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## School email issue spills over into council meeting

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The ongoing local ruckus over comments made in several emails from Pulaski County School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers to state Department of Education officials spilled over into Tuesday's meeting of Pulaski Town Council.

The comments were discovered recently through a Freedom of Information Act request and were made public via local media and social media pages and at public meetings of the School Board.

Some of Siers' comments were seen by many locally as being disparaging to county citizens and the Sheriff's Office.

Councilman Jamie Radcliffe, a member of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, raised the subject during the council comments pe-

riod of Tuesday's meeting.

Radcliffe said comments made in the emails by Siers were, "Comments everyone here should have taken offense to."

He said he supports the statements made last week by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors in response to Siers' comments.

He called on his representative on the school board, Becki Cox of the Massie District, to "pull that microphone down and take care of that problem."

Radcliffe promised he would be going to school board meetings "from this day forward until the next election."

Councilman Greg East asked if Radcliffe was looking for a motion in support of the Board of Supervisors' letter to the School Board concerning Siers' comments?

Radcliffe said he could get his copy of the letter and council members could support it if they chose.

"I am supporting the Board of Supervisors, my great sheriff and great sheriff's office," he said.

"May I ask a question Jamie," asked Councilman Michael Reis.

"What exactly did he (Siers) say that was wrong and insulted the sheriff's office," Reis asked.

"He personally called out the sheriff in his comment," Radcliffe replied.

"In what comment," Reis asked.

"In the comment he made about..." Radcliffe began to answer.

Reis interrupted, "I've looked at the emails and I don't see any reference to (Sheriff) Mike Wor-

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## Pulaski Council sets new fines for parking violations

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Parking violations in downtown Pulaski now carry stiffer penalties, following action Tuesday by Pulaski Town Council.

Council approved its amended ordinance governing parking violation penalties after town staff re-worded the list of violations and adjusted the penalty amounts.

A vote on the ordinance was tabled last month after Councilman Michael Reis noted some of the wording for violations contained in the ordinance was confusing - to the point citizens might not understand exactly what they were being ticketed for.

It was also noted that fines for nearly all the individual violations were only \$5 and had not been adjusted for years.

Staff returned this month with an ordinance featuring clearly stated violations and increased fines with most being \$25.

The biggest fine on the list is for a handicapped parking zone violation, which carries with it a \$250 fine.

### PARKING VIOLATIONS, FINES

| Violations                                   | Fine  |
|--|-------|
| (1) Parking in prohibited area               | \$25  |
| (2) Parking on a sidewalk                    | \$25  |
| (3) Overtime parking in a loading zone       | \$25  |
| (4) Blocking driveway                        | \$25  |
| (5) Parking over 18 inches from curb         | \$25  |
| (6) Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant | \$25  |
| (7) Overtime parking                         | \$25  |
| (8) Fire lane                                | \$50  |
| (9) No Town decal                            | \$25  |
| (10) Handicapped zone                        | \$250 |
| (11) Parking without a current state license | \$35  |
| (12) Parking on a yellow line                | \$25  |
| (13) Double parked/occupying two spaces      | \$25  |
| (14) Blocking travel lane                    | \$25  |
| (15) In a posted no parking zone             | \$25  |
| (16) Blocking alley                          | \$20  |

Council approved the re-worked ordinance, however, Councilman Lane Penn noted that handicapped zones must be properly marked or illegal parking in them can't be enforced.

Proper marking for a handicapped zone includes on the street markings, but also above grade signage as well that designates the

parking space as a handicapped zone.

The new ordinance is effective now.

### Tribute to Polly Mitchell

Council adopted a resolution honoring the life of Pauline Gatewood "Polly" Mitchell.

The resolution states Mitch-

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# Council

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rell in any of them.”

Radcliffe responded that Siers didn’t mention Worrell by name.

Reis replied, “You said he (Siers) personally called him (Worrell) out.”

Radcliffe argued that “if you talk about the sheriff’s office, you talk about him (Worrell).”

Reis continued, “Here’s the thing that I see. There was a report issued five years ago that said black students in this county were two to four times more likely to be suspended, that students from poor socio-economic and minority backgrounds are under performing in state standards on reading and other state tests. And you might disagree with Dr. Siers – his methods, but I don’t see anything in any of the criticisms of Dr. Siers – besides the fact that he wrote some emails that people didn’t like – actually addressing these underlying issues.

“The county should have a goal, and the town should have a goal of increasing our population. And people by and large are in support in this country, this state and probably in this county even, if you just ask them, whether or not people should be treated with dignity and whether students who are underperforming should receive more attention. Then they say, ‘yes, they

support that.’

“I don’t see in any of the criticisms of Dr. Siers anywhere acknowledgement of those issues. And so, I want to say, since it’s been brought up, there are criticisms of certain emails that Dr. Siers has sent. I think he’s apologized for those, but I think at the end of the day we ought to be addressing these issues because the quality of the education our students are receiving effects their success in life and effects the success of this town and this county.”

Reis added that “if we’re only arguing about whether somebody said something that was offensive, then we’re missing the point.”

He noted that the outcome is not “whether or not we get a new superintendent, the outcome is if we don’t address these issues the state – our regulator – comes in and takes over and no one wants that to happen. We all want to run our own schools and our own school board, and we have to measure up to some minimum standards.”

East said he’s watched numerous hours of school board meetings [on YouTube recordings] and he said he’d never seen anything during the meetings that resembled a Klan meeting.

“I saw our local community come out in opposition to something that they feel very passionate about. At no time did I see it as being racist or anti-anything or anti-anyone. It was very pro-education, very pro-children.

“When you put parents in a position to where they’re going

to have to guard what their children are taught in the school environment, they’re going to have protect their children from things you find offensive, then people are going to be passionate. That’s what this country is about – being passionate. More people need to be passionate about these issues. And quite frankly, I find Critical Race Theory (CRT) to be completely offensive.

“What part of it,” asked Reis.

“It’s divisive,” East responded.

“What part...,” Reis asked.

“I’m not going to argue, I’m going to make this statement,” continued East. “It’s divisive, and the part that is divisive is everybody is very aware of what color they are. I think that is extremely unfortunate. Children aren’t racist by nature. So, teaching young children to be very aware of skin color and you’re either the oppressed or the oppressor is a destructive philosophy and teaching.

“CRT basically undermines everything that this country is founded on. Our founding documents are called into question in CRT. That to me is disgusting.

“So, to sit here, and I realize this isn’t our issue as a board, but as a father in this community it is an issue to me. As a father of a child in the Pulaski County School System I find it offensive.

“I think the fact anyone would try and condone a statement like calling passionate parents or relating them to being at a Klan rally ... I find that offensive. And I find it disgusting.”

# Pulaski obtains \$4.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Town of Pulaski now has some \$4.5 million in grant funds to be used for particular purposes as outlined by the federal government.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham told council on Tuesday that the federal government has been very specific about the uses of the money, which is being made available in response to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

She noted the funds are not part of the town’s operating budget, but will be appropriated as a separate grant fund.

“As we get further guidance as to its uses, we’ll break down the ARPA grant into four specific areas that are identified in the legislation,” Burcham said.

She noted there is a heavy emphasis in the legislation on infrastructure, but limits that infrastructure to water, waste water and storm water.

“We will be able to look at the I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) issue that so many of you all have identified in the past,” she noted. I&I issues occur when ground water and storm water infiltrates the town’s sewer lines, which increases the amount of wastewater the Peppers Ferry Regional Waste Water Treatment Authority plant in Fairlawn must process for the town – causing additional sewer expense.

Burcham said there are funds available to be used to assist small businesses, much as the town did with the Cares Act funds earlier. She noted the town would be looking to assist tourism related activities as well, and, “we’re looking to see what constitutes tourism for our community.”

“I’m hoping things like play-

ground equipment might be interpreted that way,” she added.

“We’re spending a lot of time on Zoom meetings and reading reams of paper on regulations.

“We have a couple years to use this money and actually this is the first of two appropriations. We’ll receive a second one of the same amount about this time next year,” Burcham told council.

“We’re not in a rush to spend it all at once. We want to be very thoughtful about how to spend it to put our community in the best position for the future.”

Burcham said there is “strict accounting and reporting that will be required and justification for each project as we go forward.”

Councilman Greg East suggested some of the funds might be used to mitigate the flooding of Peak Creek. Burcham responded that the flooding issue is being looked at as well.

She said there are certain items that she has already given the go-ahead to order due to the long lead-time for some of them. One, she said, was the replacement of the remaining two filters in the town’s water plant. The town has already replaced two of the filters, but Burcham said replacing the remaining two filters, which council has discussed, “to me this is a no-brainer.”

She said staff would also be looking at the town’s capital budget for things to spend the Rescue Plan money for rather than local capital funds.

She said a list of possible uses for the funds would be presented to council in the future, with possibly a partial list being presented at the council’s work session July 20.

Burcham also said she is look-

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ell was one of the first women elected to serve on Pulaski Town Council, serving three terms. She was also a member of various council committees and served as the town’s representative on the Agency on Aging and Clean Community Council.

Mitchell, the resolution states, was best known for her love of local history and animals. She was active in the New River Valley Historical Society and was a charter member of the Pulaski County Humane Society, along with participating in various community events such as Count Pulaski Day, Pulaskifest and the New River Valley Fair.

Mitchell passed away on Nov. 29, 2020 at the age of 95.

Her daughter, Susan Mitchell, accepted a framed copy of the resolution during Tuesday’s council meeting.

## Support for Minor League Baseball

Council approved a resolution in support of the recently announced Minor League Baseball Relief Act, which was introduced in Congress to assist minor league clubs with COVID-related losses.

The pandemic not only hurt minor league teams, such as Pulaski’s, which had to cancel their 2020 seasons, but also had an adverse effect on businesses that benefit from minor league baseball such as hotels, restaurants and others.

The act will make available some \$550 million in federal grants to minor league clubs.

## November Elections

The day of May municipal elections in Virginia is over.

The General Assembly voted in its most-recent session to approve legislation that all city and town elections held after Jan. 1, 2022 shall be moved to the general election in November.

Terms for those elected would begin on January 1 following the election.

## Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager Darlene Burcham noted she has been on the job in Pulaski for a year now – the last six months as the full-time manager. She spoke well of her time in service to the town and praised the town’s employees.

She also noted that last Saturday’s Fourth of July Parade was a nice event and praised Fire Chief Robbie Kiser and Social Media Manager Jordan Whitt for their work organizing and promoting the parade, both of whom she joked had been “volun-told” for the job.

Whitt spoke up and expressed praise for Pulaski resident John Rupe for his efforts at promoting the event.

# Christiansburg man dies, two from Dublin injured in Giles County crash

At 1:29 p.m. on Thursday (July 1), Virginia State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on Big Stoney Creek Rd just north of Norcross Rd.

A 2015 Ford F-250 was traveling north when it ran off the left side of the road and struck a tree.

The driver, David J. Mitchell, 59, of Christiansburg, Va., died at the scene. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

The front seat passenger, Akeem L. Metz, 37, of Dublin, Va., was transported for treatment of serious injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The back seat passenger, Milton R. Boysaw, 52, of Dublin, Va., was transported for treatment of serious injuries. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

The crash remains under investigation.

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Mike Williams/The Patriot

Susan Mitchell is presented a framed copy of the town’s resolution in her mother’s honor by Mayor Shannon Collins. Her mother, Polly Mitchell was one of the first women ever to serve on Pulaski Town Council.

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# Benefit set July 17 for cancer victim

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

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

The fundraiser will include a hot dog sale, bake sale, silent auction, games, drawings, other con-

cessions and a raffle.

Erin Fisher is organizing the event and anyone needing more information or who wish to make a donation can call Fisher at 540-269-4848.

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

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# Funds

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ing at the possibility of an electric charging station which could potentially be a tourist attraction in bringing people off the interstate.

“People who have electric vehicles often times have services that tell them where those charging stations are. If we could draw people off the interstate to come visit our community for the first time, they could park their car and walk around. That to me is a tourism opportunity,” Burcham said.

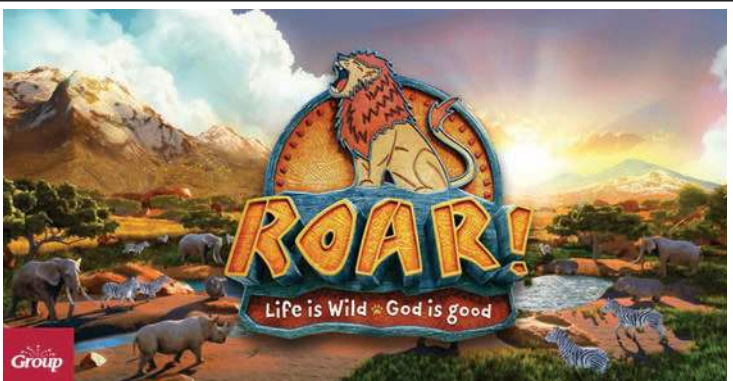
The Virginia Department of Transportation’s 511Virginia.org traffic information website currently lists locations and other

details for alternate fuel stations for travelers.

