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Jill Neice is sworn in as the Town of Pulaski's new Police Chief by Mayor Shannon Collins during Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council.

# Neice selected as new Pulaski Police Chief

From the Town of Pulaski

Interim Police Chief Jill Neice, who formerly served as the Pulaski Police Department's Patrol Lieutenant, has been selected to serve as the Town of Pulaski's next Police Chief.

Out of 16 applicants that applied for the position, Neice was the unanimous choice of the interview panel. She is being sworn in at this evening's Town Council meeting by Mayor Shannon Collins.

Neice was chosen to serve as the Interim Police Chief after the retirement of former Police Chief Gary Roche in June. Since that time, she has taken on her new responsibilities with an eagerness to serve Pulaski's community with the same commitment and passion exhibited in her over 23 years of service with the Pulaski Police Department.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham is thrilled to have Jill in the permanent role of Police



Chief. "While not initially interested in the permanent position, Jill demonstrated during her two months as interim, the commitment, energy, and enthusiasm needed to lead the department in meeting the challenges that law enforcement officials will face in the future. She has clearly demonstrated a passion for the depart-

ment and the town."

Police Chief Neice graduated from New River Community College, with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Administration of Justice before attending Radford University and graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Her entire career in law enforcement has been spent with the Pulaski Police Department, honing her skills and developing a strong rapport with her colleagues and community.

Neice was formally sworn in as the new chief during Tuesday's meeting of Pulaski Town Council. The oath was administered by Mayor Shannon Collins.

The swearing in was met by a standing ovation from council and all in attendance at the meeting.

Councilman Jamie Radcliffe said he "Is very proud to be sitting on a council that has hired the first female Chief of Police" in the town's history.

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	New cases, since last report*	New cases, weekly avg.*	Total cases	Total hospitalizations	Total deaths	Total vaccines given	% fully vaccinated
Floyd County	5	7	1,107	39	23	12,815	43.0%
Giles County	31	18	1,646	61	24	15,084	44.5%
Montgomery County	71	48	10,446	220	83	88,849	45.5%
Pulaski County	6	17	3,313	154	73	29,601	43.8%
Radford City	26	15	2,598	43	29	15,049	41.2%
New River Health District	139	105	19,110	517	232	161,398	44.6%
Virginia	4,479	3,365	793,396	34,449	11,997	10,073,328	57.3%

\* Cases are now reported weekdays only, creating a cumulative number (3-day total) each Monday. The weekly case average (3rd column of the table) most accurately reflects local trends.

# Bissell: Delta variant surge peaking in NRV

It is likely that we are peaking with this Delta surge and expect to start seeing new case counts declining in future weeks.

Remember that hospitalizations and deaths lag new case numbers by several weeks, so our healthcare resources will continue to be under strain.

Some people are confused by the descriptions of different levels of the disease. Here's a brief overview:

**Mild:** COVID-19 is mild in

most individuals. One might feel really bad, but doesn't develop pneumonia or low blood oxygen levels, and doesn't require medical attention.

**Moderate:** COVID may have evidence of pneumonia and may present with shortness of breath, but individuals don't require hospitalization or supplemental oxygen.

**Severe:** COVID means much worse symptoms of pneumonia, including shortness of breath and low blood oxygen levels requiring hospitalization; progression to some lung damage can often be seen on chest imaging.

**Critical:** COVID cases are those who develop respiratory failure, shock, multiple organ dysfunction and have a high chance of death.

Let's look at our epi curves. As we go through these, please note that the Y axis changes on each slide. The Virginia dashboard shows when cases are reported. These epi curves show when symptoms started or a person without symptoms got a positive test, which is a more realistic view of the pandemic. Our epidemiologists use these epi curves to understand what is happening specifically in our community.

Though we are optimistic that the Delta surge is peaking, that

doesn't mean the pandemic is over. There is still a lot of sickness and loss that our community will experience. The Delta variant is highly contagious and we should expect it to take time for cases to decrease significantly.

We have several tools to fight this pandemic, what we call layered mitigation, including vaccines, masks, ventilation, hand washing and distancing. All of these make a difference, but vaccines are the most powerful tool we have. In Virginia, unvaccinated people get COVID 9.2 times more often than fully vaccinated people and 2.5 times more often than partially vaccinated people. I'm happy to report that more and more of our residents are getting vaccinated for the first time, but we still have a way to go.

It's very important to mask indoors when with people outside of one's household and to meet with people in the highly ventilated outdoors as much as possible. These practices are critical to stopping the spread of the disease. We know that people can spread COVID before they get symptoms as well as while they have symptoms. We know that some people – about 1 in 5

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# Weekday Religious Education almost ready for new year

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Weekday Religious Education – a staple in Pulaski County since 1936 – is getting back up and running this school year after being a COVID casualty last year.

“WRE is getting started back,” says Rhonda Hodge, who became President of the Pulaski WRE Council last month. “We were closed last year due to COVID, and we are really excited to get the new year up and running.”

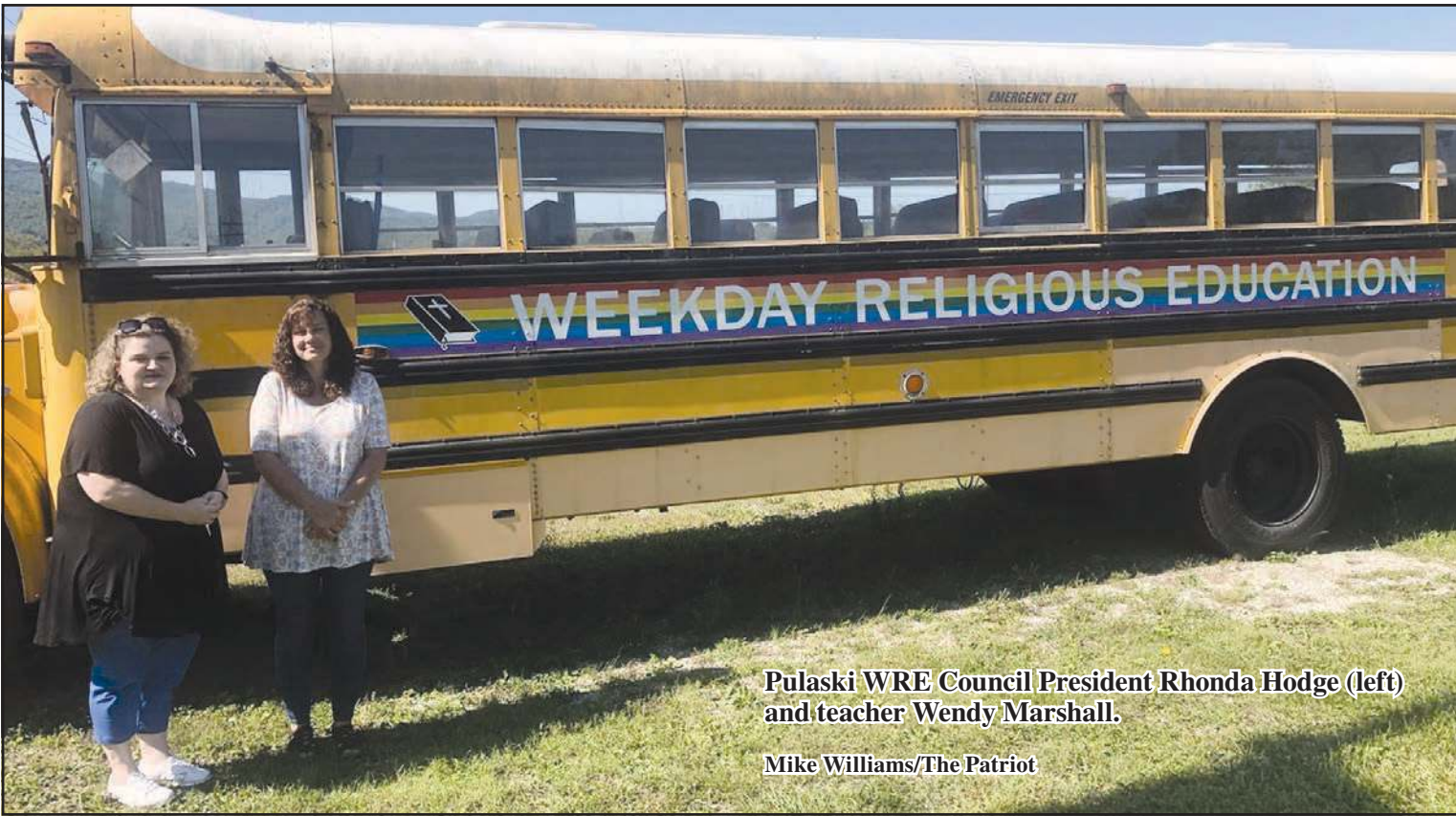
Prior to getting Bible classes back up and running, hopefully by the end of September, WRE has a vital need – a bus driver.

“That’s our big need right now,” said Hodge.

According to Pulaski WRE teacher, Wendy Marshall, the bus picks up students in grades 2-5 from Pulaski’s three elementary schools one day per week during their physical education class and take them to a church for a Bible lesson.

“The classes are non-denominational with everything being straight out of the Bible,” Marshall noted.

“The kids really seem to enjoy the classes and we really have a good turnout most times,” Hodge



Pulaski WRE Council President Rhonda Hodge (left) and teacher Wendy Marshall.

Mike Williams/The Patriot

said this week.

“It will be a little harder this year getting started after COVID,” said Marshall. “But we’ve got everything planned out to sanitize everything and the kids will have their own supplies. We’re keeping everything just like the schools

are – keeping things clean so we can get the kids back in there and start working.”

“It’s a great program and the kids always seem to love it. I went to the Bible classes myself, so I know that excitement you get. It’s a special time,” added Hodge.

Marshall, the WRE teacher in Pulaski for six years now, said the Pulaski WRE Council works with Pulaski, Critzer and Snowville Elementary Schools.

“There is a different teacher and council that works in Dublin,” she said.

What students in Weekday Religious Education are taught de-

pends on their grade level.

“In fifth grade we do the Parables of Jesus,” Marshall noted. “In fourth grade we do the life of Jesus. In the third grade they’ve just learned about the pyramids, so we do the life of Moses. In second grade we do all the favor-

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## Bissell

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– don’t get symptoms, but can still spread the disease. We also know that vaccinated people can get COVID, but the vast majority have milder disease and are contagious for a shorter time.

We have been battling this pandemic for at least a year and a half. This is not a time for COVID absolutism or moral outrage. We all need to take responsibility for protecting ourselves, our loved ones, and our community. We know what to do. Lockdowns and mandates are not good strategies.

We are hearing that some of

our business leaders have been waiting for mask mandates or vaccine mandates from government authorities, believing that if there is no mandate, it’s not a serious surge. Each business and employer needs to make decisions based on their own situation. We do offer assistance through the New River Business Continuity Team. Please contact Ashley Briggs, abriggs@nrvrc.org if you are looking for information, advice, or would like a representative to chat with your team.

I’d also like to remind everyone that flu season is approach-

ing, and encourage all to get a flu shot. We were able to keep flu to a minimum last year, mostly through distancing, masking and handwashing. With the strain that COVID is putting on our healthcare system, it’s important again this year to keep flu to a minimum.

We’ll be announcing flu vaccine clinics in the coming weeks and will have COVID vaccines at the same time.

—Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director, New River Public Health District.

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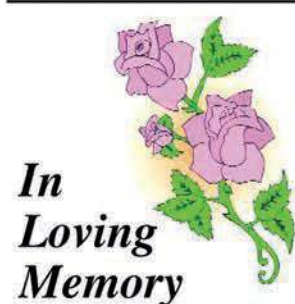
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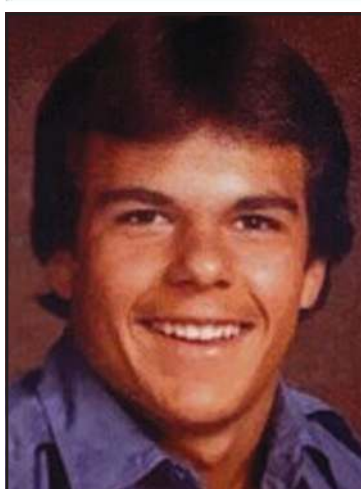
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**ALBERT "AL" NEWTON WALTERS II**

Albert "Al" Newton Walters II, age 54 of Pulaski passed away Friday, September 3, 2021 at his home.

