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Stevens Funeral Home sold

*New owners, David and Michelle Norris plan to
build on Stevens' service to community*

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

A mainstay of the Pulaski business community since 1890 – Stevens Funeral Home – has been sold.

Effective July 1, Norris Funeral Services, Inc. – owned by David and Michelle Norris – purchased the funeral home from the Stevens family.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

Although the ownership has changed, S.W. “Skip” Stevens will continue on as funeral director / manager, and Margaret Hicks will remain in the business office. Intern Tyler Byrd, who joined Stevens in May, will remain as well.

With the purchase of Stevens Funeral Home, Norris Funeral Services has now grown to seven funeral homes. The rest are in Southern and Central Virginia, and include Martinsville Chapel in Martinsville, Mount Hermon Chapel in Danville, West End Chapel in Danville, Stuart Chapel in Stuart, Driskill Funeral Chapel in Amherst, and Scott Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Chatham.

The Norrises have two sons, Christian and Harrison, and two daughters-in-law, Kristen and Jenna. All four work in the family business.

Skip and brothers Matt and



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Norris Funeral Services is the new owner of Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski, a mainstay of the Pulaski business community for 131 years. Pictured here are the new owners, David and Michelle Norris, and the Pulaski management team. (Front row, from left) Margaret Hicks, Secretary; Michelle Norris and “Skip” Stevens, Manager. (Back row, from left) David Norris and Tyler Byrd, Intern.

John have operated Stevens Funeral Home since the death in 1981 of their father, R.W. “Bob” Stevens.

The business was started by

their great-grandfather, M.W. Stevens in 1890 and was called Stevens Funeral Home and Am-

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Transit meeting Sept. 1 to seek public input on route changes

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski Area Transit will host a public meeting on Sept. 1 to get feedback from citizens on proposed changes to the transit bus routes.

In September 2018, PAT moved from a Demand Response operation to a Fixed Route operation, with two fixed routes in the Town of Pulaski that intersect at two designated areas.

The transit also operates an ADA para-transit operation that

operates on an as-needed basis for people who are not able to access the fixed route bus stops.

Since the change in 2018, PAT has experienced a reduction in ridership. As a result, the transit is exploring alignment and transit service changes.

The meeting Sept. 1 is to gain public input on the proposed addition of what Transit Manager Monica Musick and her assistant Candace Draper called “feeder routes.”

They explained to Pulaski Town Council on Tuesday that

these proposed feeder routes would send transit buses to areas in and around the town which are no longer served with the fixed routes.

The two proposed feeder routes would have nine additional bus stops including Pine Hill Trailer Park, the apartments on Bob White Boulevard, Memorial Baptist Church on Peppers Ferry Road, 2nd Morehead Lane, Gator Mart in the Robinson Tract Road area, the top of Virginia Heights

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Leeper Honored By Town Council

Pulaski Town Council approved a resolution Tuesday honoring Sgt. John F. Leeper upon his retirement from the Pulaski Police Department. Here, Leeper receives a framed copy of the resolution from Mayor Shannon Collins. The resolution states that Sgt. Leeper has served a combined total of 49 years as a member of the U.S. Army and the Pulaski Police Department in a career dedicated to the defense of the country and to the protection and welfare of the town's citizens. Sgt. Leeper served 20 years in the Army retiring in 2004 with the rank of Sergeant First Class after serving in the 82nd Airborne; the 2nd Armored Division, the 29th Infantry Division and the 24th Infantry Division. He joined the police department in 1992 as an officer and served with distinction in the Patrol Division as an officer, corporal, sergeant and lieutenant and in the Investigations Division as a lieutenant of investigations for narcotics. He was awarded the department's Gallantry Star, two Unit Citations, the Honorable Service Award and was named Squad Officer of the Year four times. He retires on July 31 after 29 years with the department.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Rental unit inspections in the future for parts of Pulaski

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

A public hearing will be held on Aug. 3 concerning changes to the Town of Pulaski's Rental Inspection District boundaries.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham told council Tuesday the changes consolidate the town's three existing districts to just two.

Burcham told council the town's rental inspection program has not been used on a consistent basis over the years.

She said the same holds true with the town's Vacant Building Registration Program. While it's been on the books it hasn't been used in a consistent manner.

"The Rental Inspection Program identifies areas of the town where we have already seen blight or where it appears to be on the path to go into a blighted condition without some successful intervention," Burcham explained.

Over the next year or two, officials with the town will be visiting every rental unit within the town's rental inspection districts.

Property owners will be contacted by the town to schedule rental inspection visits. Burcham

Public hearing on inspection district boundaries set for Aug. 3

said owners will be given several months in which to respond to the town to schedule visits.

Owners of the identified rental properties in the two districts will be sent a letter with registration along with a list of what officials will be looking for during inspections, plus a list of the property owners' responsibilities.

Burcham said some properties will pass inspection immediately and will be given a certificate of approval for four years, while others will have minor corrections and a time will be scheduled for inspectors to come back and check on those.

Then some, she said, would be found to have major issues that will take longer to correct. She said the town's ordinance details the cost of re-inspections after a certain period of time.

Transit

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Drive, the trailer park on Altoona Road, Case Knife Road and the Garner Avenue and Highland Avenue area.

Their proposal would also increase the coverage of the para-transit route to include nine additional feeder stops.

"We tried to hit every corner of the town that we had been missing," Draper told council.

Musick and Draper are hoping that during the Sept. 1 public meeting citizens will let them

know if they have overlooked an area in the town that needs a transit stop.

Those attending the meeting will be able to view large maps of the current and proposed transit routes and stops and give feedback and get an idea of how the proposed routes will operate.

The meeting will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Pulaski County IT Building at 80 Commerce Street in Pulaski in the Maple Shade Building.



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Casino Night, Back to School Night on tap

The Marketplace, Pulaski's Tuesday evening farmers market, has some exciting family friendly events planned for the next two weeks. A Grand Reopening Casino Night will happen on July 27, 2021, with Back to School Night, sponsored by the T.G. Howard Community Center and the Pulaski Police Department, scheduled for the following week, August 3, 2021.

The Grand Reopening Casino Night at The Marketplace on July 27 will feature an amazing lineup of live music from local rockstars Don't Quit Your Day Job.

Bring your chairs and blankets for the lawn, because starting at 4:30 pm, band members Hank Hanks (vocals and rhythm guitar), Jon Cash (lead guitar and vocals), Darren Huff (keyboard and vocals), Corey Pless (bass and vocals), Chip Hanks (drums and vocals), and Dave Clark (vocals) will be joined by special guests Jeremy Hagy (electric guitar), Rick Reed (saxophone), Steve Jones (congo drums), and Alex Shelton (vocals) for an amazing night of local music.

Two Broke Buns will have amazing food that night; their pulled pork BBQ nachos, BBQ sandwiches and chili dogs have been a hit the past few weeks.

Feeling lucky? The Marketplace is the best bet in town, especially on Casino Night! Market vendors and community partners have donated items such as a six-month individual membership at the YMCA of Pulaski County and a pair of season tickets to Adaire Theatre's 2021 lineup, so make sure to stop by The Marketplace's information table on July 27 for a free door prize ticket. Doors open at 4:00 pm, and prizes will be drawn all night until market close at 7:00 pm. For those that really want to try their luck, \$1.00 will buy a 50/50 raffle ticket. The more tickets folks buy, the better their chances of winning, and the more folks who play, the bigger the 50/50 pot!

Back to School Night on Au-

gust 3 is sponsored by the T.G. Howard Community Center and the Pulaski Police Department. The PCHS Golden Cougars Marching Band will kick off the evening at 4:00 pm, followed by a hands-on drum circle experience for kids and adults, led by Randolph UMC pastor Elston McLain. Tony Connor and Groove Kontrol/Groove Thang will have everyone jamming to live R&B, soul, and rock favorites beginning at 5:00 pm. Chairs, blankets, and boogie shoes are highly recommended. Bo and Weezy's will be offering chicken tenders, fish, and their delicious honey biscuits, and while Two Broke Buns hasn't finalized their Back to School Night menu, their food is always a crowd pleaser.

In partnership with Pulaski Moose Lodge #2087 and Spirit of Life Worship Center, the T.G. Howard Community Center will distribute free backpacks with school supplies during Back to School Night. Door prizes (including several kids' bikes!), children's and young adult book giveaways, and more activities are also planned. The Marketplace and the T.G. Howard Community Center will use social media channels to provide information on signing up for backpacks, as well as additional event details, so follow both organizations on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.

The Marketplace, which takes place, rain or shine, every Tuesday, May – October, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the historic Pulaski Train Station, has been a community hub for the last nine years. This season, the market is managed by Pulaski on Main, a local nonprofit organization focused on the economic revitalization of historic downtown Pulaski as part of the Virginia Main Street initiative. "Pulaski on Main is honored to partner with the Town of Pulaski to run The Marketplace this season," said Binti Villinger, chairperson of The Marketplace planning committee and board member of Pulaski on Main and the T.G. Howard Com-

munity Center. "As Virginia began lifting COVID restrictions earlier this year, local outdoor farmers markets were one of the first state approved activities allowed to operate without mask mandates for vaccinated individuals," she continued. "Since the 2021 market season started in May, The Marketplace has seen steady growth in both vendors and customers. We're working to bring back some of the sense of community that so many of us have missed over the last year under quarantine," said Villinger. "The fact that so many lo-

cal organizations want to support and partner with us on upcoming events is a testament to Pulaski's community spirit and the impact that The Marketplace still has around town."

The Marketplace has recently focused on a few fun theme nights each month. "Casino Night and Back to School Night are going to be jam packed with fun activities and giveaways that we hope will draw families and community members back to The Marketplace," said market manager Patrick Ford. Ford, who also serves

as Director for Pulaski on Main, continued, "The more folks we can bring out to support our local farmers, wineries, small business owners, artisans, and musicians, the more vendors we attract. The more vendors we have at The Marketplace, the more customers we attract. While it can be a tricky balance to achieve, we are committed to providing an opportunity for local vendors to showcase their products while reestablishing The Marketplace as a destination for the community and a tourist attraction for the Town."



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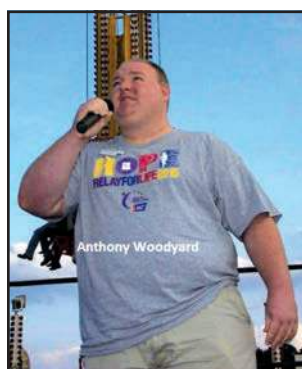
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Tuesday, July 27

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Wednesday, July 28

Gate Ten Band - 7 p.m.

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Friday, July 30

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Saturday - July 31

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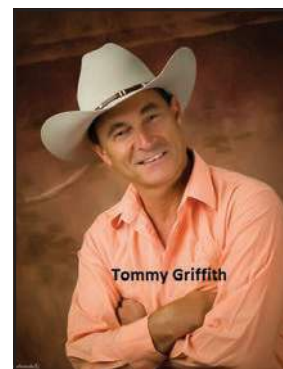
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Wednesday, July 28

Appalachian Hoedowners - 5:30 pm

Pet Show - 7:00 pm



Thursday, July 29

Aftershock - 6:30 pm

Friday, July 30

Crystal River Band - 7:00 pm



Saturday, July 31

4EVER Classic Band - 7:00 pm

BACK PORCH STAGE

Friday, July 30

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Saturday..., July 31

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PAULINE MOONEY LAVINDER

Pauline Mooney Lavinder, 93, of Roanoke, VA passed away Friday, July 16, 2021 at Brookdale Senior Living of Roanoke, Roanoke, VA. She was born in Pulaski, VA on November 21, 1927 and was the daughter of the late Henry E. Mooney and Ada Stoneman Mooney. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Murry Glenn Lavinder; her sisters, Lena Turman (Elizie), Clara Nelson (Leonard); and by her brother, Lawrence Mooney (Eva Sue).

