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School Board approves policy on student treatment

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Tuesday evening – after months of meetings, discussion and debate – the Pulaski County School Board approved on a 4-1 vote the school system’s “Policy for the Treatment of All Students.”

Ingles District representative Penny Golden cast the lone dissenting vote on the new policy.

Prior to Tuesday’s vote, the school board heard from 15 citizens who had signed up to speak before the start of the meeting. The school board had again at this meeting chose to limit the amount of time for public comment to one hour and allow only those signing up beforehand to speak.

Before hearing from the speakers, Chairman Tim Hurst asked there be no outbursts from the audience in response to comments made by the 15 speakers.

He called for respect for one another and said everyone has a right to be heard.

Hurst warned he would have deputies remove anyone “out of order” and said if that happened

more than once “we will clear the auditorium.”

During the comments, Billy Williams recounted what had brought everyone to Tuesday’s final vote, saying discussion on a policy on transgender students began in February in response to legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly and the model policy sent by the State Department of Education to school districts across the state.

“We’ve all done our parental duty to express our worry and concerns on the department’s stance on transgender policies,” said Williams.

Williams said parents were told the school board had to go along with the policies, and that it had no choice.

“We have learned this is not true,” Williams stated.

He said the school boards of Russell, Pittsylvania, Bedford, Augusta, Warren and Carroll counties “and many others” have rejected the state’s model policies and “they will not endanger our children and indoctrinate the impressionable minds of our youth.”

Williams told the school board members they all had a choice to make, and they all have the right to vote against the policy.

“Each member has a right to vote as a representative of the constituents in their district,” Williams said, adding he urged board members to vote “no” and “stop overstepping their bounds and allow parents to raise their children the way they see fit.”

Applause rang out in the auditorium and Hurst spoke up to stop it, saying he had said at the beginning of the meeting such outbursts would not be allowed.

“I attended the last Board of Supervisors meeting and that is exactly how it was observed, and we will absolutely not have it,” Hurst stated.

“The next outbreak and I will ask the deputies to empty this auditorium.”

Pastor Don Jones said we all know the county would not lose state school funding if it rejected the department of education’s policy.

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Carol Smith: Just trying to make a positive difference

By **DANIELLE REID**
The Patriot

The great playwright William Shakespear once said, “The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”

Pulaski County native Carol Smith seems to have discovered her special gift – volunteering.

Smith says the greatest thing for her about volunteering is the wonderful friends she has made; and seeing a difference in the community. “I’m just trying to make a positive difference in our little corner of the world. When you volunteer, you influence the kind of community you want to live in.”

Smith grew up in Pulaski County and has lived here all her

life. “I feel very blessed that my three children Sabrina, Katrina and Jeremy, and five grandchildren decided to make Pulaski County their home, too. That’s a blessing many people don’t have. They don’t get to be involved in their family’s lives.”

“I love Pulaski but when I started hearing negative things about it, I wanted to make a difference and help people see the good that’s here, and help make things better for others,” explains Smith about her passion for local volunteering.

Smith comes from a large family with six siblings. Because of that, her parents had limited time to volunteer, but she saw the need to volunteer at a young age.

As a teenager, Smith worked with a Project Head Start summer program. Those first baby steps

in volunteering have lead to a community-wide reach in helping others.

“It is good for me to stay busy. I like to know that at the end of the day, I’ve accomplished something and that it hasn’t been a wasted day. I’ve learned so much from others who set an example by giving of themselves, and I’ve made life-long friends with people I might not have met otherwise,” says Smith.

As her children were growing up, she taught Sunday School at Draper Valley Presbyterian Church and became involved in their schools through PTO and K – 4 Girl Scouts. The girls in her Scout Troop #1247, which she later co-led with Gayle Kaiser, graduated from high school this

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year. She also found time to start a Boy Scout Troop #148 when her grandson was in kindergarten. With the help of her husband Calvin, saw her grandson receive his Eagle Scout award.

While working for a living, Smith still found ways to incorporate her volunteer activities. Her expertise in the field of computer technology gave her opportunities to work with Pulaski County High School Library for three years. She met Eleanor Farmer there, who mentored Smith. She also worked five years for the Pulaski County School Board and

gives Isabel Berney and Jim Sandidge credit for mentoring her.

“Friends are very important in life, and I feel so blessed to have so many good people in my life. I have been blessed to have wonderful mentors who allowed me to make my job my own and helped me learn and grow. I wouldn’t be where I am today without my mentors and three exceptional ladies: Eleanor Farmer, Bobbi White from NRCC Library and Isabel Bernie.”

The scope of volunteering Smith has done is amazing. She was given the Leading Lights Award, a lifetime achievement award, because of her volunteer activity. The award is a \$1,000 check for the recipient’s favority

charity. Smith’s check went to the Draper Community Park project, which she chaired.

After a tornado damaged the Draper school, it had to be demolished so the community decided to turn the area into a park. The committee had been fundraising and applying for grants to construct a basketball court and parking area. PCHS instructor Bobby Petty enlisted his welding class to make the LOVE sign out of arm equipment. Girl Scout Troop #1247 contributed by cleaning off mortar from the remaining bricks, placing a plaque on each one and selling them – earning \$1,000 to help pay for the new sign.

“One of my biggest gifts, when I am involved with a group, is to create partnerships and share resources with other groups so we all can benefit,” admits Smith.

Her “gifts” have been used in other numerous volunteer programs. She has served with PCPC (Red Ribbon committee for drug free children’s program), Board member for the Wilderness Road Museum, Treasurer for the Friends of the Pulaski County Library System, Treasurer for the Ratcliffe Transportation Museum, Daughters of the American Revolution, Calfee Training Center/TG Howard, Chair for the year-long American Evolution Committee which won the state award for Best Partner in VA.

The Courthouse Exhibit Committee, of which Smith is a member (Nancy Burchette is the chair) has numerous projects including the Veterans’ displays of Christmas Trees, honoring Pulaski County’s veterans. This project is



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Pulaski County native Carol Smith.

expanding to include photos and information of African American Veterans which is being coordinated by Guy Smith. There will be a permanent Veterans exhibit on the upper floor of the courthouse. “I really love working with our Veterans who sacrificed so much for our freedoms,” comments Smith.

There is a plaque in the Pulaski County Court House with nominees for PU County Women in History which Carolyn Matthews is coordinating.

Smith is the current Program Chair and Treasurer of the Fine Arts Center of the NRV which she joined two years ago. She has a desire to see local high school students participate in the Scholastic Annual Art Show which awards prizes to upcoming artists. This year, the Fine Arts Center of the NRV won the 2021 Gold Key for Excellence in the Field of Art and Writing.

Smith is retiring from her career as Technology Coordinator for Pulaski County Library System, where she has worked for

24-years. The library has been credited with several “first in the state” accomplishments under the leadership of Smith, such as digitizing and placing on-line yearbooks from Dublin and Pulaski high schools; and 100-years of newspapers and local history.

Smith’s legacy of volunteering will continue to benefit Pulaski County. “I will be redirecting my energy to other worthwhile projects,” says Smith. I want to put my efforts into where I can make a difference.”

Smith’s attitude about serving our local community is admirable and reflects what Martin Luther King, Jr. had to say about the ability of people to volunteer: “Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

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CLARENCE DANIEL WOLFE

Clarence Daniel Wolfe, 93, passed away Monday August 9th, 2021. Born May 6th 1928 he was the first born son of Henry Clay Wolfe and Gladys Via Wolfe. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Audrey Reynolds Wolfe; a son James Forrest Wolfe Sr; a daughter-in-law, Julie Calvert Wolfe; and a brother William Wesley (Wink) Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe is survived by sons, Donald Earl Wolfe and Daniel Lee Wolfe and wife, Helen James Wolfe. He is also survived by another daughter in law, Susan Henderson Wolfe. A sister, Beth Wolfe Boyd and her husband C.E. Boyd, along with daughters Tammy Hamblin and Lisa Hamilton and their families survive him.

Mr. Wolfe had three grandsons and their wives, James Forrest Wolfe and Genie of Mooresville NC with four great grandchildren; Kristin, Noah, Emma Grace and Brayden; Christopher Wolfe and Christy of Louisville, Ky with great grandchildren, Kaylee and Kara. Ben and Shana Wolfe of Christiansburg, Va with great grandson and wife Tony Caleb Forbes and Kayla of Elliston, Va with two great great granddaughters, Rowan and Audrey Elizabeth.

He was a member of Family Worship Center/First Pentecostal Church in Pulaski. During his time there, he served on the church board, served as an usher and worked with the bus program. He was instrumental in the construction of the education building.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, August 12th at Family Worship Center with Dr. C.R. Conner and Rev. Jeff Willhoite officiating.

Interment will be private.

The family would like to thank Zetta, Jo Ann and Markie for the labor of love they provided to "Mr. Dan"

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

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JACOB "JAKE" ZACHARY RYAN

Jacob "Jake" Zachary Ryan, age 26 of Blacksburg passed away Thursday, August 5, 2021 at the VCU Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia. Born May 29, 1995 in Radford he was the son of Ronnie Lee Ryan, Jr. & Tina Young Owens. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Gordon & Darlene Young and Aunt, Donna Johnston.

