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Project would provide broadband to entire county

"We're talking about universal fiber to the home broadband deployment to 100 percent of the county. One of the most transformational opportunities we've had in the county for a long time."

**-Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski County Administrator**

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

If everything comes together as planned, a public-private partnership between Pulaski County, Appalachian Power and All Points Broadband will bring broadband internet coverage to all areas of Pulaski County that currently have poor or no internet coverage.

The Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 Monday to approve application for a Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant to help fund the \$52.5 million project.

The grant, if awarded to the county, would provide 49 percent (\$25 million) toward the total cost of the project.

All Points would secure 47 percent (\$25 million) of the total cost.

Pulaski County would contribute 4 percent (\$2.2 million) which it would take from American Rescue Plan Act funding the county will receive from the federal government. Such a project is eligible for ARPA funding.

The project includes some 500 miles of fiber infrastructure to extend to all remaining unserved areas in the county.

Jim Carr, CEO of All Points – which bills itself as the leading internet service provider in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky – laid out details on the plan for the supervisors.

He said the county and All Points have partnered together since mid-2019 to develop and execute a strategy to achieve universal broadband for all unserved locations in the county.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to bridge Pulaski's digital divide," Carr said.

Blue Ridge Advisory Services Group will identify the unserved locations in the county, and All Points will work with Apco to deliver fiber to each of those locations.

A standard installation fee of \$99 would be

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'Huber's Heroes' recognized for their vaccination efforts

By **DANIELLE REID**
The Patriot

Pharmacist William "Will" Hale of Martin's Pharmacy, is proud of the community's effort to administer the COVID-19 vaccines in the New River Valley. To date, Martin's has dispensed approximately 14,000 doses of the Pfizer, Moderna and the Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

"We were the first to get the vaccines and make them available to citizens in the NRV district. This is due to the initial efforts of our pharmacist Candice Shay, who joined us full time in May of 2020."

Shay had worked for Martin's Pharmacy while a student and was the recipient of the Martin's Pharmacy Scholarship at NRCC, established by Hale's father, Eddie Hale.

As the Covid-19 pandemic spread throughout the country, Shay was determined to ensure that the people in the NRV could receive the vaccines. Initially, the vaccines were strictly allocated



Photo courtesy of Angie Covey

(From left) Pat Huber, Pete Huber, Will Hale, Eddie Hale and Candice Shay.

and difficult to get.

Shay began researching how to get vaccines into the NRV and by September, started working on the paperwork with the CDC and Virginia Department of Health.

"It took months of paperwork, but by the end of December 2020, we received notification that we

were going to get the vaccines. We partnered with the Virginia Department of Health and started getting vaccines through them. All the while, Shay continued filing requests with the Federal government for additional vaccine allocations. Finally in April,

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Project

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charged, which would include all customer premises equipment “to make the internet work,” said Carr.

He continued that the first 500 feet of a customer’s service drop is included. He noted that normally, each additional foot in excess of that amount, would be paid for by the customer at a flat per foot charge.

But, he said, if a customer signs up for the new service within the first 12 months, the long drop charges are waived. After that, the additional drop length would be charged at cost plus 10 percent.

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Carr explained that, for instance, the 50 x 50 basic service would allow a customer to stream 10 high-definition Netflix videos simultaneously with no buffering. He guaranteed the basic rate of \$59.99 would be in effect for the life of the project and would only rise based on the rate of the CPI (Consumer Price Index).

The VATI grant application is due to be submitted by Sept. 14. The VATI awards will be announced in December. All Points will begin purchasing fiber and other long-lead time components as soon as the county’s match commitment is finalized.

Carr said the project would be substantially complete within 18 months from VATI grant award and completion of the Apco routes.

“In this VATI grant cycle, Pulaski is extremely well-positioned. First, we have a very high-quality network design. We have strong partnerships in place. And this is a “whole-of-jurisdiction” solution.

“This project is about getting internet service to people who don’t have it today,” he continued.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet explained the 25/3 level of internet service means 25 Mbps (megabits per second download speed) and 3 Mbps (megabits per second upload speed). And if a customer is below that they are considered underserved and fall into the unserved category.

“If you’re having buffering issues and you’re utilizing service that is not adequate because it’s not considered by definition broadband then perhaps you could be served by the project,” Sweet said.

Sweet noted the project would solve the question of how to bring broadband internet service to the entire county without spending a penny of local taxpayer money.

He said the project would help take Pulaski County to “that next level community that we all desire.”

Supervisor Chairman Joe Guthrie said the project “strikes me as being as transformative to the community as universal electricity was.”



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Carol Smith Recognized by Supervisors

Carol Smith, who retired July 31 after 24 years of service to the county, was honored Monday night during the August meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. She was presented with several tokens of appreciation from the supervisors, including Ingles Supervisor Laura Walters who made the presentation. Pictured above are Walters and Smith on the left standing next to Smith’s family members. In the back row are the rest of the county’s supervisors and County Administrator Jonathan Sweet.

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43 students named to NRCC President’s, Dean’s lists

At New River Community College, 43 students were recently named to the President’s List and Dean’s List in recognition of their academic excellence during the summer 2021 session. Certificates will be mailed to the recipients in the coming weeks.

To be placed on the President’s List, a student must have taken 12 college-level semester hours or more, attained a grade point average of 3.5 for any one semester, and earned a minimum of 20 semester hours at New River Community College.

A Dean’s List student is one who has taken 12 college-level semester hours of credit or more and attained a grade point average of 3.2 for any one semester.

Those named to the President’s List are: Dustin Agee, Kidus As-

sefa, John Travis Byrd, Dustin Dishon, Victoria Duncan, Teresa Eggers, Faith Eichner, Jennifer Ferguson, Donia Hassan, Amanda Hopkins, Courtney Jennings, Trevor Lyon, Sierra McDaniel, Jaira McNair, Renee Melki, Austin Minnick, Taylor Queen, Shmetrias Raymond, Amy Schlake, Zachary Sims, Caitlin Slusher, Leda Stubbs, Gracie Sutphin, Heidi Treser, Kayleigh Webb, Weifan Wei, and Sierra Williams.

Those named to the Dean’s List are: Tiffany Absher, Mark Badger, Elizabeth Bailey, Sunni Bartlett, Sydney Burton, Nicholas Jewell, Haley Jones, Jordan McGrady, Elle Pendleton, Jenna Rhodes, Emma Seekford, Thomas Semones, Stephanie Smith, Kayla Station, Hannah Swiger, and Bowen Zhou.

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Heroes

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Martin's was contracted with the Federal government and did not have to depend on vaccines allocated from the state of Virginia for our district.

"The district was allotted only a certain number of vaccines per week for everyone. It was pretty huge when we received our federal partnership," Shay said.

“The vaccine allocations came out in waves – in three different categories,” recalls Shay. “In January, only health care workers were given the opportunity to receive the vaccines. That included doctors, nurses, dental offices, first responders, etc. Then senior citizens aged 70 and above; then those with morbid health conditions. By March, the vaccines were available to the general public.”

Once the vaccines became available, the issue was how to systematically deliver the vaccines to those who desperately needed them. The logistics needed to be created and implemented on a local level. That is where the efforts of Pete Huber came in. In partnership with Martin's Pharmacy, Huber began recruiting volunteers. Together they would schedule appointments for people to be vaccinated, locate appropriate vaccination sites, monitor the supply of vaccines (which changed daily), determine how to collect and document the required information, and be the source of information about the Covid-19 virus and vaccines.

Huber credits the volunteers with working tirelessly from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., making endless phone calls to encourage people to get vaccinated or scheduling them, or re-scheduling them if necessary. Local physicians volunteered their time, also.

"Day to day we didn't know how many vaccines we would have to give out. At times, we had to line people up quickly to get their vaccines. We saw we had a bunch of calls to make. When word got out that Martin's had vaccines, people called the

pharmacy for information, and we would call them back. Randy Vaughn made calls; Jack Gill made 4,000 calls. When Candice got the Federal dose approval, we became a recognized source for the Health Department – it was a huge game-changer,” commented Huber.

"These volunteers were people seeing a need and investing in their own community," stated Huber. For their tireless efforts, the group was dubbed "Pete Huber's Heroes." On Sunday, August 22nd, the "heroes" were honored at a cookout for their selfless service and compassion for others.

In recognition of Pete Huber, at the cookout, Martin's Pharmacy presented a \$25,000 endowed scholarship to the New River Community College. This endowed scholarship will ensure that future pharmacy students have an opportunity to take courses at NRCC.

"We wanted to thank all of the volunteers who stepped up to get the NRV vaccinated. Without them, we couldn't have accomplished this. Among the many volunteers were physicians Dr. Yoder, Dr. Card, Dr. Lisa Gray, Dr. Kenneth Gray, Dr. Knarr," stated Hale.

Pete Huber's Heroes: Kate Brennan, Richard Card and Lisa Gray, Sheryl Carter, Faith Chumbley, Don and Lynne Clark, Angie Covey and Anthony Wilson, Lora Covey, Sadie Covey, Cynthia Cunningham, Ellen DeHaven, Wendy Downey, Donia Eley, Tom and Becky England, Frank and Patsy Gilbert, Jack Gill, Ken Gray, Dan Grubb, Eddie and Kathy Hale, Cathy Hanks, Hank Hanks, Mickey Hickman, Angie Howlett, Gene and Janice Holt, Vicki Hubble, Pete and Pat Huber, Kelly Kaiser, Jack Knarr, Jack Nunley, Micah Price, Jill Ross, Alan and Jean Rudisill, Don and Kay Singleton, Fran Streff, Erika Tolbert, Randy Vaughn, Dixon and Julia Williams, Jill Willaims, George Woodard, Don Yoder.

Beginning September 20th the Covid-19 boosters will be available to the general public for free. The CDC wants those to be ad-

The Covid-19 pandemic began in spring of 2020 and quickly changed the world in which we live. With every new message there seemed to be more and more confusion, and with every new restriction came anxiety and community division. Covid-19 would spread quickly throughout the New River Valley. It took away our social and economic networks, our services and volunteer opportunities, and our sense of community.

The light at the end of the tunnel came in the form of a vaccine; however, the challenge would be delivering it to those who desperately needed it and doing that in record speed. There was no roadmap or plan to follow. This all needed to be created and carried out locally. The big question was . . . "By whom?"

In steps **Pete Huber**. **Pete** is a master of logistics and planning. He knew from the onset that the Commonwealth would not be able to deliver the vaccine broadly enough to reach all of the citizens of Pulaski County. He also knew that Martin's Pharmacy would be committed to making it happen and would need help.