Pauline was affectionately known as "Aunt Polly" to several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was a faithful employee of the Telephone Company, beginning her employment at the age of 17.

A private family memorial graveside service will be held on July 26, 2021 at 2:00 PM from the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA.

Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA is serving the Lavinder family. Online condolences may be made through www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com.



GEORGE ALLEN NUNN

George Allen Nunn, age 67 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, July 17, 2021 at his home. Born January 8, 1954 in Richmond, Virginia he was the son of the late Roy John Nunn & Dorothy Daphne Saunders Nunn.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Roger Lee Nunn, Gary Wayne Nunn, Pat William Nunn, half-brother, Dennis Wayne Roseberry, Sr., and nephew, Joey Nunn.

He is survived by his beloved companion of 36 years – Joyce Ann Allen – Pulaski, daughter – Dorothy Lynn (Brian Keith) Dannhoff – Pulaski, son – Roy Allen Nunn – Pulaski, granddaughter – Ashley Marie Post – Columbus, OH, niece – Terry, Tina and Joanne, special pet – Rosie.

Memorial services will be held a later date. To sign George's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

The family would like to thank Mountain Valley Hospice for their loving care.

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



JERRY RAY WARD

Jerry Ray Ward, age 61 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Born August 5, 1959 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Charlie & Velma Nunn Ward.

Jerry was a retired veteran of the United States Air Force, serving during Operation Desert Storm.

He is survived by his Daughter – Shannon Michelle Ward – Charlotte, NC

Mother – Shirley Ann Clark Ward – Cleveland, GA

Brothers – Larry Blanton – Radford, Debbie Blanton – Radford, Charles Jeff Ward, NC, Brian Kelly Ward – GA

Funeral services were held Monday, July 19, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Chaplain Bobby Ward officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin where he received full military honors.

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

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



KEITH WAYNE CHRISLEY

Keith Wayne Chrisley, age 51 of Dublin passed away Friday, July 9, 2021 at his home.

He was born December 11, 1969 in Pulaski to the late Doris Elizabeth Hudson Chrisley.

He is survived by Children

Kayla Crowder – Pulaski
Christopher Crowder – Pulaski
Amanda Johnson – Pulaski

Two Grandchildren – Sydney Perkins and Raelyn Crowder

Brother – Johnny Chrisley – NC

Sisters
Lisa Chrisley McCroskey – Dublin

Angela Fitzgerald – Martinsville

Kathy Dunford – Draper
Memorial services may be held at a later date.

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

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



JAMES CECIL IVEY, III

James Cecil Ivey, III age 89, formerly of Allisonia, Virginia passed away Monday, July 19, 2021 at Highland Ridge Health & Rehab Center, Dublin.

Born May 2, 1932 in Alabama, he was the son of the late James Cecil Ivey, II and Marion French Ivey. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Peggy Amber Carnes Ivey.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by Children & Spouses

Vicki McCarter & Bobby Armstrong – Clover, SC

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Traci McCarter & Larry Venezia – Clover, SC

James C. Ivey, IV & Angie Ivey – Charlotte, NC

Marion & David Almonds – Suffolk, VA

Nine Grandchildren and seven Great Grandchildren

Memorial Graveside services will be held Monday 2:00 p.m. July 26, 2021 at Farris Mines Church Cemetery, 524 Farris Mines Road, Allisonia, Virginia 24347 with Pastor Dennis Trail officiating. Military honors will be conducted at the graveside.

To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

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

LLOYD BENJAMIN COLE, JR.

Lloyd Benjamin Cole, Jr., 80, passed away at his home in Dublin on Saturday, July 17, 2021.

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Stevens

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balance Service.

Their grandfather, B. Stanley Stevens later took over management of the funeral home followed by “Bob” Stevens.

Skip, Matt and John represent the fourth generation of the family to own and operate the business.

A fifth generation, represented by Chris Stevens – Matt’s son – ended in 2017 when Chris passed away at the age of 40.

With the untimely death of Chris, and because of health concerns for Matt and John, the decision was made to put the funeral home on the market.

“We decided several years ago after Chris’ death to sell but didn’t get serious until John developed a heart problem last August. It was on the market, but it wasn’t on the market,” Skip added.

“We wanted for the folks in this area not to transfer their items to someone else, and it was a good opportunity for David’s family and our family,” Skip said of the decision to sell to the Norrises.

“One day we were sitting here with our representative from Homesteader (a provider of insurance benefits to cover final expenses),” Skip recalled. “He services David and us. I had told him the background of the town, how it had been a railroad, textile and furniture town.”

Skip explained that people would come into the funeral home and want to make pre-arrangements for funerals, and they would be referred to Homesteader.

“I told him that I hadn’t sent any business to him for some time but assured him that situation would turn around. Then I told him, ‘By the way the business is for sale,’” Skip said.

“That was 11:30 on a Thursday morning and by 3 p.m. David called and said, ‘we need to get together.’”

David Norris said he and Skip weren’t totally strangers.

“Back in the early 90’s, Michelle and I worked for a company – a pre-arrangement company like Homesteader and it was called Horizon Trust. We traveled all over Virginia. We were funeral directors and Stevens Funeral Home here was in my territory. We knew Skip but had a little gap from the 90’s up to present day and didn’t have a lot of contact. We knew who Skip was and where the funeral home was, but we lost contact for many years,” David said.

“When we heard that it was coming up for sale we knew of the tradition – of the history of Stevens Funeral Home – and Michelle and I gravitated to it. That’s what we look for in a funeral home – that rich tradition of family and it just worked out.”

While the ownership of the funeral home is different, don’t expect a rush of change in the operation.

“There won’t be a lot of changes,” David said. “We embrace things how they are, but we do like bringing technology into a funeral home to make what Skip, Margaret, John and Matt have already built over the generations. We’re just trying to make things a little bit better. A little more tech-friendly.”

“Technology has been a real friend to us. We do a lot of streaming, a lot of Facebook. Even though the pandemic has taken us out of the funeral home a little bit, with graveside services and the like, with stream-

ing we’re still able to share those services with the public. It’s real popular and we do a lot of it,” David said.

“Web sites have changed everything,” Skip noted.

Some may have noticed recently that, since the sale, Stevens now has its first website: www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

“That’s what we are excited about,” Hicks interjected. “The implementation of modern-day technology. But we’re also really excited that the Norrises have been so attune to the history of the family, the building and the location. So, it’s been a wonderful relationship. I think the community is just going to really see a lot of positiveness and they should feel very, very comfortable.”

“We’ve got a lot of young people on our staff,” David said. “Michelle and I have two boys and two daughters-in-law, and they all work with us. At our other branches we also have young managers, too, so the young generation really brings a different element to the future, and it’s all family.”

“They’re all so close, they communicate constantly. Texting, phone calls, whatever. They support each other. They bounce new ideas off each other on ways to tackle situations or how we can better serve. We lean on them,” Michelle added.

“Talking about technology, we were the first funeral home in Virginia to bring forward – with Homesteader’s help – pre-arrangements online. It just happened in the last couple years. To where someone doesn’t have to come into the funeral home to do a pre-arrangement. They can do everything online. They can provide the information on pre-arrangements, they can pre-pay, one payment or multiple payments, but it’s all done outside the funeral home. You couldn’t do that before,” David said.

“Now we’ve got the technology, some laws have been amended to let it and so we’re bringing that technology not only to our funeral home, but to Virginia. It’s been very popular, and we’ve seen a lot of people – especially if a daughter or son lives away – they can do all the documents online. Cremation or funeral service, they can do everything over the internet and that’s been very popular.”

“It’s what the next generation is looking for. What they’re used to,” added Michelle.

“We’re excited. We’re looking forward to it,” David said about acquiring Stevens Funeral Home.

“What we bring to Pulaski is a lot of value,” David said. “We like to think of ourselves as being very professional, yet very affordable. We have our own monument company and our own vault company. We pretty much have everything except a florist. So, we control the quality. Even though we won’t make many changes here at this present time, we bring a lot of value to a community. That seems to resonate with most people in a community when we come in. We’ll invest a lot of money and time here and I think the community will see the value they’ll get. They’ll get more professionalism, get more quality for a lower cost. I think that’s what’s made us successful.”

“We want to continue the traditions that the Stevens family have provided to the community,” Michelle added.

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Second and third generation owners B. Stanley Stevens and Robert W. “Bob” Stevens are shown here along with a photo of the former home of Stevens Funeral Home and Ambulance Service.



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The Repression of Communist-Run Cuba

In Cuba recently, thousands of Cubans have taken to the streets in protest of the 62-year long socialist dictatorship. In response, the unelected government of Cuba has fired into crowds of protestors and cut off internet access on the island.

When all but a handful of communist countries have fallen or transitioned to more market-based economies, the leaders of Cuba continue to push their false narrative that a state-managed economy is what's best for the Cuban citizens.

The Cuban government has had 62 years to deliver on their broken promises. But instead of cultivating a prosperous society, they have resorted to repression to keep their people in line.

In 2021, their authoritarianism has exacerbated economic and healthcare problems caused by COVID-19. As stated in a recent New York Times article, "Residents are used to long lines and recurring shortages of products in a country where the Communist government exercises near-total control over the economy. But the damage brought by the coronavirus pandemic has inflicted an economic disaster."

The Cuban people have finally had enough. To show my support for the protestors, I have cosponsored Representative Mario Diaz-Balart's resolution expressing support for the Cuban people's demand for basic human rights.

Representative Diaz-Balart, as well as Representative Alex Mooney, both had a front row seat to the dangers of

communism. They both lived in the aftermath of their own family's personal escape from the suppression of commu-



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

nist-run Cuba. Representative Diaz-Balart's father, Rafael Diaz-Balart, was a Cuban politician. He was elected senator in 1958. He was never able to take office due to Fidel Castro seizing power.

He was visiting Paris with family when Fidel Castro took over. They were never able to return to their home in Cuba. Fortunately, they were able to come to the United States and grow their family.

It was only by happenstance the Diaz-Balart family was out of the country, barely dodging the socialist takeover. Representative Diaz-Balart has shared, that he still has a wanted poster that was put out by the Castro Regime for members of his family.

Representative Diaz-Balart's connections to the communist regime of Cuba go even farther than this though. Technically, he was Fidel Castro's nephew by marriage. His father's sister, Mirta Díaz-Balart, was Fidel Castro's first wife.

Similarly, Representative Alex Mooney's mother, Lala Mooney, was also a Cuban escapee. However, her later youth was spent in Fidel Castro's Cuba. After reading her book, Leaving Cuba, I had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Mooney personally. She shared additional details about her life in Cuba and expanded on the experiences she conveys in her book. Mrs. Mooney saw the terrors of this government and opposed Castro's communist regime.

In 1961, on the first day of the Bay of Pigs invasion, the regime invaded her home. Everyone over the age of 12 was arrested. Mrs. Mooney shared in her book that one of the scariest moments of that day, was fearing the regime may find her gun that she had hidden in the back yard. No one was permitted to own guns—except the government. "This is how communism works," she shared at a 2019 Heritage Foundation event.

After her arrest, she was detained for nearly 2 months. Shortly after her release, when she was 20, Mrs. Mooney was finally able to escape Cuba with other family members, fleeing to the United States to begin a new life.

