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Equity, transgender policy dominate board meeting

**By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot**

Tuesday night's meeting of the Pulaski County School Board attracted another large crowd, mostly in attendance to speak out on the school system's new Equity plan and concerns over an upcoming policy on the treatment of transgender students.

Like last month's meeting, the public comment period Tuesday was preceded by a statement by School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers, followed by statements by each school board member.

Siers reported that since last month's meeting, the school system had received three Freedom of Information Act requests for "pretty much everything to do with our work on equity."

Siers said the requests resulted in gathering hundreds of email exchanges, presentation materials, meeting agendas and handouts.

"It's probable some of the information from these requests will make their way into the public discourse perhaps even this evening as soundbites used to make a point without the proper context," Siers said.

Siers provided "a few points of context to consider should you begin hearing about information obtained through this request."

"There was disagreement between school board members and the superintendent about how best to proceed with our equity work," Siers said, adding there was also disagreement between the school

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Citizens, House candidate speak out at Tuesday School Board meeting

**By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot**

About 20 people addressed the Pulaski County School Board on Tuesday night about its transgender student policy and concerns over the school system's equity plan.

The meeting featured two public comment periods – the first of which was limited to 10 people. No one chose to speak during that first period, rather choosing to speak at the second comment period at the end of the meeting in which the number of speakers was not limited.

The first speaker noted that pass rates as outlined during the meeting by Dr. Paige Cash's presentation were also influenced by conditions in a student's home – and in many cases the lack of a father figure living in the home.

Gina Paine said in the last meeting, School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers declared Critical Race Theory is not being introduced in the school system's curriculum.

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McAuliffe win sets up clash with outsider Youngkin

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Terry McAuliffe, a longtime fixture of Democratic politics, handily won his party's nomination for Virginia governor in his quest for a second term, setting up what's expected to be a hotly contested general election against a wealthy businessman and political newcomer, GOP nominee Glenn Youngkin.

In his victory speech Tuesday night, McAuliffe made the case that Youngkin is too conservative for a state that's long been trending blue.

"Let me be crystal clear: Glenn Youngkin is not a reasonable Republican," said McAuliffe, who defeated four challengers to win the primary.

Youngkin shot back, describing Virginia as a state that over the past two Democratic governor-

ships has gotten less safe, more expensive and has not offered enough economic opportunities.

"We need a new kind of leader to bring a new day to Virginia," Youngkin said in a statement. "Get ready, because Terry McAuliffe will default to the same political games he's played his entire life."

A longtime Democratic Party fundraiser and a close friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton, McAuliffe held office from 2014 to 2018. Like all Virginia governors, he was prohibited from seeking a consecutive term. He jumped into the race in December after deciding in 2019 against a run for president.

Virginia is the only state in the nation with an open race for governor this year, and the contest is expected to draw outsized

national attention as a barometer of voter sentiment in each party heading into the midterm elections.

The race has also taken on heightened importance as a referendum on the sweeping changes Virginia Democrats have implemented since assuming full control of the state government in 2020. They have pushed through gun control and police reform, marijuana legalization and a higher minimum wage, transforming what was once a reliably red state.

"We are a different state than we were eight years ago, and we are not going back," McAuliffe said in his speech.

McAuliffe, 64, focused his campaign on the need for bold action to address Virginia's lag-

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Governor

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ging teacher pay and inequities in education funding. He's also pledged to work to accelerate Virginia's minimum wage increase to \$15 by 2024, protect abortion access, and ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

He earned the endorsement of Gov. Ralph Northam, who said McAuliffe was best suited to lead Virginia's economic recovery from the pandemic and cement the transformational changes Democrats have implemented.

McAuliffe also raised far more money than the other candidates: state Sen. Jennifer McClellan, former Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy, Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax and Del. Lee Carter. From the jump, he had the backing of a substantial number of elected officials

across the commonwealth, including many powerful Black lawmakers.

"I liked what he's done and believe he can do what he's promised. And I think he can win," said Joe Glaze, a 70-year-old retired clergy member who voted for McAuliffe Tuesday afternoon in Richmond. "That's the main thing: I want someone who will win and beat Youngkin."

Some more progressive voters criticized McAuliffe's record on energy and criminal justice issues, and saw him as standing in the way of Carroll Foy and McClellan, who were each trying to become the nation's first Black woman governor.

Either also would have been Virginia's first female governor. The commonwealth has elected only one woman in its history to

a statewide position and never to its highest office.

Both issued statements congratulating McAuliffe Tuesday night.

"Let's get in the trenches. Let's do the work because at the end of the day, we must win in November," Carroll Foy said.

Del. Hala Ayala won the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor Tuesday, all but ensuring that Virginia will soon elect its first female lieutenant governor — her Republican opponent is Winsome Sears, the first Black woman to receive a major party's endorsement for statewide office.

Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring meanwhile secured his party's nomination for a third term, staving off a strong challenge from Del. Jay Jones, who sought to cast Herring as insufficiently progressive. Herring will face Republican state Del. Jason Miyares in November.

Republicans picked their nominees for this year's statewide races in a multisite convention process in May. Youngkin, a former executive at an investment fund with no voting record to be scrutinized, has pledged to use his personal wealth to power his campaign.

Bobbi Andrews, 85, said she voted for McAuliffe based on his past record as governor and, in part, because of his stance on education. But she said she's voted for Republicans before and considers Youngkin a strong candidate.

"I'm glad to see a strong Republican running because we need two parties," Andrews said. "If we don't have two parties, neither one of them will be honest."

Herring, Ayala win Dem nominations for Att. Gen., Lt. Gov.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring fended off a strong primary challenge, while Del. Hala Ayala emerged from a field of six candidates to win the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in Tuesday's primary election.

Herring and Ayala will join gubernatorial nominee Terry McAuliffe at the top of the Democratic ticket in November as the party seeks to extend a 12-year winning streak in statewide races.

Herring defeated Norfolk Del. Jay Jones in the attorney general primary, even though Jones was backed by Gov. Ralph Northam.

Northam's endorsed candidate fared better in the lieutenant governor race, though. Ayala was the favorite of establishment Democrats, including Northam and House Speaker Eileen Miller-Corn, and defeated Del. Sam Rasoul, who was favored by the Democratic left.

Virginia's off-year elections typically draw national attention as a possible bellwether for trends heading into next year's midterms.

Republicans chose their statewide candidates in a nominating convention last month. The GOP hasn't won a statewide race in Virginia since 2009.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Herring won the Democratic nomination in the race for attorney general Tuesday, fending off a

challenge from a state lawmaker who sought to cast Herring as insufficiently progressive.

Herring, who is seeking a third term, will face Republican state Del. Jason Miyares in the November general election.

"After eight years of unprecedented progress, we'll have the opportunity with a Democratic majority to break progressive ground like never before," Herring said on Twitter after he was declared the winner.

Jones conceded and tweeted that he'll work to elect Herring and the entire Democratic ticket.

Herring is a former state senator who became attorney general in 2014 and was reelected easily in 2017. He pitched himself to voters as a progressive champion on abortion rights, gun control and immigrant-friendly policies and argued that his experience made him the best choice to keep the office in Democratic control.

Herring has touted his record battling former President Donald Trump's policies in court, his work to eliminate Virginia's backlog of untested rape kits, his defense of marriage equality, and his efforts to hold manufacturers accountable for their role in the opioid crisis.

Jones, a Black 32-year-old two-term delegate, argued it was time for change and sought to cast

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Phone conversation puts delegate, Radford man at odds

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

A Radford resident believes he has been threatened by a member of the Virginia House of Delegates over last week’s Memorial Day ceremony.

Gary Harris, a member of the Radford VFW Post 776, was one of the chief organizers of the 21st Annual Memorial Day ceremony

Dems

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Herring as slow to respond to the reckoning sparked by the police killing of George Floyd last summer.

He repeatedly criticized Herring, who is white, for creating an animal rights unit before an office of civil rights. Jones said that as attorney general he would use the office to more aggressively investigate police shootings.

Another issue in the sometimes-contentious race was Herring’s acknowledgement in 2019 that he had worn blackface in college.

During a debate, Jones attacked Herring not for having worn blackface but for what he described as an insincere apology at the time to the legislative Black caucus.

Jones picked up Northam’s endorsement in a move seen as a significant snub of Herring. He also had the backing of former Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, the first and only woman ever elected to statewide office in Virginia, and U.S. Rep. Elaine Luria.

Many other establishment Democratic figures, including two of the state’s most powerful Black lawmakers, had endorsed Herring.

Miyares issued a statement after Herring’s victory calling the attorney general too liberal.

“Under Mark Herring’s leadership, the Attorney General’s office has become radically liberal and more dangerous,” Miyares said.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Del. Hala Ayala, who launched her political career in 2017 in response to the election of Donald Trump, won the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, boosted by the endorsement of Gov. Ralph Northam.

Ayala was the favorite of the Democratic establishment, and had the endorsement of House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn as well as Northam. She defeated Roanoke Del. Sam Rasoul, who

held at the Bisset Park Gazebo on May 31.

Harris told The Patriot that on the day before the event, he had arrived home around 5 p.m. to feed his dog after spending most of the day in the park preparing for the ceremony.

“My phone rang, and someone knocked on my door at the same time,” Harris recalled.

At the door was a good friend

had been a slight favorite and the preferred candidate of the party’s progressive wing.

Ayala represents parts of Prince William County and claims Afro-Latina, Irish and Lebanese heritage. Her nomination also practically ensures that Virginia will elect its first female lieutenant governor — her Republican opponent is Winsome Sears, the first Black woman to receive a major party’s endorsement for statewide office.

In a statement issued after her victory, Ayala emphasized her personal story, as she did throughout her campaign, including her father’s death to gun violence and a harrowing pregnancy where she relied on Medicaid for health care.

“I understand the struggles so many Virginia families face because I’ve lived them,” she said.

Ayala ran for delegate after helping organize the Women’s March on Washington after Trump’s election in 2016. She went on to defeat a four-term incumbent, Richard Anderson, who now chairs the Republican Party of Virginia.

Late in the campaign, Ayala accepted \$100,000 from Dominion Energy’s political action committee, despite a pledge to environmental group Clean Virginia — which itself had donated \$25,000 to Ayala’s campaign — that she wouldn’t do so.

Sears quickly jumped on the issue, criticizing Ayala Tuesday night after her victory for taking Dominion’s money.

“Delegate Ayala has proven that Virginians cannot trust her, that her pocket is prime for lining, and that her loyalty can be bought,” Sears said in a written statement.

The lieutenant governor presides over the state Senate and can break tie votes in a chamber that is narrowly controlled by Democrats. The post has often served as a launching pad for gubernatorial bids.

of his, and on the phone, Harris said, was 12th District Delegate Chris Hurst.

“I told my friend to be still a minute until I got through,” Harris said.

Harris recalled Hurst saying, “This is Chris Hurst. Are you Gary Harris?”

“I told him I was, and he said he had one question for me,” Harris said. “He wanted to know why he wasn’t the speaker at the Memorial Day event.”

Harris said Hurst had spoken at the event three times in the past.

“I told him I did not want a politician this year, we wanted a military guy,” Harris explained, noting that he was joined in organizing the event by fellow VFW member Dana Jackson, also a member of the American Legion.

Speaking at the event were Lt. Col. Anthony Kozar of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant and Jason Ballard — a Lt. Col. In the Army Reserves and an active member of the VFW.

And Hurst’s opponent in the 12th District House race.

According to Harris, Hurst responded that “the one you got to speak — isn’t he running for elected office?”

“I didn’t really catch the ‘running for elected office’ part and I said, no,” Harris added.

According to Harris, Hurst responded, “well, isn’t he running for an office?”

“I said, ‘yeah, but he doesn’t hold an office,’” Harris said.

According to Harris, Hurst pressed the issue.

“I still think I should have represented Radford,” Hurst said, according to Harris.

“I just told him I didn’t want politicians in this ceremony,” Harris said to which Hurst charged, “Well you brought politics into it.”

Harris said he replied, “No, I did not, and I will give you three reasons why I didn’t consider you. One, you’re a politician. Two, you are a lousy speaker. And three, nobody likes you because you’re a drunk driver.”

Harris said Hurst then asked, “What did I say (at past ceremonies) that you didn’t like?”

“I told him I didn’t listen to him, but I’ve got a friend here who did, and he told me you were a lousy speaker, and if you want his phone number, I’ll give it to you and you can call him,” Harris claims.

“Then you got caught drunk driving and you got off,” Harris said he told Hurst.

“I didn’t use my position to get off,” Hurst responded.

Harris was speaking of an incident in January of 2020 when Hurst was detained by a Christiansburg Police officer and released following a traffic stop on the U.S. 460 Bypass.

According to news reports at the time, Hurst was stopped and blew a breathalyzer reading of

.085, which is above the state’s drunk driving limit of .08.

Christiansburg Police said following the incident that the officer released Hurst because of his overall performance during field sobriety tests and because he had a sober companion in the vehicle who could drive. And because, according to the state Constitution, legislators in active session can’t be arrested for anything short of treason, a felony or breach of the peace.

Also, the officer determined that by the time Hurst was brought into the magistrate’s office for a formal breathalyzer test, he would be under the legal limit. Only the formal breathalyzer test is admissible in court.

Neither the officer nor Hurst mentioned during the incident that he is a member of the House.

Later an internal review by the Christiansburg Police Department found the officer’s actions were consistent with every other DUI case he had investigated

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MALCOLM CARLTON BURCHETT, SR.

