.

WHAT ARE THEY CALLING THE NEW NETWORK?

THE CANNIBAL NETWORK.

POPEYE

HEY CYSMAN

HAVE YA SEEN WIMPY LATELY?

NOT FER WEEKS!

I HEARD HE'S BIN ON A STRICT DIET!

WIMPY! ARE YOU STILL ON YOUR DIET?

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT.

I LOST FIFTY POUNDS BUT I SAVED A LOT OF MONEY!

TO WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE YOUR SUCCESS?

DISCIPLINE AND ENORMOUS SELF-CONTROL!

IT MUST'VE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT.

NOT FOR ONE WITH THE POWER OF SELF-DENIAL!

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT GOAL?

FIRST I'M GOING TO CELEBRATE!

WOULDJA STOP GRIPEN...

...I'M MAKIN' 'EM AS FAST AS I KIN!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

AFTER SEEING ONLY TEN MINUTES OF THIS ROMANTIC COMEDY I GET THE FEELING THIS THEATER ISN'T EMPTY DUE TO COVID.

LAFF-A-DAY

Once upon a time...

Well, your seem to be okay.

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!

Waver

ARTFEL

Bird

AGLEE

Explore

REEKES

Emanate

DEUXE

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Zilch

5 Male swan

8 "Ditto"

12 Mideast air-line

13 Glacial

14 "Let's go!"

15 Pattern

17 Help a hood

18 Old photo tint

19 Walks with pride

21 Yuletide tune

24 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)

25 Verifiable

28 Carton sealer

30 Mimic

33 Hostel

34 Goes belly up

35 Water tester

36 "Acid"

37 French 101 verb

38 Quick look

39 Online address

41 Ump's call

43 Steak choices

46 Toy bricks

50 Actor McGregor

51 Intensify

54 Damon of Hollywood

55 Essen exclamation

56 Grand tale

9 Walk

10 Champagne brand

11 Tolkien creatures

16 Thai language

20 Cravats

22 Coup d' —

23 Hideaways

25 Up to

26 ER workers

27 Move in waves

29 Entreaty

31 "The Raven" writer

32 "A mouse!"

34 Fedora fabric

38 Kitchen gadget

40 Oscar de la —

42 Ga. neighbor

43 Disaster aid org.

44 "As — saying ..."

45 Barking critter

47 Be slack-jawed

48 Elevator name

49 Faction

52 High school subj.

53 "Evita" role

57 On the briny

58 Fish story

59 Take five

DOWN

1 Tennis barriers

2 Sheltered

3 Slightly wet

4 Skiing style

5 Spy org.

6 Halloween mo.

7 Tournament passes

8 Surgery reminders

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top ten

Comfort Foods During COVID

1. Pizza

2. Hamburgers

3. Ice cream

4. French fries

5. Mac & cheese

6. Potato chips

7. Cookies

8. Chocolate

9. Cereal

10. Fried chicken

Source: OnePoll/Farm Rich

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: Cap is reversed; 2. Star is reversed; 3. Star is shorter; 4. Hand is moved; 5. Cuts are missing; 6. Shirt is different.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Seeker; 4. Exude

1. Falter; 2. Eagle; solution

REFLEXES

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: R equals S

JP Y FYO ISZBM ISFT VS Y ISRVZFT

AYUVQ MUTRRTM YR Y DOJPT, XT'M

BSSD UTYBBQ RXYUA.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What is the word for "M" in the international alphabet code used in radio?

2. TELEVISION: What was the real first name of the character Fonzie in the comedy "Happy Days"?

3. SCIENCE: Which country has the greatest number of tornadoes annually?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?

5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the only two known mammals that lay eggs?

6. LITERATURE: What was the name of the first monster in "Beowulf"?

7. MOVIES: What was the name of the villain in the movie "Three Amigos"?

8. U.S. STATES: What is the nickname of Wyoming?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the color of envy, culturally speaking?

10. BUSINESS: Which country's basic currency is the sol?

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Answers

1. Mike

2. Arthur

3. United States, central and south regions

4. Canberra

5. Duck-billed platypus and the spiny ant eater

6. Grendel

7. El Guapdo

8. The Equality State

9. Green

10. Peru

Solution time: 24 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

Across

1. Zilch

5. Male swan

8. "Ditto"

12. Mideast air-line

13. Glacial

14. "Let's go!"

15. Pattern

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18. Old photo tint

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Americanism

It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to.

— W.C. Fields

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If a man could come to a costume party dressed as a knife, he'd look really sharp.

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NEXT: Swept away



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DALE ARDEN



DR. HANS ZARKOV

**FLASH GORDON**  
By JIM KEEFE  
3-28  
Pencils: BRIAN BILTER



AN ARBORIAN SHIP FALLS PREY TO A ROGUE STORM.

MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

VISUALS BACK ONLINE! THE SHIP'S SURROUNDED!

WE'VE LOST OUR GUIDANCE SYSTEMS...FLYING BLIND!

SIR!