In 1999, while on a mission trip, Mrs. Mooney returned to Cuba to see a glimpse of the life she left behind. In her book, she recalls the devastation and ruin she witnessed when she visited.

The life of Mrs. Mooney and the Diaz-Balart family are not just stories of family history—they are personal stories about the ills of communism.

The current President of Cuba and First Secretary of the Communist Party, Miguel Diaz-Canel, is the first non-Castro to lead the country in over 60 years. Still, no change is currently in sight.

Thousands of Cuban people have taken to the streets to protest the communist regime for the first time in twenty-five years. With worsening living conditions, and severe shortages of basic goods and services, like food and medicine, the Cuban economy is crashing.

A sluggish to depressed economy is typical of most fully socialized countries.

History continually has shown that fully socialist and communist regimes resort to the repression of the people's rights.

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

Elephant In The Room

I will address the elephant in the room by acknowledging that some have recently taken time and energy to craft and share their negative perspectives about Pulaski County and many of the people who live here. Let's face it, a community's unique character and the measure of its soul is truly defined by its people, for it is its people who give a community its life. So, instead of talking about the natural beauty of Pulaski County and all of its outdoor adventure and recreational amenities, I am going to talk about its wonderful people.

Moving to Pulaski County with my family almost five years ago, working here, building a home here, having my third child here and enrolling my kids in school for the first time here is demonstrative of making both an investment in, and a commitment to, this community. Anytime you are looking at making such a move, particularly when your career revolves around service with and service to others, you ideally want to be in a place where the people you serve are respectful, charming, considerate, warmhearted and friendly. Fortunately for me, and for all of us here who call



Patriot's Post

Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co. Administrator

Pulaski County our home, we are blessed to live in such a place.

Many of us see and appreciate the amazing place we live and all of the positives that it avails. Unfortunately, some people's brains have a predisposition to focus on things that are bad and give more importance to negative experiences over positives. This "Negative Bias," often has to be overcome with intentionality, self-awareness, mindfulness and cognitive restructuring. One effective exercise in overcoming one's Negative Bias is to intentionally try to find the

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Truth and COVID-19

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In the 1950s there was a quiz show called "To Tell the Truth." It has been reform several times but retained its original format. A celebrity panel would try to discover which one of three contestants was telling the truth, as all claimed to be the same person with identical backgrounds.

I thought of that show in relation to the conflicting stories and claims that have come from "experts" during the last 16 months of the pandemic. People, including two U.S. presidents, Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser to the president, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director general of the World Health Organization, and Dr. Rochelle Walensky, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, have all made statements which, at the time, they claimed were accurate and based on science, but turned out to be inaccurate.

Dr. Ghebreyesus, initially dismissed allegations the virus originated in a Wuhan, China laboratory, as "extremely unlikely." Now, he says, he was "premature" to rule out a lab leak.

Dr. Fauci at first called mask wearing ineffective. In an email to Sylvia Burwell, the HHS Secretary in the Obama administration, Fauci wrote: "Masks are really for infected people to prevent them from spreading infection to people who are not infected rather than protecting uninfected people from acquiring infection." Fauci said the "typical mask" is "not really effective in keeping out the virus, which is small enough to pass through material." Now he says the opposite.

Some people questioned these and other comments. For their skepticism they were banned from social media and called spreaders of disinformation, even kooks.

The UK, which has one of the world's highest vaccination rates in the world, is seeing a surge in COVID cases because of the Delta variant.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett

says the Pfizer vaccine is "weaker" against the Delta variant. This, after we were told -- again by "experts"-- the drug is effective against this strain. Which is it? No wonder the public is confused.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki says the administration is in "regular touch" with social media about what they are allowing to be posted on their platforms. President Biden has said that people who spread disinformation were "killing people." Is that true?

The government and the heads of social media companies that contributed large amounts of money to the political campaigns of Biden and other Democrats now claim the ability to distinguish between fact and fiction. Given their track record it does not instill confidence for the vast majority who know little more than the so-called experts. How do we know their future statements can be trusted when previous ones have been problematic?

Granted, there have been people who have irresponsibly spread disinformation, like vaccines cause infertility. There have also been misleading media reports that have added to public fears.

Maybe "To Tell the Truth" could serve as a kind of truth serum. The contestants would be Dr. Fauci, Dr. Ghebreyesus, Dr. Walensky and President Biden. The panel might include Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), who has been critical of Fauci, Fox News White House reporter Peter Doocy, who has been nearly alone in confronting statements by Biden administration officials, and an average citizen who followed all the guidelines but got COVID anyway and barely survived.

That would be informative as well as entertaining television. We might even discover the truth.

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



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Biden's Afghan Withdrawal Folly

Barely a day passes without additional news of Taliban gains in Afghanistan.

Perhaps the Afghan government and its forces will prove more resilient than many expect, but if the country continues its slide toward chaos or, worse, the Taliban rapidly take Kabul, President Joe Biden's decision to withdraw a residual U.S. force will look like an amateurish, unforgotten error by a man who prides himself on his foreign policy experience and acumen.

With his top military leadership opposed and credible warnings that Kabul could fall within months after a withdrawal, Biden went ahead with it anyway on the basis of what an aide has called "his gut."

So far, indications are that the president would have been better off heeding his military advisers than his viscera.

The Afghan war has, of course, stretched on for two decades and become a holding action satisfying to no one. But the cost to the U.S. of sustaining 3,500 troops in the country without losing anyone in combat for more than a year hasn't been high compared with the entirely plausible downside of Islamist extremists allied with al-Qaeda sweeping to power again in Afghanistan.

The desire to pull out of Afghanistan has been an area of rare Biden-Trump agreement. Then-President Donald Trump's foolhardy ceasefire deal with the Taliban in February 2020 set the predicate for Biden's withdrawal. It would have taken some determination for Biden to reverse the U.S. promise in that deal to withdraw its forces by May 2021, although the Taliban's transparent bad faith provided plenty of occasion for it.

Biden says not to worry. The U.S. will continue to provide "over the horizon" support, i.e., from a distance, for the Afghan government.

This is likely a pipe dream, and nothing about Biden's poorly thought-out drawdown lends any more credibility to it.

The CIA has been struggling to figure out how to maintain intelligence-gathering capabilities in Afghanistan. There will be no targets to strike from "over the horizon" if we don't have the assets on the ground to find them.

Ideally, the U.S. would locate some other base next door to Afghanistan, but there are no good options in the neighborhood.

Conducting operations from the Persian Gulf eight hours away isn't much of a substitute. In congressional testimony, Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, the head of Central Command, said the long-distance missions would be "extremely difficult to do," but "not impossible."

The U.S. withdrawal has had other troubling loose ends.

The contractors who have worked with the Afghan Air Force to maintain its planes are leaving, too, potentially stripping Afghan forces of air support.

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Brothers from Another Mother

Undoubtedly you have heard the urban expression, “What’s happenin’ my brother from another mother?”.

According to UrbanDictionary.com, “MY brother’ is a term used to describe a male friend who you are extremely close to – to the point the friend is almost like your biological brother...but from a different Mother.” Basically, its just an expression of brotherhood and love.

With so much racial tension and politically generated racial division in America at this time, is it possible to be brothers from another mother? Well, lets look at the actual Science – and not the quasi-science that is conveniently pulled out of thin air when it is expedient.

According to research by Peter Ralph of USC Dornsife, “Everyone on Earth is related to everyone else on the planet. All humans share one Mother!” (https://phys.org/news/dna-earth.html)

NewScience.com confirms this: “Thanks to genetic data in the 21st Century, scientists are discovering that we really are all descended from one Mother.”

“If you trace back the DNA in the maternally inherited mitochondria within our cells, all humans have a theoretical common ancestor...and interestingly named ‘mitochondrial Eve’ by the scientists. As a result, all humans today can trace their mitochondrial DNA back to her. Within her DNA, and that

of her peers, existed almost all the genetic variation we see in contemporary humans.”

Hmmm...isn’t that what Genesis 1:1 – 2:24 in the Bible describes as the beginning of the human race? After creating everything and making it perfect for them, on the sixth day of Creation, “the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul... Then God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ So, God created Eve from the rib of Adam and established marriage.” God then gave the couple a directive to be fruitful and multiply; and Adam named her Eve, the Mother of living things.

Obviously, that’s the one directive they were good at because there are 7.9 billion of us humans, all related to each other, living on planet Earth.

So, what’s the point? According to the Science, there is one race – called the human race. The differences between us are cultural, determined by the society you are raised in; and the predominant gene pool you inherited from your parents.

My question to you is, why are we fighting each other just because of minor differences in our appearance, such as skin color?

Here is what the Science says: “Our skin color is determined by a pigment called melanin, and while everyone has melanin (both fair and dark-skinned peo-

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

ple), it comes in different forms and ratios. The two forms of melanin are called eumelanin and pheomelanin. Eumelanin comes in primarily brown and black hues, while pheomelanin appears as red and yellow hues. It is produced by a specialized group of cells called melanocytes. There is no such thing as ‘black’, ‘white’, ‘red’ or ‘yellow’ in terms of skin color. There are simply mixtures of colors and variations, depending on your genetic makeup.”

It seems to me that if we all have mixtures of these genetic variations, and all the humans on the planet can be traced to one Mother, there should be no scientific reason to hate someone whose variation of pigments is different than ours. Shouldn’t we be celebrating the wonderful variations that God has created in the human race? As it turns out, we can be “brothers from another mother,” but we all are members of the human race, related to each other through the original Mother, Eve, created by the Lord God Almighty.

There is a song entitled, We will Stand, sung by Russ Taff which I believe should become our second

National Anthem. Listen to it and see if you agree with me. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwcK1FEQ-i4>

Here are some of the lyrics:

Sometimes it’s hard for me to understand
Why we pull away from each other so easily
Even though we’re all walking the same road
Yet we build dividing walls between our brothers and ourselves

But I, I don’t care what label you may wear
If you believe in Jesus you belong with me
The bond we share is all I care

to see
And we can change this world forever
If you will join with me, join and sing

Oh, you’re my brother, you’re my sister
So, take me by the hand
Together we will work until He comes
There’s no foe that can defeat us
When we’re walking side by side
As long as there is love we will stand

Parole for Epperly denied once again

Patriot Staff Report

There will be no parole for Stephen Epperly.

That was the word received earlier today by Pulaski County Commonwealth’s Attorney Justin Griffith.

Griffith said he was notified at 1:46 p.m. Friday that the Virginia Parole Board had denied this latest parole request for Epperly.

“Pulaski County justice continues to stand,” Griffith said in a news release. “Over forty years ago, a jury of his peers recommended he spend the rest of life in prison and today is one step closer to making sure that happens. Mr. Epperly should know by now that as long as I am in office, we will meet him at the gates of parole with a visceral objection.”

Griffith said the continued efforts by Gina Hall’s family to

“make sure she is never forgotten are truly remarkable.”

“We will stand with them any day. The justice that Everett Shockley (former Commonwealth’s Attorney who prosecuted Epperly) fought so hard to achieve should never ever be diluted by Epperly’s release. I am sure Richmond will give him another bid at parole and I am damn sure we will be ready to fight that one as well,” remarked Griffith.

In early December of 1980, Epperly was found guilty of first-degree murder, becoming the first person in Virginia to be convicted of first-degree murder in a case in which there was no body, confession or eye-witness.

Epperly, 28 at the time was sentenced to life in prison in the precedent-setting case.

As for Hall, her body to this day has not been found.