Malcolm Carlton Burchett, Sr., 84, of Dublin, VA died Monday December 14, 2020 in the Lewis Gale Hospital of Pulaski. He was born in Virginia on March 12, 1936. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, sisters and one grandson.

Malcolm is survived by his loving companion, Elva Dalton of Dublin, VA, his son Malcolm Burchett, Jr. (Capri) of Greensboro, NC, and his daughters Sandra Hardy of Ash, NC, Crystal Evans (Danny) of Alabama, Patty DeVries (Brett) of Burlington, NC, and Misty London (Jesse) of Burlington, NC. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. He was a father figure to Michael Thompson (Patricia) of Pulaski, VA, Susan McGuire (Greg) of Richmond, VA and Tresia Nester (deceased) of Pulaski, VA.

Malcolm's career as a cab driver afforded him the opportunity to meet many, many people and he never forgot a face. His friendly demeanor brought a smile to everyone he met. He was a friend to all and never missed an opportunity to stop and talk. Malcolm was an avid sports fan and enjoyed reading his bible. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM from the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, VA.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

MACK LEWIS FARMER

Mack Lewis Farmer, 82, passed away Saturday, June 5, 2021 at his home in Fairlawn.

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



JOE ELLIS WORRELL

Joe Ellis Worrell, 86, of Black Hollow Rd., Dublin, VA died Monday, June 7, 2021. He was born in Dublin, VA on March 8, 1935 and was the son of the late Sylvester Worrell and Lydi Hinckley Worrell. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Nadine Frances Hale Worrell.

Joe was a farmer by trade.

Surviving are:

Daughters & Sons-In-Law – Angela & Dale Crockett
Lisa & Junior Turpin

Grandchildren – John Travis Underwood, Kandace Hughes, Brandon Lee Tickle, Levi Turpin, Jessica Haga & Joe Turpin
Eight Great-Grandchildren
Special Friend – Mary Dice
Funeral services will be held Friday, June 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Randall Lawrence officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin. Visiting will be at the funeral home where the family will receive friends from 12:00 Noon until the service hour. The family wishes memorials be made to the FFA or to the Pulaski County Animal Control.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski VA.

TAMMY LYNN HAYES

Tammy Lynn Hayes, age 59 of the Little Creek Community passed away Wednesday evening June 2, 2021 at her home. Born May 17, 1962 in Virginia Beach she was the daughter of the late James H. Barnes and Gloria Beasley Barnes.

She is survived by her Husband – Charles Robert Hayes – Dublin

Children – Amber Lee Powers – Bland, Toni Lynn Draper – Bland, Cody Ray Powers – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Dustin Harley Cressel, Jonathan Wayne Cressel, Dylan Jarret Cressel, Audrey Elaine Vires, Evan Shaun Draper, Kyle Bradley Draper, James Cole Powers, Tony Justice Powers and Eugene Colton Powers

Great Grandchildren – Kenzie Cressel and Axel Draper

Brothers & Sisters – James Hardy Barnes, Jr. – Bland, Marion Faye Barnes – Lawrenceville, VA and John Sethman – Chesapeake, VA

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed in Bland, Virginia.

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

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements.



HARLEY MICHAEL "MIKE" DISHON

Harley Michael "Mike" Dishon, age 64 of Roanoke passed away Saturday, June 5, 2021 at his home.

Born July 24, 1956 in Baltimore, MD he was the son of the late Harley Cramer Dishon and Sylvia McCroskey Dishon Glover. Mike was a veteran of the United States Army, serving his country during the Vietnam era. A lifetime member of AMVET post #40 in Vinton, where he was the active Provost Marshal.

A member of Rainbow Forest Baptist Church (Troutville, VA), he was a solid discipler and soul winner for many years. He was employed by the Restore of Habitat for Humanity and was loved by many employees. He was an avid supporter of Straight Street (333 Luck Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA 24016).

He is survived by his Children

Harley Jonathan Dishon – Roanoke

Shannon Eileen Dishon – Grand Rapids, Michigan

Rebecca Evelyn Blanchard – Lewisburg, NC
Stepmother

Miriam I. "Rusty" Dishon – Baltimore

Brothers & Sisters

Steven Dishon (Patty) – Baltimore, MD

Sandra E. Hughes (Dale) – Kingsville, MD

Teresa D. Peake – Gettysburg, PA

Cheryl L. Dishon – Baltimore, MD

James A. "Jimmy" Glover – Baltimore, MD

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mike Grooms of the Rainbow Forest Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Dishon Family Cemetery (Snowville) where he will receive military honors.

The family will receive friends between 5:00-7:00 PM – Friday evening June 11, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Rainbow Forest Baptist Church (1338 Rainbow Forest Drive, Troutville, VA 24175) or Straight Street (333 Luck Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA 24016).

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

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



SHIRLEY ANN NUCKOLS

Shirley Ann Nuckols, 74, of Pulaski departed this life on June 3, 2021 in the care of Lewis Gale Medical Center-Pulaski. Born on September 13, 1946, in Ashe County, North Carolina, she was a daughter of the late John Franklin Phipps and Ruby Blevins Phipps. She is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, David E. Nuckols, and her sister, Charlotte Carroll. She is survived by her daughter; Tracy L. Nuckols of Pulaski County. Also remaining are her brother Walter Phipps and his wife Dot, several cherished nieces and a nephew, and many great nieces and nephews. Shirley also leaves behind her precious fur babies Scotty, Sugarbear, Kitty Moma and Grayball. The family would like to thank Kendred at Home-Home Health for the caring nurses and therapists that felt like extended family. Thanks also go out to the EMTs of Pulaski County and the ER, ICU and med-surg staff at Lewis Gale, Pulaski for excellent patient care. Special thanks go out to care giver and niece Angela Cecil, and family friends Cecil and Karen Jones, who went the extra mile. Mike Whittaker will be officiating the memorial service held in Shirley's honor on June 11, 2021 at 1pm at Community Christian Church in Dublin Virginia. Per her wishes, she will be cremated and her ashes will be scattered at her family's property in North Carolina. The staff of Kendall Funeral Home are honored to be serving the Nuckols family.

JEFFREY "JEFF" ALLAN GRAY

Jeffrey "Jeff" Allan Gray, 57, of Pulaski, VA passed on to his heavenly home on June 2nd, 2021 at UVA Medical Center.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Irvan Gray, Mother, Norma Jean Evans Gray, and Brothers, Robert Lincone Gray and Michael Anthony Gray.

Jeff will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife of 33 years, Donna Gray, His daughter Makayla Gray, His son James "Tyler" Gray. Grandchildren Landon and Gracelyn Gray. His brother, Miller "Dobbie" Gray; Aunt, Doris King, Mother and Father-In-Law, Jimmy and Marie Babb, and Many beloved nieces and nephews. And all the Hickory Avenue Gang and family and friends at RAAP.

Funeral service were held on Sunday June 6th, 2021 from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Pulaski, VA. A graveside service was held at Highland Memory



SUE C. MORRIS

Sue C. Morris, 81 passed away on June 5th 2021. Sue was born in Bland County Virginia to the late Gilford and Beatrice Davis. Sue enjoyed working with her flower beds after her retirement from Century Link Telephone Company after many years of service.

In addition to her parents Sue was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother Gloriana, Della, Naomi, and David.

Sue is survived by her husband of 43 years Ed Morris and one son Carl (Chuck) Clemmons, three grandchildren Amanda, Sarah, and Carl III (Trey) 4 great grandchildren and 2 stepchildren and 2 step grandchildren. Also surviving are a brother J.R. and wife Jonnie Katie, Sister Peggy and husband Jerry, Sister Judy and husband Sammy and several nieces and nephews.

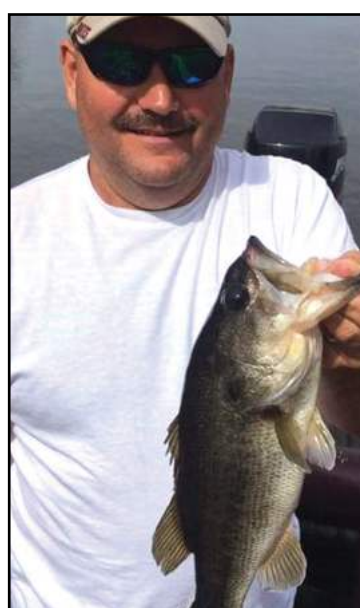
The family would like to thank Lois, Michell, and Dr. Struble of the SMJH Oncology Dept. for their efforts on Sue's behalf.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of the Piedmont or St. Jude's.

A committal service for Sue will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 12 pm, at the Hidden Valley Cemetery in Bland, Va.

Condolences for Sue can be offered through teaguefuneral-home.com.

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Gardens in Dublin, VA. Services were presided over by Pastor Judy Younce and Pastor Michael Casto.

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JOSEPH FRANKLIN "JOE" HALE

Joseph Franklin "Joe" Hale, 83, of Max Meadows died Sunday, June 6, 2021 in Pulaski, Va. He was born on Aug. 9, 1937 on the Draper Farm in the Black Hollow community near Dublin. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Reed Hale and Elizabeth Draper Hale, and by his sister, Lucy Kent Hale Danner.

He is survived by his wife Patsy Cline Hale of Max Meadows; a daughter Jody Hale Minnich and Sherwood Minnich of Floyd, Va.; two sons, William Franklin "Billy" Hale and Janette Bissbee of Claremont Beach, Va., and Timothy Patrick "Tim" Hale and Cherie Yost of Fairlawn Va.; a step-daughter, Robin Leibal and David Leibal; and a step-son Paul Hamby.

He is also survived by grandchildren, Lori Gwen Howard of Copper Hill, Va, Tori Elizabeth Hale, Dublin, Va., Jacob Hale and Gregory Hale of Williamsburg, Va.; great-grandchildren, Adam Myers, Haley Walters, Emily Hale, Alex Hale, Kayleigh Kohlor, Brittan Lawson and step-grandchildren Nakoma Hamby and Robby Jones.

Also surviving are a nephew, Fred Danner of Christiansburg, Va. and a niece, Sandra Danner Crowder of Pulaski, Va.

Joe was a man of vision, dreams with a desire to serve the people of Southwest Virginia and beyond. The APEX Center at Fort Chiswell is one dream he worked tirelessly to see built and enjoyed by his community and the public library at Fort Chiswell, named the Joe Hale Public Library in his honor. He worked hard to see this project to completion while dealing with a terminal illness. A life-long Democrat he served as a member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors for eight years. His interests ranged from family, local, regional and National history to farming, wildlife conservation, national and international issues. He was active in the Max Meadows Ruritan Club and anything to do with Dublin High School and his Dublin Dukes. He also volunteered with projects to develop public venues in Max Meadows, Va. and projects to raise the quality of life for all people in his community.

Joe was the founder of the II-BEC - RCI Foundation, (The International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants), past president and fellow of RCI, co-owner and founder of HDH associates PC and HDH Technical.

Visitation and a funeral service were held from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM Thursday, June 10 at the APEX Center at Fort Chiswell. The family chose this site to ensure social distancing in this age of COVID-19.

Interment was at the Hale Family Cemetery on Cove Mountain, Millers Creek Rd, Max Meadows, Va.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Fort



Chiswell Friends of the Joe Hale Public Library. The is a Go Fund Me account on Facebook.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.



DALLAS WALTER ANDERSON

Dallas Walter Anderson, age 48 of Pulaski passed away Monday, June 7, 2021. Born June 8, 1972 in Wilmington, Delaware he was the son of Bernard D. Anderson & Shirley Lou Berry Shrewsbury.

He is survived by his Children - Kayla Rene Anderson - Pulaski, Shaunna M. Anderson - Truitt, NC

Grandchildren - Mykle, Korbin and Isabella

Father & Stepmother - Bernard & Anita Anderson - Pulaski County

Mother & Stepfather - Shirley & Phillip Shrewsbury - Pulaski

Love of His Life - Kimberly Manuel - Pulaski

Sisters - Pamela (Randy) Anderson Jones - Pulaski County, Cindy Huckabee - Wytheville

Special Nephew - Justin Davis

Nieces - Caitlin Mack and Haley Shumaker

The family will receive friends between 5:00-7:00 PM - Monday, June 14, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

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

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

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JERRY KEITH TAYLOR

Jerry Keith Taylor, age 48 of Dublin passed away Wednesday evening June 2, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Montgomery Hospital. Born September 17, 1972 in Radford he was the son of Lois Ann Stilwell Ashton and the late Jerry Cleveland Taylor (05/20/2021). He was also preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Louise Abell "Big Mama" Taylor, maternal grandmother, Dorothy Smith and uncle, Kenneth Taylor.

He is survived by his Mother and step-father - Lois Ann Stilwell (Floyd) Ashton Daughter - Jaden McKala Taylor - WV

Fiancée - Shelia Shirah and family

Many cousins and friends

Funeral services were held Monday, June 7, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Bryan Gibson officiating. Interment followed at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

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

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



DOROTHY ROBINSON DAVIDSON

Dorothy Robinson Davidson went home to be with her lord and savior on Monday May 31, 2021. Dorothy was 90 years old. She was predeceased by her Husband, Lewis Earl Davidson of Pulaski and her son Roger Lewis Davidson of Deerfield Beach, Florida. She is survived by her son, Allen Davidson, grandson Brad Davidson, Grandaughter Emily Davidson Smith, and 4 great grandchildren, Max Davidson, Jake Davidson, Isaac Smith and Eden Smith.