Born June 3, 1967 in Radford, he was the son of the late Albert Newton Walters and Evelyn Montgomery Walters. He was a 1986 graduate of Pulaski County High School.

He is survived by

Children – Albert Newton Walters III & fiancée Hannah Reed – Blacksburg, Brandon Thomas Walters and wife, Meagan – Pulaski, Evelyn Ann Walters & fiancé, Thomas Croteau – Snowville

Grandson – Bentley Cole Walters and "one on the way".

Sister – Kim Kelly & husband, Mike– Dublin

Niece – Adrienne Terwilliger and family

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 9, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home, Chapel Pulaski with Rev. Carson Linkous officiating. Interment followed at the Pagan Cemetery, off Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski.

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

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



**MARK THOMAS BASHAM**

Mark Thomas Basham, age 38 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, August 29, 2021 at his home.

Born March 5, 1983 in Christiansburg, Virginia he was the son of John Paul Basham & Sheila Marie Shipley Basham.

He is survived by his

Wife – Kellie Lynn Hancock Basham – Pulaski

Parents – John Paul & Sheila Marie Basham – Shawsville, VA

Brother – James Michael Basham & wife, Danielle Elizabeth Akers Basham – Christiansburg

Father-in-law & Mother-in-law – Kenneth Dwain & Debra Farmer Hancock, Sr. – Draper

Brother-in-law – Kenneth Dwain Hancock, Jr. – Draper

Stepdaughter – Adrianna Victoria Chanel Donathan – Radford

Furbaby – Sherlock

Grandparents – Joyce & James Berry – Cascade, Montana, Paul Thomas & Brenda Akers Basham – Shawsville, VA

Memorial services were held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the Pulaski Church of God with Pastor Don Jones officiating.

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

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



**DIANE "BETH" ELIZABETH COX POFF**

Diane "Beth" Elizabeth Cox Poff, age 67 of Snowville passed away Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the New River Valley Medical Center. Born September 22, 1953 in Radford she was the daughter of the late John Clayton Cox & Joan Phillips Cox. She was also preceded in death by her brother John "Buck Cox, Jr.

She is survived by her

Husband – Dennis Lee Poff – Snowville

Children – Todd Davis – Christiansburg, Yana (Bobby) Hunter – Snowville, Monica (Tom) Noble – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Devon, Aden, Alicia, Jimmy, Billie and Timothy

Brothers – Tim (Sherry) Cox – Snowville, Kevin (Diane) Cox – Snowville

Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

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In lieu of flowers the family ask that memorial be made to the St. Jude's Children Hospital or [www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org)

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**JEFFREY WAYNE TAYLOR**

Jeffrey Wayne Taylor, age 52 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, September 4, 2021 at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center after a brief illness with leukemia.

Born November 13, 1968 in Pulaski, he was the son of Patricia "Patsy" McGlothlin Taylor and the late Robert Gene Taylor. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents.

He is survived by his

Wife – Jennifer Rae Billips Taylor – Pulaski

Mother – Patricia "Patsy" McGlothlin Taylor – Pulaski

Children – Ashley Renee Taylor – Pulaski, Joshua Allen Taylor – Pulaski

Granddaughter – Mackenzie Thompson

Brother – Michael Taylor – Pulaski

Memorial services were held Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

To sign the online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



**PAIGE MIZE QUESENERRY**

Paige Mize Quesenberry, age 78 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at her home.

Born January 9, 1943 in Rural Retreat, she was the daughter of the late Edna Mize Wright.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Richard "Dickie" Lee Quesenberry, and one sister, Jean

Pugh.

She is survived by her

Children – Vicki Quesenberry Lyons & husband, Gerald – Pulaski (Shiloh), Richard Dennis Quesenberry – Cloverdale, Sandi Quesenberry Hundley – Dublin

Grandchildren – Chris Lee Thomas, Chelsey Richardson, T. J. (April) Richardson, Andy Quesenberry, Brandon Richardson

Great Grandchildren – Brantley, Lane, Micah, Nevaeh, Alex, Pierce, James and Madailein

Sisters – Wanda Fritz – Tampa, FL, Patsy Ogle – Wytheville

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel. Interment followed at the Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery.

Flowers appreciated or donations may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital

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

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

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**NANCY JEAN HORTON THORNTON**

Nancy Jean Horton Thornton, age 81 of Pulaski passed away Monday, August 30, 2021 at her home. Born February 29, 1940 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Walter Mack Horton & Ruby Mae King Horton. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Carl E. Thornton (2012) and her sister, Doris White.

She is survived by her

Children – Rhonda Thornton Graham – Pulaski, Larry Eugene Thornton – Pulaski

Granddaughter – Brandy Rochelle Thornton

Sisters – Ruby Katherine Clark – Pulaski, Helen Louise Tickle – Pulaski

A private graveside funeral service was held Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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



**CECIL "GENE" EUGENE CROSS**

Cecil "Gene" Eugene Cross, age 67 of Pulaski passed away Monday, September 6, 2021 at the New River Valley Medical Center. Born October 14, 1953 in Washington County, Virginia he was the son of the late Cecil Delaney Cross & Charlotte Williams Cross. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Patricia "Patty" Cross.

Cecil was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by his

Wife – Sheila Jones Cross – Pulaski

Children – Heather (Danny) Boyd – Hiwassee, Miranda Cross (Adam) Mitchem – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Cameron Boyd, Madison Whitesell

Great Granddaughter – Harper Boyd

Brothers & Sisters – Ella "Gay" Whitaker – Christiansburg, Mark (April) Cross – Pulaski, Douglas "Pudge" (Stella) Cross – Pulaski, Frannie (Ken) Monroe – TN, Kenny (Amy) Cross – TN, Bobby Cross – TN, Wayne Cross – TN

Many nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, September 10, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Randall Lawrence officiating. Interment will follow at the Hufford Cemetery (Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski) with military honors conducted at the graveside.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home. To sign Cecil's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



ing with his friends and spending time with his family. He was held in high regard by many and was often described as "one of the good ones".

Funeral services were held, Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at Trinity Baptist Church – 4008 Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski. Graveside for the immediate family followed at Ray's Cemetery on Brookmont Road, Pulaski.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Parkinson's Foundation @ [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

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

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# Pulaski Council votes to become member of local police academy

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
**The Patriot**

Pulaski Town Council approved resolutions Tuesday evening to give notice to Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy the town is withdrawing its membership and will instead apply for membership to the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham said she understood that 20-plus years ago, the town was a member of the regional academy in Dublin which serves this area but chose to go with the Cardinal Academy located in Salem instead.

“We had a request to look at that issue and I had some police department staff attend some classes at the local academy – staff who had been fairly recent graduates of the Cardinal academy. They found New River to be more than satisfactory,” Burcham told council.

In making the change, officers attending the academy from Pulaski will avoid the distance traveling back and forth to Salem and “the big challenge of I-81.”

Burcham said officials at the Dublin academy expressed interest in the town returning to membership with them.

“I also discussed it with Sheriff Mike Worrell who was encouraging us to consider moving back to the New River Academy.

“Those who attend that academy are the ones our officers interact with on a regular basis, while the lion share of those going to Cardinal Academy were from Roanoke and Roanoke County,” Burcham noted.

To withdraw from an academy, the State Code says a locality must give notice by October 1 to be effective July 1 of the following year, hence the reason for acting now.

Councilman Greg East said he was glad to have this take place.

“To have our officers stay local, support our local academy and work with the officers they will be working and interacting with just makes sense,” he said.

Councilman Jamie Radcliffe, long a proponent of the move noted he had been “fighting for this for years.”

“I just didn’t have a town manager that wanted to pursue it,” he stated. “Never could understand why we would send our officers to the City of Salem, spending our tax money outside our area. And it (travel) makes for a very long day.

“The academies are governed by the same state. You have to take the same exam. It’s never made any sense. I commend the manager for stepping up to the plate on this. We have a new chief of police. It’s a new time. She’s a veteran of our police academy here. That’s something to be proud of,” Radcliffe continued.

• According to one councilmember, parents’ eagerness to get in line to pick up their children at Pulaski Elementary School is beginning to cause problems.

Councilman Lane Penn said he had gotten complaints about the parent pickup at school during the afternoons. Penn said the school doesn’t allow parents arrive on school property to pick up their children before 3 p.m. Penn said that is prompting many parents to line up on Morehead Lane in both directions, with the line starting to form about 2 p.m.

Penn said that, in case of an emergency it would be difficult for first responders to get through.

Burcham said she would have the police take a look at the situation, as well as speaking with the school system.

• Council approved the addition of Braxton Cox to become a member of the town’s Architec-

tural Review Board.

• Burcham told council that, after discussion with the town attorney, it was determined town council should take a public vote on its decision of a couple meetings ago to authorize a loan in the amount of \$50,000 to Steve Critchfield.

The purpose of the loan was to support Critchfield’s company, JS Pulaski Property, LLC in the purchase of the former Jefferson School property.

Burcham said the loan would be payable in two years with an interest rate of 4 percent per year and interest payments due on the first day of each quarter while the loan is outstanding. The town will place a lien on the property as collateral.

“Those are all terms that Mr. Critchfield offered. The county also accepted his proposal with this understanding,” Burcham told council.

Burcham noted she and Brady Deal, Town Planner and Economic Development Director had further conversations earlier Tues-

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## WRE

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ite Bible stories.”

Parents desiring for their child to participate in Weekday Religious Education must fill out and sign a release form that gives the parent’s permission for their child to be bused from school property to a nearby church or other facility for the religious classes.

Weekday Religious Education is not a school sponsored activity, however, the Pulaski County School Board allows for children to be released from regular school activities for one class period every week for one semester.

The release form notes that the Bible is the only textbook a child will use, and no individual church doctrine is taught.

According to the form, “For the past 84 years, WRE has made safety our priority and TRUTH our message and purpose.”

Weekday Religious Education was established in Virginia in 1929. Pulaski and Dublin are among the 21 local councils providing the classes in Virginia. They are supported by donations from churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals. No public funds are used.

If you would like to donate to

the WRE program in Pulaski, send your checks made out to Weekday Religious Education and mail them to Steve Burcham, CPA at P.O. Box 1345, Pulaski, VA 24301.

“Currently we do need volunteers and really need committee members,” Hodge said. “We meet once every three months.”

Those wishing to volunteer and/or become committee members overseeing the program can contact Hodge at

Rhonda.singpraise@gmail.com

Hodge also noted the council is about to launch its Facebook page in the near future.

“It’s a great program and we want to make sure it stays active,” Hodge said.

“Up until COVID we were servicing between 225 and 300 kids per year just within the three Pulaski schools,” Marshall noted.



## ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

### RONNIE LEE ADAMS

Ronnie Lee Adams, 64, of Dublin Virginia passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at University of Virginia Medical Center. He was the son of the late Stanley Crockett Adams Sr. and Ruth Moles Adams. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers; Stanley Crockett Adams Jr., and John Wayne Adams.

Survivors include sisters; Goldie Peak, Patsy Brizdine, Bonnie Adams, Donna Underwood, and Kathy Adams. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Ronnie never met a stranger and saw a friend in everyone he met. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and especially walking throughout the Town of Dublin socializing with all his neighbors. Ronnie was well known in his community, and dearly loved by his family.

A graveside service will be held Monday, September 13, 2021, at 11:00 AM at Dublin Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia.

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

### ROBERT “BIG BOBBY”

#### CLAUDE DEHART

Robert “Big Bobby” Claude DeHart, age 65 of Barren Springs, Virginia passed away Monday, September 6, 2021 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski.