He is survived by his Father & Stepmother – Ronnie (Lori) Ryan, Jr. – Fairlawn Mother – Tina Young Owens – Blacksburg

Paternal Grandparents – Ronnie (Judy) Ryan, Sr. – Pulaski Sisters – Jessica "Jessie" (Marco) Moreno – Radford, Kimberly "Kimmie" Owens & William Stoner – Shawsville

Step Siblings – Stephanie (DJ) Tibbs – Fairlawn, Tyler Finley – Fairlawn, Sean (Heaven) Finley – Fairlawn

Special Niece – Aniyah Pruitt Uncles – Danny Young – Radford, Jim Ryan – Boston Special Cousins – Austin & Dylan Young, Josh & Matt Prescott

Step Nieces and Nephews – Rylan & Emily Tibbs, Zoey Finley, Caeden & Isabella Finley

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Frankie Graham officiating. Interment followed at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

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

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



ELLIS MARTIN KINCER

Ellis Martin Kincer, age 77 passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Thursday, August 5th at his home in Dublin, Virginia. Born June 2, 1944 in Pulaski, Virginia he was the son of the late William & Effie Crowder. He was a dedicated truck driver for 40 years and loved by so many.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepbrothers, Buford Petty, Frank Kincer and his beloved daughter, Patricia Ann Flinchum, who met him at the Holy Gates of Heaven with open arms.

He is survived by his Devoted Wife of 60 years – Geneva Ann Atkins Kincer

Children – Sherry Lynn Lambert – Dublin, Billy Ray (Debbie) Kincer – Dublin, Eric Martin (Kristie) Kincer – Dublin

Grandchildren – Steven Matthew Flinchum, Kayla Lynn Mabe, Kaleb Shane Kincer and Kelsey Leann Kincer

Step Grandchildren – Cindy Warden, Tammy Farmer

Sister – Alberta Holston – Pulaski

Very Special Family Friend – Steve Flinchum

He will be missed by his faithful furbaby companion, "Tot".

Funeral services were held Monday, August 9, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Delores Caldwell officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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

BRIAN WAYNE WILLIAMS

Brian Wayne Williams, age 54 of Dublin passed away Friday, August 6, 2021 at the UVA Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia. Born May 15, 1967 in Pulaski, he was the son of Lena Hamblin Williams Bragenzer and the late Ronald Wayne Williams. His stepfather, Frederick Leo Bragenzer also preceded him in death.

Brian was known for his wonderful sense of humor and grand stories. He will be forever missed but he will be greeted by many beloved friends and family in heaven.

He is survived by his

Daughter – Abi Williams & her mother, Theresa Hogston - Pulaski

Mother – Lena Hamblin Williams Bragenzer – Dublin

Sister – Cynthia (Tom) McInturf – Dublin

Nieces – Elena McInturf, Lilyan McInturf

Nephew – Jeremiah (Haley) McInturf

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Paige Wimberly officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Brian's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



PASTOR JAMES DONNIE WEAVER

Pastor James Donnie Weaver, age 83 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born April 16, 1938 in Moultrie, Georgia he was the son of the late Murray Rollo Weaver and Mary Ethel Hamilton Weaver. He was also preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters.

He loved to spend time with his family, hunt, fish, garden and do carpentry, but his greatest love was ministering the gospel. His one last desire was to preach one more time and win one more soul for the kingdom!

He is survived by his

Wife of 63 years – Clarice Vinson Weaver – Dublin

Children – Donald Alan (Lisa) Weaver – Hamilton, OH, Michael Scott (Kami) Weaver – Ypsilanti, MI, Kelly Weaver (Brian) Bishop – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Bethany (Mike) Favors, Stephanie (Matt) Aycoth, Andrew (Courtney) Weaver, Brook Weaver, Kori Weaver, Caroline Bishop and Hunter Bishop

Great Grandchildren – Harper Aycoth, Dean Aycoth, Case Weaver and Knox Weaver

Sister – Sue Chitty – Jacksonville, FL

Several nieces and nephews

The family will receive friends between 4:00-6:30 PM – Monday, August 16, 2021 at the Pulaski Church of God (1621 Bobwhite Blvd., Pulaski, VA 24301). Funeral services will start @ 7:00 PM following visitation with Rev. James D. Weaver's sons and Pastor Donald Jones officiating. Services will be streamed on the Church's Website and YouTube Channel. There will be reserved seating for Church of God ministers and for bus drivers of the Pulaski County School System.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the Medi Hospice and the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski nurses and doctors for the excellent care and attention given to their dad and grandfather in his final days here.

In lieu of flowers, and because of his love for children and youth, donations may be made to the Youth & Children's Department of the Pulaski Church of God.

To sign Pastor Weaver's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com. Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



JOHN "GREG" GREGORY BLANKENSHIP

John "Greg" Gregory Blankenship, age 61 of Pulaski, died after a lengthy fight Friday, August 7, 2021. His fight on earth was getting boring so he thought to himself, "What would Chuck Norris do?" So, he decided to ask Jesus for an arm-wrestling match. And regardless of the results, he is a winner.

Greg was a fiercely faithful man that loved the Lord. He loved his family with a passion, and he prayed for them daily. He courageously served his country, first in the Navy and then 32 years in law enforcement, 28 of which was with the Virginia State Police. His last assignment was as Bureau of Criminal Investigation Division Six Commander (Captain). For many years, he served as the Coordinator of Defensive Tactics throughout the State of Virginia and was a Master Defensive Tactics Instructor with the Virginia Association of Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics Instructors (Valedti DT). He was a Shihan (Master Martial Arts Instructor) of Karate and Goshin-Do with Chikubu-Kai Karate-Do, and a longtime personal student of Soke W.H. Price.

He was honored by all of his titles, but his greatest role was being the foundation of his family. He was proud to serve as honorary wrestling coach at Jefferson Forest High School, especially when his son Jacob was wrestling.

Greg is preceded in death by his parents Bud and Irene. He is survived by his wife (Leigh) of 33 years, daughters (Jessi and Rachel) and their spouses (John and Matt), his son (Jacob), and five grandchildren (Karrin, Kayla, Kaylan, Trayden, and Thea). He is survived by the Blankenship clan: Linda, Kelly, Jeff, Judy, and Joe. He has numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws, all of which hold a special place in his heart.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pulaski Church of God (Bob White Blvd). Officiating will be Pastor Jim Linkous of Faith Bible Church in Pulaski, and Pastor Sam Stump of the Norwood Baptist Church in Goode, VA., where Greg served proudly as Deacon. The Virginia State Police Honor Guard will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the Pulaski Church of God on Saturday from Noon until 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, any contributions may be sent to City of Refuge, 249 Dora Highway, Pulaski, VA 24301. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

Per request of the family, all who attend the funeral service, wear a mask and exercise social distancing.

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MARYLYNN (WICKIE) HARRIS

Marylynn (Wickie) Harris, 83, of Pulaski, Virginia passed away Sunday, August 8th, 2021, with close friends Carl Gregory and Michele Lawton by her side.

She worked in the ER for Pulaski Community Hospital for over 20 years until she retired, dedicating her service and support to many community members. She was a pillar of the neighborhood and will be sorely missed. She touched many lives in the Pulaski area. She was a proud veteran who served as a nurse in the military and went to nursing school in Buffalo, New York.

She was born in Wellsville, New York. Marylynn was pre-deceased by June Tennis (of Pulaski) her long time close friend and companion. She was also pre-deceased by three siblings, Leigh Harris, James Harris, and Lucille Painter all of Olean, New York.

She was survived by three sisters, Marlene (Raymond) Jordan, of Kentucky, Virginia (William) Gardener, of New York, and Joanne Keller of Michigan. She also leaves behind many nephews, nieces, extended family and friends whom she loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers the family offers donations be made to HCA Hope Fund at the LewisGale Memorial Hospital or the Pulaski Animal Shelter.

A celebration of her life is being planned for Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Randolph Park, 5100 Alexander Road, Dublin, VA in the large pavilion with the fireplace. Please bring happy memories of Wickie.

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

ROBERT RAYMOND YOUNG

Robert Raymond Young, 83, of Radford, Virginia died March 17, 2020. Bob Young grew up in Marion, VA and graduated from Marion Senior High School in 1953, where he participated in athletics and was an outstanding student. Bob attended Emory & Henry College to pursue his passion for teaching and graduated in 1957 with a degree in History. He served in the United States Military in Korea until 1960. In the fall of 1960, he began his teaching and coaching career at Dublin High School, where he taught history and coached football and baseball. He loved his time at Dublin, the students he taught, and those he worked alongside. In 1961, he married Nancy Hamilton, and they were parents to Michael (Margaret),

Blacksburg, VA and David (Amy), Cloverdale, VA, and grandparents to five grandchildren: Margaret Cooper, Robert Davis, Kelsea Alexandra, Lauren Elizabeth, and Hunter David. In 1974, he began his tenure with the Radford City School System, first as an administrator and then as the Principal of Dalton Intermediate School, which he opened in 1979. Shortly after retiring as principal in 1999, he taught history at New River Community College until he retired completely from education. Among many highlights in his professional life, teaching at NRCC was a cherished time. He loved being back in the classroom sharing with friends and family that these were some of his best and most capable students. One of his continued passions throughout his professional career was his love of officiating high school football, where he made friends in almost every hamlet of his beloved Southwest, Virginia. In 1996, he met his life partner, Barbara Houston, and they enjoyed 23 years of travel, literature, sports, and an abundance of friends. Bob had an incredible life and will be missed greatly.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the doctors, nurses and health care professionals who were so kind to him over the past few months, as well as the many friends who provided such an outpouring of love and support. In addition to Barbara and his children, Bob is also survived by his sister, Joann Lineburg of Radford, her husband Norman Lineburg, and their sons, Robert Lineburg of Radford, VA; Mark Lineburg of South Boston, VA; Paul Lineburg of Roanoke, VA; and Wayne Lineburg of Winston-Salem, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to New River Community College or Emory & Henry College.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Per the family's request, please wear a mask.