She was a faithful Lutheran, Tennesse fan, amazing Mother, volunteer at The Council on Aging, and a faithful wife. The family asks that donations in lieu of flowers, should be directed to the American Cancer Society or Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pulaski. Dorothy left these words: "Weep not my beloved family and Christian friends for I am with the mighty counselor, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is my sincere desire for all of you to please God and faithfully fulfill his purpose for your life. Establish a practice of daily Bible reading and pray for, by the grace of God, to help you know the wiles of the devil. In so doing you will

keep my memory alive until we meet again with our Lord. May Jesus keep all of you during your deepest distress. He is risen.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 7, 2021 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Terri Sternberg officiating. Interment followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

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



ETHEL ELIZABETH BRUN

Ethel Elizabeth Brun, age 77 of Christiansburg, Virginia passed away at her home Thursday, June 3, 2021. Born April 25, 1944 in Christiansburg, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Moses Janney & Claudia Lovern Janney. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Brun (2016), sisters, Patty and Sandy, brothers, George, Danny and twin brothers.

She is survived by her Children

Mary Brun (Ronald) Meadors - Ohio

Raymond (Stacie) Butler - Omaha, Nebraska

Robert (Tracie) Butler - Geor-

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Investigating the origins of COVID-19

The origins of the COVID-19 pandemic remain shrouded in mystery, but uncovering what we can is essential to preventing future pandemics.

Two theories now dominate speculation about the development of the coronavirus in the Chinese city of Wuhan in 2019. The first is that it passed from an animal to humans naturally, possibly through a creature sold in one of the city's wet markets. The other is that the coronavirus escaped due to a laboratory leak from the nearby Wuhan Institute of Virology. Work conducted at the Wuhan laboratory included studies on coronaviruses in bats, the likely culprit for COVID-19.

Tracing the origins of COVID-19 has been made more difficult by the Chinese Communist Party, a regime that traffics in deception and dishonesty as a matter of routine. From the outset, China's Communist oligarchy covered up the true danger of COVID-19 as well as its extent. The rest of the world paid the price for their fectlessness.

A recent World Health Organization (WHO) investigation into COVID-19's origins was strictly limited by the Chinese government, which also received its report in advance. Its conclusions were discounted by the Biden Administration due to China's heavy influence on the investigation, and even the WHO's Director General, who himself has strong links with China, said further study was needed.

But uncovering the truth need not depend on a newfound commitment to transparency and accountability in Beijing. Our country's diplomatic, security, and public health agencies have information about the origins of COVID-19. None of them may have the full picture, and some of them may lack the capacity to analyze the data they have on their own.

Putting together the various bits and chunks of information possessed by the executive branch can give us a better glimpse of the whole picture, just as a puzzle's image can be grasped even if a few pieces are missing. If you put together a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle of the White House and are missing fifteen pieces, you will still recognize the White House.

Extracting the information held by the executive branch is the object of the COVID-19 origins investigation launched by House Energy and Commerce Committee Republicans.

Our investigation began on March 18, 2021 with a letter to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) signed by the Committee's Republican Leader Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Republican Leader of the Subcommittee on Health Brett Guthrie (R-KY), and myself, the Republican Leader of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. We called on the NIH to conduct an independent, scientific investigation and requested information and documents the agency has on the work done at the Wuhan lab.

From 2014 to 2019, NIH delivered federal grant money to a scientific nonprofit named EcoHealth Alliance. EcoHealth in turn sent \$598,000 of those grants to the Wuhan Institute of Virology to study coronaviruses in bats. We need to know more details about this work, so Leaders Rodgers, Guthrie, and I made that request in a letter to EcoHealth.

After the Sinclair Broadcast Group reported that the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory had studied COVID-19's origins and found the lab leak theory plausible in a classified report, we asked for a classified briefing on the report.

We have also requested information and classified briefings from the Departments of State and Homeland Security on any relevant material they have.

Scientific voices have called for a full inquiry into the origins of COVID-19, including examining the possibility of a lab leak. Dr. Robert Redfield, who was Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at the beginning of the pandemic, expressed his belief that a lab leak was responsible.

At a recent Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing, the Chair, Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), said she planned to hold a hearing on the topic of the coronavirus' origins.

A hearing would be an important step forward. If a laboratory accident was behind the coronavirus, we need to know. It is important for accountability, but also for developing better practices to make sure this never happens again.

To learn more about the Energy and Commerce Committee Republican investigation, visit <https://republicans-energycommerce.house.gov/the-covid-19-origins-investigation/>.

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



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

OPEN FORUM

Is Increase Necessary?

Editor's note: This letter was sent via email to Pulaski's mayor and council members shortly before a public hearing last week.

Dear Mayor and Town Council Members:

I am encouraging you as our elected representatives to reject the current proposal to increase the real-estate tax rate from \$0.34 to \$0.36 per \$100 of assessed value.

I question the wisdom or need for the proposed increase given the recent increase in the real-estate assessments which itself increased the Town's revenue without any need to increase the tax rate.

It seems particularly self-serving given the current economic situation with a lot of folks out of work, and

rising costs.

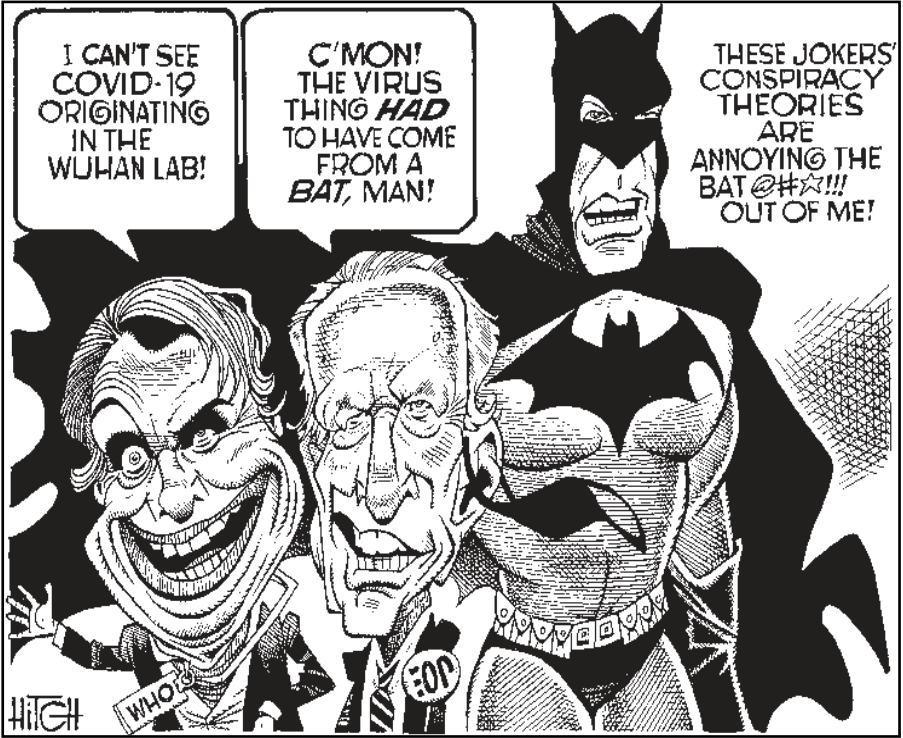
If this tax increase is adopted, my personal real-estate tax situation will increase by 15 percent for the Town compared to last year's tax. That's an unprecedented increase, and I'm sure I'm not alone.

It's also worth keeping in mind that Town citizens pay real-estate taxes for both the Town and County.

The citizens of Pulaski have placed their trust and welfare in you as their elected officials. I would hope that you carefully consider what is best for the citizens, and if this increase is truly necessary.

Thank You for your service,

Eddy Llaneras
Pulaski
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In Your Heart Do You Believe Trump Is Right?

By Cal Thomas,
Tribune Content Agency

In the 1964 presidential campaign, Republican candidate Barry Goldwater had a slogan: "In your heart you know he's right."

That was aimed at deflecting the stereotype about Goldwater and Republicans in general that they were an uncaring lot. It is a smear that still works to some extent for modern Democrats.

In his return to political campaigning last Saturday, former president Donald Trump channeled Goldwater when he claimed vindication for many of the positions he took during last year's presidential campaign and in the four years of his administration.

Speaking to a gathering of North Carolina Republicans in Greenville, Trump touted his accomplishments, including tax cuts and regulation reductions. He also criticized what he said were President Biden's "insane executive orders."

He might have added Middle East peace deals, including the Abraham Accords. He said President Biden is working to reverse all of his achievements and mentioned rising gas prices as a consequence that can be felt by nearly every American.

If it can be proved beyond a reasonable doubt that China was the source of the COVID-19 virus and that Beijing irresponsibly and callously allowed it to spread around the world, Trump said China should be forced to pay at least "\$10 trillion in reparations." If it refuses, he said, then a "100 percent tariff" should be imposed on all goods made in China entering the United States. It is a good idea, but one the Biden administration is unlikely to adopt.

There were a few bizarre comments, including his claim that North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un "is a different kinda guy," but then Franklin Roosevelt referred to Joseph Stalin, another murderous dictator, as "Uncle Joe." In 1940, Time magazine named Stalin its "Man of the Year" and most journalists in that era ignored Stalin's gulags and forced starvation, so maybe we're even.

Trump claimed "radical left prose-

cutors" in New York have been "paid hundreds of thousands of dollars" for their campaigns for office in order to see him indicted, convicted and put in prison. He accused them of "prosecutorial misconduct"(is this correct?) and the familiar "fishing expedition." A New York grand jury last week called its first witness, a former employee of the Trump organization.

The red meat kept getting tossed to the receptive audience. He criticized the teaching of critical race theory and endorsed school choice. He also peppered his sentences with some vulgar language, which probably did not appeal to Republicans in a state with a large Christian and conservative population.

After more than an hour, I had hoped that Trump was not going to mention the last election. Silly me. Trump spoke of the "election hoax" and beyond that was the familiar accusations most people have heard ad-infinitum.

Outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seemed to be channeling Trump when he claimed the most recent election and the fragile coalition government cobbled together to oust him after 15 years in power was also illegitimate.

The past can't be changed and so Trump should be directing his energy and efforts to next year's critical congressional elections. The late Washington football team head coach George Allen used to say, "the future is now." That should be Trump's focus.

Trump's best line of the night came near the end. It was in response to critics who say he is damaging our democracy with his talk of election fraud. He said, "I am not the one trying to undermine democracy, I am the one trying to save it."

That's a line he might continue to use. It has a nice ring to it, similar to "in your heart you know he's right."

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



Rich Lowery

Editor,
National Review

Dems should fear crime wave

On the anniversary of the death of George Floyd, dozens of gunshots rang out in the middle of the day at George Floyd Square in Minneapolis, forcing reporters and bystanders to duck and cover.

The symbolism was unmistakable -- the yearlong bout of protest after Floyd's killing has coincided with a surge of urban crime that has made gunplay dismayingly common.

Indeed, the intersection where Floyd was killed, now a memorial blocked to vehicular traffic, has become a watchword for mayhem.

The issue of public safety may be about to play its most significant role in our politics since the mid-1990s, the beginning of a decades-long decline in crime that steadily eroded its political salience.

Donald Trump tried to make law and order a defining issue in 2020, but the rioting he so forcefully denounced was, in most places, too transitory to become an overwhelming issue.

Now, more than a year into a serious crime wave, Democrats are fooling themselves if they think they won't be blamed for rising violence in Democratic-run cities.

Overall, murder increased by more than 25% in the United States last year, the biggest jump in 60 years. Surely, the dislocations of the pandemic have been a factor, but it's also obvious that anti-police agitation has put the cops on their back feet. Exhibit A is Minneapolis.

In the fevered aftermath of the Floyd killing, the City Council pledged to do away with the police department, among the most outlandishly unachievable and self-destructive promises ever made by an elected body. Of course, it couldn't follow through on it any more than it could have followed through on a promise to eliminate traffic lights or municipal snow removal.

Still, cops have fled the force while crime has soared. The impeccably progressive mayor of Minneapolis, Jacob Frey, who desperately wanted to ingratiate himself at a tribunal-like anti-police rally last summer, but, to his credit, wouldn't commit to defunding the police, now occasionally sounds like he's channeling Rudy Giuliani circa 1993.

Another dyed-in-the-wool progressive, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler, faced with ongoing unrest that once was blamed on Trump, has called for the city's residents to "take the city back," and for unmasking, arresting and prosecuting rioters.

Los Angeles cut its police budget by 8% in the wake of the Floyd protests, and now is adding it right back. In South Los Angeles, the LAPD is increasing patrols and vehicle stops to search for guns and gang members.

Irving Kristol famously said a neoconservative is a liberal who has been mugged by reality. If progressive politicians who are

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Northam urges hurricane preparation now

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam is calling on all Virginians to prepare now for the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, which started June 1 and lasts through November 30. The beginning of hurricane season is the ideal time for Virginians learn their risk for inland or coastal flooding, find out which evacuation zone they are in, and develop an emergency plan for their families or businesses.

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now sounding friendlier to the police haven't been mugged, they at least have been alarmed by the sound of approaching gunfire.

The turnabout isn't universal. White House press secretary Jen Psaki was asked the other day whether there's a crime problem and, sounding as evasive as when she discusses the border, would only say there is a "guns problem." This was a reference to the completely unconvincing argument that increased gun sales have led to the spike in crime when surges in gun sales since the mid-1990s never before led to higher crime.