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proverbial “silver lining” in things.” Another is to mindfully appreciate or “savor the moment,” rather than spending time focusing on the negative(s). Well, we all know I’m not a mental health professional, nor do I pretend to play one on TV; however, it’s easy to see that this is a bias that can affect our community and I believe we all hold some individual responsibility in preventing unnecessary negativity to take hold and spread in our county.

No matter what we do or where we go, there is always going to be those one or two folks that never have anything nice to say about anything, including their community. They are going to secretly and openly share every negative statistic they can muster and hyperbolize every less than favorable aspect they can find ...

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The fate of the Afghans who have assisted U.S. forces is uncertain, although under political pressure here at home, Biden has committed to getting them out.

Biden wants to provide \$3 billion in security assistance to the Afghans, but who will do the training with that money?

The allies are leaving, with the administration anxious to get the Turks to stay to secure Kabul International Airport, without which we won’t be able to maintain our embassy.

As the bad news has piled up, the Biden administration has tried to provide reassuring signals. But are the Afghans, and the Taliban, not supposed to no-

It’s just one of life’s unfortunate realities. These people are often miserable and may be dealing with deep-rooted offense or simply overcompensating for their inadequacies or incompetency. Coincidentally, we also see some of these same expressive traits manifest in both young and adult bullies.

Beyond the intentional exercises to guard ourselves against Negative Bias, I suggest we combat those folks who choose to speak poorly about our community for whatever their intentions may be, by employing a variation of the Positivity Ratio. Scientists have discovered that it takes three positive experiences to combat one negative experience. With this, I propose we actively begin sharing our positive perceptions about what and who Pulaski County is,


both in advance and in response to those who choose to share their negative views, warranted or otherwise. Perhaps, this is how we can all be a part of dealing with the elephant in the room.



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Draper Park Playground dedicated Monday

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The new playground at the Draper Community Park was dedicated on Monday.

The ceremony marked one more step in the development of the park, which has been years in the making since the demolition of the old Draper Elementary School on the site.

So far, the new park features the recently completed playground along with a basketball court and parking in addition to the former school's athletic field and walking track.

A "L-O-V-E" sign created by local residents graces the field as well, along with a new "Draper Community Park" sign.

Next on the "to do" list for the park will be construction of a pavilion.

Carol Smith, Chairman of the committee coordinating the building and fundraising for the park, said that since building supplies like lumber have increased so much in cost, the committee will conduct another fundraising event to raise more funds to complete the park.

A raffle will be held for a quilt pieced and donated by the Draper Quilt and Art Collective and quilted by Maxine Lyons.

The quilt is a green sized contemporary reversible scrap quilt and is the first in a series dated 2021.

Donations of \$2 per ticket or three tickets for \$5 will be accepted.

The quilt may be viewed and tickets purchased at The Draper Mercantile.

Monday's dedication ceremony at the park began with Board of Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie opening the festivities talking about the teamwork that had gone into the creation of the park.

Smith followed him and thanked all those involved in the effort, especially her committee, which also includes Beulah Webb, Dean Pratt, Gayle Kiser, Fran Streff, Carolyn Foltz, John Hawley, Brian Gardner, Barbara Cain and Dirk Compton.

Smith also credited Mark Bentley with the work he did at the park including grading, hauling off trash and seeding.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said the park is another example of the Board of Supervisors' determination to do nothing in the county that isn't first class.

Draper's Valley Presbyterian Pastor Rev. Robert Davis offered the dedication of the playground.

Refreshments for the occasion were provided by the Village Table.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors members and several members of the Draper Community Park Committee pose for photos during Monday's dedication event. Pictured (left to right) front row: committee members Fran Streff and John Hawley, Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie, Committee Chairman Carol Smith, and committee members Gayle Kiser and Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton. (Second Row, left to right): County Administrator Jonathan Sweet, Supervisor John Travis, committee member Dean Pratt, and supervisors Charlie Bopp and Laura Walters.



Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church's Rev. Robert Davis (top left) leads the attendees in a dedication prayer for the playground.

At right, County Administrator Jonathan Sweet addresses the crowd while Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton looks on.



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Northam urges but won't require continued masking in schools

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's administration issued new guidance Wednesday on COVID-19 prevention measures for the upcoming school year, urging but not requiring continued masking in many circumstances.

With a statewide public health order that had mandated masking in schools coming to an end Sunday, school divisions will have the ability to implement local policies "based on community level conditions and public health recommendations," the Democratic administration said in a news release.

The departments of health and education released a 14-page document with advice about reducing the spread of the coronavirus, addressing issues like ventilation and physical distancing, in addition to masking.

The recommendations urge school divisions for now to adopt a universal masking policy for students and adults in elementary schools, regardless of vacci-

nation status, because no vaccine has been approved yet for children under 12.

For middle and high schools, the state guidance says that "at a minimum" teachers, students and staff who aren't fully vaccinated should wear masks indoors.

The guidance provides flexibility for school divisions while ensuring a safe and healthy environment, Northam said in a statement, which also encouraged Virginians to get vaccinated if they have not already.

"Getting your shot will protect you, your family, and your community — and it is the only way we can beat this pandemic once and for all," said Northam, the nation's only doctor-governor.

Northam lifted the state's indoor mask mandate in May, in line with guidance at the time from the federal government. But he said at the time that masks would still be required in K-12 public schools, given low rates of vaccination among children. The public health order from the state's health com-

missioner on June 30 extended the mask mandate further.

Across the country, schools districts are navigating polarizing mask requirements, vaccine rules and social distancing requirements in widely divergent ways.

The American Academy of Pediatrics on Monday recommended universal masking in schools, even for those who are vaccinated. That's a different approach than that urged by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which earlier this month recommended mask-wearing indoors only for students and staff who are not fully vaccinated.

Northam said the state's guidance considered both sets of recommendations.

School divisions should "consult with their counsel in determining if and how to confirm student and staff COVID-19 vaccinations," the news release said.

All of Virginia's school divisions are required to provide in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year under a measure lawmakers passed earlier this year.

Wednesday's guidance urges school divisions to implement physical distancing of at least 3 feet to the greatest extent possible but says districts should not reduce in-person learning to keep a minimum distance requirement.

Also Wednesday, more than two dozen Virginia health care organizations issued a joint statement urging Virginians who have not already gotten vaccinated to do so. It noted rising case counts and hospitalizations.

"Being vaccinated against COVID-19 represents a path to a healthier post-pandemic world by offering the best available protection for people against serious illness, the spread of infection, hospitalization, or worse health outcomes," the statement from groups including the Medical Society of Virginia and Virginia Nurses Association said. "Getting vaccinated offers protection to those who have been inoculated as well as the people around them in their personal and professional lives."

About 64% of the adult population in Virginia has been fully vaccinated, according to state data. Case counts have been steadily increasing for about a month but are nowhere near the levels seen during the winter surge.



Ophelia Smith Turns 101!

Family and friends of Ophelia Smith last Sunday held a drive-by birthday celebration for her as she turned 101! The parade included a firetruck and many police patrol cars, along with cars of friends from Dublin United Methodist Church. Below are her Granddaughter, Deena Smith Spencer; Ophelia; grandson, Chris Smith, and daughter-in-law, Rhonda. Ophelia has 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Photos by Bonnie Alberts



Town: KTI illegally disposed of 500-600 gallons of curdled milk

Earlier Wednesday afternoon, KTI LTD illegally disposed of approximately 500-600 gallons of curdled milk in a storm drain located at the former Pulaski Furniture Company site.

At this time, further spread of the curdled milk has been contained to the area near Sproules Run. The Pulaski Fire Department, the Town of Pulaski's Public Works Department and Pulaski County Emergency Services are on site working to remove as much of the contaminant as possible from the area involved.

Town of Pulaski

Pulaski County Library Friends to hold one-day book sale Aug. 6

The Pulaski Co Friends of the Library will hold a one day book sale on Friday, August 6th from 11am to 3:00pm. In case of rain, the book sale will be the following day on Saturday at the same time.

The sale will take place at the corner of West 3rd St and Jefferson St in the back of the building. We will have a good collection of children's books.

If you have any questions or would like to make a book donation, or schedule a book pick-up, please call 276-728-4626.

Town Promotes Vacant Building Registry

In 2007, the Town of Pulaski adopted Ordinance 2007-06 which established that the owner(s) of a building within a conservation and rehabilitation district that has been vacant for a continuous period of 12 or more months must register such buildings with the Town on an annual basis.

In the years since adoption, this ordinance has not been implemented in a consistent manner.

Effective August 1st, the Town of Pulaski will begin actively requiring property owners with vacant buildings to register so that greater attention is focused on utilizing our properties to the fullest extent.

Owners of vacant buildings will be asked to pay an annual registration fee of \$25 to add their property to the vacant building registry. Failure to register a building located in a conservation and rehabilitation district shall be punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding \$250.

If you have any questions related to our Vacant Building Registry, please contact Jessica McKinney, Community Development Specialist at 540-994-8606 or by email at jmckinney@pulaskitown.org, or Carla Hodge, Code Enforcement Officer at 540-994-8631 or by email at cho-dge@pulaskitown.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



Addie - A beautiful 3-year-old Treeing Walker Coonhound. She has tested well with other dogs and will still need to be spayed and brought up to date on her Rabies Vaccine.

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Pulaski County meetings in August

• Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Jared Linkous, Executive Director, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

• Tuesday, August 17, 2021, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Conference Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

• Monday, August 23, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, August 24, 2021, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

8th Annual Giving Day exceeds expectations

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFN-RV) once again, held its largest giving day yet, GiveLocalNRV on Wednesday, June 23rd, to help over 90 nonprofits across the New River Valley raise money and draw attention to the important work they do for the region.

The event exceeded its \$430,000 fundraising goal, bringing in \$519,643 from over 2,250 unique donors. In the eight years of the program to date, the giving day has raised over \$2.1 million.

The CFNRV is also pleased to award \$15,000 in incentive grants, which encourage active participation during the Giving Day.

This is more grant money than the CFNRV has ever offered thanks to many generous sponsors in the community including First Bank and Trust, HHHunt, and Olio Financial Planning. Sixteen organizations will receive these awards for the largest number of unique donors, two superstars, most money raised, a grant for the best video, power hour awards, and more.

NRV CARES was the winner of one of five power hour grants this year for the most unique donors in a given time period. They won the lunch break power hour and encouraged their donors to give during the noon hour to help them win.

Executive Director of NRV CARES, Andi Golusky shared that “With this being our first year at really promoting GiveLocalNRV, we were so excited to win the Lunch Break power hour award. We have incredible donors and they really helped us to secure this awesome award. For a small organization like us, awards like this make us literally jump for joy!”

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Council hears of changes in traffic and criminal code enforcement

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth are now getting used to changes in the State Code that have affected both traffic and criminal offenses. Pulaski's Interim Police Chief Jill Neice reported on the changes during Tuesday's work session of Town Council.

Neice spoke on highlights of

Daily Bread in need of cooks on Mondays, Fridays

Pulaski Daily Bread is in need of a couple of cooks on Mondays and one on Friday.

We start preparing meals at 8:30 when meals are boxed or bagged and kitchen is cleaned cooks leave and servers come into serve meals from the door.

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Debra Harrell
Program Director

some of the nearly 500 changes to the State Code.

In the Traffic Code, the significant changes Neice said pertain to primary offenses – offenses law enforcement can stop a driver for because it is an offense just in itself such as having a headlight out on your vehicle.

Several former primary offenses are now secondary, which she said means police must first have an interaction with a driver over another matter such as speeding.