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

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Food Lion Makes Another Donation

Heritage Cares Food Pantry was the recipient this week of yet another donation from Food Lion. The \$3,000 donation is from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation and assists organizations like Heritage Cares in providing food to people in need across Food Lion's service area. Heritage Cares will use the donation to purchase food from Feeding America Southwest Virginia and other sources. "We rely on gifts and grants from outside sources to help feed those in need in our area. This gift will enable us to accomplish this goal," said Harriet Berry, Director of Heritage Cares Food Pantry. "We are very appreciative to the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation for their most generous gift. This year, because of the health crisis, we have been able to continue food distribution to our clients by having a drive-through pantry. Together we can make a difference." Pictured above (from left) are Food Lion's Rena Mitchell, Berry, Food Lion's Deena Spencer and Elaja Rollins.

Pulaski County Public Schools Now Accepting Online School Payments

Pulaski County Public Schools is pleased to announce that it will be accepting online payments for all school fees in 2021-2022, including everything from field trips to spirit wear. This service is being offered to parents through SchoolCash Online, which is the industry leader in the management of school fees. SchoolCash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely and from the convenience of your phone or laptop using VISA, MasterCard, or eCheck. Also, by using SchoolCash Online, payments are made directly into the school's bank account which allows teachers to focus on helping students, and not counting cash.

All school-related fees for students will be made available for purchase online in the SchoolCash Online system. Once registered, parents will receive notification about upcoming school activities and be able to pay and keep track of school fees for their students.

"We are excited to offer the con-

venience and safety of SchoolCash Online to parents beginning this year", says Assistant Superintendent Chris Stafford. "This system is safe, simple, and secure for people to use. SchoolCash Online will offer tremendous benefits not only

to our parents, but to our teachers and staff."

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A Health Care Agenda for the Future

For most Americans, health care ranks among the top public policy issues. Its cost, accessibility, and quality have a direct and tangible impact on a person's well-being.

Improving these factors in health care for residents of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District continues to be a priority for me. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health, I have worked on lowering prescription drug prices, addressing the opioid crisis, increasing telehealth opportunities, prioritizing mental health, and more.

In addition to the work I am doing on the Committee, House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) recently appointed me to a task force charged with developing a health care agenda for a future House Republican majority. Our agenda will focus on reducing barriers to better health and wellness, increasing choice in health care, expanding the range of available providers, encouraging investment in new cures and therapies, and lowering costs.

Some of my priorities for this task force will be those I have championed throughout my time in the House.

The costs of prescription drugs remain a great concern for those who depend on them. I believe more transparency and accountability in the drug pricing system can help. This requires greater clarity regarding the role of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) in drug pricing.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

PBMs manage prescription drug benefits for insurers and government health programs, negotiating

rebates and discounts, but how they do this work is often inscrutable. One of their most egregious methods is the use of direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fees. DIR fees allow insurance companies to claw back money from pharmacies after the sale. In other words, your pharmacist fills your prescription for \$100 based on the understanding that she would get reimbursed by the insurance company at the \$100 rate. Six months to two years later, the insurance company says, "Sorry, we are only going to pay you \$80." This is true even if the pharmacy originally bought your medication for \$90. It is an unfair practice that places a great burden on community pharmacists in particular.

This is why I have co-led HR 2608 and HR 3554, the Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act and the Pharmacy DIR Reform to Reduce Senior Drug Costs Act. Both of these bills would contribute to lowering prescription drug costs and increasing options. When these are successful, we can apply this policy to all prescriptions.

Shining light on these practices and preventing abuses is important to the effort to keep down drug prices. This legislation is just one of the ways I am fighting to do so.

Additionally, I care deeply about addressing the on-going opioid crisis. I introduced HR 1899, the Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act. HR 1899 passed the House in April and is currently pending a Senate vote. This bill provides legal authority for certain regulations over the modification, transfer, and termination of a registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances, including opioids.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently published data showing there were 93,000 drug overdose deaths just last year. This is clearly an ongoing problem and I will continue to work with my colleagues to combat this tragic epidemic.

Also, improving access to telehealth is a top priority. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the typical restrictions on telemedicine services were lifted as part of the emergency response. This experience helped prove the technology's value but also indicated where reforms are needed. I co-sponsored HR 1332, the Telehealth Modernization Act, to modify the requirements for covering these services under Medicare. We need to look at enhanced privacy protections and strengthened rules against potential kickbacks, among other areas.

Telemedicine can greatly improve healthcare in rural areas. In rural areas like ours, we are underserved by health professionals. Particularly noticeable during COVID was our lack of mental health resources.

Accordingly, the last two Congresses, I have co-led HR 1667, the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act. This bill establishes grants and requires other actions to improve mental and behavioral health and prevent exhaustion among our nation's health care providers. I am also a co-sponsor of HR 432, Mental Health Access Improvement Act, to provide coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counseling services.

As I advocate on behalf of Ninth District residents while the health care task force crafts its agenda, I invite you to provide feedback.

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

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First, I would strongly recommend that every student request a private restroom or locker room every day ... **IT IS THEIR RIGHT!**

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PROTECT THEIR BODIES!

Equally as important is to make sure, more than ever, you are keenly aware of the required curriculum for all students, to include elementary age "Fun Time"

reading.

You as a parent have every right to know what your children or youth are exposed to and to approve of it.

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Orientation may have passed, and the school year is upon us this coming week.

You still have time to:

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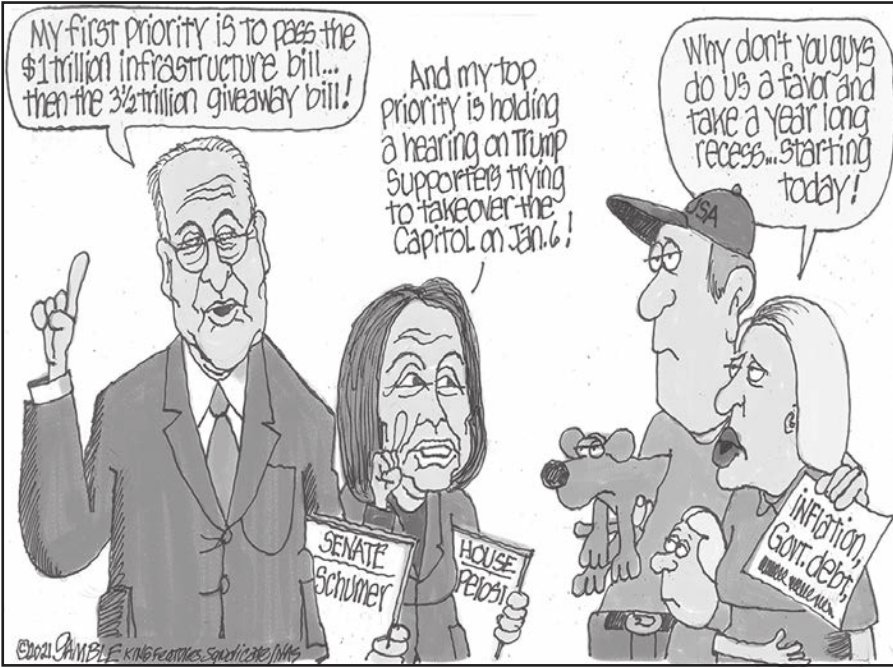
So, parents have to be more vigilant than ever

PROTECT THEIR BODIES
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God bless and protect all of our students.

Have a great year!

Pastor Donald Jones



Doubling down on crises

By Cal Thomas,
Tribune Content Agency

If a crisis is a terrible thing to waste, how terrible would it be to waste two simultaneous crises?

While still in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis and the Delta variant (isn't "crisis" overused and thus losing its power?), comes a report from a panel of scientists assembled by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an organization that provides governments with information intended to shape their climate policies. The Sixth Assessment Report, "Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis," repeats what we have heard many times before: climate change is going to fry us all if governments don't do something to drastically reduce greenhouse gases.

To borrow from the Old Testament book Ecclesiastes, "there is nothing new under the sun."

The IPCC report predictably calls on nations to "commit to climate finance," meaning spending more money we don't have and driving us further into a real crisis of deepening and massive debt.

Former Vice President Al Gore, an apostle of global warming -- the preferred term before it morphed into climate change -- admits the report was "torqued up" so as to promote political action. It sounds like the TV hurricane forecasters who so often hype storms that turn out to be duds.

The Biden administration's climate czar, John Kerry, whose preferred mode of travel is a carbon-emitting private jet, admitted to The Washington Post: "The United States could go to zero tomorrow. I mean we can't, but if you, figuratively speaking could go to zero. We'd still have a problem; the world would still have a problem. If China went to zero tomorrow with the United States, we'd still have a problem."

Over many recent decades and, in fact, dating back to the 19th century, there have been apocalyptic predictions and

doomsday scenarios claiming that if we don't do something about the weather and pollution Earth would come to resemble the lifeless planets in our solar system. As noted in a previous column, Kerry himself has changed his climate crisis predictions. In February, he told us we had just nine years to avert catastrophe. Two weeks ago, he had whittled that down to a mere 100 days.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), who, like Kerry, has zero scientific knowledge or credentials, claims we have only 12 years before we self-immolate. The climate change hyper-ventilators are as inconsistent as the COVID-19 messages on masks and vaccinations coming from the CDC and the administration.

