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## PC School Board issues statement supporting Siers

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
 The Patriot

In what School Board Chairman Tim Hurst called an “open letter to the Pulaski County Community,” the school board expressed strong support for embattled School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers.

The statement comes following harsh criticism of Siers from throughout the community, following his being rebuked by members of the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, Commonwealth’s Attorney and others. Siers was criticized for having made what many have called disparaging comments about members of the community, clergy and the Sheriff’s Office.

Hurst read the four-page statement from the board during a meeting on Wednesday evening at the School Board office. The meeting was scheduled originally as being a closed session so the board could consult with legal counsel. Later an item on the meeting agenda was added pertaining to personnel actions within the school system.

About 20 or so citizens attended the meeting and remained in attendance for over an hour as the board met in closed session in an upstairs conference room.

It was after the board returned to the meeting room that Hurst read the statement.

“The Board is aware of apprehension and fear in the community based on a campaign of misinfor-

mation and a corresponding lack of understanding of the Board’s equity initiatives,” Hurst began. “We wish to set the record straight.”

Hurst continued that “Some in the community have been spreading false, malicious, and defamatory information about Dr. Kevin Siers, who, since making Pulaski County his home, has championed the Pulaski County schools and its students in ways that will advance their interests for years to come.”

Hurst said “the Board is aware of some grumblings in the community about certain emails that Dr. Siers exchanged with the State Superintendent about Pulaski County Public Schools’ efforts to create a safe and supportive space for all children who attend our schools. Many of those individuals have cherry-picked words and phrases from the emails to support a political narrative that is not reflective of Dr. Siers’ efforts to advance the interests of Pulaski County students. A full reading of the dialogue with the State Superintendent and his staff would reveal a different narrative.”

“Rarely is there a time when a body such as this School Board comes out to throw its support behind its chief officer, but rarely is there a time when such an officer is so poorly maligned for his efforts. The Board finds that it is appropriate to remind the community of but a few of Dr. Siers’ achievements on behalf of Pulaski County students since he began

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## UAW workers at Volvo vote to ratify new contract

From Staff and Wire Reports

Striking blue-collar workers at a Volvo heavy truck plant in Dublin have narrowly ratified what the company said was its final offer in a long-running labor dispute.

The hourly workers voted 1,147 to 1,130 for the six-year contract, and will suspend their on-and-off strike that began in April. However unionized salaried workers voted against the pact 54-40, according to the Facebook page of the United Auto Workers local.

The UAW said in a statement that blue-collar members will return to work for their Sunday and Monday shifts, even though the company said workers could return as early as Thursday if they desired.

About 2,900 workers represented by the UAW have been on strike at the plant. They rejected three tentative contract agreements reached with local union negotiators, including the same contract that was ratified on Wednesday.

Ray Curry, UAW president, said in Wednesday’s statement that the union has an established process to address concerns raised over the salary agreement that narrowly failed.

“The democratic process played out at Volvo Trucks,” Curry said. “UAW Members stood together through their strike and now the overall agreement and hourly agreement have been ratified despite the company’s actions earlier in the week.”

Earlier in the week Volvo Trucks said it would put the third tentative agreement into effect and asked workers to cross picket lines so it could restart production. The union threatened to file an unfair labor practices complaint with the National Labor Relations Board. The union said only a few workers crossed the lines, and the company said it would take several days to resume production.

A copy of the third agreement shows workers with one year of experience would start at \$20.60 per hour, progressing to a top wage of \$30.92 when the contract ends in 2026.

The union said in its statement that the six-year agreement eliminates a second, lower tier of wages and provides protections around shift scheduling as well as a “major signing bonus and aggressive annual wage improvements.”

Franky Marchand, vice president and general manager at the Volvo Trucks plant, said in a statement that the agreement will provide employees

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# Kids Fest set for July 18-21 at Abundant Life Ministries

Abundant Life Ministries at 5 p.m. is hosting a Kids Fest event, beginning Sunday, July 18 to Wednesday, July 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. nightly. The church is located at 3050 Lee Highway, one-quarter mile past LewisGale Hospital Pulaski on the right. This special Kids Fest will be for agest Pre-K through 5th grade. Dinner will be provided each evening for the children. For more information, call 540-980-5506.

# NRCC announces fall semester plans

New River Community College will be operating at full capacity for the upcoming fall semester, college officials have announced. Traditional in-person instruction will be the norm for classes held at NRCC's locations in Dublin and Christiansburg. Students, college personnel and visitors who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 will not be required to wear face coverings. To encourage vaccination, students



who show proof of vaccination will receive a gift card usable at the college bookstore. "We appreciate the cooperation shown by all concerned during the past months," said NRCC president Pat Huber. "Of course we will continue to monitor all relevant health information, but I'm happy to say we're now looking forward to a vibrant and productive fall semester." Classes begin Monday, August 23. In addition to face-to-face classes, offerings include online and hybrid options. Registration is now in progress. Details about available programs, courses and tuition assistance is available online at [www.nr.edu](http://www.nr.edu). Current NRCC students may register for classes online by visiting their student accounts. Prospective NRCC students may visit [www.nr.edu/register](http://www.nr.edu/register) for enrollment information. Advisors are available at [advising@nr.edu](mailto:advising@nr.edu) or (540) 674-3609 or in person to assist with registration.

## Volvo

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with a continued "great quality of life" and "will also help secure the plant's long-term growth and sustainability."

"Our focus now will be on getting trucks to customers as quickly as we can, and strengthening our relationship with our employees," Marchand said.

The defiant strikers could be a sign that workers feel more emboldened because employers are having a hard time finding skilled workers.

Experts say there is little fear of finding another job with companies scrambling to hire workers, so the gamble of a strike is not as severe.

Kristin Dzikczek, senior vice president at the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank, said rank-and-file union members flexed their muscles in the labor dispute by rejecting two agreements endorsed by union leadership.



It shows members in future contract talks that the first or even second deals agreed to by union leaders can be improved, she said. "This changes the dynamic quite a bit. If members don't see the first deal as the best they can get, then it's a self-fulfilling prophecy," she said. "Negotiators will counter by leaving some room to go back and sweeten the deal."

Workers at Ford and Fiat Chrysler (now Stellantis) have rejected the first agreements in the past.


Volvo says the 1.6 million-square-foot Dublin plant is the largest manufacturer of Volvo trucks in the world. It is one of the largest private sector employers in the region, with about 3,300 employees, 2,900 represented by the UAW.

The plant is in the midst of a \$400 million investment for advanced technology upgrades, site expansion and preparation for future products, including the innovative Volvo VNR Electric truck. The plant has added 1,100 jobs since the last union agreement was implemented in 2016 and is on track to have a net increase of approximately 600 positions in 2021.

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**JAMES ROY TALBERT, JR.**  
James Roy Talbert, Jr., age 40 of Pulaski passed away Friday, July 9, 2021 at his home. Born February 17, 1981 in Pulaski he was the son of the late James Roy Talbert & Jackie Star King Talbert.

He was a former employee at James Hardie in Pulaski. He enjoyed playing "Santa" many times at the hospital and various charitable events. He was a devoted husband and father. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout while in high school. He was an avid history buff.

He is survived by his  
Wife - Crystal Renew Talbert - Pulaski

Children - Alexandria Dawn Talbert - Pulaski and Timothy William Talbert - Pulaski

Sisters - Betty Silvas - TX, Jennifer Sherman - VA

Brother - Tim Talbert - VA

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Thursday, July 15, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Newbern Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour before service time Thursday at the Funeral Home. To sign James's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com).

Special thanks to Blueridge Cancer center for their friendship and special care & also to family and friends for their love and support throughout his illness.

The family will be meeting at the home of Dale and Monica Almarode, 1306 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski. Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family



**ELMA JUNE WHITE**  
Elma June White, 87, formerly of Dublin, passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at her home in Sherrills Ford, N. C. surrounded by her family.

June was preceded in death by her parents, Ruby Sheppard and her step-father, Frank Sheppard; and husband, William "Bill" E. Williams.

Survivors include her husband, Robert E. White; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Joe Linkous, Debbie and Dewey Lytton, and Renee and Bryon Kimbrough; son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Pam Williams; grandchildren, Tony Barbettini, T.J. Nance, Matt Lytton, Zach White, Devin Kimbrough, Abbie Williams, and Meredith Williams; 5 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Otis and Carol Davidson; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

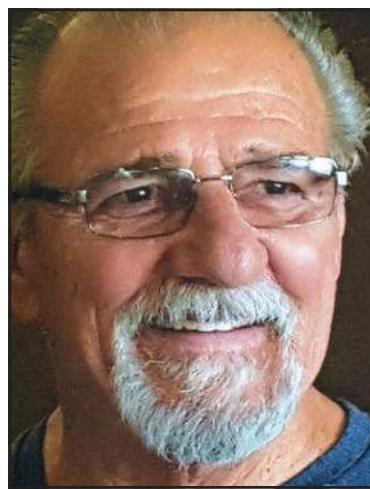
Funeral services were held at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, Wednesday, July 14 with Pastor Kelly Howlett officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

The White/Williams families are in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

## TERRY WAYNE DUNCAN

Terry Wayne Duncan, 59, of Fairlawn, passed away Monday, July 12, 2021.

The Duncan family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**JERRY LEE HINKLE**  
Jerry Lee Hinkle, 80 passed away Friday, June 18, 2021 surrounded by family and friends at his Fairmount, IN residence.

Born December 10, 1940 to the late Paul and Mildred "Millie" (Akers) Hinkle in Buchanan, Virginia. He loved his Blue Ridge Mountains and was proud of his Southern Heritage.

A member of the United States Army, Jerry served as an Amory Intelligence Specialist with the 1st Armored Division, 13th Infantry "Old Ironsides" where he achieved Pistol Sharpshooter and Marksman in Rifle and the TK-90MM Gun. He loved his country and served it proudly from 1961-1964.

Shortly thereafter he moved to Grant County where he worked in the trucking industry for 27 years, then as a security guard at Dana and General Motors.

Jerry loved life and people, especially his wife Jackie and Great-Granddaughter Nila. He had a wide-range of hobbies and interests from racing legends to motorcycles and drag racing, hunting and fishing, guns and old cars. However, he always loved being with family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Jackie; his five children: Ed King, Drake, Amy (Robert) Craig, Marion, Teri Dixon, Fairmount, Steve (Kristen) Chapel, Gas City, and Brian (Alissa) Davis, Fairmount; sisters: Lynn French, Bluefield, WV, Paulette Beaver, Roanoke, VA, grandchildren: Nila Hinkle, Fairmount, Jordan Richie, Fairmount, Megan (Ben) Salyer, Elwood, Courtney Chapel, Muncie, Quinten Chapel, Jonesboro, Lexie Waymire, Gas City, Kristian King-Finley, Bluefield, WV, Russel (Erin) King, Bluefield, WV, Merideth King, Redford, VA, Gage, Mason, Daxton, and Sebastian Davis all of Fairmount. 7 great-grandchildren and many very special nieces and nephews.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 31st, 2021 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. with a Eulogy to follow directly after.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that contributions be made to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.arme-shuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.arme-shuntfuneralhome.com).

## CHARLES HENRY STOOTS, JR.

Charles Henry Stoots, Jr., age 66 of Pulaski passed away unexpectedly Monday, July 12, 2021 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born July 3, 1955 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Charles Henry Stoots, Sr. & Myrtle Kiser Stoots. His niece, Donna Byrd also preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Charles had worked for Coca-Cola Bottling Company for 22 years and was presently employed by Averett Trucking Company for 21 years.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years - Nancy Charlene Johnson Stoots - Pulaski, sons - Charles Andrew Stoots & fiancée, Allison Ball - Roanoke, William Christopher Stoots - Pulaski, grandchildren - Layla Story Stoots, Archer Jackson Stoots, Brooklynn Claire Stoots, Anna-Kate Elyse Stoots, sister - Deloris Stoots (Otis) Byrd - Pulaski, aunt - Virginia Stoots - Pulaski, niece - Susan Rene (Dennis) Hanks - Pulaski, several cousins.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Saturday, July 17, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends between 5:00 - 7:00 PM Friday evening at the Funeral Home.

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

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

## JUDY MARIE LINKOUS RUBEN

Judy Marie Linkous Ruben, 76, of Fairlawn, Virginia went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 9, 2021.