“We need to be open as to what our thoughts are [to use the money], but you [council] will have ideas as well,” she said.

Councilman Brooks Dawson mentioned the “problem no one could afford to fix,” in the town’s aging water and sewer lines.

Burcham noted there is equipment available that the town hasn’t been able to afford in the past that can detect not only I&I problems, but also water leaks. She said the I&I problem must be fixed by replacing old water and sewer lines.



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**DORIS WALKER-REED**  
Doris Walker-Reed, age 56 of Pulaski passed away Monday, July 5, 2021 at her home. Born January 5, 1965 in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Elden & Donna Walker.

She is survived by her  
Husband - Steven Lee Reed - Pulaski

Children - Brandon (Amber) Sheppard - Missouri, Josh (Sirena) Wright - Pulaski, Melanie (Wayne) David - Dublin, Chase Reed - Pearisburg

Grandchildren - Elizabeth, Xander, David, Atlantis and Parker

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Friday, July 9, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

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

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

## ERNEST "ERNIE" BLACKWELL GARTER, JR.

Ernest "Ernie" Blackwell Garter, Jr., 69, of Pulaski, VA died Thursday night, July 1, 2021 at his home. He was born in Pulaski on September 18, 1951 and was the son of the late Ernest Blackwell Garter, Sr. and Frances Nelson Elliotte Garter. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth "Beth" Lenn Wohlford Garter. He was a retired employee of New River Community College.

Mr. Garter will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

## CHARLES DAVID "DAVE" WALLACE

Charles David "Dave" Wallace, 56, of Dublin, Virginia, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

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



**NICATIE JEAN KNODE**  
Nicatie Jean Knode, age 55 of Pulaski, died peacefully Thursday morning, June 24, 2021 at her residence. She was born on November 12, 1965 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Betty Sue Williams Knode and Walter Bascom "Wally" Knode, Jr.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandparents; Nicatie J. "Nicky" Knode, and Walter B. "Daddy Bat" Knode, Sr.

She is survived by two daughters: Tara Marie Wuchenich and her husband J.T. Kessinger, Jr., and Faith Ann Wright; brothers; Christian Damon Knode, and Kristopher William (fiancé Melissa M. Lee) Knode; sisters; Chastity Burton, and Crystal Knode Hale and her wife Amanda Ragan; Grandchild: Kylee Kessinger, Nieces and Nephews: April Alley, Nick Hurst, Gabriel Christian Knode, Joseph W. Knode, Jamie Cox, Kristen Lewis, Christopher Burton, Hunter Burton, Chandler Payne, Kristopher L. Knode, Christian G. Knode, Xander Knode, and Elaine Knode.

Memorial services will be held Friday, July 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Flowers will be appreciated, but memorials maybe made to the American Cancer Society. A big thank you for so many prayers and love from so many people, and to the angels of Intrepid Hospice. We can never repay them for so much of their love and affection during this tragedy.

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**KAREN JILL RADCLIFF DALTON**

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She leaves behind a sister, Rhonda Sutphin of Dublin; brothers, James (Missy) Radcliff and Mike (Debbie) Radcliff of Pulaski; two grandchildren of North Carolina. Also, many nieces and nephews and Aunt Kaye that kept in touch about Jill's well being for many years.

We extend our appreciation to Berry Hill Nursing & Rehab of South Boston, Va. for the love and care they gave Jill over the many years she resided there.

There will be no services.

*"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."*

John 14: 1-3

## CHARLES VINCENT SURFACE

Charles Vincent Surface, age 67 of Eggleston passed away Saturday morning July 3, 2021 at his home.

Born December 22, 1953 in Montgomery County he was the son of Crystalene Faye Moles and the late Kenneth Randolph Surface.

He is survived by his  
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Austin Vincent Surface - Eggleston  
Brother  
Darrell (Liza Bell) Surface - Radford  
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Tony (Vickey) Moles - Snowville  
Timmy Moles - Pulaski  
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Pansy (Jimmy) Ridpath - Pulaski  
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Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Jimmy Lee

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**LEONA TURNER FAGG**

Leona Turner Fagg, 80, of Pulaski, Va passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2021. Leona was born in Pulaski, VA on December 24, 1940. She is the daughter of the late Richard Kunkel Turner and Georgia Shinault Turner Saul. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Bobby Turner, Rodney Turner, and sisters, Mildred Ellis, Freda Alexander, and Phyllis Germonto.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 59 years, Kenneth Harrell Fagg, daughter and son in law Leigh Ann Fagg Brewster and Todd of Claytor Lake and special daughters and son in laws, Kim Meredith Kirtner and Patrick of Wytheville, Va. and My Meredith-Jubb and T.J. of Bristow, Va, four grandchildren who were the light of her life, Madison and Elliott Brewster, and Meleah and Reed Kirtner. She is also survived by a brother, William R. Turner of TN, and many nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

Leona worked at Coleman Furniture after graduating Pulaski High School in 1958 and then at Pulaski Furniture where she was a loyal employee and executive secretary for over 40 years. She treasured her co-workers and time at Pulaski Furniture and enjoyed reminiscing of the glory days and getting ready for the High Point Furniture Market.

Leona was an avid sports fan. She loved all things Cougars! She especially loved football and watching her grandson, Elliott, play for the Cougars and the VMI Keydets. She also loved watching Meleah and Reed play basketball for the Wytheville Maroons, and was looking forward to trips to ETSU to watch Meleah play. Her favorite spot was sitting on the porch at the lake and listening to her granddaughter Madison singing and playing the guitar. She had a love for reading and always had a book in her hand.

The family received friends and family at Stevens Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 6 for visitation and the funeral service. Interment followed in the mausoleum at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, Va. The Rev. Robert Osborne officiated.

Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski, Va. is serving the Fagg family. Online condolences may be made at [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)

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**DOROTHY "DOT" DONNA JONES PALMER**

Dorothy "Dot" Donna Jones Palmer, age 94 of Pulaski, died peacefully Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Dot was born on December 18, 1926 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Hallie Jane Cline Jones and David Arthur Jones.

Dorothy loved her Lord and Savior and was a "charter" member of Faith Bible Church in Pulaski Va. As a strong witness to her children, Dorothy obtained her GED at the age of 66. She continued to tell people that you were never too old to learn and urged others to continue their education. Dorothy loved to travel and took many trips with Sunshine Tours, Abbott Trailways and her daughters. She was always ready for the next adventure.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband Billy Richard Clark Palmer, a son Frank Crockett. She is survived by her children: Billy (Cindy) Crockett of Louisville, KY, Donna "Jan" Caddell of Monks Corner, SC, Susie (Marvin) Melvin of Dublin, Kathi (Richard) Surber of Pulaski, and Richard (Pam) Palmer of Dublin. Also survived by 11 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and Great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A special friend, Shelby Cole.

Funeral services will be held Friday July 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Bible Church in Pulaski, with the Rev. Jim Linkous officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends on Friday at the church from Noon until 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in her memory to the Faith Bible Church 110 Lagrange Street Pulaski, VA 24301.

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

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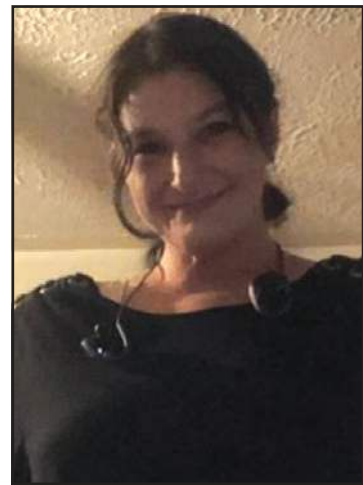
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Price officiating. Interment followed at the Zack Price-James R. Long Memorial Cemetery, Blacksburg.

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

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



## MELISSA FAYE TKACZUK BOWMAN

Melissa Faye Tkaczuk Bowman, age 41 of Pulaski passed away Monday, June 28, 2021 at her home. Born February 4, 1980 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Gerald Joseph Tkaczuk & Faye Annell Owens Worrell.

She is survived by her Children  
Ashley Bowman – Radford  
Daniel Bowman – Pulaski  
Akaus Owens – Blacksburg Brothers  
Timothy Nunn – WV  
Kirk Nunn – Pulaski  
Memorial services will be held 6:00 PM – Monday, July 12, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

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

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

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



## DEBRA DOBSON TONKIN

Debra Dobson Tonkin, age 65 of Gaithersburg, MD, died Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at the Kroontje Health Care Center in Blacksburg. She was born on February 12, 1956 in Pulaski, and is the daughter of Sue Fulton Dobson, and the late Kenneth Jennings Dobson. She was an elementary school teacher at Max Meadows Elementary School and worked as an elementary school teacher in Montgomery County, MD.

Surviving, in addition to her mother Sue Fulton Dobson, is her son: Stephen Tonkin and his wife Stephanie and two Grandsons, Kurt and Louis Tonkin of Denver, CO, her daughter Lexington Tonkin of Gaithersburg,

MD, daughter Sarah Tonkin of Houston, TX, sister Cindy Renner and her husband Bill Renner of Chapel Hill, NC, niece Summer Disher and her husband Adam of Chapel Hill, NC, and grand niece, Kenly Jade Disher of Chapel Hill, NC, and nephew Bryn Renner of Miami, FL.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dublin United Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Shelor officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends on Saturday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

A special thank you is extended to two close family friends, Becky Buckland and Beth Ratcliffe for their help and friendships. The family requests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to Dublin United Methodist Church.

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



## HERBERT RAYMOND CRAIG, JR.

Herbert Raymond Craig, Jr., age 76 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Junior was born July 1, 1944 in Pulaski, Va. He is the son of the late Herbert Raymond Craig, Sr. and Violet Smith Craig. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Linda Craig Back.

He leaves behind his wife of 54 years, Geraldine (Gerri) Mooney Craig, daughter Debbie Craig of Pulaski, VA., son and daughter in law Scott Craig and Anita of Pulaski, VA., two wonderful grandchildren, Justin Tanner Trail and Corie Madison Craig both of Pulaski, VA., brothers James "Ronnie" Craig (Veta) of Max Meadows, VA. and Robert "Bobby" Craig (Debra) of Pulaski, VA., along with several nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

Junior was a proud VETERAN of The United States Army, serving as an Airborne Qualified Cryptographer in the 50th Signal Battalion during the early 60's. After his time served, Junior entered the work force at Radford Army Ammunition Plant, completing over 13 years of service.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at Bower Funeral Home-Chapel Pulaski, VA. with lifelong friend Rev. Johnny Howlett officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, VA. where he was escorted by the Patriot Guard and received full military honors by V.F.W. Post #1184, Pulaski, VA.

The Craig Family is under the great care of Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski, VA. To sign Junior's online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

# 10 Die in holiday crashes

RICHMOND – Virginia is experiencing a disturbing trend on its roadways – increased traffic crash fatalities – with the state on pace to have another unfortunate increase in 2021. Preliminary reports indicate 10 individuals died in traffic crashes on Virginia highways during the July 4 holiday statistical counting period that began at 12:01 a.m. July 2, 2021 and concluded at midnight July 5, 2021. Four of the crashes involved motorcycles and a fifth was an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). Since Jan. 1, 2021 through July 7, 2021, preliminary reports indicate 399 lives have been lost to traffic crashes in Virginia, compared to 395 during the same time period in 2020.

The 10 fatal crashes occurred in the counties of Botetourt, Campbell, Chesterfield, Essex, Fairfax, Mecklenburg, Patrick and Stafford and the City of Newport News. The fatal motorcycle

## Lewis Sheckler, 90 dies in Radford; ran twice for House of Delegates

Lewis R. Sheckler, 90-years-old, went to heaven June 28, 2021. He was a long-time resident of Radford, Va.

Sheckler ran twice for the House of Delegates in the mid-1980's - losing each time to J. Robert "Bob" Dobyns of Dublin.

He was born September 12, 1930, to James and Erma Sheckler. He had two brothers, James (Jim) and Edgar (Ed); and one sister, Esther. Lewis was a Professor of Music at Radford University, loved his Lord, wife, family, nation, and tennis.

He is survived by his children, David Sheckler, Stephen Sheckler (Beverly), and John Sheckler (Annette). He has three grandchildren, Rhianon Gowney (Matt), Amanda McBride (Bobby), and James LaPoint. Lewis also had seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two of his siblings, Ed and Esther.