The alliance was formed. **Pete** would begin working on the daunting task of scheduling citizens for vaccinations with daily questions about supply of vaccine and eligibility to receive it. He would also begin to recruit the **Heroes**. These volunteers would do the heavy lifting of setting up the vaccination sites and managing all the required movements to assure the vaccine would be safely administered and all required information would be collected. Moreover, this would all be done in the dead of winter. There was snow and ice, wind, and driving rain. There was always bitter cold. **Pete Huber** and his **Heroes** never missed a beat. They masked up and greeted every citizen with warmth and friendship. They carefully guided citizens through every step of the process and created an atmosphere of happiness and incredible compassion. They reminded all of us that the very core of this community is based in selfless service to others. While the pandemic would deliver a solid dose of some of the worst things imagined, it would also give rise to some of the best. **Pete Huber** and his **Heroes** are examples of the very best.



Pete Huber's Heroes

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Wendy Downey	Vicki Hubble	Jill Williams
Donia Eley	Pete and Pat Huber	George Woodard
Tom and Becky England	Kelly Kaiser	Don Yoder

ministered eight months after the second dose. Martin's Pharmacy is taking walk-ins and scheduling home visits for those who cannot get to the Pharmacy. Martin's has subscribed to a scheduling software program that makes it easy for individuals to schedule their own appointment. To schedule a date and time to receive a vaccine, Go to Martin'sRX.com and choose "click here to schedule a vaccine" and follow the instructions.

“New technology is available now, but all of us were using a

single spreadsheet to schedule appointments. There would be a list of 1,000 names and only 100 appointments available,” said Huber.

The cadre of volunteers did everything: giving vaccinations, making calls, scheduling appointments, filling out cards and paperwork. If there were extra vaccine doses left at the end of the day, some of those qualified to give vaccines would drive down Rt. 99 and stop into businesses, offering vaccines to employees and customers.

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FREDA BLEVINS SEMONES

Freda Blevins Semones, age 53 of Polkton, North Carolina and formerly of Pulaski passed away Saturday, August 21, 2021. Born March 27, 1968 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late James Franklin Blevins and Wanda Newman Blevins.

She was a graduate of Pulaski County High School and graduated with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Ashford University.

She is survived by her Husband – Eddie Ray Semones – Polkton, NC

Children – Sarah Deese & husband, Jonathan Deese – Marshville, NC, Dusty Ray Semones – Polkton, NC

Granddaughter – Rayna Deese Brother – James Blevins & fiancée, Marsha – Pulaski

Maternal Grandparents – Arvil & Mary Quesenberry- Pulaski

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Great Nephew – Avery Blevins Sister-in-law – Patricia Blevins

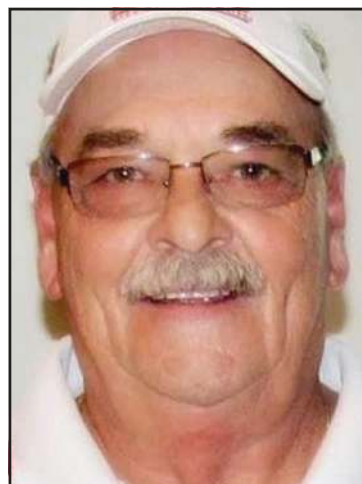
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Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 26, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. J. B. Kitts and Pastor Donald Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

To sign Freda's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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



RICHARD LEE YOUNG

Richard Lee Young, age 76 of Blacksburg, Virginia passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Born March 12, 1945 in Radford, Virginia he was the son of the late Lee Willard Young & Virginia McPeak Young.

Richard was a veteran of the United States Air Force and the National Guard. He was retired from Volvo Trucks.

He is survived by his Wife – Patricia Parks Young – Blacksburg

Children – Day (Chris) Morales – Israel, Michelle (J.B.) Kitts – Georgia, Tammy O'Dell – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Dianah, Damiion, Elijah, Ruben, Nathan, Lilly, Austin & Brady Kitts, Aubrey Tripp and Pierce O'Dell

Sisters – Patsy (Roger) Young Meneely – Winston Salem, NC, Joanne Burke – Martinsville

Special Nieces – Missy Mc-Lemore, Sherry James and any more relatives and friends

Funeral service was held Thursday, August 26, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. J. B. Kitts and Pastor Donald Jones officiating.

Interment will be held Friday, 10:00 A.M., August 27, 2021 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin

To sign Richard's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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



LINDA JEAN TAYLOR SONNER

Linda Jean Taylor Sonner, age 72 of Dublin passed away Sunday, August 22, 2021 at her home. Born July 22, 1949 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Rufus Lee Taylor & Virginia Elizabeth Rupe Taylor. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Sonner and two brothers, Walter Rudolph Taylor, Carl Allen Taylor.

She is survived by her Children – Robert Lee "Robbie" Taylor – Dublin, Elizabeth "Beth" (Benjamin) Jones – Dublin

Grandson – Brett Jones Sister – Maxine V. Dunford – Dublin

Many nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Don Sizemore officiating. Interment followed at the Mt. View UMC Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Linda's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

ELIZABETH ANN MARTIN WARD

Elizabeth Ann Martin Ward, 79, of Pulaski, passed away Friday, August 20, 2021. She was a member of the Pulaski Church of Christ and retired from Pulaski Furniture. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Viola Martin; and her husband, Joseph Lawrence Ward.

Survivors include a niece, Kathy Murphy; nephew, Gary Martin; and many friends.

Burial will be private.

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



JAMES MICHAEL "MIKE" MCMILLION

James Michael "Mike" McMillion passed away on August 19th, 2021, from a heart attack. Widely known in southwest Virginia as the Bike Guy or Bike Mike, he pioneered mountain bike trails on Draper Mountain leading a selfless group of volunteers. All told, they devoted thousands of hours to clearing and building an amazing trail system for public enjoyment.

Mike and his wife, Fay Shamanski, married and relocated to Pulaski in 2010 to found and build Pulaski Bikes, a bicycle sales and repair shop. Mike became a prominent ambassador for the town of Pulaski and the surrounding area.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Mike was raised in Summersville, West Virginia, to graduate from Nicholas County High School in 1983. Shortly after, he enlisted in the United States Army as an infantryman. Mike earned his Airborne wings, Pathfinder badge, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge as well as an Associate's Degree in Business. He served in the 10th Mountain Division and then as an instructor at the Airborne School. He left the Army as a Staff Sergeant in 1992.

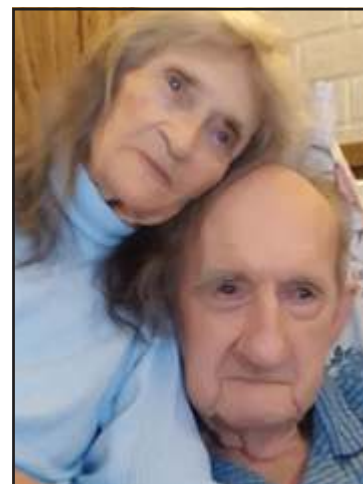
Following his Army service, Mike worked in West Virginia and Tennessee, and then served as the director of the Rockville Youth Bike Program for Bikes for the World in the Washington, D.C. area. As part of that work, he also ran the bicycle and pedestrian safety program for ten Rockville, Maryland, elementary schools. It was there he earned his nickname "the Bike Guy" from the children.

He is survived by his wife, Fay Shamanski of Pulaski; his mother Betty McMillion of Summersville, WV; two daughters, Hannah Lee McMillion (Knoxville, TN) and Mary Elizabeth McMillion (Charleston, WV); two granddaughters Holly Annette Hodge and Maleah Jolene Estep; his brother Mark McMillion (Toni) of Clarksburg, WV and their four children: Isabella, Sophia, Stephen, and James; sisters-in-law Carol Apple (Tom) and their son Aaron; Sal Howes (Pat) and daughter Rene Foster; and brother-in-law Wally Shamanski (Noreen).

Mike was preceded in death by his father, James O. McMillion of Summersville, WV, and nephew Jesse Thomas Apple of Suffolk, VA.

There will be a visitation on Friday August 27, 2021, from 6-9 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, 415 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski, VA 24301. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday August 28, 2021, at 2:30 in the Farris Pavilion, Randolph Park, 5100 Alexander Road, Dublin, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PACC Rescue and/or Friends of Peak Creek. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneral-home.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



FRED WILLIAM GALLIMORE

Fred William Gallimore, age 92 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, August 19, 2021 at his home. Born March 25, 1929 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Luther & Ollie Thornton Gallimore. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Alice Faye Lawson, granddaughters, Missy Ratcliffe, Makayla Waller, sons-in-law, Jerry Oliver, Jerry Duncan, James Waller, Danny Linkous and one great grandson, David Tyler Adams.

He is survived by his Wife of 74 years – Ruby Mae Edwards Gallimore – Pulaski

Children – Mary Viola Oliver – Pulaski, Patricia Duncan – Pulaski, Phyllis Kay Linkous – Al-lisonia, Kathy Ann Waller- Pulaski, Debbie Jeanette Gallimore – Radford, Tammy Rene Ayers – Pulaski, Rex William (Debbie) Gallimore, Tony Blaine (Jeanie) Gallimore – Pulaski

16 Grandchildren, 21 Great Grandchildren

Brothers – Richard (Betty) Gallimore – Pulaski, Paul (Phyllis) Gallimore – Pulaski

Many nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Dale Akers officiating.

Interment followed at the Gallimore Family Cemetery, Pulaski (Shiloh Community)

To sign Fred's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

NANCY OPALEEN OGLE POWERS

Nancy Opaleen Ogle Powers, 87 of Pulaski, went to be with the Lord on August 12, 2021. Opaleen was born in Austinville, VA., on March 14, 1934 to Marvin Ogle and Maggie Dean Ogle. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Allen Graham Powers, her three brothers, and four sister. For many years, Opaleen was employed as a bank manager in Pulaski before retiring to assist her husband Allen in his business endeavors. She is survived by her sister, Wanda Ogle Riggins of Pulaski VA., and her brother Gary Dean Ogle of Austinville, VA; several nieces and nephews; grand-nieces and grand-nephews; her many friends and neighbors, especially Anne Carpenter and her "grandson," Jefferson Carpenter and his wife Sherri Gravelin Carpenter of Round Rock, TX, Freda Wright, Rachel Davis, and Karen Poteet. Opaleen was a long-time member of the Family Worship Center in Pulaski, VA. Heartfelt appreciation is expressed to her devoted caregivers: Angie Akers, LaFon Burton, Morgin Oakley, Glenna Smith, and Intrepid Hospice.

There will be no visitation.

