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Supervisors chairman speaks out on info breach

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

The recent discovery of confidential student, parent and teacher information in old Pulaski Middle School has prompted back-and-forth statements between school and county officials.

Monday night, Board of Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie took his turn speaking out on the matter.

"I will make a brief statement in response to a statement made by Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools, at the School Board's November 9th meeting," Guthrie began.

"Siers referenced the large volume of documents the school administration left at the former Pulaski Middle School when it was deeded over to the county. The county has since then signed ownership to the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority and the site is being repurposed as residential housing.

"Obviously, any documents – particularly documents with sensitive health and personally identifying information – should have been removed from the building before its use was discontinued by the school system," Guthrie continued.

"I have no doubt that leaving the documents there was an unintentional oversight. How that oversight occurred and who was responsible are important questions that the superintendent and school board should be asking. They need to not only identify the cause of this incident, but more importantly, they need to assure the people of the county that changes will be implemented in procedures to ensure that mistakes like that one do not occur again," he said.

But, Guthrie continued, "Instead of apologizing for this oversight on behalf of himself and his staff and taking fault for what ultimately lies with school system leadership, Dr. Siers instead stated that the fault lies with me

personally. He cited a statement I made at a school board meeting in which I said that the building did not need to be cleared out prior to deeding the property over to the county and could be deeded over as it was so the developer could begin the process of converting it to its new use.

"Siers and the members of the school board are well aware that when a school property is deemed to no longer have any purpose for educational use, it is turned over to the Board of Supervisors, which had paid for it. They know that we accept the property with the presumption that any items of value – especially student and personnel documents and records – have been removed from the building.

"In fact," Guthrie continued, "the presence of such records would mean the building was still being used for the purpose of housing those records and therefore it could not be turned over to

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Local business community honors its own at banquet

From **Pulaski County
Chamber of Commerce**

Last Thursday the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce celebrated Pulaski County Businesses at the 2021 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Facing the Future Together". The message given by many speakers throughout the evening was that the last year proved that no business can grow alone and our success depends on the partnerships with other local businesses and organizations.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff were pleased to have this year's annual event in person after being a virtual event in 2020 due to health and safety guidelines. The event was held at



the beautiful Omni Place in Fairlawn, Virginia and was catered by the friendly staff of Professional Catering. Both businesses are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet gave a State of Pulaski address. He gave guests a glimpse in to the many projects happening in Pulaski County, giving mention to several businesses that have invested in expansions in our County. He also gave updates on the new county departments created to support the growing economy of Pulaski County that include the

Pulaski County Tourism Department and Pulaski County Small Business Solutions Center.

Businesses and organizations were recognized for their outstanding efforts in 2021 through 5 different awards. The first to be awarded was the Non-profit Excellence award. The nominees were New River Community Action, Pulaski YMCA, and T.G. Community Center. The winner was T.G. Howard Community Center for their efforts to educate, promote and motivate our

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Guthrie

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the county.

“They are aware that when I made that statement at a school board meeting it was long after the school had been closed, it was after auctions of surplus proper-

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ty had been conducted, and it was after I had been assured by school administration that there were no remaining items of value left in the school. We had been assured that the only remaining items were those to be disposed of.”

“Furthermore,” Guthrie said, “my statement that the building did not have to be cleaned out prior to the deed being transferred did not by any means prevent school employees from returning to clean the building out. Quite to the contrary, the county and EDA expected the school administration to oversee the continued removal of the items left there. What we said and what we very clearly meant was that the transfer of the deed could proceed before the remaining items were disposed of, and then the removal of those items could continue. The deed transfer was necessary so as to not delay the county and the developer from applying for competitive grants for the project.

“When Dr. Siers was informed by County Administrator Jonathan Sweet that there were documents scattered about the

building, he sent workers there to collect them on at least two occasions over the course of several days. That clearly shows that school employees could have entered the site at any time to remove items even after the property had been deeded over and that Siers felt free to order his employees to do so,” Guthrie added.

“I say this to clarify this matter for the public record. Before the school administration can prevent a mistake like this from recurring, they must correctly identify what caused this mistake to be made. Deflecting and misdirecting responsibility is not helpful in the process of understanding the cause of the problem and preventing it from occurring again,” he said.

Guthrie made his comments following a Citizens Comment period in which county citizens can address a variety of issues before the board of supervisors.

Former supervisor Andy McCready was first up.

“Seems like our friends down the street at the school board are back to their old ways of blaming

the Board of Supervisors for pretty much everything,” McCready charged. “I see they have tried to label the most recent data breach as a Pulaski County problem.

“It is a problem generated and completely owned by the school board and their employees. It is not a function of the board of supervisors to do that. They seem to want to try and blame someone in particular for releasing information on the breach. That information was released when someone failed to clean the building and said to whoever up the chain of command, ‘the building has all its records removed.’

“Anything other than that is just a smokescreen,” McCready said.

He noted the email sent by County Administrator Jonathan Sweet to Siers is public record.

“I think part of the problem is the school board wanted to divert attention from the fundamental problem that now even their most ardent supporters are catching onto, and that is the performance of the school system and how well they’re educating kids and how well they are not doing that job.

“I think that speaks for itself when some of their own people begin to say that,” McCready said.

Billy Williams told the supervisors parents need more control over “what is being taught, how it is being taught and who is teaching it.”

“This past year has seen a huge awakening. Parents do not want their children subjected to policies that go against their fundamental beliefs,” he said.

Williams noted in this community, “parents have little choice than to send our children to public schools. There are no charter schools close by and the cost of private and Christian schools are fully funded by tuition paid by parents.”

However, he said, with the election of Glenn Youngkin, “we now have an advocate for parents in the governor’s office.”

Williams said Youngkin favors a plan by which education dollars will follow students, not school divisions. So, if parents choose to move their students to private or Christian schools – or the charter schools Youngkin plans to open during his administration – that state school funding will follow them.

“I’m asking this board to follow suit, with a dollar figure attached to each child based on the county’s portion of funding. This dollar amount can be available to any and all parents to use for school choice. If they choose private, Christian or even if they want to stay in public schools this funding follows the child,” Williams urged.

E.W. Harless said he had talked to some teachers who called Siers a “dictator.” He continued that he believes the school board protects him, and that he doesn’t “see this getting any better.”

Jean Anderson asked a series of questions of the supervisors. One of those was why the school board and board of supervisors don’t get along?

“You both need to be on the same page instead of working against each other,” Anderson admonished.

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By: Rebecca L. Wright, Treasurer
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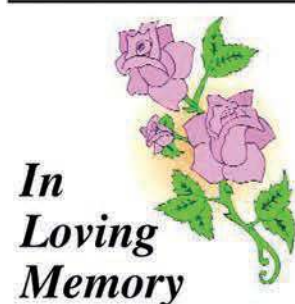
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CHAD EVERETT HOBACK

Chad Everett Hoback, age 49 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Born September 13, 1972 in Radford, he is the son of Rebecca Sue Bruce Hannabass and the late Edward Jackson "Jay" Hannabass, Jr.

Chad was employed with Volvo Trucking Company.

He is survived by

His Mother- Rebecca Sue Bruce Hannabass- Dublin

His Grandmother- Frances Bruce- Richmond

Fiancee- Nicci Meredith-Dublin

Father- Roscoe F. Hoback, Jr. and wife, Freda

Several cousins, many friends and good neighbors

A special pet- Marley

A memorial service will be held Saturday 1:00 P.M., December 4, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski.

Visitation will be one hour before service time at the funeral home.

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

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

LEWIS DANIEL "DANNY" WHITLOCK

Lewis Daniel "Danny" Whitlock, 79, of Dublin, passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021.

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



IVA JEWELL BLACK SHUFFLEBARGER

Iva Jewell Black Shufflebarger, age 90 of Princeton, West Virginia and formerly of Pulaski passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Princeton Community Hospital in Princeton, West Virginia. Born November 13, 1931 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Elbert G. Black & Kitty Lou Meredith Black. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Lyle David Shufflebarger, brothers, Douglas C. "Dee" Black, Elbert Giboney "JR" Black, Charles "Zack" Black and sisters, Isabel Akers, Shirley Underwood and Sarah "Tip" Quillen.