Born November 5, 1955 in Wythe County, Virginia he was the son of the late Delmer DeHart & Bessie Peak DeHart. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Delmer DeHart, Jr. and sister, Birtie Akers.

He is survived by his

Sons – Robert “Little Bobby” C. DeHart, Jr. – Pulaski, Robert Eric DeHart – Pulaski, Thomas A. Drain – Dublin

Grandsons – Trey DeHart and Brayden DeHart

Brothers - James (Jackie) DeHart – Draper, Ray (Kelota) DeHart – Hillsville, Tony (Gloria) DeHart – Draper

Sisters – Marie (Dennis) Hanks – Pulaski, Linda (Jerry) Viars – Barren Springs, Louise Payne – Draper, Lovelene Dalton – Pulaski

Former Wives – Patricia Bowman and Judy DeHart

Several nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be held at a later date. To sign Robert’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

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# A Time for Accountability

The ending of the war in Afghanistan has been a disgraceful and humiliating close to a lengthy chapter of our history. The chaotic, rushed, and abortive evacuation of Americans and Afghan allies amid the quick fall of the U.S.-backed government to the Taliban, which was ousted twenty years ago after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, will leave a legacy of death, fear, and failure.

It did not need to be this way. American troops, our citizens remaining in the country, and our allies should not have suffered the extreme danger of recent weeks. That they did, and that thirteen American servicemen and -women died in a terrorist attack during the botched withdrawal, demands accountability from those whose decisions contributed to this calamity.

I believe this as someone who long called for a responsible end to America's longest war. The decision to withdraw did not produce this calamity; incompetent leadership from the Biden Administration did.

Therefore, I am calling for the impeachment of Secretary of State Antony Blinken and the resignations of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley. These three officials bear the greatest share of culpability.

Secretary Blinken deserves impeachment as the official responsible for the lives of American citizens in the country. One of the State Department's roles is to protect our citizens abroad, but in Afghanistan it failed to rescue them from grave danger.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

In July, as President Biden and Secretary Blinken expressed confidence in the Afghan government

and security forces, American diplomats in Kabul were warning that the danger posed by the Taliban warranted the evacuation of Afghans who had assisted U.S. forces within weeks and the accelerated processing of their visas.

Instead, the Taliban rolled into Afghanistan's capital of Kabul, leaving the people needing evacuation at their mercy. American citizens were left to navigate Taliban-controlled streets to get to the airport, as were our Afghan allies whose very acts of assistance to our country earned them the enmity of the Taliban.

The Wall Street Journal reported that upon the departure of American forces from the country on August 31, 100 to 200 American citizens remained left behind, as were "the majority of the Afghan interpreters and others who applied for visas to flee Afghanistan."

Unfortunately, the top officials at the Pentagon, Secretary Austin and General Milley, have hardly performed any better than those at the State Department. They were clearly unprepared for the quick fall of the Afghan government, leaving billions of dollars of equipment purchased by American taxpayers at the disposal of the Taliban and failing to direct an orderly final withdrawal.

The chaos at Kabul's airport created the conditions which allowed for the deadly terrorist attack of August 26, taking the lives of nearly 200 people including thirteen U.S. service members.

And after all this, officials in the Biden Administration have sought to take credit for a successful evacuation!

They would do well to remember Winston Churchill's observation that "Wars are not won by evacuations," but in any event, we must see clearly what happened: American citizens were left to fend for themselves under a regime whose forces have been fighting Americans for twenty years. Afghan allies who aided our cause at the risk of their lives are in the hands of our enemies. American troops were endangered by the hasty withdrawal, and thirteen paid the ultimate price.

That is not a successful evacuation. That is a fiasco, and it requires accountability.

High public office is not an entitlement. Whatever these officials may have done for the country previously, and with respect for the military service of Secretary Austin and General Milley, responsibility for many of the serious failures of the final withdrawal from Afghanistan lies upon them.

Secretaries Blinken and Austin and General Milley have fallen far short in the performance of their duties, with tragic consequences. They no longer deserve to hold office on behalf of the American people. If President Biden does not recognize this fact, it is an indictment of him.

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

# Raising Up A National Standard

"The Rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used at any time on December 4, 2001, for a National Day of Reconciliation where – (1) the two Houses of Congress shall assemble in the rotunda with the Chaplain of the House of Representatives and the Chaplain of the Senate in attendance; and (2) during this assembly, the Members of the two Houses may gather to humbly seek the blessings of Providence for forgiveness, reconciliation, unity, and charity for all people of the United States, thereby assisting the Nation to realize its potential as (A) the champion of hope; (B) the vindicator of the defenseless; and (C) the guardian of freedom." HCR 184: Concurrent Resolution – Providing for a National Day of Reconciliation, dated July 2001.

In a bold and courageous act, Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-TX) sponsored a resolution that the leaders of the United States raise up a standard in this nation by coming together,

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

praying and repenting. Fourteen other House Representatives concurred with him and co-sponsored the resolution.

DeLay stated, "This resolution sends the right message at the right time. It's never been more important for the leaders of our nation to come together and turn back to God. It's all made clear in II Chronicles 7:14, If my people who are called by my name..."

"In our own time, we're blessed with strong leaders of deep faith. By coming together in the Capitol to pray, humble themselves before God, and to seek repentance, America's leaders can guide the nation in the right direction.

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## Deep in the hearts of Texas babies

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

In the matter of a new Texas law banning abortions six weeks after gestation, when a fetal heartbeat can usually be detected by vaginal ultrasound, suppose the headlines had been different? Instead of words like "most restrictive in nation" (The Wall Street Journal) and "Supreme Court refuses to block Texas law" (The Washington Post), along with four stories splashed across the front page of The New York Times that seemed to be written from the perspective of pro-choice writers, what if the headlines had instead reflected another point of view that took the side of babies and the women who carry them?

Those headlines and stories might have read: "Supreme Court decides to protect babies, recognizing Thomas Jefferson's writing about endowed life coming from God." Or, if that's too long for headline writers, how about "Supreme Court takes side of the unborn"? Might that have changed the perception about abortion by people who are on the fence, or conflicted? Information, including sonograms for abortion-minded pregnant women, has been shown to change minds. So has compassionate counseling and adoption services at pregnancy help centers.

Much has changed since 1973 when a court majority found in *Roe vs. Wade* that a "penumbra" was hidden in the Constitution, which translated into a "right to privacy" so that a woman could legally terminate her pregnancy without interference from anyone, including the father. Since that ruling, the "right" to an abortion has been extended to include second-trimester abortions and to cover babies born alive after an attempted abortion.

Gov. Ralph Northam (D-VA), a pediatrician, has suggested that a baby who survives an abortion should be "kept comfortable" and "resuscitated" and then "a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother." Does this not infanticide?

The definition of "penumbra" is revealing: "the partial or imperfect shadow outside the complete shadow of an opaque

body." If that sounds unclear when applied to the Constitution, that's because it is. Then-Justice Harry Blackmun, who used the word, clearly was not a textualist in the way Antonin Scalia was. It appears he read his own bias into the Constitution when he could find no justification for abortion elsewhere.

Judges reading into the Constitution their own biases, even prejudices, has long been a problem. It is a power the Founders never intended the courts and especially the Supreme Court to have.

The Texas law will still be challenged in other ways, as will a Mississippi law the Supreme Court has decided to hear this fall. That law, if passed, would ban most abortions after 15 weeks.

National Right to Life, which tracks figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute, estimates there have been more than 62 million abortions since 1973, and the number of abortions each year has been steadily declining.

Many women have said they regretted their decision to have an abortion, many uphold that difficult decision. It seems we long ago shifted from doing what might be best for others to doing what was best for self, perhaps a reflection of the spirit of the modern age.

Abortion and refusing to take personal responsibility for one's actions have contributed to a general coarseness and disrespect for life at all stages as witnessed by the shooting spree regularly occurring in Chicago and other major cities. The Texas and Mississippi laws seek to reverse, or at least slow down the process of squandering human life.

The question remains: Is abortion the cause of our increasingly decadent culture, or a reflection of it?

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# Sorry Joe, This Was Not a Success

Talk about a catastrophic success.

The Biden administration wants credit for the Afghanistan evacuation as measured by the sheer number of people it flew out amid a security and humanitarian crisis of its own making.

This is the arsonist bragging about how many fires he has put out.

Those with memories that stretch past a couple of weeks ago will recall the halcyon days when a mass evacuation at a civilian airport exposed to suicide bombers and other attackers wasn't, according to Joe Biden, even conceivable.

Biden contributed to the collapse of the Afghan military by denying it air cover, gave away Bagram Air Base for no good reason, pulled out U.S. troops before our diplomats and civilians, drastically underestimated the gathering Taliban offensive, and then, caught unawares by the fall of Kabul, scrambled to jury-rig a desperate rescue that shouldn't have been necessary in the first place.

That the U.S. flew out more than 115,000 people out of Kabul is a testament to the awesome capabilities of the United States military.

It is not in any way a vindication of President Biden's exit.

The evacuation itself has been costly. Because we outsourced security outside the airport to the Taliban, our service members were forced to operate in dangerous conditions. A nearly inevitable attack last week killed 13 of them. That's the loss of more Americans in one day than were killed in action most years in Afghanistan since 1951.

Then, we failed by the most important metric. We left hundreds of Americans behind who wanted to leave, a squalid betrayal that was unfathomable before the Biden team began to try to prepare the public for it a week or so ago.

It's hard to imagine any prior American president, perhaps with the exception of Jimmy Carter, abandoning Americans behind enemy lines. Theodore Roosevelt mustered the naval might of the United States to save one American who had been kidnapped in Morocco in 1904. Barack Obama traded five Guantanamo detainees for Bowe Bergdahl in 2014.

Even Biden felt the impulse to get every last American out. He pledged to do it in his interview with George Stephanopoulos. In order to keep his promise to the Taliban to get out by Aug. 31, though, he broke his promise to his countrymen.

We still don't know how many U.S. green-card holders, to whom we should also feel an obligation, have been left behind. And there have been reports that the Taliban was blocking our most deserving Afghan allies from getting to the airport, meaning the Afghans we got out weren't necessarily the most endangered.

Even if the evacuation had been flawless and complete, the underlying situation speaks

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# Nation

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Each of us now has the opportunity to reduce our nation's estrangement from God."

The act of raising up a standard is never taken lightly. The standard (or flag attached to a pole) was raised and carried into battle; it served as a rallying point and orientation point for the troops. These standards can cause hardened military men to cry, or the enemy to turn in terror and run.

Although DeLay did not physically fly a standard, he and the Congress raised a moral and spiritual standard which the rest of the nation can (and needs to) emulate.

DeLay quoted Abraham Lincoln recently when he talked about the purpose of the resolution: "...We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity or redeeming and reserving grace, too proud to pray to the God thus! It behooves us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and pray for clemency and forgiveness..."

During the past 30 years, there has been a remnant of people in our nation who have attempted to raise up a standard of spirituality, but whose voices have been drowned by the roaring of self-seeking, self-serving materialism and complacency.

Pastor Francis Frangipane writes that history shows us that in the Old Testament models of national revival, the long-awaited outpouring came only when kings humbled themselves in prayer before God. Additionally, no revival ever emerged without the house of the Lord being restored. These two things, political leaders seeking God in repentance and spiritual leaders earnestly restoring the Lord's House, were what precipitated revival.

Twenty-years later, Americans find themselves again in very troubled times. Fires

rage unchecked on the west coast. Category 4 Hurricane Ida hit Louisiana with a brutally destructive force, knocking out water and power supplies for possibly a month. COVID-19 is circling back with mutated viruses affecting even those who were fully vaccinated. Thousands of illegal immigrants are storming our southern border and will require decades of public resources to sustain them. The government's out of control spending is building up the national debt to where it may never be paid off. Inflation is rising, making food and everyday items more expensive. Hundreds of American are trapped in war-torn Afghanistan after the U.S. was forced to leave in disgrace, while abandoning billions of dollars in military equipment. If there was ever a time Americans needed to see our national leaders publicly turning to God for wisdom, guidance and protection, it is now!