The service will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Family Worship Center on Memorial Drive in Pulaski, VA. with Rev. Jeff Wilhoite officiating. A Private Burial was held at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin Virginia, where she was buried with her husband, Allen.

The services for the Powers Family are under the care of Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA. Online condolences may be made through www.stevensfuneral-homepulaski.com

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"E.G." BLACK, JR.**

Elbert Gibboney "E.G." Black, Jr., age 93 of Pulaski, died peacefully early Saturday morning, August 21, 2021 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. E.G. was born on September 27, 1927 in Wythe County, and was the son of the late Kitty Lou Meredith Black and Elbert Gibboney Black.

He was a long-time proud member of First United Methodist Church, where he enjoyed being in the choir, and was well known for his great cooking abilities. E.G. graduated from Pulaski High School in 1945, and was shortly inducted into the United States Air Force until his discharge in 1948. He graduated from the National Business College in 1952. His primary occupation was a staff assistant to the General Manager Transportation of the N&W Railroad from 1966 to 1987. He spent his retiring years volunteering at Pulaski Community Hospital, now Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski, served on the Pulaski Town Council from 1992-1996, and 2000-2004, was a caterer, later in life, he was a certified caregiver to many in Pulaski, and was a member of the former Thorn Spring Country Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother and sister and their spouses: Shirley (Henry) Underwood, Isabel "Izzy" (Earl) Akers, Sarah "Tip" (Jack) Quillen, Charles "Zack" (Carol) Black, Lyle (Iva Jewell) Shufflebarger, Douglas "Dee" (Carol "Teddy") Black. He is survived by his sister, Iva Jewell Shufflebarger, and sister-in-law, Carol Black, along with many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Will Shelton officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Burial will follow in

the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery on Monday, August 30, 2021. Flowers will be appreciated, but for those who wish, may make memorial contributions in his memory to the First United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of E.G. Black, Jr., please visit our floral store.



JERRY EDWARD WEBB

Jerry Edward Webb, age 71 of Richmond, formerly of Pulaski, VA, died Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Bon Secours – St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. He was born on February 23, 1950 in Pulaski, and was the son of the late Joanne Richardson Webb and Estel Edward Webb.

Jerry began his childhood membership in the First Christian Church (DOC) in Pulaski, and later in life transferred his membership to the Gayton Road Christian Church in Henrico, Co., where he served as an ordained Elder and served on many chairs in the church. Jerry graduated from the Pulaski High School class of 1968. After going to college, he became an engineer and remained in that profession for many years. Jerry loved his family and friends. His love extended to coaching kids little league baseball games, and was heavily involved with his children's games. He was named father of the year at the state capital, after his seven year old daughter submitted a letter in a state wide contest telling why she felt he deserved to win this title.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dale Woodward Webb of Richmond: sons; Justin (Crystal) Webb of Richmond and Brandon Webb of Richmond: daughter; Brittani Webb and her fiancé Bryan Cole of Richmond: brother; Rex (Sharon) Webb of Pulaski: sister: Vicki (Charles) Rhett of Pulaski: special nephew; Tommy

(Hope) Webb of Richmond, and life-long friend, Jerry Aust., along with many other Nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church (DOC) in Pulaski with pastor Jerry Shephard officiating. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday, August 30, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, 415 N. Jefferson Ave. Pulaski, VA 24301. Flowers are appreciated, but for those who wish, they may make memorial contributions to First Christian Church (DOC) P.O. Box 1007 Pulaski, VA 24301 or to Gayton Road Christian Church (DOC) 12050 Ridgefield Parkway, Richmond, VA 23233.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**BARBARA MABE
BURCHETT**

Barbara Mabe Burchett, age 80 of Pulaski went to be with her heavenly father Thursday, August 19, 2021 at her home surrounded by family. Born February 11, 1941 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Oscar Glen Mabe & Jesse Carnal Mabe. She was also preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Barbara was a long-time member of the Pulaski Church of God. She is survived by her

Husband of 60 years – Ronnie G. Burchett – Pulaski

Children – Kim (Dave) Hart – South Carolina, Todd (Amy) Burchett – Tennessee

Grandchildren – Zac Dobbins, Isaac Burchett, Evan Burchett,

Harrison Hart, Andrew Hart, Tori Burfiend

Great Grandchildren – Isabella, Joey and Addison

Brother – Jimmy Mabe – Roanoke

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 22, 2021 at the Pulaski Church of God with Pastor Don Jones officiating. Interment was Monday, August 23, 2021 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

Flowers are appreciated, but memorials may also be sent to the Pulaski Church of God.

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

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

JEAN CARLA SHULTZ

Jean Carla Shultz, age 69 of Roanoke, Virginia formerly of Dublin passed away Sunday, August 22, 2021 at the Henrico Doctors Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. Born May 4, 1952 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Carl Arden Shultz & Velma Claudine Smith Shultz. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Phillip Aaron Shultz.

Jean majored in political science at Radford University, lat-

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Botched Exit

Years ago, the U.S. completed its original goals of destroying al Qaeda and ensuring that Afghanistan would not be a staging ground for trans-national Islamic extremist groups. That is why I have long supported an orderly withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

However, President Biden and his Administration have botched America's exit. The problem is not withdrawing American troops, but that the President's team did not adequately develop plans before moving forward.

What has the President been doing since his April announcement to withdraw? Playing tiddlywinks in the Rose Garden?

Due to the Biden Administration's gross misjudgment, we now have American citizens and Afghan allies who are needlessly in harm's way. This disastrous departure made it necessary to redeploy thousands of U.S. troops to address the chaotic situation in Kabul.

Many in Congress believed that with the removal of American troops, President Ashraf Ghani's government would not likely survive for long. For years, it has been publicly known, that endemic corruption in the Afghan government created an unsustainable status quo.

According to numerous Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) reports, U.S. funds were regularly stolen by corrupt Afghan officials and generals. For instance, the problem of so-called "ghost soldiers" was well known to SIGAR for years. Millions in U.S. security aid were being spent on non-existent Afghan soldiers, at least 50,000 of the alleged Afghan Army and police personnel were known not to exist.

However, I believe that Afghans, who risked their lives by assisting American troops and U.S. personnel, should be evacuated safely. One such opportunity is facilitated by the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program, which since 2006, has allowed vetted Afghan and Iraqi



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

Department of Defense contractors, including interpreters, translators, and security personnel, to immigrate to

the United States.

Congress knew this could be a difficult exit and passed legislation to help be better prepared. As early as June 29, 2021, my House colleagues and I passed H.R. 3385, which aimed to streamline the medical examination process for SIV applicants.

H.R. 3985 passed the House with my support on July 22, 2021. This bill would further simplify the SIV application process as well as increase the number of visas available through the program.

Finally, on July 29, 2021, I voted in favor of the Emergency Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, which was approved by the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Biden on July 30, 2021. This legislation incorporated the language of the previous two bills described above.

While Kabul was falling to the Taliban, I was on a Members-only call with top Administration officials, Secretary of State Blinken, Secretary of Defense Austin, and General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. On the call I learned that they were processing visas at the airport.

Later, I learned that only a small fraction of the visas for those eligible Afghans who aided us had been processed. Seriously?

It baffles me as to why the Administration removed troops from Afghanistan before ensuring the airport and embassy were secured and a significant number of the visas were processed. Clearly, there was no comprehensive plan to safely evacuate U.S. citizens, the Afghans who assisted the U.S., non-governmental organizations, etc.

This is not a partisan problem. This is a Biden problem.

In a July 8 press conference, Biden rejected the possibility that the Taliban would gain control of Afghanistan so quickly. When the press stated and asked the President to clarify, "Your own intelligence community has assessed that the Afghan government will likely collapse." Biden replied, "That is not true. They did not -- they didn't -- did not reach that conclusion."

And yet, just five weeks later, that is exactly what happened.

Why was there not a better defensive strategy in place? Why was there not a comprehensive list of all who would need to be evacuated from Afghanistan - Americans in the country, our Afghan allies, and other individuals? Why was President Biden radio silent for six days while the Taliban quickly and methodically overtook the Afghan government?

President Biden's weak leadership has damaged America's credibility throughout the world. Americans deserve better and are right to expect better from the President.

While I am disappointed in the Administration, I will continue to monitor the developing situation to determine what I can do to help ensure the safety of as many Americans and Afghan allies as possible in the wake of this Biden-made disaster.

Lastly, and most importantly, thank you to our brave service men and women and veterans who keep and have kept America safe. Should you know a veteran needing mental health services during this time, please feel free to contact my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

What we can all do

A Minute With Marie

Marie March
7th District House Candidate

nisms to raise their concerns with pushing a political agenda. Most importantly, ask what you as a concerned parent can do.

- If you are concerned that a teacher does not share your common-sense values, politely but firmly request that they send copies of all in-class and homework assignments to you in advance so that you may review and understand what is being taught. Once you have this understanding, you can engage with your children about what they are learning and why.
- Talk to your children. Ask them about what they are being taught and, in simpler terms, if they are being forced to serve as pawns of this radical agenda. Whether it is the mandatory use of unreasonable pronouns or being taught that they should judge one another based on the color of their skin, you should know.

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Back to what kind of school?

By Cal Thomas,
Tribune Content Agency

When I was in public school, a TV ad asked: "It's 10 o'clock Do you know where your children are?"

Here's a better question for today: Do you know what your children are being taught and exposed to in their schools?"

This summer's controversy over the teaching of critical race theory and whether to wear masks is only part of the problem. When kids claim to be a different sex than what they were born as and are allowed to use the locker rooms, restrooms and showers previously reserved for what we used to call girls and boys, it further erodes the morals and values we once considered part of a solid education.

Added to this is a bill passed by Oregon's legislature and signed by Gov. Kate Brown that suspends essential-skills testing in order for a student to graduate from high school -- despite an uproar from parents. This is where the education establishment is headed.

The "rationale" behind the law is that minorities don't test well. Is that not racist on its face? Why don't schools focus on bringing struggling students of whatever race or background up to a standard instead of lowering the bar and making their diplomas worth less than Confederate money?

Since the 1960s, many public schools have been used by secular progressives to indoctrinate children, with the apparent goal of turning them into reliable liberal voters. It began with the elimination of prayer and Bible reading, progressed to forced busing (which was supposed to improve the education of minority students but had mixed results), and now we are at the point of gender identity, requiring teachers to ask students which pronoun they prefer. Who can reliably predict what is coming next?

One preview of coming distractions came earlier this month, when the Loudon County, Virginia, School Board voted 7-2 to pass a policy on the "rights of transgender and gender-expansive students." Vehement protests by parents were ignored.

Once the sky was the limit for what hardworking students could achieve. Now

it appears there are no limits to the depths to which we can plunge. Success is not to be honored, everybody gets a trophy, and failure is being eliminated.