She is survived by her Daughters - Sherri Lea Langelier - Pulaski, Kim Elaine (Ray) Polly - AZ

Grandchildren - Chasidy (Rick) Erickson, Bryan (Carmella) Troupe, Deanna (Brian) Norsworthy, Aaron (Tori) Polly and Adam (Ericka) Polly

17 Great Grandchildren, 6 Great-Great Grandchildren

Memorial services will be held 6:00 PM - Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Jim Linkous & Pastor Randall Lawrence officiating.

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

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

Flowers are welcome or the family suggest gifts in her memory be sent to Faith Bible Church (Pulaski).

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



RALPH GAYLE TAYLOR

Ralph Gayle Taylor age 83 of Draper passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021 at his homeplace.

Born August 13, 1938 in Draper, he was the son of the late William Lacy Taylor and Alma Rigney Taylor. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, George, Glenn, Bobby and Jerry Taylor.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He is Survived by his

Sisters - Mildred Taylor Trail - Pulaski, Kaye Taylor Huff - Pulaski

Nephew - Danny Huff - Pulaski

Nieces - Connie and Debbie

Many other nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held Wednesday - 2:00 p.m., November 24, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Carson Linkous officiating. Burial will be private on the Taylor Farm.

The family will receive friends Wednesday one hour before service time at the funeral home.

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

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



LOWWANNA "MICKEY" FARMER

Lowanna "Mickey" Farmer, 91, of Avon, passed away peacefully at home on October 27, 2021. She was born to the late Grover and Nora (nee Pugh) Turpin, February 7, 1930, in Roanoke, Virginia. She and her family moved to Ohio in 1947.

Mickey married the late William "Bill" Farmer, and they started their lives together in Lorain, Ohio before settling in Avon in 1959. She is survived by her daughter Robin Farmer of Avon,

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ANN JOHNSTON AUST

Ann Johnston Aust of Pulaski, Va. went to be with the Lord on November 19th, 2021 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial hospital at the age of 78. She was born on December 12th, 1942. Preceding her in death were her parents George and Agnes K Johnston and her sister Judy Bartelmehs.

Surviving her are her daughter and son in law Ginger and John Stevens of Pulaski.

Son and daughter in law Bryan and Amy Aust of Pulaski.

Grandson John Robert Stevens and his wife, Stacy of Charleston, SC.

Granddaughters Madelyn and Elaina Aust of Pulaski.

Several nieces and nephews and many close friends.

Ann worked in the Pulaski County School system and later retired from the New River Valley Regional jail.

Ann loved life and her grandchildren were the light of it. They lovingly called her Gee. She will be greatly missed.

Her resting place will be Thornsprng Methodist Church Cemetery. A memorial celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

If you would wish to make a memorial donation in her honor, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was her favorite charity.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Lewis Gale Pulaski ER, Lewis Gale Montgomery Cardiac team and especially Carilion Roanoke Memorial cardiac ICU team for their care of Ann.

Stevens Funeral Home is serving the Aust family. Online condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com.



RICKY WAYNE COBLE

Ricky Wayne Coble, age 33 of Dublin passed away Friday, November 19, 2021 at his home.

Born September 15, 1988 in Charlottesville, Virginia, he is the son of Nancy Ann Coble.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, James Early Coble.

Ricky graduated from Pulaski County High School and throughout school and after participated and attended many Special Olympics events.

He is survived by his

Mother - Nancy Ann Coble - Dublin

Grandmother - Eliza Alice Coble

Uncles - David Lee Coble & fiancée, Regina Dickerson - Dublin, Jerry & Jeanette Coble - Pulaski

Cousin - David Ryan Coble

Several other cousins and friends

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM - Friday, November 26, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home - Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Osborne Cemetery (Greenbrier Road - Carroll County).

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home. To sign Ricky's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



CARL BRUCE WEBB

Carl Bruce Webb, age 85 of Pulaski (the Shiloh Community) passed away Wednesday, November 17, 2021. He was born on February 25, 1936 the son of the late Bruce Clark Webb and Lena Blanche Carnell Webb. He was preceded in death by one brother, Maynard Olen Webb, brother-in-law, Toby Turman, two great-grandsons, Hunter Webb and Cameron Webb.

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The First Thanksgiving

Four hundred years ago, the Pilgrims of Massachusetts held their first Thanksgiving. Four hundred and two years ago, the first American Thanksgiving was held. What's the distinction? Read on.

Most Americans recall the story of the Pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower in 1620 and arrived in what is now Massachusetts – although their original destination was Virginia. After a difficult year establishing Plymouth Colony, they held a Thanksgiving feast with the Native Americans who had been indispensable to the colony's survival.

Without doubt, the Thanksgiving in Plymouth was an important event in American history. It simply wasn't the first Thanksgiving.

A year before the Pilgrims departed for North America, a group of 35 settlers and their leader, Captain John Woodlief, set sail from England for the New World aboard a ship named the Margaret. They were bound for land in Virginia along the James River. This settlement would be known as Berkeley Hundred.

The Margaret departed Bristol, England, on September 16, 1619. The 35-foot long ship took more than two months to cross the Atlantic, but its navigators, unlike the Mayflower's, were accurate and arrived at the desired destination. It finally arrived in Chesapeake Bay on November 28. After lingering in that area for a few days, weathering a fierce storm, the Margaret arrived at Berkeley Hundred on December 4.

When the settlers disembarked, they knelt and Captain Woodlief prayed, offering words that had



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

actually been provided by the Berkeley Company which funded the settlement: "We ordaine that this day of

our ships arrival, at the place assigned for plantacon, in the land of Virginia, shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God."

Unlike the Thanksgiving at Plymouth in 1621, there was no feast that year. Thanksgiving was celebrated the next year with the original and additional settlers. The idea that we should set aside time for an expression of gratitude for our blessings became an American ritual.

The Berkeley settlement only lasted a few years, not surviving a conflict with local Native Americans, and so its first Thanksgiving disappeared from the history books.

In 1931, William & Mary's former president (and son of John Tyler, the ninth president of the United States under the Constitution) Dr. Lyon Tyler uncovered records of the first Thanksgiving. It entered our historical memory, but still lingers in the shadow of Plymouth. Sometimes people need to be reminded of Berkeley's importance.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy, a native of Massachusetts, began his Thanksgiving proclamation: "Over three centuries ago in Plymouth, on Massachusetts Bay, the Pilgrims established the custom of gathering together each year to express their gratitude to God . . ."

A former Virginia state senator named John J. Wicker Jr. (D-Richmond) contacted the White House to complain. He received a response from presidential aide Arthur Schlesinger Jr.: "You are quite right. I can only plead unconquerable New England bias on the part of the White House staff."

That bias was checked in the following year's Thanksgiving proclamation, which more accurately began: "Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving."

Much has changed since that first gathering at Berkeley Hundred. Those settlers offered thanks for crossing an ocean and arriving in a wilderness far from home. Today, most of us enjoy Thanksgiving surrounded by family in our home or that of a relative. The feast has become a centerpiece when Berkeley Hundred's Thanksgiving was primarily a religious observance.

Nevertheless, in our yearly observance, we are still connected to that first Thanksgiving. Among the things we can be thankful for is the spirit that filled the early settlers in Virginia and in Massachusetts – their daring in leaving their homes, their persistence in enduring the hardships of life in the early settlements, and their foresight in establishing the institutions and customs that would build our great country.

So as we have done in Virginia for 402 years, on this Thanksgiving, let us take stock of our blessings and together offer our gratitude for them to God.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at 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.

Uncle Sam vs Uncle Joe

Undoubtedly, you have seen the posters depicting Uncle Sam as a thin, gray-haired, bearded gentleman. But have you ever wondered where the term "Uncle Sam" came from? There are several stories about it, but what is more important is what people perceive that Uncle Sam stands for.