There will be a Celebration of Life at 2 pm on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Christ Wesleyan Church, 525 Harkrader St., Christiansburg, Va.

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

crashes occurred in the counties of Botetourt, Essex, Fairfax and Stafford. The Patrick County crash involved the ATV.

"Virginia State Police substantially increased our presence on Virginia roadways this past weekend, and yet, we still have people flaunting the safety of others on the road by driving at excessive speeds and under the influence," said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "We are at the height of the summer travel season, which is why we need every Virginian committed to being a safe, responsible driver. Please put as much attention into driving, buckling up and complying with speed limits as you do with planning your summer getaway. You and Virginia's safety depend on it."

## Benefit

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

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

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

Now she is wading through three years' worth of medical bills for treatments, procedures,

During the Operation Crash Awareness Reduction Effort's (C.A.R.E.) four-day statistical counting period, Virginia troopers arrested 61 drunk drivers. In addition, state troopers cited 4,025 speeders and 1,434 reckless drivers, and issued 510 citations to individuals for failing to obey the law and buckle up. During the holiday statistical counting period, Virginia State Police responded to a total 669 traffic crashes statewide and assisted 1,550 disabled/stranded motorists.

Operation C.A.R.E. is a state-sponsored, national program intended to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries due to impaired driving, speed and failing to wear a seat belt.

surgeries, medication – her meds alone are about \$8,000 per month – along with travel and lodging to see specialists. Fortunately, McCoy says her cancer center has extended her a grant to pay for her medications for now.

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

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

If she can reach that goal, McCoy says she would like to have one last long vacation with family to "make some memories that don't involve hospitals, doctors and sickness and taking care of me."

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# Born on the Fourth of July

July 4th has long been celebrated as America’s birthday. The day in 1776 that the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence has been commemorated for generations by fireworks, parades, cookouts, and all manner of festivities.

It is easy to see why when reading the Declaration and its words that changed the world:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The words remain worth celebrating, as does the courage of those who put their names to the document and the soldiers of the Continental Army who fought to make the words real.

But for some notable Americans, July 4th was not just their country’s birthday but their own. Their careers and accomplishments also indicate some of the characteristics of the country we celebrate on Independence Day.

One of the reasons behind the Declaration was to advance an argument for the United States as an equal and independent power based upon the breaching of the social contract to govern by George III and the British government. For that to be true in a cultural and not merely political sense required the genius of individual artists.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, born July 4th, 1804, was one such individual in the field of literature. His short stories and novels such as *The Scarlet Letter* often explored the mindset of his Puritan ancestors who settled his native New England. His originality and interest in exploring

the psychological background that shaped America contributed to the development of our distinct culture. Hawthorne’s work often cast a critical gaze upon his ancestors and the places they settled, such as Salem, Massachusetts, site of the infamous witch trials. In comparison, one can trace a line between where the songwriter and musician Bill Withers, born on July 4th, 1938, grew up and the uplifting spirit of his famous song “Lean on Me.”



**Morgan Griffith**

9th District Representative

Withers was born in Slab Fork, West Virginia and raised in Beckley. Although not without its troubles, the community where his father mined coal left an impression upon him of its virtues, which can be found across our country.

“People helped each other get by,” he remembered. Of his father’s profession specifically, he observed, “Coal miners work together in a very dangerous situation, and they have to have a certain trust in each other.”

It is easy to see how these sentiments might lead to the lyrics of “Lean on Me:”

Lean on me  
When you’re not strong  
And I’ll be your friend  
I’ll help you carry on...

For it won’t be long  
Till I’m gonna need somebody to lean on

An honorary mention for songwriters born on the Fourth of July must be made for George M. Cohan. Although he was actually born on July 3rd, 1878, he liked to say he was born on the Fourth. Whatever the date, the artistic output of this great showman, including songs such as “The Yankee Doodle Boy” and “You’re a Grand Old Flag,” leaves no doubt of his patriotism.

While two presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, famously died on the same Fourth of July (and James Monroe died on that date a few years later), one president, Calvin Coolidge, was actually born on the Fourth of July, in 1872.

He happened to be president during the Declaration’s 150th anniversary. Although remembered as “Silent Cal,” the words he offered in defense of the Declaration on that occasion eloquently counter those who seek to diminish this founding document:

If all men are created equal, that is final. If they are endowed with inalienable rights, that is final. If governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, that is final. . . . If anyone wishes to deny their truth or their soundness, the only direction in which he can proceed historically is not forward, but backward toward the time when there was no equality, no rights of the individual, no rule of the people. Those who wish to proceed in that direction can not lay claim to progress.

Our country may not have always lived up to the words of the Declaration, but there can be no doubt of their power and truth. Of the many reasons to celebrate the Fourth of July, they remain the greatest.

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

# Continental Congress Days of Prayer and Fasting

The currently held belief by some politicians and educators is that the United States of America was not founded on Judeo-Christian principles and that our Founders were not Christians. However, with a little research it is easy to find first-hand evidence (written by the Founders themselves) to the contrary.

The American Revolution was not an arbitrary decision made by a few secular individuals. Rather, it was a difficult, solemn, heart-wrenching internal struggle considered over the course of several years; bathed in prayer and fasting. The colonies joined in national days of prayer and many also held their own additional days of prayer and fasting.

It would appear that the Founders believed the truth from the Biblical passage of 2 Chronicles 7:14 when they called for national repentance, prayer and fasting: “If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Here are some examples of resolutions for days of prayer and fasting that preceded the decision to declare our independence from Great Britain.

# One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Notice who is the author of the May 1774 Resolution!

On May 24, 1774, Thomas Jefferson drafted a Resolution for the House of Burgess for a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer to be observed as the British blockaded Boston’s Harbor. It passed unanimously:

“This House, being deeply impressed with apprehension of the great dangers, to be derived to British America, from the hostile invasion of the City of Boston, in our sister Colony of Massachusetts... deem it highly necessary that the said first day of June be set apart, by the members of this House as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, devoutly to implore the Divine interposition, for averting the heavy calamity which threatens destruction to our civil

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# Lying with a straight face

By Cal Thomas,  
Tribune Content Agency

All politicians tell lies, but the Biden-Harris administration is taking lies to a new level. They now want us to disbelieve what we can see.

To paraphrase a quote attributed to the 19th-century British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, there are lies, damn lies ... and then there is Vice President Kamala Harris.

More than 90 days after being tasked to stem the record flow of migrants into the U.S., Harris finally went to the southern border, falsely claiming, “We’ve made progress.” She visited El Paso, Texas, while the real problem is in the Rio Grande Valley. Clearly, neither she nor her handlers wanted pictures of people wading, walking and jumping fences to get into the U.S. with her there.

Instead, Harris found a safe place where she talked with border control officers, who have been overwhelmed by migrants in places where she was not. Predictably, she blamed the Trump administration for causing the problem when, in fact, Trump claimed to be on the way to a solution. Trump and a few House Republicans are scheduled to visit the border on Wednesday, leading some to wonder if Harris was trying to upstage him.

Texas Republican Governor Greg Abbott said the real problems along the border are less in El Paso than in areas not protected by the unfinished border wall. Abbott said Harris would “fail in her mission if she refuses to speak to residents of the Del Rio sector whose homes and ranches are being overrun by gangs and smugglers.”

Abbott has pledged a \$250 million “down payment” to resume construction of the wall. Governors in Florida, Arizona and Nebraska have dispatched law enforcement officers to Texas to support local officers and the border patrol.

What frustrates and contributes to the anger many Americans feel toward their

government is that solutions exist, but many politicians refuse to apply them. Recent TV interviews with migrants have shown they were motivated to come because they believed President Biden is making it easier for them to be admitted.

Harris’ recent speech in which she said, “do not come, do not come” had about as much credibility as Bill Clinton’s denial of sex with Monica Lewinsky.

There are critics who say this is part of a plan by Democrats to “import” new voters and make the party a permanent majority. That may be part of it, but I suspect another reason is to undermine the values and traditions that built and have sustained this country from the beginning. There are those secular progressives who speak and behave as if they hate America and would be happy to see it brought down to the level of other countries or destroyed outright. What better way to do this than to dilute those values and traditions by importing foreigners?

We see this dilution occurring at many levels, including culture, language, behavior, media, and academia. Anyone who objects is labeled with an unending stream of pejoratives. It is why many remain silent or flee in fear from the battlefield. Recent challenges to school board members at public meetings over what is being taught in some public schools gives hope that increasing numbers of Americans are fed up and are now pushing back.

The ultimate push-backer is Donald Trump. His visit to that part of the border where the largest number of migrants are coming across will help focus on the Biden administration’s failure to deal with it and Harris’ meaningless visit to El Paso, which is not “the new Ellis Island,” as Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-Texas) called it.

Better to call it one of several “invasion crossings.”

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



Rich Lowery

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# Trumps huge decision

Sometime in 2023, Donald Trump will presumably make the most momentous decision by a single person affecting the fate of the Republican Party in decades.

He will decide whether to run for president again, and that will determine who’s the frontrunner (Trump, if he’s a go) and the contours of the race.

If Trump runs, he will, one assumes, blot out the sun. Everything will be about him -- his record, his pronouncements, his animosities. Much of the conservative mass media will get on board, while the mainstream media -- inadvertently aiding him, yet again -- will be even more intensely hostile.

The choice between this and a more “normal” nomination battle is Trump’s alone.

Perhaps not since Dwight Eisenhower turned aside Harry Truman’s entreaties to run for president as a Democrat and threw his hat in the ring as a Republican has someone had such “yea or nay” influence over the nation’s politics.

Trump’s continued sway has been a boon to his most hard-core cadre, but it is a problem for Trumpism, at least if that term is to mean anything more than personal loyalty to him. In particular, his staying power risks overshadowing and distorting the development of the populist wing of the party, which should be about more than “Stop the Steal” and adherence to one man, even if that man has defied political gravity.

Trump lost last November and contributed more than his share to the Georgia Senate losses that have added trillions of dollars to what Joe Biden can plausibly spend.

He no longer has any formal power, whereas six months ago he could move aircraft carrier groups.

He’s off social media and is not nearly as omnipresent on traditional media as when he was holding impromptu press conferences on his way to Marine One.

And yet, his grip on the party has barely loosened, if at all.

Why? Most important, he avoided the stigma of a loser by falsely claiming he really won.

He connected with his voters at a cultural level deeper than any of his policies, creating an enduring bond.

His voters still think he’s the only one who truly gets the threat from the left, and the only one willing to fight with the requisite ferocity.

Finally, they think Trump is being persecuted by social media companies and worry they could be next.

The lesson of the defenestration of Liz Cheney is that you can’t run headlong into these sentiments and expect to survive in leadership.

Mitch McConnell, who has made his disdain for Trump clear, has taken the more prudent course of declining to elaborate on his well-known views, and isn’t going anywhere.

But there’s no doubt that what

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rights...Ordered, therefore that the Members of this House do attend...with the Speaker, and the Mace, to the Church in this City, for the purposes aforesaid; and that the Reverend Mr. Price be appointed to read prayers, and the Reverend Mr. Gwatkin, to preach a sermon.”

When Lord Dunmore, Royal Governor of Virginia heard of the Resolution, he dissolved the House of Burgesses, closing the doors on their proceedings. However, that proved to be the catalyst for forming the First Continental Congress, which met in the Raleigh Tavern to continue their proceedings.

George Washington kept a personal diary and entered this in response to the call for prayer and fasting: June 1, 1774 which was the first day the British blockaded the Boston harbor: “No to church, fasted all day.”

The opening day of the First Continental Congress began with a Resolution for prayer. They appointed the Rev. Jacob Duche of Christ Church in Philadelphia to pray on September 7, 1774. Here is that powerful prayer:

“O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on

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it means to be a populist in the Trump mode is overly determined by Trump himself.

Until recently, Elise Stefanik was a moderate Republican from New York state. She became the alternative to Cheney for the party’s populists by toeing the line on Stop the Steal, an issue that isn’t liberal, conservative or populist, but pure Trump.

The Trump effect is stark in Ohio Republican politics. One would think Rep. Anthony Gonzalez, a featured speaker last year at an event of the populist policy shop American Compass, would have more populist credibility than Senate primary candidate Josh Mandel, a run-of-the-mill establishment Republican. Yet Gonzalez voted to impeach Trump, so Mandel is

the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.”