China has another reason to celebrate following the messy U.S. withdrawal of forces from Afghanistan. Chinese students far outperform their international peers in reading, math and science. According to 2018 results from the Program for International Student Assessment, U.S. students ranked 25th in science, reading and math worldwide. China was first. Even Slovenia and Ireland outranked us.

Public schools may be the oldest monopoly in America. While government has broken up other monopolies, such as the phone company, public schools remain intact. Initially, schools met in churches. When they acquired their own buildings, they continued to teach basic subjects. The McGuffey Readers were widely used in public schools from the mid-19th to early 20th centuries. They included proverbs about the virtues of honesty and hard work, even Bible verses. Now those are out and metal detectors are in, especially in many urban schools. Anyone see a connection?

Students once said the Pledge of Allegiance before classes began. The pledge has been eliminated in some schools. The explanation is that many kids come from other countries.

There are currently 27 voucher programs in 16 states and the District of Columbia, according to Education Commission of the States. It is hypocritical for those who favor choice when it comes to abortion to oppose choice for the education of children fortunate enough to have been born.

Expanding school choice to every state should be a major issue in the next two elections, with parents and children -- especially minorities -- testifying to the difference the ability to choose a good school has made in their lives.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor,
National Review

President Biden's Man-Made Disasters

President Biden arrived in office with the southern U.S. border secure and Afghanistan in a state of fragile equilibrium.

Eight months later, the border continues to be deluged with migrants overwhelming our capacity to properly house and process them, and we are evacuating our personnel from Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul overrun by desperate Afghans fleeing the Taliban.

The crisis at the border and the stunningly swift defeat in Afghanistan are entirely on Biden. He took sustainable situations and overturned them out of ideological fixity and fantastical wishful thinking.

The outcomes were utterly predictable. Indeed, anyone who knew anything about the border or Afghanistan warned what would happen.

The debacles haven't been the product of forces beyond Biden's control; events didn't take a hand, he did. These are man-made disasters.

Throw on top the crime wave in U.S. cities that is a product of the left's enthusiasm for fashionable anti-cop sentiments, and the picture is of a party that is unable to maintain order or rationally calculate the downside consequences of its rhetoric and policies.

One hallmark of the Biden approach has been laughably false assurances. He maintained at a press conference in March that there was nothing unusual going on at the border, when the historic surge had already begun. Only last month, he confidently predicted that there'd be no dramatic rooftop evacuations from Kabul, when a rapid collapse of the government was always a distinct possibility.

Then, there are the ineffectual warnings. Biden officials have repeatedly told migrants to stop coming to the U.S. border, when they have every incentive to continue to do so, and his representatives tsk-tsked the Taliban about sweeping to power by force -- something that they have fought to do for 20 years -- because it would supposedly harm the group's international image.

And, finally, the rank blame-shifting. Biden's team has outlandishly tried to argue that President Donald Trump somehow created the conditions for the border spinning out of control, when the truth is that Trump, after false starts, figured out how to get a handle on it. Biden points the finger at Trump, too, on Afghanistan.

Here, he has more of a case -- the so-called peace deal that Trump cut with the Taliban was a travesty that undercut the Afghan government. But nothing forced Biden, who has happily reversed field on most Trump policies, to abide by an agreement that the Taliban violated from the outset or to execute a withdrawal that kneecapped the Afghan army in the midst of fighting season and a gathering Taliban offensive.

He was the one whose exit denied the Afghan army the U.S.

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Deaths

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er went back to school to get her Paralegal Degree. She worked for Blue Ridge Legal Services in poverty law. It was important to Jean to stand up for people that couldn't stand up for themselves and she was a staunch supporter of the law and constitution

Her major loves in her life were family, nature, and her animals. Especially her cat, Emma, and grand dog, Whitman. Jean loved frogs and enjoyed a good giggle watching animal videos!

Jean was an amazing woman with a wonderful sense of humor. She lit up any room she was in and people were naturally drawn to her sweet personality. She will be forever missed.

She is survived by her Daughter – Catherine “Shelley” Shultz – Dublin Half-sister – Nancy Stahlnecker – Milton, PA Special Niece – Brandy Martin Great Niece – Delaney Martin Grand dog – Whitman

She was also survived by many beloved cousins, too numerous to name individually, but each of whom were very important and loved by her.

A Celebration of Life will be held September 12, 2021, 4:00 p.m. at the Claytor Lake State Park,

Shelter #2. State Park Road, Dublin, Virginia 24084 To sign Jean's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

LEWIS A BREEDLOVE JR.

Lewis A Breedlove Jr., 73 of the White Gate area of Giles County passed away Sunday, August 22, 2021.

Lewis was born in Pulaski, Va on April 30, 1948 to Lewis A Breedlove Sr and Goldie Madison Breedlove, as the fifth of six children.

He is survived by his sister, Anita Breedlove Hnarakis of Pulaski, brothers Daniel M. Breedlove (Ida) of Monroe, La, William W. Breedlove (Judy) of White Gate and Ronald L. Breedlove, Dublin, Va, plus numerous nieces and nephews, and very special friends Janet Thompson of Pulaski and Jim Hines of Barren Springs, Va.

Lewis was preceded in death by his brother David M Breedlove of Pulaski,

Lewis was a graduate of Pulaski High School. He honorably served his country in the Vietnam war with the U.S. Army. He was a retired supervisor from the Volvo Truck Plant, Dublin,Va.

Lowry

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It's a particularly galling Biden rhetorical move to use the catastrophic failure of the Afghan forces that he helped bring about to insist that his decision to leave was the only responsible one. He's gone from claiming we could safely leave because the Afghan security forces would do just fine on their own, to arguing

Lewis loved collecting his “stuff”and tinkering with old cars. He was in the process of building a 1946 Ford “rat rod,” which will be completed in his memory.

A private celebration of his life will be held on the banks of Walker Creek in Giles County.

STUART HARVEY SMITH

Stuart Harvey Smith, 93, of Knoxville, TN died Saturday, August 21, 2021 in Knoxville, TN. He was born on April 11, 1928 in Pulaski, VA and was the son of the late Roy Garnett Smith and Frona Carroll Smith. He was also preceded in death by his wives, Nellie Smith and Virginia Smith. Mr. Smith was a veteran of the United States Army/Air Force and was a retired employee of Jefferson Mills with 63 years of service.

Surviving are: Sister & Brother-In-Law – Jean & Fred Eiler Two Step-Daughters One Step-Son Several Nieces and Nephews A graveside service was held Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA with Rev. Don Sizemore officiating.

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



ANGELA KATHLEEN RICHARDS

Angela Kathleen Richards, age 46 of Pulaski passed away Monday, August 16, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Montgomery. Born December 15, 1974 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Kathleen Ann Bogardus Thacker and the late Charles Lee Richards, Jr.

She is survived by her Children – Keith (Angie) Akers – Barren Springs, Kathleen “Katie” Akers & Fiance, Adam Dane Bugg – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Adalyn Bugg, Julian Akers, Rose Akers, Brooke Akers and Phillip Dent

Brothers & Sisters – Steven Mark Richards, Matthew Scott Richards, Melissa Sue Richards, Michael Charles Richards and Kristen Renee Richards Akers

Special Nieces and Nephews –

Ashley, Cindy, Bayleigh, Blake, Ethan, Anthony Special Friend- Patricia Bugg-Pulaski

Funeral services were held Monday, August 23, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

Interment followed at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

To sign Angela's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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



CAROLYN MARGIE DOUGLAS ROSE

Carolyn Margie Douglas Rose, age 75 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at her home. Born September 27, 1945 in Pulaski ,she was the daughter of the late Left Woodrow Douglas, Sr. & Margie Melton Douglas. She was also preceded in death by her brother, L.W. Douglas, Jr. and sisters, Peggy Martin and Shirley Marion.

She is survived by her Twins – Teresa Rose (Jerry, Jr.) Hughes – Pulaski, Derek Van Rose – Galax

Grandchildren – Derek (Ashley) Rose, Joshua (McKaylia) Thornton, Keisha (Joseph) Lawson

Great Grandchildren – Rayne & Ridge Lawson, Elijah Thornton Sister – Darlene Douglas – Galax

Former Husband – Van Perry Rose – Big Stone Gap, VA

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 21, 2021 at the Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Drive, Dublin with Pastor Steve Willis officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Carolyn's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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GLENNA ELIZABETH FLINCHUM GARWOOD

Glenna Elizabeth Flinchum Garwood, 84, of Snowville passed away on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daphene Dishon Flinchum and Lee Edward Flinchum, Troy and Betty Phillips, and sister, Joan Phillips Cox.

She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, David Lee Garwood; her daughter and son-in-law, Angie Covey and Anthony Wilson; stepson and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Tina Garwood; the absolute brightest lights in her world, her grandchildren, Grayson Covey and Sadie Covey and also her bonus grandchildren, Alisha Dunford and Austin Mitchell. She is also survived by her siblings, Jerry (Nancy) Flinchum, Mike (Debbie) Flinchum and Vickie Carroll; a host of incredible nieces and nephews and a wonderful church family.

She spent her life devoted to God and her family. She was a member of Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church. She spent her life working in Pulaski County, first at Jefferson Mills and then Volvo where she retired in 2002.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Carilion Hospice and especially nurse Sara Epperly. Her incredible kindness was matched by her professionalism and her gift of making Glenna smile with each visit. She quickly

became part of our family. Glenna was known for her kindness and compassion, her loyalty to her Snowville community, and for never holding a grudge against anyone. She was the best “Nana” never missing a ball game, a dance recital, school function or family gathering. All who knew her were blessed by her commitment and dedication to others above herself.

The family will receive friends at Bower Funeral Home in Pulaski on Friday, August 27, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The funeral service will be on Saturday, August 28,2021 at 11am officiated by her brother, Pastor Mike Flinchum.

Interment will follow at the Page Place/Dishon Family Cemetery in Snowville.

Glenna loved flowers, and they would be greatly appreciated. Also, in lieu of flowers her favorite charity was St. Jude Children's Hospital as well as her church, Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church.

To sign Glenna's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com.

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Adult Day Service wins recognition at fair

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

Although the summer weather has been hot, humid and rainy, there is always sunshine at the Pulaski Adult Day Services and Fall Prevention Center in Dublin, VA. After a year of closure because of COVID-19, the 4,200 square foot facility reopened in April 2021.

In addition to the multiple services and therapies designed to help Adult Day Service participants improve their quality of life, Center Founder/Executive Director, Dr. Linda Davis, and her staff have been keeping everyone at the center busy with projects and classes.