The Ruben family is in the care of the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory of Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

## PRISCILLA HUBBARD SPENCER

Priscilla Hubbard Spencer age 68, of Barren Springs, V.A., passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020 in Roanoke VA. She was born May 16, 1952 in Pulaski VA, the daughter of the late Bill and O'Donna Nester Hubbard. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by two sisters Susann Hubbard and Louise Bolton. She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years Howard Douglas Spencer. Son Bruce Spencer of Iowa City, I.A.; sister and brother-in-law Jannie and Ronnie Smythers of Barren Springs; brother Joseph Brooks of Austin, T.X.; nephew Anthony Bolton and wife Jennifer of Savannah. G.A.; niece Emily and husband James Richardson of Pulaski, V.A.; niece Kelly Mims of Barren Springs; niece Anna Stitt and husband Josh of Barren Springs; and five special grandchildren, Keegan Mims, Tyler Mims, Caroline Mims, Ryland Stitt and Lilly Stitt. Priscilla loved her family and some of her happiest times were spent with family around the dining table.

A memorial service will be held Saturday July 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Glenwood United Methodist Church in Barren Springs VA with Rev Mark Asbury officiating, the family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 PM until service time.

Online condolences can be made to the family at [www.highlandfuneralservice.com](http://www.highlandfuneralservice.com).

The Reese Funeral Home in Austinville VA is serving the Spencer family.

## DENNIS LEE COX

Dennis Lee Cox, age 74 of Snowville passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born November 11, 1946 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Quentin Roosevelt Cox & Sybol Ewing Quesenberry Cox. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Jean Carolyn O'Dell Cox (9/3/2020), children, Sarah Louise Cox, Dennis Jeremy Cox, father & mother-in-law, Gunard Hebron & Delma Louise O'Dell, brother-in-law, Don Lewis Fariss and sister-in-law, Dreama Darlene Gallimore.

Dennis was a veteran of the United States Army, where he was stationed in Panama. He attended the New River Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his  
Children - Jason Cox - Snowville, Jodi Denise Cox Stubbs & husband, Tony - Georgia

Grandchildren - Casey Lee Cox, Kaylee McKenzie Cox

Brother - Robert Zane Cox & wife, Peggy - Radford

Brother-in-law - Gordon Gallimore - Salem

Sister-in-law - Loretta Jane O'Dell Fariss - Allisonia

Several nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM - Saturday, July 17, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Elder Dan Puckett officiating. In-

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## In Memory Of Clayton Tickle

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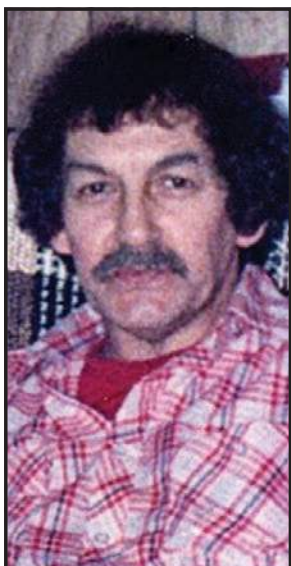
*We remember your love for sports, and how well you played baseball and football - you were the greatest.*

*Also, you were blessed with a beautiful tenor voice and we loved to hear you sing our favorite songs.*

*We shall cherish your memory in our hearts forever.*

*We miss you and love you.*

Your family,  
Mary, Lou and Belinda



## In Memory

Maggie,

*You will soon have a birthday and you won't be here.*

*It is hard to believe you're gone.*

*God needed a special angel to be with our family up there.*

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*You and Edna are on my mind all the time.*

*Hope to see you all one day.*

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# Deaths

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terment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin where he will receive full military honors.

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

To sign Dennis’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneral-home.com](http://www.bowerfuneral-home.com)

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

## GROVER JUNIOR COMBS

Grover Junior Combs, age 73 of Dublin passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021 at his home. Born January 22, 1948 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Grover William Combs & Mabel Southern Combs. He was also preceded in death by his son, William Combs, sisters, Ella Mae Cockman, Jenny Beckner, brothers, Gordon Combs and Elmer Lee Combs.

He is survived by his Children – Carolyn Combs Parlier – Pulaski, Bobby Combs – Bristol, Melissa Combs Reese – Pulaski

3 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grandchild

Brother – Buddy Combs – NC Special Niece – Alma Melton – Pulaski

Family services will be private. To sign Grover’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

## PHYLLIS ANN KENNEDY

Phyllis Ann Kennedy, age 75 of Dublin passed away Saturday, July 10, 2021 at her home. Born January 19, 1946 in Newbern, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Levi Vermillion & Margerite Claytor Farley. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Marquita Lynn Kennedy-Eaves, brother, Donald Farley and sisters, Norma Quesenberry, Carole Sheets and Linda Cole.

She is survived by her Husband of 52 years – Walter Glenn Kennedy – Dublin

Son – Robert Kennedy – Dublin

Grandchildren – Cari Kennedy – Dublin, Dewey Eads – Pulaski (TinyTown)

Great Grandchildren – Evelyn Kennedy, Leah Kennedy

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, July 16, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Richie Goad & Rev. Winfred Keene officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends

one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Phyllis’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneral-home.com](http://www.bowerfuneral-home.com)

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

## IMOGENE ALDERMAN LOVERN

Imogene Alderman Lovern, 87, of Radford, VA died Thursday morning, July 8, 2021. She was born in Radford on July 6, 1934 and was the daughter of the late Edgar Alderman and Rosie Poff Alderman. She was also preceded in death by five siblings.

She leaves behind five sons, Terry and Linda Lovern, Mike Lovern and Terry, Mark Lovern and Becky, Lloyd and Christy Lovern and Quintin and Karen Lovern; fourteen grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

There will be a private viewing and graveside service with Pastor Paul Dunford officiating.

Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA is serving the Lovern family. Online condolences may be made through [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com).

## JUDY ANN HAGEE TAYLOR

Judy Ann Hagee Taylor, 68, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021 at her home in Pulaski surrounded by her family.

The Taylor family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

# First Church of the Brethren hosts VBS ‘Anchored’

Vacation Bible School will be held, outdoors, at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kids of all ages will venture into solid faith with a day full of wonderful activities.

Each child will be placed on a crew of 5-8 children of their age group with a crew leader that leads them to different stations throughout the day where various activities will take place.

These activities include: Music & More, Deep Bible Adventures, Sea Crafts, Anchors Away Play. Lunch and snack will be provided. All these activities are based around the theme, “Anchored – Deepening Faith in God.”

Please join us at 4 p.m. for a closing program where the children will sing all the songs they have learned.

After the program, please join us for a picnic at the church’s picnic shelter. Hotdogs, sides and drinks will be provided.

And also, we would love for you and your family to join us for worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday where the children will sing again for everyone!

# Benefit planned Saturday for McCoy cancer victim

There will be a fundraising event this Saturday, July 17 at Bisset Park in Radford for Jennifer McCoy, a cancer patient who is in stage 4 melanoma.

The event will be held in Pavilion 2 at the park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can drop in anytime during those times.

The fundraiser will include a hot dog sale, bake sale, silent auction, games, drawings, other concessions and a raffle.

Live music will be provided from 1:30 – 3 p.m. by Branching Out Bluegrass.

Erin Fisher is organizing the event and anyone needing more information or who wish to make a donation can call Fisher at 540-267-4848. You may also call Linda Fisher at 540-599-2964.

McCoy is a former employee of Warm Hearth in Blacksburg and is struggling with medical bills and traveling expenses for doctor’s visits.

The McCoy, Va. resident was first diagnosed with melanoma in 2018 when a tumor appeared in her right armpit. Since then, she has undergone multiple procedures and surgeries to remove tumors. She has undergone several lymph node dissections, biopsies, CT scans, a brain MRI, several rounds of radiation and targeted chemotherapy.

Her cancer has metastasized to her left chest wall, ninth rib, both lungs, and to two different spots in her brain.

She is currently undergoing Stereotactic Radiosurgery on her brain tumors, which she says are basically extremely high doses of radiation to the tumors in hopes that it will stop their spread.

Now she is wading through three years’ worth of medical bills for treatments, procedures, surgeries, medication – her meds alone are about \$8,000 per month – along with travel and lodging to see specialists. Fortunately, McCoy says her cancer center has extended her a grant to pay for her medications for now.

McCoy is hoping to raise enough money through fundraising to help offset some of the other expenses.

“I would like to have the comfort of knowing that when I go, I’m not leaving my husband in a world of debt,” McCoy said.



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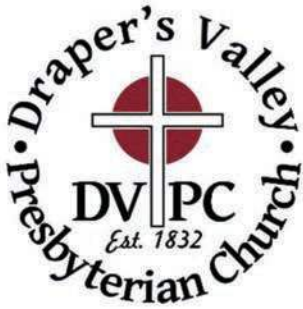
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# The Importance of the Hyde Amendment

It is no secret that Americans frequently disagree with each other on many issues, important or trivial. Freedom of conscience is a foundational right in this country. That freedom means more than simply thinking what you want. It means you should not be forced to act in violation of your conscience so long as you are not harming others.

When it comes to abortion, again, it is no surprise to find disagreement on the issue. Millions of Americans like me hold pro-life views, often formed out of their religious convictions, but millions of others do not support pro-life policies. That is why I support H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

Three years after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in 1973, then-Congressman Henry J. Hyde (R-IL) introduced an amendment to the Department of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriations Act of 1977 restricting public funding of abortions. This amendment since became a part of annual appropriations legislation.

Known as the Hyde Amendment, it has saved 2.5 million lives from abortion and allowed pro-life Americans not to have their tax dollars used to violate their belief in the sanctity of life.

For much of its 45-year history, the Hyde Amendment has not been controversial even though abortion has remained a hot topic. Even President Biden was a longtime supporter of the Hyde Amendment as a U.S. Senator. Congress controlled by both parties have passed appropriations bills containing Hyde provisions, and presidents from both parties have signed these bills into law. That is because of its relation to our First Amendment freedoms.

Our Founding Fathers may not have laid guidelines for the handling of taxpayer funded abortions, but they did explicitly outline in the First Amendment of our Constitution that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

Eradicating the Hyde Amendment would force American taxpayers to fund abortion, even if it goes entirely against their personal religious convictions.

But now radicals are trying to jeopardize this freedom. Democrats who control the appropriations process want to strip the Hyde Amendment from bills that fund the Federal Government. Now in the Oval Office, Joe Biden has changed his tune on the issue and opposes the provision he once upheld.

Unfortunately, events at the state level in Virginia preview where Democrats in Washington want to go. Thanks to unified Democrat control in Richmond, taxpayer-supported health insurance exchanges in Virginia can now offer abortion coverage. This change violates the same principles protected by the Hyde Amendment and, I believe, the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom.

President Biden’s administration and this Democrat Congress have already been the most pro-abortion in history. Their advocacy now endangers not just the right to life of millions but the freedom of conscience of millions more. We must stand up to the radical agenda and ensure the Hyde Amendment is indefinitely protected.

That is why my Republican colleagues and I are fighting for H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This bill will make the Hyde Amendment permanent and uphold protections for life, conscience, and freedom of religious beliefs.

House Democrats had an opportunity to consider H.R. 18, but they declined to bring it up for consideration. This snubbing of American taxpayers disrespects personal religious beliefs.

Therefore, between now and the August recess, pro-life legislators are pushing for unanimous consent on the House floor for consideration of H.R. 18. I did so on June 30, just one of several Republicans urging the House to do so on that day alone.

As a pro-life supporter, I am opposed to using taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions. I do not believe American citizens should be forced to finance a procedure that may go against their religious convictions. When asked, nearly 60% of Americans agreed that taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund abortion, and it is our job to uphold this. I believe I have an obligation to protect innocent human life and be a strong advocate for the unborn. H.R. 18 is a bill that will do just that.

I hope my colleagues can put aside their radical agenda and join the traditionally bipartisan effort to protect the right to religious freedom.

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



**Morgan Griffith**  
  
9th District Representative

# Three Cheers for Our Founding Mothers

“The Union of the Colonies, the firm & sedate resolution of the People, is an Omen for good unto us. And be it known to Great Britain, even American daughters are Politicians and Patriots, and will aid the good work with their female efforts.” Letter from Hannah Winthrop to Mercy Otis Warren, January 1, 1774

The American Revolution brought out the spirit of patriotism in many people but we don’t often hear about the female patriots who risked their lives to protect their country. Their courage, heroism and fidelity to this nation in the face of danger is amazing!

Some of the Colonial wives and mothers followed their husbands during the Revolutionary War to the battle front, providing food, nursing skills and support during the war. Molly Pitcher is one of those wives who served at the Battle of Monmouth, NJ carrying water to the soldiers and later taking over canon duty by swabbing and loading the canon after her husband collapsed.