In 1875, the Library of Congress produced a placard that summarized various reports from the founders on the impact that this first prayer had on the Continental Congress. It reads, “Washington was kneeling there, and Henry, Randolph, Rutledge, Lee, and Jay, and by their side there stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan Patriots of New England, who at that moment had reason to believe that an armed soldiery was wasting their humble households. It was believed that Boston had been bombarded and destroyed...They prayed fervently ‘for America, for Congress, for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially for the town of Boston,’ and who can realize the emotion with which they turned imploringly to Heaven for Divine interposition and—‘It was enough’ says Mr. Adams, ‘to melt a heart of stone. I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, Pacific Quakers of Philadelphia.”

On April 15, 1775, just four days before the Battle of Lexington, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, led by John Hancock, declared: “In circumstances dark as these, it becomes us, as men and Christians, to reflect that, whilst every prudent measure should be taken to ward off the impending judgments...the 11th of May next be set apart as a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer...to confess the sins...to implore the Forgiveness of all our Transgression.”

On April 19, 1775, in a Proclamation of a Day of Fasting and Prayer, Connecticut Governor Jonathan Trumbull beseeched that: “God would graciously pour out His Holy Spirit on us to bring us to a thorough repentance and effectual reformation that our iniquities may not be our ruin; that He would restore, preserve and secure the liberties of this and all the other British American colonies, and make the land a

earning populist points by calling him a “traitor.”

On the other hand, another likely Senate candidate, J.D. Vance, who represents a sincere, thought-through populism, will have to answer for his lack of enthusiasm for Trump in 2016.

If Trump does decide to run, even if he’s less dominant than advertised, he’ll squeeze out potential candidates like Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley, who are most determined to run as his direct successors.

They, like most everyone else in the party, will have to hold their breath until Trump comes down one way or the other in 2023.

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

mountain of Holiness, and habitation of righteousness forever.”

On June 12, 1775, less than two months after the Battles of Lexington and Concord, where was fired “the shot heard ‘round the world,” the Continental Congress, under President John Hancock, declared: “Congress... considering the present critical, alarming and calamitous state... do earnestly recommend, that Thursday, the 12th of July next, be observed by the inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this Continent, as a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, that we may with united hearts and voices, confess and deplore our many sins and offer up our joint supplications to the All-wise, Omnipotent and merciful Disposer of all Events, humbly beseeching Him to forgive our iniquities...It is recommended to Christians of all denominations to assemble for public worship and to abstain from servile labor and recreations of said day.”

Also on On July 12, 1775, in a letter to his wife Abigail, explaining the Continental Congress’ decision to declare a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, John Adams wrote: “We have appointed a Continental fast. Millions will be upon their knees at once before their great Creator, imploring His forgiveness and blessing; His smiles on American Council and arms.”

On July 19, 1775, the Continental Congress’ Journals recorded: “Agreed, The Congress meet here to morrow morning, at half after 9 o’clock, in order to attend divine service at Mr. Duche’s Church; and that in the afternoon they meet here to go from this place and attend divine service at Doctor Allison’s church.”

Anyone can log into the Library of Congress, the Congressional Record, Senate.gov, History.com, Wallbuilders.com, etc. and locate resources confirming our nation’s Judeo-Christian principles. One of the best compilations of evidence of Christian foundations in America can be found in William Federer’s research and books, the most recent being “Miracles in American History”.

I urge all Christians to become more familiar with the Christian foundations of our nation! As the assaults increase on our Judeo-Christian principles, we will need truth and knowledge to correct the mis-information being propagated through media, political leadership and our education system.

Take these words of Thomas Jefferson to heart: “A well informed citizenry is the best defense against tyranny.”

# Gun rights group warns against new Virginia gun laws

By Tyler Arnold

(The Center Square) – A gun rights group is highlighting concerns about several new Virginia gun laws that went into effect July 1, which will restrict the locations where a person can legally carry a firearm.

“The only people who abide by gun-free zones are law-abiding citizens, and these laws turn good people into soft targets,” John Crump, the Virginia director of Gun Owners of America, told The Center Square. “If gun-free zones worked, then all we would have to do is put up ‘no guns allowed’ signs to stop all crime, but clearly, that approach has failed miserably.”

With the laws now in effect, people will be prohibited from open and concealed carry of firearms at the Richmond State Capitol and surrounding areas. Gun rights supporters had routinely held peaceful armed demonstrations on capitol grounds annually. Last year, Gov. Ralph Northam used his executive authority to ban firearms on its grounds during the protest, which led hundreds of armed demonstrators to protest on streets and sidewalks to comply with the law.

A separate law prohibits firearms within 40 feet of a polling location with a few exceptions. A qualified or retired law-enforcement officer will still be allowed to carry a firearm, as will a licensed armed security officer performing his duty within those boundaries. A person who possesses a weap-

on on his own property, if it falls within the boundary, will also be exempt.

Another law allows local school boards to label property it owns and leases as gun-free zones if board members regularly meet there.

Violating the new gun free zones would subject the offender to a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable up to 12 months in jail and/ or up to a \$2,500 fine. Each of these bills received support from Democratic leaders, but were strongly opposed by Republican leaders.

“These new laws are not about making us safer because they won’t,” Crump said. “They are about enacting laws that are based upon a fundamental hatred for the right to bear arms. Gun Owners of America and Virginia gun owners will spare no expense and no effort to fight these anti-freedom and anti-liberty laws.”

A law prohibiting those convicted of domestic abuse from buying or possessing a firearm has also gone into effect. The ban expires after three years of the conviction, at which point the person’s gun rights are restored.

The bills, which were passed in 2021, came after Democratic lawmakers passed sweeping gun control laws in the 2020 legislative session. Some of those changes include red-flag laws, restrictions on handgun purchases, expanded background checks and reporting requirements for lost or stolen firearms.

# Expanded child care subsidy extended

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam this week announced that Virginia families with young children will have improved access to quality, affordable child care through an extension of the expanded Child Care Subsidy Program.

Earlier this year, Governor Northam signed House Bill 2206, sponsored by Speaker Eileen Miller-Corn, which established a new short-term eligibility category for parents seeking financial assistance for child care while looking for employment and temporarily increased the income eligibility cri-

teria through July 31, 2021.

The Governor has directed the Virginia Department of Education to use existing federal funding to continue covering co-payments for families through December 31, 2021.

“Access to high-quality child care is not only critical to the health and safety of Virginia’s children, but it is also important for advancing a strong, equitable recovery,” said Governor Northam. “Extending these resources through the end of 2021 will help close the affordability gap for parents.”



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# Public invited to conversation on equity in Pulaski County Schools

A group of community members, parents, and ministers is inviting the general public to attend a community conversation on equity in Pulaski County Public Schools on Sunday, July 11 from 2-4pm at Pulaski's First United Methodist Church Family Life Center (135 4th Street, parking lot across 3rd St. from the County Administration Building). This event is not sponsored by or affiliated with the Pulaski County School Board or the School System. Childcare will be provided; pre-registration is required. (See below for information on how to sign up.)

The Rev. Will Shelton, pastor of the First United Methodist Church which will host the event, describes the purpose of the meeting: "A school board meeting serves many purposes, but creating space for a good conversation might not be the thing it's best at. This community gathering is intended to promote meaningful and safe conversations about the various

issues surrounding equity in our local schools."

"When I learned that Black students in Pulaski County are 2-4 times more likely to be suspended and that Black, Latino and low income students tested significantly lower than other students, I felt compelled to work to address the root causes of these inequities," said Colette Hash, a member of the conversation's ad hoc planning committee.

Reflecting on her vision for the conversation, planning committee member Jeannette Sheffey said, "In spite of the soundbytes captured in news reports and social media commentary, I believe the vast majority of Pulaski County residents care about all of our County's children. I also believe that if we can come together and discuss our different concerns or explore the complexities of educational justice, we can figure out ways that our community can support all of our children so that they all feel

safe and supported at school."

"At the heart of the school system's equity mission is a commitment to help all children and youth succeed through their public education opportunities - intellectually, socially, and emotionally," added Terrie Sternberg. "This is a commitment I affirm and support because inequity always needs addressing if we are to mutually flourish as a community."

In addition to Shelton, Hash, Sheffey, and Sternberg, the ad hoc planning committee for this community meeting includes Kendall Payne, Gary Hash II, Tom England, Rebecca Scheckler, and Jill Williams.

Community members interested in joining this conversation can sign up by emailing [pulaskiconv@gmail.com](mailto:pulaskiconv@gmail.com), calling 540-509-0808, or visiting the Facebook page "Community Conversations about Equity in Pulaski County."

## Count Pulaski DAR names its award winners for 2020-21



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## Airport funds announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine announced \$2,168,854 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide infrastructure improvements to six of the Commonwealth's airports.

Funding Will Go Toward Airports in Franklin, Leesburg, Petersburg, Ashland, Jonesville, and Dublin

"We are glad to see these federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan being put to good use," said the Senators. "This funding will enable the Commonwealth's airports to continue supporting travelers and encourage economic opportunities for the surrounding regions."

This funding was awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which Senators Warner and Kaine voted to pass in March. The legislation included significant funding to help Virginia's airports continue delivering crucial supplies to the Commonwealth.

New River Valley Airport in Dublin will receive a grant of \$500,000 to update the airport's master plan and airport layout plan to help better address issues and goals for future development.



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# PADS Made My Dad's Life & Our Life Better

Please help save Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center in Dublin. We want more families to be helped and use the life-changing services offered by Pulaski Adult Day Service. Their services made all the difference in our family's life.

This wonderful local resource is in danger of closing forever after being closed for a year due to COVID-19. They are a non-profit trying to re-open and need participants, funding (they get no financial support from Pulaski County, Town of Pulaski, Dublin, nor the state or federal government), and help with a number of needs including computer/tech support, handy-work and landscaping.

Thanks to Pulaski Adult Day Service, we were able to care for my Dad, Gerald Schluter at home for a lot longer than we would have on our own. It was my husband Keith's idea that Dad move in with us after my Mom died in

2011. In the beginning, Dad easily smiled, played Scrabble, watched the grandkids, and went to see them act in shows.

Things dramatically changed as his mild cognitive impairment developed into dementia. As his dementia progressed, he couldn't be left alone. When we were struggling with how to manage Dad's care, we found Pulaski Adult Day Service. Dad went there for meals, care, social programs, exercise, etc. Even though it wasn't covered by Medicare, it was reasonably priced (only \$70 a day). Founder and director nurse Linda Davis and her compassionate, kind staff became like family.

Dad was a participant at Pulaski Adult Day Service for three years. While we were at work and school, we had the peace of mind knowing that Dad was safe and enjoying himself at Pulaski Adult Day Service. He started out going a few days a week, then he went five days a week (Monday-Fri-

day) from 9 am-5 pm. Dad really liked "his program" as he called it. Dad participated in meaningful activities and spent time outside. It reminded me of summer camp with music, games, dance, exercise, gardening and crafts. He even held baby sheep and a pygmy goat! The program's parakeets "Butter" and "Blue" also provided entertainment. My Dad's quality of life was greatly enriched. The ladies at the center even said that Dad was a pretty good dancer ... Dad also had a big smile in all of the program's pictures of their activities.

Because my dad's needs got too great and he wasn't safe at home, we decided to move him into an area memory care unit, so he stopped going to Pulaski Adult Service on Nov. 27, 2019.

When we look back, his dementia was getting worse, however, he rapidly declined when he no longer went to Pulaski Adult Day Service and no longer lived in our home. It was so sad to see how much he changed in this memory care unit where he fell frequently and didn't get the care he needed.

After one month, we moved Dad out of this facility due to our negative experience, and we moved Dad into a private care home setting. My Dad died one month later on Jan. 23, 2020, just two months after moving out of our home and leaving Pulaski Adult Day Service.

Dad's life was so much better, as was ours, when he lived with us at home and went to Pulaski

Adult Day Service. We couldn't have kept Dad home for as long as we did without this program. We will always have a special place in our hearts for Pulaski Adult Day Service. We will be forever grateful to Linda, all of the staff, volunteers, supporters, Master Gardeners, and Board for making this program happen. We hope and pray that it will open again and stay open. We thank them for being kind to my Dad, for taking the time to wait patiently for my Dad to join in the conversation, for sharing their stories and listening to his stories, for their smiles, and for creating a caring, loving,

friendly, open, clean, bright, welcoming, positive, supportive, and encouraging family-like setting for my Dad and for all the participants.

We want your loved ones to have this kind of care and positive experience, if needed. Please know that your loved one will be well-cared for and you will be making a positive, life-changing decision for you, as a caregiver, and for your loved one becoming a participant at Pulaski Adult Day Service. They care about all of you.

Submitted by Debbie, Keith, Blake, and Darcey Bauer

## Zucchini and Squash Galore!

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

Many individuals end up with a surplus of zucchini and squash at the end of their garden harvest. Both vegetables are great additions to soups, salads, omelets, and any stir-fry. Not only do they add texture to your dishes, but they provide a variety of nutritional benefits.