A number of their crafts, art and gardening projects have won recognition at local fairs. A large tissue paper American Flag recently won first place in its craft division at the New River Valley Fair. Hundreds of tiny balls of red, white and blue tissue paper were rolled up and then meticulously glued onto a 3-foot by 2-foot board in the shape of a US flag.

"Everyone worked on the flag project for weeks," explained Davis. Although everyone contributed their talents, Angel Ladzinski was the primary source for shaping the tiny balls out of tissue paper. Others who contributed to the flag project were Wanda Coe, Vietnam Veteran Jim Turner, Don Flick, Sunny O'Dell, Joel Pugh, Matt Quessenberry, and Terry Hauser.

Additional craft winners included a beautifully painted sign, God Bless the USA, which won first place in the Craft Division 19-H at the NRV Fair. JimTurner's dove artwork, with a scripture from Isaiah 43:1 "I have called you by name. You are mine" took a third place at the NRV Fair in the Craft Division 22. "Jim loves birds and has many feeders at home. He used to say that the birds would knock on his window if he didn't feed them," Davis chuckled.

Crafts weren't the only winners at the recent local fairs. A 20" long zucchini, grown in the Center's vegetable garden, won third place at the Newport Agricultural Fair. The VCE Master Gardeners program provides seeds and advice to encourage the Center's participants to get out in the fresh air and enjoy gardening activities.

Davis' licensed staff members Mary Wall, CNA and Betty Young, CNA are on hand to help



ple and friends make the Center a special place where they can learn a lot from each other."

"We have the best educated, qualified and licensed staff available. At Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center, we focus on quality of care. Our mission is to improve the participants' function and quality of life. Many of our participants have been teachers, researchers, professors and nurses who have contributed to our community. Some have overcome tremendous physical and emotional challenges. We acknowledge their accomplishments and help build their self-esteem," explains Davis.

"The Center is absolutely God's work. He gave me this project to help me through the loss of my Mother and provided the education and skills to take care of others. People should be celebrated, not overlooked and their accomplishments should be acknowledged. At the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center we get to do that. I see our participants as jewels," Davis stated.

Upcoming events at the Center include the CVE Master Gardeners team on Friday, August 27th and members of The Fine Arts Center of Pulaski visiting the following week.

The Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center is a 501c-3 Non-profit organization. For additional information or donations go to: <https://www.facebook.com/pulaskiadultdayservice/> or call 540.307-5487

the Center's participants enjoy their favorite activities such as stencil work, painting, gardening, playing games and exercising.

Center participant Melissa Trump says "Being at the center is like being back in school. They teach us so much." Ruth Davidson concurs and says she loves every one of the people and what they teach us. Julia Knorr likes that they are a community of friends who make you feel welcome. "The Center fills a need," she adds. Matt Quessenberry and Jim Turner agree that the peo-



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- Understand that you have rights as a parent. If you intend to opt your child out of certain school programs, seek legal advice and proceed as advised and based on what is right for your child and your family. I am a firm believer that educational funds should follow the student, whether in public school or not, and will be working tirelessly for this idea in Richmond, but you should know there are alternatives to public schools if you have current concerns. This alternative is called school choice.

- Be active at your child's school. Go to PTA meetings, talk to other parents. If you have the time and desire, consider running for your local school board! Reach out to common-sense national parent groups for support – they have additional educational information, contacts, and

resources.

- Most importantly, vote in November! We have a very real opportunity to take Virginia back from the radical liberals, and Glenn Youngkin, our Republican candidate for Governor, has stated that he will end the teaching of critical race theory in schools. Moving forward, beyond this year's election, if your School Board, or any elected official for that matter, is not doing what you elected them to do, vote them out!

Thank you for taking the time to read this column. God bless each and every one of you.

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Jerry White Honored By Supervisors

Former Board of Supervisors member Jerry White was honored by the board Monday night. White, who passed away suddenly May 31, served on the board from Jan. 1, 1988 until Dec. 31, 1999. He was elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman during his time on the board. White was credited with leading the county in the areas of economic development by acquiring and expanding three county industrial parks and supported the formation of Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority. He was also credited as being instrumental in the restoration, renovation, expansion and modernization of the Historic Pulaski County Courthouse following the devastating fire in 1989. He also served on the New River Resource Authority and the PSA Board. Robinson District Supervisor Charles Bopp presented White's family with a framed copy of the board's resolution paying tribute to White.

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Are You Prepared? The ABCD's of Keeping Food Safe During Power Outages

By Sandy Stoneman,
SWVA Food Safety
Extension Agent

Weather extremes such as hurricanes, tornados, snow or ice storms, intense thunderstorms with wind, hail, and downpours, etc. are on the rise. According to an article published by Yale University, natural disasters have increased 83% in the past 20 years when compared to the previous 20 years. Along with these weather extremes are frequent power outages. Experiencing bad weather is usually not a pleasant experience but the last thing you need after a weather emergency is a case of food poisoning! The U.S. Department of Agriculture suggests that it could be as easy as ABCD to help keep your food safe.

- Always keep perishables like meat, poultry, fish, milk and eggs refrigerated at or below 40°F or below to keep safe.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed when the power is out. Each time you open the door, cold air is lost. So plan ahead when retrieving food to minimize opening the door.

- Refrigerated food will stay cool for 4 hours if minimizing the time the refrigerator door is opened.

- Full freezers will hold temperature for about 48 hours but only 24 hours if it is half full. Grouping food items close together will help keep items colder for longer.

- If the power is going to be out for an extended period of time, consider buying dry ice to keep your food cool. Fifty pounds of dry ice can hold an average 18-ft3 full freezer for two days. Plan ahead to determine where dry ice can be purchased. Please be careful with dry ice because as it melts, it will release carbon dioxide gas into the room.

- Any frozen food that still contains ice crystals can be safely refrozen after the power returns. The quality of the item will not be as good but it will still be safe to eat.

- If in doubt, throw it out. Throw out any food that has been stored at temperatures above 40°F for two hours or more. Certainly, discard any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture. Do not rely on tasting the food to determine if it is spoiled.

- Be Prepared for an Emergency
 - Consider keeping the freezer set at or below 0°F and the refrigerator at or below 40°F at all times. Although this may expend a little more energy, keeping these settings will maximize the safety of your food.

- Consider freezing rather than refrigerating items like meat, fish and poultry that you may not need immediately. Frozen items will maintain a safer temperature for longer.

- Have food items on hand that don't require refrigeration.

- Shelf-stable food should be part of a planned emergency food supply. Replace them periodically with fresher food.

- Make sure you have ready-to-use baby formula and pet food if needed.

- Have a can opener so that you will be able to open shelf-stable canned goods.

- Consider What You Can Do Ahead of Time to Store Food.

- Store food in a safe and dry location not prone to flooding.

- Keep storage coolers on hand. Coolers can keep food cool for about 4 hours.

- To maximize freezing capacity, consider filling cleaned/sanitized plastic beverage containers (milk/2-liter soda bottles) with water and place into empty portions of the freezer. When these bottles of water freeze, they will help keep food frozen during power outages. The bottles can always be removed when storage room is needed. Frozen ice packs/gel packs can also be used to help maintain freezer temperatures.

- Digital or dial thermometers and appliance thermometers will help you know if food is safe.

- Keep appliance thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer at all times.

- Have food thermometers to take food temperatures.

To remove odors from refrigerators and freezers after the power returns:

- Dispose of any spoiled or questionable food.

- Remove shelves, crispers, and ice trays. Wash and rinse them thoroughly with hot water and detergent. Then rinse with a sanitizing solution (1 tablespoon unscented, liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water).

- Wash the interior of the refrigerator and freezer, including the door and gasket, with hot water and baking soda. Rinse with the same sanitizing solution as above.

- Leave the door open for about 15 minutes to allow free air circulation before placing food items back.

If odor remains, try any or all of the following:

- Wipe the inside of unit with equal parts vinegar and water. Vinegar provides acid which destroys mildew.

- Leave the door open and allow to air out for several days.

- Stuff both the refrigerator and freezer with rolled newspapers. Close the door and leave for several days. Remove paper and clean with vinegar and water.

- Sprinkle fresh coffee grounds or baking soda loosely in a large, shallow container in the bottom of the refrigerator and freezer.

- Place a cotton swab soaked with vanilla inside the refrigerator and freezer and close the door for 24 hours.

For more information on food safety including information on how long certain food items can be stored during a power outage, contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent or your Area Food Safety Agent.



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Dublin Home Store Holds Grand Opening Weekend

Kayla Lewis of Dublin Home Store cuts a ribbon last Friday to kick off the store’s Grand Opening celebration held last weekend. The fun got underway last Friday with the ribbon cutting and refreshments and continued Saturday. The celebration included a variety of specials on different furniture and accessories for your home. Dublin

and Pulaski County business and government officials and others participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony, which was sponsored by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce. Dublin Home Store is located across from the Dublin Police Department at 112 Trade Circle, Dublin.

September meetings, closings for Pulaski County

Monday, September 6, 2021, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority billing office and the three convenience centers (Bagging Plant Road, Dublin; Dora Highway, Pulaski; and Mason Street, Fairlawn) will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021, in observance of Labor Day. Garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

Tuesday, September 7, 2021, Clean Community Council, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 11:00 a.m. (Contact: Anthony Akers, Assistant County Administrator, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, Virginia, 24301, 540-980-7705, aakers@pulaski-county.org). This committee is responsible for the oversight of community, roadside and property clean – ups.

Tuesday, September 14,

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

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710,mquesenberry@pulaski-county.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues re-

lated to Pulaski County properties.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Conference Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaski-county.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

Monday, September 27, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive

Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaski-county.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting,

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

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Cougars open season at Northside



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The 2021 Pulaski County Cougars hope to get the season off to a good start Friday night at Northside.

ACC, Big Ten, Pac-12 form alliance

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Facing a rapidly shifting landscape in college sports, the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten and Pac-12 have agreed to work together to create stability during volatile times.

Less than a month after the Southeastern Conference made an expansion power play by inviting Texas and Oklahoma to the league, three of the SEC's Power Five peers countered with an alliance of 41 schools that span from Miami to Seattle.

The commissioners of the ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 on Tuesday pledged broad collaboration on myriad issues and committed to league members playing more football and basketball games against each other.

They also suggested they

wouldn't be poaching each other's schools.

"The history of college athletics, one expansion of a conference has usually led to another to another and to another," ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips said during a video conference. "And to the three of us, we felt the stabilization of the current environment, across Division I and FBS — in Power Five in particular — this was a chance for a new direction, a new initiative that I don't think has ever been done before."

After weeks of internal discussions, the alliance is still mostly conceptual and collegial.