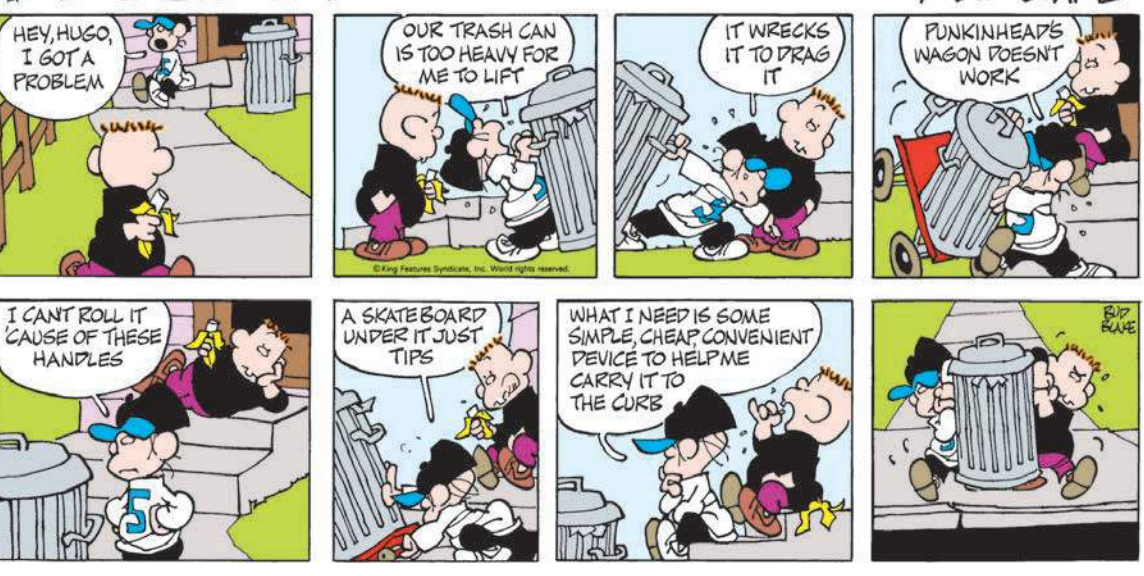
WE'RE TOO LOW...EVASIVE ACTION!

EVASIVE AC...

KRUNCH

TO BE CONT'D

**TIGER**  
by BUD BLAKE



HEY, HUGO, I GOT A PROBLEM.

OUR TRASH CAN IS TOO HEAVY FOR ME TO LIFT.

IT WRECKS IT TO DRAG IT.

PUNKINHEAD'S WAGON DOESN'T WORK.

I CAN'T ROLL IT CAUSE OF THESE HANDLES.

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

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

Banana	Ice cream	Nuts	Syrup
Blueberries	Ice	Protein	Tea
Chocolate	Kale	Seeds	Whey
Honey	Milk	Spinach	

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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.

I O K I P Z R I Q T V K R R Q O V N Z O Q  
M D I P Q P Q G I Z R A I V  
C Q R Q T C Q O V I P G T R O Z N I P Q  
G O J K N Q T I V Z R A I V Z Y Y Z V Q O V .  
— H A S S A G N Y Q T T

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Truth often suffers more by the heat of its defenders than from the arguments of its opposers — William Penn

**CryptoQuote**  
answer



SMOOTHIE INGREDIENTS

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

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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# Service

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Gale Hospital employees, as well as all the others who have contributed time, talents and funding to keep the Center open.

"The Center is absolutely God's work. He gave me this project to help me through the loss of my Mother and provided the education and skills to take care of others. People should be celebrated, not overlooked and their accomplishments should be acknowledged. At the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center we get to do that. I see our participants as jewels," Davis stated.

The Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center is a 501c-3 Non-profit organization. For additional information or donations go to: <https://www.facebook.com/pulaskiadultdayservice/> or call 540.307-5487.

Also, Davis says they are doing a webinar on Zoom with the Alzheimer's Association on April 19th from 1:00-2:00 PM on Living with Alzheimer's Disease. Call Davis to register.



Participants are encouraged to enjoy the home-like atmosphere and become involved in meaningful activities which include gardening with the help of the Master Gardeners' Club, music, games, dancing, socializing, exercise, crafts and artwork. Comfy chairs and couches, bookshelves and artwork provide the participants with a quiet place to rest, relax and read at the Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center located in Dublin.

Danielle Reid/The Patriot

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## April is National Pecan Month

Laura Reasor  
Associate Family and Consumer Science Agent, Pulaski/Giles

April is a month worth celebrating for the nutritious pecan! Pecans are heart healthy, can help lower cholesterol, and contains more than 19 vitamins and minerals. These vitamins include vitamin A, vitamin E, folic acid, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, several B vitamins and zinc. Pecans also contain a helpful amount of fiber. 1 ounce of pecans provides 10% of the recommended daily value. They are also a

natural, high-quality source of protein that contain few carbohydrates and no cholesterol. These nuts are a delicious addition to tossed salads, chicken salads, or trail mix!

Pecans are commercially grown in 15 southern U.S. states including Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas. This counts for an average between 250 and 300 million pounds per year, which is about 80% of the world's pecan supply. They are grown in groves or or-

chards of trees. Fun fact, it takes between 7 to 10 years before a pecan tree begins to produce a full supply of nuts and can produce for more than 100 years!

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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



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