Zucchini is rich in manganese, potassium, vitamin K, and vitamin A. It also has a high concentration of antioxidants, which are plant compounds that help protect your body from damage caused by free radicals. Both

vegetables are high in water and fiber, while being low in calories. Squash is high in vitamin A as well but also rich in folate and phosphorus.

If you still find that you have more than enough to eat, preserving them is the next best thing! By washing, cutting, and freezing them, you can keep them for the cold winter months when they are harder to find. You can also prepare them in sauces or soups and pressure can them to have as easy meal options for later.

Both vegetables can be incorporated into almost any dish and offer great health benefits, so be sure to try them in your next meal!

## July Saturday Art Cafe for children, adults on tap

Pulaski – The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley invite you to join us for our monthly "Second Saturday Art Café" offerings. For children, we have free art kits for "Making Faces," inspired by the art of Kimmy Cantrell. Our monthly parent pick-up kits can be picked up at the Fine Arts Center between 10am and Noon on Saturday, July 10. First-time recipients: kindly register for your child's kit on our website: [www.facnrv.org/second-saturday-art-cafe-registration](http://www.facnrv.org/second-saturday-art-cafe-registration) or call us at 540-980-7363.

New in July: we are offering the children's art café project as a 2-part class on July 17 and 24 (10am-12pm) with a limit of 10 children on first-come, first-

served registration. Go to our [facnrv.org](http://facnrv.org) website to register for this in-person class for children ages 6 and up. The classes will be led by Rhonda Whitehurst.

Our adult class, July 10, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, will be led by Dr. Kim Lewis on batik art on fabric. All needed supplies are included with the class fee of \$32 (15% discount for Fine Arts Center Members. For more information and to register, go to [facnrv.org/classes](http://facnrv.org/classes). Workshop location: 21 W. Main Street, Pulaski, VA. We will be following social distancing guidelines, so class size is limited – register early!

For more information, contact the Fine Arts Center at 540/980-7363 or [info@facnrv.org](mailto:info@facnrv.org).

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Delilah is a 1-2 year old Hound mix. She's playful and has tested well with other dogs. She weighs approximately 40 pounds and will need to be spayed and brought up to date on a Rabies Vaccine.



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# Gubernatorial candidates seek to define themselves

By DOUGLAS KRONAIZL  
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Campaigns for Terry McAuliffe (D) and Glenn Youngkin (R) in the election for governor of Virginia released new ads shortly after the major-party nominating contests came to a close in recent weeks.

Following Youngkin's nomination on May 10, former Gov. McAuliffe released an ad titled "Virginia Forward" where he compared Youngkin to former President Donald Trump (R), saying, "Youngkin wants to bring Trump's extremism to Virginia." McAuliffe went on to say he would defend policies from his administration including the

expansion of Medicaid, protections for reproductive rights, and the expansion of voting rights.

After McAuliffe won the Democratic primary on June 8, Youngkin released an ad titled "Time For Change" featuring one of McAuliffe's Democratic primary opponents, former Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy, criticizing the former governor's tenure. At the end of the ad, Youngkin described himself as "a new kind of leader to bring a new day to Virginia." A second ad – "A New Day" – reiterated this theme with Youngkin saying he would create jobs, improve education, and make communities more safe.

Two satellite groups – the Democratic Governors Association (DGA) and the Republican

Party of Virginia (RPV) – also released ads following the nomination contests. The DGA associated Youngkin with Trump and said his main priority was, "telling the same Big Lie Trump tells about the last election and trying to restrict your right to vote in the next." The RPV's ad used a speech given by McAuliffe interspersed with a series of news clips from the previous eight years on topics including rates of violent crime, changes to public school curricula, and a transportation company's decision to move out of Virginia.

A recent poll of 550 likely voters shows a close race. The poll, commissioned by CNaNalytics and conducted by JMC Analytics, showed McAuliffe receiving

support from 46% of respondents to Youngkin's 42%, a difference within the poll's ± 4.2 margin of error. The remaining 12% of the respondents were either undecided or did not respond. No third party candidates were included in the poll, though at least one candidate, Princess Blanding (I), will also appear on the general election ballot.

Every four years, the Virginia gubernatorial election is one of the first major statewide elections following the presidential election. Since 1977, the state has elected a governor from the opposite party of the president in every election except for 2013 when McAuliffe was elected governor following Barack Obama's (D) re-election. In more recent

years, Democrats have won four of the five most recent gubernatorial elections and all thirteen statewide elections in Virginia since 2012.

The gubernatorial election will determine Virginia's trifecta status. Virginia became a Democratic trifecta in 2019 for the first time since 1994 after Democrats won majorities in the House of Delegates and the state Senate. A McAuliffe victory could continue the Democratic trifecta if Democrats also retain a majority in the House of Delegates.

A Youngkin victory would make Virginia a divided government since the Democrat-controlled Senate is not holding elections this year.

## 2 women vie to make history as Virginia lieutenant governor

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — It's been nearly three decades since Virginia's only woman to win a statewide race held political office.

That drought will end in November when voters decide whether Democratic Del. Hala Ayala or former Republican legislator Winsome Sears will be their next lieutenant governor. Either will make history as the first woman of color to serve statewide.

In interviews this week, after Ayala's win in the Democratic primary Tuesday, both Democratic and Republican women expressed excitement about the race and frustration that it's taken so long to get here.

"I'm thrilled we will be saying 'Madam President' come next year," Republican state Sen. Siobhan Dunnivant said, referring to how the staid chamber addresses the lieutenant governor who oversees it.

The lone female statewide officeholder in Virginia's long history is Democrat Mary Sue Terry, who served as attorney general from 1986 to 1993.

"If a UFO came and stayed long enough to observe our situation, one gender has most of the power

and the majority is second-class," Terry said during a recent speech at a museum event, the Martinsville Bulletin reported. "There is something wrong with this picture."

Barring some extraordinary turn of events, this year's race will pit Ayala, a cybersecurity specialist who launched her political career in 2017 in response to the election of Donald Trump, against Sears, a Marine veteran who has made history as a woman in politics before. Each has cast the other as a radical or extremist.

Sears, who won the GOP nomination at a convention last month, got her start in elected office in 2001 when she stunned both parties by defeating a 10-term Democrat in an overwhelmingly blue district to become the first Black Republican woman elected to the House of Delegates.

She served just one term before deciding not to seek reelection. After moving, she unsuccessfully challenged U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott in a race The Associated Press described as "a campaign of raw invective."

She went on to serve on the State Board of Education and more

recently as the national chair of an organization dedicated to re-electing Trump. She's also led a men's prison ministry and served as director of a women's homeless shelter.

The 57-year-old who immigrated to the United States from Jamaica in 1970 when she was 6 describes herself in part as "Christian. Wife. Mother," in her Twitter bio.

Sears lives in the Winchester area, where she runs an appliance, plumbing and electric company. She will join GOP gubernatorial nominee Glenn Youngkin and attorney general nominee Jason Miyares on their party's ticket.

Staunchly conservative, Sears generally opposes abortion rights and gun control, and would support overhauling education funding to increase school choice.

In an interview Friday, she seemed unfazed about the possibility of making history again in November.

"Once you win, it's history. What matters is going forward. What do you do with the office now that you have it? I'm going to be focusing on education," she said.

Lieutenant governor, a position first in the line of succession to the governor, mainly involves presiding over the procedural flow of bills through the Senate and breaking tied votes, though the job can also be used to advocate on policy issues.

The role is often a stepping stone to higher office, and with the Senate closely divided, it's an important one. Outgoing Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax has broken ties on a number of bills of significance, including Medicaid expansion and marijuana legalization.

Ayala, a 48-year-old mother of two whose campaign said she was not available for an interview, will be looking to keep the position in Dem control for a third term.

She won Tuesday's competitive six-way primary, boosted by the support of much of the Democratic establishment, including endorsements from House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn and Gov. Ralph Northam.

In a statement after her victory, Ayala emphasized her personal story, including her father's death to gun violence and a harrowing pregnancy during which she relied on Medicaid for health care.

"I understand the struggles so many Virginia families face because I've lived them," she said.

Ayala, who is of Afro-Latina, Irish and Lebanese heritage, worked at a gas station while pregnant with her son before getting a college degree and starting a career in cybersecurity. She ran for delegate after helping organize the Women's March on Washington after Trump's election in 2016. She defeated a four-term incumbent, Rich Anderson, who now chairs the Republican Party of Virginia. She beat him again in 2019 when he challenged her.

She supports abortion rights and campaigned on a promise to expand paid family leave and tighten gun control laws. Filler-Corn said Ayala is smart and "fearless," with a collaborative approach.

"Hala Ayala is closer to shattering one of the highest glass ceilings in Virginia elected office, which would be a triumph for the entire Latino community," Nathalie Rayes, Latino Victory Fund president & CEO, said.

There will still be one woman in the marquee race: Princess Blanding, who is running as an independent, qualified to be on the ballot.

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## Thorn Spring Ladies Retain the Cup

The Thorn Spring ladies golf team won the Benston Cup trophy for the 3rd year in a row July 6th at Draper Valley Golf Course. The cup goes to the league winner of the Blue Ridge Ladies Golf Association which is made up from area golf teams from Wytheville, Blue Ridge, Blacksburg, Great Oaks, and Thorn Spring. Play is throughout June and July at each course for players to earn team points and develop a target score. The ladies matched up against one another at this neutral site for a final tournament to determine the winner. The Bentson Cup trophy was started in honor of Mr. W.S. Benston from Wytheville who was instrumental in forming the Blue Ridge Golf Association in 1952. Pictured here are (Back row): Linda Dickerson, June Washburn, Margaret Mullins, Gina Patton, Joyce Owen, Kathy Waller, Melissa Stump, Patsy Chaffin; (Front Row): Diana Nunley, Dee Dee Overstreet, Martha Thomas.



## 6 ACC schools in Learfield IMG standings

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Six ACC schools are ranked among the top 25 of the final Division I Learfield IMG College Directors’ Cup standings announced Friday. North Carolina finished fourth with 1,126.25 points – just .25 out of third place. Virginia (11th), Notre Dame (14th), Florida State (16th), Duke (21st) and NC State (23rd) completed the ACC’s top-25 contingent. Three schools among the ACC’s top 25 – North Carolina (field hockey), Virginia (women’s swimming & diving and men’s lacrosse) and Notre Dame (fencing) – were buoyed by at least one NCAA championship during the 2020-21 academic year. Boston College added a fifth ACC national championship in women’s lacrosse, and ACC student-athletes claimed 20 individual NCAA titles.

Ten ACC schools finished among the final top 50, with Virginia Tech placing 32nd, followed by Clemson (36th), Louisville (40th) and Georgia Tech (44th).

Wake Forest (54th), Miami (62nd), Syracuse (64th), Pitt (73rd) and Boston College (74th) followed, placing all 15 ACC member institutions among the top 75.

The Learfield IMG Directors’ Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution’s finish in NCAA Championships.

This marks the 19th consecutive year that four or more ACC schools placed among the top 30 in the final rankings. North Carolina and Virginia are among two of only 12 schools nationally to rank in the top 30 in each of the 27 years the Directors’ Cup has been conducted.

In the league’s 68-year history, ACC institutions have captured 166 team national championships and 347 individual NCAA titles.

Complete standings and the scoring structure for the Division I Learfield IMG College Directors’ Cup can be found at [www.directorscup.org](http://www.directorscup.org). In addition, please visit [www.thedirectorscup.com](http://www.thedirectorscup.com) and Twitter @ldirectorscup.

## NASCAR heads for Atlanta again

From NASCAR

Slipping and sliding will be what the NASCAR Cup Series drivers will be preparing for as they get set to take on the NASCAR Cup Series’ oldest surface (last repave was in 1997) this Sunday, July 11 at Atlanta Motor Speedway for the Quaker State 400 presented by Walmart on NBCSN, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio at 3:30 p.m. ET. This weekend’s Quaker State 400 presented by Walmart will be the 115th running of a NASCAR Cup Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway and the second this season.

Atlanta Motor Speedway is a 1.54-mile paved oval located in Hampton, Georgia just south of Atlanta. Originally called Atlanta International Raceway, the track was then a 1.5-mile paved speedway. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Atlanta was on July 31, 1960, won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Fireball Roberts

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## River Turtles take over top spot

The Pulaski River Turtles went into the Appalachian League’s three-day break with a big win to take over first place in the East Division.

Princeton WhistlePigs watched the game slip away early and couldn’t recover in a 13-7 loss to Pulaski River Turtles on Sunday. Pulaski River Turtles scored on a home run by Jackson Beamon in the first inning and a home run by Garrett Rice in the second inning.