If all of the promises and predictions of the climate change and disaster cult prophets have failed to come true, why would we put any faith in the next prediction, or the one after that? We might as well base our life decisions on horoscopes, psychics and fortune cookies.

In his book "The Politically Correct Guide to Climate Change," Marc Morano writes that the "UN IPCC is a purely political body posing as a scientific institution."

Isn't this really just another excuse for government to take even more control of our lives and impart only those liberties government in its beneficence allows us to have? Aren't we seeing those liberties threatened when it comes to wearing or not wearing masks or choosing to get vaccinated or not?

Selectively imparting information to the public, including misinformation, while ignoring information that contradicts a desired political outcome is the stuff of cults. It also leads to a further reduction in the credibility of government and "experts" in the eyes of people they most hope to influence.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at 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

Editor,
National Review

The President Who Wasn't There

Teddy Roosevelt fervently believed that the president of the United States should be at the center of the political universe, constantly attracting attention to himself. But he'd never met Joe Biden.

Biden is the most powerful man in the world and yet makes almost no impression.

No one, besides political and media professionals, wonders what Biden is going to say about something or considers him a figure of fascination. In fact, he barely rates.

His recent CNN town hall was a fizzle, averaging only 1.5 million viewers. Fox News easily beat it with its regular programming, and MSNBC had more viewers as well, dumping the president of the United States into third place in the cable-ratings race.

He's underperformed in more formal settings, too. Biden drew 27 million for his first address to a joint session of Congress, whereas Donald Trump drew 48 million.

The contrast with Trump's constant, impossible-to-ignore cocktail of provocation and political melodrama, naturally makes Biden's approach even more stark.

He's the Olympic badminton competition after a WWE match; he's the elevator music after a heavy metal concert; he's the sparkler after a fireworks display.

Biden's presidency is, in this sense, practically premodern, almost hearkening back to the pre-mass-media days when presidents were neither seen nor heard.

Of course, this is in part a deliberate choice by the White House, playing on the contrast with Trump and limiting Biden's exposure to avoid distractions (and gaffes). Being a notably low-voltage political figure worked for Biden in his comeback primary campaign and in the 2020 general election, so why not as president?

As a result, Biden strangely doesn't feel like the main event of the Biden years.

Assuming it arrives, the mid-term backlash in 2022 won't be directly about Biden; instead, it will be driven by the Biden-adjacent issues of the border, crime, critical race theory and -- if they reemerge in force -- mask mandates and school closures.

Biden is the prime driver of only one of these issues, the crisis at the border that easily could have been avoided by keeping in place the policies the Trump administration had implemented to get control of the flow of migrants.

In other words, the culture war itself is likely to be the overwhelming issue in 2022, rather than the president.

This would be a marked departure from the midterm shellackings that Bill Clinton and Barack Obama got in 1994 and 2010, which were deeply personal rejections of both men (Clinton was viewed as a draft

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Lowry

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dodger unworthy of the office and Obama as a crypto-socialist hostile to American exceptionalism).

If no one on the right is enamored of Biden, very little energy is invested in opposing him as such.

Indeed, the idea that tends to generate the most interest and passion isn't that the president is assiduously working to destroy the American way of life so much as Biden -- whose verbal meanderings can be truly bizarre

Green Potatoes??

Dawn Barnes
Senior Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences

From time to time I get a question that I want to double check my facts before I provide an answer. When that happens, some of the first resources I check is the USDA or other states' Cooperative Extension systems. The question I recently received was, is it safe to eat potatoes when they are turning green. The short answer is, no. The potatoes exposure to light produces chlorophyll and solanine. Solanine is a glycoalkaloid toxin that has a bitter taste and can irritate the digestive system. The bitterness usually prevents people from eating large amount which in If large enough amounts are eaten in extreme cases can cause death. One source says it is alright to trim small green spots before consuming the potato. All the sources agree that you should not eat the sprouts or eyes or green potatoes and do no use potatoes with any amount of green when serving children. Do not eat any potatoes with a bitter taste. To protect your potatoes from turning green store in a dark, cool place with good air circulation.



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August 21 at 2 and 7, 22 at 2, 28 at 2 and 7, 29 at 2

Left Side is Saturday August 21 at 7, August 28 at 2 and August 29 at 2

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Spongebob- Blake Bauer/ James Johnson
Patrick- Allen Queen
Plankton- Brittany Back/ Qyle English
Karen- Sydney Pauley (Aug 22 at 2 and Aug 28 at 2)/ Kaylee Newby (Aug 21 at 7, Aug 29 at 2)/ kalani Madeira (Aug 21 at 2, Aug 28 at 7)
Mr. Krabs- Ben Rorrer
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Sandy- Mandi Hopper/ Madison Davis- Reed
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Squidward- Dante Holmes//Austin McGuire
Narrator- Pierce O'Dell
Patchy Pirate- Cole Bishop/ Lukas Fiske
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Security Guards- Haleigh Roop and (Hailey Barnson/ Kalani Madeira)
Electric Skates- offnight Spon ok gebob, Cole, Lukas, Squidward
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Adair Theatre kicks off 2021 season

By: Neesey Payne

After finishing up their kids camp with a sold out show of "Peter Pan," Adair Theatre has no time to rest. Another show must go on.

In a few days, Adair Theatre will kick off the first mainstage show of its 2021 season called "Broadway Melody."

"This type of show is really fun because it's about the nostalgia of musical theatre. We're singing lots of Broadway's most popular hits and presenting lots of big production numbers," said Kendall Payne, founder of Adair Theatre. You'll hear songs like: "Someone to Watch Over Me", "I Got Rhythm", "Don't Rain On My Parade", and "All That Jazz".

Payne says, the whole cast is excited to be performing again.

"It's what we do. It makes us happy to be able to give people a place to put away the cares of the day and have a good time. We're really hoping the audience will sing along with us. That makes it even more fun," Payne said.

Tickets are \$10 and are on sale now. They can be purchased at adairetheatre.org. Due to capacity restrictions, buying tickets through the website will ensure you get a seat.

"Broadway Melody" will run for two weekends. August 13 - 15, and August 20 - 22. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m. Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. They will take place at the Pulaski Elks Lodge located on 8 West Main Street.

"We're ready to give this season all we've got! Let's pack the house," Payne said.



Adair Theatre photo

The cast of "Broadway Melody."

DMV to offer dropoff services for titling

RICHMOND – Customers who have purchased a vehicle from another individual or a business that is not a motor vehicle dealer/dealership and need to apply for a Virginia title may soon opt to drop off applications at any Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer service center (CSC) for processing. This new service beginning Monday, August 16, 2021, further enhancing

DMV's expanding and diverse service portfolio, will result in more appointment opportunities available for people who need in-person service.

Virginia titles for vehicles purchased from most dealerships are processed by the dealer. Titles for vehicles purchased from individuals or businesses that are not dealerships (known as a casual sales) are processed by DMV in three ways: by mail, by appointment at a full-service DMV CSC or DMV Select location, and now by drop-off service at DMV's 75 full-service CSCs.

Customers can bring completed applications and supporting documents to an office, without an appointment. Staff will review to ensure the application package is complete for processing and provide the customer an acknowledgment of receipt. DMV will conduct the transaction within five business days. Customers can opt to

either pick up the credential at the same location or have it mailed to them. Customers who want same day service must schedule an appointment.

"As we continue to migrate services online and reinvent the traditional ways of conducting DMV business, we are creating more efficient service options for Virginians," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb. "The ability to drop off titling applications and payment will provide a convenient way for more Virginians to access critical DMV services."

In order to prepare for this new option, customers should first fill

out the required form and gather the necessary information to bring with them. Before arriving to drop off the required paperwork, customers should make and retain copies.

Payment is required at the time of submission, by check or money order. Fee information is available here: <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/dmv201.pdf>. Typically, a titling fee and the motor vehicle sales and use tax are due at the time of titling the vehicle. If registering a vehicle at the same time, the registration fee should also be included. Any additional fees owed will be billed.

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Kevin Garner, RN

Hospital names new Chief Nursing Officer

LewisGale Hospital Pulaski has hired Kevin Garner, RN, as chief nursing officer for the 147-bed acute-care medical and surgical facility. He will be responsible for all nursing services.

“Kevin’s diverse background, compassion for patients, and commitment to high-quality care will allow us to continue reaching new heights in clinical excellence,” stated Sean Pressman, chief executive officer of LewisGale Hospital Pulaski. “His proven track record in leadership will be a significant asset for our outstanding nursing team.”

Garner brings over 20 years of nursing leadership experience to his new role including working in Med-Surg, telemetry, critical care, emergency room, dialysis, and cardiovascular services. Previously, he served as assistant chief nursing officer for Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska, where he supported management of resources, strategic planning, and development of continuous performance improvement initiatives to improve quality of care.

Additionally, Garner served in the U.S. Coast Guard as an electronics technician, EMT/medic, and maritime law enforcement team member.

Garner earned a Bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Florida and later graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Columbia Southern University.

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NRCC Photo

Pictured: First row left: Brooklyn Elizabeth Weikle, Victoria Sloan Cassell, Jordan D. McGrady, Judith Faith Tuttle, and Bridgett Kay Frame; Second row left: Chelsey B. Richardson, Britny D. Cromer, Kyanna Nashelle Holmes, Sydney Burton Songer, and Thomas Edward Semones; Third row left: Stephanie Lynn Smith, Jenna Marie Rhodes, and Kasey Nichole Millirons; Fourth row left: Bailey Wynter Nott, Falyn Grace Henley, and Nathan Isaiah Jenkins.