The Day of Reconciliation was planned before the September 11 terrorist attack, but DeLay responded to the attack with the following message: "Like an awful flash of autumn lightning, the terrorist attack confronted the country with a harsh glimpse at the working hand of evil. It forced the country to look closely at the ongoing dangers to our society..."

"It also showed us our weaknesses. It illuminated the dangerous ravines and cultural cliffs that we had been straying blindly toward for far too many years. Many people were worried. Many spoke out about the drift in our culture, but not enough people listed to arrest the decline."

"Now we acknowledge the true state of things and our need for divine guidance. Once again, America sees the world and our place in it with the clarity that only clear and present danger can bring. It was clear to our forefathers during the Revolution. They embraced the Lord."

"Ask yourself this: Could any intelligent person, after considering the inherent vulnerabilities of any free society and the depth and sophistication of the potential threats we face, conceive of a secular solution that could guarantee our security? I don't think it's possible. This isn't something we can do on our own. It would be far easier for us to count each grain of sand on the beaches surrounding America than solve this without God."

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of an abysmal failure. After 20 years, we lost a war to a Taliban that now controls more territory than it did on September 11, 2001. The Taliban hasn't renounced al Qaeda; indeed, the Haqqani network, a key element of the Taliban that has been responsible for security in Kabul, is closely allied with the terror group.

Biden talks bravely of launching counterterrorism strikes from "over the horizon," but failed to secure a base in a neighboring country. We will have to operate from hours away in the Persian Gulf, even as our intelligence capabilities in Afghanistan are drastically diminished.

Our ineptitude and dishonor-

able conduct have shocked our allies, who need to place their trust in our competence and reliability.

Biden's supporters have resorted to the defense that almost all of this was inevitable. Yet, for years, the Afghan army fought and bled after we had stepped back into a support role, suggesting an unsatisfactory stalemate was achievable at a relatively low cost. Biden rejected that option. Instead, he chose defeat and disgrace. All of the exertions to rescue people from the wreckage over the last two weeks can't change that.

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



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## OPEN FORUM

## But You Must Vote

To the editor,

I am going to ask you to suffer through a little history lesson about me. At the end of that, I promise to get to the point.

In my late teens and early twenties, my parents lived in northern Virginia for a time. I spent a summer or two there, making money to pay for college. So, I got a feel for the area and the Virginians who live there.

I lived in central Virginia for about twelve years, first in Charlottesville and later in rural Greene County. So, I got very familiar with the Virginians who live there.

My daughter lives in Tidewater Virginia, and my employer of 34 years is headquartered there. So, I have spent considerable time there, allowing me to form an impression of the Virginians who live there.

In the Fall of 1992, my employer asked me if I would take a promotion and move to southwest Virginia. Quality of life has always mattered a lot to me when I make important decisions like where to live. To me, quality of life means living in a tranquil rural setting, with beautiful mountain views, nature, trout streams and good

deer hunting. It also means living amongst down-to-earth people that exhibit old fashioned virtues like honesty, sincerity, reliability, courage, self-sacrifice and patriotism. I already had those things living on my property beside a trout stream three miles from tiny Stanardsville, Virginia. So, after weighing the pros and cons for two weeks, I still worried I might be taking a step back in quality of life as I accepted the promotion and moved here.

Happily, nothing could have been further from the truth. I found an even better quality of life, and since then I have not budged from the piece of heaven we have here, living amongst what I have found to be the most honorable and patriotic people in Virginia. That brings me to the reason I am reaching out to you.

From my own experience with several regions of Virginia, I am convinced SWVA is the land of patriots like no other. Just go to a Fourth of July celebration around here and watch what happens when the performer asks the veterans to come to the stage and be honored. By the time they all get there, it looks like one third of the men from the audience (and many women) have assembled to

receive a rousing applause and heart-felt thank you. I will admit it caused some unexplainable moisture to form in the corner of my eye. Those veterans and those who didn't make it home didn't have to be drafted to make those sacrifices. Southwest Virginia is the land of people who can be counted on to do their part, do their duty, and put doing the right thing ahead of their own needs. Another classic example: Consider what happens if you break down on one of our county roads. Before you know it, you'll be surrounded by friendly, helpful people you have never met before, inconveniencing themselves to get you going again. These observations have formed my fond impression of the typical southwest Virginian.

So, it really surprised me when I recently learned that the farther southwest you go in Virginia, the lower the voter turnout rate\*. It has been the case over and over again in modern history. I frankly find it hard to believe that such patriotic people, who are characterized by generosity, a sense of duty and self-sacrifice, do a comparatively poor job in fulfill-

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# Adaire Theatre opens signup for fall classes, gearing up for next show

By Neesey Payne

Adaire Theatre's last production, "Broadway Melody" had a strong finish. The reviews are in, and it seems the audience received it well with lots of laughs during the show and a standing ovation at the end.

"The show was fantastic," said Jan Booker. Booker said if she could have been there both weekends, she would have.

"The choreography, the choice of songs, the costumes, the way they came on and off the stage, it was amazing," Booker said.

Domenico Pugliese has been in Adaire Theatre productions before, but this time he was an audience member.

"I felt kind of jealous not being up there with them, but it definitely was amazing seeing what they put on," he said.

Kendall Payne, founder of Adaire Theatre, is happy the show was able to build momentum over it's two-weekend run.

"It was a fun show. It seemed like all of our audiences enjoyed it. Everyone worked really hard, so it's always nice to perform for a responsive crowd," he said.

Although the show is over, Adaire Theatre's work isn't finished yet. As class is back in session for many students in our region, Adaire Theatre is opening its Fall Music Theatre Class. Payne says it's a chance for those who aren't new to the stage to continue to hone their craft and also for the beginner who is just getting their feet wet.

"Our theatre classes are designed in such a way that we're able to meet each actor where they are. It's not just about preparing them for doing a play, we teach solid fundamentals that will help them excel in any facet of theatre including improv comedy, dance, and even stage combat," Payne explained.

The classes are over five weekends.

"We meet for an hour-and-a-half on Saturdays. There are so many wins here. It's a great way to keep the kids involved in an extra-curricular activity, parents can run their errands while we're in class, and everyone is home by lunch time. We always have a lot of fun," Payne said.

Registration is now open for class. The first class begins Saturday, September 11, and will run every weekend until October 9. Class meets from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$75. To sign up, visit [adairetheatre.org/classes](http://adairetheatre.org/classes).

As Adaire Theatre is preparing for class, they're also getting ready for another production: "Quiet Courage."

"I really like this show because it truly hits close to home," Payne said.

"Quiet Courage" is about Chauncey Harmon, Sr., a man from Pulaski who made it his life's work to fight against racial discrimination.

"Many times when we think about African American heroes we think about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, or Harriet

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## Stevens Family Honored By Town of Pulaski

Pulaski Town Council on Tuesday approved a resolution recognizing the service of Stevens Funeral Home and the Stevens Family to the Town of Pulaski. According to the resolution, Stevens Funeral Home has provided mortuary and funeral services to the citizens of the town and served as a cornerstone of the town's business community for 131 years. M.W. Stevens established the family business as Stevens Funeral Home and Ambulance Service in 1890, and was followed in his tradition of service by his son, B. Stanley Stevens and his grandson, Robert Stevens. Since 1981, Matt, "Skip" and John Stevens have owned and operated the family business, being the fourth generation of the Stevens' family to do so. After more than a century of operation, Stevens Funeral Home recently passed from the Stevens family to new owners, David and Michelle Norris of Norris Funeral Service. Pictured above from left are Mayor Shannon Collins with Stevens Funeral Home's Tyler Byrd, Matt Stevens and "Skip" Stevens.

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ing the most basic civic duty of all - the simple and practically painless act of voting.

I am not writing today to endorse a candidate or a ticket. But if you are eligible to vote, and either have never voted may not vote this Fall, I am just urging you to make sure you do. I have heard all the reasons eligible voters justify staying home. And some make a valid point. But are they really reasons, or they excuses to justify shirking a fundamental civic duty and avoid a tiny bit of inconvenience? The simple act

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of voting is the least we can do to honor those who have paid such a dear price to keep us free and living in peace. How can we look at a disabled veteran and not feel guilty unless we do the bare minimum and vote? I am not asking you to risk losing an arm, or a leg, or your life. Simply vote. It's never been easier. There's no valid excuse not to. It is simply what the patriotic and honorable people of SWVA must do. Are we going to let regions like northern Virginia out-class us in the area of civic duty? I say hell no! Let's win the battle for top voter turnout for all of Virginia this Fall.

It's fine to have an opinion on what's right or wrong regarding the politics of this state, and ev-

eryone I talk to seems to have political opinions. But an opinion is a meaningless bag of wind unless you vote. So, form opinions. Discuss your opinions. But you must vote!

I hope I have inspired you to do what you know is right. If you are a legal voter living in SWVA and were not likely to vote between now and when the polls close on election day, and I have successfully persuaded you to vote, let me know ([randymuir@protonmail.com](mailto:randymuir@protonmail.com)). Hearing from you will further bolster my faith in the great citizens of southwest Virginia.

**Randy Muir**

\*<https://statcatchva.org/2012/07/12/voter-turnout-in-virginia/>

## Council

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day with interested parties on the development of the Jefferson School property as a facility that would have heavy concentration in workforce development as well as a relationship hopefully in the future with various col-

leges at Virginia Tech.

"He (Critchfield) hasn't done anything yet with the loan, but his attorney has contacted us asking for some official documentation as to the action taken by council," Burcham said.

**PET OF THE WEEK**

We are planning a yard sale for September 18th from 8AM-2PM here at the shelter. All proceeds from this sale will be used to offset the expenses for sending cats and dogs to rescue.

If you're having a yard sale this weekend, please consider donating your leftover items to the shelter for our yard sale. You can drop them off at the front door anytime! We greatly appreciate all donations!

Please contact Pulaski County Animal Control at 540-674-8359 with any questions.

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# Labor Day weekend crashes claim eight lives in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. – Despite a significant decrease in fatal traffic crashes over the 2021 Labor Day holiday weekend for Virginia, there was still an alarming number of deaths among motorcyclists. Of the eight traffic deaths reported for the holiday weekend to date, four involved motorcycles and one involved a moped. During the 2020 Labor Day weekend, there were a total of 20 traffic fatalities on Virginia's highways. State police arrested 59 impaired drivers on Virginia highways during the holiday statistical counting period.

"I can only hope that the reduction in traffic deaths during the Labor Day weekend is a sign of continued reductions for the remainder of the year," said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia

State Police Superintendent. "We haven't seen holiday numbers like this since 2017. In order to further reduce and prevent traffic deaths and injuries on Virginia's highways, we need the public's help. The decisions are simple: drive smart, safe and sober."

During the 2021 four-day holiday statistical counting period, the eight fatal traffic crashes occurred in the counties of Bedford, Charlotte, Hanover, Madison, Suffolk, and Wythe, along with the cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach. State police investigated a total of 778 traffic crashes during the holiday weekend.

The Virginia State Police participated in two annual, traffic-safety enforcement programs over the 2021 Labor Day weekend: Operation Crash Awareness Reduction Effort (CARE) and the Checkpoint Strikeforce, the anti-DUI enforcement and education program sponsored by the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP). Operation CARE is a nationwide, state-sponsored traffic safety program that aims to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries caused by impaired driving, speeding and failing to use occupant restraints. Virginia State Police's participation in the program began Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at 12:01 a.m., and concluded at midnight Monday, Sept. 6, 2021.

As a result of state police traffic safety enforcement efforts during the 2021 statistical counting period, Virginia troopers:

- Stopped 4,602 speeders
- Stopped 1,591 reckless drivers
- Arrested 59 drivers for DUI/DUID
- Cited 402 seat belt violations
- Assisted 995 disabled/stranded motorists

The Virginia State Police free motorcycle education, training and assessment program, Ride 2 Save Lives, continues to offer courses across the state through October. For more information on Ride 2 Save Lives motorcycle assessment courses, visit: [virginia-statepolice.eventbrite.com](http://virginia-statepolice.eventbrite.com).