Nancy Morgan Hart was best known for her passion to rid the Georgia territory of British soldiers and loyalists (To-

# One Nation Under God

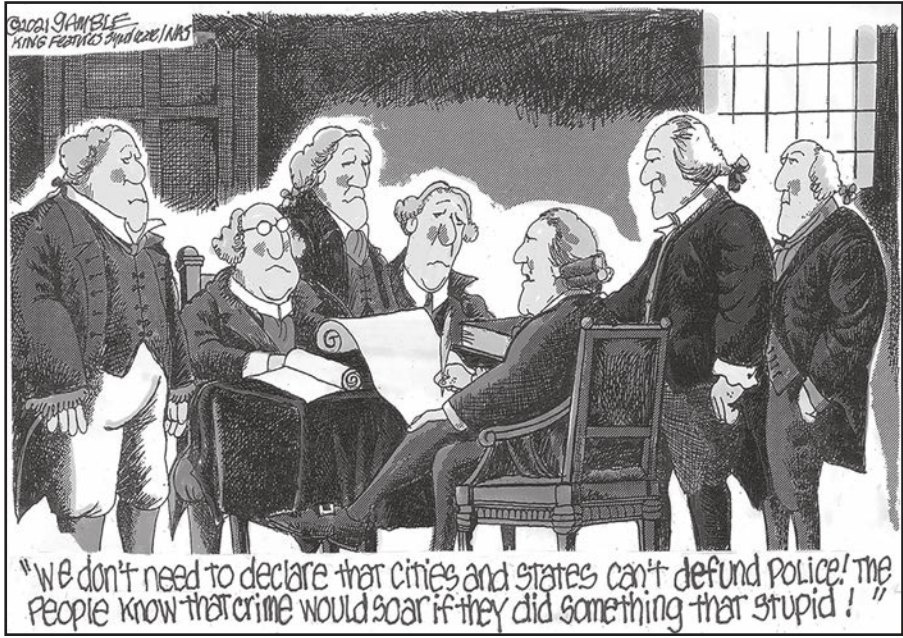
By Danielle Reid

ries). She served as a spy, and captured six British soldiers and killed one.

Lydia Barrington Darragh is credited with saving George Washington’s army from an ambush in December 1777. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, British officers commandeered one of the rooms in her house to plan an attack on Washington’s army at White-marsh. Using an excuse for needing flour from the mill, she instead headed off to warn Washington. However, in a chance meeting outside the city, she met patriot Col. Thomas Craig and passed the information to him, thus saving the Continental Army from a surprise attack.

During the winter of 1777 at Valley Forge, the army suffered from lack of food and shelter, but they emerged as a more unified and determined fighting force.

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# Penalty for early withdrawal

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

Retirement plans warn of a “penalty for early withdrawal.” Might that also apply to the withdrawal of American and NATO forces from Afghanistan?

If you set aside the Saddam Hussein’s overmatched troops from Kuwait in 1991, the U.S. has not won a war since World War II. Not in Korea. Not in Vietnam and now, says President Biden, Afghanistan is a war we cannot win.

Osama bin Laden predicted we didn’t have the staying power and would ultimately tire of the conflict. President Biden claims “America’s longest war is ending.” It may only get worse, because terrorism knows no state boundaries and does not conduct itself according to classic rules of warfare.

After initially saying nothing about helping thousands of translators, drivers and others who assisted Americans, Biden has promised to relocate them to a third country while their U.S. visas are processed. That is something we did not do following our withdrawal from Vietnam. Untold numbers of translators and others who assisted American troops were reportedly rounded up by the North Vietnamese and tortured, imprisoned, or killed.

U.S. air power is what largely kept the Taliban at bay. Without it they are re-capturing territories they once held before 9/11 and will again threaten the rights of women and girls to work and attend schools. Watch for a rapid return of the burqa. A generation of young Afghan women born during the last 20 years have had no experience wearing the head-to-toe garment with face covering.

President Biden and former president Trump, who first announced the withdrawal of U.S. forces, have said that America cannot engage in “nation building.” Even recent history has proved that true. The larger question is whether we can defend ourselves against further attacks on this country if Al-Qaida regroup and, with the help of Iran, stages another 9/11-type

attack, or worse, this time with nuclear devices.

All wars cost money, lives and limbs. The question is whether the investment was worth it. Did it produce desired outcomes? At best the answer when it comes to Afghanistan is problematic. At worst, it is what The Economist magazine calls “a disaster.”

The Military Times reports on a study by the Cost of War Project, which found that the combined cost of our involvement in Afghanistan is over \$2 trillion: “Those funds do not, however, include the amount the United States government is obligated to spend on lifetime care for American veterans of this war, nor does it include future interest payments on money borrowed to fund the war.”

The Cost of War Project also estimates “241,000 people have died because of the war in Afghanistan, which includes more than 2,400 American service members and at least 71,344 civilians.”

Will there be a “wall” to commemorate U.S. deaths? The Vietnam Veterans Memorial still haunts me when I visit it in Washington, D.C. I knew some people whose names are carved into the black granite wall. My name might have been one of them. As an Army enlisted man, I received orders for Vietnam, but managed to get re-assigned, thanks to my position at Armed Forces Radio in New York and contacts at the Pentagon. More than 58,300 others were not as fortunate.

What did we learn from Vietnam? Obviously nothing because we have repeated history in Afghanistan. There was no “end game,” except to hold off the Taliban, an entity motivated by religious fervor that has no intention of quitting.

If Al-Qaida regroup and another terror attack is launched against the U.S., what will be our response and who will be assigned blame?

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



**Rich Lowery**

Editor, National Review

# GOP Should Bail on Infrastructure Deal

So far, the bipartisan infrastructure deal is going through the normal life cycle of such proposals -- alive, dead, revived, uncertain.

For Republicans, the best answer should be dead.

They have nothing to gain by blessing a portion of President Joe Biden’s spending plans, when an ungodly amount of money is going to go out the door regardless of whether they vote for a chunk of it or not.

The conventional wisdom is that the Senate has to prove that it can work, and the test of its functioning is how much of Biden’s spending Republicans endorse.

This is a distorted view of the Senate’s role, which shouldn’t be to get on board a historic spending spree for which Biden won no mandate and which isn’t justified by conditions in the country (it’s not true, for instance, that the nation’s infrastructure is crumbling).

Besides, if bipartisan spending is the test, the Senate just a few weeks ago passed a \$200 billion China competition bill by a 68-32 vote. It used to be that \$200 billion constituted a lot of money, but now it doesn’t rate, not when there’s \$6 trillion on the table.

The infrastructure deal lurched from gloriously alive to dead when Biden explicitly linked its passage to the simultaneous passage of a reconciliation bill with the rest of the Democratic Party’s spending priorities in it.

Then, it revived again when Biden walked this back, and promised a dual track for the two bills.

The fierce Republican insistence on these two tracks doesn’t make much sense and amounts to asking Democrats to allow a decent interval before going ahead with the rest of their spending -- Democrats are going to try to pass a reconciliation whether the bipartisan deal passes or not.

In other words, at the end of the day, there’s only one track.

The calculation of Republicans supporting the deal is that a significant bipartisan package can take some of the heat off of Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema in their resistance to eliminating the filibuster.

A deal that passes and is signed into law will certainly be a feather in their caps, but it’s hard to believe they’d change their minds on the filibuster if the deal fell apart.

They are both so extensively and adamantly on the record in favor of the filibuster that a climb-down would be politically embarrassing and perilous.

Republicans supporting the deal also think that it will make passing the subsequent reconciliation bill harder. First, the parts of infrastructure that have the widest support -- roads and bridges -- will be in the deal and not in the reconciliation bill. Second, the unwelcome tax increases excluded from the bipartisan deal will be in the reconciliation bill.

This isn’t a crazy calculation, although it’s not clearly correct

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# Want Communication

To the editor,

We want there to be meaningful communication and consensus among our community about how we teach and care for our children. We agree with valuing our community members and treating them all with respect. We disagree

# Nation

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Forge, PA, Molly Hays joined her husband at the Continental Army's winter camp. She was one of a group of women, led by Martha Washington, who would wash clothes and blankets, and care for sick and dying soldiers. On November 16, 1776, Margaret Corbin dressed as a man and joined her husband in the Battle of Fort Mifflin on Manhattan Island. She quickly and heroically took over firing the cannon when her husband was killed.

At age twenty-two, Deborah Sampson decided to disguise herself as a man and enlist in the Colonial Army. She purchased some cloth and made a suit of men's clothing for herself. Because she was unusually tall (5-foot 8-inches) and thin, she was able to pass as a young man. Using the name "Robert Shurtliff" she mustered in as a private with the Light Infantry Company of the 4th Massachusetts Infantry.

When struck in the legs by two musketballs at a battle of Tarrytown, NY she feared her identity as a woman would be exposed while being treated. She refused medical care and slipped out of the field hospital, removing the bullets with her own penknife.

Eventually she was discovered but instead of punishment, she was honorably discharged and later in life received a military pension.

# Lowry

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either. The higher the top-line number is for the reconciliation bill, the harder it will be to pass. By allowing Democrats to cleave off some spending into a bipartisan deal, the overall number for the reconciliation bill gets smaller. In other words, the bipartisan deal could make the partisan reconciliation easier, rather than harder, to pass. It's not as though Biden is fiscally prudent on all other fronts except in this one area, which he considers a particularly important national investment with unmistakable returns. No, he's universally profligate. His reckless spending on all fronts (except defense) makes it more

about the current process and proposed policies by the Pulaski County School Board.

Keith and I are very concerned about our school board, Superintendent, and community.

We want folks to be informed and aware of issues.

We want Dr. Siers to step down.

Sybil Ludington was the 16-year-old daughter of a colonial colonel in the Westchester County, NY militia. On April 26, 1777 when she heard the British Army was approaching and knew her father needed time to rally the troops, she made an all-night ride on horseback to call the citizens and militia of Putnam County, NY and Danbury, CT to arms.

Mary Katherine Goddard is the only woman to sign the Declaration of Independence...sort of.

When the British invaded Philadelphia where the Continental Congress had met, the members fled to Baltimore, MD. After the Declaration was signed by the members of the 2nd Continental Congress, they wanted copies of it to be disseminated to the thirteen colonies. So, they took it to a local printer, who happened to be Mary Katherine Goddard. She boldly proclaimed her solidarity at the bottom of the Declaration, writing "Baltimore, in Maryland: Printed by Mary Katherine Goddard."

Goddard wasn't the only woman during the Revolution to courageously use her pen to influence others.

Although Abigail Adams never participated in physical combat during the Revolution, she managed to be influential in fighting "tyranny" on the home front through her correspondence. In a letter written March 31, 1776 to her husband, John Adams,

imperative for Republicans to stake out a position in four-square opposition.

The bipartisan deal is hardly exemplary legislation, by the way. It resorts to all the usual Beltway gimmicks to create the pretense that it's paid for, when it's basically as irresponsible as the rest of the Biden spending.

Bipartisanship has its uses, but so does partisanship. Joe Biden wants to be known for his FDR- and LBJ-like government spending, believing that it's the key to political success and to an enduring legacy. Fine. Let him and his party own it.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**

## OPEN FORUM

We want our School Board to make an official statement that no form of Critical Race Theory will be taught in our school, nor any teacher training. We don't want them to implement a stand-alone transgender policy. Why not offer a separate restroom for the transgender students,

during the Continental Congress, she cleverly reminded him to remember the Colonial women; and compared the struggle for women's rights with the Colonies' struggle against the tyranny of King George.

Using a play on words and Bible references, Abigail wrote: "I long to hear that you have declared an independancy—and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If perticular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation. "That your Sex are Naturally Tyrannical is a Truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute, but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the harsh title of Master for the more tender and endearing one of Friend. Why then, not put it out of the power of the vicious and the Lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity with impunity. Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your Sex. Regard us then as Beings placed by providence under your protection and in imitation of the Supream Being make use of that power only for our happiness."

Let's give three cheers for our Founding Mothers who were indeed heroines of the American Revolution; whose courage and patriotism paved the way for women to be involved in positions of leadership today.

Currently, there are 119 women in the U.S. House of Representatives (not counting four female non-voting delegates), making women 27.4% of the total of U.S. representatives; and 24 women elected to the U.S. Senate.

dents, rather than asking the majority of students to accommodate a few students?

Treat all people with respect and kindness...doesn't need to be micromanaged, ordered, etc. Support all of our students and community without dividing them.