Uncle Sam's image has appeared on U.S. Government stamps, recruiting posters, magazine covers and cartoons, and has been a symbol of American patriotism. He appears in many of the Uncle Sam posters to reassure Americans that war isn't our desired culture and that like a kindly uncle, he would rather be engaged in more productive activities.

He is a symbol of the American spirit, of how a single patriot could come to his country's aid in time of crisis. Uncle Sam is based on an actual person who lived in Troy, NY during the War of 1812. His full name was Samuel Wilson, and he was affectionately known in the town as Uncle Sam.

During the War of 1812 with the British, Sam Wilson provided barrels of beef and pork to the US army from his meat packing business. Each barrel was stamped with the initials "U.S." to indicate it contained government property. The soldiers joked that

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

the initials meant "Uncle Sam" for the man who was supplying their food.

This version of the story grew until Uncle Sam and the United States became synonymous. In 1961, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate unanimously passed a law which proclaimed that Samuel Wilson of Troy, New York, was the progenitor of the nation's symbol, Uncle Sam, and that Troy is the official home of Uncle Sam.

The Uncle Sam narrative became a symbol of American patriotism and was embodied in artistic posters which reflected American's deep love for their country and the freedoms it represented.

One of the most famous of these posters was used for recruiting during WWI and WWII. It's the one where he points a finger at the reader and states "I want you."

Originally, the poster was created

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Rittenhouse Verdict

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

Before the right to keep and bear arms is stated in the Second Amendment, the Founders wrote why they believed it necessary for people to arm themselves as part of a "militia." They said it is a "necessity to the security of a free state." The Founders knew that liberty is not the natural state of humanity and must be defended against government authorities and lawbreakers who try to limit or abolish it. That is why the Preamble to the Constitution begins: "We the people," not you the government.

Familiar statements followed the acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse by a Kenosha, Wisconsin, jury on charges he murdered two men and wounded a third: We need more gun control. Rittenhouse was a vigilante. The mostly white jury's verdict again demonstrates unequal justice for Blacks and whites.

Jurors, who were selected by Rittenhouse in a random draw, included seven women and five men. All but one was white. Rittenhouse and those he shot are white.

It is difficult to precisely identify motives, but one possible cause of Rittenhouse's decision to go to Kenosha may have been what he saw as a necessity to secure a free state.

Consider the rioting, looting, and burning of businesses he likely witnessed on TV. Scenes from Portland, Oregon, and other cities might have motivated him. He likely saw police stand down, possibly out of fear they would be recorded on a cellphone camera and have it twisted into police brutality with the help of the media.

Judge Schroeder delivered what a Chicago Tribune reporter called "a long rant" about media coverage of the trial. The judge specifically referenced a CNN report in which two legal analysts questioned his rulings. One was a comment by CNN's Areva Martin, a civil rights lawyer, who said Schroeder's decision to prohibit the use of the word "victims" was "incomprehensible." The other target of Schroeder's


wrath was Jeffrey Toobin. He called the judge's ruling allowing the defense to present evidence suggesting the men Rittenhouse shot participated in rioting, looting or arson, a "really unnecessary and unfortunate beginning to this really important case."

Schroeder also criticized media accounts referencing how he had been reversed in a murder trial that resulted in a life sentence. While Schroeder acknowledged he was reversed in 2008, he claimed vindication when a higher court reversed the lower court decision. "I was right," he said.

Back to the idea of a militia, a subject that has been and continues to be debated among legal scholars. The Second Amendment presumes that individuals are the first line of defense against government tyranny and lawlessness. The police can't be everywhere and during recent riots in major cities, they were sometimes nowhere. Videos of looters in San Francisco and other cities where district attorneys seemingly refuse to prosecute cases involving thefts of items priced under a certain amount, plus the release of criminals, some of whom go on to commit new crimes, suggest the lawless are increasingly calling "the shots." Police officers have resigned, retired early, or pulled back from doing their jobs because of the way they have been treated and prematurely judged.

If confronted by someone seeking to loot, destroy your business, or kill you, would you see your armed self as the best defense, or would you call 911, hoping the police will show up in time, if at all? Or would you be glad that a Kyle Rittenhouse is patrolling your streets like a neighborhood watchman, doing the job the police are unable, or reluctant to do?

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Biden's incredible shrinking presidency

Joe Biden was never exactly a colossus bestriding the Earth, but he's been getting smaller by the day.

A Washington Post poll over the weekend suggested that his presidency is, for now, a smoking political crater. It had him at a 41% approval rating, despite the passage of his long-sought infrastructure bill that was supposed to buoy him and his party.

Even more striking, the survey found that Republicans lead Democrats on the generic congressional ballot by 10 points, 51% to 41%, an unprecedentedly strong showing for the GOP that forecasts an earthquake, tsunami, and maybe a few more natural disasters for Democrats come next fall.

And who can be surprised? Biden is stumbling, out of touch, and weak. Two of his major initiatives, at the border and in Afghanistan, created completely avoidable catastrophes. He has given no sense of being in control of events or even his own party. He is an accidental president who is running smack into his own inadequacies and absurd pretensions.

No one in Washington over the last four decades ever said that Joe Biden was just the man with the foresight, wisdom and deft political touch to lead the free world.

No, he was an average senatorial bloviator whose first two presidential campaigns flamed out in embarrassing fashion, before he hit the jackpot when Barack Obama choose him as his running mate in 2008.

Showing the advantage of hanging around for a very long time, Biden won both the 2020 Democratic nomination and the presidency by default. In the primaries, the former vice president looked good in comparison to Bernie Sanders, and he ran in the general on not being Donald Trump.

Now, Biden is allied with Bernie Sanders, who helped write the first version of his Build Back Better plan, and Donald Trump no longer looms as large as Biden's foil.

The best case for Biden's presidency was that he could be a kind of consensus caretaker -- restoring a sense of normality and maintaining a low profile while riding in the slipstream of improving economic conditions and a diminishing pandemic.

Instead, he's been carried along by the left-wing tide of his party and repeatedly engaged in unconstitutional executive overreach. On top of it all, he's brought his own brand of incompetence, exemplified by the botched pull-out from Afghanistan.

His foremost mistake was overestimating an attenuated electoral mandate for pedestrian governance as a permission slip for passing nearly the entirety of the progressive agenda in the space of less than a year.

Not only has there been sticker shock over the price tag of the Biden agenda, but it has little connection to things people truly

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ly care about. The infrastructure bill polls well, but no one goes about their daily lives worried about the alleged crisis of crumbling bridges and tunnels.

Meanwhile, the Build Back Better bill started as a \$3.5 trillion grab bag of everything that progressives want but couldn't get in the infrastructure bill. Passing as much spending as you possibly can before you lose Congress a year from now, which is essentially the rationale behind Build Back Better, is not a compelling reason for a historic spate of federal spending.

That legislation has been pared down to largely a child care and climate change bill. That's an unnatural pairing that came about not because those are the top two things that the

public wants from Washington, but because they happen to be what Democrats think they can pass.

Only now is the White House trying to argue that the infrastructure bill and Build Back Better will address real public concerns, namely the supply chain disruptions and the inflation that is outpacing wage growth. This is clearly a tendentious, after-the-fact argument.

The White House can hope that the supply chain bottlenecks ease and inflation declines, but Biden's disastrous first year speaks to a more intractable problem with the lackluster occupant of the Oval Office himself.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Burcham Honored For 50 Years of Service

Pulaski Town Manager Darlene Burcham was honored Monday night by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors for her 50 years of public service. Burcham has held local government positions in James City County, Hampton, Norfolk, Roanoke and Clifton Forge prior to coming to Pulaski.

Nation

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by James Montgomery Flagg for the cover of a July 16, 1916 issue of Leslie's Weekly magazine. It was accompanied by the title "What Are You Doing for Preparedness?" It was one of several dozen that he developed but remembered the most iconic.

As I looked at this poster, all I could think of was replacing the original text with "Shame on You, Mr. President," because of the deep discontentment of the American people about how the country is being run. If you remember, during the 2020 Presidential race, the media portrayed Joe Biden as "Uncle Joe, the kindly uncle you wish was in your family."