Funds generated from summonses issued by Virginia State Police go directly to court fees and the state's Literary Fund, which benefits public school construction, technology funding and teacher retirement.

For more information on traffic safety and how to keep Virginia "Moving Toward Zero Roadway Deaths," go to [www.tzdva.org](http://www.tzdva.org).

## Burton graduates from E&H Health Sciences Campus

EMORY, VA -- On Saturday, August 14, 31 students at Emory & Henry's Health Sciences Campus graduated with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy at the Lincoln Theatre in Marion, Anna Burton of Dublin has graduated from Emory & Henry Health Sciences Campus with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

"Class of 2021, we salute you," said Emory & Henry Provost, Dr. Michael J. Puglisi to the graduates. "You've persevered during these unprecedented times, demonstrating great resilience and unwavering commitment to your goal of earning your degree. You have made many sacrifices and put in many long hours of studying, while also providing high quality health care to your patients during this global pandemic. We have no doubt that you will be true leaders in your chosen healthcare profession."

Emory & Henry College's Health Sciences campus was launched in 2014 with the goal of preparing compassionate, patient-centered, highly-skilled health care professionals.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

## Town of Pulaski Honors E.G. Black

During its meeting Tuesday evening, Pulaski Town Council approved a resolution recognizing the life and service of Elbert G. "Junior" Black. Above, Mayor Shannon Collins presents framed copies of the resolution to members of Black's family. Black, a longtime resident of the Town of Pulaski, loved and served his community with many acts of selfless giving and service. Following service in the U.S. Air Force, Black attended National Business College, where after graduation he was proudly employed by Norfolk and Western Railroad for 35 years. After his retirement, Black served his community as a member of Town Council for eight years (1992-1996; 2000-2004); was an active member in the First United Methodist Church; served as a volunteer at the Lewis Gale Hospital-Pulaski; and was a certified caregiver to many citizens in the Town. "Junior," as he was called, was widely known for his considerable talent and skill as a chef and a caterer who was greatly sought after for receptions, gatherings and special events due to his skill in preparing an astonishing variety of dishes and desserts which everyone agreed were absolutely unsurpassed. Black passed away on Aug. 21.

## Adair

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Tubman; but we have a hero from right here at home who did some amazing work in his fight for equal rights," Payne said.

Harmon fought for equal salaries and facilities for African Americans. Payne said this is the second year Adair Theatre will be putting on this show.

"Every time we perform this show our audiences are really moved by Mr. Harmon's story. If you haven't seen this show, it's definitely one to see," Payne said.

"Quiet Courage" is one weekend only. It will take place Thursday, September 16 – Sunday, September 19, at the Pulaski Elks Lodge on 8 West Main Street.



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# 2nd community conversation on equity set

On Sunday, September 12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, the second gathering of interested citizens will take place to continue conversation around matters of educational equity in the Pulaski County Public School system. The theme for this conversation is "The Ripple Effect: How We Got Here and Where Should We Go?" Participants are asked to register in advance for this meeting through the Community Conversation Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PulaskiCountyEquity>.

Conversations will be facilitated by Gary Hash II and will happen at tables of 6 (masks encouraged). Information on equity issues being addressed by the school administration will be shared, such as achievement gaps and discipline disparity. We will hear first person accounts of inequity (how did we get here?) as well as share ideas as to what actions can be taken by community members at large to help support students and families as we all strive for greater equity, inclusion, and diversity in our public school system and community life in general (where should we go?).



Photo from first Community Conversation on Equity in Pulaski County Public Schools, July 11, 2021.

We are in community conversation because we want the very best that we can give our students so that they can succeed in school today and life tomorrow. We hope you will return for this event if you attended the first session in July. If you weren't able to join us then,

please consider being part of this continuing conversation on September 12.

There is plenty of space for safely spreading out as we meet at the First United Methodist's Family Life Center (Jefferson Avenue

and Third Street NW). Child care can be arranged as needed for participants (see registration form for more information).

For additional information, contact us at [pulaskiconv@gmail.com](mailto:pulaskiconv@gmail.com) or call 540/509-0808.

## Soak Up the Last of Tomato Season

Andrea K. Wann  
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[akrauser@vt.edu](mailto:akrauser@vt.edu)

Happy September to all! First, can we talk about how fast summer flew by? Way too fast. Second, we are sadly nearing the end of tomato season – the most colorful, delicious and juicy season! Now sure, we are fortunate to have tomatoes in local grocery stores year-round but nothing beats a summer tomato. Tomatoes are packed full of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants (Lycopene) that help protect our bodies

from multiple ailments. Some tomato fan-favorites are found below, along with their nutritional perks and different ways to prepare them.

**Grape Tomatoes:** These hearty little guys have smooth and firm skin. Their thick skin provides for a longer shelf life compared to other tomatoes. They are loaded with vitamins A and C which are important for heart, immune and skin health. Grape tomatoes are great for snacking, or sliced up in salads.

**Beefsteak Tomatoes:** Two words—Tomato. Sandwich. This variety of tomato makes the ideal tomato sandwich! Full of juiciness and flavor, these large tomatoes are a summer favorite among everyone. Beefsteak tomatoes are rich in potassium, a mineral that helps promote healthy blood

pressure levels.

**Green Tomatoes:** These are tomatoes that have not ripened yet. They are typically very firm, with an acidic and tart flavor. Because of their firmness, they hold up well in casseroles, soups, pies and others dishes compared to ripened tomatoes that can become mushy. Like other tomatoes, they are a great source of fiber and vitamin C to keep our bodies feeling their best.

**Cherry Tomatoes:** These are tiny in size but mighty in flavor! These tiny tomatoes have a thin skin, with sweet and juicy insides. Cherry tomatoes are easy to grow and come in abundance. Sliced in half, these are a fan favorite among children and are considered a nutrient-dense snack. Try adding cherry tomatoes to your

next batch of scrambled eggs!

**Campari Tomatoes:** Slightly larger than cherry tomatoes, Campari tomatoes are sweet, low acid and full of flavor. These deep red beauties are delicious eaten by themselves, or topped on pizzas, sandwiches or salads. As with all tomato varieties, Campari are a rich source of lycopene—an antioxidant which may reduce cancer risks.

**Roma Tomatoes:** This is a meaty, egg shaped tomato with firm skin. Roma tomatoes are commonly used to make tomato paste or tomato sauce, due to their low water content. Cooked tomatoes actually increase the amount of lycopene. Lycopene is an antioxidant which may reduce risks of certain cancers.

## VEC re-instates 'waiting week' Sept. 5

Richmond — As of September 5, 2021, the unpaid "Waiting Week" for unemployment insurance (UI) has been reinstated. The "Waiting Week" is the very first week of your claim. You must claim the week and meet all eligibility requirements, but nobody is paid for that first week. The first payable week would be the second week of your claim. You can submit your weekly claim by calling 1-800-897-5630 or by visiting our web site [www.vec.virginia.gov](http://www.vec.virginia.gov).

In March 2020, Governor Ralph Northam waived the waiting week policy for all Virginia UI claimants as part of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration. The reinstatement coincides with the end of temporary Federal benefit programs on September 4, 2021.

Claimants can learn more about waiting week and eligibility at <https://www.vec.virginia.gov/node/13501> or more information about UI and other VEC services, please visit [www.vec.virginia.gov](http://www.vec.virginia.gov).

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# Cougars open home slate vs. James Woods



Cougar senior John Lyman breaks free against Jefferson Forest last Friday night in Pulaski County's 49-16 win. Lyman had another outstanding game, scoring three touchdowns on a 62-yard run, 16-yard reception and an interception return of 53 yards.

## PCHS hammers Jefferson Forest, 49-16 to go 2-0

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

COVID strikes again!  
Cougar football fans were anxiously awaiting resumption Friday night of the old rivalry between Pulaski County and Bluefield in what was supposed to be the 2021 home opener in Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium.  
But the virus for the second straight week turned Cougarland upside down, with Bluefield announcing that COVID issues within its program would keep the Beavers on the West Virginia side of East River Mountain Tunnel.

The news sent PCHS Athletic Director Scott Vest scurrying again to find a new opponent on short notice – while facing the prospect of the Cougars going two straight weeks without a game since the team is scheduled for an open date on Sept. 17.

Meanwhile, James Wood High School in Winchester got word it, too, was suddenly without a game this Friday when Skyline High School announced it couldn't play due to COVID issues within its football program.

Long story short, Vest worked things out with James Wood officials and the Cougars will face the Colonels on Friday night at 7 p.m. in Pulaski County's first home game of the season.

James Wood sounds much like Pulaski County – it has around 1,400 students and is classified as a Class 4 team playing in Region 4C as a member of the Northwestern District.

The Colonels had an open date last week after starting the season off Aug. 27 with a 34-20 win over Sherando.

James Wood welcomed over half their starters back this season from a team that went 2-0 in the spring and has 41 players out for football this fall.

Some of the players to watch among head coach Ryan Morgan's Colonels include senior slot receiver Jaden Ashby. According to press accounts, Ashby is described as being possibly the Winchester area's most dangerous offensive player. He has been a prolific receiver in the Colonels' offense in the past but can also run and throw when operating out of a "wildcat" formation sometimes employed by James Wood.

Junior Andrew Link is a speedster playing wide receiver who excelled in track last season running the hurdles, gaining All-state honors.

Junior Jared Neal is the quarterback.

The Colonels have a veteran offensive line measuring 6-2, 220; 5-10, 255; 5-10, 234; 6-1, 211, and 6-5, 250.

Wood has what it believes are six players who can rotate in and out on the D-Line – four of them being seniors.

Tight end Blake Hounshell leads the way among Wood's linebackers.

A receiver on offense, Ryan King was the team's leading tackler last season on defense playing safety and is expected to be this season's leader in the secondary.

While the Colonels' press clippings can be impressive, Pulaski County for its part can point to some impressive play so far on the field registering a strong 2-0 start to the season.

The Cougars routed Jefferson Forest last Friday, 49-16 in Forest. The game against the Cavs was put together late after the Cougars' original opponent – Tennessee High of Bristol – couldn't play due to COVID.

Pulaski County rolled with 454 yards of offense (326 rushing and 128 passing) to steamroll the Cavaliers.

While the offense was clicking, the Cougars' "D" didn't do too badly itself, holding Jeffer-

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# Radford holds on against Gate City

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

**GATE CITY** - The Radford Bobcats faced a familiar foe in Gate City on Saturday but this time it was on the gridiron and not the hard court. These schools have faced off in the state basketball playoffs 3 of the last 4 years. First year coach Michael Crist was returning to Southwest Virginia to face a familiar foe as well. It was a hard fought close game that tested both teams' stamina and depth.

Gate City took the opening kickoff and alternated running the ball with William and Mary commit RB Carson Jenkins and QB Luke Bledsoe. Running both outside and inside they were able to work the ball down the field to the Bobcat 34 yard line. A bobbled hand off to Brendan Cassidy put the ball on the ground and Radford's Tyrel Dobson pounced on the ball for his second fumble recovery in as many games. Radford was only able to gain 3 yards and was forced to punt.



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#22 Tyrel Dobson proved tough to bring down, with 47 yards on the day for the Bobcats.

After each team traded punts, Gate City took over on the Bobcat 27 due to a short Bobcat punt. Behind Jenkins and Bledsoe, the Blue Devils were able to get to the 15 where Hunter Lawson connected on a 33 yard field goal. Gate City led 3-0.