Princeton WhistlePigs collected eight hits and Pulaski River Turtles led 17 in the high-scoring affair.






Pulaski River Turtles pulled away for good with two runs in the second inning. In the second Rice homered on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs.

Pulaski River Turtles scored five runs in the third inning. Pulaski River Turtles batters contributing to the big inning included Ryan Johnson, Mark Trotta, and Evan Minarovic, who all drove in runs.






Paco Hernandez got the win for Pulaski River Turtles. The pitcher allowed five hits and four runs over six innings, striking out three. Joan Jesus Gonzalez, Blake Burzell, and Carter Lyles all put in work in relief out of the bullpen, steering their team towards the

East

Standings as of July 7

| Club  | W  | L  | T | PCT  | GB  | Home  | Away  | Streak |
|---|----|----|---|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|
|  Pulaski River Turtles   | 16 | 11 | 0 | .593 | -   | 6-6   | 10-5  | W2     |
|  Princeton WhistlePigs   | 15 | 11 | 0 | .577 | 0.5 | 6-7   | 9-4   | L3     |
|  Bluefield Ridge Runners | 12 | 15 | 0 | .444 | 4   | 6-8   | 6-7   | L1     |
|  Danville Otterbots      | 12 | 15 | 0 | .444 | 4   | 7-7   | 5-8   | W2     |
|  Burlington Sock Puppets | 10 | 15 | 2 | .407 | 5   | 7-7-1 | 3-8-1 | W1     |

West

| Club   | W  | L  | T | PCT   | GB  | Home  | Away  | Streak |
|--|----|----|---|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|
|  Greeneville Flyboys        | 16 | 10 | 1 | .611  | -   | 8-5   | 8-5-1 | W2     |
|  Bristol State Liners       | 15 | 10 | 0 | .600  | 0.5 | 9-4   | 6-6   | L1     |
|  Elizabethton River Riders  | 15 | 12 | 0 | .556  | 1.5 | 8-6   | 7-6   | W1     |
|  Kingsport Axmen            | 12 | 15 | 0 | .444  | 4.5 | 7-8   | 5-7   | W1     |
|  J-C Johnson City Doughboys | 8  | 17 | 1 | .3427 | 7.5 | 4-7-1 | 4-10  | L6     |

victory.

Beau Blanchard took the loss for Princeton WhistlePigs. Blanchard allowed five hits and five runs over two and two-thirds innings, walking one.

### River Turtles Wrap-Up

Princeton WhistlePigs hit one home run on the day. Brady Day had a homer in the third inning.

Princeton WhistlePigs collected eight hits in the game. Day, Nathan Holt, and Dylan Rogers each had multiple hits for Princeton WhistlePigs. Day led Princeton WhistlePigs with three hits in five at bats.

Pulaski River Turtles collected 17 hits on the day. Trotta, Johnson, Cameron Leary, Miles Smith, Rice, and Beamon all managed multiple hits for Pulaski River Turtles.

### Pulaski River Turtles Downs Princeton WhistlePigs, 8-4

Pulaski River Turtles wins contest against Princeton WhistlePigs on Saturday, 8-4

Pulaski River Turtles opened up scoring in the first inning, when John Bay singled on a 2-2 count,

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Yard Sale: 134 J, Jordan Street, Dublin, Friday, July 9 and Saturday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. to ? Numerous items including purses, clothes, shoes and much more.

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# Pulaski

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Pulaski River Turtles tallied three runs in the seventh inning. Pulaski River Turtles batters contributing to the big inning included Ross Lovich and Jackson Beamon, who all drove in runs.

Chaz Marte pitched Pulaski River Turtles to victory. The righthander lasted two innings, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out three and walking one. Dalton Ross and Andrew Dye entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief. Ross recorded the last six outs to earn the save for Pulaski River Turtles.

Patrick Queener took the loss for Princeton WhistlePigs. The pitcher lasted two innings, allowing four hits and four runs while striking out two.

Liam Reynolds started the game for Pulaski River Turtles. The righty surrendered zero runs on three hits over three innings, striking out four and walking one

Pulaski River Turtles totaled 12 hits in the game. Ryan Johnson, Mark Trotta, Bay, and Lovich all managed multiple hits for Pulaski River Turtles. Johnson led Pulaski River Turtles with three hits in four

at bats. Pulaski River Turtles was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Irvin Escobar had the most chances in the field with 12. Pulaski River Turtles stole seven bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Evan Minarovic led the way with two.

Princeton WhistlePigs totaled nine hits. Dylan Rogers and AJ Jones each managed multiple hits for Princeton WhistlePigs. Princeton WhistlePigs was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Jake Rubenstein made the most plays with eight.

### Bluefield Ridge Runners Defeats Pulaski River Turtles, 6-2

Bluefield Ridge Runners opened up scoring Friday in the second inning, when Eric Grintz singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run.

Bluefield Ridge Runners put up five runs in the sixth inning. Bluefield Ridge Runners big bats were led by Lawson Harrill, Grintz, and Sam Tanous, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Nathan Ackenhausen was the winning pitcher for Bluefield Ridge Runners. Ackenhausen lasted five innings, allowing zero hits and zero runs while striking out six. David Enriquez threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

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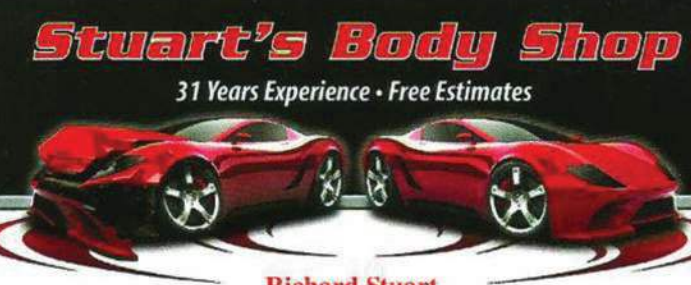
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Caleb Pittman took the loss for Pulaski River Turtles. Pittman allowed four hits and three runs over two-thirds of an inning, striking out two and walking zero.

Carlos Lequerica started the game for Pulaski River Turtles. The pitcher went five and a third innings, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out six

Bluefield Ridge Runners racked up nine hits on the day. Grintz, Tanous, and Harrill all managed multiple hits for Bluefield Ridge Runners. Grintz went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Bluefield Ridge Runners in hits.

### Late Score Costs Bluefield Ridge Runners Against Pulaski River Turtles

Bluefield Ridge Runners lost the lead late in a 5-3 defeat to Pulaski River Turtles on Friday. The game

was tied at three with Pulaski River Turtles batting in the top of the ninth when an error scored one run for Pulaski River Turtles.

Bluefield Ridge Runners lost despite out-hitting Pulaski River Turtles seven to five.


Pulaski River Turtles fired up the offense in the first inning. Ross Lovich hit a solo homer.

Pulaski River Turtles evened things up at three in the top of the seventh inning.

Bluefield Ridge Runners tallied three runs in the fifth inning. Joshuan Sandoval, Myles McKisic, and Tervell Johnson all drove in runs in the frame.

Chris Barraza earned the win for Pulaski River Turtles. Barraza went four and two-thirds innings allowing zero runs on one hit and striking out 11.

# LEGAL NOTICES



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

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

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

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

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parties, where ever there is food, our goal is to keep foods colder than 40oF and hotter than 140o F. Refrigerators should be at 40oF or below, freezers should be at 0oF or below. When cooking, there are safe minimum cooking temperatures we should reach. Temperatures are specific to the food being prepared.

oCook raw beef, pork, lamb and veal steaks, chops and roasts to 145 F. For safety and quality, allow meat to rest for at least three minutes before carving or consuming.

oCook raw ground beef, pork, lamb and veal to 160 F.

oCook egg dishes to 160 F.

oCook fish to 145 F.

oCook raw poultry, including ground poultry, to 165 F.

oKeep a copy of this chart close by for reference: <https://www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/safe-minimum-cooking-temperature>.

A thermometer is the key tool to assure we are reaching the safe temperatures. When purchasing thermometers first, assure you have the right thermometer for the right job and second, and be sure to follow the directions for use. A food thermometer may be either a bimetallic or digital. The bimetallic

must be inserted at least 2 – 2.5” into the thickest part of the food. For most digital thermometers it is .5’ into the thickest part of the food.

Follow the directions for your specific thermometer, but for most, wait 10 -20 seconds for the thermometer to register the temperature.

Proper care of thermometers is also important. Follow directions to wash and sanitize after each use, but remember most are not made to submerge in water or be placed in dishwasher.

When storing, assure that is kept in a safe location so that the probe does not get damaged. Instead of assuming it is always correct, calibrate on a regular basis to assure it is reading correctly. You can calibrate using an ice bath. Fill a container with ice, then add water to about ½” below top of ice. Ice should not be floating off the bottom, if it is, add more ice.

Making sure not to touch the sides or bottom of the container, insert the thermometer into the container. The thermometer should read 32oF. If it does not, follow the manufacturer's directions for correcting.

## NASCAR

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from the pole position. The track was re-measured to 1.522 miles in the spring of 1970, and it was renamed to Atlanta Motor Speedway in 1990. The track layout was reversed, and the track was re-configured to 1.54 miles between the two races in 1997.

The previous 114 NASCAR Cup Series races at Atlanta Motor Speedway have produced 52 different pole winners and 45 different race winners. NASCAR Hall of Famer Buddy Baker and Roush Fenway Racing's Ryan Newman lead the series in poles at Atlanta Motor Speedway with seven each.

This weekend's race had the starting lineups determined by Metric Qualifying and as a result the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series champion and most recent winner (at Road America last weekend) Chase Elliott will start from the pole and Joe Gibbs Racing's Kyle Busch will join him on the front row.

NASCAR Hall of Famer Dale Earnhardt leads the series in wins at Atlanta Motor Speedway with nine victories (1980, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 2000). Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick (2001, 2018, 2020) and Chip Ganassi Racing's Kurt Busch (2002, 2009, 2010) lead all active series winners at Atlanta with three victories each.

Six active former NASCAR Cup Series winners are entered this weekend; including Team Penske's Ryan Blaney who grabbed his first Atlanta Motor Speedway win of his career earlier this season. Three of the six active Atlanta Cup race winners this weekend, are looking for their first win of the 2021 season – Kevin Harvick, Kurt Busch and Denny Hamlin.

### Clinch Scenarios: Time is running out to secure a Playoff spot

With just six races remaining in the regular season in the NASCAR Cup Series time is running out for drivers to secure their spot in the Playoffs. Looking ahead to Atlanta Motor Speedway, five drivers have clinched a spot on wins and points with several others having the opportunity to do the same this weekend.

#### Already Clinched

The following five drivers have clinched a spot in the 16-driver postseason field: Kyle Larson, Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott, Martin Truex Jr., Alex Bowman.

#### Can clinch via previous wins

The following drivers could clinch if they build up enough points to ensure they will not be left out of the playoffs due to not all winning drivers having a slot available: William Byron: Could only clinch with help. Joey Logano: Could only clinch with help.

#### Can clinch via win

The following drivers would

clinch on a win alone this weekend: William Byron, Joey Logano, Ryan Blaney, Brad Keselowski, Christopher Bell, Michael McDowell, Denny Hamlin.

### Impossible to Clinch this weekend

Even with a win, Kevin Harvick would not clinch a Playoff spot on wins since there still exists the possibility of all winners failing to make the Playoffs. If they can't clinch with a win, no winless driver below them in the standings could clinch either.

### Regular Season Championship battle tightens with six races to go

Following the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series race at Dover International Speedway back on May 16, driver standings leader Denny Hamlin had grown his points cushion to a stout 101 points over second place, but since then Kyle Larson has rallied and has closed that points deficit to just three points, tightening up the race for the Regular Season Championship with just six races to go.

Winning the NASCAR Cup Series Regular Season Championship not only garners the prestige of the accomplishment, but it also pays 15 Playoff points. That's the equivalent to three race wins or 15 stage wins worth of Playoff points, quite the haul.

The NASCAR Cup Series started awarding the Regular Season Championship in 2017. Since then, three different drivers have accomplished the feat – Kevin Harvick (2020), Kyle Busch (2019, 2018) and Martin Truex Jr. (2017). In two of the past four seasons, the regular-season champ has gone on to win the Playoff title — Truex in 2017 and Busch in 2019.

Gazing to this weekend at Atlanta, Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin will be working to build on the slim points lead he has left. Hamlin has made 22 series starts at the 1.54-mile track posting one pole, one win (2012), six top fives, nine top 10s and has led 418 laps. He finished fourth at Atlanta earlier this season.