A new survey registers that only 4 percent of the Ameri-



Shame On You, Mr. President

can people think that things in America are going "very well."

According to a CBS News/YouGov poll, Biden's job approval rating is at 44-percent,

although other polls show his approval at 36 percent. He gets low scores for his handling of inflation (33 percent), immigration (36 percent), the economy (39 percent), foreign policy (42 percent), and race relations (44 percent).

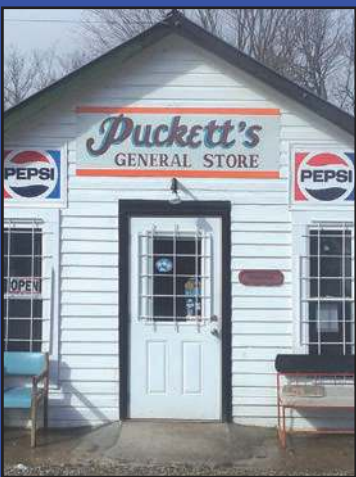
I don't believe that the generous Uncle Sam would be happy with Uncle Joe's policies of restricting Americans' freedoms by locking down churches, schools, small businesses; leaving hundreds of American citizens behind in a hostile foreign country; or promoting trillions of dollars of pork that future generations of Americans will have to pay.

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community on the history of the community center and people that made it special as well as spotlight community members who are making a difference today.

Small Business of the Year Nominees were Poor Boys Produce, Southern Harts Boutique, and Thornspring Pastures. The winner was Poor Boys Produce. In their first year, new owners have taken this popular business and made it a part of the community.

The Business Excellence of the Year awards a business with outstanding business management, that has set a high standard of service in their field, and leads with a dynamic team of employees who contribute to the betterment of the community. The nominees were LewisGale Hospital – Pulaski, Northwest Ace Hardware, and Service Contracting. The winner was LewisGale Hospital - Pulaski for their commitment www.pulaskivachamber.org info@pulaskivachamber.org



Representatives of the T.G. Howard Community Center accept the Chamber's Non-Profit Excellence Award.



LewisGale Hospital Pulaski's Sean Pressman (right) and Kevin Garner accept the Business Excellence Award.



Above: Shelia Smith, 2020-21 Chamber President passes the gavel to 2022-23 President Bill Cunningham.



Above: Shannon Collins (right) and Blake Le accept the Chamber's Small Business of the Year Award.



Longtime Delegate Nick Rush was recognized.

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Discover Treasures in downtown Pulaski

By WILLIAM PAINE
For The Patriot

When first walking into Treasures, the newest edition to historic downtown Pulaski's business district, one feels enveloped by the warm and yet vibrant hue of the interior walls. The color inside Carol Smith's new boutique is appropriately named Spiced Red Cider and it was her son, Jeremy Smith who wielded the brush.

Treasures is located at the foot traffic friendly corner of Washington Avenue and East Main Street. The inside of Treasures is filled with several varieties of glass-ware, including increasingly sought-after pieces made from milk glass.

The front room of Treasures also houses art pieces, candle holders, mugs, prints and even furniture.

Anyone for a spot of tea?

Treasures features a Tea Room, which is filled to the brim with a breath-taking selection of tea pots.

"I have about 300 tea pots in my collection," said Carol. "Some I will sell and some that are special, I will keep in my personal collection."

So how did she decide what to name her new shop?

"I thought of several different names," said Carol. "I'd been collecting things for over 10 years and my husband would say, 'What are you going to do with this junk?' Of course, I was offended because to me it wasn't junk. So, he started calling these things my Treasures. So, I decided to call my shop Treasures because of that good memory."

Smith is a well-known figure in Pulaski County, where she serves



William Paine/For The Patriot
Carol Smith inside her new shop Treasures.

on the boards/committee of several nonprofit organizations and has only recently re-tired from working for many years at the Pulaski County Library.

"I've retired and I have to stay busy," said Carol with a grin. "I've been collecting for the past 10 years, and I dreamt of opening a shop to share those treasures with other people. Now that dream has become a reality."

"People can come in here and

find things that give them memories of their past," Carol continued. "They may want to purchase something for themselves, and



The newest business in Pulaski, Treasures, is located at the corner of Washington Ave. and Main Street in downtown Pulaski.

they may want to give it as a gift."

Speaking of gifts, Treasures specializes in Gift Baskets. The baskets are filled with whatever the customer chooses from the shop and then wrapped to make for an attractive presentation.

Carol also plans to use Treasures as the setting for arts and crafts classes, likely done in conjunction with the Fine Arts Center for the NRV. This stands to reason, as just last week, Carol taught a Holiday Greeting Card workshop for the FAC. She also serves as the FAC's Treasurer.

Carol's upcoming workshops are set to focus on making bird baths, bird feeders and yard art and these classes will take place

at Treasures.

As you enter Carol Smith's new shop, you see a sign above the inside office por-tico that reads:

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

When asked about the significance of this message, Carol had this to say:

"A few months after my husband died, I was in a shop and I saw that sign. I thought to myself, 'This storm is never going to pass,' and so I've been dancing in the rain ever since."

Don't miss the Grand Opening of Treasures on Saturday, November 27, 2021!

PULSE

December 2

Town of Pulaski Christmas Parade to be held

Town of Pulaski Christmas Parade will be Thursday, December 2, 7 p.m. The parade is sponsored by The Pulaski County Jaycees.

December 4

Dublin Christmas Parade to be held

Dublin Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m.. Line-up starts at 10 a.m. at the old Dublin Middle School.

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 to host BINGO

VFW Aux. Post 1184 will host

quarter BINGO on Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the post home located on the corner of Dora Highway and Washington Ave., Pulaski. Everyone is welcome!

December 14

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp to meet

The Son of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

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Tech - UVa set to ‘clash’ in regular season finale

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BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech is set for its final regular season game of the 2021 football season when it travels to Charlottesville for the renewal of the Commonwealth Clash at Virginia.

Following a halt during the 2019-20 academic year due to COVID-19 implications, the Commonwealth Clash has been renewed and has a new presenting sponsor in Smithfield. The Commonwealth Clash is a friendly, statewide rivalry between Virginia Tech and Virginia and their school-sponsored sports, with 22 individual event points on the line. The school that accumulates 11 points or more has been annually crowned the winner and takes home the Commonwealth Clash trophy, presented by Smithfield. For more information, visit hokiesports.com/clash.

The last time the Hokies (5-6, 3-4 ACC) and Cavaliers (6-5, 4-3 ACC) met Tech won a 33-15 contest on Dec. 12, 2020, to take back the Commonwealth Cup at Lane Stadium. QB Braxton Burmeister completed 15 of 22 passes for 212 yards with 60-yard touchdown pass to WR Tayvion Robinson, while RB Khalil Herbert enjoyed 20-carry, 162-yard performance with a 76-yard touchdown run. S Divine Deablo and CB Dorian Strong each had an interception and DE Amaré Barno led the team with 2.0 TFL for -10.0 yards.

Last week at Miami, QB Connor Blumrick saw the most extensive action of his collegiate game, throwing his first two touchdown passes and rushing for a career-high 132 yards. Bur-

meister completed 14 of 17 passes for 109 yards with a six-yard touchdown pass to WR Tré Turner, while also rushing 10 times for 52 yards. WR Da’Wain Lofton recorded his first career touchdown reception on a four-yard pass from Blumrick.

DB Chamarri Conner led the team with 11 tackles, tying his career high. CB Jermaine Walker recorded 1.0 TFL and also broke up a team-high two passes in the game. P Peter Moore recorded a career-high 51.8-yard average on six punts, including a 59-yard long.

The Cavaliers lost a 48-38 contest last week at Pitt. QB Brennan Armstrong returned to action and completed 36 of 49 passes for 487 yards with three touchdowns. WR Dontayvion Wicks led the team in receiving with 10 receptions for 144 yards. LB Nick Jackson led the team defensively with 12 tackles including an 11-yard sack.

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This pass will allow admission to ALL Winter, and Spring home sports contests (Excluding benefit games, tournaments and playoffs).