The problem that Democrats have is that they have accepted -- and celebrated -- the people making a comprehensive case

"Hurricanes and tropical storms can have devastating impacts on every part of our Commonwealth, not just coastal communities," said Governor Northam. "As the 2021 hurricane season begins, now is the time for all Virginians to prepare for a potential storm by checking your insurance coverage, making an emergency plan, and having a disaster kit ready."

The National Oceanic and At-

against the police as systematical-ly racist.

This argument doesn't naturally allow for nuance. In fact, it logically entails calling for fewer cops and less police funding, an agenda that will be hard to sell to most people in the best of circumstances but is toxic in an environment of rising crime.

Black Lives Matter has already been losing support in the polls, while trust in the police has been rising. Things would have to get much worse for crime to become as central an issue as it was in the 1970s. But Democrats who aren't alarmed that reporters are dodging bullets at the George Floyd memorial are tempting political fate.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Ceremony

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during that year.

"Then he wanted to know what qualifications my speaker (Ballard) had, and I told him he served four combat tours and was awarded a Bronze Star. I asked him how many tours he had and how many Bronze Stars? He didn't have an answer for that," Harris said.

Harris claims Hurst said something else "that I didn't catch," and then said, "I would receive repercussions for picking the speaker that I did. I asked, 'are you threatening me?' He said, 'No, but you will receive repercussions.'"

Contacted about the call this week, Hurst told The Patriot that he didn't threaten Harris.

"I did not threaten Mr. Harris," Hurst stated flatly.

"I care about the annual Memorial Day event and think it's important that all veterans feel welcomed. I heard from some veterans in Radford who were dismayed that an apparent change was made for partisan reasons. I shared that concern with Mr. Harris and said I worried it might have consequences for the integrity of the event in the future," Hurst said.

He continued, "It's unfortunate that rather than move past the issue, it is being brought up

Brun

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Ronald (Angela) Brun – Fair-lawn
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Timothy Janney
Sisters
Debbie (Tommy) Wood – Christiansburg
Lisa (Allen) Turner – Riner

Theresa Lovern – Christians-burg
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Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Carson Linkous officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.
To sign Ethel's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com
Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

mospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center predicts an above-normal 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, with a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes, including 3 to 5 major hurricanes. The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season had a record-breaking 30 named tropical storms, including 13 hurricanes and 6 major hurricanes. Virginia has been prone to many impacts from tropical systems including damaging winds, flooding, and tornadoes. Even storms that start in the lower Atlantic states have the potential to cause significant damage.

"Hurricane preparedness is even more important today, as we have seen an increase in the number and intensity of storms in recent years," said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian J. Moran. "Together with all of our emergency management and public safety partners across the Commonwealth, we have spent months

preparing for hurricane season, and we encourage Virginians to make plans to protect their families and property."

Virginians are encouraged to review the Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide During the COVID-19 Pandemic, which includes information on preparedness, response, and recovery activities in the event of tropical weather, particularly for coastal evacuation areas of the Commonwealth. This year's guide includes pandemic considerations, recognizing that COVID-19 is still circulating and there are still many unvaccinated individuals, including younger Virginians.

"Disasters and emergencies don't affect everyone equally and we know that low-income and disadvantaged communities are disproportionately impacted," said Curtis Brown, State Coordinator at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "We have made significant progress building equity

into Virginia's emergency management programs and will continue working to support at-risk populations well in advance of any event."

Before peak storm season gets underway, all Virginians and those visiting the Commonwealth are encouraged to prepare by knowing your risk, purchasing flood insurance or reviewing your policy, and create an emergency plan that includes arrangements for your pets. Complete a family communication plan. Prepare for how you will assemble and communicate with your family and loved ones. Identify meeting locations and anticipate where you will go. Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance on family communications plans is available here.

Make an emergency kit. Assemble an emergency kit that includes nonperishable food, water, medication, sanitary supplies, radios, extra batteries, and important documents. Learn more about building an emergency supply kit here.

Letters

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To the editor,

Thank you, Pulaski County – Mr. Administrator, Ms. Zoning Administrator, Board of Zoning Appeals, County Attorney, etc. for the aroma of horses, goats, and their freshly dropped manure, all basking and baking in the heat of the sun during what should otherwise have been a beautiful stench free Memorial Day in a non-agricultural, restricted residential zone. Heretofore known as a neighborhood.

As an added attraction, we now have Mr. and Mrs. Ground-

Thank you!

hog and fam! That is what you get in agricultural areas. I know this because we own a farm elsewhere.

But, in the nearly 20 years we have owned our home in this Pulaski County Low Density Residential Zone we have never even seen a groundhog, until now. Barn yards and feed lots, what we now have next door thanks to Pulaski County decision makers, are havens for these and a variety of other such rodents, large and small, and the anticipated varieties of barn yard insects!

Thank you, Pulaski County, for raising our real estate taxes while devaluing our real estate by allowing the Zoning Administrator to ignore the county's Unified Development Ordinance definitions and language, and then provide legal cover with our tax dollars for her egregious mistake.

Someone once said: "Public Trust ... it takes years to build, seconds to break, and forever to repair."

Bill Smith, Draper



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Schools

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system and the state Department of Education on how to proceed with equity work.

People involved in these conversations, Siers said, were frustrated at various times during the process.

Siers said what the information shows is that the equity work is not an initiative that was just “rubber stamped” by the school board, and that there was “much thought and debate that went into every step.”

“In the end the division has a plan that will hopefully make each child feel a sense of belonging and help them to develop the belief that they can be successful in school and in life,” Siers said.

Noting there had been several productive conversations with people from the community and church leaders about the equity work, Siers said, “We will attempt in the coming weeks to continue these conversations about how we can move forward together to address our discipline and achievement disparities.”

Siers said the issues around the policies for the treatment of transgender students are “a matter of law and the only remaining decisions involve how best to incorporate these laws into Pulaski County Public Schools.”

Siers said the school system’s policy would be presented in June. Following that he said school officials will “hear comments, make provisions if necessary and allowable and put the policy up for a final vote in August.”

Moving forward, Siers said, “We cannot be the Facebook police and can’t address every piece of misinformation that is out there.”

“However, we will attempt to answer questions, address concerns and better communicate our work. What we need in return is for our community to work with us, and not automatically oppose the things we are required by law to address. Every single school board across the state is trying to figure out how to make this work for their communities. Some are doing so with strong community support. Some have opposition who approach them with possible solutions. Some have opposition that understand that the issues that make them angry are those that are required by state law and not the school board, and some just have an enraged public that has frightened its students and embarrassed many who live there.

While nobody who has been paying attention expects Pulaski County to be one to move forward with strong community support, the second or third option would be a great improvement over where we went last month,” Siers said.

Vice Chairman Dr. Paige Cash made a presentation to answer a question she said a lot of people in the community had asked

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Proposed Policy for the Treatment of Transgender Students

There have been a number of questions and an abundance of feedback provided to School Board members and employees over the past few weeks regarding how Pulaski County Public Schools will implement the Virginia Department of Education’s model policies for the treatment of transgender students. There has also been much misinformation and speculation shared on social media that seems to have added to the confusion and anger within our community. School Board members and administrators have been meeting with elected officials, concerned parents, and leaders of the faith community to discuss state & federal requirements, clarify misperceptions, and develop ways to best address common concerns. In an effort to continue these productive conversations and provide our community with additional time and means for offering feedback, the School Board has decided to schedule the presentation of a draft policy in conjunction with and hold its first public discussion at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. A final draft of the policy will be on the agenda for a vote at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

The following FAQs have been developed as a way to clarify some of the issues for our community so they can provide well informed feedback to the members of the Pulaski County School Board as they consider how this policy should be developed.

1. Why is Pulaski County considering this policy?

It is required by federal and state law:

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits public school divisions from discrimination against any student on the basis of sex. The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals (which covers Virginia), ruled in *Grimm v. Gloucester County School Board* that discrimination against a person for being transgender was a discrimination based on sex. This ruling means that schools cannot prohibit transgender students from using the restroom and locker-room of their identified gender and that their preferred pronouns must be used.

VA Code § 22.1-23.3 Required the Virginia Department of Education to develop model policies for the treatment of transgender students and that local school boards adopt policies that are “consistent with or more comprehensive” than the state guidance prior to beginning the 2021-2022 school year.

The Virginia School Boards Association recently advised all school board members that “The law is clear that transgender students must be allowed to use the restrooms and locker rooms for the gender with which they identify. Students may be given other options, such as the use of private restrooms. However, if transgender students choose to use the restrooms or locker rooms designated for use by the gender with which they identify, the law requires them to be permitted to do so.”

2. Why can’t the Pulaski County School Board forgo state funding and reject the policy?

Even if this were an option, 69% of our funding comes from the state. This means that Pulaski County would need to cover the \$29,270,000 of current state funding. However, a loss of state funding isn’t the consequence for refusing to follow state law. Instead, School Board members and the superintendent would be subject to being charged with Class 4 misdemeanor while the School Division would be susceptible to a Title IX investigation from the Office for Civil Rights and unable to offer a viable defense in any subsequent lawsuits.

3. Do I need to attend a school board meeting to provide feedback on a policy?

The School Board will hear public comments at their regular meetings and all interested

stakeholders are invited speak. In addition, given the level of interest in the development of this particular policy, we are collecting virtual comments and feedback through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/55M9RHS>

4. What will Pulaski County Public Schools do to protect the interests of students who are not comfortable with bathroom and locker room requirements that are established in the applicable law?

Any student with privacy concerns will be afforded the option of using a single use restroom facility or private locker room space. The Pulaski County School Board will also examine through its capital improvement process the possibility of expanding the number of single use restroom facilities within its schools beginning with Pulaski County High School.

5. How will PCPS prevent students from claiming an alternate gender in order to gain access to the restroom or locker meant for students of the opposite gender?

The law and policy guidance require a “consistent and uniform assertion of the student’s gender identity” in order to access the facilities of their identified gender. This means that a student cannot just walk in and claim to be the other gender in order to access the facilities. PCPS will work with administrators and counselors to establish a set of working criteria about how the guidelines of “consistent and uniform assertion” will be determined. An example of these criteria could be that a transgender student would have presented as the identified gender for a certain amount of time and participated in some type of counseling to assist in the transition process. – *This is an example and not necessarily what our working criteria will be.*

6. What if I’m uncomfortable with having my elementary age student participating in discussions or reading material that positively promotes a lifestyle with which I have a moral opposition?

We have a number of students whose families differ from what is thought of as the traditional family and many students whose parents have a moral opposition to anything other than a traditional family. The children in all of these families are legally required to attend school and should be able to do so in an environment that doesn’t cause them to feel ostracized or bullied. We also have teachers who are comfortable with making resources available that reflect nontraditional families and some who are not. Therefore, the availability of materials might vary from classroom to classroom. We will work with elementary teachers and principals to develop an “opt-out” procedure for parents who do not want their children to have access to any materials or lessons that include LGBTQ issues. This will be handled in a way that is similar to how parents can opt their children out from participation in family life lessons.

7. How can I access information and stay on top of what is being considered by the Pulaski County School Board?

The Pulaski County School Board’s regular monthly meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise posted. Most information is available on the Pulaski County Public Schools website at <http://www.pcva.us/>. All School Board agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting documents can be found on Board Docs by clicking the “Board” tab on the school division’s website. We are also in the process of developing a cellphone AP that will be available in August 2021 which will provide stakeholders with easy access to information from specific schools and/or the school division. Additional questions or comments can be e-mailed to the executive administrative assistant to the superintendent at bcrawford@pcva.us or the superintendent at ksiers@pcva.us.

– “Why do we need an equity plan?”

Cash said the school board has “guidance and mandates” from the state department of education, and the board has known changes were coming for over a year.”

She said the board started looking at inequities that it needed to address.

She said there are several changes coming, mostly involving teacher training along with revisions to SOLs that teachers and students will be responsible for, but “right now we don’t know what those are.”

Cash quoted data from the Legal Aid Justice Center showing that in 2016 in Pulaski County, African American students were 2 to 4 times more likely to receive a disciplinary referral or get suspended. Those rates for special education students were even higher.

She said when the report and resulting news coverage came out in 2016, “I was horrified.”

“I expected a firestorm of criticism on how the school system was treating these students,” she said. “And there was nothing.”

She said school officials did start addressing the situation in 2019 using restorative practices “where we don’t suspend but try to show the individual how their actions harmed the community as a whole.”

Cash said statistics in that area

have improved.

She displayed English reading SOL test scores for 2019, the last year tests were given. The figures showed a 74 percent pass rate for the school system overall.

“That’s not bad,” Cash said. “That’s not terrible.”

The display showed that economically disadvantaged students had a 64 percent pass rate, meaning 36 percent of those students “did not pass,” Cash stated. “That’s a lot of kids.”

“Sixty-some percent of students received free and reduced-price lunch at the time – black and white – and 36 percent of those students did not pass,” she added.

Hispanic students and multiple-race students both had 62 percent pass rates, and African American students had a 54 percent pass rate.

“Forty-six percent did not pass their SOL,” Cash said.

Students with disabilities had a 31 percent pass rate.

“That’s a lot of kids,” she repeated.

“I look at this and this is not okay. You all should not be okay with this,” Cash said to the audience.

“This is what we’re trying to fix,” she said.

Cash compared the difference in equality and equity using school backpack programs as an example.

She said equality is when a backpack is sent home with every student, while equity means a backpack is sent home with every student who needs it.

She said in the classroom, equity works the same way.