Going from primary to secondary are:

- No light illuminating a license plate
- Driving with defective or unsafe equipment
- Driving without brake lights or a high-mount stop light
- Driving without an exhaust system that prevents excessive or unusual levels of noise
- Driving with certain sun shading materials and tinting films
- Driving with certain objects suspended in the vehicle
- Law enforcement officers are not permitted to stop a vehicle for an expired safety inspection or registration sticker until the first day of the fourth month after the original expiration date.

On criminal charges, among

the changes are:

- Enhanced punishment for repeat larceny is no longer in effect.
- Petty larceny is now only a felony if the amount is over \$1,000.
- There is no more habitual offender act.
- Suspended driver's licenses for failure to pay fines have all been re-instated.

Hopkins Named to Hollins University Spring 2021 Dean's List

ROANOKE - Hollins University congratulates Sarra Hopkins of Pulaski, VA, on earning Dean's List honors during the spring 2021 semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale.

Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Sarra!

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New ACC boss wants Notre Dame as football member

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — New Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner Jim Phillips made it clear he wants Notre Dame to join the conference as a full-time football member after what he described as a “beautiful and beneficial relationship” during an unusual 2020 season.

Phillips knows that remains largely up to Notre Dame.

“The old kind of quip is, Notre Dame loves two things: one is being Catholic, second is independence. Sometimes those things get in reverse order. Sometimes

they like independence even more than being Catholic,” joked Phillips, who has a son and daughter who attend Notre Dame.

Speaking at his first public forum at the ACC Kickoff media days, Phillips addressed the Notre Dame independence issue while Notre Dame’s logo was shown alongside the ACC’s 14 member schools on the backdrop behind the podium.

“They know the ACC’s interest,” Phillips said. “It’s been less than bashful. It’s been less than bashful since I’ve been here. But I

also respect where they’re at. Our concentration right now is on our 14 schools. Who knows where the future’s going to go?”

Last season, Notre Dame played as a temporary member of the ACC due to COVID-19 rules and went undefeated during the regular season before losing to Clemson 34-10 in the ACC cham-

pionship game.

“They had a chance to play a fantastic schedule,” Phillips said. “They had a chance to vie for a national championship and compete in the CFP. We have a real-life example of what that could look like.”

Notre Dame, an independent for years that nonetheless has five ACC teams on this year’s schedule, has given no indication it is interested in joining the ACC in football.

REPLACING STAR BACKS
North Carolina coach Mack

Brown is tasked with replacing not one, but two of the nation’s top running backs from last season.

Javonte Williams rushed for 1,140 yards and scored 21 touchdowns while Michael Carter ran for 1,245 yards and had 11 TDs in 2020. Together they helped the Tar Heels set an NCAA record with 544 yards rushing in 62-26 rout of Miami. Both were NFL draft picks.

Brown sees Tennessee transfer Ty Chandler as the immediate replacement.

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Photo courtesy of Kyle Manalo

Pulaski lost to Bluefield Saturday, 9-8, but it was still a beautiful night at Calfee Park for River Turtle fans.

6 RBI day for Myles Smith powers win

Pulaski River Turtles defeated Johnson City Doughboys 9-4 on Wednesday thanks in part to Myles Smith, who drove in six runners. Smith drove in runs on a home run in the second and a grand slam in the third.

Johnson City Doughboys scored three runs in the ninth inning, but Pulaski River Turtles still managed to pull out the victory. The offensive onslaught by Johnson City Doughboys was led by Troy LaNeve and Ashton King, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Johnson City Doughboys fired up the offense in the first inning,

River Turtles Wrap-Up

when Jaxson Crull hit a solo homer.

Pulaski River Turtles scored six runs in the third inning. Pulaski River Turtles batters contributing to the big inning included Smith and Jackson Beaman, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Brandon Gielow earned the win for Pulaski River Turtles. The

lefty surrendered one run on five hits over five innings, striking out four. Charlie Coon, Dalton Ross, and Caleb Pittman all put in work in relief out of the bullpen, steering their team towards the victory.

Walker Trusley took the loss for Johnson City Doughboys. The pitcher allowed four hits and five runs over two and two-thirds innings, striking out one.

Pulaski River Turtles launched two home runs on the day. Smith went deep in the second and third innings.

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Group licensing: New way for college athletes to cash in

(AP) - With college athletes able to profit from their fame for the first time, North Carolina opened a new path Tuesday for its players to cash in: group licensing for official Tar Heels merchandise.

North Carolina is believed to be the first school in the nation to launch a group licensing program for current athletes. Under the partnership with The Brandr Group, athletes will receive a cut of net revenue for merchandising opportunities pursued by TBG with products that include the school’s official trademarks and logos.

Participating in the voluntary program won’t restrict individual endorsement deals now that college athletes across the country are clear to profit from use of their name, image and likeness as of July 1.

“The manufacturers are the experts in the market to know what fans want,” Tar Heels athletic director Bubba Cunningham said in an interview with The Associated Press. “So if our retailers and licensees think a jersey sale would be absolutely terrific, then they’re going to sell jerseys.”

“It might be that posters of our gymnastics team are what all the little girls that come to the meet want, so maybe that’s what it’ll be for gymnastics. For the baseball team, maybe it’s trading cards.”

Athletic logos, trademarks and mottos are considered among the most valuable brand assets an athletic department has and lawsuits are not uncommon as schools protect them. Athletes had long been barred from earning money off this kind of merchandise but NIL has dramatically changed the landscape.

Cunningham said sales of Tar Heels merchandise could be tracked to compensate athletes based on sales of their individually marketed items such as jerseys, while athletes would share money more broadly for group items such as a poster featuring multiple athletes. Athletes could join a group of three or more within a single sport, or at least six across multiple sports.

“What we have found in college athletics in the last 30 years

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Thompson returns as head football coach at Fort Chiswell

Fort Chiswell High School has a new football coach.

According to area sports site, RodneySportsNow.com, Robert “Spider” Thompson has been named as the head man for the 2021 season.

It will be Thompson’s second stint with the Pioneers. He was head coach from 1999 to 2002 and compiled an 11-29 record during his stay.

Thompson takes over for Chris Akers who left recently to take a job at Holston High School. Akers was 8-9 during his time at the helm of the Pioneers.

Yard Sales

Multi-Family Yard Sale: Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 from 8 a.m. to ? at 6559 Ruebush Road, Dublin.

Estate Yard Sale: Thursday, July 22 – Saturday, July 24. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. 4085 Stanley Drive, Christiansburg. Located past New River Valley Medical Center. Items for sale: kitchen table and chairs, couch, recliners, coffee table, end tables, dressers, nightstands, china cabinet, wardrobe, homemade quilts, dishes, cookware, small appliances, tools, some farm equipment, antiques and more. Rain or shine.

Large Yard Sale: Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at 6013 Vest Drive, Dublin from 8 a.m.-?

Yard Sale: Saturday, July 24, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1301 West Main Street, Radford.

Yard Sale: September 18, First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO, 8– 3 PM.

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For Sale: Collectible Furskin Bear, new in box. Make offer. Barbie paraphernalia. Call 639-1969 for details.

For Sale: Pear shaped diamond ring, 14K, size 7, \$500. Call 540-980-5361.

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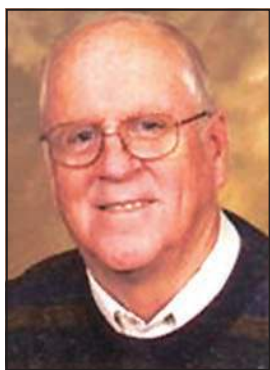
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is the aggregation of rights generates a bigger pool to be shared by the participants,” Cunningham said. “You do it individually, there are a handful of individuals that can do very well. But the vast majority will do better financially if you aggregate the rights.”

Charles Clotfelter, a public policy and economics professor at Duke, said group licensing for current athletes adds another layer to what is already “a whole new world” with permissible NIL activities.

“Universities have taken it upon themselves to just commercialize their own name,” said Clotfelter, who has written about the commercialization of college sports. “So now we’ve just got one more set of factors that are being able to share in this, and there is a certain kind of justice there.”

Cunningham had previously backed group licensing models as a broader alternative to athletes pursuing individual deals, and UNC had launched an alumni one this year benefiting former men’s basketball and women’s soccer players. He predicted most schools would create group licensing programs for current athletes.

He also referred to the expected return of EA Sports’ college football video game series, which the NCAA had stepped away from in 2013 after it was sued for not sharing game revenue with college athletes in the so-called O’Bannon case.

“If EA is going to bring a video game back to the market, they need to gather all the rights of all the student-athletes playing football,” Cunningham said. “And the simplest way for them to do that is someone else to aggregate the rights of those individual students and get them to EA.”

At Michigan, the school isn’t freely allowing its trademarks to be used by athletes in NIL deals as some other institutions are across the country. But Wolverines football players recently became the first to strike a deal in which they make money for every custom-made jersey sold with their name and number by the M Den, the athletic department’s official retailer.

Valiant Management, which was founded by former athletes at the school, has agreements with 90 current Wolverines and has extended the opportunity to every player on the football team.

The M Den was able to pull off the plan as an official school retailer with a Nike deal that allows for it to order and sell custom-made jerseys.

“It puts Michigan in a unique spot when competitors are doing it, but I can see both sides of it,” said Jared Wangler, a former Wolverine football player who co-founded Valiant. “But I can see both sides of it because there is a risk of diluting the brand.”

At Syracuse, basketball player Buddy Boeheim — the son of longtime coach Jim Boeheim —

encountered that obstacle when shooting a promotional video ahead of his image appearing on a box of Three Wishes cereal.

Syracuse alumnus and basketball fan Ian Wishingrad — who developed Three Wishes with his wife and has it in 2,000 grocery stores nationwide — shot the video last week in the Boeheim home gym. But he had to position a rack of balls to obscure the word “Syracuse” on the court.

“Hopefully, this really works for us,” Wishingrad said. “We’re going to see how this goes. If it’s very successful, it proves that this is a very good thing for us.”

The player nicknamed “Buddy Buckets” was “a little surprised at first” by the offer, while his mother, Juli, negotiated the deal after sifting through offers. He intends to donate money to local charities and said the goal going forward is for every member of the basketball team to reap a profit. A team camp for kids is being planned for early September.

“It’s exciting,” he said. “It’s a crazy time, but I think there’s so many good directions you can take this. As long as you’re doing it the right way, I think it’s a very good thing.”



Pulaski County Grounds Maintenance Technicians

Pulaski County is seeking to fill two Grounds Maintenance Technician positions. These positions are responsible for the maintenance and mowing of all County owned properties while providing a safe and esthetic environment for our citizens. Must be able to operate mowers, edger’s, weed eaters, chain saws, trimmers, etc. Must possess a valid Commonwealth of Virginia Driver’s License and a Virginia Commercial Driver’s License with a Class A endorsement is preferred but not required.

This is a full time position that includes full benefits: health, dental (optional vision), life insurance, state retirement program, optional 457(b) retirement plan, paid vacation and sick leave and paid holidays.

The salary scale for this position is \$23,302 - \$37,534 and is commensurate based on education and experience. Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Safewright, Human Resources Director, tsafewright@pulaskicounty.org. Open until filled.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Planning Commission

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

A proposed amendment to Section 5.4, Signs, of the Zoning Ordinance, adding Section 5.4.10-2, Temporary Signage Requirements.

A request by Good Ol Boy’s Recovery, Agent: Kelly Dalton, for a Special Exception for a junkyard and automobile graveyard for property located at 34 First Street NE (tax parcel (s) 072-140-257) per Section 4.12.2-2(2)(b), Junkyards and Automobile Graveyards, of the Zoning Ordinance.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021, to 42 First Street, NW/ PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

LEGAL NOTICE

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.