The Bobcats took the kickoff to their 39 where they started their drive. Darius Wesley-Brubeck gained 2 yards on first down and then was the target for an incomplete pass. On 3rd and 8, Marcel

Baylor hit Max Kanipe at the 48 and Kanipe advanced the ball to the Gate City 35 for a 24 yard gain. Bobcats started feeling the momentum and Wesley-Brubeck took the next hand off for a hard fought 17 yards to the 18. Another 4 yard run with a facemask penalty and Wesley-Brubeck had the Bobcats 1st and goal. Baylor ran to the 2 and Dobson scored the touchdown. Vance Steele hit

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Yard Sale: Save the date September 11, 2021 for a great Yard Sale at Grove Methodist Church 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. Lots of household items, decorations, Linens, Clothing including coats, jewelry, electric lawn mower and more!!! Profits will benefit women scholarships for continuing education!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Moving Sale: Sat., Sept. 11 beginning at 8 a.m., 5905 Thornspring Rd., Pulaski. Items include furniture and kids toys, etc.

Multi-family Yard Sale Friday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8 am - 2 pm. Cancelled if rain. Castle Ave., Dublin.

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Yard Sale: Sat., Sept. 18, beginning at 7 a.m. Something for everyone, 4700 Newbern Heights Drive, Pulaski. Cancel if rain.

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All streets listed will be painted with materials and workmanship which meet the Virginia Department of Transportation specifications. Paint is to be applied at a rate of 310 linear feet or less per gallon, with glass beads applied at least seven (7) pounds per each gallon of paint. Each bidder shall review the streets to be painted and submit questions regarding their proposal prior to the bidding. All bids/quotes are to be submitted to:

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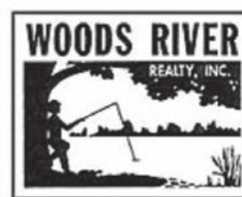
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# ACC wide open after league's disappointing opening week

(AP) - The Atlantic Coast Conference crown seems up for grabs after the league's disappointing opening week performance.

Its three preseason ranked teams all lost as the league went 7-7, a dent to a conference eager to show that it's more than just Clemson at the top.

The Tigers, who started at No. 3, fell to No. 2 Georgia 10-3. North Carolina, ranked 10th last week, and de facto No. 1 overall NFL draft pick quarterback Sam Howell,

struggled to generate points in a 17-10 loss at Virginia Tech.

And Miami, which was ranked 14th, was battered 44-13 by defending national champion — and favorite to repeat — No. 1 Alabama.

"As a coach, it doesn't lighten the burden of how you played, but you say, 'OK, this is college football, this is Week 1,'" Clemson offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said.

That's the mindset for much of the league in its .500 start. Only the Pac-12 among the Power Five con-

ferences had as rough a go at 6-6.

The Southeastern Conference went 12-2, including three victories over ACC teams: Mississippi topped Louisville 43-24 to go along with Alabama and Georgia victories.

The Big 12 was 9-1 in opening week while the Big Ten finished 9-5 in its openers.

The Tar Heels came in as the favorites to win the ACC Coastal Division. Now they must play

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## LEGAL NOTICE



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing 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 Monday, September 27, 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Pursuant to an Order of sale entered by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County in the case of County of Pulaski, Virginia v. Dorothy Atkins Lohr, et al, case # 2019-19, Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner, shall offer for sale at public auction **on September 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Youth Center (Central Gym, behind the Pulaski County Administration Building), West Main Street entrance, Pulaski, Virginia**, the real property titled of record to Dorothy Atkins Lohr, Friel N. Akins, Jr., Mary M. Atkins, Bobby G. Atkins, Jr., Ricky D. Atkins, and Terry W. Atkins, bearing tax map/parcel # 129-1-4, tax account # 1974, consisting of 233.16± acres located in the Macks Mountain - Rock Creek area of Hiwassee, Pulaski County, Virginia.

Terms of Sale: Cash deposit of 20% of the selling price (highest bid) on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in collected funds (no personal checks) within 10 calendar days after the date of entry of an Order of Confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in "AS IS" condition, and title will be transferred by special commissioner's deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations affecting the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Notice is hereby given that the owners of the above property may redeem their property prior to 4:30 p.m. on September 23, 2021 by paying in full to the Treasurer of Pulaski County all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and publication and litigation costs, pursuant to Virginia Code §§58.1-3965 et seq.

**Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner**

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAX SALE

Property owner(s) of record	Tax map number(s)	Tax account number(s)	Property location
Adams, Russell S.	72-26-204-12	1369	1015 Dora Hwy., Pulaski
Akers, Gary Lee	63-1-51	922	West of Rt. 738
Askew, Kathleen S.	72-99-8	1961	Lot 8, Block 55, Pulaski
Austin, David Lee & Elois Elizabeth	38-1-26A	2737	7238 Falling Branch Rd., New River
Baker, Robert D.; Gleason, Hank; Beha, Vickie (successors of Agnes Gleason or Betty G. Baker)	91-1-50	7220	2567 Old Rt. 100 Rd., Draper
Bishop, Jordan Hosey	37-1-2B	7076	6447 Ruebush Rd., Dublin
Brunk, Nettie, Clarence, Calvin & Donna Sue	12-1-11	3381	6695 Creek Rd., Parrott
Bryant, Randall Lee	72-2-14,15	9681	4489 Thaxton Rd., Pulaski
Buford, Nannie R., unknown heirs of	63-1-81	3463	off Thaxton Rd., Pulaski
Crawford, Julia May	63-13-3	3188	Off Snider Ln., Pulaski
Crowder, Roger & Susan	72-1-3	4981	3432 Extension St., Pulaski
Davis, Tony	71-1-190A	16328	4320 Brookmont Rd., Pulaski
Epperly, Paul & Frances	75-3-155	6310	Beach Drive, Radford
Franklin, Josephine	20-1-112	6857	Ferrell Rd., Belspring
Gregory, Thomas Lee	71-1-24	7498	Ridge Road, Pulaski
Hoback, Anthony Duane	72-26-176-5,6	17183	520 Jackson Ave., Pulaski
Hogan, Jethro, unknown heirs of	80-8-3	8688	Fayette St., Pulaski
Hunter, Lucretta	82-1-22	9089	Lot near Peak's Knob, Pulaski
Ismail, Mohamed S.	81-4-2A	18642	Valley Rd., Pulaski
Johnston, Betty D.	72-22-156-1,2,3,4	9541	Madison Ave. & First St., S.E., Pulaski
Jones, Frank E. & Mildred F.	72-32-74-16	6428	419 Altoona Heights, Pulaski
Payne, Lula & Joe	8-6-27	13205	Highland Terrace, Pulaski
Roberts, Lelah	123-1-37	14504	Lot, Big Reed Island, Hiwassee
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Roop, W. H.	65-1-110	3986	Towes Ferry Rd., Dublin
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Williams, Dewey G., unknown heirs of	72-95-3-13	17132	949 Baywood St., Pulaski
Windle, Melinda Etta	91-4-2-6,7,8,9,10,11,12 & 13	19049, 19050	3144 Greenbriar Rd., Draper

I, Melinda L. Worrell, Treasurer of Pulaski County, Virginia, pursuant to authority granted to me by Virginia Code §58.1-3975, will sell each of the above-referenced real properties at public auction sale, to the highest bidder, **on September 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Youth Center (Central Gym, behind the Pulaski County Administration Building), West Main Street entrance, Pulaski, Virginia**, for non-payment of Pulaski County real estate taxes, unless the owner(s) of the respective properties redeem his/her/their property no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 23, 2021 by paying to me at my office at 52 West Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, Virginia the full amount of delinquent real estate taxes then owed; partial payments will not constitute redemption nor stop or delay sale of the property. Actual sale of any of the above-referenced real properties will satisfy the delinquent Pulaski County real estate tax liens on that particular property through the date of sale; however, such sale will not affect or be free of "easements or other rights of record" (e.g., town real estate taxes (if applicable), judgment liens) which may affect that particular property.

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**Melinda L. Worrell, Treasurer of Pulaski County, Virginia**

# Cougars

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son Forest to only 20 yards on the ground.

The inability to run on the Cougars forced the Cavs to go to the air. They had some success, piling up 277 yards through the air. However, JF’s quarter-back Josiah Bell was intercepted three times. The three picks were among the six turnovers made on the night by the Cavs.

Leading the way for the Cougars was Trevor Burton with the junior rushing 13 times for 165 yards. Burton got over half his yards on two TD runs in the fourth quarter – one from 68 yards out and the other from 18.

Pulaski County’s John Lyman got the Cougars off to a big start early in the first quarter with a 53-yard interception return for a score.

Two minutes later he followed that with a 62-yard TD run.

Lyman was heard from again mid-way through the third quarter when he scored on a 16-yard pass reception.

Lyman finished the game with 63 yards rushing on four carries and catching three passes for 24.

Not to be left out, senior Keyontae Kennedy lit up the scoreboard in the second quarter, scoring twice – once on a 7-yard catch, the other on a 23-yard scamper.

Kennedy would finish with 8 carries for 62 yards and one reception for 7 yards.

Tyler Underwood added two receptions for 64 yards and J.J. Gulley caught two passes for 34 yards.

Finishing out the rushing numbers, Braylon Foster carried three times for 16 yards, Austin McNeil had two for seven yards and junior quarterback Cam Cooper carried seven times for 13 yards.

Cooper went 9 of 15 passing with one interception and two TDs.

Nathan Pratt was good on all seven PATs in the game but missed the mark on a 31-yard field goal try.

Three Cougars – Kennedy, Underwood and Brett Jones – had fumble recoveries on defense, while Lyman had two interceptions and Diego Turner added one of his own.

Game time Friday night on Joel Hicks Field is 7 p.m.



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Diego Turner (53) and two other Cougar defenders crush Jefferson Forest QB Josiah Bell on this play. Bell had a rough night against the Cougar “D” as he was intercepted three times.

## ACC

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catchup after falling at Virginia Tech — the lone conference game in Week 1.

There were also a couple of unexpected results: Duke fell at Charlotte 31-28 while Georgia Tech lost at home to Northern Illinois 22-21.

In all, a forgettable weekend, especially for the ACC teams with the highest expectations.

The Tar Heels had their first preseason top-10 ranking since 1997, in coach Mack Brown’s first run there. He believes it’s smarter evaluating teams later in the season when there’s a solid body of work.

“Preseason rankings mean nothing,” Brown said. “If you all got your salaries docked for making mistakes in preseason rankings, you wouldn’t eat.”

Clemson’s offense short-circuit-

ed in the Georgia loss in the Tigers’ first game without NFL first-round draft picks Trevor Lawrence at quarterback and Travis Etienne in the backfield.

Lawrence’s replacement, D.J. Uiagalelei, was sacked seven times, overthrew receivers at critical times and the Tigers were held without a touchdown for the first time since the 2017 CFP semifinal against the Crimson Tide.

Coach Dabo Swinney said the team’s goals are all intact in chasing a seventh straight ACC crown and College Football Playoff berth.

“The only thing we can’t be is undefeated,” Swinney said.

Duke coach David Cutcliffe said college camp is not like the NFL. There’s a limited amount of time for contact and when you do scrimmage, you worry about injuries costing you down the road.

“So I don’t think we would overreact to any of that,” Cutcliffe said. “The dust will come out.”

ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit, who called the Georgia-Clemson game, said it’s not too early to see warning signs of things needing fixing.


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Public Notice No.: WSL 036-19  
First Publication Date: September 10, 2021

The Virginia Department of Health has under consideration a request for a Categorical Exclusion from an Environmental Assessment for a waterworks project proposed to be funded through the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund. The applicant is the Town of Pulaski.

**Project Description:** The project proposes to replace the Veterans Hill water storage tank with a 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank, upgrade the existing pump station located within the Pulaski water treatment plant, and install approximately 300 linear feet of 12-inch water line along Veterans Hill Road. The replacement water storage tank will be located within the same Town-owned parcel and may require minor tree clearing. The pump station upgrades will consist of upsizing the piping and pumps within the existing building and will not involve any new ground disturbance. The proposed water lines will be installed within existing public road rights-of-way on previously disturbed ground. As a result of this project, four water storage tanks and three pump stations will be abandoned in place.