“Equity is support that comes in many ways like tutoring and mentoring,” she said. “Sometimes students in these groups don’t feel they belong in school. They don’t feel welcome, and they feel like all the other students get all the attention. Because they have told us this,” Cash said.

“That is also not okay with me,” she added.

“They don’t feel smart enough in some ways to be in school, therefore they do not succeed,” she said.

“So, when I hear opposition to equity, what I hear is we don’t care about these students, and that is the message the students hear as well,” Cash stated.

“Maybe you don’t intend for them to hear that message, but that is the message they hear.”

She said the equity mission “is not about indoctrinating kids in some leftist agenda. This is not about Critical Race Theory. It’s not about Marxism. It’s not about telling white children they are racist and oppressors. It’s not about taking resources away from students and giving it to others. It is about making the resources work for these students.”

“This board, the superintendent, the teachers sitting here, the administrators sitting here and the support staff sitting here care about those students, and they care about narrowing those achievement gaps. That’s what this is about,” Cash said, noting she fears the gaps have gotten even bigger since the pandemic.

She said school officials want the community to help them make sure students feel like they belong.

“If you don’t want to do that, that’s fine. We’re going to do it anyway. But you need to understand what we’re doing here. It’s not about indoctrinating kids, it’s about making them successful Pulaski County citizens,” she closed.

Massie District representative Becki Cox explained to the audience the role of the school board as it relates to enforcing policies handed down by the state.

“We can make small policy decisions, but those policies are handed down to us from other authorities in this Commonwealth,” she said. There is a long list, Cox said, of the things the school board is told by the state and federal governments it must do.

She wondered how many in the room had paid attention to the House and Senate bills relating to the treatment of transgender students as they made their way through the Virginia General Assembly.

“Were you paying attention to those, because those are the bills we are now given to do something with. If you weren’t paying attention, why were you not paying attention to the General Assembly and to Congress? Did you think when it came down to the five of us (school board) we could stop it? I wish I had that much power,” Cox said.

“So, my word to the many of you who have displeasures, is to be careful what you send to Richmond and D.C. to represent us as their laws flow back down to local elected bodies to implement. I ask that you put your passion into influencing those in your legislative bodies.”

Cloyd District representative Bill Benson noted that school board members have been accused of making “back-door or back-room decisions” for our students. “We don’t do that,” he said.

Saying he believes citizens would be hard-pressed to say board members aren’t doing the best they can do for county students.

Benson said he was very disappointed in what he heard at the last school board meeting during comments about transgender



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Critical Race Theory is a radical ideology that focuses on race as the key to understanding society, and objectifies people based on race.

She proceeded to list a number of examples in the state Department of Education (VDOE) guidelines on equity that are informed by authors such as Robin DiAngelo and Ibram X. Kendi who promote Critical Race Theory, and several proponents of the re-imagined U.S. history rooted in the ideology of the “1619 Project” - a collection of writings that try to re-frame the history of the U.S. by saying

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policy and equity.

Penny Golden, Ingles District representative said she as a parent understands the passion, fear and the unknown of what we’re facing.

“It’s a daunting task we have been given. I just ask for your guidance and help. We don’t need to fight and push this away. “It’s all about the kids, all of them. What we’re up to is unprecedented for us,” she said.

“We need you to talk with us, not at us,” Golden said, noting she and some of the high school students who were present for the last meeting were shocked at some of the things they heard.

School Board Chairman Tim Hurst addressed concerns he said were raised at the last meeting and referred to a list of frequently asked questions and school responses given out to attendees prior to Tuesday’s meeting.

Hurst spoke of the number of student events board members and Siers had attended in support of students.

He addressed safety concerns, noting the number of video cameras in the schools had been increased by 50 percent to improve safety measures in the schools. There have been State Police safety audits. School resource officers are now stationed at every county school. He said Pulaski County Middle School has some of the most up to date safety features of any school in Virginia. He said the principal at PCMS could lock the entire school down with the push of a button in her office.

“The safety of Pulaski County kids is our highest priority. There’s nothing more important. When I see a post online that says the clergy and faith-based community are fighting for your kids’ safety, I question that. Do you believe Pulaski County Schools is not fighting for your kids’ safety? Do you really believe that,” Hurst asked.

“Members of this board are part of that faith-based community, and we think of these kids seven days a week, 365 days a year,” Hurst stated.

He added that Pulaski County citizens have no control over what is handed down from Richmond or Washington, but they can control how we will act.

“We can be civil with each other and treat each other with respect.

“As for the treatment of transgender students, we will respect and protect the rights of all students. We will respect and protect the privacy of all students for a safe learning environment,” Hurst said.

slavery is central to the country’s development and even today has an impact on the nation.

Most historians and renowned academics – black and white – discount the 1619 Project’s account of history and site factual inaccuracies and lack of historical record to back up many of its claims.

Several Department of Education videos, Paine said, specifically refer to Critical Race Theory that separates people based on group identity.

“Why would the VDOE use guidance from a book entitled, ‘White Privilege,’ Paine asked.

“Why are they using guidance from a book entitled, ‘How to be An Anti-Racist?’ Anti-racist is a concept that holds that all white people are racist and that all institutions of society are racist,” Paine said.

“You declared you’re following the guidance. This is in their guidance,” Paine stated.

Pastor Donald Jones of Pulaski Church of God said members of the clergy in the county met recently with both School Board Chairman Tim Hurst and School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers and that great interaction occurred. “The temperature in the room stayed intact,” he said.

Jones said his intention in attending Tuesday night’s meeting



Krystal Thompson

Thompson new CEO of NRCA

New River Community Action’s Board of Directors is pleased to welcome the organization’s new Chief Executive Officer, Krystal Thompson. As the CEO, Ms. Thompson will be responsible for the successful leadership and management of the agency. Ms. Thompson will oversee the planning and implementation of the agency’s programs and services to ensure full compliance and resources to address needs of the community and low-income clients for NRCA programs.

Ms. Thompson is a human service professional with many years in the nonprofit, for-profit, and public arenas. Krystal has experience in program development and implementation, grant writing, fundraising, strategic planning, budgeting, fiscal, regulatory compliance, and human resource management. She comes to NRCA from the State Director position with Family Preservation Services and, previously, the Executive Director for the Brain Injury Services of SWVA and the Chief Operating Officer at the Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

Ms. Thompson has been working with outgoing CEO, Terry Smusz, on the leadership transition that will occur when Ms. Smusz retires on June 30, 2021.

“The board reviewed over 100 applications from all around the United States as part of a months-long process,” said John McEnhill, Board Chairperson.

was to come in and assist in “dialing back the temperature.”

“I have to say, though, what is extremely troubling for me is our superintendent’s disregard for the clergy of the community in this area called the Equity Act and the Model Policy for the Treatment of Transgender Students,” Jones said.

“Since that meeting a week ago, I have now been exposed through seeing and hearing documentation sent from Dr. Siers’ desk where he diminishes the role of clergy in the community, and these all-important decisions concerning the kids of our county.

“Ten days after the last spirited public meeting, sir you sent an email basically vilifying the pastors of the county where you implied the clergy were dehumanizing transgender students,” Jones said to Siers.

“That is the furthest thing from the truth,” Jones stated. “We want to see all students safe.

“The inference in that email was that clergy are fueling hate, ignorance and fear. Quite the contrary. We in the pastoral community are doing what we can to one, protect the bodies of our kids from mischievous predators, and two, protect the minds of our kids from anyone who would try to indoctrinate them through curriculum or even ‘fun-time reading’ that goes away from the traditional family values that a large majority of this county hold close to their hearts.

“We simply do not desire transgender non-binary material to be shared with our kids,” Jones said.

Jones said that, in his email communication as he did with the clergy, Siers likened last month’s meeting to a war worse than the two tours in Iraq where he served.

“And yet, you go on the offensive against clergy with the VDOE just a few days after that meeting.”

At that point Jones’ three minutes to speak ended. However, the next speaker – Billy Williams – said he was yielding his time to Jones so he could finish his comments.

“Sir (Siers), you have led us to believe in multiple meetings you were going along to get along

when in reality I now know you are strongly in favor of the Equity Act and the transgender policies and all that it entails. You are a strong proponent and referring to the now infamous email sent from your desk, you stated, ‘We are committed to moving things forward in Pulaski County and will do what we can to keep the detractors marginalized in the processes that are developing.’ Clergy being a part of the detractors,” Jones continued.

Jones said it has come to the clergy’s attention that for fun-time reading “transgender-friendly materials have been introduced quite possibly without parental knowledge right here in places in our county. If this is not required reading for academic purposes, should it not be eliminated from fun-time reading all-together?” He asked if Siers is willing to instruct early elementary educators to refrain from sharing this material with their very impressionable students?

“Indoctrination of students to alternate lifestyles without parental consent is simply unacceptable,” Jones stated.

Seventh District Republican House of Delegates candidate Marie March warned of the “blowback” that could occur with the transgender policy.

“It has the potential to create victimization among females and males in their respective bathrooms and locker rooms. It will create unnecessary conflict in the classrooms. It will also create a potentially hostile environment for students and teachers with values that conflict with this policy,” March said.

“This policy targets the majority of the population who is not transgender. This is an attack by the ‘woke’ mob. And it is time that we stop giving in. We are not California, and we are not New York. Are we going to allow these flagrant, liberal attacks to run our schools or are we going to run our schools?

“I understand the purpose of this policy is to ensure Pulaski County is in line with state mandates. I understand that this policy is not necessarily the product of the beliefs of each member of the school board. As a firm believer of local control, I want to ensure the board and the concerned citizens here today that in Richmond, I will not give in to these attacks that trickle down to our localities. I will fight back and I implore the school board to do the same,” March said.

March also stated that, once in Richmond, she would work as an advocate for school choice.

There were more speakers who addressed the board. You can view the entire meeting on YouTube. Just search for Pulaski County School Board and find the video for the June 8, 2021 meeting.



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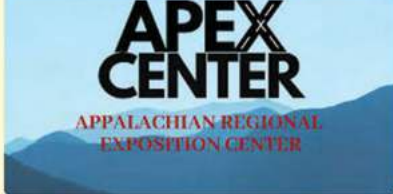
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Homeschool Co-op scheduled to open in Fall 2021

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

During an information meeting on Monday, June 6th, Christine Fiske, wife of Pastor Henry Fiske of First Baptist Church of Pulaski, announced plans to host a Christian Homeschool Co-op at the church located at 325 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

Another informational meeting will be held June 21st at 6:30 in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church of Pulaski. Registration for the co-op begins around mid-July.

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June 12

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Revival with Evangelist Bennie Bedsaul and Patricia Bedsaul at the Porters Bottom Pentecostal Church at Fort Chiswell on the Old Ivanhoe Road. Services start Friday, June 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 12 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 13 at 7 p.m. Special singing nightly. Pastor Junior Dunford invites everyone to come and worship with them. Any questions call 276-266-0806.

Boating Safety Class at Claytor Lake State Park

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

June 13

Bluegrass Gospel

Bluegrass Gospel featuring: GATE 10, Sunday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn P.H. Church, 3874 Oak Grove Rd., Woodlawn, VA 24381. For information call 276-728-2088.

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

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Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Christine Fiske, wife of Pastor Henry Fiske of First Baptist Church of Pulaski, announced plans to host a Christian Homeschool Co-op at the church located at 325 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

Starting in the fall of 2021, the Homeschool Co-op will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. followed by lunch (brought from home) in the church fellowship hall. The Homeschool Co-op will run for 10 to 12 weeks during the fall and spring semesters, giving homeschool parents a day of grace and providing a safe and healthy environment in which kids can learn and fellowship.

Fiske views the Co-op as a mission and a ministry.

“We know there is a need and now an opportunity to teach our kids using Christ-centered values. We are a faith-based Co-op with a Biblical world view. The Co-op will provide a safe place for educational experiences and fellowship for families and children as we build into the next generation for Christ; and to en-

courage one another to walk in faith in all the promises of God, through Scripture, for His glory.”

Because the church is sponsoring this ministry, it falls under the Evangelism and Outreach line item in the church budget and any money collected by the Co-op will be given to the church for Evangelism ministry. This is specifically designed to keep the cost of the Co-op

low, so as not to burden parents. A fee of \$5.00 per child, \$15.00 per family per year, will be required. Teachers are asked to keep class costs below \$20.00 per child.

For several years, the Fiskes have wanted to use extra space in their church building and believe that God has called them to utilize some of the space for use by the Homeschool Co-op. Al-

though the focus will be on kindergarten through high school age students, preschool children are welcome. Curriculum offerings will be based on what parents, who will be teaching or assisting in the classrooms, can offer.

“Our plan is to offer things that homeschoolers don’t typically have in their homeschool environment. Classes will be designed to serve the needs of the Co-op families. To keep costs down, parents, guardians or adult volunteers will be teaching the classes and there will be no extra fees except for classroom supplies such as crayons, glue sticks, etc. and if required, a specific book,” explained Fiske.

Fiske specifically wanted the people attending the meeting to know that this is not a day-care program. Parents or adult

family members are required to be present in the church building during classes. Anyone instructing will need a background check (using a computer program at the church) and to sign a waiver of liability.

“Children attending the Co-op will have nametags, showing their class assignments so we know where each child is supposed to be. The church doors will be locked at 9:30 a.m. to provide security for the students. We want to promote a safe space for them to learn and link-up with other homeschool kids in the area.”