Samuel D. Campbell, trustee

For information contact:

Mark S. Alley
P. O. Box 977
Pulaski, VA 24301

tel: 540 634 5445

Owner: Isaiah Tuck



Phone: 540.320.9341



Pulaski County PSA Wastewater Service Technician

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

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

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

Position is open until filled
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LEGAL NOTICES



Public Hearing Grant Fund Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate grant funds for the Calfee School Adaptive Reuse Project as follows:

Agency	Amount of Grant
From:	
Dept. of Housing & Community Development	\$1,580,000
Appalachian Regional Commission	\$ 500,000
To:	
Grant Fund-Calfee Adaptive Reuse Project	\$2,080,000

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed grant fund appropriation should appear at the aforementioned time and place or submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

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.



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

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Turtles

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Pulaski River Turtles collected 11 hits on the day. Smith, Garrett Rice, Beaman, and Evan Minarovic each collected multiple hits for Pulaski River Turtles. Minarovic, Beaman, Rice, and Smith all had two hits to lead Pulaski River Turtles.

Johnson City Doughboys tal-

lied ten hits. King, Crull, and Ricky Jimenez all had multiple hits for Johnson City Doughboys. Johnson City Doughboys didn't commit a single error in the field. Brady Cotton had the most chances in the field with nine.

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Pulaski beats Johnson City, 8-5
By KYLE MANALO

The Pulaski River Turtles take down the Johnson City Doughboys in an 8-5 victory Tuesday night. Highlight of the game was a grand slam by Garrett Rice in the bottom of the fifth. Johnson City falls to 12-22-1 on the city while Pulaski now improves to 24-14.

We would find three scoreless innings until a 2 RBI double from Irvin Escobar put Pulaski up 2-0 in the fourth.

A run from Johnson City in the top of the fifth would cut the lead in half, but that would be short-lived as Pulaski would put up another five-run inning in the bottom of the fifth. The first run would come off a wild pitch and bring in Ross Lovich. Garrett Rice would follow that up with a 408-foot grand-slam to left-center field and make the game 7-1.

Pulaski would add on an insurance run in the seventh, off a throwing error by Johnson City and bring in Mark Trotta.

An RBI single in the eighth by Johnson City would eliminate that run and make it 8-2. A throwing error by Pulaski would then add on two runs and make it 8-4. A sac fly later would then bring in one more run and make it 8-5 going into the bottom of the eighth.

Despite the resurgence from Johnson City, the Sun Devil Blake Burzell would pitch a scoreless ninth and record the save.

The win would go to Ty Ruhl, as he went five innings, allowed three hits, one earned run, walked one, and struck out four. The loss went to Seth Willis, he went four,

allowing three hits, two earned runs, walked three, and struck out three.

The Turtle of the Game goes to none other than Garrett Rice, as he went 1-2 with that hit of course being the grand slam in the fifth.

River Turtles walk off with 3-2 victory

By KYLE MANALO

The Pulaski River Turtles walked it off in a 3-2 victory over the Bluefield Ridge Runners on seven inning Sunday. The first ever walk-off win in River Turtles history would come off the bat of Ross Lovich.

Bluefield now fall to 17-20 on the season while Pulaski now stands at 23-14, and still atop the East.

Bluefield got on the board first, putting up two in the third. Pulaski would then cut the lead in half in the fourth, off a sac fly by Mark Trotta to bring in Cameron Leary and make it 2-1 after four.

In the bottom of the seventh, a lead-off walk of Myles Smith and a single by Evan Minarovic would set the stage for Ross Lovich. Lovich would belt a 2 RBI double to right-center field and cement his name in River Turtles history.

The win would go to Joan Jesus Gonzalez, as he went one inning, allowed only a single hit, and struck out two. The loss went to Cameron Knox, who went one inning, allowed three hits, two runs, walked one, and struck out two.

The Turtle of the Game would of course go to none other than Ross Lovich. He went 2-4 on the game and the game-winning 2 RBI double in the bottom of the seventh.

Pulaski falls to Bluefield Saturday, 9-8

By KYLE MANALO

The Pulaski River Turtles fell Saturday to the Bluefield Ridge Runners in dramatic fashion, 9-8.

Highlights of the game would be a seven-run third inning from Pulaski and the game-winning run at second base in the bottom of the ninth. Bluefield now stands at 17-19 on the season while Pulaski now falls to 22-14.

Bluefield would get on the board first, with a run in the first and second innings to make it 2-0.

Despite Bluefield's hot start, Pulaski's hot hitting streak continued as they put up seven runs in the third. John Bay walked with bases loaded and would start the scoring off. An E6 during Mark Trotta's at-bat would put him on base and bring in another run. In the following at-bat, an RBI single by Conner Gore would add another run to Pulaski's tally. Josh Rolling would follow that up with a 2 RBI double and make it 5-2. A pair of passed balls would bring in Gore and Rolling and bring the score to 7-2.

Bluefield wouldn't back down though, they would bring in three in the fifth and one in the sixth to make it 7-6 heading into the bottom of the sixth.

Luckily, in the bottom of the sixth, an RBI triple by Ross Lovich would bring in another run for Pulaski and make it 8-6.

Despite that added insurance run, a 2-run home run by Bluefield would eliminate Pulaski's lead and make it 8-8 after seven.

Bluefield would bring in a go-ahead run in the ninth, and

that would inevitably be the game-winning run as well.

Despite being down one heading into the bottom of the ninth, Pulaski didn't hesitate to make it dramatic. Pulaski would have the game-winning run at second base, with a full count, and two outs on the board; but a ground-out to the second baseman would end their hopes of a walk off win.

The win would go to Tyler Lowrey, as he went two innings, let up two hits, no runs, and struck out two. The loss would go to Crayton Burnett, as he allowed one hit, one run, and struck out three.

River Turtles outscore Elizabethton, 13-10

By KYLE MANALO

The Pulaski River Turtles tied up the series with the Elizabethton River Runners in an offensive barrage, 13-10. The win was thanks to a five-run sixth inning. Pulaski has now scored at least five runs in a single inning in six of the past seven games. Elizabethton now falls to 18-16 while Pulaski now stands at 22-13, still atop the East.

Pulaski would get on the board first in the second off a 2 RBI double by Josh Rolling and make it 2-0 after two. Elizabethton would then explode for four runs in the third and three runs in the fourth to take a hold of a 7-2 lead.

But that wouldn't stop Pulaski from answering back, scoring four in the fourth and one in the fifth. A sac fly RBI by Ross Lovich with bases loaded would start the scoring off in the fourth. In the next at-bat, Jackson Beaman would follow that up with an RBI double and make it 7-4. In the following at-bat, Ryan Johnson would continue the scoring with a sac RBI and make it 7-5. Cameron Leary capped off the scoring in the fourth with an RBI single and made it 7-6 Elizabethton.

Pulaski would tie it up in the fifth thanks to a sac fly by Conner Gore to bring in John Bay and make it 7 apiece after five.

Wouldn't take long for the tie to be broken as Elizabethton would put up two runs in the top of the sixth and make it 9-7.

Just like earlier in the game Pulaski would find a way to fight back, this time with a five-run sixth. Jackson Beaman would start the scoring off with a bang, with a one-run home run to left-center field. Pulaski would then find four straight batters with an RBI hit: Mark Trotta with an RBI triple, RBI double by Bay, RBI single by Rice, and an RBI double by Conner Gore. This flurry of runs would put Pulaski up 12-9.

Pulaski would then add an insurance run in the seventh, off an RBI single by Leary to make it 13-9.

Elizabethton would threaten late, scoring a run in the eight and having the game-tying run at the plate in the ninth but couldn't find a way to bounce back.

River Turtles fall to Elizabethton, 3-0

The Pulaski River Turtles would fall to the Elizabethton River Riders in a defensive battle to a score of 3-0. Pulaski now falls to 21-13 on the season.

Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancy on Redevelopment and Housing Authority

The Town of Pulaski is seeking qualified residents to serve on the Pulaski Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

The Pulaski Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) is an independent authority of the Town which is responsible for assisting with residential and commercial development of new or existing structures. The Authority works with the Town on various projects to improve the quality of residential and commercial areas, increase the Town's overall tax base and help improve the living conditions of the Town's citizens all around. Authority members are appointed by the Town Council for four (4) year terms.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact David N. Quesenberry, Clerk of Council for a volunteer application form at 994-8602 or by email at dquesenberry@pulaskitown.org.

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Northam: State to invest \$700 million in broadband

ABINGDON—Governor Ralph Northam this week announced that Virginia plans to invest \$700 million in American Rescue Plan funding to expedite the deployment of last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved areas and close the digital divide within the next three years. This proposal will accelerate the Governor’s 10-year goal for achieving universal internet access from 2028 to 2024, with the majority of connections obligated within the next 18 months. In May, Governor Northam and General Assembly leaders released a joint statement outlining shared priorities for allocating the \$4.3 billion in federal funds available to the Commonwealth from the American Rescue Plan.

The Governor made the announcement at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon and was joined by U.S. Senator Mark Warner, State Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Luke Torian, who chair the General Assembly’s money committees, and State Senator Jennifer Boysko and Delegate Roslyn Tyler, who lead Virginia’s Broadband Advisory Council. Governor Northam also reported that the Commonwealth has successfully bridged half of the digital divide, with an estimated 233,500 unserved locations remaining.

“It’s time to close the digital divide in our Commonwealth and treat internet service like the 21st century necessity that it is—not just a luxury for some,

but an essential utility for all,” said Governor Northam. “The pandemic has reinforced how important high-quality broadband is for the health, education, and economic opportunity, and we cannot afford to leave any community behind. With this historic \$700 million investment, universal broadband is now within our reach. I am grateful to Senator Warner for fighting to include this funding in the American Rescue Plan, which will be key to the success of local connectivity efforts and to ensuring every Virginian has affordable, reliable, and equitable access to high-speed internet.”

Since 2018, the Commonwealth has awarded approximately \$124 million in broadband grants and connected over 140,000 homes, businesses, and community anchors. Governor Northam and the General Assembly made historic investments—\$50 million in 2020 and an additional \$50 million in 2021—in the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI), a public-private partnership that provides targeted financial assistance to extend broadband service to areas currently unserved by a provider. With this \$700 million allocation of federal dollars and continued state investment, the Commonwealth has the necessary resources to meet the tremendous demand from localities and broadband providers and close the digital divide in Virginia.

“With telehealth and telework becoming permanent sta-

ples across the nation, access to broadband is more critical than ever,” said U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner. “Earlier this year, I was proud to help deliver more than \$3.7 billion dollars in direct fiscal relief for the Commonwealth through the American Rescue Plan, including hundreds of millions of dollars for broadband. I’m hopeful that my friends in the General Assembly will use \$700 million of that funding to expand access to broadband, thereby creating economic opportunity and ensuring that every Virginian can meaningfully participate in our 21st century economy.”

“Localities and broadband providers have stepped up over the past three years and helped the Commonwealth connect thousands of unserved Virginians,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “With today’s announcement, large regional projects that achieve universal service can be funded across the Commonwealth without delay.”

Because Governor Northam prioritized broadband expansion well before the pandemic, Virginia is on track to be one of the first states in the country to achieve universal broadband service. In 2019, the Governor worked with the General Assembly to establish a pilot program that promotes collaboration between localities, electric utilities, and internet service providers to connect unserved areas to high-speed internet. In just two years of the pilot program, Virginia’s utility companies have helped connect more than 13,000 homes

and businesses across the Commonwealth. Earlier this year, Governor Northam signed bipartisan legislation that makes the pilot program permanent.