In addition, encourage them to not use the principle of equity (which is a core concept of CRT which is divisive and leads to different standards for different people among other things).

As for Dr. Siers, the following are some of our concerns about his leadership and his divisive style:

--culture of fear and concern about retribution among teachers and staff if they disagree and/or go against Dr. Siers and his ideas (they don't want to comment privately, nor publicly about him and/or his agenda for fear of losing their job)

--Dr. Siers being behind beloved and respected Pulaski County High School Principal Michael Grimm being forced out (partially because Mr. Grimm didn't buy into restorative justice)

--ill-conceived Yondr pouch policy ... parents, teachers, and students should have been more involved and at least notified before implementing this \$52,000 debacle ... wasted funds ... money could have gone toward student and/or teacher needs such as school supplies

--poor judgment in his written email communication with repre-

sentatives of the Virginia Department of Education where he made disparaging comments mischaracterizing our community

--unprofessionalism and sensationalism in his use of language (e.g., comparing school board meetings to Klan rallies and being in combat) which creates a divisive "us vs. them" atmosphere

--Dr. Siers has done more to divide this community, then unite it, he has been disrespectful to those who don't share his views

Please see how another community is handling these issues:

"Botetourt school board addresses race education and treatment of transgender students | Education | roanoke.com"

Check-out the Botetourt County School Board's stance on Critical Race Theory (CRT) and transgender bathroom use.

Could our Pulaski County School Board please take the same position (please read article) of writing a statement against Critical Race Theory being taught in our schools and not implementing a stand-alone transgender policy? Rather, offer a separate restroom for the transgender students, rather than asking the majority of students to accommodate a few students.

Additional changes will need to be made at the state level as well.

**Take care,  
Keith & Debbie Bauer**

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## OPEN FORUM

# Children, community, generations to come at stake

To the editor,

I read two articles in the July 2nd “THE PATRIOT” pertaining to our current County Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers. Both regarding his emails to the Virginia Department of Education describing taxpaying voting citizens of Pulaski County as holding a Klan rally because they dare disagree with him. (My thought is he was really trying to make us look like a bunch of racists in using this terminology.)

In his own response, Dr. Siers made it clear that he was speaking for himself and the School Board. That was very unsettling for me. Each person in this County will need to make their own decision about this matter in the upcoming days, weeks and months.

This article comes just from my heart. I can tell you I would run as far away from Critical Race Theory as I could run. There is no way I would subject an adult, much less a child to such contrived evil. This identity-based Marxism pushes agendas that are causing hatred, racism and division in our Country.

While Richmond may say you

have to do it, Counties that care about their citizens, families and children are fighting and staying away from the programs that are forcing these ideologies that are causing such problems.

I personally have lost all confidence in Dr. Siers being able to effectively lead our County’s schools. He has shown by his own actions that he has no respect for the values our citizens hold dear. Our parents and community deserve someone they can trust.

We are too intelligent to fall for the rhetoric coming out of Washington or Richmond. We would rather be right in the eyes of GOD than in the eyes of man.

What is at stake here is our children, our community, generations to come.

To the precious citizens of Pulaski County - many of you were my former students and are parents now - make sure you vote.

I do agree with you Dr. Siers about one thing - every child should feel valued, but that comes from good parents, grandparents, teachers and community - not from government and definitely not from CRT.

Board members, we are a Republic - By the People, For the People, One Nation Under GOD. You serve these citizens, not the Superintendent.

Suggested Reading for everyone reading this: “The American Covenant - The Untold Story” by Marshall Foster and “We Will Not Be Silenced” by Erwin W Lutzer.

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## Schools

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his tenure almost five years ago,” Hurst said.

Hurst then went on to list 11 examples of why the community “has been fortunate to have Dr. Siers as its superintendent.”

“A true leader inspires others and provides them with the tools for success. Here are just a few ways that Dr. Siers has provided such leadership for our school division,” Hurst said and listed them:

**1. Pulaski County Middle School** – Dr. Siers managed the entire process of building a new middle school in Pulaski County. At the outset, he retained a skilled and experienced Operations Director with the experience in new school construction, and together, they opened the new middle school in 18 months – on time and under budget – in a market in which construction costs were uncertain and soaring.

**2. Increased Salaries and Decreased Costs** – Dr. Siers ensured pay increases for every employee in the division for each of the last four years. During this time of national teacher shortages, Dr. Siers placed Pulaski County back in a competitive position with revised pay schedules. Additionally, employee health insurance costs decreased to approximately one-half of the costs paid four years ago – all in a time in which health insurance premiums were rising nationally.

**3. Technology for every student** – Prior to the start of the pandemic, Dr. Siers ensured that every Pulaski County student would have their own Chromebook, which placed technology in the hands of every child regardless of whether that child’s parents could afford access to a computer or internet service. Prior to the provision of the Chromebooks, many Pulaski County students were lagging behind their peers, making them less competitive for college admissions, scholarships, and post-graduate employment. Access to such technology also reduced one hurdle to remote learning at the start of the pandemic.

**4. School Resource Officers** – For the past three years, a school resource officer has been stationed at every school in Pulaski County because of Dr. Siers’ efforts. While this decision was made over the objection of some members of the Board of Supervisors, this decision has been widely popular with Pulas-

ki County families – especially in rural schools that are twenty miles or more away from the Sheriff’s office.

**5. Pandemic Leadership** – While many school divisions in Virginia struggled with opening their doors to in-person learning, Pulaski County took the lead in holding in-person classes four days a week beginning in the Fall and was the first division in Southwest Virginia to hold full in-person instruction by March. Dr. Siers recognized the importance of in-person instruction and the need to keep our students, faculty, and staff as safe as practical in the face of tremendous uncertainty.

**6. Additional STEAM Programs** – Dr. Siers added a drama program and robotics instructional program at the middle school. The drama program at the high school has been among the best in the State, and now the program has been extended into the middle schools. Moreover, the robotics program feeds into the high school’s cybersecurity program, which is also one of the best cybersecurity programs in the State. With over a half million new jobs in cybersecurity in this country with starting annual salaries in the \$80-90,000 range, these programs position Pulaski County students to enter the job market as highly competitive candidates.

**7. Critzer Elementary Renovations** – Dr. Siers recognized that building safety is a paramount concern and spearheaded renovations at Critzer Elementary to create a safe environment at a time when even local representatives in the General Assembly could not secure funding for school renovations.

**8. Fighting for Our Children** – During the pandemic, the governor’s executive orders limited attendance numbers at sporting events. Recognizing the importance of extracurricular activities for Pulaski County families, Dr. Siers came up with a creative solution to hold multiple “events” so that families with children who played football, who cheered, or who played an instrument in the band all had equal opportunity to watch their children perform safely.

**9. Listening to Our Stakeholders** – During his tenure, Dr. Siers began listening tours at all schools, providing an opportunity for teachers and staff to approach him with concerns and suggested solutions, new ideas, and questions. He then created advisory committees for parents, teachers, and students to brainstorm ideas to address those concerns and provide feedback on division initiatives before such initiatives were rolled out generally.

**10. Giving Back to our Community** – Dr. Siers has made Pulaski County his home. He attends almost every student activity in Pulaski County to support our students and families; he volunteers his personal time at a local museum; and he knows more about the history of education in Pulaski County than many Pulaski County natives.

**11. Accreditation** – Under Dr. Siers’ guidance, we achieved full accreditation for every school in the division in 2019 for the first time in many years. Dr. Siers recognizes, however, that full accreditation is not enough. The division must do more to address academic disparities in our historically marginalized communities, which is why he is spearheading the School Board’s equity initiatives to provide equity of op-

portunity to all Pulaski County families.

Hurst then brought up the school system’s equity initiatives.

“To address academic disparities in Pulaski County, the School Board has undertaken a mission to promote equity of opportunity. Contrary to public misinformation about these initiatives, the School Board’s mission is to level the playing field – to make all students feel welcome and valued in school regardless of their socioeconomic status, race, gender, faith expression, or disability,” he said.

“Because misinformation about the School Board’s equity initiatives is rampant, we wanted to highlight just a few initiatives that may fall under this umbrella in an effort to increase understanding of our goals,” Hurst continued, listing those:

**1. Universal free breakfast and free lunch and Community Meal Program** –No child should go hungry. Because hunger can interfere with a student’s instructional experience, which will increase the educational achievement gap, all students in Pulaski County – regardless of their socioeconomic status – are eligible for free breakfast and free lunch. We partner with local churches to participate in the “backpack program,” and the community meal program ensures that students have access to healthy meals during the summer and school closures.

**2. Universal access to Chromebooks and internet access** – Having early and readily available access to technology will enable our students to maintain a competitive edge with their peers, regardless of their socioeconomic backgrounds.

**3. Partnerships with community resources** – The School Division partners with community resources and organizations to provide opportunities to Pulaski County students. For example, the division partners with the TG Howard Community Center to provide clubs in the schools for all kids with safe and fun activities, including team-building activities and cultural activities. The Division has partnered with the YMCA during the pandemic to provide childcare, internet access, meals, and daily care for remote learners and their families. Further, the division has partnered with local law enforcement agencies that sponsor programs designed to foster career and community awareness and build relationships with Pulaski students.

**4. Restorative practices** – The restorative practices program helps to keep students in school where they can receive instructional time while reducing discipline disparities and reducing the achievement gap for vulnerable students.

**5. Elimination of barriers to participation** – Participation in CTE programs, the Advanced Placement curriculum and dual enrollment, arts, and after school programs has been shown to dramatically improve educational experiences and outcomes for children. The School Board is working to eliminate the barriers to participation in these programs in underserved and underrepresented student populations.

“These are just a few examples of programs that would fall under the School Board’s

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# Xaloy returning to Pulaski from Ohio

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam today announced that Xaloy, a leading manufacturer of plastic processing components for injection and extrusion machinery, will move its barrel manufacturing operation from Ohio back to Virginia and reopen its former facility in Pulaski County. The company will invest \$1.75 million in its 100,000-square-foot, 30-acre site at 102 Xaloy Way in the Town of Pulaski to produce bimetallic barrels for a wide range of applications in the plastics manufacturing industry. Virginia successfully competed against Ohio for the project, which will retain seven jobs and create 35 new jobs.

In 2016, Xaloy closed its Pulaski plant and moved the majority of the facility’s manufacturing and positions to Austintown, Ohio. With the return of its barrel manufacturing functions to Pulaski County, the company will rehire a

number of former employees familiar with Xaloy’s specific machinery.

“Our workforce is one of the key reasons Virginia is America’s Top State for Business and the return of Xaloy is proof positive that our pipeline of skilled talent is unmatched,” said Governor Northam. “It was a priority to regain this important employer in Pulaski, and securing this important project demonstrates the value of collaboration in driving economic opportunity and building long-term corporate partnerships.”

Founded in 1929, Xaloy is a global leader in high-performance machinery components and equipment for the plastics industry. The company has one of the largest screw and barrel design portfolios, world-class manufacturing capabilities, and a global sales and customer support team. Xaloy’s deep technological and engineering expertise has helped improve quality and throughput for plastics processors.

Among the company’s accomplishments is inventing the first tungsten carbide barrel to withstand extreme wear and corrosive environments. Xaloy was acquired by Altair Investments in February 2021.

“One of Virginia’s greatest business assets is our exceptional workforce, and we are proud to support Xaloy’s return to Pulaski County,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “The company’s investment will strengthen the Commonwealth’s position as a leader in advanced manufacturing, and we are committed to facilitating Xaloy’s success here any way we can.”

“With the increase in demand we were reaching capacity with our twin-barrel line in Austintown, and moving that business back to Pulaski was contingent on being able to hire the right people and do it quickly,” said Xaloy CEO Kamal K. Tiwari. “When we decided to reopen the Pulaski site, we turned to former employees to get the facility back in operation. Nearly all 20 of the initial workforce consists of former Pulaski Xaloy workers, bringing with them decades of experience. To have a group of people who could bring this level of knowledge and experience and loyalty to the table was critical. With the support of the Governor, state and local officials, and everyone who wanted to see manufacturing in this community back on its feet, we’re happy to have been able to bring those hopes to fruition.”

“The Pulaski plant reopening reunites Xaloy with a highly skilled, hard-working, and dedicated workforce with decades of experience making the complex products we offer,” said Altair Investments partner Andrew Brickman. “The plant provides good access to many major thoroughfares. We intend to grow our presence in the end markets this plant serves, so we hope this is only a first step in further expansion of the workforce and the facility.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Pulaski County, the Town of Pulaski, and Onward New River Valley

to secure the project for Virginia. The company is eligible to receive state benefits from the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, as well as local incentives from Pulaski County and the Town of Pulaski.