"There's no contract. There's no signed document," Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff said. "There's an agreement among three gentlemen and a commitment from 41 presidents and chancellors and 41 athletic directors to do what we

say we're going to do."

The SEC sent shockwaves through college athletics in July when it was revealed that Texas and Oklahoma would be leaving the Big 12 to join the nation's most powerful football conference no later than 2025.

"I wouldn't say this is a reaction to Texas and Oklahoma joining the SEC, but to be totally candid you have to evaluate what's going on in the landscape of college athletics," Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren said.

In a statement, SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said: "We have respect for each of our conference colleagues and look forward to our future collaborations. I believe we remain unified by our shared beliefs around the positive impact college sports has on the lives of student-athletes throughout our communities."

As for the Big 12, its future is murky at best as the eight remaining members plot their next moves and try to work out a divorce from the Longhorns and Sooners. The realignment of Texas and Oklahoma could lead the Power Five to shrink to four.

"We want and need the Big 12 to do well," Phillips said. "The Big 12 matters in college athletics."

But it will not be part of the alliance.

The alliance also is being formed as the NCAA shakes off a Supreme Court loss and considers handing off more responsibility to conferences and schools to run college sports. The NCAA Board of Governors has called a special constitutional convention in November, the first step toward what could be sweeping reform and a decentralized governance model.

"We did the alliance to protect the collegiate model," said Kliavkoff, who is only in his second month on the job of leading the Pac-12 after serving as president of sports and entertainment for MGM Resorts International in Las Vegas.

There is also a proposal to expand the College Football Playoff from four to 12 teams currently in the pipeline. The proposal was crafted by Sankey, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson and Notre Dame athletic direc-

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Cougars young, but getting better every day

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougars open their new season Friday (Aug. 27) on the road against always tough Northside.

The Cougars open the season after showing improvement in last week's scrimmage action at Lord Botetourt.

"I was pleased with last week's scrimmage," said Head Coach Mark Dixon earlier this week. "I definitely think some of the things that were obviously urgent were getting better ... quarterback — center exchanges were much improved. The passing game was much improved."

The quarterback — center exchanges are a vital part of any offense, but especially this season for Pulaski County.

"We're in the pistol now, not under center anymore, so getting the center to snap it and step at the same time and block — and a brand-new center at that — it just takes time to go through the struggle of it. But he's gotten better and better, and I think last week we had just one bad snap. The first time, we were struggling the whole scrimmage. So, to me that was the biggest improvement," Dixon said.

Friday's game will be the 36th meeting between the Cougars and the Vikings. Pulaski County holds a 21-14 advantage all-time against the Vikings.

The last time the two went at it on the field was in 2019 when the Cougars shut out Northside, 14-0.

"It's the same type of Northside," Dixon said. "They've got skill kids and do a real good job scheme-wise. They take things away from you. I think they're well coached and they've got skill kids. They're big up front, definitely bigger than we are there's no doubt about that."

When the Cougars were running the show in his first varsity start. Behind him will be running back Trevor Burton and full back Tyler Underwood.

Starting at receiver will be John Lyman, Keyontae Kennedy and J.J. Gulley.

Up front for the Cougars will be Evan Alger at left tackle, DeMarcus Hayden at left guard, Jack Johnson at center, Diego Turner at right guard and Jack Allen at right tackle.

"Lyman and Hayden are the only returning starters on offense and Hayden is switching positions so there's only one returning starter who played that position (Lyman)," Dixon said.

Defensively, the Cougars will line up this way:

Up front on the line are Allen Fernandez, Caleb Yelton and Jack Allen.

Linebackers are Alger and Burton on the outside and Turner and Underwood on the inside.

In the secondary, cornerbacks are Gulley and Zack Parker, while the safeties are Lyman and Kennedy.

Junior Nathan Pratt will handle the kicking and punting duties this season.

Dixon acknowledges there are a lot of players playing both ways. But he doesn't seem too concerned.

"Lot of people playing both ways, but we've got a lot of depth" he said. "There's kids who are going to play a ton. Filipe Aguilar is going to play a bunch on the D-Line, Tyler Sutherland is going to play a bunch on the D-Line, Chris Gallimore is going to be in there at linebacker a ton. Brett Jones is going to play a ton at safety. So, there's a lot more

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“We’re so young, we’re really young. We’ll be playing a lot of guys who will have to grow up, but it’s fun. I’ve enjoyed it. I love the kids. They work so hard and try so hard. They get better every day.

“So far, knock on wood, it’s probably been one of my favorite teams to be around and coach in all my years of coaching,” Dixon stated. “The challenge is great, but man it’s fun when you’re with kids that are enjoying it.”

Quite a change from last season.

“It was difficult last year, I think with the transition and COVID. Last year my heart broke. They (players) went through so much change. It was difficult with so much change and then you add in COVID, and then you add in really there was no pre-season. We were having to work them around the clock to get up to speed. Plus, the weather. We were outside one day before we had a game. I’ve never been through anything like it,” Dixon said.

Just when we thought that maybe COVID wouldn’t be as much of a factor this year, the virus is surging in many areas again.

Just what does COVID’s hanging around mean for Dixon and his team?

“Last season, oh it was awful ... and still is. It’s less coaching and more mitigation. Got to wear your mask, got to sanitize up, you got temperature checks, checklists. You’re always on the edge of your seat waiting for the shoe to drop, and you’re scared to death when it’s going to drop.

“Way more anxiety than anything else I’ve ever been through. Not football, that stuff. But trying to protect kids and being worried to death that something was going to happen.

“I think the fear is still there, but you almost get used to it.

“Unfortunately, it’s back. Now we’re right back with the same stress. I pray that someday we can get over this because the stress on everybody obviously is huge.

“When you’re working with kids, I guess you feel, ‘Man, if they go home and pass this to a parent or grandparent,’ that’s the feeling. You’re worried to death – you don’t want to be the reason

Alliance

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tor Jack Swarbrick, and unveiled publicly in June.

Kliavkoff and Warren both said their conferences support playoff expansion, while Phillips said the ACC had not landed on a final position.

The commissioners and university presidents are scheduled to meet in late September in Chicago to discuss what comes next for the expansion proposal.

“This is not a voting bloc,” Kliavkoff said of the alliance in a brief interview with AP. “We’ve not committed to voting together on anything. We’ve committed to discuss all of these issues, and to try to come up with solutions that are in the best interest of long-term college athletics.

“I’d be surprised if we come to different conclusions with respect to how we think about CFP expansion, but it’s not a voting bloc.”

The scheduling piece could lead to numerous nonconference football games each season and multiple team events in basketball involving ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 teams, potentially creating new and valuable television inventory.

But that could take time to come together, especially in football.

Nonconference football schedules are typically made years in advance and many schools already have mostly full slates in the coming seasons. The commissioners said they did not expect their schools to break contracts to accommodate new agreements within the alliance nor would they prohibit members from scheduling schools from other leagues.

The ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 tried to make a bold statement by unveiling the alliance, but with no concrete plans in place it will start as a merely a promise to act with mutual interests in mind.



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Pulaski County’s 2021 coaching staff: Chris Castle, Buddy Ratcliff, Zane Quesenberry, Eric Berry, Mark Dixon, Rob Colley, Josh Fleenor, Richard Lewis.

for something awful to happen.

“Usually when you’re coaching football you worry about that on Friday night. An injury that’s catastrophic or something. Now you worry about it five days a week,” Dixon explained.

As noted, Friday’s season opener is on the road and will be followed, next week, by yet another road game. How does that sit with Dixon?

“Hadn’t even thought about it,” he responded. “I guess because we’re so young, you’re just living day to day to fix yesterday. Eventually I guess Wednesday or Thursday I’ll start thinking about scheduling for Friday. How we’ll leave, when we’ll leave and all that stuff. They’re so young it’s just day to day right now.”

While this season’s edition of the Cougars is young in terms of playing experience, they’re also a little smaller up front than in past seasons. But that doesn’t seem to be a big concern for Dixon – just the opposite.

“In terms of offensive line play, being huge is not always great,” he said. “I think athleticism is 2-to-1, 3-to-1 more important than size ... how athletic you are. I think we’re really athletic. We’ve got to run plays that use our athleticism. I don’t know that we’ll be able to bump you straight off the ball, but you know there’s more than one way to run the ball and more than one way to pass block and we have to find what works for our kids.”

“I’m more used to a line like I have this year. I’m really into an athletic line. Part of it being the head coach I get to pick. To me it’s not the biggest kid, it was who had the best speed to strength ratio. You’ve got to have a certain amount of size to do it. But once you cross that threshold now give me the athletes. To me that threshold is 185 to 190 pounds. Once you’re over that we’re good. We can make it work.”

Heading into the new season, what is Dixon the most confident about in his Cougars?

“The kids. How hard they’ll work. Their resiliency. I don’t think we have any quit in us and I think the kids know this is a marathon. You start at the bottom

of that hill and start climbing. Where you get to is where you get to. I think our kids have bought into that. And we’ll all be thankful that we’ve had an opportunity to do it.

“As the program builds and gets better then certainly the goals can change. But right now, it’s just a matter of making sure our kids embrace getting better every day. No matter how good you are you can’t control the end result. You can take care of what you can control, which is practicing hard and being prepared. But that’s all we can control. No matter how good you are the ball still has to bounce your way.

“I think we’ve got a good mindset. That’s our strength. Our kids’ strong minds,” he said.

His biggest concern?

“Youth and then – it’s just experience, and they’ve just got to go get it – got to go through it. I think roster management going forward is critically important, so we don’t go through this again. We’ve got a lot of kids now who haven’t played a lot of football. We need to make sure we don’t find ourselves in this way in the future, that we manage who plays where. I never like to go into a year with new starters everywhere, but that’s something you can manage and needs to be managed.

“If you have an offensive line and two of them are back, they can tell the rest what to do. But we have nobody back. It’s slow because they’re all learning. To me every position is like that. You always need one or two that are returners. You need to really work it that way. They can talk and get the young guys on the same page,” said Dixon.

This season starts will two road games against two opponents both nicknamed “Vikings” – Northside and Tennessee High.

The Cougars open at home on Sept. 10 against old rival Bluefield. After an open date on Sept. 17, Cave Spring comes to Dublin. The Cougars open October on the road at Hidden Valley before returning home the next week against our biggest rival, the Salem Spartans in a rare mid-season matchup instead of the season

ending brawl we’re all used to.

After that the Cougars go to Blacksburg, play at home against Graham, travel to Patrick Henry and then close out the regular season at home against an improving Christiansburg squad.