“The Commonwealth continues to prioritize funding for universal broadband access and I’m encouraged to see these investments coming ahead of schedule,” said Senator Janet Howell, Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. “This appropriation of federal dollars will go a long way towards supporting the investments that the Commonwealth has already made to bridge the digital divide.”

“Funding for broadband is more critical now than ever,” said Delegate Luke Torian, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. “We must continue to ensure that all citizens of the

Commonwealth have access to quality internet access.”

“The Broadband Advisory Council has long prioritized funding to reduce the cost of broadband access and connect unserved Virginians,” said Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council. “With this investment of American Rescue Plan dollars, we will greatly accelerate our progress.”

“I have lived in a rural area my entire life and I know that the Commonwealth benefits as a whole when we lift up all communities,” said Delegate Roslyn Tyler, Vice Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council. “This investment will have a tremendous impact on countless Virginians and allow our communities to prosper and grow.”

ACC

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ate answer after he totaled 2,015 yards rushing yards and ranked fifth in Vols history in all-purpose yards with 3,245.

“He can run it up inside, tremendous hands, he knows what to do, but he also has the speed that when he gets it in space he has a chance to score,” Brown said of Chandler. “We got to find some other guys with him, but we think he has a chance to step up and be a special player for us.”

The talk of the departure of Williams and Carter — and who’ll replace them — has left UNC’s running back room motivated, according to quarterback Sam Howell.

“They have a chip on their shoulders,” Howell said. “They are tired of hearing about who we lost instead of who’s coming in.”

DIAZ HANDLING DEFENSE

Miami head coach Manny Diaz said the Hurricanes’ defense took a big “step back” last season, which is why he plans to resume defensive play calling duties — a role he has held in the past.

Despite the defensive debacle against North Carolina, the Hurricanes finished 8-3 and allowed the fourth-fewest points in the ACC and sixth-fewest yards, but Diaz said he felt players needed a “new set of eyes” on them.

“Great defense is ultimately about the connection between the players on the field, the trust and the accountability,” Diaz said. “That’s where I felt like a year ago we didn’t have quite have

that. We take a lot of pride in how we play defense at Miami. ... We weren’t proud of how we finished last year.”

The Hurricanes will be anchored by safety Bubba Bolden, one of the conference’s top defenders. But the Canes need to find a pass rush after finishing 10th in the ACC in sacks and losing both starting defensive ends.

“Somehow, some way we’ll get to the quarterback,” Bolden said.

RE-ENTER SANDMAN

Virginia Tech has one of the better atmospheres in all of college football with Metallica’s “Enter Sandman” blaring through the stadium’s speakers as they run on to the field.

The pandemic prevented all of that last season.

Now coach Justin Fuente is eager to see fans back in the stadium when the Hokies host North Carolina in the season opener on Sept. 3.

“Our fans show up to the game not to be entertained but to participate, to help our football team win the ballgame — and they’ve been deprived of that opportunity,” Fuente said. “It’s more than a game, it’s a social event. People show up several days early and begin tailgating, preparing. I anticipate it will be a special night, an emotional night, something that we’ll remember for a long time.”



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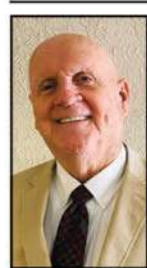
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God dealt with mankind from Moses until Christ under the dispensation of the law. Jesus came ushering in the dispensation of grace.

God gave the law to Moses and Moses gave it to the people of the New Nation of Israel who were too afraid of God to accept it directly from Him from Mount Sinai. They urged Moses to accept it from God and then to relay it to them. They promised then, "All that the Lord God commanded us we will do."

The law of God was good in that it taught man in minute detail, what God looked on as sin.

Breaking God's law incurs a stiff penalty. "The wages of sin is death." Death in three forms. Firstly there is Physical Death that is a part of the curse upon humanity because of the sin committed by our first ancestors in the Garden of Eden. When man and woman were driven out of the Garden of Eden and barred from the tree of life. They could have eaten from the tree of life and lived forever, but they chose instead to break the commandment of God and eat of the forbidden fruit, and so death passed upon all mankind. The day they sinned against God in the Garden of Eden is the day they started to grow old and die. God told Adam that he was taken from the dust and to dust he would return, speaking of physical death.

Secondly, there is Spiritual Death which is separation from God. Physical death is the separation of the soul and spirit from the body. Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God. Before a person accepts Jesus Christ in the pardon of his or her sins, they are spiritually dead. Alienated from the life of God. We become spiritual alive in Christ Jesus when we are born again.

Thirdly, there is Eternal Death in the lake of fire and brimstone which is not a cessation of conscience life but eternal punishment in a fiery pit from which there is no escape. Where a drink of water will be the most coveted thing there, and where a plea for even a drink of water will never be granted. No requests will be granted in Hell. Eternal Death is eternal separation from God and from all that is good.

Under the Old Testament Law, many sins were punishable by physical death. Adultery, Idolatry, Prostitution, Homosexuality, Blaspheming God or the things of God, and even breaking the law of the Sabbath.

One of the main purposes of the law was to show mankind what God looks on as sin. The law was a schoolmaster to show the im-

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Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324

Pastor: Alan Pearce

Service Times:

Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.

email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com

www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084

Pastor: Doug Testerman

674-1762

Primary Services:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday worship

Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.

Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

Open Door Baptist Church

4576 Miller Lane
Pulaski, VA 24301

Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett

Primary Services:

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship, 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.

Phone: 980-2046

Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road

Draper, VA 24324

Pastor: Rev. Jason Crandall

423-716-2570

Primary Service Times:

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Worship, 11 a.m.

Phone: 276-477-3835

Newbern Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern

Rev. Denise and Ken Walker

540-440-8733

Christ Episcopal Church

144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski

Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday

Phone: 980-2413

Email: christ24301@gmail.com

www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Jim Goddard

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,

Hiwassee, VA 24347

Pastor Mark Asbury

Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am

Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am

Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road

Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern

Rev. Paige Wimberly

674-6111

Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place

P.O. Box 458

Dublin, VA 24084

Senior Pastor Steve Willis

Associate Pastors:

Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Wednesday School 7 p.m.

www.vhmdublin.org

540-674-4729

Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road

Dublin, VA 24084

Phone: 540-674-6111

mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/

Pastor: Paige Wimberly

Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

Dublin Baptist Church

Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins StreetDublin, VA 24084

540-674-6061

secretary@dublinbaptistva.org

Website: dublinbaptistva.org

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@fumcpulask.org website:

www.fumcpulask.org

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WBLB 10:00am

Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street

Belspring, VA 24058

Pastor Darrell Linkous

Service Times:

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study and

Youth Group: 7 p.m.

Darrell Linkous: 353-0081

belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road

Pulaski, VA 24301

Pastor: Michael S. Jones

Sunday

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

(540) 980-4731

Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084

Shawn Burchett, Pastor

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening Life

Building Service 7:00 PM

www.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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safety guidelines of social distancing, masks,

cleaning, and disinfection.

Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin

Pastor Mike Pierce

Service Times:

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;

Sundays, 10 a.m.

(540) 674-9220

Website: www.heritagechurch.net

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HeritageChurchDublinVA

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue

Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90

New River, Virginia 24129

(540) 639-5331

email: fmbcl872@verizon.net

Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.

Associate Minister:

Rev. Annette Cheek

Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis

Sundays:

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday

Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 577

424 East Main Street

Pastors Don Hanshaw & Don Shelor

(540) 674-5128

office@dublinumc.com

Early Worship - 8:45 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am

Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am

Worship - 10:55 am

Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street

Radford, VA 24141

Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins

540-577-5780

jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com

Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

11 a.m. Children's Church

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service

7 p.m. Youth Service

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road,
Draper, VA 24324

Senior Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Davis

Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer

& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Phone - 540-994-9015

e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org

website - www.dvpca.org

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Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski

540-980-3624

The Rev. Terrie Sternberg

trinitypulaski@gmail.com

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

(Sept. - May)

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

(June - Aug.)

Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30

www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

Pastor: Judy Yonce

Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

528 5th Street, S.E.

Pulaski, Va.

Phone - 980-0820

Snowville Baptist Church

3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee

Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141

Pastor Mark A. Miller

markmiller.psalml@gmail.com

Cell) 540-320-2431

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship (with children's message):

11 a.m.

Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry

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Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street

Pulaski, VA 24301

Church: 540-980-2118

Cell: 276-233-8083

Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972

www.pulaskigracemin.com

Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com

Pastor Mike Williams

Children's Ministry

Aaron & Becky Sampson

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pulaski Church of God
1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,
(540) 250-2974
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Family Worship Center First Pentecostal Holiness
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540-980-7287
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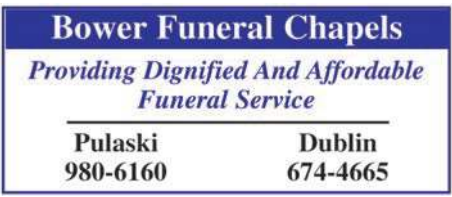
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Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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New Life Church of the Nazarene
45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

St. Edwards Catholic Church
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

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

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

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Amazing Grace Ministries
4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
(540) 250-3741
ttgarwood674@gmail.com

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possibility of anyone being able to save themselves. To show the need for a Savior. To let us know that without Christ, the whole world is guilty before God. There is none righteous, no not one.
We are all born of the corruptible seed of Adam. We have all have been polluted by sin. All of us, without Christ, come under the condemnation of sin. We all need a Savior.

Before we were saved, we all fell short of living the kind of lives that would bring God glory. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:19 says, “Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.”

That every mouth may be stopped seems to mean so that no one would be able to come up with an acceptable excuse for breaking God’s law. No one would be able to say, “I didn’t know it was wrong.” No one could claim accidental sin because it was all spelled out for them, in comprehensive detail in the Law.

Trinity Baptist resumes normal service hours; to hold media technology class

Trinity Baptist Church on Robinson Tract Road will resume normal hours for Sunday School (9:45 a.m.) and Worship Service (11 a.m.) on Sunday, July 25.

We are offering a new class for young adults to learn how to use media technology for Bible research and study in an informal setting.

Bring your smart phones, Ipads, Kindles, etc.

The class will be lead by Roger Hurd.

Bible Trivia

- 1) Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2) Where is “For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” found? Ephesians, Colossians, Galatians, 1 Timothy
3. Who asked God, “Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable?”? Moses, Jeremiah, Abraham, Noah
4. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from Sodom? 2, 7, 13, Dozens
5. Where is the story of the burning bush found? Genesis, Exodus, Luke, John
6. What is the longest Psalm in the Bible (KJV)? 1st, 23rd, 119th, 130th

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Galatians 6:7; 3) Jeremiah 15:18; 4) 2; 5) Exodus; 6) 119th

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Hate knows no bounds

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I grew up hearing that jealousy is a worse sin than hatred. Which sin is worse? - H.J.

A: Sin is sin, but it is true that hate knows no bounds. It is in motion at every level. “Look Out for Number One,” has become the motto of scores of people. To make good, they kick anyone who threatens their way of life - no matter how dark.

One of the reasons hatred

abounds all over the world stems from jealousy. Satan’s hatred of God was due to jealousy. At no time in history was hatred on display more than during the time of Jesus on Earth. Herod hated Him because of fear that the Baby Jesus would someday become King. Herod caused the slaughter of infant children in and around the village of Bethlehem so that the prophecy would not come to pass.

We are living in a world that hates. We have even seen violence prompted by hatred within church buildings. Hatred is carried out



My Answer

Billy Graham

against those who desire more than anything to preach the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and demonstrate compassion for those who suffer.