“This project is especially meaningful to Pulaski County because of what the return of Xaloy fully represents,” stated Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan D. Sweet. “For this world-class manufacturer to return to Pulaski County and restart their operations here, it effectively demonstrates that our workforce is second-to-none and that there is no better community for this industry leader to call home. We are extremely grateful for Xaloy’s renewed commitment to the County, and the Board of Supervisors and Economic Development Authority look forward to a strong and successful partnership for many years to come.”

“We are overwhelmingly excited to welcome Xaloy back to our community and are proud of the recognition the local workforce in the Town of Pulaski has received through this process,” said Town of Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins.

“Xaloy has decades of rich history in the Town of Pulaski and we are thrilled they are returning home,” said Pulaski Town Manager Darlene Burcham. “We applaud the dedication, loyalty, and responsiveness of the citizens in the Town

who were formerly employed at the plant and were key factors in the decision-making process. The Town of Pulaski is committed to fully supporting Xaloy as they restart operations and is excited for the future success generated from this catalyst.”

“The New River Valley welcomes Xaloy back to Pulaski,” said Charlie Jewell, Executive Director of Onward New River Valley. “Their decision to bring manufacturing back to the New River Valley speaks volumes about the quality of our workforce and the supportive community they have in Pulaski County and the Town.”

“When I delivered for FedEx a number of years ago, I warmly remember a sign that greeted everyone who entered Xaloy: ‘Through these doors walk the world’s greatest barrel makers,’” said Delegate L. Nick Rush. “The return of Xaloy to Pulaski County means that barrel manufacturing professionals and Southwest Virginia will benefit greatly from having this specialty trade return to our region. I send my warmest congratulations to Xaloy on its exciting news and to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Pulaski County, Town of Pulaski, and Onward New River Valley, whose collaborative efforts made this initiative possible. And, most importantly, I look forward to the world’s best barrel makers walking through those doors once again.”

## Schools

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equity initiative. Like all other initiatives, the School Board welcomes input from parents, teachers, students, and staff as to how to reach traditionally marginalized communities, level the playing field, and promote overall academic success.

Hurst then addressed the issue of Critical Race Theory.

“While the School Board is actively engaged in promoting equity of opportunity for its students, it is not teaching Critical Race Theory as part of those efforts. Critical Race Theory is not included in the School Board’s curriculum or included in the current state standards of learning,” he said.

“All students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to appreciate their own cultures and life experiences as well as those of others. We grow as individuals and as a community when we expand to learn about the life experiences of others. Regardless of race, culture, customs, or traditions, everyone’s value is recognized and respected in our school division.”

About the much discussed transgender policies, Hurst said the school board will follow the law.

” The School Board is committed to following the law and respecting the rights of our students. Our policies are not, however, ‘indoctrinating’ children or advocating for any lifestyle as some in the community have expressed. Instead, we support ev-

ery child’s right to live an authentic life in a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment. Every child should feel safe at school.

” We do not discriminate in our schools. Transgender students are not new to Pulaski County. We have accommodated students’ known needs for years, and we will continue to do so in an environment that is safe and respectful for all students. By way of example, we have private restrooms available for any child who wishes to use them regardless of the reason, and we are working to increase the number of private restrooms in our schools. We will continue to create safe spaces for all students, and we will work with any child on an individual basis to meet their needs for privacy, respect, and safety.”

Hurst said the school board wants the community to work with them.

“We welcome an opportunity to learn from you as we do the hard work to advance and support student learning in our community. In the upcoming weeks and months, the School Board anticipates promoting an Equity Summit where all elected leaders – School Board members, Board of Supervisors members, and Town Council members alike – business, community, and religious leaders; parents; teachers; staff; and students can come together to learn how we can build a better, stronger community based on equity of opportunity for all,” Hurst concluded.

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# Consumer prices surge in June to most since 2008

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices for U.S. consumers jumped in June by the most in 13 years, evidence that a swift rebound in spending has run up against widespread supply shortages that have escalated the costs of many goods and services.

Tuesday's report from the Labor Department showed that consumer prices in June rose 0.9% from May and 5.4% over the past year — the sharpest 12-month inflation spike since August 2008. Excluding volatile oil and gas prices, so-called core inflation rose 4.5% in the past year, the largest increase since November 1991.

The pickup in inflation, which has coincided with the economy's rapid recovery from the pandemic recession, will likely intensify a debate at the Federal Reserve and between the Biden administration and congressional Republicans about how persistent the accelerating price increases will prove to be.

The Fed and the White House have made clear their belief that the current bout of inflation will prove temporary. As supply chain bottlenecks are resolved and the economy returns to normal, they suggest, the price spikes for such items as used cars, hotel rooms and clothing will fade. Some economists, along with Wall Street investors, have indicated that they agree.

"The headline inflation numbers have been eye-popping in recent months, but underlying inflation remains under control," said Gus Faucher, an economist at PNC Financial Services. "Once again a few categories — used vehicles, airfares, rental cars, hotels — are experiencing huge price gains because of the recovery from the pandemic."

Still, continued higher inflation does raise the prospect that the Fed could decide to act earlier than expected to pull back on its ultra-low interest rate policies, which have been intended to support more borrowing and spending. If so, that would risk weak-

ening the economy and potentially derailing the recovery.

For now, price increases are running ahead of the wage gains that have kicked in this year, which means the financial burdens on millions of households have grown more difficult. Average hourly earnings increased 3.6% in June compared with a year earlier, normally a solid gain, but far less than current inflation.

Lower-income workers are also hardest hit by rising food prices, which rose 0.8% in June, and gas costs, which rose 2.5% last month and 45% from a year ago.

One reason why year-over-year inflation readings are now so high is that the most recent prices are being measured against the sharp price declines that followed the eruption of the pandemic in March of last year. That statistical distortion began to fade in June and will no longer be a factor when July's year-over-year inflation figures are released next month.

Looking past those distortions, prices are rising faster than they did before the pandemic but not as much as the recent monthly numbers suggest. Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate, noted that compared with June 2019, inflation has risen at about a 3% annual pace over the past two years. That is up from a 2.6% annual inflation pace from May 2019 to May 2021.

In addition, some ongoing price spikes could fade soon. Hotel room prices surged 7% in June alone and 15.1% in the past year, the most on records dating to the 1950s. But that surge has merely returned hotel prices to pre-pandemic levels and so may not persist.

Airline fares, which jumped 2.7% last month, have skyrocketed nearly 25% compared with a year ago. Yet airline ticket prices are still below pre-COVID levels.

Prices for used cars are far above where they were before the pandemic and soared 10.5% last month alone — the largest such monthly increase on record. That spike accounted for about one-

third of the monthly increase in consumer prices for a third straight month.

Used cars have become vastly more expensive largely because semiconductor shortages have cut production of new cars, thereby leading more buyers to the used car lots. And many rental car companies sold portions of their fleets during the pandemic to raise cash and are now desperately buying up used cars to replenish their supply.

The shortage of rental cars combined with greater demand has elevated vehicle rental prices by an astounding 90% in the past year.

The surge in used car prices, though, isn't likely to last. Prices are starting to drop at wholesale auctions where dealers buy vehicles, and used vehicle demand may be slowing.

David Kelleher, who runs a Stellantis (formerly Fiat Chrysler)

dealership in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania near Philadelphia, has observed that fewer of his customers are seeking used vehicles.

"I think the word got out that it was a tough time to buy a used car," Kelleher said.

Kelleher, who has now cut prices on the roughly 150 used vehicles he has in stock, says other dealers are reporting the same conditions, and he expects customers to return once the price declines take full effect. Still, supplies of new vehicles remain tight and prices high, a trend that could sustain customer demand for used vehicles.

More broadly, other trends are keeping consumer prices high: Restaurant prices rose 0.7% last month and 4.2% over the past year, a sign that many companies are raising prices to offset higher labor costs.

The cost of household furniture

increased 0.7% from May to June and 8.6% compared with a year ago, as more Americans have upgraded their homes after spending more time there during the pandemic. Mohawk Industries, which makes carpets and tiles, has said it will raise prices 6% to 10% — its third price hike of the year — to cover higher costs for raw material, labor and shipping.

The spice maker McCormick & Co. said it plans to raise prices to offset higher raw materials costs. Likewise, Conagra has said inflationary pressures have reduced its profits. The company, which makes everything from Duncan Hines to Pam cooking spray, has said it will raise prices to offset some of those costs. PepsiCo, too, said it will likely raise prices for its drinks and Frito-Lay snacks after Labor Day.



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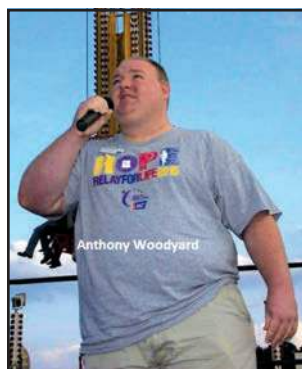
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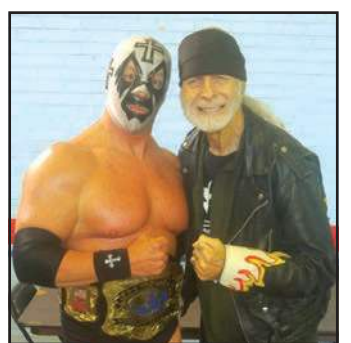
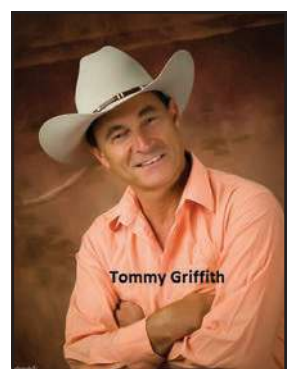
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## 63 ACC players taken in MLB Draft

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – A total of 63 ACC players – second-most among all conferences – were selected in the 2021 Major League Baseball Draft, which concluded Tuesday afternoon.

The ACC was the only conference to have at least one player taken in each of the draft's 20 rounds.

This year's league contingent includes No. 1 overall pick Henry Davis of Louisville, No. 15 overall pick Sal Frellick of Boston College and No. 24 overall pick Ryan Cusick of Wake Forest. It marks the 30th consecutive year that at least one ACC player has been taken in the opening round, and Davis became the fifth player from a current ACC school to be selected first overall.

Each of the ACC's 14 baseball schools had at least one player chosen in this year's draft, led by NC State with eight selections. Twelve ACC players were among the first 100 overall picks.

Twenty-seven of the major league's 30 teams selected at least one ACC player. The Cincinnati Reds and Detroit Tigers led in total ACC selections with five each.

### 2021 MLB Draft Picks from Virginia and Virginia Tech (with round and pick number)

2/53 - Andrew Abbott, Virginia, Gr., P, Cincinnati Reds  
2/60 - Zack Gelof, Virginia, Jr., 3B, Oakland Athletics  
5/145 - Griff McGarry, Virginia, Sr., P, Philadelphia Phillies  
8/232 - Mike Vasil, Virginia, Jr., P, New York Mets  
10/289 - Shane Connolly, Virginia Tech, Jr., P, Kansas City Royals  
11/320 - Nic Kent, Virginia, So., SS, Colorado Rockies  
12/355 - T.J. Rumfield, Virginia Tech, So., 3B, Philadelphia Phillies  
12/361 - Chris Gerard, Virginia Tech, Jr., P, St. Louis Cardinals  
13/393 - Zach Messinger, Virginia, So., P, New York Yankees  
16/469 - Anthony Simonelli, Virginia Tech, Jr., P, Kansas City Royals



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## Astros Go Unbeaten

This team is the Snowville Astros 7-8 year old Coach Pitch entry. The team finished up 7-0. The coach was Shane Farmer. The assistant coaches were Chuck Stone and Jeff Steiner.

## 2021 ACC Football Kickoff July 21-22; attendees named

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Monday the 42 football student-athletes selected by its 14 league schools to attend the 2021 ACC Football Kickoff, July 21-22, at The Westin Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina. For the first time, each team will bring three players to the annual media event.

ACC Network will be live from the ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte for the first time on July 21-22, for two days of expansive coverage. The 24/7 national network dedicated to ACC sports will provide the event's most robust television coverage to date.