NRCC students graduate from practical nursing program

New River Community College held a graduation ceremony for the practical nursing program on August 3, with 16 students receiving certificates and nursing pins.

Practical nursing graduates include: Victoria Sloan Cassell, Britny D. Cromer, Bridgett Kay Frame, Falyn Grace Henley, Kyanna Nashelle Holmes, Nathan Isaiah Jenkins, Jordan D. McGrady, Kasey Nichole Millirons, Bailey Wynter Nott, Jenna Marie Rhodes, Chelsey B. Richardson, Thomas Edward Semones, Stephanie Lynn Smith, Sydney Burton Songer, Judith Faith Tuttle, and Brooklyn Elizabeth Weikle.

Dr. Peter Anderson, NRCC Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, addressed graduates at the ceremony. Nathan Jenkins and Stephanie Smith were chosen by their peers to give the student address.

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“Several of our Virginia counties have chosen to flatly reject this policy. I have to be honest tonight and question where the common sense is,” Jones asked. “You can choose to reject this model policy and limit bullying,” he said, saying he fears harassment of transgender students when they use restrooms of their chosen identity rather than private restrooms that they have been using.

He said he also fears students being victimized by video or picture taking or assault by another student pretending to be transgender or non-binary.

“Mischief and evil are within the hearts of all students. We were all born sinners. That’s why, thank God, there are boundaries in place. We are delusional if we think we can function without boundaries,” Jones said.

“You can choose to reject this model policy and take the pressure off teachers and faculty that are not called to be hall monitors and restroom guards. They are here to educate our kids to a successful future.

“There are many teachers who have great concern, but they keep their heads low for obvious reasons. Please choose right on their behalf,” he added.

Gina Paine spoke concerning Critical Race Theory and told the school board that it has repeatedly claimed CRT “does not exist or that it is not being taught in Pulaski County Schools.” She said that last month a statement was issued that said CRT is not part of the curriculum or “current state Standards of Learning.”

In the meantime, she said, the nation’s two largest teachers’ unions – National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers – finally admitted they support CRT.

“In fact, the AFT is so committed to CRT they announced a multi-million-dollar legal fund to protect and defend those who teach it to students,” Paine said.

She said that confirmed what many already knew, that CRT is embedded in professional training for teachers and classroom practices across the country.

She reminded that it is the Equity Collaborative that has been hired to conduct training in Pulaski County Schools – the same organization that is providing training in Loudoun County, Va. that is – like other communities across the U.S. – embroiled in a dispute over CRT.

She said CRT will be included in future curriculum and Standards of Learning with the addition of a new SOL category called Social Emotional Learning.

“The tenets and principles of CRT will be injected in every classroom beginning in elementary school. Students will be taught and tested on it,” she said. “Further, with the new culturally competency licensing requirement for certain teachers, the CRT conduit to Pulaski County Schools will be streamlined,” she said, noting CRT enters the education system through teachers.

She said many local teachers embrace CRT and have been incorporating it for years, noting she had personally encountered it in her own children’s education.

“I also know many in the schools stand against it,” she said. “They recognized that it is divisive and teaches hate. To those people I say thank you. Bless you. We support you and pray for you. And I encourage you to stand up, speak out ... resist. The time is now, and we need you.”

Brittany Lambert said she no longer feels the board has the best interest of her children at heart.

“That’s why I have decided to pull my children from Pulaski County Schools and home-school them,” she stated.

Lambert noted that in the school board’s recent open letter to the community in support of School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers, there was reference to a “campaign of mis-information.”

She said at the July meeting of the Board of Supervisors, “one of your Equity foot soldiers” insinuated that the purpose of a FOIA request from Lambert and others to the school system filed in May was “to get dirt on Dr. Siers.”

Holding a copy of the FOIA request, Lambert said no where in it does it ask for “dirt on Siers.”

“However, what it did ask for was information related to the creation of the Equity Advisory Team and documents and videos supporting the creation of the Equity Plan.”

She said she never expected that “emails showing the superintendent’s true feelings about this community would be included in the request.”

Lambert said she was also aware that at the adjournment of the recent Supervisors meeting that school board members and Dr. Siers initiated a verbal confrontation with members of the Board of Supervisors. Lambert said she was in attendance at the supervisors’ meeting, but was unable to stay for the adjournment.

“I know the altercation was recorded, and since that video has not been released, I would like to know what that was all about,” she added.

Lambert said on several occasions, Dr. Siers and board members have made comments about the FOIA documents being taken out of context.

“Either we were provided with all the documentation requested in the FOIA, and therefore we have all the context. Which would indicate it is a lie that we are spreading misinformation. Or you did not provide all the context, and therefore violated the FOIA. Which is it,” Lambert asked. “It can’t be both.”

Rebecca Sheckler said she supports the “diversity and equity” initiative and that she was motivated to become involved with the effort when she saw the stats about six years ago that showed performance and disciplinary differences based on race, class and physical abilities.

She said her reason for speaking Tuesday was to “protest” the length of time taken to eliminate or even address the gaps.

She asked that at least once a year the school board report on progress on getting these differences to disappear.

Gary Hash II said members of the community are ready to help the school system keep students “from falling through the cracks.”

Hazel Wines said she and others had watched what the school board and Dr. Siers had gone through “for the past good while,” and had celebrated every win with our children.

“I feel confident tonight we will see another win for our county’s children,” she said. “We’re going to see policies passed to protect our county’s transgender students.”

She said opposition to the transgender policy has strengthened the community’s resolve to move toward inclusion, equity and acceptance.

Terrie Cox said the issue is not about love vs. hate, good vs. evil or sinner vs. saint.

“It is about safety,” she said.

Cox said if any child in the county is harmed physically or emotionally, each board member should be charged as an accessory to the crime.

Jessica Fisher asked if the single-stall restrooms will be completed this year and was told they would.

Ashley Bowman called on some opposed to the transgender policies to stop calling transgen-

der students “predators.”

“They are not predators,” she exclaimed.

Derrick Kitts, a Democratic candidate for the 7th District seat in the Virginia House of Delegates said the policy being discussed should not be influenced by politics.

Kitts’ opponent, Republican Marie March, addressed an earlier meeting of the school board.

Siers went over plans for addressing concerns heard from parents on restrooms, locker rooms and requesting alternative assignments.

On a motion by Robinson District representative Dr. Paige Cash and a second by Cloyd District representative Bill Benson the vote was held with all board members voting “yes,” except for Golden.

Following the vote each representative was offered a chance by Hurst to make a comment.

Massie District representative Beckie Cox said that she believes the school system has made things safe for students.

“There are many concerns about safety, but I can tell you that the things that you have already mentioned, a lot of it has already happened in this school system and they didn’t involve transgender students. It involved other students, with the cell phone pictures and usually they don’t have to take them themselves. Someone else takes it and texts it to everybody. We know that happened.

“I feel comfortable about the progress we have made and will continue to make,” Cox said.

Hurst closed the meeting with a statement, saying the issue ultimately came down to whether school board members would uphold their oaths and support the rule of law in the Commonwealth.

He said they had.

Hurst said board members have had their differences in the past, but “when it’s over, it’s over. And we move forward together to do the best we can for the students, their safety and their privacy and protection. And we will continue to do that. My hope is that, as a county, we will do the same.”

SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

The Pulaski County School Board voted 4-1 to approve the school system’s reopening plan – a plan that will require that masks be required inside all school building and on school

buses.

Ingles District representative Penny Golden cast the one “no” vote.

Cash said parents are wondering if the level of cleaning in the schools would equal that of last year. Dr. Siers said it would.



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Hodge Honored By School System

School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers presents Tina Duncan with a framed copy of a resolution honoring the life of Sergeant Perry Hodge who was killed in a crash on Jan. 14. The resolution, approved by the Pulaski County School Board, officially names the athletic track at Pulaski County Middle School after the fallen deputy. The presentation was made Tuesday during a meeting of the School Board. Duncan is Hodge’s sister.

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Pulaski County Athletic Director Scott Vest reports there have been some adjustments made to Friday’s Cougar Football Cougar Pride Kickoff Day. There is no admission charge to the scrimmage and the concession stand will be open. All scrimmage action will take place on Joel Hicks Field at Kenneth Dobson Stadium. Here is the schedule:

- Varsity Football Scrimmage: Christiansburg @ Pulaski Co. 5:30 pm
- JV Football: Intersquad Scrimmage 4:30 pm
- Middle School Football: Intersquad Scrimmage 4:30 pm



Whit Babcock

Va. Tech to keep Babcock through June 2029

Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech announced Monday that the contract of director of athletics Whit Babcock has been extended five years through June 2029. Babcock was originally appointed to that post on Jan. 24, 2014. During his tenure he has continued to make a mark on all facets of the Tech Athletics from academic and athletic accomplishment to fan engagement and facilities improvements, as well as fundraising and successful coaching hires.

“Whit Babcock and his roster of talented coaches have done an outstanding job, creating memorable moments for our students, alumni, and fans, and making the student-athlete experience their top priority,” said Virginia Tech President Tim Sands. “Whit and his leadership team have the right long-term vision and have demonstrated their ability to manage the rapidly changing landscape in collegiate athletics. I look forward to continuing our collective efforts on behalf of Virginia Tech.”

During the 2020-21 academic year Babcock helped guide Tech Athletics through one of the most turbulent times in the modern history of college athletics as the COVID-19 pandemic impacted lives, families and economies across the globe. Despite the unprecedented challenges, through the collective perseverance of Tech’s coaches, student-athletes and staff, the Hokies produced some of the most impressive collective results in school history.