Hendrick Motorsports' Kyle Larson returns to Atlanta not only hunting for the points lead but also looking for redemption from earlier this season, when he dominated the event leading 269 of the 325 scheduled laps (82.7%) only to finish runner-up to Team Penske's Ryan Blaney by 2.083-seconds. With a pass for the lead with eight laps left in the Atlanta race back in March, Blaney took the air out of an otherwise dominating performance by Kyle Larson. It was Larson's second top five and fourth top 10 of his seven career starts at the 1.54-mile track. And ironically, Larson has led the exact same number of laps at Atlanta as Hamlin has at 418.

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# July 4, Juneteenth and what the holidays mean

NEW YORK (AP) — On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress formally endorsed the Declaration of Independence. Celebrations began within days: parades and public readings, bonfires and candles and the firing of 13 musket rounds, one for each of the original states.

Nearly a century passed before the country officially named its founding a holiday.

With the recent passage of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, the country now has 12 federal holidays. Many are fixtures in the American calendar, but their presence isn't only a story of continuity. They reflect how the U.S. has evolved — from an affiliation of states with a relatively small federal government to a more centralized nation.

Statewide and local gatherings for Independence Day and other holidays are as old as the country itself. But the first round of federal holidays, identified as such because federal employees (initially only federal employees in Washington, D.C.) were given the day off, was only signed into law in 1870, by President Ulysses S. Grant, five years after the Civil War ended.

"The Civil War consolidated national power in all sorts of ways, and national holidays are an illustration of that," says the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Eric Foner. "There were many, many firsts after the Civil War."

Juneteenth and other federal holidays have passed with substantial majorities in Congress, suggesting broad, bipartisan consensus. The first holidays, notes Grant biographer Ron Chernow, were the safest ones at the time — New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and George Washington's birthday (enacted in 1879).

"They followed the Civil War,

but, by no accident, they had nothing to do with the Civil War. The war wounds were still deep and irrevocable, and any commemoration of the war itself would have been seen as divisive," Chernow says. He notes that Memorial Day, the honoring of those who died in war, did not become a federal holiday until 1888.

"The first five federal holidays ... attempted to restore common ground between North and South," Chernow says. "Both sides in the Civil War claimed to have fought in the spirit of the American Revolution. It was therefore easy for both sides to honor Washington's birthday and Independence Day."

Whether statements of patriotism or social justice, federal holidays mirror a part of the country's sense of itself and how it changes.

Public support to make the Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday a holiday was so strong that it was signed into law in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan, who had opposed the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act in the 1960s and privately believed the late civil rights leader's standing was "based on an image, not reality." Even then, Arizona, New Hampshire and South Carolina resisted making it a state holiday, with South Carolina waiting until 2000. Alabama and Mississippi still pair King's birthday with the birthday of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Columbus Day became a national holiday in 1968, endorsed by Congress and President Lyndon Johnson as a tribute to immigrants and as a "declaration of willingness to face with confidence the imponderables of unknown tomorrows," according to a Senate report at the time. But over the past 40 years, as Columbus' image has shifted from the "discoverer of America" to that of a racist and imperialist, cities and states have either changed the holiday's name (Hawaii calls it "Discovery

Day") or used the day to honor others; since 1989, South Dakota has called it "Native American Day."

"You can think of federal holidays as being like monuments erected in parks," says Matthew Dennis, author of "Red, White, and Blue Letter Days," a 2002 book on American holidays. "With a monument, you try to set the meaning of the past in stone. But that can change, and people might say, 'Wait, who is this guy?'"

Among national holidays, July 4 stands as the most complex and debated, a reflection of the questions and contradictions about the country's origins and about the Declaration of Independence itself.

Independence Day has been caught up in the country's divisions almost from the start. In the 1780s and 1790s, supporters of a stronger central government

(Federalists) and those who worried about a return to British-style monarchy (sometimes called Jeffersonian Republicans), argued over the authorship of the Declaration of Independence, with Republicans giving sole credit to their own Thomas Jefferson and Federalists countering (correctly) that many others had worked on it.

In the decades before the Civil War, Black Americans were often excluded from official July 4 events and instead would celebrate on July 5, both acknowledging July 4 and their distance from it. Frederick Douglass delivered his famed 1852 speech, "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July," on July 5.

The Civil War itself was a time for competing interpretations. Southerners embraced the Decla-

ration of Independence's message of defiance against tyranny. The North looked to it as a blueprint. In a letter to Congress sent on July 4, 1861, just months after the Civil War began, President Abraham Lincoln spoke of Independence Day as inspiration for a new and more humane society.

"Our adversaries have adopted some declarations of independence in which, unlike the good old one penned by Jefferson, they omit the words 'all men are created equal,'" Lincoln wrote, adding that the Union was upholding "government whose leading object is to elevate the condition of men; to lift artificial weights from all shoulders; to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all; to afford all an unfettered start and a fair chance in the race of life."



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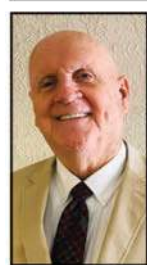
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## Discerning False Teachers

2nd Peter 2: 1-3. “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord Who bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you. Whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

Peter informed the people that there will always be false teachers of the same. To every word of truth from God, the devil has a counterfeit. And you and I need to be aware of it and not swallow down everything we poisonous word that we hear preached and taught in our day.

Here’s a test for each one of us to run on finding out who false teachers are. If what they are saying doesn’t line up 100% with the truth found in the bible, it’s false doctrine. What false teachers, false preachers and false prophets do is to use some truth and blend in with the truth, lies straight from the devil and the pits of hell.

Their message is Heresy. A word that means “choice of, or an option.” It’s when a person decides what to believe without regard for the truth of God. An example of believing Heresy is when a person says, “I don’t care what the bible says, I know what I believe.”

Just because a person believes a thing doesn’t make it right. It must line up with what the bible says, or we shouldn’t believe it. If it conflicts with what God has told us in the bible, it is false teaching. God does not contradict Himself. Supposed contradictions in the bible can and should be studied out and if they are, we’ll find they weren’t really contradictions at all.

Hey, Let God be true and every a liar. Some false teachers were teaching that Jesus was not really the Christ, but an imposter. That my friends, is one of the biggest lies ever told. Because Jesus was and is the Christ, the Messiah.

The messages of false teachers, false preachers and false prophets are messages of deceit. They water down the word of God and pervert and change the gospel, and by doing so, the convince some that it’s OK to sin a little here and a little there and do things that God’s word forbids us to do. God wants us as Christians to abstain from sin and gives us the power to do so, through the indwelling Holy Ghost.

Verse 4. “The lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation. And to reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished.” With every temptation that comes our way in life, God always provides us a way of escape.

Peter gives three examples of previous judgments. First the angels that sinned. They were cast out of heaven and now have no hope of ever being saved. Secondly God sent a great flood to destroy all of sinful humanity and preserved Noah and his family by having Noah build an

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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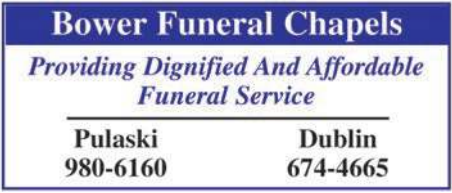
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ark so they could escape the judgment of God. Every other person died in the flood. Thirdly, the total destruction of the two twin sin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and everyone in them, except Lot and His two daughters.

God’s not going to put up with unbridled sin forever. He’s going to destroy those who sin against Him just like He did with the angels who left their first estate; the wicked men and women who were destroyed in the flood, and just like He destroyed the perverted citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah.

”Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Gal.6:7.

I was watching TV recently and the subject was the end of days. And they identified many leaders who prophesied about the date and time that Jesus was coming back and they gathered their followers to face the end of days together. Every time they were disappointed. And every time these false prophets would explain it away by saying their calculations were wrong and they needed to recalculate it. And their followers mostly believed them and kept right on following them. Now as for me, “Fool me once shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me.” Randle Terry.

The Disciples asked Jesus a threefold question, “When shall these things be and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”

He went on the say in Matthew 24:36, “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

That that’s written in plain English in our bibles, so anyone who prophesies a day and hour that the world will end is a False Prophet and no one should be following him or her. If we’d only believe the bible instead of some false teacher, false preacher or some false prophet we wouldn’t be deceived by their damnable doctrines.

# Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Haggai in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- What young man went to sleep and fell out of a window while listening to Paul speak? Eutychus, Goliath, Peter, Stephen
- From Daniel 6, why was he (Daniel) thrown into the lions’ den by King Darius? War spy, Caught praying to God, Deep in debt, Affair with king’s daughter
- At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is/was translated as? Ruth, Dorcas, Sarah, Esther
- What did Samuel’s mother bring him when she visited year after year? Sweet cake, Letters from friends, Flute, Little coat
- From John 12, which disciple stole from the treasury? Thomas, Judas, James, John

**ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Eutychus; 3) Caught praying to God; 4) Dorcas; 5) Little coat (robe); 6) Judas**



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# The unknown God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

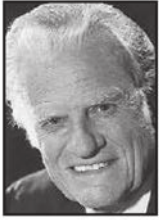
**Q: I heard a Bible teacher tell about a god in the Bible called the unknown god. Is this perhaps the god that other religions pray to? -- I.W.**

A: The Apostle Paul stood before the people of the great city of Athens and directed their attention to the unknown God. He had been walking through the city observing the customs of the people.

This pagan society had a niche for every god in the world, yet their moral corruption was

revealed by the hundreds of idols illuminated by the sun at a place called Mars Hill in ancient Greece. Paul spoke with power before this congregation and acknowledged all of their gods and even the unknown God, who is none other than God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who had died for their sins and risen to new life.

Paul said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was... considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the



## My Answer

Billy Graham

One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you” (Acts 17:22-23). What a marvelous declaration. The people of Athens had not stopped to consider their dark side. They had been too busy making gods like themselves.



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THAT NEW GIRL KEEPS LOOKING OVER HERE WAITING TO GET HER HANDS ON OUR KICKBALL.

HI GERLAD, WOULD YOU MIND IF I TOOK A TURN USING THE BALL?

AH HECK, WE WERE ALMOST DONE WITH IT ANYWAY, RIGHT? IT'S THE LEAST I COULD DO.

GIMME A BREAK. OBVIOUSLY SHE USED SOME TYPE OF MIND CONTROL I'M NOT USED TO.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

WHO?

WHO?

WHO?

WHO?

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

DID A BIT OF REMODELIN' EH, JOE?

YUP. THEY SAY A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE...

BUT US FARMERS KNOW THAT AIN'T TRUE.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE I WAS THE TEACHER'S PET

...SHE KEPT ME IN A CAGE.

POPEYE

HY GYMAN

WOW! I CAN'T B' LIVE ME EYES!

IT'S REALLY HAPPENIN'!

NEW GYM TOGS 'N' EV'RY THIN'...

...AN' DID I JES SEEN Y' DOIN' A PUSHUP?

YOU SAW CORRECTLY, MY FRIEND...

YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE NEW AND IMPROVED WIMPY!

COMMENCING THIS MORNING AND EVERY MORNING THEREAFTER... EXERCISE!

YOU JUST WITNESSED THE FIRST OF MANY PUSHUPS!

GOOD FER YOU!

TOMORROW I SHALL DO ANOTHER!

ARE ARF

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, THAT'S TRADE-IN VALUE, BUT HOW MUCH EXTRA ARE YOU ADDING IN FOR SENTIMENTAL VALUE? I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT HER FACE!

LAFF-A-DAY

"Try to finish everything. We're all out of doggie bags."

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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!

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REACT

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ACROSS

1 Pack cargo

5 Billboards

8 On — with

12 Vagrant

13 Old

Oldsmobile

14 TV's "Warrior Princess"

15 Actress Falco

16 Rep.'s rival

17 Apple product

18 Criminal's "why"

20 Latin love

22 Whiskey variety

26 Dishonor

29 Succor

30 Blue

31 Runner's tempo

32 Greek H

33 "Three Sisters" sister

34 Last (Abbr.)

35 Nay undoer

36 Void

37 Outing for two couples

40 Bedouin

41 Boston athlete

45 Wrinkly fruit

47 Dhahi precedent

49 "— la Douce"

50 Thaw

51 Allow

52 Pants part

53 Adams and Schumer

54 Grant's foe

55 Vegas game

DOWN

1 Son of Noah

2 Commotion

3 Life story

4 "Alas ..."

5 "As You Like It" setting

6 Actor Billy — Williams

7 Neighbor of Kenya

8 Self-evident truth

9 Pre-game morale booster

10 Year in Spain

11 "Awesome!"

19 Compete

21 Club —

23 Like some exclusive communities

24 Cabin components

25 "— the night before ..."