The attendees to the 2021 ACC Football Kickoff are:

**Boston College**  
Head Coach Jeff Hafley  
Zion Johnson, OL; Phil Jurkovec, QB; Marcus Valdez, DE

**Clemson**  
Head Coach Dabo Swinney  
Matt Bockhorst, OG; James Skalski, LB; D.J. Uiagalelei, QB

**Duke**  
Head Coach David Cutcliffe  
DeWayne Carter, DT; Mataeo Durant, RB; Gunnar Holmberg, QB

**Florida State**  
Head Coach Mike Norvell  
Jermaine Johnson II, DE; McKenzie Milton, QB; Jordan Travis, QB

**Georgia Tech**  
Head Coach Geoff Collins  
Ayinde Eley, LB; Jeff Sims, QB; Juanyeh Thomas, DB

**Louisville**  
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C.J. Avery, LB; Malik Cunningham, QB; Marshon Ford, TE,

**Miami**  
Head Coach Manny Diaz  
Bubba Bolden, S; Michael Harkey Jr., WR; D'Eriq King, QB

**North Carolina**  
Head Coach Mack Brown  
Tomon Fox, LB; Jeremiah Gemmel, LB; Sam Howell, QB

**NC State**  
Head Coach Dave Doeren  
Grant Gibson, C; Devin Leary, QB; Payton Wilson, LB

**Pitt**  
Head Coach Pat Narduzzi  
Jordan Addison, WR; Deshaun Alexander, DL; Kenny Pickett,

**Syracuse**  
Head Coach Dino Babers  
Josh Black, DL; Taj Harris, WR; Airon Servais, OL

**Virginia**  
Head Coach Bronco Mendenhall  
Brennan Armstrong, QB; Joey Blount, S; Keytaon Thompson, WR/QB

**Virginia Tech**  
Head Coach Justin Fuente  
Braxton Burmeister, QB; Chamarri Conner, DB; James Mitchell, TE

**Wake Forest**  
Head Coach Dave Clawson  
Sam Hartman, QB; Luke Mattern, LB; Jaquarii Roberson, WR

• Among the offensive players in attendance at ACC Kickoff will be 15 quarterbacks, five wide receivers, four offensive linemen, two tight ends and one running back. Defensively, seven linebackers, five defensive linemen and four defensive backs will attend. Virginia's Keytaon Thompson is listed as a QB/WR.

• Thirteen teams will bring at least one quarterback with Florida State (McKenzie Milton and Jordan Travis) and Virginia (Brennan Armstrong and Keytaon Thompson) bringing two.

## Pulaski skipper, Crist one Appy All-Star manager

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – The Appalachian League announced today that Pulaski's Clark Crist and Bristol's Dave Trembley will manage the East and West teams for the Appalachian League All-Star Game, respectively. The inaugural All-Star Game is set to take place on Tuesday, July 27 at Calfee Park in Pulaski, Virginia.

The managers will be joined by their respective coaching staffs. Ted Power will serve as the East Team's pitching coach, while Roger Hill will be the team's hitting coach. The West Team pitchers will be coached by Larry McCall, while Barbaro Garbey will serve as the hitting coach.

"We are excited to announce the coaching staffs for this year's Appalachian League All-Star Game," said Appalachian League President Dan Moushon. "Both teams will have established and great baseball minds in their respective dugouts. Clark and Dave have immense experience at every level of the sport, and we're thrilled to have them and their staffs at the inaugural event."

Crist brings over 40 years of baseball experience to the helm of the East Team. Prior to taking over as Pulaski's manager in 2021, he most recently served as a National Junior College Cross Checker for the Arizona Diamondbacks. In that role, he oversaw all junior college prospects country-wide. Crist has also served as a scout for six MLB teams, beginning with the Houston Astros in 1985 and ending with a nine-year stint with the Cincinnati Reds from 2006-15. Crist played collegiately at Arizona before being drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 1980 MLB Draft. He spent four seasons in Seattle's organization, serving as a player-coach in his final season.

Trembley, who has three years of experience as a major-league manager, has been a manager, coach, and scout in both professional and amateur baseball.

## Signup open for county soccer camp

Youth soccer players from Pulaski County and surrounding communities are invited to join an experienced coaching lineup for an exciting, fun, and energetic week. Camp will be held at Randolph Park from Monday, August 2, 2021 – Thursday, August 5, 2021, 9 am – 12 pm.

Register at [www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org](http://www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org).

Eligibility: 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2015

Registration Deadline: Thursday, July 29th 2021 at 5:00pm

Price: \$75

Soccer camp is designed for young players of all interest, ability, and experience levels. A variety of activities and small-sided games will challenge novice and experienced players alike. With recreational league and club seasons just around the corner, this is a great opportunity for players to prepare. Using nationally recognized curriculum standards, the camp curriculum focuses on fundamental movement, technical skill development, and small group tactical play. Each day concludes with small-sided (2v2 to 7v7) competitive match play.

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### Responsibilities:

- Coordinates Neighborhood and Business Watch Programs and the Citizen Police Academy.
- Promotes neighborhood, home and individual security.
- Provides training for officers in crime prevention.
- Tracks crime through crime analysis techniques and evaluates crime statistics to decide which types of incidents may have an impact on an area.
- Makes presentations to the public through guest appearances on appropriate radio/television shows, speaking at various group meetings or classes, and writing articles or public service announcements for the media.
- Assists local media with writing articles or public service announcements regarding crime prevention.
- Assists with building security surveys following burglaries.
- Informs Neighborhood and Business Watch coordinators of incidents or crimes, which might have an effect on their area.
- Attends local and regional crime prevention meetings.
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- Develops objectives for the Crime Prevention Annual Report.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

### Requirements and qualifications:

- Associates/Technical degree with major coursework in Computer Science, Criminal justice, Business Administration and experience in computer systems, police activities, or related field and considerable experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Must be able to work without direct supervision and have the ability to maintain the complete confidentiality of information handled within the office.
- Valid driver's license in the Commonwealth of Virginia, possess and maintain a driving record acceptable to the Town of Pulaski Police Department.
- May be periodically required to work weekends and overtime outside of daily work schedule.
- Attend meetings, conferences and training as required.
- Must be a non-smoker

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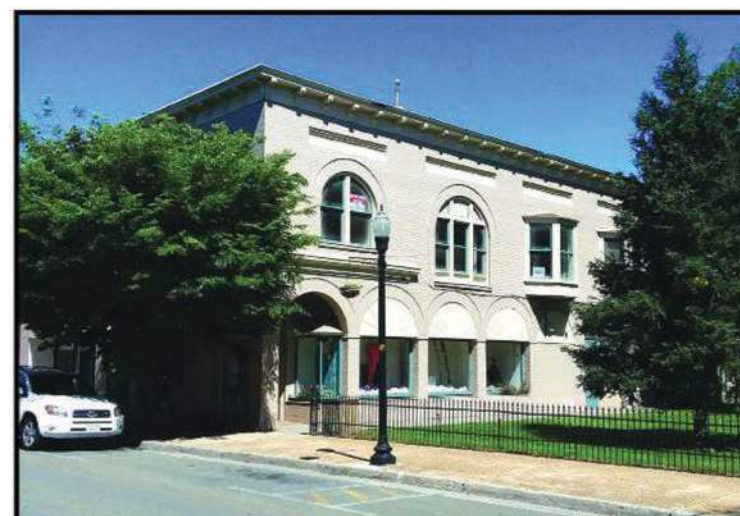
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### Public Hearing Regarding Rental Inspection District Boundaries

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W. to consider amending the rental inspection district boundaries within the Town of Pulaski. The amendments are as follows:


Rental Inspection District 1, consolidates the previous West Loop Redevelopment District, the Downtown Conservation Area, and the Southwest Crescent Redevelopment District into one district and expands this district to incorporate First Street Northwest to the 500 block of Altoona Road, up to the 1700 Block of Randolph Avenue through Smith Lane, down to the 700 block of Prospect Avenue.

Residential rental inspection District 1 extension which encompasses MacGill Village/Greenwood Hills off Pepper's Ferry Road and Newbern Road. Also to include from Pepper's Ferry Road down to the 800 block of Pepper Street to the dead end, 700 block of Elizabeth Street to Bland Street, 900 block of Bland Street down to the 600 block of Greenview Court to the dead end, and the 600 block of Orchard Road to the dead end, and the 600-800 block of Mathews Court to the dead end.

All persons desiring to speak concerning amending the rental inspection districts should appear at the aforementioned time and place or submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing. A copy of the written descriptions and maps for the proposed amendments to the rental inspection are available in the

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office at 540-994-8600 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 7-1-1 for assistance in reaching the Town.

## LEGAL NOTICE



### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host three public hearings at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, July 26, 2021 in The Little Theater located at Pulaski County High School 5414 Cougar Trail Road Dublin, VA 24084 to consider comments regarding the applications listed below;

a) Application by Highbridge, LLC to rezone the property from Light Industrial (LI) to High Density Residential (HDR) and Commercial (CM), at Tax Map#039-001-0000-0101 located at Herons Landing, Cloyd District.

b) Application by Highbridge, LLC to amend the Future Land Use Map from Light Industrial (LI) to High Density Residential (HDR) and Commercial (CM) at Tax Map# 039-001-0000-0101 located at Herons Landing, Cloyd District.

c) Application by Shah Development, LLC to rezone the property from Agriculture (A) to Medium Density Residential (MDR), at Tax Map # 047-001-0000-0020 located at Cleburne Blvd, Cloyd District.

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301(540)980-7710 or mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org.

If you are a disabled individual and would like special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date.

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 248 HURD LANE, TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA

In execution of a purchase money Deed of Trust from Matthew Justin Robertson to Samuel D. Campbell, trustee, dated June 8, 2018, recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as land instrument # 2018-1731, there having been a default under this deed of trust and the noteholder secured thereby having directed execution thereof and 14 days prior written notice of sale having been given to all parties entitled to such notice under Virginia Code §55.1-321, I, Samuel D. Campbell, trustee, shall proceed to execute said deed of trust by offering the following real property for sale at public auction at the front (main entrance) of the Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse, 45 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia, on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.:

Located at 248 Hurd Lane in the Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, Virginia, bearing tax map/parcel # 72-32-14, tax account # 4718, as described in the aforesaid deed of trust and in a deed dated June 8, 2018, recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as land instrument # 2018-1730.

Terms of Sale: Cash deposit of 10% of the selling price (highest bid) of the property on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in cash or its equivalent at settlement within 20 consecutive calendar days after the date of sale. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in "AS IS" condition, and title will be transferred by trustee's deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations existing at the time of sale.





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## LEGAL NOTICE

### Invitation to Bid Flood Warning Systems FEMA-DR-4411-VA-005

This report was funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, via Grant Agreement Number FEMA-DR-4411-VA-005 for \$57,750.

The Town of Pulaski (Owner) is requesting sealed bids for Special Services related to the installation of Flood Warning Systems. The contractor's license or certificate number must be printed on the outside of the sealed bid envelope. The proposed plan would install two automatic threshold reporting water level stations and 2 climate/weather stations (GOES-based) collecting a full array of data to provide a comprehensive analysis of upstream conditions (climatological, hydrologic and soil related parameters relating to Flash Flood Guidance) providing advance warning of evolving conditions to emergency personnel in the town downstream. This would include systems at Gatewood Dam which is owned and operated by the Town of Pulaski as well as gauges located on Hogans Branch, Track Fork, and Indian Grave that all converge directly above the downtown. The Town Engineering Department will receive sealed bids at Pulaski Municipal Building, P.O. Box 660 / 42 First Street NW Room 223, Pulaski VA, 24301 until 2:00pm on July 30, 2021. Any bids or unsealed bids received after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

The Town of Pulaski facilitate the participation of small businesses, businesses owned by women, minorities, service disabled veterans, and employment services organizations in Invitation to Bid transactions. No public body shall discriminate against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, status as a service disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment § 2.2-4310.

Upon request Owner will provide full scope of service and access to the point of destination and the site where Goods are to be installed or Special Services are to be provided so that the bidder may conduct such investigations, examinations, tests, and studies as Bidder deems necessary so that the Bidder may accurately submit bid. Such information shall be coordinated through the office of the Engineering Department, by contacting Nathan Smythers by phone at (540)994-8617 or by email at nsmythers@pulaskitown.org.

A bid may be withdrawn in accordance with the Code of Virginia § 2.2-4330 by giving notice in writing of Bidder's claim of right to withdraw Bid within two business days after the conclusion of the bid opening procedure and submitting original work papers with such notice. The Buyer reserves the full unconditional right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all Bids.



# Adaire Theatre campers to perform, 2021 show lineup announcement soon

By: Neesey Payne

Summer is off to a sweet start for Adaire Theatre. The non-profit is holding in-person camp after having to migrate online last year. "We had a great turnout, and the kids have been working very hard," said Kendall Payne, founder of Adaire Theatre.