In the classroom, 16 of Tech’s teams registered a collective 3.0 or better team GPA during both the 2020-21 and spring semesters in 2020-21. In terms of competitive success, the Hokies finished No. 32 in the Learfield Director’s Cup standings, Tech’s second-highest performance in those rankings, trailing only a No. 28 finish in 2017-18. Virginia Tech’s men’s and women’s basketball teams both made the NCAA Tournament in the same season for the first time in school history, as men’s basketball coach Mike Young was named the ACC Coach of the Year and women’s coach Kenny Brooks registered his 100th career win at Tech.

“During the interview process nearly eight years ago, I shared with the selection committee that Virginia Tech was the best job in the country,” Babcock said. “That sentiment hasn’t changed, my connection to Tech and Blacksburg has gotten even stronger. I’m honored to be a Hokie, there’s nowhere I’d rather be, this is my home. I’m thrilled to work for Dr. Sands and our Board of Visitors. Our alignment is strong and we are just starting to hit our stride and achieve at never-before-achieved levels. Our success starts with our head coaches and the talented student-athletes they are able to recruit. This is collectively the best group of coaches and athletic administrators that I’ve ever worked with in my career. I’m thankful for all of them and it speaks to what we can achieve when we all work together as Hokies.”

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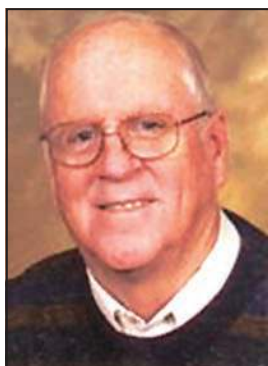
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, August 23, 2021, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

1) Transfer of the former Pulaski Middle School property, located at 500 Pico Terrace (Tax Parcel 072-51-247A-18) from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority.

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

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

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New River Community Corrections & Pre-Trial Services Probation Officer

Seeking a qualified candidate as a probation officer with duties that include: conducting assessments on adult offenders referred by the courts and developing supervision and case plans accordingly based on the assessments and court orders while implementing and monitoring community corrections plans according to established standards, policies and procedures.

A Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, psychology, or a related field is required and. Experience in case management, counseling or in a criminal justice agency preferred or equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. The pay band for this position is \$32,000 - \$36,000.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download an application from www.pulaskicounty.org and deliver or mail it to New River Community Corrections & Pretrial Services, PO Box 191, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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Tech

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On the football field, head coach Justin Fuente and the Hokies reclaimed the Commonwealth Cup and finished the 2020 season on a positive note with a convincing 33-15 victory to end the season vs. Virginia. The Hokies boasted a pair of first-round NFL Draft picks for the second time in four years.

Meanwhile, Tech's baseball squad under the direction of John Szeft enthusiastic crowds as Tech returned to the national rankings and finished the year with 27 victories.

Under the leadership of Dave Cianelli, Tech's men's indoor track squad won the ACC indoor title by the largest margin in modern conference history. It marked the 17th overall team ACC championship claimed by the Hokies under Cianelli. In 2021, Tech's softball program coached by Pete D'Amour

reached the NCAA Super Regionals for the first time since 2008. Tech's women's golf coach Carol Robertson continued leading her team to new heights as the Hokies qualified for the championship round of the NCAA Tournament in 2021 for the first time in program history.

Tech's wrestling team under the direction of Tony Robie also continued its streak of NCAA Tournament appearances as eight individuals qualified for the NCAA Championships. The men's soccer program led by Mike Brizendine qualified for NCAA postseason competition for the fifth straight year and were rated as high as No. 4 in the nation, while as standout performer Daniel Pereira made history as the school's first No. 1 overall pick in the Major League Soccer Draft. Meanwhile, Sergio Lopez Miro continued the ascent of Tech's swimming and diving program as both the men (No. 11) and women (No. 15) were ranked in the Top 25 this past season.

Tech's external operations unit was recognized for its creativity during a year filled with unprecedented challenges in 2020-21. Tech won Paciolan's Star of the Year for Innovative Revenue Generation Programs, while the Athletics marketing squad was one of six finalists for NACMA's Marketing Team of the Year. Meanwhile, Tech's Learfield/IMG Ticketing Solutions team won NACMA's Play of the Year for orchestrating a virtual sellout of Lane Stadium last fall.

The launch of the \$400 million Reach For Excellence campaign in conjunction with Dr. Sands and other campus partners in April 2021 was another important mile-

stone for the university and Tech Athletics. The major pillars of this campaign include a football enhancement fund, renovations to Cassell Coliseum, the ongoing Drive for 25 initiative to increase Hokie Club membership to 25,000, as well as other initiatives to help sustain comprehensive excellence in all sports and increase scholarship endowments.

During Babcock's tenure, a number of major facilities projects have been transformed from vision to reality. Thanks to a \$15.2 million gift, Tech's \$20.4 million Student-Athlete Performance Center was completed and went online serving meals on a daily basis to student-athletes in all sports in 2021. A \$5 million renovation and expansion of the football strength and conditioning center was completed, a new residence hall in Virginia Tech's Creativity and Innovation District Residence Hall with 176 residence spaces for student-athletes is scheduled to open this fall.

In the spring of 2018, the athletics department concluded an \$18 mil-

lion renovation of English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park, in large part because of a \$3.5 million donation from Atlantic Union Bank secured by Babcock. Construction of a softball batting facility and the conversion of Rector Field House into a home for the Hokies' track and field programs have also been completed under his watch, as well as major upgrades at the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center.

Babcock and his team spent several years laying the groundwork for the launch of the ACC Network in August 2019. Those preparations included the completion of control rooms, engineering and office space in the south end zone of Lane Stadium with plans for studio space on the west side of the stadium facing Beamer Way. In addition to approximately \$10 million in infrastructure, the Hokies are also making significant investments in equipment and human resources to showcase Tech's athletic programs, the campus and its people in the best possible light.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Bond Issue

The Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia (the "Council") will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of bonds by the Town of Pulaski.

The estimated maximum amount of the bonds is \$2,686,309. The proposed uses of the bond proceeds are to pay costs of capital improvements to the Town's water system and costs of issuing the bonds.

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed bond issue, will be held at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on September 7, 2021, before the Council in the Council Chambers, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First St. NW, Pulaski, Virginia.

Handicapped persons needing aid or assistance should contact the government prior to the meeting by calling (540) 994-8600.

**Darlene Burcham, Town Manager
Town of Pulaski**

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A proposed amendment to Section 5.4 Signs of the Zoning Ordinance, adding Section 5.4.10-2, Temporary Signage Requirements.
2. A request by Good Ol Boy's Recovery, Agent: Kelly Dalton, for a Special Exception for a junkyard and automobile graveyard for property located at 34 First Street NE (tax parcel (s) 072-140-257) per Section 4.12.2-2(2) (b), Junkyards and Automobile Graveyards, of the Zoning Ordinance.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.



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7. Donkey & Mule Halter
8. English Pleasure—Adult
9. Pony Halter (14.2 & under)
10. Miniature Country Pleasure Driving 38" and under—Adult*
11. Horse Halter (over 14.2)
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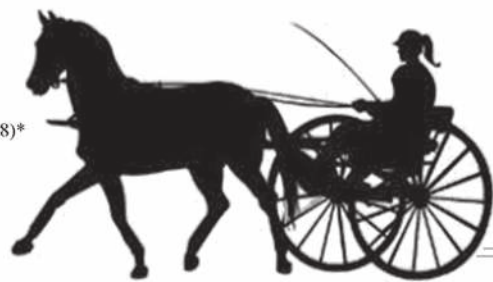
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21. Miniature Country Pleasure Driving 38" & under—Youth*
22. Roadster Pony Under Saddle
23. Open Trail Racking
24. Country Pleasure Driving (over 14.2)*
25. Western Go-As-You-Pleasure
26. Spotted Saddle Horse Trail Racking—Light Shod
27. Walking Horse Flat Shod
28. Roadster Pony (no cross entries between 6 & 28)*
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VHSL clarifies guidance on non-instructional activities

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – On Thursday, August 5, 2021, Governor Northam reminded Virginia’s public schools that Virginia law (Bill Tracking - 2021 session > Legislation (virginia.gov)) requires school boards to implement in-person instruction in the 2021-2022 school year in a manner that adheres, to the maximum extent practicable, to any applicable federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance (Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools | CDC).

VHSL staff has consulted with the Virginia Department of Education and VHSL Legal Counsel to determine the extent to which this law applies to VHSL activities. This law addresses explicitly “in-person instruction” under the purview of local school boards, and therefore does not apply to extracurricular activities or other non-instructional activities on school grounds. School Boards are not bound by law to follow CDC guidelines for non-instructional activities.

Each local school board will adopt safety protocols for extracurricular activities - athletes, coaches, and spectators.

PCHS to sell All-Sports Passes

Pulaski County High School is pleased to announce we will again be selling All Sports Passes. The All Sports Pass for the 2021-2022 school year will be available at the following prices:

Individual Student: \$55
Individual Adult: \$80

This pass will grant admission to all fall, winter, and spring home contests (excluding benefit games, district tournaments, and state playoffs). This is a great money saving option for PCHS Sports Fans. The All Sports Passes will go on sale Monday, August 9, 2021 in the PCHS front office. The passes will also be available for purchase at the PCHS Open House/Back to School Nights. We appreciate all those who support Cougar Athletics through this purchase!!