SIGNING DAY AT PCHS



Two Lady Cougars Sign

Allyson Fleenor (above) with her family pose together after she signed to continue her basketball career and education at UVa-Wise. Below, Taryn Blankenship and her family are all smiles following her signing to attend Concord University. The signing event was held Monday afternoon at Pulaski County High School. **Photos by Brian Bishop/The Patriot**



Bobcats Lose to Appomattox in Region 2C Semifinal, 56-28

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

Radford was the last team to beat Appomattox in a playoff game and hit the road to attempt to do it again. Appomattox came into the game with only one loss on the season and was looking to march to their 3rd straight State championship.

Appomattox took the lead quickly. After taking the opening kickoff, QB Tre Lawing hit Colin Slagle for a 48 yard completion to get inside the 5 yard line. Lawing finished the drive with a 1 yard dive into the end-zone. The Raiders led 7-0. Rad-

ford quickly gave the ball back to Appomattox when Ervis Davin picked off a pass from Landen Clark at midfield. The Bobcats struggled to stop the Raider’s veer running attack. Eight straight rushing plays led to a JaQuan Walker 4 yard TD. Appomattox led 14-0 still in the 1st quarter.

Radford had to catch up quickly or the game would be over and they did. On the first play from scrimmage, Clark hit Darius Wesley-Brubeck on an out pattern and he took it up the right sideline for an 80 yard touchdown. Bobcats are down one score.

The Bobcats defense stepped up and forced Appomattox to have

to throw on third down and Clark was there to intercept the Lawing pass to give Radford a chance to tie the game. Clark took to the air to get Radford moving. After completions to Marcel Baylor and David Woodward got Radford deep into Raider territory, Clark hit a wide open Max Kanipe for a 7 yard TD to tie the game at 14 with 49 seconds left in the first quarter.

Again the Bobcats had trouble stopping the Raiders run game. Appomattox used 8 runs and 1 pass to finish off the next drive with Lawing finishing from 6 yards out. Radford got another good drive going but ended when Clark was picked off at the Raiders 5 yard line. Jonathan Pennix and Lawing took turns running the ball before Lawing scored from 3 yards out for his 3rd TD of the game giving Appomattox a 28-14 lead just before halftime.

Radford came out of halftime and needed to sustain a drive to remain in the game. Clark was able to hit Parker Prioleau near midfield to get the Bobcats going but the drive stalled and Radford was forced to punt. Walker and Lawing this time teamed up and drove down the field only taking 5 plays to go 80 yards. This time Lawing ran it in from 26 yards out giving the Raiders a commanding 35-14 lead.

The Bobcats were able to move the ball all night but could never finish off drives. This time completions to Prioleau and David Woodward got the Bobcats into Raider territory but Clark fumbled the ball on a scramble and the Raiders recovered. Bobcats got the ball right back when Ricky Bailey recovered a Pennix fumble. Radford scored when Clark hit Baylor from 5 yards out to close the score to 35-21.

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Full size foam mattress topper (like new); 16 piece set of Christmas dishes (new, still in box) \$20; Queen size comforter, like new, \$20; lawnmower with bagger (runs good) \$25; electric weed-eater, \$10. Call 540-838-2211.

Wood for sale. Easy access. Mostly oak or all oak, 6 ft. truck bed, \$50, 8ft. truck bed \$60. In Pulaski, you haul. Call 540-392-1080, if no answer, leave message I will return the call.

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May Tag, heavy duty, extra capacity washer, \$160; Fisher wood stove looks like Papa Bear stove, new brick, new paint, looks good, \$425; also four BF Goodrich radial TA tires mounted on five lug Chevy aluminum wheels 235-60-R14, like new, \$225; kitchen cabinet all wood, new varnish 36"X79", no sink, looks good, \$180. Call 540-629-9003.

Curio cabinet, 70"X34"X 14" deep, octagon shape, recently re-varnished, \$300. Call 440-752-0639.

Firewood for sale; also 5,000 watt generator. Call 540-250-4872.

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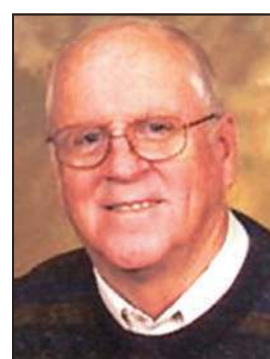
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What-ifs

Most people of this country look forward to the Thanksgiving as a time to hunt and enjoy a meal where the turkey is the of meat of choice. Many are acquainted with Ben Franklin who advocated for having the turkey symbolized as the national bird. The bald eagle was chosen instead; but I have wondered “What If” the turkey had been chosen instead?

The choice of an eagle has a lot of good attributes but so do the turkey. Eagles are pictured flying from great heights as they seek out their prey far below. They build large nests and mate for life and return each year to raise their young. The male turkey, however, has several in a flock of hens. The eagles’ diets are mainly fish, but they will steal the fish from other birds. The wild turkey gobbler, not satisfied with the already accumulated harem, will steal away a domesticated flock to add to his numbers. Turkeys help farmers as they often come into open fields and eat the many insects such as grasshoppers etc. that endanger the crops and pasturelands.

The turkey is known as one of the big three in hunting and are a challenge to hunters at the time of spring gobbler season. They are stalked and called in by a number of different calls during their time of mating. At one time, the turkeys were allowed to be killed during fall hunting, but are not so now as many shooting accidents have occurred. The eagle, being a bird of prey, was never a bird that was eaten; the American Indians did prize their tail feathers and were able to hide in camouflaged pits to catch and later release them after plucking their tail feathers.

What if the turkey had been chosen as the symbol of America? It would be most things likely a protected species much as the eagle is today. The hunting and killing of them would be most likely prohibited and whether or not domesticated ones could be eaten would be mere speculation.

There are many what-ifs and scenarios and one that comes to mind is told of Tom Laundry who was drafted by the NFL New York Giants after attending Texas University. He was later promoted to player-coach and offences then had few options and defenses were designed to guard according to the formations the offence came out in. Some of the players kept asking questions of Laundry, “But what if?” The next day when the players came into the locker room for briefing and saw on the black board, “There are no what-ifs.”

One of the things to be thankful for during this hunting and Thanksgiving seasons, is whether it is the birds of the wild or Butterballs from the market; we can all enjoy it as a favorite dish. The eagle has some faults as does our nation and our prayers should be to lifted up for the Good Lord above to heal our land.

I once tried to witness to an old fellow ninety years plus and used many verses asking to him to seek salvation and he kept coming back with a response each time, “What if just before I die, I seek forgiveness?” He died soon thereafter and, as far as know, never made a decision; was no doubt much like how King Agrippa answered Paul: Acts 27:28b KJV, “Almost thou persuadest me to become a Christian.”

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County of Pulaski Garage Office Manager

Pulaski County is seeking a Garage Office Manager that is responsible for the overall front office activities. This individual would be responsible for preparing purchase orders for various departments, office supply orders, directing and coordinating office coverage, calculating timesheets per the FLSA, maintaining databases and files, purchasing vehicles from various vendors, etc. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and have some PowerPoint experience. Associates Degree preferred but not required. Please see the full job description at www.pulaskicounty.org.

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

The salary scale for this position is \$33,640 - \$53,276 and is commensurate based on education and experience. Interested individuals may apply at the Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director, tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

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- For more information contact Tyler Byrd, Director – Stevens Funeral Home – 540-980-2600 - oremailstevensfuneralhome@comcast.net.



Pulaski County PSA Convenience Center Attendant/Part-Time

The Pulaski County PSA is seeking an individual to fill a part-time Convenience Center position at one of its three locations. This position directs and assists citizens in disposing of household trash, recyclables, metals, appliances, paper products, glass, plastics, tires, brush, and other items and ensures that waste is disposed in the proper containers and the drop site grounds are kept free from trash and debris. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age, able to carry up to 75 pounds and have the ability to stoop, bend or stand for extended periods of time. Any combination of education and experience equivalent to completion of seventh grade is acceptable.