- The applicant feels that the project meets the following exclusion categories established by the Department:
- An upgrade in level of treatment or facility improvements of an existing treatment works on the existing site of the works.
  - Replacement of existing equipment or structures at their present location.
  - Minor extensions of water lines, which will be located within road right-of-ways or otherwise previously disturbed areas.

- Documentation supporting this request includes:
- Categorical Exclusion request prepared by CHA Consulting dated 6/2/2021
  - Financial and Construction Assistance Programs Environmental Review site visit memorandum dated 8/19/2021

Prior to implementing construction, the applicant will obtain all applicable permits. On the basis of a review of the request and support documentation, the Virginia Department of Health proposes to approve the request.

Persons may comment in writing to the Department on the proposed approval of the Categorical Exclusion within 30 days from the first publication date. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Department. Following the comment period, the Department will make its determination regarding the approval.

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# Bobcats

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the extra point. The Bobcats led 7-3 with 10:54 left in the half.

Gate City's Gabe Johnson took the kickoff at the 25 and ran up the middle splitting the Radford tacklers before being brought down at the Radford 45. Gate City didn't waste the field position. Running the ball up the middle, Landon McDonald, Cassidy, Bledsoe and Jenkins clipped off 5 and 7 yards at a time. Landen McDonald finished the drive with a 1 yard plunge. Lawson hit the extra point as Gate City retook the lead 10-7 with 6:52 left.

The Bobcats started their next drive on the 35. Baylor hit Elliot Grayson for a 7 yard gain on first down. Baylor then connected with Wesley-Brubeck on a diving catch at the Gate City 17 yard line for a 41 yard gain. Baylor ran it to the 8 yard line where Dobson finished the drive with an 8 yard TD run. Steele split the uprights and gave the Bobcats a 14-10 lead with 4:46 on the clock.

The Bobcats held the Blue Devils on downs to end the first half. The first half stats reflected the evenness of the game. The Bobcats outgained Gate City on total yards with 130 to their 114. The Bobcats had 72 passing and 58 rushing yards while Gate City had all but 2 yards through rushing.

The scoring slowed in the second half as the heat affected both teams. Radford took the opening kickoff and began driving the ball with multiple long runs by Dobson and Baylor but multiple penalties negated runs forcing the Bobcats to punt. Both teams trade multiple punts.

Late in the 3rd quarter, Gate City attempted to convert on 4th and 2 at their own 27 when Bledsoe fumbled the snap and Radford's Dobson was once again able to pounce on it. On first down, the Bobcats attempted to throw to the end zone but Baylor's pass was intercepted by Isaac Rice at the Bobcat 14 yard line. This gave Gate City the momentum. Jenkins and McDonald continued to pound the ball up

the middle gaining large clips of yards and first downs. The Bobcats were able to tackle Jenkins for a loss, putting Gate City at 3rd and 15 at their own 46. The Blue Devils were forced to pass. Bledsoe dropped back and connected with Luke Stokes at the 29 over the outstretched hands of Baylor. Stokes was able to walk in for the 54 yard TD. Lawson finished the extra point giving Gate City the 17-14 lead with 9:07 left.

The Bobcats then went to work to finish the game. Baylor started the series with runs of 5, 9 and 5 yards. Wesley-Brubeck with a 12 yard run put the ball at the Blue Devils 34 yard line. Baylor then ran behind Wesley-Brubeck and had gains of 10 and 14 yards and was able to punch it into the end zone from 2 yards out with 4:57 left. Steele hit the extra point and Radford would regain the lead 21-17.

At this point both teams were exhausted and feeling the heat of midday. The Bobcats Dobbins was sidelined due to severe cramps. Many of the Bobcats' backups were getting significant playing time due to cramps and

exhaustion. Radford needed to dig deep to win this game. Gate City's Jenkins gained 10 yards on a screen pass. Bledsoe ran up the middle for 8 yards. Another screen pass to Jenkins gained 7 yards. Cassidy ran for 4 yards. On 2nd and 6, at the Bobcats 38, Bledsoe threw a screen pass that was dropped by Jenkins. The officials ruled it a lateral which caused an 8 yard loss. A Cassidy 6 yard run is negated by a penalty giving Gate City a last chance on 4th and 19. Bledsoe dropped back, unable to find an open receiver, took off to the left side where Bobcats' Kanipe made the tackle, holding the Blue Devils short of first down and sealing the victory for the Bobcats.

Baylor led the Bobcats in rushing with 75 yards on 13 carries with 1 TD. Wesley-Brubeck had 10 carries for 50 yards and Dobson had 47 yards on 8 carries with 2 TDs. For Gate City, Bledsoe had 65 yards on 16 carries and Jenkins had 63 yards on 20 carries.

The Bobcats moved to 2-0 on the season and will travel again this Friday to take on Fort Chiswell at 7pm.

## JOBS



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Pulaski County Public Schools is now hiring for the position of Accounting Assistant. This position is responsible for performing a variety of finance and accounting duties, including payroll and accounts payable, in the Pulaski County School Board Office Finance Department.

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## JOBS



## Laborer with Utility Department Town of Dublin

The Town of Dublin is taking applications for the full-time position of laborer with the Utility Department. Applicant must be a high school graduate or have a GED, 1 year of related experience, or any equivalent combination of education and experience with Public Utilities with the possibility of becoming a working foreman position. Computer experience a plus with a willingness to learn and excel. Applicant must be able to perform light to heavy labor, be able to lift up to 100 pounds and possess a valid State driver's license (CDL license and backhoe experience would be a plus). A full benefit package will be offered, including medical/dental insurance, vacation/sick leave, paid holidays and retirement. Applications can be picked up at the Dublin Town Hall building located at 101 Dublin Park Rd. Any questions, please call 540-674-4731 between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday – Friday.

**Applications will be accepted until position is filled.**

The Town of Dublin is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



### ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Christiansburg Residency which includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski during the winter of 2021-2022. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://www.plow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov> ).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 24, 2021 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

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](mailto:SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov)

**EEO/AA Employer**

## LEGAL NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICE



**Date of Issue: September 7, 2021**

**Submittal Deadline September 21, 2021**

**By 1:00 pm**

**Issued by:**

**New River Resource Authority**

**7100 Cloyds Mt Rd**

**Dublin VA, 24084**

**540-674-1677**

**New River Resource Authority (NRR) is requesting proposals from qualified firms with knowledge, expertise and experience in the collection, transportation and recycling and/or disposal of scrap tires. NRR estimates approximately 400 tons are accepted at the 7100 Cloyds Mt Rd Facility annually.**

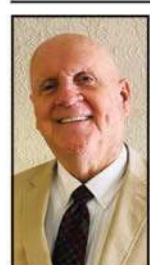
**Please email submittals to David Rupe, Purchasing and Compliance Coordinator at [drupe@newriverresourceauthority.org](mailto:drupe@newriverresourceauthority.org). Please do not hesitate to email or call 540-674-1677 for questions. If you prefer to mail submittal, it can be mailed to David Rupe, Purchasing and Compliance Coordinator, Post Office Box 1246, 7100 Cloyds Mt Rd. Dublin Virginia 24084**

**Deadline for Submittals is September 21, 2021 at 1:00pm**



# Church Directory

*Worship Each Week In The Church Of Your Choice*



## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## The Temptations of Jesus

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness in the three ways that are most common to man. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life. Yes, Jesus was tempted but He overcame every temptation and refused to sin. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4: 15, 16.

The temptations of Jesus in the wilderness; was not the only time temptation came before Him, to test His character and His faith. He was tempted in the garden to forego his dying for the sins of man. He asked God His Father, "If Thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." Luke 22:42.

Another time He was tempted by Satan through Peter, to waive His resolve to die on the cross. Matthew 16: 21-23. "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

He recognized Satan was trying to turn His head by using Peter who was very close to Him, to try to get Him to change His mind about going to Jerusalem where He would be crucified.

After the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Luke 4:13 says, "And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season." "For a season" meant that the Devil had every intention of returning to try again to tempt Jesus to sin. If he could have gotten Jesus to sin, Jesus could not have been the sinless substitute for the payment of our sins and it would have frustrated God's great plan of salvation.

In all the temptations that Jesus faced, He was without sin. He was the sinless Savior. He did no sin and neither was guile found in His mouth.

Now, here's a good spiritual point. If the devil had the unmitigated gall to try to tempt the Son of God, then it is sure and certain that he will try to tempt us as well.

Mark 1:9-11. "And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

We have a similar job to do, just like John the Baptist. We who have been blood washed and born again, have acquired the knowledge of the saving grace of God, and it's up to us to share this knowledge with those we meet in life.

We can't afford to wait until sinners just happen to come by the Church House to win them

See MCCRAW, page B7

### Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

### Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street  
Dublin, Va. 24084  
Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
Primary Services:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

### Open Door Baptist Church

4576 Miller Lane  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  
Primary Services:  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046

### Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road  
Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor: Rev. Jason Crandall  
423-716-2570  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 276-477-3835

### Newbern Christian Church

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

### Christ Episcopal Church

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

### Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

### Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
Rev. Paige Wimberly  
674-6111  
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

### Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place  
P.O. Box 458  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Senior Pastor Steve Willis  
Associate Pastors:  
Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

### Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Phone: 540-674-6111  
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/  
Pastor: Paige Wimberly  
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

### Dublin Baptist Church

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

### Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

### First United Methodist Church

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

### Belspring Baptist Church

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

### Memorial Baptist Church

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

### River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
Shawn Burchett, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life Building Service 7:00 PM  
www.rolcdublin.com 540-674-4500

### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM  
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook  
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases  
Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.

### Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Pastor Mike Pierce  
Service Times:  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  
Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/  
HeritageChurchDublinVA

### Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
Rev. Annette Cheek  
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
Sundays:  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Dublin United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 577  
424 East Main Street  
Pastors Don Hanshaw & Don Shelor  
(540) 674-5128  
office@dublinumc.com  
Early Worship - 8:45 am  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am  
Worship - 10:55 am

### Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins  
540-577-5780  
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com  
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.  
11 a.m. Children's Church  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service  
7 p.m. Youth Service

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road,  
Draper, VA 24324  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Davis  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org  
Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

### Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski  
540-980-3624  
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30  
www.trinitypulaski.org

### Trinity United Methodist

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

### Snowville Baptist Church

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

### Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalml@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message): 11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Facebook.com/  
Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

### Grace Ministries

### Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5-12  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

### Faith Bible Church

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

### Dublin Christian Church

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

### First Presbyterian Church

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

# McCraw

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to Christ. We must go out into the highways, hedges and byways, find them, and show them the way to salvation. For God loves their souls, just as much as He loves our souls, and wants them to be saved.

God proved to us, how much He loves us. Now we need to prove to Him how much we love Him, by serving Him faithfully, overcoming temptation,being witnesses for Christ, and by giving Him the worship and the praise that He deserves.

Some religious leaders in Jesus' day railed on Him for being a friend of sinners. "And Jesus answering said unto them, they that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5: 31, 32.)

It's a good thing for you and me that Jesus was a friend of sinners. If He wasn't, you and I would not be saved and on our way to heaven today. Thank God that Jesus came to seek and to save, that which was lost. Thank God that He found us, where we were, lost in sin, and on our way to a devil's hell. And thank God He took us off of the broad way that leads to destruction and placed us on the straight and narrow way that leads to an eternal home in heaven.

Some may wonder WHY Jesus decided to be baptized in the waters of repentance, seeing as how He knew no sin.

He had no sin to repent of. One of the reasons Jesus was water baptized was so he could identify with our humanity. Another was He did it to fulfill every righteous ordinance. Still another was, He did it to give us an example of what we should do. We are to follow our blessed Lord in water baptism as soon as possible after we are saved. We ought to walk in the same manner as He walked.

At the baptism of Jesus, all three members of the Triune Godhead appeared simultaneously. God the Son was being baptized; God the Father spoke from out of Heaven; and God the Holy Ghost descended down from out of the Heavens like a dove, and rested upon God the Son.

Verses 12 & 13. "And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him."