“We’ve got some new teams on the schedule – Tennessee High and Bluefield. Some new teams for our fans to see. Really good teams,” Dixon said, noting play-

ing that caliber of opponent allows his kids to see those kids, and gives the Cougars an opportunity to show they can play with them.

Gametime is 7 p.m.

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Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

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Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 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 5.3.3, Table 2: Off-Street Parking Space Requirements for Multi-family Residential Use to change the parking requirements to One (1) space per unit for one bedroom apartments, One and a Half (1½) spaces per unit for two bedroom apartments, and Two (2) spaces per unit for three bedroom apartments with an additional parking space requirement to equal ten percent (10%) of the total unit count.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to consider a recommendation on the following change to the Pulaski County Zoning Map. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on **TUESDAY, September 14, 2021** Board Room of the Pulaski County Administration Building located at 143 3rd Street NW, in the Town of Pulaski, to consider comments regarding the application listed below;

c) Petition by Applicant Andrew Martin, to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A), at Tax Map # 053-001-0000-033A,B,C,D,E and 054-001-0000-0045 located at Schrader Hill Rd. , Robinson District.

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

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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Genesis 15: 18-21 records God's promise of the land to the seed of Abraham. "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

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In God's own time, He delivered His chosen people from Egyptian Captivity and brought them to the threshold of the land of which He promised them.

When they arrived at the Promise Land, it was already occupied by the many "ite" Nations. Nations that knew not God. Nations steeped in idolatry. These Nations were occupying the land that God promised the Descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Moses sent out twelve spies to spy out the land, and to bring back a report of the strength of these nations and to see that it was truly a fertile land, a land flowing with milk and honey. For 40 days, these twelve men spied out the land and then returned to the camp of the Israelites. Ten of these spies brought back a bad report. The cities were fortified. The people were fierce and warlike. There were giants in the land and they told Moses, next to them we were like grasshoppers. And these ten cowardly spies convinced the Israelites that there was no way that they could go in a possess the land.

Two of the twelve were Joshua and Caleb. They told the Israelites, to trust in God. They said, we can do it. God has given the land to us and we will be well able to go in and possess the land.

But the people believed the bad report instead of the good report and turned back and wouldn't obey God and go in to possess the land. So God sent them into the wilderness to wander around for the next forty years and declared that no one over the age of twenty years would live to enter the promise land.

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Fairlawn, VA 24141

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New River, Virginia 24129
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email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
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Associate Minister:
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Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
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424 East Main Street
Pastors Don Hanshew & Don Shelor
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office@dublinumc.com
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Sunday School - 9:45 am
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Worship - 10:55 am

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

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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Phone - 980-0820

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com
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Sunday Worship (with children's message): 11 a.m.
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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

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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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Dublin, VA 24084
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-2927

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

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

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540-674-4308
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Pastor Todd Garwood
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ttgarwood674@gmail.com

McCraw

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wants us to bring people in. If we bring them in, God will save a lot of them. We are to go out into the Highways and Hedges and compel them to come to God's house. Compel is a strong word and yet it is the word Jesus used to convince others to come to God's house. We shouldn't be willing to take "no" for an answer but rather prevail upon them in the most convincing ways

We are to invite them to come to Church Services, to bring them in, where the seeds of the gospel can be planted into their hearts and lives. And if we'll do our part, God will do His part. He will give the increase.

Too often we allow ourselves to rest in the comfort of our own salvation, and we never allow it to touch others around us.

Pastor Wes Humble said, Serving God is much more than an emotional experience. Serving God is more than great worship and good music. Serving God is more than reading our bibles and praying every day. Serving God is more than keeping ourselves unspotted from the culture around us. Serving God is always about reaching out to others, and helping Christ to build up His Kingdom."

I wasn't planning on attending any Church Service until a good friend of mine came to me, and invited me to come to a revival at the Church he attended. At first I came up with every excuse under the sun to get out of going with him to Church. But he wouldn't take "no" for an answer. Finally I agreed to go just to please my friend.

As I sat in that service, I felt God calling me to come and be saved. I scared myself by almost going forward that very evening, but fought off the convicting power of the Holy Ghost and escaped with my pride still intact. The wife of the Evangelist asked me as I was leaving the service, if I wanted to be saved? I told her politely, I'd like to but I just can't make up my mind to go ahead and do it. She told me she was going to pray for me that I would answer God's call on my life.

A week passed and my friend was after me again to come to the revival. He and his wife, brother and sister in law, were going to sing a gospel song as a special, and he asked me to come and listen to them sing. It perked my interest so I went again. I guess that he knew that if he could get me in Church a few times, that the Lord would save me. That evening, the convicting power of God came over me and when the altar call was given, I went forward and was born again. It was the greatest day of my life when I was born again. It was when I went from death unto life, had my name recorded in the Lamb's book of life and because a member of God's family.

As a Realtor, I had a church property for sale and many groups wanting to start a new church came and looked at it. Most groups wanted it but no one was willing to go to the bank and sign a note for the money. I asked one group, "Where's your faith?" So these folks never was able to see the greatness of what God had in store for them because they refused to step out in faith.

Sometimes I think of some rising football stars who come to college on a scholarship. Their future was diamond studded. Then on some crazy lark they were caught committing some crime and were kicked off of the team. They threw away their future for peanuts. They will never see the greatness that God had in store for them. They traded away millions for nothing.

Then I think of the 13 colonies who went to war against England during the revolutionary war, won the war, and now they are part of the United States of America. They were standing at the edge of greatness and stepped out in faith and became the greatest nation on the earth.

If and when you find yourself standing on the edge of greatness, put all of your doubts behind you, step out in faith, trust God with your future and God will give to you a great future.

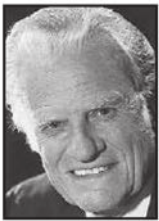
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Parents commanded to train children in the things of God

Q: I am ridiculed by my friends for choosing to stay home and raise my children, telling me that I could give them a better life by pursuing a career. I am grateful my husband works hard, but we struggle to make ends meet though we are committed to living with less so that I can be a stay-at-home mom. Is this selfish of me? -- C.M.

A: Gadgets and devices, social media, and entertainment in general, have revolutionized the home -- and not always for the good. In a complicated society,

it is no easy matter to keep the domestic life on an even keel. Families are fragmented. The old-fashioned Sunday afternoon dinners and family time seem to have gone out with the horse and buggy.
Many homes today have become little more than dormitories, where members of the family eat and sleep but otherwise have little communication with each other. The "latchkey kids" are now grown with families of their own and many do not understand the secret of a truly happy home.
Beware of those who say, "Get



My Answer

Billy Graham

ahead! Do your own thing. Don't worry about anyone else -- run your own life!" In the process, family life disintegrates and children can grow up emotionally scarred and insecure because they have never known the stability of home. The home -- which was in-

tended to be the basic unit of our social structure -- is under attack at an alarming rate.

We must not discount the still small voice that speaks to our hearts. God holds each person accountable for their decisions in life. The most important thing that parents are commanded to do is to train children in the things of God. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 tells parents to teach the Word of God diligently to your children. This will be great preparation for children as they learn to live in a complicated world.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OK DAD, JUST DO WHAT I DO AND FOLLOW ME.

I DON'T GET IT. HOW DO YOU MAKE THIS SHOOT?

DON'T BE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF POP. YOU'RE DOING PRETTY GOOD.

CONSIDERING THIS IS THE EASIEST LEVEL POSSIBLE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

JON HAMM, KEVIN BACON AND VIENNA FRANK GRAB DRINKS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

SOME ANIMALS LAY HUNDREDS OF EGGS AT A TIME.

SEA TURTLES... FROGS... FISH...

SO I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER...WHAT'S UP WITH THIS ONE-A-DAY THING, YOU SLACKERS?

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WE'VE HAD SOME GOOD YEARS, HAVEN'T WE?

YES WE HAVE

...IN FACT, I THINK WE'VE ALSO HAD SOME FIRESTONES.

POPEYE

IS YA GONNA EAT ALL DAT? NOT WITHOUT CONDIMENTS!

DON'CHA HAS ANY SELF-CONTROL?

DID'JA EVER TRY STAYIN' ON A DIET? I DID... MANY YEARS AGO!

NOTHING BUT PRUNES, COTTAGE CHEESE AND ORANGE JUICE...

...MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT!

TOUGH...BUT I STUCK IT OUT TO THE BITTER END!

SO Y' WUZ ABLE T' STICK WIT' A DIET ONCE!

YES! BUT I NEVER...

...WANT TO GO THROUGH A DAY LIKE THAT AGAIN!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK DEAR... I'M CONFUSED HERE. YOU HAVE WAY MORE BEAUTY PRODUCTS THAN YOU EVEN HAVE BODY PARTS?

LAFF - A - DAY

"Would you mind not crowding the plate so much? I'm on TV, too, you know!"

"I don't suppose either of you would be interested in a down front."

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!

Gentle
COILED

Reap
RANGER

Cut
HEARS

Confront
SISTER

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Josh
4 Reggae relative
7 Paper packs
12 NYC airport
13 Stetson, e.g.
14 DeGeneres of talk TV
15 Einstein's birthplace
16 Everybody
18 As well
19 Orange variety
20 Region
22 I love (Lat.)
23 Mimicked
27 Billboards
29 Chipmunk's kin
31 "That's it!"
34 The Ram
35 Chaperones, usually
37 Ring decision
38 Vanished
39 Pot brew
41 Tree home
45 Belly button type
47 Conk out
48 Fluctuating
52 Mil. bigwig
53 Craze
54 Rebel Turner
55 Swelled head
56 Fake
57 --cone

DOWN

1 Clumsy one
2 Nome dome home
3 Matt of Hollywood
4 "Scram!"
5 Sunflower State
6 Top players
7 Actress Russo
8 Days of yore
9 Carte lead-in
10 Actor Gibson

58 Aachen article
11 NBC show since 1975
17 Awestruck
21 National symbol
23 Chef's garb
24 Greek consonant
25 Shoe width
26 Hosp. workers
28 Speck
30 Sturdy tree
31 Satchel
32 Altar promise
33 Sister
36 Poker variety

37 Formosa, today
40 Short jackets
42 Moved sideways
43 Prolonged attack
44 Choir member
45 Singer Anita
46 Within (Pref.)
48 Ref
49 Oom-
50 Year in Acapulco
51 French diarist Anais

top ten

Best States to Start a Business

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2. Utah
3. Georgia
4. North Dakota
5. Oklahoma
6. Florida
7. Arizona
8. California
9. Montana
10. Colorado

Source: WalletHub

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What word represents the letter "Q" in the NATO phonetic alphabet code?
2. MOVIES: Which actress, as a child, won a Best Supporting Actress award for her role in "The Piano"?
3. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product is advertised with the slogan "Vermont's Finest"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the English name for the country called Suomi by its people?
5. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "All this happened, more or less"?
6. ANATOMY: What part of the brain deals with hearing and language?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the most expensive spice on Earth?
8. TELEVISION: The TV series "Melrose Place" was a spinoff of which earlier drama?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is known as the Beaver State?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the descriptive name for animals that are active at dusk and dawn?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Quebec
2. Anna Paquin
3. Ben & Jerry's ice cream
4. Finland
5. "Slaughterhouse-Five," Kurt Vonnegut
6. The left hemisphere
7. Saffron
8. "Beverly Hills, 90210"
9. Oregon
10. Crepuscular

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Docile 2. Gamer
3. Shear 4. Resist

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: W equals R

H WSUDDJ YURS ZT HCSU NYUP
PT CT NHPY PYHF RSWJ YUWC
EHZSWUD. HP'F U KTWZMCME
KTZMZWME.