Scott Vest
Pulaski County High School
Athletic & Activities Director

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New River Valley Sheep and Goat Club to host festival

September 25, 2021, at Thee Draper Village On The Farm, there will be a free festival hosted by the New River Valley Sheep and Goat Club and open to the public. Learn all about sheep & goats including a live presentation of various breeds, a petting zoo, shearing demos, crafts for the kids, milking and spinning demonstrations, and plenty of products produced by Club Members.

There will be full day of fun with live music, cooking demos, good food from the Draper Mercantile, straw bale maze, pumpkin painting, educational oppor-

tunities, and lots of other games and prizes. Come out for a day in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains, learn about the sheep & goat agribusiness benefits to the community.

There are three levels of Sponsorship available: Gold, Silver and Bronze. To learn more, please contact the Club at NRVSheepandGoatClub@gmail.com or call (540) 239-4720.

For the latest information and directions, please see the Facebook Event page @sheepgoatclub.

and Goat Club has over 200 member farms, and over 500 members, throughout the New River Valley as well as West Virginia and North Carolina. The mission of the New River Valley Sheep & Goat club is to support and promote the sheep and goat agri-business throughout the region and provide education and appreciation of these breeds for the benefit of club members and the general public. As farmers, members are stewards of the land and believe it is important to raise healthy animals in a manner that improves their land, the community and the environment.

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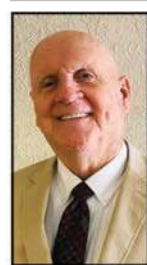
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Jesus came to save sinners

Some hypocrites railed against Jesus for being a friend of sinners. "And Jesus answering said unto them, they that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5: 31, 32.

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ, the One whom God chose to introduce Jesus the Savior to the world. We have a similar job to do. We who have been blood washed and born again of the Spirit have knowledge of the saving grace of God, and His awesome power to save from the gutter-most to the utter-most, and it's up to us to introduce the Savior to those whom we meet in life.

We are not to wait until sinners just happen to wander into the Church House to try to win them to Christ. We are to go out into the highways and hedges and find them and bring them to meet Jesus. As for those who do venture into our Church Services, we should show them that we love them in Christ, and care about them, no matter their appearance. They might not look like us; they might not wear their hair like us; they might not be dressed as nicely as we are; and they might not even smell good. People like this might be turned away at some Churches as being undesirable. But if they are lost in sin, they are the very ones that Jesus came to seek and to save. Once a person accepts Jesus into their hearts and lives, they'll be changed from who and what they were into who and what God wants them to be. We need to get them saved, and let God clean them up. God can and will clean up their act a whole lot better than we could do it.

1 John 1:9. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Who are we to judge who is to be saved and who isn't? God loves us all with a love that is greater than any other love can ever possibly be. We can't do anything to make God love us more and we can't do anything to make Him love us less. He already loves us as much as it is possible to be loved. He loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, so that we can be saved. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

God has already proved how much He loves us. Now we need to prove to Him how much we love Him, by accepting Jesus as our Savior, by serving Him faithfully all the remaining days of our lives and by giving Him the worship and praise that He so rightly deserves.

When a soul is cleansed by the blood of Jesus, and filled with the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, they'll be miraculously changed and will become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

God doesn't look on the outward appearance as man does, but He looks upon the heart. When God finds a heart that is longing for Him, He'll embrace that person, and fill that longing down in his or her soul. And when He does, the prophecy of Isaiah and the promise of God will come true for them. "Although thy

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3200 Lee Highway
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email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

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552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
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674-1762
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11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
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4576 Miller Lane
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Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046

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3080 Greenbriar Road
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Pastor: Rev. Jason Crandall
423-716-2570
Primary Service Times:
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Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835

Newbern Christian Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Jim Goddard
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

Newbern United Methodist Church

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674-6111
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mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/
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Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

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Dublin Baptist Church
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

1560 Julia Simpkins Road
Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

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

Belspring Baptist Church

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

Memorial Baptist Church

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

River of Life Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
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Heritage Church

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

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

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7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
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email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
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Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
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The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
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Dublin United Methodist Church

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office@dublinumc.com
Early Worship - 8:45 am
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Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am
Worship - 10:55 am

Freedom Fellowship Church

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

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Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
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540-980-3624
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

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

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
Pastor Mark A. Miller
markmiller.psalml@gmail.com
Cell) 540-320-2431
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Pastor Mike Williams
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Aaron & Becky Sampson
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
Ages 5-12
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

McCraw

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sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool; and though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as snow.” Isaiah 1:18.

The truth be told, some of us were pretty low down and wretched before the Lord saved us. It wasn’t until we got saved, and God implanted a new nature in us, that we started wanting to look like someone who has been cleansed by the power of God.

It’s a good thing for you and me that Jesus was a friend of sinners. If He wasn’t, you and I would not be saved today and on our way to heaven. I’m so glad that Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He’ll never leave us, nor forsake us, but He’ll go with us, all the way. He’ll never let us down. He’ll stand with us, for us, and beside us, when everyone else walks away.

One of my favorite gospel songs of all time was written by Joseph M. Schiven. “What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear; what a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer.”

John 15:13-15. “Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”

Jesus is the best friend that you and I could ever have. He is our Friend, our Savior, our Lord, our Deliverer, our Healer, our Advocate with the Father, our High Priest, and our soon coming King. Praise His Holy name, forevermore!

“God loves me. Not because I am good but because He is good.” Pinterest.

“God loves you. He wants you to succeed. He wants the best for you.” Norman Vincent Peale.

“God doesn’t love us because of our worth, we are of worth because God loves us.” Martin Luther.

“God sees us as we are; loves us as we are; and accepts us as we are; but by His grace, He does not leave us as we are.” Timothy Keller.

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If you need a ride, call the church at 540-674-8434.

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Sadducee in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
 - In Matthew 12:9-14, what does Jesus tell the Pharisees it is lawful to do on the Sabbath? Tend to sick, Pray out loud, Feast together, Do good (well)
 - What did Saul use a couple of times in attempts to kill David? Poison, Spear, Mallet, Sling
 - From Judges 8, which city refused to give food to Gideon’s army? Succoth, Thessalonica, Tarsus, Gaza
 - Why did David meet Goliath without armor? Faith in God, Not used to wearing, Too poor to buy, Size not handy
 - Who was the mother of Gad and Asher? Jezebel, Anna, Rachel, Zilpah
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Do good (well); 3) Spear; 4) Succoth; 5) Not used to; 6) Zilpah

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren

1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries

3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
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Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

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

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

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

St. Edwards Catholic Church

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7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

Warriors for Christ II

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

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church

3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Baptist Church

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fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center

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Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Amazing Grace Ministries

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ttgarwood674@gmail.com

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.

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

Aldersgate United Methodist

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

First Baptist Church

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

Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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

Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship

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

New Hope Chapel

1555 Case Knife Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080

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Service Times:
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Family Worship Center

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-2927

First Baptist Church

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

New Dublin Presbyterian Church

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

Community Christian Church

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

First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)

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

Max Creek Baptist Church

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

Pulaski Church of God

1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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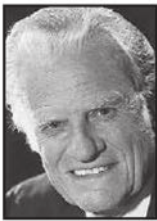
Worry Can Be Sinful

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My pastor says that worrying is sinful. If so, I am a big sinner, but I cannot conquer it no matter what I do. I read books on it and have even sought help from a doctor. What does the Bible say about it? -- W.M.

A: We must ask ourselves why we worry about some things, and not others. For instance, do we worry about a tree that has never fallen on our house? Or a sickness we’ve never experienced?

Many people trust more in worry than trusting God. For the Christian, worry can be sin, which demonstrates our lack of faith in God who has given us the richness of His constant abiding presence. We must counter our worry by thinking about the promises of God found in the Bible, such as casting our cares upon the Lord because He greatly cares for His own. One of the great remedies to worry is reading God’s Word and memorizing Scripture. When our troubled minds begin to worry, it is a great comfort to turn our