Beginning wage is \$13.00 per hour for 29 hours per week including weekend hours. Benefits include pro-rated sick leave, vacation leave and paid holidays. Applicant must successfully complete a criminal background check and drug screen.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Regarding Budget Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate grant funds to a special grant account:

Revenue	Appropriation
From: VDOT UPC 118171	To: SGR – Randolph Avenue \$274,341.00

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

A copy of the proposed budget amendments are available for public review in the Town Manager’s Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 7 1 1 for assistance in reaching the Town.

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JOBS



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EXPERIENCE IN THE LEGAL FIELD IS A PLUS. Pay range for this position will be a maximum salary of \$37,500.00, which will be determined upon education and experience. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefit package including VRS, health/dental/vision insurance, annual and sick leave programs and more. This position will be working for the current elected official, Mr. Justin L. Griffith.

A current resume with cover letter should be mailed to the attention of Katrina Dobbins 240 N. Jefferson Avenue Pulaski, VA 24301 or can be hand delivered at the mailing address Monday – Friday from 8:30-4:30. Expected start date is no later than January 01, 2022.

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Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Planning Commission

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A request from Marathon Realty Corp. to rezone property located at 1201 E. Main Street [tax parcel(s) 072-1-55] from I-1 Light Industrial to B-2 General Business.
2. A request from Bimmerworld Properties, LLC for a Special Exception at property located at 1000 Memorial Drive [tax parcel(s) 072-140-48 & 072-140-48A] for the Light Industrial Use, Industry Type 1.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

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

1. A request from Shah Development LLC to rezone property located at 421 N. Washington Avenue [tax parcel(s) 072-51-24-11, 072-51-24-13, 072-51-24-15, 072-51-24-17] from (B-2) General Business to (R-O) Residential Office.
2. A request from Calfee Community and Cultural Center, Agent: Jill Williams, for a Special Exception for Catering, a Daycare Center, a Bakery, and a Museum for property located at 1 Corbin-Harmon Drive [tax parcel(s) 072-14-1] “Calfee School.”

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VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Anyone requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this comment opportunity may contact Michael Gray at the phone numbers listed above.

Town issues info on water quality monitoring results

From the Town of Pulaski

Recent drinking water quality monitoring conducted by Town of Pulaski has found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings in Pulaski. Although the primary sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or soil, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 10 to 20 percent of a person’s potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water.

Pulaski is concerned about the health of their residents because lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources, especially for pregnant women and young children. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body.

The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother’s bones, which may affect brain development.

During the lead and copper testing completed in September 2021 the Town discovered we had 3 of 20 results above the Action Limit for lead. The residences impacted are being notified and extra testing will be implemented. Prior testing in 2018 we had 2 elevated results and this time we had an additional result above the Action Limit for lead. With the new infrastructure bill being passed, EPA may have funds available to localities for lead service line replacement.

We assure you that the water going out to our customers is excellent and held to the highest standards by the Virginia

Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water.

There are steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead in your water:

- Test your water for lead. Call us at 540-994-8621 to find out how to get your water tested for lead.
- Identify and replace any plumbing fixtures that contain lead.
- Run your water to flush out lead. If it hasn’t been used for several hours, allow the water to run for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking. This action flushes the lead-containing water from the pipes.
- Use water from the cold water tap for cooking and preparing baby formula.
- Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce or remove lead.
- Consider installing a filter. If you choose to install a lead removal filter, be sure to maintain and replace the filter in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions to protect water quality.

• Get your child tested. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child’s blood tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.

There are several actions that The Town of Pulaski are taking to address the concerns about lead in drinking water. The Town of Pulaski will be conducting increased lead and copper testing to ensure this last test was an unusual occurrence. We will also be keeping the customers informed of the results of this further testing.

Call the Town Of Pulaski Water Plant at 540-994-8621 or visit the Town’s website at www.Pulaski-Town.org to find out how to get your water tested for lead, or for more information on steps Pulaski is taking to address the lead action level exceedance. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA’s Website at www.epa.gov/lead, contact your healthcare provider, or your County/City Local Health Department.

Stay safe while shopping online for the holidays

RICHMOND—Cyber Monday is just around the corner. With online holiday retail sales projected to increase as much as 15% over last year, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) is encouraging you to take some simple steps to stay safe while shopping for your family and friends.

“The holiday season is a prime time for hackers, scammers and online thieves who are out there looking to take advantage,” said Virginia’s Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Michael Watson.

Here’s what you can do to protect yourself and your family against these cyber threats:

- Think before you click: Watch out for ads and emails encouraging you to click on links. Instead, go directly to the com-

pany’s website to verify the offer is legitimate.

- Consider your payment options: Using a credit card provides users more financial protection than using a debit card. You can also use third-party payment services to purchase gifts and other goods.
- Keep tabs on your bank and credit card statements: You should frequently check your accounts for any unrecognized activity. Most credit cards allow a cardholder to place alerts for activity on a card. Monitoring and good recordkeeping go hand-in-hand with protecting your personal information.
- Use a secure Wi-Fi: Using public Wi-Fi to check your shopping list or compare some prices is tremendously convenient, but is not cyber safe.



Tom’s Drive-In owner Ronnie Caudill (left) and Clark Kidwell.

Tom’s employee honored by state hospitality, tourism association

From Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce

Today, more than ever, employees appreciate hard working employees. It is those employees who contribute to a business’s image, create quality products, and create a positive work environment for other staff.

At Tom’s Drive In, they had a special employee who deserved recognition for his hard work and perseverance, and co-owner Lori Caudill insured that that recognition happened.

Clark Kidwell came to work at Tom’s Drive In in 2018. Originally from Michigan, Clark found himself in Pulaski, which turned out to be a great move. Growing up, Clark experienced several losses in his fami-ly that led him to live with his sister in Princeton. When his sister’s family moved to Pulaski, Clark fol-lowed.

Being a recent high school graduate, he knew he needed a job, but as he told his interviewers, there were some challenges. Clark admitted in his interview for cook, he had no cooking experience, and no transportation. What he did have was motivation, and he lived within walking distance to Tom’s Drive In. The owners saw something in Clark and gave him a chance.

Today, Clark is a model employee. He is hard working, motivated, and shows up for his shift with a smile on his face. Lori Caudill, co-owner of Tom’s Drive In, wanted to see Clark recognized for his per-severance and for what he has contributed to Tom’s Drive In. She nominated him for an award with Virginia Hospitality and Tourism (VRLTA). In October, Clark was named Restaurant Employee of the Year at the Virginia Hospitality and Tourism Awards. While he

was not able to attend the ceremony, Ronnie Caudill, co-owner of Tom’s Drive In, was proud to present the award to Clark.

Clark is thriving in Pulaski and plans to stay. Because of his hard work, he now lives on his own. He has made many friends and connections and works at Next Level VR on the weekends. Clark has even partnered with another entrepreneur to start an engraving business called NRV Makers.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Clark Kidwell, Virginia Hospitality and Tourism Restaurant Employee of the Year.

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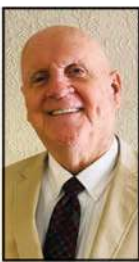
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1 Peter 1: 1-5. “Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. Elect, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied”

Simon Peter could sure say a whole lot in one sentence. He wrote this letter, or Epistle, not as a fisherman from Galilee, but as an Apostle of Jesus Christ, and as a man sent from God. He identified those who would read this letter as strangers. His reference was most likely to Jewish Christians who were not from Jerusalem but from countries outside of Israel.

These strangers were strangers to many, but not to God. They were known of God. He had chosen them and called them into His Kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

Everyone who is truly saved has been chosen by God. He chooses us first, and then when we respond to His calling, we choose Him. God offers full and free salvation to all. Jesus died for all. And many are called, but the bible says few are chosen.

This was said in an allusion to a man who was invited to a wedding feast, and came, improperly attired. The wedding was for the King’s son. He came dressed inappropriately for such a great and auspicious occasion.

Spurgeon said, “He came because he was invited, but he came only in appearance. The banquet was intended to honor the King’s Son, but this man meant nothing of the kind; he was willing to eat the good things set before him, but in his heart there was no love either for the King or his well-beloved Son.”