“First Baptist Church desires to provide a more godly influence for children in the face of an increasingly godless culture. Families can benefit greatly from additional support in community with others as they navigate homeschooling – it is no easy feat! This First Baptist Church Homeschool Co-op will provide weekly support for homeschooling families – a place to come together and support each other in a Gospel-centered way that cannot be achieved openly in public school. We can be a place for hope, love and truth, and to be a place in our community that builds into our next generation for Christ,” said Fiske.

To get additional information about the First Baptist Church Homeschool Co-op, contact Christine Fiske at Facebook First Baptist Church Pulaski or AVFBCPulaski@gmail.com



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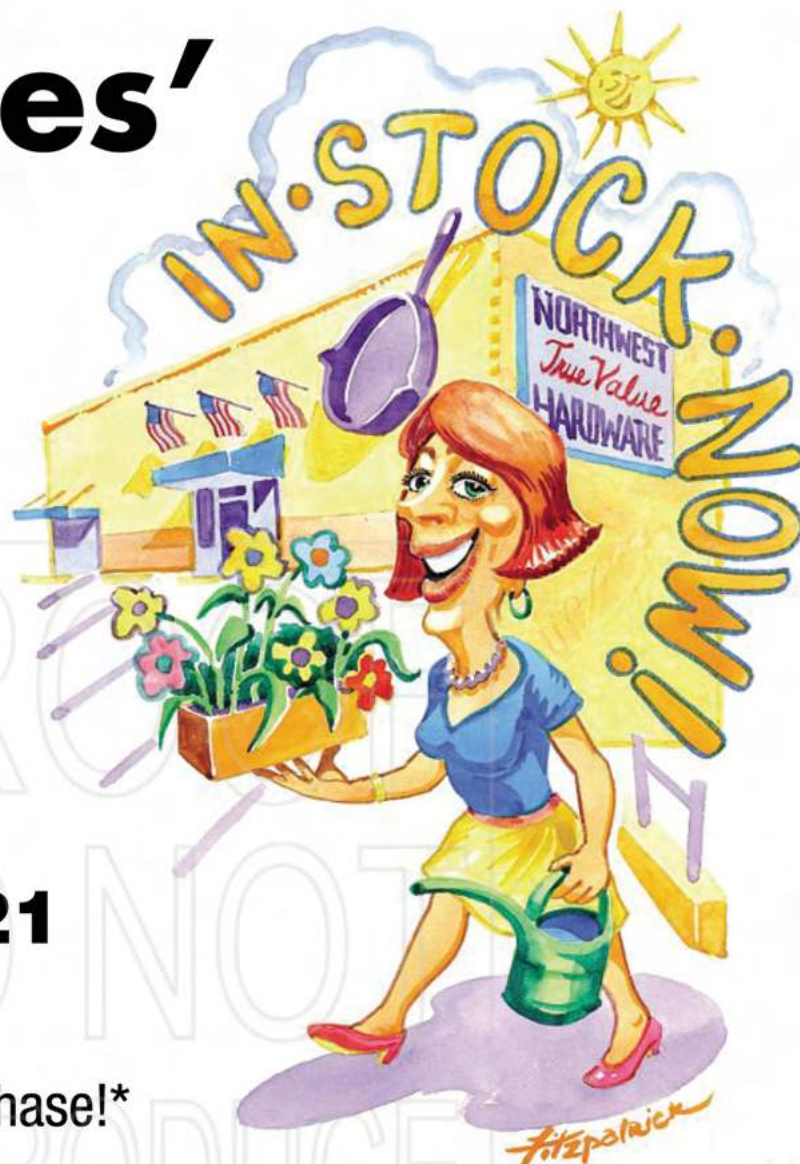
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"We're really excited for the Pulaski County Play Outside 250," said Mark Ebert, Presi-



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River Turtles climb to 2-4 on season

Pulaski 4, Danville 2

Danville Otterbots lost the lead late in a 4-2 defeat to Pulaski River Turtles on Wednesday. The game was tied at two with Pulaski River Turtles batting in the top of the ninth when John Bay doubled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run.

Danville Otterbots knotted the game up at two in the bottom of the sixth inning, when Bobby Whalen grounded into a double play, scoring one run.

Paco Hernandez pitched Pulaski River Turtles to victory. The ace lasted four innings, allowing two hits and zero runs while striking out five and walking zero.

Eli Thurmond took the loss for Danville Otterbots. The righty allowed three hits and two runs over two innings, striking out two and walking zero.

Riley Gowens started the game for Danville Otterbots. The pitcher lasted three innings, allowing three hits and zero runs while striking out three Ty Ruhl started the game for Pulaski River Turtles. The righthander lasted five innings, allowing three hits and two runs while striking out two and walking zero

River Turtle Roundup

Jacob Steinberg went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Danville Otterbots in hits. Danville Otterbots didn't commit a single error in the field. Kellen Sarver had the most chances in the field with 13.

Pulaski River Turtles totaled ten hits. Bay, Tommy Woods, and Cameron Leary each collected multiple hits for Pulaski River Turtles. Bay led Pulaski River Turtles with three hits in five at bats. Pulaski River Turtles were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Mark Trotta had the most chances in the field with ten.

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Pulaski 8, Danville 4

Danville Otterbots watched the game slip away early and couldn't
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Starting and Finishing

Virginia's Devin Ortiz started on the mound for Virginia in Tuesday's 4-3 win over Old Dominion, then returned to his customary DH spot and delivered the game-deciding home run in the bottom of the 10th inning. Ortiz got the start for Virginia despite only pitching two innings this season after having shoulder injuries. Ortiz pitched four scoreless innings and allowed just one hit. His walkoff home run to win the game was the first in Virginia baseball's NCAA postseason history and the first for the Cavaliers in any game in more than eight years.

The Strongest Link

Notre Dame head coach Link Jarrett has guided the Irish to their best season since joining the ACC, with the current Super Regional run coming on the heels of the first conference division title in program history. Notre Dame led the ACC with 10 conference series wins, including three sweeps, and finished the year with 25 victories in league play. That tied for the most conference wins in a single season by a Notre Dame team. The Irish have not lost back-to-back games in 2021.

Pack Power Surge

NC State entered the NCAA tournament as the top-hitting team in the ACC, and the Wolfpack lived up to its billing while capturing the Ruston Regional. NC State hit .382 and scored 30 runs while winning three straight games. The Wolfpack's scoring output in Sunday's decisive 14-7 win over Louisiana Tech marked the most runs ever scored in an NCAA Regional final in program history and the third most in any NCAA Tournament game. Devonte Brown keyed NC State in Sunday's win

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Yard Sales

SUMMER FESTIVAL: Warriors for Christ II, 600 Skyline Circle, Pulaski, June 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Lots of vendors, raffle, church will be selling home-made barbecue. Come on our and fellowship and have a great time, God Bless!

Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12 at 323 S. Washington Avenue, Pulaski.

Two-family yard sale, Saturday, June 12, 9 a.m. to ? Oakhurst Avenue, Pulaski.

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ACC

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with five RBI, including his second grand slam home run of the season. Brown, named Regional MVP, also had a pair of home runs in the Wolfpack's 8-1 win over Alabama in the first round of the regional.

ACC By The Numbers

1 – Duke's ACC Baseball Championship title was the program's first since the conference began deciding its champion via a tournament format in 1973.

2 –Two ACC catchers are among the three finalists for the Buster Posey Award – Florida State's Matheu Nelson ad Louisville's Henry Davis.

3 – Three ACC teams rank among the top five nationally for most all-time tournament appearances: No. 2 Florida State (58), No. 3 Miami (47), and No. 5

Clemson (44).

5 – NC State has advanced to the Super Regional round of the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time and the first since 2013.

5 – The Golden Spikes Award list of 2021 semifinalists includes five from the ACC in Boston College outfielder Sal Frelick, Florida State catcher Matheu Nelson, Louisville catcher Henry Davis, Notre Dame first baseman Niko Kavadas and Virginia pitcher Andrew Abbott.

5 – Five ACC pitchers have struck out more than 100 batters this season -- Virginia's Andrew Abbott (144), North Carolina's Austin Love (129), Florida State's Parker Messick (126), Wake Forest's Ryan Cusick (108) and Boston College's Emmett Sheehan (106).

6 – The ACC has placed at least six teams in the NCAA Tournament field each of the last 17 seasons.

8 – The ACC's eight teams in the 2021 NCAA Baseball Championship field were the second most of any conference. This marks the fifth time since 2010 that the ACC has placed at least eight teams in NCAA tournament.

14 – At least one ACC team has reached the College World Series in Omaha each of the previous 14 years the event has been held, and multiple ACC teams have reached the CWS nine times during that span.

17 – ACC teams have combined to win at least 17 games in each of the previous 13 NCAA Baseball Championships, including a record 31 games in 2006. The conference has won 15 games so far this postseason with Notre Dame, NC State and Virginia continuing play in the Super Regionals this weekend.

21 - Program-record number of home runs this season by Notre Dame first baseman Niko Kavadas. The Granger, Indiana, native

hit two home runs in each of the first two games of last weekend's NCAA South Bend Regional and finished the three-game stretch with five home runs, 13 RBI and nine runs scored. He was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Regional.

24 - Combined strikeouts by Virginia pitchers Brandon Neeck and Griff McGarry in last Sunday's regional win over Old Dominion – the most in a nine-inning game in the NCAA this season and the most in nine-inning game NCAA Division I baseball since Auburn struck out 25 against Arkansas on May 19, 1994. The nine-inning NCAA record is 26 strikeouts by Miami (Ohio) in 1971.

26 – The ACC has placed a total of 26 teams in the previous 14 College World Series, an average of just under two per season.

26 –Notre Dame's 26 runs scored in last Saturday's regional win over UConn set a program record for the most in an NCAA Tournament game. The previous record was 25 runs against South Alabama in 2002

43 – Florida State's 43rd consecutive selection to the NCAA Baseball Championship field continued the longest active streak in the nation.

90 – Number of bids earned by ACC teams over the past 12 NCAA Tournaments.

96 – Combined number of College World Series appearances by the ACC's 14 baseball programs.

137 – Including last weekend's NCAA Regional competition the ACC has won 137 games versus non-conference opposition in 2021.

.850 – NC State owns the best road win percentage in the NCAA (.850) with a 17-3 record.

1,003 – Current ACC teams own a total of 1,003 wins in NCAA Tournament play while posting a winning percentage of

.574.

1,146 – Career wins by NC State's Elliott Avent, who enters the NCAA Super Regionals ranked seventh among active coaches in total victories.

58,516 – Total attendance for

this year's ACC Baseball Championship at Truist Field, in Charlotte, N.C., which ranks as the fifth highest in the 47-year history of the event. Two games – NC State versus North Carolina on May 28 and Duke versus NC State in the title game on May 30 – attracted more than 7,100 fans.

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- 1) Adoption of the proposed Pulaski County Cigarette Tax Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would impose a tax of forty cents (\$0.40) for each package and two cents (\$0.02) for each cigarette contained in packages of fewer or more than twenty cigarettes sold or used within the County, as allowed by Section 58.1-3830[C] of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- 2) Adoption of an ordinance approving the formation of a joint entity to be known as the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board and bestowing on such entity all powers necessary and proper for the performance of its duties as provided by law. This proposed action is in accordance with Section 15.2-1300 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- 3) Transfer of the former Snowville Fire Department property, located at 4851 Lead Mine Road (Tax Parcel 085-001-0000-0070) from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to Mr. Winfield Covey.

Comments may be presented orally or in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to bos@pulaskicounty.org. A copy of the draft ordinances is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7705.

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River Turtles

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recover in an 8-4 loss to Pulaski River Turtles on Tuesday. Pulaski River Turtles scored on a single by Cameron Leary and a single by Jackson Beamon in the first inning.

Pulaski River Turtles fired up the offense in the first inning. Leary singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

Pulaski River Turtles scored three runs in the third inning. The offensive firepower by Pulaski River Turtles was led by John Bay, Tommy Woods, and Garrett Rice, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Chris Barraza was credited with the victory for Pulaski River Turtles. The ace surrendered one run on one hit over three innings, striking out four. Zac Capps and Tanner Lohaus entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Manuel De Gracia took the loss for Danville Otterbots. The pitcher lasted two and a third innings, allowing five hits and four runs while striking out two and walking one.

Brandon Gielow started the game for Pulaski River Turtles. Gielow went two innings, allowing one run on one hit and walking one.

Danville Otterbots collected eight hits on the day. Ryan Hampe and Morgan Colopy each racked up multiple hits for Danville Ot-

terbots. Colopy and Hampe each collected two hits to lead Danville Otterbots. Danville Otterbots didn't commit a single error in the field. Hampe had 15 chances in the field, the most on the team.

Pulaski River Turtles racked up 14 hits in the game. Irvin Escobar, Beamon, Rice, and Leary all had multiple hits for Pulaski River Turtles. Pulaski River Turtles was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Escobar had the most chances in the field with nine.

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Princeton 7, Pulaski 4

Pulaski River Turtles watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 7-4 loss to Princeton WhistlePigs on Sunday. Princeton WhistlePigs scored on a single by Tyshawn Barrett and a single by Cameron Uselton in the first inning.

Pulaski River Turtles lost despite out-hitting Princeton WhistlePigs eight to six.

Princeton WhistlePigs got things started in the first inning. Barrett drove in one when Barrett singled.

Xander Rojahn was the winning pitcher for Princeton WhistlePigs. The righthander went two innings, allowing one run on one hit and striking out two. Eli Wright and

Zane Probst entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief. Wright recorded the last three outs to earn the save for Princeton WhistlePigs.