My Answer

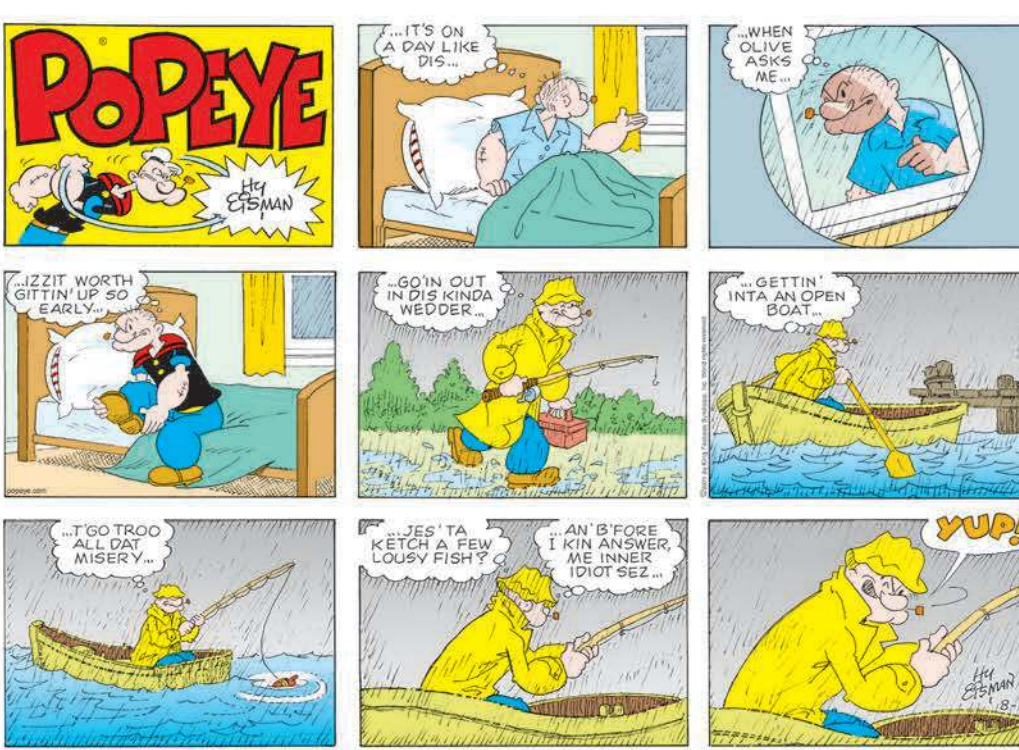
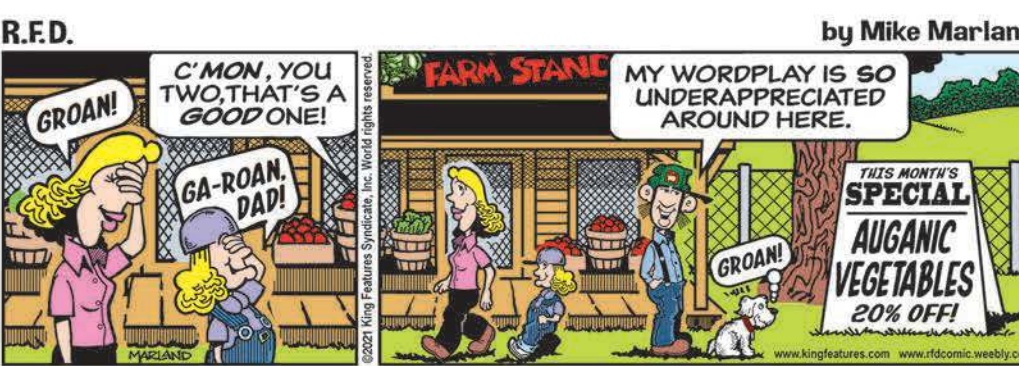
Billy Graham

thoughts to the Lord Jesus who brings comfort and peace to our hearts.

We may be worriers by nature, but even the worst worrier in the world doesn’t worry about some things. Many people would never worry about whether their

mother loves them or not.

We can be just as certain and worry-free about God’s love and protection. What is the evidence? It is the cross, where God fully expressed His love for us. Since Jesus overcame death, can He not help us overcome worry about things that will probably never happen? We should turn worry into gratitude for all the times He has seen us through difficulties. Worries flee before a spirit of gratitude and the Lord is pleased when we trust Him (1 Peter 5:7).



"A what? Who you kidding, dear?
Rivers don't have _____."

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!

Stew	SHAH	
Concede	IDELY	
Berate	CLODS	
Remove	TEELED	

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Scepter
- Israeli airline
- Staffer
- Brit. record label
- The Big Easy acronym
- Not worth debating
- Picnic crasher
- Bird with yellow plumage
- Popular take-out entree
- Use a shovel
- Golden Fleece ship
- Atkinson of "Mr. Bean"
- Wood pigeon
- Long tale
- Mil. morale booster
- Gladden
- Decay
- Lost traction
- Pink wading bird
- King of Judea
- Faux pas
- Belly
- Tribal emblem
- Coastal diving bird
- Chopper
- mater
- Bassoon's kin
- Director

DOWN

- Harvest
- Hotel chain
- Bubblehead
- Fencer's cry
- Brit's restroom
- 100 percent
- "Shane" star
- Juan's pals
- Charged bit
- Medico
- Burton
- Longings
- See to
- Packed away
- Ordinal suffix
- Fragrant tree
- Abrupt turn
- Michelle Wie's game
- Cameo shapes
- Tip off
- Awestruck
- Peacekeeping org.
- Hurry
- Capri, for one
- Pinot — (Lat.)
- Sent forth
- Doctrines
- Wall St. debut
- Pair
- Jog
- "Toodle-oo!"
- Way out
- Viral web phenomenon
- Low isle
- Flamenco cheer
- LBJ's successor
- Copper head?
- "Smoking or —?"

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Which book series featured a character named Samwise Gamgee?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of Fred's boss on the animated TV show "The Flintstones"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many cards are in a modern tarot deck?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is Canada's largest island?
- MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character nicknamed "The Dude"?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which country did tequila originate?
- ADVERTISING: Which website is advertised in commercials that feature the character Captain Obvious?
- SCIENCE: What kind of tree produces acorns?
- HISTORY: When did the United States' first commercial radio station go on the air?
- U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Missouri?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Suspender is different. 2. Shadow is missing. 3. Sign is lower. 4. Drop of water is missing. 5. Hair is blowing. 6. Leaves are added.

STILLS

Today's Word

1. Hash 2. Yield; solution
3. Scold 4. Delete

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals W

NECLE OXHFCJBJU RNHXKRFBJ
REHVWK KNBWW CJ HFZJ'R
LZOCUZW?
UEB UEXBB FVRLZU-BBXR!

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Americanisms

"If the path before you is clear, you're probably on someone else's."
— Joseph Campbell

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

And Baby Makes Three

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are expecting our first child in a couple of weeks. I bring home \$35,000 a year teaching at a local high school, and she just completed her master's degree in speech therapy. She has a job waiting for her after the baby is born, and they are being very flexible about when she starts. I have heard you tell some people to leave just \$1000 in savings for Baby Step 1, and use any other saved cash to pay off debt. But I am concerned about the new expenses we will have once the baby is home. Should we hang on to our savings, so we have extra cushion for those costs or if something unexpected happens?

David

Dear David,
Congratulations! I know you two are excited to welcome a little one into the world. In your situation, I'd advise pushing the pause button on the Baby Steps for now. Forget about paying down debt, until mom and the baby come home, and you're sure everyone's healthy and safe. You could even hang on to it all until she decides to start work. But the bottom line is if everybody's okay, the baby and all those connected expenses—like formula, diapers, and daycare—just become part of a regular monthly budget.

Your wife is going to be making pretty good money once she starts her job. And the truth is babies are not all that expensive. There are costs involved in having kids, but it's not like we're talking thousands of dollars a month out of your budget just because you had a baby. Can you buy lots and lots of things for a baby? Can those things cost a ridiculous amount of money? Of course! The list of things you could buy goes on and on. But a healthy, new baby doesn't need much, and having one at home isn't going to break the bank.

I think any financial fear or uncertainty you may be experiencing right now will disappear once you've got a couple months of adjusting your budget and getting used to the new normal under your belt. Then, when you and your wife decide it's time to start her career, you can begin paying off debt in a really big way!

—Dave

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

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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Aug. 13

Vacation Bible School

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August 14

Antique Tractor Pull

The NRV Antique Tractor Club will have a antique tractor pull on Saturday, August 14th at 11 AM at the Ruritan National Headquarters in Newbern, with 14 weight classes. Pack a lunch and enjoy a fun day out! Contact Randy at 320-6535 for further info

August 15

Ice Cream Social

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

August 28

Fort Chiswell High School Reunion

Fort Chiswell High School Class Reunion will be held for all classes from 1961 to present. The event is planned for Saturday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Foster Falls State Park. Graduation is not required. Bring a bag lunch and a guest.

September 7

25 Cent Bingo

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 will host 25¢ Bingo Saturday Sept. 7th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Post home located @ Dora Highway & Washington Ave. Everyone welcome.

September 11

Women’s Meeting

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

Oct. 9

Porch Concert

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

Oct. 15

Crafts Fair

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

Nov. 6

Church Prayer – Hymn Sing

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

Notice:

Do You or Someone You Know Need Mental/Behavioral Health Help?

Appalachian Telemental Health Network (ATHN) is a state-funded resource for people in Virginia who are seeking mental/behavioral health help. Sessions are held

over a HIPAA secure video session with a professional. The prior eliminates barriers of time, distance, and provider scarcities. The process is streamlined, making it easy to use the platform as a provider and/or patient.

Appalachian Telemental Health Network was designed to create better access for the underserved Appalachian counties of Virginia. ATHN welcomes providers, referral streams, and people seeking help. If you or someone you know needs help, do not hesitate. Appalachian Telemental Health Network is an available resource. Visit our website location to sign up: www.athn.us.

Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

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

Still distributing food

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

VHM Beginning Hispanic Service

Valley Harvest Ministries, in Dublin on the hill across from Walmart, is holding an Hispanic service each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the

church’s coffee shop.

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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Deputies, marshalls take wanted man into custody in Parrott

On Aug. 12, Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office Deputies along with the United States Marshalls attempted warrant service on David Frank Dowdy, 28 years old from Creek Rd. in Parrott, VA.

Dowdy was wanted for multiple charges from Pulaski County including two counts of failure to appear, two counts of Possession of Schedule I or II controlled substance while in possession of a firearm, 3 counts of felony eluding police, two counts of driving suspended, false identification to law enforcement, reckless driv-

ing, hit and run and multiple traffic violations.

Warrant service was attempted around 0830 hours at Dowdy’s residence on Creek Rd. in Parrott. Dowdy was located inside the residence and was taken to into custody without incident. Three pistols along with a rifle were discovered and seized inside of Dowdy’s residence. One of the three pistols had been reported stolen out North Carolina. Charges for the pistol will be pending.

Dowdy was transported to the regional jail and is currently being

held without bond.

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