Hatred is a social cancer that gnaws at the vitals of our people. It threatens the freedom of worship-

ing Jesus Christ as witnessed in every continent. Hatred is rampant - a sign of the depravity of the human race. The Bible teaches hatred is sin.

The Bible also teaches that God is a God of love (1 John 4:8). Love is a basic part of God’s nature. Whoever you are, whatever your circumstances - God loves you and He is waiting for you to come to Him in repentance of sin. Rejection of Christ is hatred of Him. Say an eternal “Yes” to Christ and make Him the Lord of your life.

Amber Waves

GOOD MORNING, MOM! WAKE UP, WAKE UP, WAKE UP. I'M GOING TO GO SEE WHAT DAD'S DOING.

MOM WANTS ME TO STAY IN SIGHT OF THE HOUSE. SHE'LL STAY IN SIGHT OF THE COFFEE POT.

SO, OKAY... DO YOU GUYS DO THIS? DO YOU PUT YOUR SEPTOR DOWN AND FORGET WHERE YOU PUT IT? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT? HOW ABOUT THIS? DON'T YOU HATE WHEN THE DRAW BRIDGE JAMS? IT MAKES ME SO MAD, I WANT TO PUNCH MY COURT JESTER. HELLO?... ANYBODY?

THE EMPEROR HAS NO MATERIAL

I THINK I'M GONNA END THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EARLY, MAY.

WHY?

POOLE FAMILY FARM STAND

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL FREE RANGE CHICKENS BUY 2 GET 1 FREE!

'CUZ THAT JOKE IS GETTIN' REEEALLY OLD.

HEY, WHY DO I HAVE TO BUY TWO TO GET ONE FREE IF THEY'RE FREE TO BEGIN WITH? NYUK! NYUK!

I JUST BOUGHT SOME NEW WALLPAPER!

I'M GONNA TRY PUTTING IT ON MYSELF

WOULDN'T IT LOOK BETTER ON THE WALL?

POPEYE

HEY CHESTER!

POPEYE WUTSUP, SWEE' PEA?

Y'KNOWS TH' NEW CARPET IN MY BEDROOM?

YEH?

AN' Y'KNOWS WE WUZ BUSY WIT' ODDER T'INGS...

THA'S TRUE!

... AN' FORGOT T' TAKE CHESTER OUT FOR HIS AFTERNOON WALK ...

UH-HUH

WELL... I GOT SUM' THIN' TA TELL YA.

TH' WAY DIS YARN IS HEADED...

... I JES' KNOWS IT AINT GOTTA SCOPRIZE ENDIN'!

YOUR HUSBAND SENT A TRIPLE ORDER. THIS IS FOR WHATEVER HE DID, WHATEVER HE'S DOING AND FOR WHATEVER HE'LL PROBABLY DO.

LAFF-A-DAY

"Our next speaker is an outspoken man who is not afraid to speak his mind."

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!

Seek

ARCHES

Bridge

TENURED

Diamond

TRACE

Quick

DRAIP

TODAY'S WORD

"Have you read any good _____ lately?"

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Circulate

5 Jolly laugh

9 Lustrous black

12 Zero, in tennis

13 Scent

14 — glance

15 Border on

16 Reply to "Shall we?"

17 Rug cleaner, briefly

18 Gestation location

19 Goat's plaint

20 Roman censor

21 Fib

23 Medit. nation

25 Cellist Pablo

28 Keep perusing

32 Muscat resident

33 Sky blue

34 Lively dances

36 "Be that as it may ..."

37 Sch. URL ender

38 Atty.'s title

39 Libretto

42 Plead

44 "Oops!"

48 Priestly garment

49 Competent

50 Tiny bit

51 2016

Olympics city

Composer Bartok

Figure skating leap

Gender

Midwest gulf

Helen's home

Classic theaters

Empty talk

Hosp. areas

Coffee

Coup d'—

Mexican entree

Hodgepodge

Homer classic

Penn and Connery

Police officer

"I love," to Livy

Bando of baseball

"Gee, ya think?"

Spanish gold

Just out

Filled in

Sea off

Greece

Old salts

Author Wiesel

PlayStation alternative

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60 minutes

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What were the first names of the "Golden Girls" characters on the 1980s sitcom?

2. MOVIES: What was the name of the dance song in the movie "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the newest internationally recognized nation in the world?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How big is an Olympic swimming pool?

5. U.S. STATES: What is the state animal of Nevada?

6. ASTRONOMY: What color is the sunset on Mars?

7. HISTORY: When was the Emancipation Proclamation issued?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the offspring of cicadas called?

9. AD SLOGANS: Which auto is advertised as "the ultimate driving machine"?

10. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the novel "Anne of Green Gables"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Music stand is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Curtain is lowered. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is longer.

Answers

1. Prince Edward Island, Canada

2. BMW

3. Nymphs

4. Jan. 1, 1863

5. Blue

6. Desert bighorn sheep

7. and at least 2 meters deep

8. 4. Fifty meters long, 25 meters wide

9. 3. South Sudan (2011)

10. "Time Warp"

1. Rose, Blanche, Dorothy and Sophia

RECIPES

Today's Word

1. Search 2. Venture; solution

3. Caret 4. Rapid

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: C equals L

FCBHW TFICCO CHXFP JHW WZFX

WAMZ. OAS'BF JFITP JHW MIEASW

ZSVF "CABF EFIZ ZFVPFT."

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Americanisms

"They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything."

— Bil Keane

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Answer

Elvis really liked his steak soft. You've heard his famous tune "Love Me Tender."

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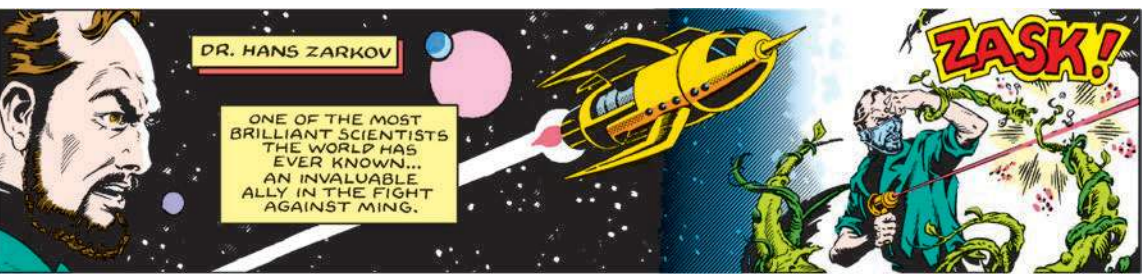
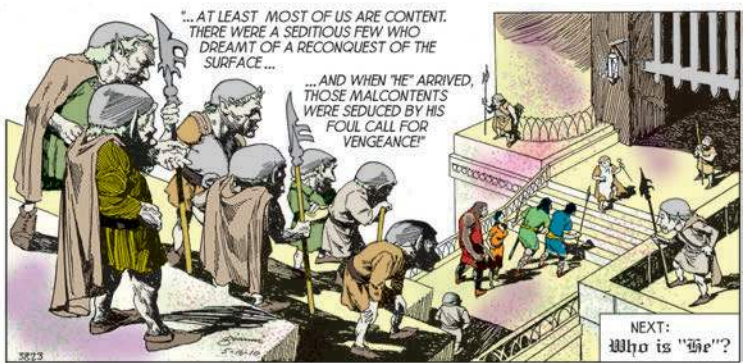
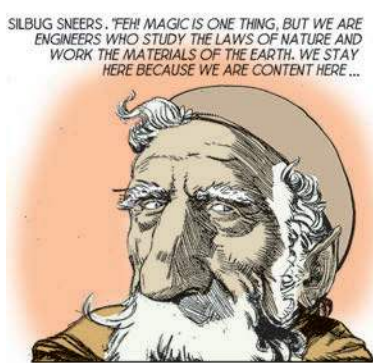
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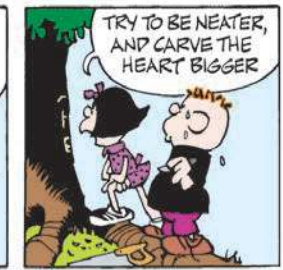
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A MEASURING STICK

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| Bottles | Combs | Food wrap | Toys |
| Bowls | Credit cards | Garden hose | Water pipes |
| Buckets | Cups | Phones | Wiffle ball |
| Chairs | Dolls | Spoons | |

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

LGN VJLLVN OJQRYVBONU,
OGBHN TZHL-BANQNR NXN JH
SVZN KH LGN HAUJQF GNKWNQ
JL FKP NH KL.

— OJVVJKC D. SUXXQL

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The little windflower,
whose just-opened eye is
blue as the spring heaver
it gazes at.
— William C. Bryant

CryptoQuote
answer

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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Dear Dave,
A friend recently mentioned something called impact investing to me. What exactly is this? How do impact investment funds perform, and what do you think about them?

Carson

Dear Carson,
Impact investing generally aims to benefit society, while providing a profit for the investor, by investing in companies, funds and organizations that are aligned with causes, certain values or issues. Think of it as a middle ground between traditional investing and charitable giving, where you can match your investing with your own particular beliefs. It really isn't all that different from investing in traditional mutual funds, except for the goal of the funds.

Since their inception, impact investments have averaged returns of a little less than 6%. That's well below the average return of the S&P 500. Impact investing can do some good, but the truth is it's hard to measure exactly how much good it's doing. If you're going to invest in impact investing funds, you need to make sure you understand exactly how your money is going to help the businesses you invest in, if they're actually doing what they say they're doing, and whether or not they're really making a difference for the better.

As with all investments, it pays to do a lot of research and find an advisor with the heart of a teacher. And never invest in anything if you don't completely understand how it works. Remember, it's your money that's in the mix. Don't feel like the odd man out if you're the only one not joining in on an investment craze your friends are diving into.

Personally, I recommend investing in good, growth stock mutual funds and real estate paid for with cash. And hey, if



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you want to make a difference in the world and still invest the old fashioned way, create room in your budget for charitable giving or saving with the goal of making donations to organizations and causes you care about.

I hope this helps, Carson!

—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 serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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

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 Beginning 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 24

'Anchored' Vacation Bible School

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!

July 31

Outdoor Singing and Weiner Roast

Bread of Life Assembly of God will host an outdoor singing and weiner roast on Saturday, July 31, beginning at 3 p.m. Tommy and Joyce Hodge from Barren Springs and Edith Shumate from Austinville will be guest singers. Public is invited.

August 1

Homecoming

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will be having Homecoming with Dr. Olin M. Whitener, Jr., preaching. His sermon title is "The Lord Is Always Calling Us Home." His scripture reading is Matthew 14:1-21. There will be a catered meal following worship with time for visiting and renewing old friendships!

August 5

American Legion to meet in Radford

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, August 5, 7pm at the VFW Post 776 building in Radford. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

August 10

Sons of Confederate Veterans to meet

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, August 10, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Guest speaker Charlotte Conner will give a talk on "First Battle of Manassas-Unwar-

ranted Deaths of Savable Soldiers". For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

August 15

Ice Cream Social

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will be having an ice cream social on Aug. 15 from 3 to 5 PM.

September 11

Women's Meeting

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a Women of the Church meeting, 10 AM on Sept. 11. Bible Study on EVE business discussion, and light refreshments.

Oct. 9

Porch Concert

The Kellams will be singing, 5-6 PM. at First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO.

Oct. 15

Crafts Fair

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a crafts fair on Oct. 15-16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 6

Church Prayer - Hymn Sing

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a church prayer / hymn sing from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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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