Americanisms

"The hardest work in the world is being out of work."
— Whitney M. Young

CryptoQuip

I really have no idea what to do with this very hard mineral. It's a conundrum.

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N C L U M H G R P J E H E F D
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Y W V N T R L A N M T S A Q O
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Also Known as a Parking Brake

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| Air | Disc | Foot | Parachute |
| Bicycle | Drum | Hydraulic | Pneumatic |
| Caliper | Emergency | Jake | Water |
| Coaster | Engine | Overrun | |

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

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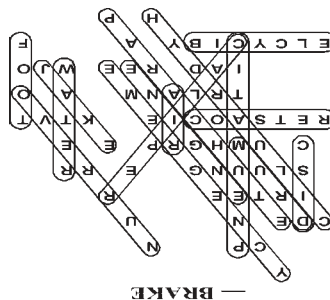
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Real glory springs from
the silent conquest of
ourselves; and without
that the conqueror is
naught but the first slave.
— James Thomson



answer
Cryptoquote

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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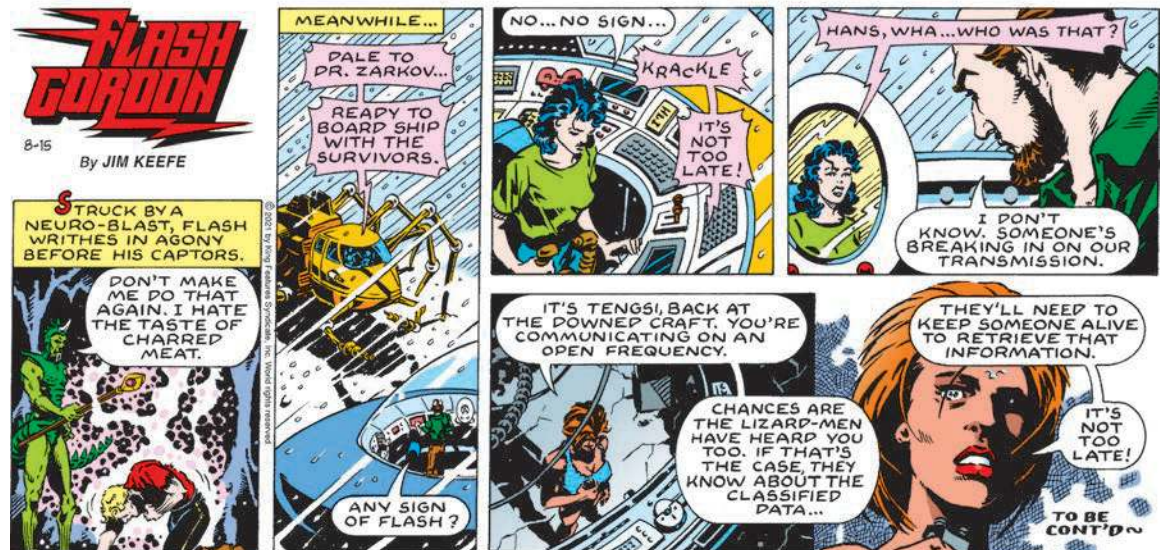
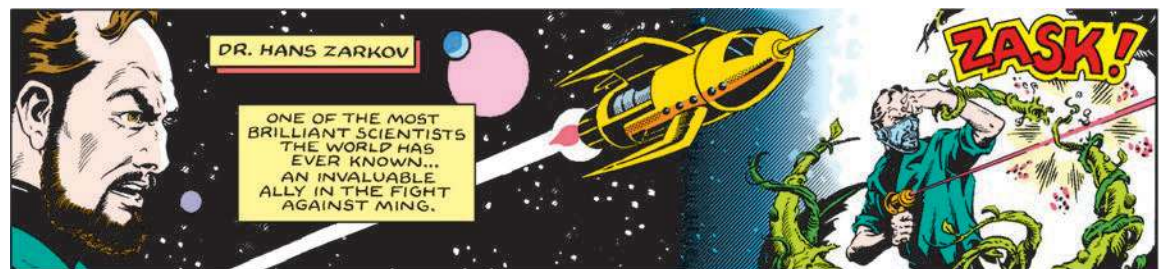
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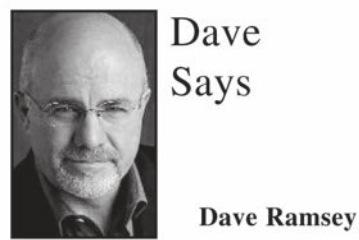
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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Work first, play later

Dear Dave,
I brought about \$15,000 in student loan debt into our marriage. I'm 26, my wife is 27, and we've been married a little over a year. During that time, our parents have helped us out with financial gifts occasionally. Whenever this happens, my wife and I get into an argument. She likes to use the cash they give us to have fun, but I think we should use it to pay down debt and get our finances in order. What is your opinion?

Kent

Dear Kent,
If your parents didn't specify what the money is for, then it's up to you guys to decide together how it will be used. In my mind, the fun needs to be put on hold for a while.

You've already told me you have at least \$15,000 in debt. If there's more debt in the picture, I'd advise listing all your debts, and begin knocking them out from smallest to largest using the debt snowball system. Debt is risk, and as long as it's around it's eating up your largest wealth-building tool—your income.

I'm sure your wife is a good, smart lady. But it's time she started being a little more mature when it comes to financial matters. Let her know how important this is to you and why it's so important to your future as a couple. You two should be working together and getting your financial house in order as a team.

I recommend treating the money from your parents just like a paycheck. That means including it in a written, monthly budget, and taking care bills, debt, and any other financial responsibilities you have first. Trust me, there'll be plenty of time for fun later. The amount of student loan debt you have isn't astronomical, but it does need to be cleaned up as fast as possible.

Once that's taken care of, you'll be able to really concentrate on saving and investing—and yes, some fun along the 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.



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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 2

American Legion in Radford to meet

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, September 2, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. The representatives from Boy's State and Girl's State will be recognized at this meeting. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

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:

PSA Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
THE PSA AND ALL THREE DROPSITES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH FOR LABOR DAY. THERE WILL BE GARBAGE COLLECTION. HAVE YOUR GARBAGE OUT BY 7:00 A.M. ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAY.

Dublin lists Labor Day Schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 to observe the Labor Day Holiday. Garbage scheduled for pickup on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, September 7th.

United Daughters of the Confederacy

Attention all of you Southern Ladies! The United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Milton Hall Harmon Chapter is looking for new members. We meet on the second Saturday of the month. If you would like to become a member or would like

more information, please contact us by email to plymouthrock16@yahoo.com.

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

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.

Virginia redistricting panel will start from scratch

By Tyler Arnold

(The Center Square) – Rather than adjusting the current legislative district maps, the Virginia Redistricting Commission is opting to start with a blank slate and redraw the maps completely from scratch.

The resolution, which passed the commission 12-4, directed the map drawers to create map proposals that have no consideration for the previous maps. A final plan must be approved by the commission and then passed by the General Assembly to become law.

“We’ve got one shot at this and I want us to make it count,” Brandon Hutchins, a citizen member of the committee from Virginia Beach said before the vote. He said he’s heard a lot of public feedback that people want to start from scratch.

Sean Kumar, another citizen member of the commission said Virginians voted for a redistricting commission because they wanted something different. If the map is made the same way the General Assembly would have drafted it, he said the commission would be making a mockery of the process.

The 16-member commission includes eight lawmakers and eight citizens who are not members of the General Assembly. Kumar said the commission needs votes from the citizens for it to pass.

“Are we here to represent Virginia [or] are we here to represent

incumbents or parties?” Kumar asked.

Some lawmakers on the commission cautioned against a blank slate because it could fail to pass the General Assembly if the incumbents don’t like the map. Depending on how the map is drawn, some incumbents could risk losing their seats.

Sen. George Barker, D-Alexandria proposed an unsuccessful motion to direct the map drawers to make different sets of maps, some that start from scratch and others that consider existing maps. He said the commission should compare the two types of maps and make a determination from there.

The senator’s motion was supported by his Republican colleague, Sen. Steve Newman, R-Forest. Newman said a map that starts from scratch could get voted down by the General Assembly, but that providing a map with some semblance of what is already known would be much more likely to receive the necessary votes.

Barker’s motion failed in a narrow vote and the commission chose to only consider maps that are drawn from scratch.

Virginia voters opted to create a redistricting commission, rather than have the lines drawn by the General Assembly, in a constitutional amendment that was passed with nearly two-thirds support.

PET OF THE WEEK



Sadie is a 3 year old, spayed female Shepherd mix. She does have high energy and would greatly benefit from an active owner. She did test well with other dogs here at the shelter however, we do encourage a meet and greet with any dogs already in the home.

If you are interested in Sadie or any the animals here at the shelter, please submit an application. Applications may be found on our facebook page Pulaski County VA Animal Control.

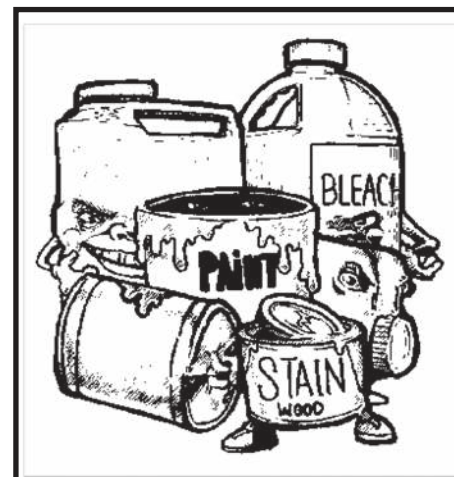
Once your application is approved, you will be contacted and a time will be made available for you to do a meet and greet.

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