We are all tempted and tested, and so was Jesus. He was tempted in the wilderness while He was all alone. When there was nothing living there but wild animals.

Many times, temptation comes when we are in the lonely places and in the deep valleys of our lives.

Jesus was tempted right after He was presented to the world by John the Baptist, as the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. Someone said, "Temptation is never as great as when one has made a public declaration of faith, as did our Lord when He was baptized in the Jordan River."

All temptation to sin comes from the devil. "Let no man say when he is tempted that I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone."

Opponents of Christ and Christianity say the temptation of Jesus proves that Jesus was not God. What they fail to see and understand is that Jesus laid aside much of His divinity when he became a human being to redeem fallen man. As God, He could not be tempted, or die for our sins, but as a man, He could.

Just look at who it was that tempted Jesus. It was the Devil Himself. The epitome of evil. The Tempter.

If we are tempted to sin, it's not God, Who is doing the tempting. It's Satan taking advantage of our fleshly appetites and desires. James 1:14 & 15 says, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Jesus probably had no desire whatsoever to go out into a barren wilderness and subject himself to temptation. But Jesus always went where the Holy Ghost led Him to go. It was the Holy Ghost Who led him out into the wilderness to give

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Showers of Blessing Church of God in Christ**  
305 Newbern Road, Dublin  
Pastor Elder Stephen Muse  
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Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

**Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church**  
1607 Randolph Avenue  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-8775



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

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

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

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

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

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

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540-980-7287  
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor  
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Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Frank Peters  
Sunday School: 9:45  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798

**Abundant Life Ministries**  
3050 Lee Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506  
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)  
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement  
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7 pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages  
Adult Bible Class  
THRIVE Teen Class  
Children's Bible Class and  
Special Activitiy Classes

**New Life Church of the Nazarene**  
45 S. Jefferson Avenue  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-2001  
www.newlifepulaski.com  
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net  
Pastor: Julie Armbrister  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
4008 Robinson Tract Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Telephone: 980-8186  
Pastor Johnny Howlett  
Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
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## Sometimes it’s hard to see that God is at work in our lives

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: The Bible’s filled with many good things, but what’s hard to believe are sensational stories about the creation of the world in only seven days, the parting of the Red Sea, or Noah’s Ark and the great flood. God certainly doesn’t do these things in the presence of people today. And if these stories are not true, then it could be that what is told in the same book about Jesus is also not true.

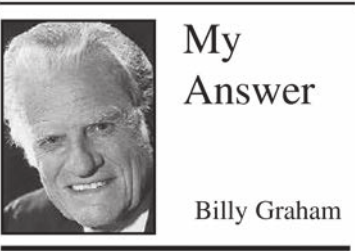
-- D.T.

A: Early in the 20th century,

Robert Ripley began creating a daily cartoon feature: Ripley’s Believe It or Not, filled with unbelievable--but true--facts about people, animals, and events.

Sometimes it’s hard to see that God is at work in our lives. In the Old Testament, the prophet Habakkuk complained to God that evil people were getting away with doing bad things. But God answered, “I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you” (Habakkuk 1:5).

Robert Ripley reported strange stories that people could choose



### My Answer

Billy Graham

to believe--or not. Today people can choose to believe God’s Word--or not. For thousands of years, people have believed God and discovered that His Word is true. We can believe that God really is the Ruler over everything and that He is at work--even if we

cannot see it.

“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11:3). Even though many choose not to believe what God says doesn’t change the fact that everything the Bible says about Him and His Son, Jesus, is true because He is the living Word, and His truth gives us the faith to believe and follow Him.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

Amber Waves

YOU PIGS ARE SO SIMPLE. ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS EATING AND SLEEPING ALL DAY LONG.

YOU ALL NEED TO WAKE UP AND BROADEN YOUR MIND.

ASK YOURSELF THINGS LIKE "WHERE DID I COME FROM".

AT LEAST WE'RE NOT STILL DEBATING WHICH CAME FIRST THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG!

Out on a Limb

TRY THIS ONE LADIES, IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITES. I CALL IT "BALLISTIC LAVENDER"...

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R.F.D.

HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY, JUNE?

IT WAS GREAT!

AWESOME! FANTASTIC! BEST SCHOOL DAY EVER!

ATTA GIRL!

IF YA TELL 'EM WHAT THEY WANNA HEAR, SOMETIMES YA CAN WORK IT FOR EXTRA DESSERT!

The Spats

I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES!

WOW...

...HE MUST HAVE FRIENDS THAT LIVE IN TREES?

POPEYE

HEY ESSEMAN

I'D CARRY YOUR BAGS, BUT MY BACK HAS BEEN ACTING UP!

SORRY TO HEAR THAT!

I SEE YOU'VE BEEN GROCERY SHOPPING!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DINE WITH ME?

I HATE TO INTRUDE, BUT SINCE YOU INSIST...

IF IT WASN'T FOR MY BURSITIS I'D MIX THAT FOR YOU!

OH?

WHEN I CHOP ONIONS IT AFFECTS MY SINUSES

WOULD YOU MIND SETTING THE TABLE?

I'M ALLERGIC TO SILVER POLISH!

I'LL CALL YOU WHEN SUPPER'S READY...

...SO WHY DON'T YOU GO SIT DOWN...

...UNLESS YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT PART ALSO!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

I WAS GOING TO PUT THE LEFTOVERS IN TUPPERWARE, BUT I'VE SPENT SO LONG TRYING TO FIND A MATCH, IT WAS TIME TO EAT AGAIN.

LAFF-A-DAY

"Here's your chance to make a good impression on Daddy. He's looking for somebody who'll loan him \$100."

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!

Visual  
CAPITOL

Bend  
RECASE

Hinder  
PRIMIA

Boost  
AIRES

TODAY'S WORD

"Too many \_\_\_\_\_ for my taste!"

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Pool stick

4 Gasoline dispensers

9 Attorney's field

12 "Right you —!"

13 Not moving

14 Blond shade

15 Online reference source

17 Carefree

18 By way of

19 Pancake topers

21 Museum tour guide

24 — Hari

25 Swelled head

26 Solidify

28 Semesters

31 Stately trees

33 Homer's neighbor

35 Mt. Rushmore's state

36 Seized vehicles

38 Dict. info

40 Sundial numeral

41 Hgt.

43 Ancient pyramid builders

45 Bale

47 Mineral suffix

48 Days of yore

49 Sibelius work or vodka

brand

54 Blackbird

55 Totally

56 Inventor

Whitney

57 Goat's plaint

58 Lauder of cosmetics

59 Marry

DOWN

1 Crow's cry

2 Mentalist

Geller

3 "A spider!"

4 Slipcover trim

5 Like leftovers

6 Club —

7 Spectrum creator

8 Patronize, as a hotel

9 New York airport

10 Now, in a memo

11 Reasons

16 "— been had!"

20 Numbered rds.

21 Woodland grazer

22 Leer at

23 Summaries

27 Went first

29 Primary

30 Tackles moguls

32 Auctioneer's cry

34 Cecil B. —

37 Arm's-length portrait

39 Femme —

42 Ore layers

44 Longing

45 Smile broadly

46 Forearm bone

50 Rebel Turner

51 Morning moisture

52 — -de-France

53 Succor

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top ten

BOY BABY NAMES

1. Liam

2. Noah

3. Oliver

4. Elijah

5. William

6. James

7. Benjamin

8. Lucas

9. Henry

10. Alexander

Source: Social Security, 2020

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is Yogi Bear's home in the animated "The Yogi Bear Show"?

2. GAMES: How many answers are possible in the Magic 8-Ball game?

3. LITERATURE: What is the Grinch's home in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a penny mostly made of?

5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is a mandrill?

7. MOVIES: Which rock group does The Dude hate in "The Big Lebowski"?

8. FOOD & DRINK: In which decade did the first Taco Bell open?

9. MUSIC: Which city is the setting for Eminem's "8 Mile"?

10. AD SLOGANS: What product is advertised as being "good to the last drop"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Jefferson Park

2. 20

3. Mount Crumpit

4. Zinc coated with copper

5. Ireland

6. A monkey

7. The Eagles

8. 1960s (1962)

9. Detroit

10. Maxwell House coffee

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Optical

2. Crease

3. Impair

4. Raise

5. Window

6. Drainpipe

7. Parts are different

8. Left is removed

9. Window is added

10. Color is different

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals P

WZNNUWAMP J SJHHTG DZWHTGD

KDUIG AMHU J DJMSV, FVJH

FUZTL VG NDUKJTR KG LUAMP?

HJIAMP WHUSI.

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King Crossword

Americanisms

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."

— Gen. George S. Patton

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H F D B Z N X W D A U D S E Z  
Q T E O N A L D L N J A H B E  
F D N G P M N P C A A G A L U  
Y W E I R A M E T S T L U A S  
V T H S R A E Q I O P O L N L  
K S I G H O B H O R F V G E E  
C B Z C Y W C R V L E I K U W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **Compliments of your Dentist**

- Albert  
Barge  
Champlain  
Corinth
- Ear  
Erie  
Gota  
Grand
- Kiel  
Panama  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Ship
- Suez  
Volga-Don  
Welland

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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.

G K L Q C Y C H , O D X K D M N S T Z  
S R K , N S R O Z L F K L O K C E K C T J  
O D R I Q K L E Y O R K G M L N D C H  
O Z K T D N N D C I K D I G K .  
— Z K C Q J B L Q E X K K T Z K Q

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Learning, to be of much use, must have a tendency to spread itself among the common people. — Henry Ward Beecher

answer  
**CryptoQuote**

— CANAL

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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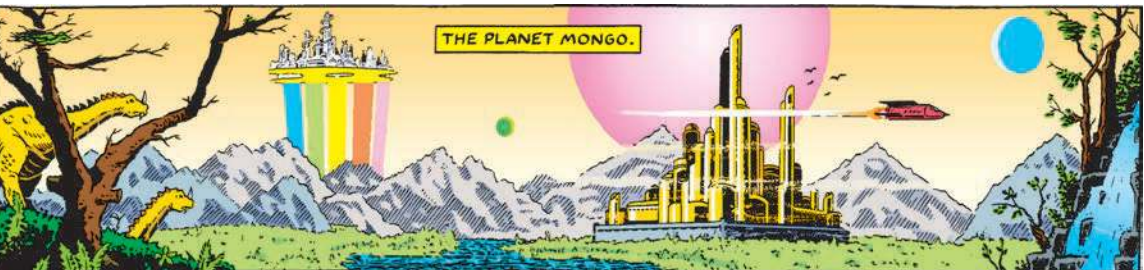
THE LOYAL ROGUE ATTEMPTS A REASSURING SMILE. "I SEE YOUR CHARMING WIFE IS SAFE—YOU MANAGED WELL WITHOUT ME. GOOD—AS I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE CLIMBING BACK HOME WITH YOU..."



BUT SILBUG WILL HAVE NONE OF THIS. "NONSENSE! YOU HELPED US CORRECT AN UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE—IT WOULD DO US NO GOOD TO ADD TO THE BLOODY LEGENDS TOLD ABOUT US..."

"BUT TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, WE FIND THE LOT OF YOU TO BE INSUFFERABLE. AH! HERE COMES THE SURGEON—HE WILL SEE TO IT THAT YOU DEPART WITH ALL DUE SPEED."

NEXT: **Temptation**





**FLASH GORDON**  
By JIM KEEFE  
8-29  
Pencils: MARK McMURRAY  
AS TENGI DESCENDS INTO THE LAIR OF THE LIZARD-MEN, THE SCENT OF DECAY GROWS EVER STRONGER.



AT THE STENCH, MEMORIES SWIRL IN HORRIFYING CLARITY.



HER SISTER SCREAMING...



SCREAMING! AHHHHK!



SCREAMING AS SHE WAS TAKEN AWAY, NEVER TO RETURN...



JUST A GRAKKEL... LOST MY NERVE ON ACCOUNT OF A STUPID CAVE BIRD.



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## McCravy



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