In order to become one of the chosen, a person who receives a calling to come and be saved, must choose to answer his or her calling and accept Jesus as their Savior. And when and if they do, they become a part of the chosen of God. There are many who are invited to come to God to be saved, but who reject their calling, and reject Christ, and the result is they leave the place where they needed to submit to the calling of God to come to an altar of repentance and be saved, and they go away to continue on in sin, and therefore, do not become one of the chosen.

If they only knew that their invitation to come and be saved was the greatest of all opportunities they will ever receive in this life, maybe they’d not reject their calling.

But the devil blinds them, and they can’t see what is good for them and what is bad for them. Being born again of the Spirit of God is the greatest thing that can ever happen to a person. I love being saved. I love having the blessings of God in my life. I love the Church. I love having fellowship with the Lord and

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Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org
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552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
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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
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Primary Services:
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046
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Rev. Denise and Ken Walker
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Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com
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Sunday School: 11 a.m.
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Senior Pastor Steve Willis
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Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
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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@fumcpulask.org website: www.fumcpulask.org
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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.
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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
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Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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Pastor Don Shelor
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office@dublinumc.com
Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 11:00am
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- 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
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Service: 10:30AM Sundays
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
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Pastor: Judy Yonce
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.
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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.
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Pastor: Jim Linkous
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
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www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.
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(540) 674-8434
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firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Wallis Brown
540-674-2677
Service: 11 a.m.

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

Community Christian Church
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540-674-4308
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

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www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
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.

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1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
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Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

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Phone: (540) 980-8775

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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study
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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org
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Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess
Sunday School: 10:00am
Worship Service: 11:00am


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11 a.m. Sunday Service

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301
Telephone: 980-8186
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Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

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

St. Edwards Catholic Church
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7th Street N.W., Pulaski
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Fax: 980-6511
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Warriors for Christ II
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Pulaski, VA
540-315-2317
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
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with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Being saved is the most underrated thing in the world. If people only know how wonderful it is to be saved, everybody would be saved.

The most important decision anyone can ever make is to accept Jesus into their heart and life and being saved. It's when God sets us free from the bondage of sin and gives us a brand new life in Christ Jesus. Do you know what I wish right now? I wish somebody reading this message today would get saved. I wish somebody would let Christ lead them out of darkness and into His marvelous light. If this would happen, there would be shouting on the hills of glory because the bible says there is joy in the presence of the angels, over one sinner who repents.

If you're not saved yet, you are missing out on the greatest and best thing that can ever happen to you. So think about that, and make a decision for Christ today, and today will become the best day of your entire life.

Here Peter mentions being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. We are sanctified in three ways. By the blood, by the Spirit of God, and by the Word of God.

God the Father calls to lost souls through the convicting, convincing work of the Holy Spirit, and we are cleansed from sin by the shed blood of Jesus. This is when we are born again of the Spirit.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." Not that you should be born again physically but spiritually. He said ye MUST be born again in order to enter into the Kingdom of God.

It is a requirement. It is mandatory. You can't enter into the family of God or into the Kingdom of God without being born again.

When we are born the first time, we are born of our parents; and born into the human race. When we are born again spiritually, we are born of God and become the sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Habakkuk in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
- Which book's chapter 3, verse 14 (KJV) mentions "the beginning of the creation of God"? No book does, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Revelation
- From Mark 9, Hell is a place where "what" dieth not, and the fire is not quenched? Worm, Body, Soul, Greed
- Who's the only woman in the Bible with her age mentioned (at death)? Eve, Ruth, Leah, Sarah
- On what day of creation did God divide land and water? 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
- What did Methuselah become at 187 years old? Saved, Invalid, Father, Martyr


ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Revelation; 3) Worm; 4) Sarah (Genesis 23:1-2); 5) 3rd; 6) Father

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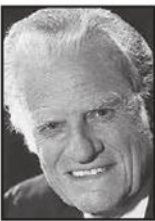
God loves the sinner

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Does God really forgive criminals that have committed horrific acts against others? - C.A.

A: We may see God as able to forgive the small sin, but incapable of forgiving the gross sinner. In our own weakness as humans, we tend to grade sins. Here's a little sin on our scale, but over here there's a very, very heavy sin.
War crimes often put this on

display, such as during World War II, which illustrates this graphically. A great world power had gone down to defeat at the hands of the Allies. Many people who committed some of the most infamous crimes known to man were brought to trial, as the world watched sentences of imprisonment and death brought against the war criminals. However, an amazing account was given by a chaplain. He had been called as a prison chaplain to minister to these men, though his self-description was that of a humble preacher who had grown



My Answer

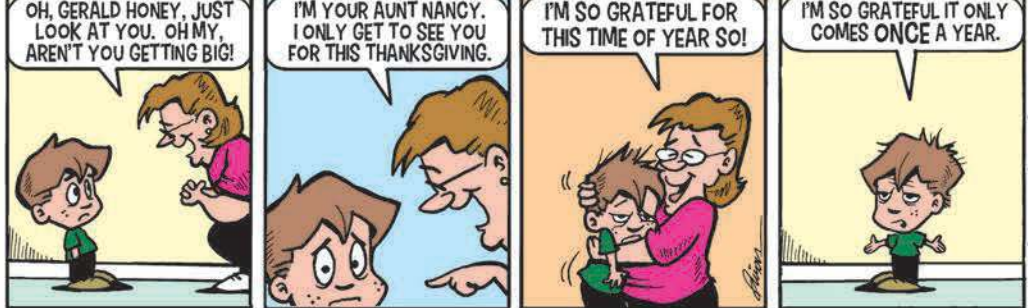
Billy Graham

up a Missouri farm boy. The chaplain recalled the sincere conversion to faith in Jesus Christ by some of these men who had committed despicable crimes. At first, the chaplain was very leery of confessions of faith. He said the first time

he saw one criminal reading his Bible he thought him to be a phony. However, as he spent time with him he wrote, "But the longer I listened, the more I felt he might be sincere. He insisted he was very glad that a nation which would probably put him to death thought enough of his eternal welfare to provide him with spiritual guidance."

With Bible in hand he said, "I know from this book that God can love a sinner like me." There is always hope. What an amazing love God exhibited for us all at the cross!

Amber Waves



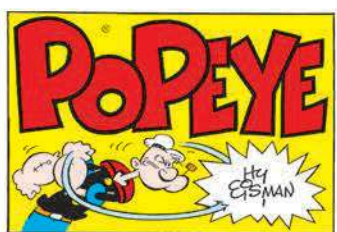
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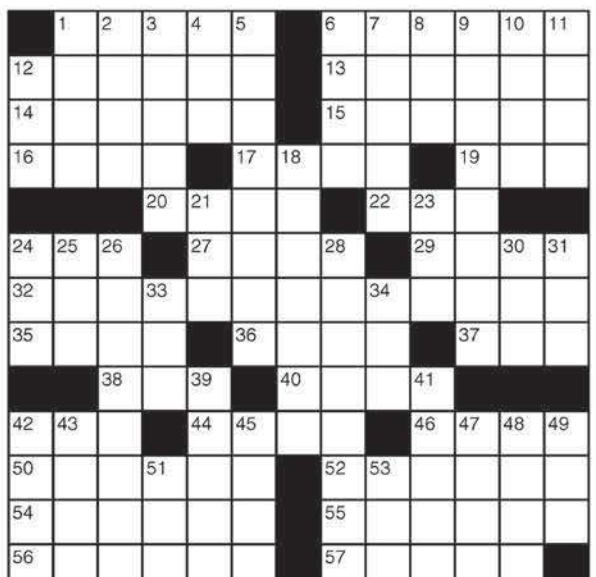
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- 6 Tennis star Graf
- 12 False
- 13 Sounded content
- 14 Warm, as left-overs
- 15 Not certain
- 16 Cruise stop
- 17 Farm unit
- 19 Garden of Food Network
- 20 Austen novel
- 22 Perched
- 24 Recede
- 27 Force
- 29 Pleasing
- 32 Symbolic first step toward getting hired
- 35 Cab
- 36 British noble
- 37 Eggy quaff
- 38 Existed
- 40 Squabble
- 42 Past
- 44 Furnace fuel
- 46 Volcanic flow
- 50 Cheered (for)
- 52 Ogled
- 54 Topical anti-septic
- 55 Builds
- 56 Strong points
- 57 "Midnight Cowboy" role