Zach Hise took the loss for Pulaski River Turtles. The bulldog allowed four hits and five runs over three and a third innings, striking out two and walking one.

Patrick Queener started the game for Princeton WhistlePigs. The pitcher surrendered three runs on five hits over three innings, striking out two and walking zero.

Pulaski River Turtles hit one home run on the day. Mark Trotta had a dinger in the second inning.

Pulaski River Turtles didn't commit a single error in the field. Josh Rolling had the most chances in the field with seven.

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Princeton 6, Pulaski 3

Justin Showalter pitched Princeton WhistlePigs to victory. The righty surrendered one run on six hits over four innings, striking out four and walking zero. Taylor Catton, Tyler Dyball, and Evan Porter all put in work in relief out of the bullpen, steering their team towards the victory. Dyball recorded the last three outs to earn the save for Princeton WhistlePigs.

Kevin Eaise took the loss for

Pulaski River Turtles. The pitcher went five innings, allowing one run on four hits, striking out three and walking one.

Pulaski River Turtles tallied one home run on the day. Conner Gore went deep in the eighth inning.

Pulaski River Turtles totaled eight hits in the game. Gore, Ross Lovich, and Cameron Leary all managed multiple hits for Pulaski River Turtles. Leary, Lovich, and Gore each collected two hits to lead Pulaski River Turtles.

Princeton WhistlePigs collected 12 hits. Brady Day, Nathan Holt, and Tre Morris all had multiple hits for Princeton WhistlePigs. Princeton WhistlePigs was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Morris had the most chances in the field with ten.

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Danville 12, Pulaski 4

An early lead helped Danville Otterbots defeat Pulaski River Turtles 12-4 on Friday. Danville Otterbots scored on an error during CJ Cepicky's at bat and a single by Kellen Sarver in the first inning.

Danville Otterbots notched four runs in the sixth inning. The offensive onslaught by Danville Otterbots was led by Chenar Brown and Jacob Steinberg, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Jared Lyons was the winning pitcher for Danville Otterbots. The righthander allowed two hits and one run over three innings, striking out nine and walking zero. Riley Gowens and Eli Thurmond entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Ty Ruhl took the loss for Pulaski River Turtles. The pitcher allowed five hits and six runs over three innings, striking out three.

Chad Coles started the game for Danville Otterbots. The pitcher allowed two hits and one run over three innings, striking out five.

Danville Otterbots collected nine hits. Brown and Steinberg each managed multiple hits for Danville Otterbots. Brown led Danville Otterbots with three hits in four at bats. Danville Otterbots didn't commit a single error in the field. Sarver had the most chances in the field with 20.

Ryan Johnson went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Pulaski River Turtles in hits.

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Danville 13, Pulaski 1

Danville Otterbots put up seven runs in the sixth on its way to a 13-1 victory over Pulaski River Turtles on Thursday. CJ Cepicky, Chenar Brown, Caleb Cali, AJ Fritz, and Ryan Hampe each had RBIs in the big inning.

Danville Otterbots knotted the game up at one in the bottom of the fourth inning, when Jevin Relaford singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Danville Otterbots pulled away for good with two runs in the fifth inning.

Danville Otterbots scored seven runs in the sixth inning. The offensive onslaught came from a walk by Cepicky, a triple by Fritz, a single by Brown, an error on a ball put in play by Hampe, and a double by Cali.

Manuel De Gracia got the win for Danville Otterbots. The righty lasted three and two-thirds innings, allowing zero hits and zero runs while striking out five and walking zero. Grant Leader and Adam Stone entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Paco Hernandez took the loss for Pulaski River Turtles. Hernandez allowed three hits and three runs over two and a third innings, striking out three.

Brandon Gielow started the game for Pulaski River Turtles. The bulldog went two and two-thirds innings, allowing zero runs on three hits and walking one. Gavin Kinney started the game for Danville Otterbots. Kinney lasted two and a third innings, allowing three hits and one run while striking out four.

Danville Otterbots tallied 12 hits in the game. Hampe, Morgan Colopy, Cali, and Fritz all managed multiple hits for Danville Otterbots. Hampe led Danville Otterbots with four hits in five at bats.

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The Patriot
540-808-3949

Mini Cougar Cheer Clinic

Tuesday, June 29, 2021
9am - 5pm
PCHS Gym

PCHS Sideline Cheer team would like to invite any K-5 aged student to participate in a cheer clinic on Tuesday, June 29 from 9am - 5pm. During this clinic we will teach basic cheerleading skills that include but aren't limited to stunting, tumbling, and a dance and cheer. The cost to participate is \$25 per child. The registration fee is for us to provide lunch and a t-shirt for your child.

Check in will begin at 9am and we will begin our clinic at 9:30am. We will provide lunch (pizza). If your child does not like pizza, then they are required to bring their own lunch. We will invite parents in at 4:45pm to showcase what their child has learned and then conclude the day at 5pm.

To sign your child up, please use the link below to do so. Deadline to sign up is Friday, June 18, 2021. You may still register after this deadline, but we cannot guarantee a shirt for your child if registered after this date. If you have any questions or trouble accessing the form, please contact Jordan Lambert at jlambert@pcva.us.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/V6pSv81j3ReCmwB67>



PULASKI COUNTY VA
PARKS & RECREATION

2021 Fall Football, Cheerleading, Soccer, and Bat/Ball Registrations

**** ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE! ****
www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org

All participants must pay a \$25.00 registration fee and agree to all COVID waivers/terms and conditions before being placed on a team selection list. The rates for families with multiple participants are as follows: \$25.00 1st child, \$15.00 for each additional child

****Age cutoff for baseball, softball, soccer, football is on or before October 31, 2021**

Registration will be open June 5 through July 10!

Questions? Contact us!

John Myers
(540) 674-1513 ext. 3 or
jmyers@pulaskicounty.org

C.J. Burgis
(540) 674-1513 ext. 4 or
cjburgis@pulaskicounty.org

Baseball/Softball

- Ages 8 to 10
- Ages 11 to 12

****PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN EARLY AUGUST!**

Cheerleading

- Mite League - Grades 2nd & 3rd
- Junior League - Grades 4th & 5th
- Senior League - Grades 6th & 7th

****PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN EARLY AUGUST!**

Soccer

- Mite League - Ages 5 to 7
- Junior League - Ages 8 to 10
- Senior League - Ages 11 to 13
- Teen League - Ages 14 to 17

****PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN EARLY AUGUST!**

Football

- Flag Football - Grades K & 1st
- Mite League - Grades 2nd & 3rd
- Junior League - Grades 4th & 5th
- Senior League - Grades 6th & 7th (Can't be on Middle School Team)

****PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN EARLY AUGUST!**

PET OF THE WEEK

Max is a 13 year old Chihuahua. He has Addison's disease and is on daily medication. He's very sweet. His first owner passed away and he was adopted again, but now that owner has passed away. He needs to be in a home with no kids and no other pets. Given his age and history, he deserves a quiet home and to have all the attention.



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

**Monday-Friday
10AM-4PM and 10AM-12Noon on Saturday**

**Pulaski County Animal Control,
80 Dublin Park Rd.
Dublin, VA 24084, 540-674-8359**

**Pet of the Week
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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Town of Dublin, Virginia 1155150.)

INTRODUCTION

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2020 is designed to inform you about your drinking water quality. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand the efforts we make to protect your water supply. The quality of your drinking water must meet state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

If you have questions about this report, please contact: Darrin Cullip, Utility Superintendent, 540-674-5791.

If you want additional information about any aspect of your drinking water or want to know how to participate in decisions that may affect the quality of your drinking water, please contact: Darrin Cullip, Utility Superintendent, 540-674-5791.

The times and location of regularly scheduled board meetings are as follows: Council meets on the third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Dublin Town Hall building at 7:00pm.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (i) microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (ii) inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (iii) pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; (iv) organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; (v) radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

SOURCE(S) and TREATMENT OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

The source(s) of your drinking water is (X) surface water () groundwater under the direct influence of surface water () groundwater as described below:

The Town of Dublin purchases treated water from Pulaski County PSA. Surface water is obtained from Claytor Lake and purchased surface water from the City of Radford obtained from the New River.

Is there any treatment of your drinking water supply? (X) Yes () No

The Virginia Department of Health conducted a source water assessment of our system during 2020. The reservoir/creek was determined to be of high susceptibility to contamination using the criteria developed by the state in its approved Source Water Assessment Program. The assessment report consists of maps showing the source water assessment area, an inventory of known land use activities of concern, and documentation of any known contamination. The report is available by contacting Darrin Cullip at the phone number or address given elsewhere in this drinking water quality report.

DEFINITIONS

Contaminants in your drinking water are routinely monitored according to Federal and State regulations. The table on the next page shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. In the table and elsewhere in this report you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. The following definitions are provided to help you better understand these terms:

Maximum Contaminant Level, or MCL - the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or MCLG - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG: the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-detects (ND) - lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Level 1 assessment - a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 assessment - a very detailed study of the waterworks to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli PMCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity, or cloudiness, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Regulated Contaminants							
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation (Y/N)	Range	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.87	N	N/A	2020	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.23	N	N/A	2020	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.022	N	N/A	2020	Discharge of drilling waste; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	1.29	N	0.25 - 2.00	2020	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Organic Carbon	NA	TT, met when ≥1	1.00	N	-	2020	Naturally present in the environment
Halo acetic Acids (ppb)	NA	60	31	N	6.9 - 37	2020	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	NA	80	49	N	9.4 - 67	2020	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Turbidity	NA	TT: 1 NTU Max	0.07	N	0.01 – 0.9	2020	Soil runoff
		TT: ≤ 0.3 NTU 95% of the time	100%				

Lead and Copper Contaminants						
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	Action Level	90 th Percentile	Date of Sampling	# of Sampling Sites Exceeding Action Level	Typical Source of Contamination
Lead (ppb)	0	AL = 15	5	September 2020	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL = 1.3	0.355	September 2020	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Monitoring Results for Sodium (Unregulated-No Limits Designated)			
Level Detected (unit)	Sample Date	Typical Source	Guidance
4.52 (mg/L)	01/16/2020	Naturally Occurring: Addition of treatment chemicals/processes	For individuals on a very low sodium diet (500 mg/day), EPA recommends that drinking-water sodium not exceed 20 mg/L. Should you have a health concern, contact your health care provider.

The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data presented in the above tables, though accurate, is more than one year old.

MCL’s are set at very stringent levels by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks 2 liters of water each day throughout a 70-year life span. EPA generally sets MCLs at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect for other contaminants.

VIOLATION INFORMATION – Did any PMCL or TT violation occur during the year? () Yes (X) No
If yes, an explanation of the violation, including length, potential health effects, and actions being taken to correct the violation.

VIOLATION INFORMATION – Did any monitoring, reporting, or other violations occur during the year? () Yes (X) No
If yes, an explanation of the violation, including potential health effects, and actions we are taking to correct the violation, is as follows:

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Dublin is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

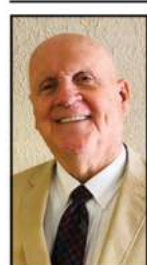
NOTE:
The Water Quality Report will not be mailed, but is available upon request at the town office.
Also it is available on the town’s website at
www.dublintown.org

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Terry McCraw

Make Your Salvation Certain

2 Peter 1: 3, 4. "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and goodness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

By God's divine power He has given us everything that we need to enable us to live godly lives.

The knowledge Peter is speaking of here is not intellectual knowledge but the knowledge of God that we obtain through having a personal relationship with Him. He reveals Himself to us every day, through His word and by His Spirit.

Peter speaking of the gifts of God that God bestows upon us, says that they are both exceedingly great and precious. They are exceedingly great and precious because they come from an exceedingly great and precious God.

Through the new birth and the indwelling presence of God in our lives, we have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

You know the world that we live in is a sinful place. And it's hard for some to escape from it. Because when sin gets its claws into a person, it doesn't let go easily. Many try to free themselves from sin's bondage and just when they think they have broken free, sin reaches out and grabs them and pulls them back into itself.

A person can't save himself or herself. A person can't make a few resolutions and get out themselves out of sins clutches. We must be born again of the Spirit of God, and we must allow Jesus to come into our lives and set us free from the Curse, Penalty, Habit and Domination of sin.

Reminds me of a gospel song. "He lifted me out of the deep miry clay and planted my feet on the heavenly way. I'll tell it where ere I go, for I want the whole world to know, I'm glad that He loved me so, and He lifted me out." W. L. Bill Hopper.

God the Holy Ghost is the only one Who can give us the power to escape from the many sins that so easily snare us. To be safe and free from sin we need the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost. We need to be partakers of the divine nature.

The Holy Ghost is one of those promised gifts from God that is exceedingly great and precious. Think about how great the gift of the Holy Ghost is. The great God of heaven, whom the universe itself cannot contain, comes into our hearts and lives and dwells there. Our bodies become temples of the Holy Ghost.

What God has promised, God always delivers. He is always true to His word.