This year's camp is two weeks long. It mirrors how many professional shows are put together. Many times, professional actors only have a couple of weeks to rehearse a show before it's put on for the public, so the campers are getting a little taste of what the professional acting scene is like.

The kids will be performing "Disney's Moana Jr." It's a musical based on the 2016 movie about an island girl who is on a quest to save her people, and while doing so, discovers her identity in the process.

"It's fun when we can put to-

gether shows that many of the kids have already seen before. It gives them a connection to the story. Plus, it gets them more excited about performing," Payne said.

"Moana Jr." will be performed Saturday, July 17, at 7 p.m., at the Pulaski Elks Lodge, located at 8 West Main Street. The performance is open to the public.

"How cool is it? Our campers put in a lot of work over two weeks, and then they get to cap it off with a performance, not only for their family, but the community is invited to come see it! This gets them excited. We hope families and their friends will come out. We want these kids to be able to perform in front of a full audience," Payne said.

Getting tickets for the performance will differ from years past. Ticket sales will be strictly online to ensure seating stays within guidelines. To purchase tickets, go to [adairetheatre.org](http://adairetheatre.org). They are \$5.

Adaire Theatre will also an-

nounce its 2021 season lineup at the Summer in the Park Festival on Tuesday, July 20, at Jackson Park. The festival is a free event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The "Moana Jr." cast will be performing along with past Adaire Theatre performers. This event is co-sponsored by the Pulaski Elks drug awareness program. Come get to know other local organizations, play games and enjoy some light refreshments.

"It going to be a fun time! Our season lineup is full of some great shows. We're excited to finally let the secret out," Payne said.

## Lake cleanup underway in July

The Friends of Claytor Lake report a successful month of June in regard to debris cleanup.

FOCL reports 72.5 roll off loads with each load weighing 15 tons were collected.

Twenty bags of trash and 13 wheels/tires were also collected during cleanup efforts.

During July, FOCL is sponsoring an All Lake Cleanup.

To enter, simply fill trash bags with trash from Claytor Lake. Snap a photo and then send your photo, contact information and the total number of bags collected to [info@focl.org](mailto:info@focl.org) or text to 540-395-FOCL.

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# Minimum vaccination requirements outlined

The 2020 General Assembly passed HB 1090 which amends the minimum vaccination requirements for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school, child care center, nursery school, family day care home, or developmental center.

This legislation became effective July 1, 2021.

The information below explains what vaccinations are needed before your child can start the 2021-2022 school year (August 18, 2021).

## Secondary (High School)

► Effective July 1, 2021, two properly spaced doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) are required.

► The first dose shall be administered prior to 7th grade.

► The second dose shall be administered prior to the 12th grade.

► Students in grades 8 and above for the school year 2021 will not need to go back and re-

ceive the 7th grade MenACWY dose they will pick up with the 12th grade dose.

► Rising 12th grade students will be required to have 1 dose of the MenACWY dose prior to starting school.

## Middle School

► Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) – a complete series of 2 or 3 doses of HPV vaccine is required for all students. The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the 7th grade. A parent or guardian has the right to decide if their child receives the HPV vaccine.

► Effective July 1, 2021, two properly spaced doses of meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) are required for school. The first dose shall be administered prior to 7th grade.

► All rising 7th grade students will be required to have 1 dose of the Meningococcal vaccine prior to starting school.

► Tdap Vaccine - effective July 1, 2019, a booster dose of Tdap is

required for all children entering the 7th grade.

## Elementary Students

► Hepatitis A Vaccine (HAV) - a complete series of 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine is required for all children.

► Effective July 1, 2021 all incoming kindergarten students will be required to have the Hepatitis A vaccine prior to entering school.

## Preschool Students

► Effective July 1, 2021, Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) vaccine is required for all children up to 60 months of age.

► Effective July 1, 2021, Pneumococcal (PCV) is required for children less than 60 months of age.

► Effective July 1, 2021, Rotavirus Vaccine is required for children less than 8 months of age.

Parents/Guardians may have their children immunized by their healthcare provider or at the local health department (Pulaski: 540-

440-2188, Radford City: 540-267-8255). Parents/guardians must provide the school with written documentary proof that their child has received the appropriate immunizations with the prescribed number of doses of vaccine. Parents/Guardians must get this written documentation to the school nurse before the first day of school. The immunization documentation can be dropped off at the school office or you can have

it faxed to the school nurse. It is very important to get this documentation to the school nurse before the first day of school to prevent any delays for your child starting school. Students will not be allowed to start school until we have received all immunization records.

If you have any questions you may contact your child's school nurse or the Supervisor of School Nurses (540-643-0531).

# Youngkin declines debate with McAuliffe over moderator

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Republican gubernatorial nominee Glenn Youngkin's campaign announced Monday that the political newcomer would not debate Democratic nominee Terry McAuliffe at a perennial event hosted by the Virginia Bar Association, in part because of the journalist moderator.

Jeff Roe, a strategist for Youngkin, told The Associated Press the campaign felt veteran journalist Judy Woodruff would not be an impartial moderator of the Virginia Bar Association debate that had been scheduled for later this month. He said the campaign took issue with a \$250 charitable donation Woodruff made over a decade ago to Clinton Foundation earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. McAuliffe is a close friend and ally of Bill and Hillary Clinton.

"We're just not going to debate two-on-one," Roe said.

Roe also said the campaign disagreed with the degree of autonomy that would be granted to Woodruff to choose the debate's questions and wanted to see a portion of the debate dedicated to economic issues and jobs.

Woodruff, who has deep experience covering politics, is the anchor and managing editor of "PBS NewsHour." She also worked at NBC News and CNN and has covered every presidential election since 1976.

She's moderated several national debates, including the 1988 vice

presidential debate between Dan Quayle and Lloyd Bentsen and a Republican presidential primary debate in Iowa in 2012, and has previously moderated several bar association debates.

Earlier this year she was awarded the inaugural Peabody Award for Journalistic Integrity. Peabody, which recognizes excellence in broadcasting, called Woodruff "one of the most trusted broadcast journalists in America" and said she had earned her reputation for delivering "unbiased, fact-based news stories without the hype."

Sara Just, the executive producer of "NewsHour," tweeted that the criticism of Woodruff was "outrageous" and that the donation was in response to a bipartisan call from both Clinton and former President George W. Bush for relief assistance.

The event, a Virginia political tradition that offers voters a chance to hear directly from the candidates fairly early in the campaign season, would have been the 10th consecutive gubernatorial debate hosted by the nonpartisan organization.

Yvonne Cockram, executive director of the bar association, did not immediately respond to a request for comment but the group posted a notice on its website saying the event had been canceled.

"The VBA has been grateful to be part of the political conversation in Virginia for more than 30 years. We are disappointed that a statewide debate will not be a part

of this year's program," the association said.

McAuliffe, who in mid-June announced his intention to participate in the bar association debate, along with four others, said the decision showed Youngkin lacked "courage."



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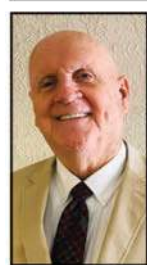
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## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

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## 'I Go to Prepare a Place for You'

Jesus was preparing to die for the sins of the world on the old rugged cross, but first they must celebrate the Passover. Jesus announced at the last supper that they had a traitor in their midst whom we know now to have been Judah Iscariot. The last supper took place less than 24 hours from His crucifixion. And yet Jesus steeled Himself for the task He would do to make possible God's great plan of salvation.

"John 14:1-3. "Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

When we think of a troubled heart, we are usually thinking about a heaviness and a hurt that comes our way when we are all burdened down. The only cure for a troubled heart is for us to have faith in Christ Jesus.

Sensing that their time with Jesus was coming to an end, the Disciples were troubled in their hearts. And Jesus saw their anxiety, despondency and despair. So He encouraged them by speaking words about the beauties of heaven and the mansions He was going away to prepare for them.

Many songs have been written and sung about the mansions in Heaven. 1. Just build my mansion, next door to Jesus, by Dottie Rambo. Oh House of many mansions by Norman Gunnison. In my father's house are many mansions. Blackwood Brothers. A Mansion built for you by the Oak Ridge Boys; and others.

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the Victory. Eliza Hewitt.

There are some beautiful mansions here on the earth. But as beautiful as some of them are, they will pale in comparisons to the Mansions being prepared for the children of God, by Jesus, our blessed Lord and Savior.

"Tears will never stain the streets of that city; no wreaths of death on my mansion doors; tear drops aren't welcome, upon the streets of glory, where the hearts will never break anymore." Dottie Rambo.

It always makes a big difference when the Spirit of God gets in a gospel song or a sermon. One way we know when the anointing of the Spirit of God gets in a song or a sermon, is that yokes are broken. It is because of the anointing that yokes will be destroyed. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing." Isaiah 10: 27.

Jesus was assuring His Disciples that they may get thrown out of the Temple, and out of the Towns that they entered, but not to worry, because there will always be a place for them in the Father's house. Nothing can remove us from our heavenly home. When we move to our heavenly

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3200 Lee Highway  
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Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
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email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

### Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street  
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Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
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Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
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4576 Miller Lane  
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
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### Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road  
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423-716-2570  
Primary Service Times:  
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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  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address)  
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton  
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  
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### Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street  
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Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
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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  
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Pastor: Michael S. Jones  
Sunday  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting  
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Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

### River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
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Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life Building Service 7:00 PM  
www.rolcdublin.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  
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6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Pastor Mike Pierce  
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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

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7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
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email: fmbcl872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
Rev. Annette Cheek  
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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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  
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Worship - 10:55 am

### Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
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540-577-5780  
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com  
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11 a.m. Children's Church  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service  
7 p.m. Youth Service

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

### Trinity United Methodist

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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
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Phone - 980-0820

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Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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markmiller.psalml1@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

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Church: 540-980-2118  
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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.  
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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  
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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.



# McCraw

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home, we will move no more.

Then Jesus gave them His promise to ease their troubled minds. “I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.”

Yes, Jesus would of necessity go away from them but not for good. He would return and receive them up into Heaven. What a promise. And you and I have that same promise. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the Lord. He’s going to step out on the clouds of glory, make his descent to the earth, resurrect those who have died in Christ and a split second later, catch away the living saints in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. The Rapture of the Saints is the next event on the calendar of God. Nothing else has to happen to fulfill bible prophecy before the Rapture can take place.

The way this old world is looking, it could happen any day. As that wonderful old gospel song says, “Just any day now, the Lord is coming, He’ll be returning for you and me; for I’ve been watching and I’ve been waiting, just any day now His face I’ll see.” Aaron Wilburn and Eddie Crook.

Jesus basically told His Disciples, do not be afraid because I am leaving you. It’ll only be for a season. I’m coming back to get you. Heaven is waiting for you and I’m going to make sure that you get there.

Verses 4-6. “And whither I go you know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto Him, Lord we knowest not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I AM the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

Although Jesus had told them before that He had to go away, it still hadn’t completely dawned on them. The crucifixion and the resurrection from the dead hadn’t happened yet, but it would happen, because His mission on earth was to seek and to save that which was lost and to purchase our salvation with His own blood.

“Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind.” C. S. Lewis.

“Have your name put in the Lamb’s Book of Life in Heaven so you’ll be sure you’ve got your reservation confirmed for one of those mansions in God’s golden space city.” David Berg.

“I go to prepare a place for you.” Jesus Christ. John 14:2.

# Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Haman in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From Genesis 21, who did Abraham banish to the desert in addition to Hagar? Laish, Haman, Ishmael, Laban
- Which two disciples asked Jesus if they could sit on his right and his left? Philip, James, Thomas, John
- Samson was put into prison as a political enemy of whom? Romans, Israelites, Philistines, Assyrians
- From Matthew 17, who did Jesus send fishing to find tax money? Andrew, Peter, Paul, Judas
- After her first husband died, who did Ruth marry? Isaiah, Ahab, Boaz, Jehu

**ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Ishmael; 3) James/John; 4) Philistines; 5) Peter; Boaz**

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Pastor: Julie Armbrister  
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Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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4008 Robinson Tract Road  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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4892 Veterans Hill Road  
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www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
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(540) 250-2974  
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Worship 11 a.m.  
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Monday Bible Study  
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Wednesday Bible Study  
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### Aldersgate United Methodist

1946 Medallion Drive  
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Pastor Jim Goddard  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

### First Baptist Church

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Pulaski, VA 24301  
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Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
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Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday  
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Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Office Phone:980-2631  
Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org  
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Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
Worship Service: 11:00am

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5473 Baskerville Street  
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The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

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www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  
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Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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www.pulaskicog.church  
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# God wants us to know Him

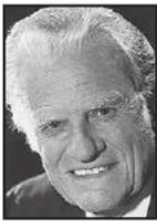
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: Do atheists really disbelieve that there is an all-knowing God and that death is the end of ourselves, the end of life completely? - E.L.**

A: On a visit to the Soviet Union’s famed “Academic City,” a distinguished scholar from one of the finest research centers in Siberia said that while he was an atheist, he agreed that belief in a divine power was universal. Down inside, we all sense there

is Someone greater than ourselves. We also sense that death must not be the end, but there must be something beyond the grave. The Bible says that God has set eternity in the hearts of people (see Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Some picture God as a kindly old grandfather with a long white beard and a vague smile. Others see Him as a stern policeman, always ready to punish us if we get out of line. Still others conclude that God must be like their own father might have been, indifferent or cold or never satisfied, because we always fall short of what He



## My Answer

Billy Graham

demands. And some believe God is only an impersonal force (some-what like gravity or magnetism), or they conclude we can’t know anything for certain about Him. Your guess about God, they say, is just as good (or bad) as mine. And some people, of course, reject the

whole idea of God.

Some say that it is just too narrow to believe in only one God and one way. Sadly, most speculations about God miss one very important truth. God wants us to know Him. We don’t have to guess about who He is because God has revealed Himself to us. His footprints are everywhere. His very image is in our DNA. The Bible tells us that God has not left Himself without testimony. “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen” (Romans 1:20). Trust in Him today.



# Amber Waves

DAD, I'VE DECIDED TO WRITE THE STORY OF MY LIFE!

IT'LL INCLUDE MOM, ALL MY OLD TEACHERS AND FRIENDS.

I'LL EVEN INCLUDE MY PETS, AND FARM ANIMALS. IF THERE'S ROOM I'LL MENTION YOU.

REALLY? I HELP GIVE BIRTH AND RAISE HIM AND WIND UP A POTENTIAL FOOTNOTE?

by Dave T. Phipps

## Out on a Limb

Woooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!!

POPI!

HONEY, THE TOAST IS DONE...

THE NEW RIC FLAIR TOASTER

by Gary Kopervas

## R.F.D.

JUNE'S IN A PHASE WHERE SHE LIKES TO DRESS FOR THE PART.

AND SIM...?

STILL IN THAT PHASE OF SAYING YES TO WHATEVER SHE WANTS.

by Mike Marland

## The Spats

I JUST GOT THROWN OUT OF THE CASINO!!

WHY?

THEY SAID I HAD A CHIP ON MY SHOULDER.

by Jeff Pickering

POPEYE

HEY EYEMAN!

THIS IS A GOOD SPOT!

IT IS?...

...FER WOT?

THE FIREWORKS TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH!

KER-BLOOFY

ZIP ZIP ZIP

POP POP POP POP POP

KARLOOFY BOOM!

KAPOW BOOM!

BLAM!

BAROOOM

POP POP POP

I CAN'T SEE WOT TH' BIG DEAL IS, WIMPY.

YOU CAN ONLY SEE A DISPLAY LIKE THIS ONCE A YEAR!

OAT AIN'T TRUE...

I SEES BETTER STUFF DEN DIS EVERYTIME POPEYE SLUGS ME!

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

SON, THIS WOULD BE THE TIME I'D GIVE YOU THE SECRET TO A PERFECT MARRIAGE, BUT BEING IT'S A SECRET I STILL DON'T KNOW MYSELF.

LAFF-A-DAY

MARRIAGE LICENSES

"If you ever see me in here with a girl, just ignore me!"

## 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!

Dams

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TODAY'S WORD

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"You've changed a lot in ten years... I just knew it was you! I recognized your \_\_\_\_\_."

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Parking place
- 4 Toy block name
- 8 Narcissist's love
- 12 Bashful
- 13 Cameo shape
- 14 Russian river
- 15 Home
- 17 Wheels of fortune?
- 18 One of the Fab Four
- 19 Doze
- 20 Con games
- 22 Facebook action
- 24 Director Wertmuller
- 25 Tyrannize
- 29 Vichy water
- 30 Church key-board
- 49 Initial chip
- 50 Optimum
- 51 Stately tree

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- 10 Hobbling
- 11 Broadway failure
- 16 "— Rock"
- 19 Epidermis
- 20 Rosebud, to Kane
- 21 Pisa farewell
- 22 Trademark symbols
- 23 One-named supermodel
- 25 Faucet problem
- 26 Letter holder
- 27 Ms.
- 28 Tabula —
- 30 Unique
- 33 "Amen to that!"
- 34 Actor Rickman
- 36 "Adam Bede" author
- 37 Poet Teasdale
- 38 Roasting spot
- 39 Bloke
- 40 911 responders
- 42 Wee dollop
- 43 Sugary suffix
- 44 Moray, for one
- 45 America's uncle

## DOWN

- 1 Leary's drug
- 2 Discoverer's call
- 3 Ear membrane
- 4 Venue
- 5 Satan's forte
- 6 Lass
- 7 Flamenco cheer
- 8 Morose
- 9 Buffalo's lake

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# top ten

## Highest-Paid Dead Celebrities

- 1. Michael Jackson
- 2. Dr. Seuss
- 3. Charles Schulz
- 4. Arnold Palmer
- 5. Elvis Presley
- 6. Kobe Bryant
- 7. Juice WRLD
- 8. Bob Marley
- 9. John Lennon
- 10. Prince

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rose stem is longer. 2. Straw is missing. 3. Cord is shorter. 4. Gown is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Bookend is lower.

## DRESS

Today's Word

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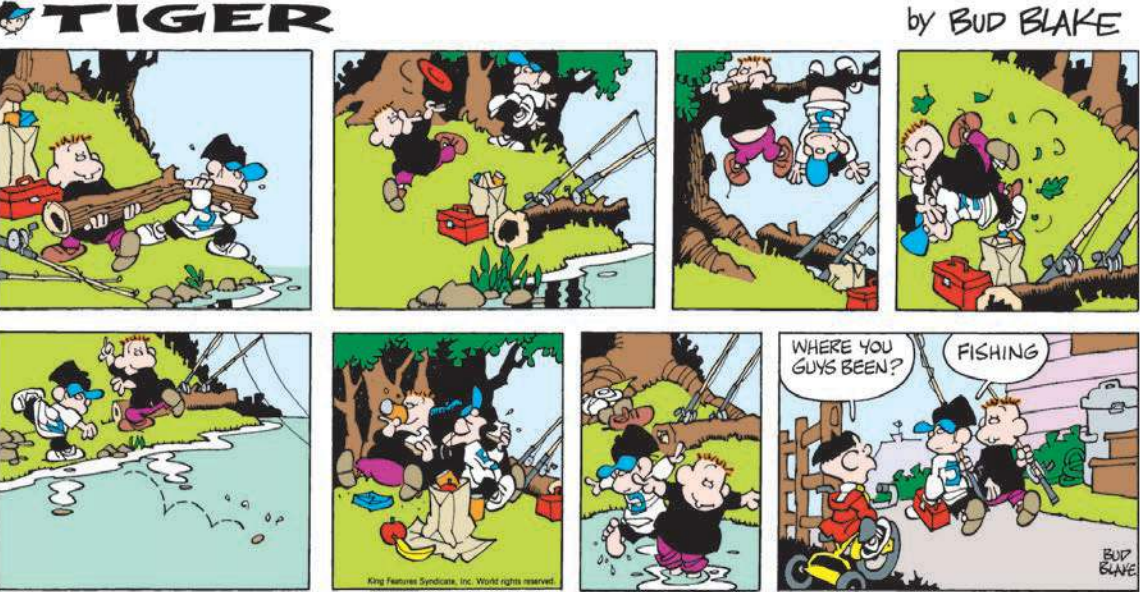
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **A Room Below Ground Level**

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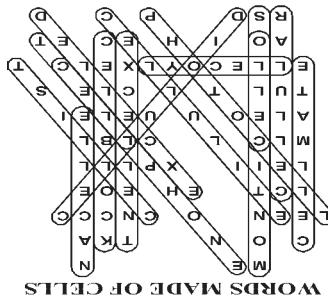
**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

IECDV BEONHNKN HO EOD'N  
BRIRBHKU KE XHOZ GHN CHXX  
CHKG KGD ITVIEND EL EKGDVN,  
KE XDRM QU VDRNEO ROM R  
YHLK EL BEEIDVRKHEO.  
— CEEMVEC CHXNEO

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Power consists in one's capacity to link his will with the purpose of others to lead by reason and a gift of cooperation. — Woodrow Wilson



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3	7			8			5
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Borrow Your Money?

**Dear Dave,**  
I have a question about self-banking with whole term life insurance. The way I understand it, you can accrue a cash balance, borrow against it, and then pay interest to yourself. Is this worth it, or should I stay away from it and continue using a bank?

**Kunal**

**Dear Kunal,**  
Actually, it's a whole life policy, not a term policy. And it's an absolute scam.

Basically, with whole life you pay about 20 times more for the same amount of insurance that you would with a term policy. The extra money goes into a savings account, and you earn next to nothing on it, even after you finally start to build it up. One of the ways they're pitching it now is the self-banking concept, where you can use your own money. It's nothing magical or anything, because with a regular checking account you use your own money.

My advice is to stay away from the company that's offering it and anything else they have. It's a really bad product, and it's a scummy way to sell whole life insurance—which is an awful product to begin with. No one, except for folks in that business, believes in it or talks positively about it anymore.

Being able to borrow your own money? Really? Why on earth would anyone want to borrow their own money? It's ridiculous!

—Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I are Christians, and we own a successful small business in our town. Should businesses tithe?

**Barker**

**Dear Barker,**  
This is a good question. Giving is never a bad idea unless you do it irresponsibly and to the point of putting your family in financial danger. To the best of my knowledge, the Bible only addresses the topic of tithing by



Dave Says

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individuals—not businesses.

Personally, I don't give a tenth of my business gross or net until I receive my paycheck. When that happens—meaning it's profit that I'm going to pay taxes on, or it's salaried income out of my business—I tithe on the profits.

So, I can't really tell you I've found Biblical instruction to give a tenth of your business. Hope this helps!

—Dave

**\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also is CEO for Ramsey Solutions.**

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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Food City  
Laundry Mat  
Webb Donald State Farm  
Towne House  
Ike's Auto Sales  
Downtown Exxon  
Shop Eez (Lighthouse)  
The Wedding Center  
Cougar Express  
Patriot Office

**Dublin**  
Bradley Ridge Apartments  
Fairview  
Newbern Exxon  
PC Visitor's Center  
Makin' Waves  
NAPA  
Walgreens  
Martin's Pharmacy

Ramey Pawn Shop  
Country Styles  
Laundry Mat  
T.A. Produce  
NRV Lube  
Kangaroo  
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**Draper**  
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New River Sports

**Fairlawn**  
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Foodette  
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Laundry Mat

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Sal's  
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Food City  
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**Notice:**  
**Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds**

The Ladies Auxiliary of Hiwassee is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member buried in the cemetery and would like to make a donation you may send a check payable to Peggy Cregger, (Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary) @ PO Box 164 Hiwassee VA 24347. Thank you in advance for helping our organization!

**Still distributing food**

Heritage Cares Food Pantry at Heritage Church is still distributing food on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located a half-mile past the New River Valley Airport on Route 100 north of Dublin.

**VHM Begins Hispanic Service**  
Valley Harvest Ministries, in Dublin on the hill across from Walmart, is holding an Hispanic service each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's coffee shop.

**July 16  
Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School at Trinity Baptist Church, 4008 Robinson Tract Rd, Pulaski, VA Pastor Johnny Howlett. Weekend VBS beginning Friday, July 16th at 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm and continue on Saturday, July 17th at 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Closing Program presented by the children on Sunday, July 18th at 6:00 pm. Classes for ages 3 thru teenagers. Join us for "Destination Dig" where kids will study tangible pieces of the past to learn the truth about who Jesus is and why He came. The kids will make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks and sing cool songs.

Lunch will be provided. Don't

miss out! Be ready to seek the truth about Jesus! More info call Diane Hurd at 540-922-5906.

**July 17  
Radford Legion to meet**

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will hold a yard sale on Saturday, July 17 from 9am to 4pm at the Legion building on 27 W. Main St. in Radford. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

**On going:**

**Alcohol Anonymous**

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

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