26 Tater

27 Head light?

28 In reality

32 Size up

33 Washington Monument, e.g.

35 Carte lead-in

36 Chowd down

38 Londoners, e.g.

39 Keen

42 Nest setting

43 One-named supermodel

44 Roman censor

45 Actress Thurman

46 Tiara sparkler

48 Spell-off

top ten

U.S. Seafood Products

1. Shrimp

2. Salmon

3. Canned Tuna

4. Tilapia

5. Alaska Pollock

6. Pangasius

7. Cod

8. Crab

9. Catfish

10. Clams

Source: National Marine Fisheries Service

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many states are in Australia?

2. LITERATURE: The character of Miss Havisham appears in which 19th-century novel?

3. ASTRONOMY: What is the name of the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What creature was a hood ornament on the 1933 Hudson Essex Terraplane car?

5. TELEVISION: What were the names of the boys on the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?

6. MUSIC: The Jug saloon was the setting in which Lynyrd Skynyrd song?

7. MOVIES: What was Charlie Sheen's nickname in the 1989 movie "Major League"?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the offspring of echidnas (Australia) called?

9. U.S. STATES: What is the state flower of West Virginia?

10. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces Gouda cheese?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Six

2. "Great Expectations," Charles Dickens

3. The Karaman line

4. A griffin

5. Brad, Randy and Mark

6. "Gimme Three Steps"

7. Wild Thing

8. Puggles

9. Rhododendron

10. The Netherlands

Solution time: 25 mins.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Pistol 2. Cater 3. Throne 4. Endear

Clue: Y equals N

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: Y equals N

JVM NPBLZMR CPHZY'L FZL

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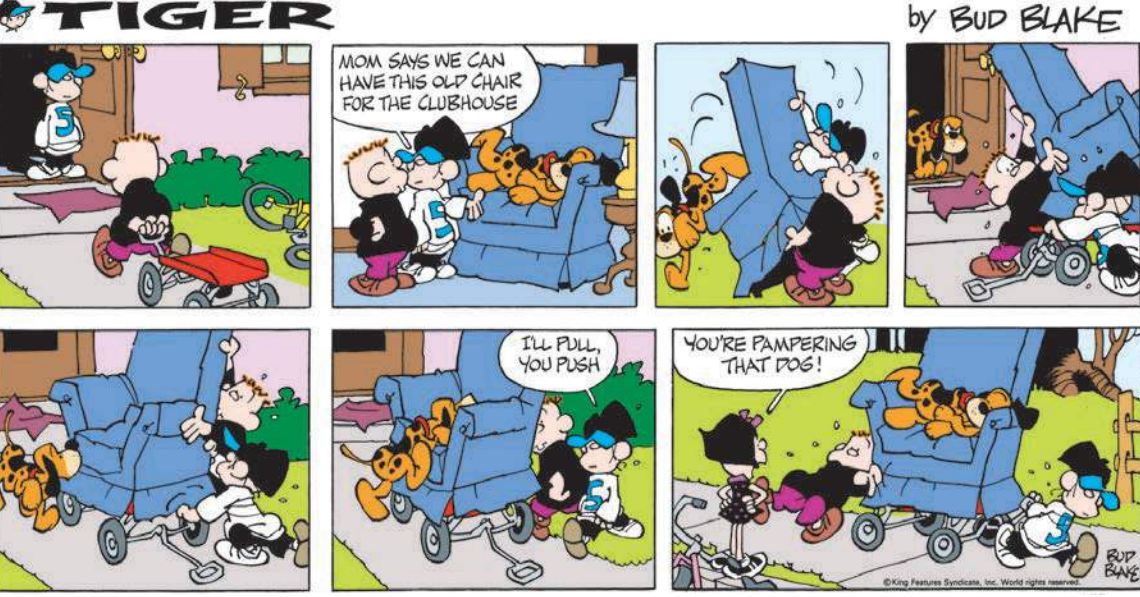
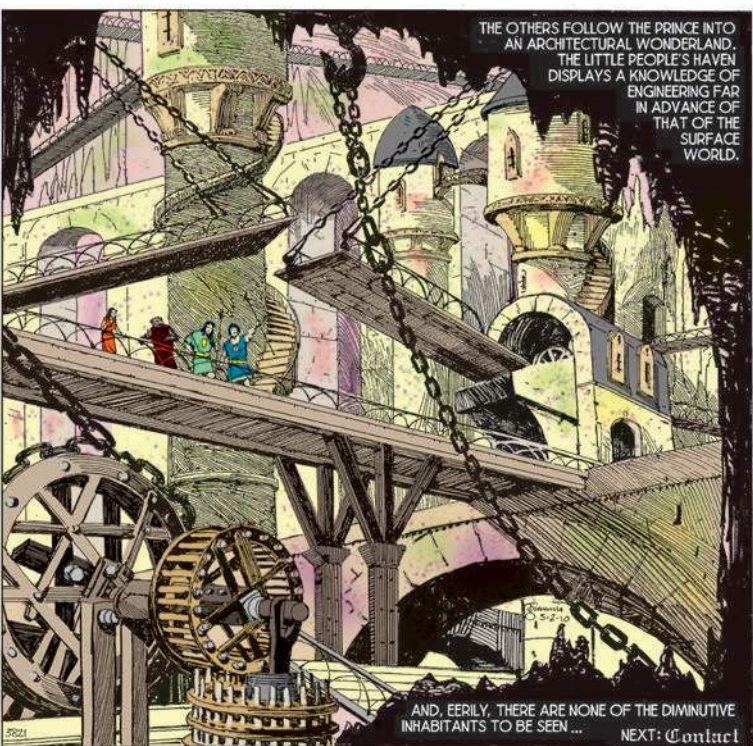
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL CITY

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Arish Desouk Luxor Suez  
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## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

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UCD HQER, UCD XUNIEFDN

UCD UNDDX.

— UCIWMX X. WIE XIE

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— Thomas S. Monson

the trees.

the wind, the stronger

with ease. The stronger

ood timber does not grow

answer

**CryptoQuote**

EGYPTIAN CITIES

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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|   | 9 |   | 6 |   |   |   | 5 |
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| 4 |   |   | 2 |   |   |   | 1 |
|   | 3 |   |   |   | 8 |   | 2 |
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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# Honesty Matters

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are in our late 20s, and we're on Baby Step 6. Recently, my mom reached out to me for help. She has a car lease that ends next month, and she asked to borrow \$2,000 so she can pay it off. It's a weird situation, because my parents keep separate accounts and don't combine their finances. My mom also asked me not to tell my wife about all this. What's your advice?

Daniel

Dear Daniel,

I don't do anything I can't tell my wife about—ever. If I'm in a meeting, and someone tells me what's said in that room has to stay in that room, that I can't talk to anyone else about it under any circumstances, I'll get up and leave. In my mind, keeping things from my wife is against the law.

Your mom is out of control to even think about asking you to do this, and you need to have a serious talk with her. Let her know you love her, but she has no right to ask this of you, and it's not something you'd do. Let her know, too, that she's never to ask for anything like this again.

If she needs \$2,000, she should be talking to her husband about the idea. They should be living with combined finances anyway. So, it sounds like they've got issues to straighten out between themselves.

It's time folks started laying their cards on the table and stopped sneaking around. That's no way for a husband and wife to live, and your mom has no business trying to drag you into all of it behind everyone's back!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm on Baby Step 2. I've paid

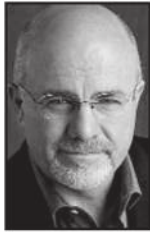
## G3 Assistance open for NRCC students

From NRCC

On the heels of Governor Northam's 21-22 budget signing, G3 assistance at New River Community College is now available to eligible students seeking certifications and degrees that will lead to an in-demand job. The G3 program covers tuition and fees for individuals who qualify for state financial aid, allowing students to gain the skills they need for a good career in their community without worrying about costs.

G3 assistance is available for select programs in five of Virginia's most in-demand industries, including early childhood education, health care, information technology, public safety, and skilled trades.

Applicants for G3 must meet certain financial qualifications. For example, a student's household income (for a family of four) must be less than \$106,000 or a single adult making less than \$51,000. Income thresholds vary as the household number increases. Once a student qualifies, G3 assistance requires a level of academic performance to stay eligible.



Dave Says

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off almost all my debt, and I'm living on a monthly budget. Recently, I got a call from a debt collection company about an old medical bill. They threatened to garnish my wages, and from the way they talked I'm afraid they may actually do it. How should I handle this situation?

Gwen

Dear Gwen,

First of all, they won't garnish your wages. They can't. For that to happen, they would have to go through all the formal, legal steps of suing you, and then they'd have to win the case. Debt collectors like to play with people's emotions because, many times, folks will give in and do whatever they want—whether they can afford it or not.

The worst thing you can do in these situations is react with panic or fear. Talk to them calmly and rationally, and explain your financial situation. You may be able to reach a compromise that works for both of you. If they get nasty, or continue to lie to you, let them know you'll file a complaint with the FTC (Federal Trade Commission). Pushy debt collectors have a habit of getting polite and reasonable in a hurry when faced with the possibility of the federal government stepping in.

Do everything you reasonably can to pay your debts, Gwen. You owe the money, and that means you have a legal and moral obligation to pay them. But you don't have to put up with a collector's lies and harassment!

—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.

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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.

**July 13**

**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, July 13, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. There will be a discussion on the 50th Virginia Infantry Regiment.

For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

**July 14**

**Vacation Bible School**

Freedom Fellowship, 1730 West Street Radford (near Bisset Park) will be holding Vacation Bible School starting Wednesday, July 14 through Friday, July 17 at 6:30 nightly and Saturday, July 18 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The theme is ROAR – “Life is Wild, but God is Good.” Children of all ages will enjoy skits, songs, Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, and games. Saturday will include a hot dog lunch and water games (weather permitting). For information and directions call 540-577-9190.

**July 16**

**Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School at Trinity Baptist Church, 4008 Robinson Tract Rd, Pulaski, VA Pastor Johnny Howlett. Weekend VBS beginning Friday, July 16th at 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm and continue on Saturday, July 17th at 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Closing Program presented by the children on Sunday, July 18th at 6:00 pm. Classes for ages 3 thru teenagers. Join us for “Destination

Dig” where kids will study tangible pieces of the past to learn the truth about who Jesus is and why He came. The kids will make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks and sing cool songs.

Lunch will be provided. Don't miss out! Be ready to seek the truth about Jesus! More info call Diane Hurd at 540-922-5906.

**July 17**

**Radford Legion to meet**

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

**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.

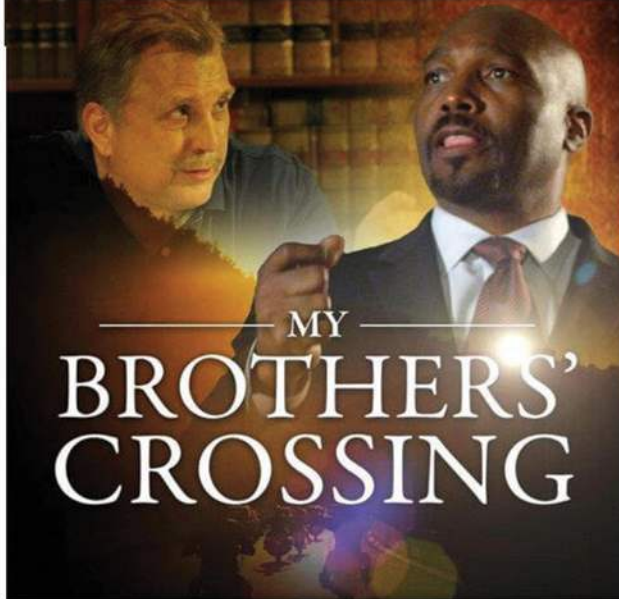
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Nails By Michelle  
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Hotdogs, sides and drinks will be provided. And also, we would love for you and your family to join us for worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday where the children will sing again for everyone!

**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.

**Radford Clothing Bank**

The Radford Clothing Bank is open by appointment only. To qualify for free clothing, you must receive Medicaid or SNAP (Food Stamps). Call the Clothing Bank at 633-5050, Monday – Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. to make an appointment. Hours for shopping are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Clothing Bank is located at 2000 West St., Radford, Va. Donations of clothing, shoes, purses, and linens are being accepted.

**Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group**

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing is observed.



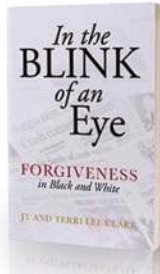
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**~July 18th~**

**JT Clark at 11:00am**

**Terri Clark at 6:00pm**

**Movie showing directly after Terri's testimony**



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