Jesus told His followers to remain in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father. Which was the Holy Ghost. When the 120 were in the upper room, they were waiting for the promise of His coming. They were waiting on God to fulfill His promise to send the Holy Ghost. And it happened, and it was the most phenomenal thing that has happened since the resurrection of our

See MCCRAW, page B7

Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

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

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Newbern Christian Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

Newbern United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address)
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton
Hispanic Lay Pastor: Sebastian Ruiz
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Hispanic Worship: 11:00AM
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulaski.org website: www.fumcpulaski.org
FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00am

Belspring Baptist Church

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

Memorial Baptist Church

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

River of Life Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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

Heritage Church

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

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Fellowship Church

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

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

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

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

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

Grace Ministries

Church of God of Prophecy

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

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

First Baptist Church
5473 Baskerville Street
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Wallis Brown
540-674-2677
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Website: newdublinpres.org
540-674-6147
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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor
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Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
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P.O. Box 326
Hiwassee, VA 24347
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Phone: 276-699-3176
pastorjasonaker@gmail.com
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Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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children of Israel. The Apostle Paul penned wise words that all people would do well to commit to memory and keep before them. “Stand fast [assured] in the Lord... I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be [humbled], and I know how to abound” (Philippians 4:1, 11-12). Parents can help their children learn that happiness should never depend on circumstances, but to look beyond the circumstances in order to learn to trust God even in the dark times. Those who trust in Him don’t focus on circumstances but rather on the resources of God.

McCraw

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blessed Lord. For the Holy Ghost and fire set upon each of them and they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost. And they poured out of the upper room, into the Streets, and after being filled with the Holy Ghost, they went out and turned the world upside down for Christ.
2 Peter 1: 5-7. “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowl- edge; and to knowledge, temper- ance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.”
Verse 5 is a call to duty. We who have been saved are called to do diligent service for the Lord. We are called to live holy lives that are pleasing to God. Once we are made sons and daughter of God, spiritual growth doesn’t just happen. We are to give due diligence to our walk in the Lord.

Faith is the first of God’s gifts mentioned here. God gives each one of us enough faith to be saved by. When we get saved, we have exercised our faith enough to lay hold on our salvation, which is a free gift of the grace of God. Now Peter says, don’t just get saved and stop growing in the Lord. Add to your faith, virtue.

By virtue he is referring to the holy courage which enables Chris- tians to boldly make a stand for the Lord. It is a Christian virtue that motivates us to go forward in faith courageously doing good works. Good works follows faith. We’re not saved by works, but good works proceed from out of us as a result of our faith. The bible says, faith without works is dead, being alone. By our works, we demonstrate our faith. Peter said, add to your faith, virtue. Witness for Christ. Win the lost. Help the poor and needy among us. Pray for the sick. Visit the shut-ins. Pray for the needs of others. These are all good works that will be evidenced in our lives once we are saved.

A tree that does not bear fruit is a dead tree. Faith without works is a dead faith. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

It says in James, you show me your faith without works and I’ll show you my faith by my works. James 2:18.

Add to virtue, Knowledge. Christian faith and Christian virtue leads to knowledge. Double mind- ed and undecided people waver between right and wrong. They do not develop that deep perception of good and evil that evolves with Christ-like virtue. Holy discretion grows from faith and from Chris- tian Virtue.

Add to knowledge temper- ance. Self-control. Keeping one’s appetites under control. Without self -control, there is no unity of purpose. Christians must strive to devote their energies to do service for Christ.

Along with temperance should come patient endurance. Enduring hardships without murmuring and complaining like the children of Israel did in the wilderness. Being faithful in all situations. It’s not the work itself that wins the praise of God, but it is the faithfulness and patience of the saints that do the work that pleases God the most.

Diligently seek for godliness. Seek to be like Jesus. The godly person sets God always before him, and allows the Spirit of God to direct their decisions and actions.

Godliness is demonstrated in our lives and in our ministries, when we seek to bring God glory for everything good that we are able to accomplish, instead of seeking glory for ourselves. Godliness is maintaining a godly lifestyle.

Brotherly Kindness naturally follows godliness.

John says, he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, and hateth his brother, he is a liar. And he goes on to say, for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God Whom he has not seen? We must be kind to one another, always, and not intolerant, hostile and indifferent towards others.

The last grace on the list is charity. Christian love. Christian love must not be confined to the Church only. Love comes from God and those who have the love of God abiding in them, will also love others. Godly love continually increases in depth and extent. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Shed abroad means it reaches out to everyone around us.

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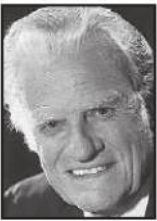
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Our son has graduated from college with academic honors and high hopes. Within weeks, the economy plunged, the job market dried up, and he says he has lost his faith in God. It seems hopeless to keep him moving forward. — H.H.

A: The year was 1939. A luxury liner pulled out of New York. Pas- sengers from nearly every country across Europe were on their way home. The ship was brilliantly lit. The orchestra played at dinner.

The passengers idled the hours away in pleasure and anticipation as the ship sliced through the waters of the North Atlantic on its way to Southampton.

Three days out the news was flashed to the ship that Britain and France had declared war. Lights were doused; passengers scram- bled to their cabins. Emergency guns were mounted in the stern and bow in response to the news of enemy submarines lurking near. Out of the darkness came a mighty explosion. The ship began to list and lifeboats were lowered. The voyage that began full of antici-



My Answer

Billy Graham

pation and joy had ended in stark tragedy.

Many young lives have started just this way, living for Christ as long as things remained good but then turning their backs on God when things began to crum- ble. This is also the story of the

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING I'M FORGETTING THAT'S IMPORTANT, BUT CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS.

IT'S NOT MY ANNIVERSARY AND I DON'T THINK IT'S A BIRTHDAY?

I REMEMBER BEING TOLD OVER AND OVER NOT TO FORGET....

I JUST REMEMBERED THAT THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT I FORGOT, SO THAT DOESN'T COUNT, RIGHT?

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

RRRRRRRRRRRR-

MINE! THAT WHIRLYGIG IS MINE NOW!!!!

CRUNCH!

I TOLD YOU KIDS TO STAY OUT OF MY YARD!!!

THE ANGRY OLD MARTIAN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

by Mike Marland

I'M A PERFECT MATCH WITH THIS KID!

WE BOTH HAVE...

VERY ACTIVE IMAGINATIONS!

by Jeff Pickering

MY FIRST JOB EVER WAS AT A JUICE FACTORY.

...BUT I GOT "CANNED"

"...BECAUSE I COULDN'T 'CONCENTRATE'."

POPEYE

HEY CISMAN

WHEW! WOTTA DAY!

WHERE WUZ YA, MAW?

SHOPPIN' FER GRUB!

WOT TOOK YA SO LONG?

I HADA LI'L DUST-UP WIT TH' MOTASICKLE!

I JES' HAD IT FIX'D...

...WOT KINDA DUST-UP?

DIDJA GIT A GARANTEE FROM TH' M'CHANIC?

I GOT IT HERE...

...IT SEZ DEY 'LL R'PLACE ANYTHIN' THET BREAKS FER NINETY DAYS!

THAT'S GOOD!

NOW TELL ME WOT BROKE?

TH'FRONT FENDER...

AN' TH' G'RADE DOOR!

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO? MY WIFE ASKED ME MY IDEA OF "THE PERFECT NIGHT." SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SPECIFIC.

LAFF-A-DAY

HENRY BOLTHOFF

"In view of the increased cost of living, I'm now charging twenty dollars for any opinion I give on anything."

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!

Cause UNICED

Notice GRADER

Lift AIRES

Soften ANEW

TODAY'S WORD

"Why, we'd love to go _____, Jill!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Lingo

6 Slopes regular

12 Tenant

13 Sheathe

14 Schedules

15 Pumpkin relatives

16 Appointment

17 Spring melt-down

19 Cooking fuel

20 Libertine

22 Poseidon's home

24 Satisfied sigh

27 La Scala solo

29 Fine spray

32 Fruity rum cocktail

35 Author Wiesel

36 Eve's third son

37 That girl

38 "Awesome, dude!"

40 Pop

42 Trojans' sch.

44 Org.

46 Forget-me- (flowers)

50 Paris art museum

52 Athlete's woe

54 Tempt

55 Point maker

56 Op-ed pieces

57 Dwelling

DOWN

1 Actress Ward

2 Aspiring atty.'s exam

3 Fall bloom

4 Formerly called

5 Hand signals

6 Video game giant

7 Recognizes

8 Hosp. section

9 Haggles

10 Fed. food inspector

11 GI dining hall

12 Leary's drug

18 Patty Hearst, for one

21 Feed-bag morsel

23 Outback bird

24 Mimic

25 100 percent

26 Barber's offerings

28 Flabbergast

30 Learning ctr.

31 Common title start

33 Museum-funding org.

34 Prof's degree

39 "Pride and Prejudice" suitor

41 Pear variety

42 Peter Fonda's beekeeper role

43 Male deliveries?

45 Beholds

47 Partially mine

48 Genealogy chart

49 Neighbor of Leb.

51 By way of

53 Sgt., e.g.

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top ten

General Entertainment TV Networks

1. USA
2. FX
3. AMC
4. A&E
5. Hallmark
6. Freeform
7. TNT
8. Adult Swim
9. Lifetime
10. TBS

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Plate is missing. 2. Elbow patch is added. 3. Tree limb is shorter. 4. Car is moved. 5. Pants are different. 6. Belt is missing.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Induce 2. Regard; 3. Raise; 4. Wane

solution

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: C equals P

DS MQA ZQ FQ T WDWVM

BXZTBXJX CQJDTFBDPF, D

PACCQPX MQAB SXXF TBX DL

ZQQJ WTLJP.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIE: Which 1985 Brat Pack movie featured the theme song "Don't You (Forget About Me)"?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the color of the spirit called absinthe?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which Central American country used to be called British Honduras?
4. TELEVISION: What is the dog's name on "Family Guy"?
5. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the condition called lateral epicondylitis?
6. LANGUAGE: What does the Japanese word tsunami mean in English?
7. BUSINESS: In what year did Amazon launch?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What animal has no vocal cords?
9. U.S. STATES: What is the only state that borders just one other state?
10. SCIENCE: What is empirical science?

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Answers

1. "The Breakfast Club"

2. Green

3. Belize

4. Brian

5. Tennis elbow

6. Harbor wave

7. 1994

8. Citrate

9. Maine

10. Science based on observation and experiment

Americanisms

"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom."

— John Thune

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CryptoQuip

answer

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Dear Dave,
I'm on Baby Step 2, and I'm working hard to get out of debt. My last two debts are \$6,000 on a credit card, and \$10,000 on a car loan. I'll be receiving a \$6,000 bonus at work in a couple of weeks, and I was wondering what to do with the money. I'm single, and I make about \$45,000 a year, so should I sell the car and get rid of some debt that way, or use the extra money to completely pay off the credit card debt?

Aaron

Dear Aaron,
Just remember the debt snowball—pay off your smallest to largest. In your case, that means knocking out the credit card debt completely, and then attack the car loan with a vengeance. It will be a lot easier once you're rid of that credit card debt. A \$10,000 car with a \$45,000 income isn't unreasonable, but don't mess around and let that note hang around longer than absolutely necessary.

My rule of thumb when it comes to things with motors, wheels—I'm talking about big toys, here—is when they're all added together, they shouldn't equal more than half your annual income. You don't want that much money wrapped up in things that are going down in value. You're in no danger of that here, but at this point you're so close to being debt-free you can practically taste it.

Follow the plan, Aaron. And stay focused and intense about becoming debt-free. You're almost there!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
Recently, I made a claim on my homeowner's insurance for hail damage. It was my first

Davidson sentenced for damage to Hodge memorial

Davidson sentenced for damage to Hodge memorial

A man who had been arrested and charged on Feb. 15 for the damage that occurred on Route 11 to a temporary memorial near the site of the wreck that took the life of Deputy Perry Hodge, was convicted and sentenced today, according to Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith.

Griffith said that John Logan Davidson was convicted today in Pulaski County General District Court of a class 1 misdemeanor, Destruction of Property less than \$1,000 and received a 12-month suspended jail sentence that is contingent upon him successfully completing supervised probation and paying a \$500 fine.

In addition, he was also convicted of a second class 1 misdemeanor, Reckless Driving, and received 3 months with 3 months suspended and the maximum 6 months driver's license suspension.

Lastly, he entered a guilty plea to a third charge of Leaving the Scene of an Accident less than \$500 and was placed on probation for a period of 12 months. The Court will enter a conviction on that charge if he does not abide by the Court's conditions.

"The Commonwealth appre-



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claim ever. Since I'm retired and completely debt-free—including my home—and have over \$1 million in the bank, is homeowner's insurance still a good idea? The house is insured for \$250,000, with a \$5,000 deductible, and the insurance is about \$1,200 a year.

Mary

Dear Mary,

You're obviously in good financial shape, but I'd still recommend you have an up-to-date homeowner's insurance policy. If something happened to my home or one of my rental properties, I could write a check and replace any of them. But I still have homeowner's insurance on every single one.

It's just good risk management to transfer the chances of a fire, tornado, or other catastrophic events to homeowner's insurance. If something disastrous happened, you could write a check to cover the deductible with no problem. But writing a check for \$250,000? You'd feel that one. Keep the policy, Mary!

—Dave



Fish Fry in Radford

The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive Church, 309 Russeel Avenue, Radford (across from R&R Market and the Radford Fire Dept.) is holding a fish fry Saturday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dinners are \$9 with two pieces of deep fried fish, baked beans, cole-slaw, rolls and desert. Fish sandwiches are \$6 and an extra piece of fish is \$2.50. COVID 19 guidelines to follow: take-out orders only – place your order in person and your order will be brought to your car, face masks are required, call-in orders are welcome (540-639-6425) and delivery only in the Radford area.

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