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- 1 Grieg's " — Death"
- 2 Actress Patricia
- 3 Private pupil
- 4 Sch. URL ender
- 5 "Feel-good" brain chemical
- 6 Incite
- 7 Jukebox picks
- 8 Hosp. areas
- 9 Fulfillment
- 10 Office plant
- 11 Notion
- 12 Greek consonant
- 18 Bach's "Coffee —"
- 21 1501, in Roman numerals
- 23 Moreover
- 24 Newton
- 25 Large snake
- 26 Ornamental garden trees
- 28 Best-selling Michael Jackson album
- 30 Bill's partner
- 31 Work unit
- 33 Spanish aunt
- 34 Sprite
- 39 Potpourri output
- 41 Swift
- 42 Met melody
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- 53 Epoch

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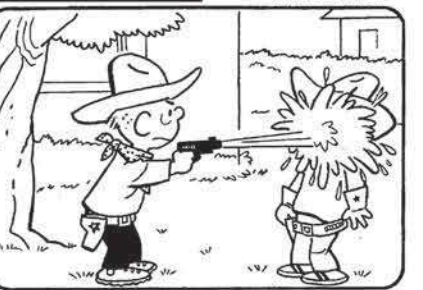
- 1. Elmo
- 2. Big Bird
- 3. Cookie Monster
- 4. Oscar the Grouch
- 5. The Count
- 6. Grover
- 7. Bert & Ernie
- 8. Mr. Snuffleupagus
- 9. Rosita
- 10. Zoe

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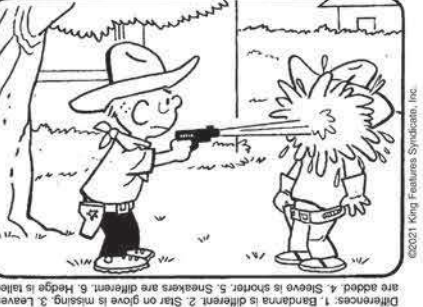
Trivia test

- 1. LITERATURE: Which author coined the phrase "green-eyed monster"?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries have nations within their borders?
- 3. ACRONYMS: What does RPM stand for?
- 4. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called "nomophobia"?
- 5. TELEVISION: What is the address of the home on "The Munsters" (1964-66)?
- 6. MATH: How many combinations of U.S. coins would add up to \$1?
- 7. MUSIC: What was the woman's name in the Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Gimme Three Steps"?
- 8. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 3/4 of a cup?
- 9. MOVIES: Which 1959 movie had the subtitle "A Tale of the Christ"?
- 10. AD SLOGANS: Which company had the advertising slogan, "Let's go places"?

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
3. Snide 2. Neary
1. Tender
solution

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: X equals M
XZ UVB RL CBOVCKYQQZ JIOBCYO
KJB XVRPNOPVPUO. R'QQ VLM NSO
XOUSVPRU NJ USOUM RN VN SRL
JRQROLN UJPIOPROPVUO.



Solution time: 21 mins.

Americanisms



"Laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own life. Laughing at someone else's can shorten it."
— Cullen Hightower

CryptoQuip
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Clean Community recognizes Farris, Peak Creek ‘friends’

The Pulaski County Clean Community Council (PCCCC) Choose in the early summer two support organizations to recognize as contributing to the efforts and mission of cleaning up our highways and water ways. The PCCCC hopes the citizen of our community will honor and support these two groups and praise their efforts.

The PCCCC recognized Adam Fariss, proprietor of Iron Heart Vineyards, for his challenge in April to Pulaski County citizens to get out and walk the property line of you home, tour the highway of your community, and make a difference in fighting litter. Almost 100 individuals and groups of individuals took up this challenge and the tally was several dump trucks loads of cans, bottles, and fastfood trash.

Adam stated his early recollection of being concerned with litter came from the mentoring of his fa-ther. He and his sibling were often picked up at school and given bags to screen and glean the sides of the road leading to their home some of these sweeps were of several miles from front door. He stated it gave him an appreciation for citizens who dispose of litter properly and volunteer to patrol the roadways

PCCCC also recognized Friends of Peak Creek, Inc. Formed in 2013, FOPC has been coordinating clean ups along the water ways of Pulaski County. What started out as a group that wanted to protect and enhance Peak Creek within the town limits has turned into a non-profit whose stewardship encom-passes the entire 60 square mile Peak Creek Watershed. At last count we have removed 947 bags of trash, 94 tires and various other objects which are too many to name. Our efforts not only encompass Peak Creek, but surrounding tributaries including Valley Branch, Sproules Run and Tract Fork. Clean-Up Coordinator Ron Hall has done an amazing job in directing these efforts since the inception of FOPC.

We attribute our success to a true community spirit. When we announce a clean- up people show up. We have civic groups, church groups, community minded citizens, students from high school and local universities, businesses, and like-minded organizations who participate in our clean-ups and generous support from local government.

We recognized early on that to fulfill our mission of stewardship we needed to not constrain our ef-forts to just litter removal.

Our projects include the placement of trash cans, recycling containers, and doggie waste stations along Peak Creek. Our bluebird trail, pollinator gardens and streambank plant-ings have enhanced the area around the stream and continual educational outreach informs the community of why what we do is important.

Friends of Peak Creek is made up of an 11-member board of directors and relies on donations, grants and memberships to operate. We meet January through October on the fourth Thursday from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal

Church. The public is invited to attend.

Pulaski County is like a lot of river communities have a unique problem with litter and trash on our highways and riverbanks. Not only is unsightly but the debris end up in the runoff of rain and wind blown into streams. Our water ways are a tributary to the waters of the US the very water in peak creek will one day be the Gulf of Mexico. Litter breaking down will affect not only water quality but is hazardous to echo and food chain of animals.

PCCC hope the Citizens of Pulaski will take note that litter

not only harmful to property values but pos-es danger in pollution. Please dispose of your trash properly in containers designed for the purpose Please seek the PCCCC Information on the Pulaski County web and face book pages.



Food Safety Tips for a Healthy Thanksgiving

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With Thanksgiving right around the corner, you may be looking forward to a fat turkey and all the fix-ings! In all the rush and shuffle of the holiday, it is easy to forget some key food safety considerations to make sure your feast remains safe for your family and friends. While your local Extension office is likely closed on Turkey Day, remember that the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline is available all week and even on Thanksgiving Day to answer your questions. To reach the hotline, just dial 1-888-MPHotline from 8am to 2pm on Thursday.

The USDA also offers us a few key things to remember to keep food safe, including:

-Keep bacteria out of your kitchen by washing your hands before, during and after you handle raw food. Make sure food preparation surfaces and utensils are clean.

-Keep raw meat and poultry separate from produce and cooked foods by using different cutting boards.

-Use a food thermometer to ensure your turkey is safe to eat. The recommended internal tem-perature must reach 165 F in three places: the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh and the innermost part of the wing.

-Your meal on the dinner table has only two hours before it becomes unsafe, and bacteria start to multiply. Make sure you put out just enough food for your guests and place the rest in your fridge in shallow containers.

Find more great food safety tips by visiting www.foodsafety.gov or follow the USDA's Food Safety Fa-cebook page. Virginia Cooperative Extension wishes you and your family a safe and healthy holiday sea-son!

— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

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SAVE THE DATE
Friday, Dec. 3
VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 Pulaski will have
Longaberger Basket Bingo
Pull Tabs Will Be Sold

Doors open at 4 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m.

Come out and have a great time
and win some nice prizes.
Free finger sandwiches and snacks will be provided.

Post Home located at the corner of
Dora Highway and Washington Avenue, Pulaski





Happy Thanksgiving

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Would like to thank all who have helped us this year, and those whom we have served. We look forward to serving you in the future.

May God richly bless you all!

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*“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
 For His mercy endures forever.”
 1 Chronicles 16:34*

