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Reeves appointed by board for Robinson District seat

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Jeffery G. Reeves has been appointed by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to fill the Robinson District seat on the board.

Reeves was one of eight people who applied to the board to fill the Robinson seat, left vacant officially Jan. 4 upon the retirement of Charles Bopp.

Bopp had announced in late December that he would be retiring from his seat due to health concerns.

The supervisors met in open session Tuesday evening following a whole day of interviews with the eight applicants for the seat.

In the end, Reeves was the pick.

Two years remain on Bopp's term, so Reeves will serve until November when a special election will be held in the Robinson District. The winner of that election will finish out the final year remaining of the term. All supervisor seats will be filled the next year, in November 2023.

Following a motion and second



Jeffery G. Reeves

by John Travis and Dirk Compton respectively, Cloyd District Supervisor Joe Guthrie provided background on Reeves.

Guthrie said Reeves and his wife, Ann Kegley Reeves own a large, diversified farm in Pulaski. He is the son of two educators in Augusta County. He has a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in agricultural

economics from Virginia Tech.

Guthrie said Reeves had lived and farmed in Pulaski County since 1990.

"He is a very successful and well-respected farmer," Guthrie said, noting he and his wife have raised three children on the farm, Emma, Ella and Eli. Both daughters, he noted are graduates of Pulaski County High School and Virginia Tech and his son will graduate from PCHS this year.

Reeves is one of two members on the county's Soil and Water Conservation Board and is active in New Dublin Presbyterian Church.

"Jeff brings a great depth of knowledge from a business owner's perspective and great knowledge of agriculture to the board," said Guthrie.

Guthrie added that Reeves told the board on his application, "If I am selected, I will work diligently to make informed decisions on all matters brought before the board and will apply my knowledge and previous experience as

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday

Sunday

A slight chance of snow after 1pm, mixing with rain after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. Light and variable wind. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday Night - A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Snow. High near 28. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Sunday Night - Snow, mainly before 1am. Low around 21. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

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Bimmerworld granted SUP to operate in Pulaski

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Pulaski Town Council recently approved a special use permit for light industrial work sought by Bimmerworld Properties, LLC for property at 1000 Memorial Drive, site of the former Magic Mart store as well as some neighboring spaces.

Bimmerworld is currently located in Dublin in one of the county's industrial parks and is looking to expand their operations.

According to Pulaski Economic Development Director Brady Deal, Bimmerworld is looking to purchase the property, pending the outcome of their special use permit application.

Bimmerworld sales parts and competes in racing events around the world and employs about 50 people currently.

Deal said the company plans to use the Memorial Drive property for office space, online sales and communication, warehousing, parts assembly and machining, and a shop area where employees will work on and modify the company's race cars.

Bimmerworld plans to use a "dyno machine," slang for dynamometer which is used to measure an engine's torque output.

Deal said the machine would be installed inside the facility to reduce noise from the machine.

Deal said the majority of the operation will be inside the Magic Mart portion of the property

which is about 72,000 square feet. Their current facility in Dublin is about 30,000 square feet.

Deal said the planning commission had voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the permit.

During the public hearing on the request, Bimmerworld founder James Clay addressed council.

Clay told council he appreciates the opportunity to be a part of the town.

"Our business has grown tremendously since we started here in Pulaski County over 20 years ago," Clay said.

He said his company hopes to breathe some new life into the property on Memorial Drive.

Clay said Bimmerworld "leads our world in BMW performance

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Jeffery Reeves was sworn into office Thursday morning during a ceremony at the Pulaski County Administration Building. From left: County Administrator Jonathan Sweet, Chairman Laura Walters, Ingles District; John Travis, Massie; Reeves, Robinson; Joe Guthrie, Cloyd, and Deputy Clerk of Court Julie Gray, who administered the oath of office to Reeves.

Reeves

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a business owner, father and resident to each issue.”

Newly elected board Chairman Laura Walters said the supervisors were really excited to have eight “really good candidates.”

Vice Chairman Dirk Compton agreed the board had eight good candidates to choose from.

He said the selection process had put the supervisors in a difficult position because all eight were strong candidates.

“I like for voters to make these kinds of decisions,” Compton noted. “But we had to make the hard decision and I think we did good at least until November when the voters can decide. I was really pleased by all the candidates.”

Massie Supervisor John Travis said each of the applicants were good candidates.

“Each had their own strengths,” he said. “We do appreciate them for coming forward.”

After the unanimous vote to appoint him, Reeves told the board he appreciated the confidence

they had shown in him.

“I look forward to serving with all of you. I want to let everyone know that I am open to any suggestions and comments. I plan to handle this with an open mind, but with conservative values,” he said.

After the meeting, Reeves told The Patriot that he had run for the position before, in 2003. He was defeated in that bid by Eddie Hale by a 632 to 483 vote.

“Our son came along, and I put [running again] on the back burner,” Reeves said.

“Now that my son’s grown, I think it’s time to start giving back a little bit for what they’ve done for my family and my kids. I hope I can represent everybody with an open mind.

“Our county is conservative and that’s what makes us special. We’re a little bit different and we need to represent ourselves versus the rest of the state,” Reeves said.

State Police: Be weather aware for this weekend

As many are making plans now for what they’ll do over the long weekend, the Virginia State Police is advising everyone to be weather aware and factor in how the pending winter storm can/will impact those travel plans.

As of today, the weather forecasts have all regions of Virginia being affected by varying combinations of precipitation starting late Saturday, Jan. 15, and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 16. This winter storm system is also expected to impact much of the East Coast, especially along the I-95 corridor - for those who may be traveling out of or returning to Virginia over the weekend.

For the latest on this weather system and to help Virginians plan ahead, please visit any one of the following National Weather Service websites:

- <https://weather.gov/> covers the US
- <https://weather.gov/akq> Central and Southeast VA

• <https://weather.gov/lwx> Northern VA and Northern Mountains

• <https://weather.gov/rnk> Western VA

The Virginia State Police is currently preparing for this latest round of winter weather and will have all available troopers on patrol in order to respond as quickly as possible to traffic crashes, emergencies and disabled motorists.

VSP is advising folks to delay/avoid travel during the storm. But, If you must travel, then please take these safety tips into consideration:

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Newly divided Assembly kicks off session

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A newly empowered Republican majority assumed control of the Virginia House of Delegates on Wednesday as the General Assembly opened its 2022 session under divided party control.

Members of the House and Democrat-controlled Senate will be meeting for 60 days to craft a two-year state budget and take up bills covering a range of sometimes-conflicting priorities on issues including education, marijuana policy, public safety and voting rights.

The bipartisan dynamics and the compromise it will require will mark a dramatic shift from the past two years, when Democrats were in full control of state government. Republicans not only flipped the House in November but also won election to all three statewide offices. Bills that pass the General Assembly will head to the desk of incoming GOP Gov. Glenn Youngkin, who will be sworn in Saturday.

“Our agenda for 2022 is a direct response to what we heard from voters on the campaign trail,” Del. Todd Gilbert, the new House speaker, said at a news conference. “Throughout the campaign, voters consistently told us they were worried about their children’s education, inflation was making it harder to take

care of their families, and they wanted to see the safety of their communities improved.”

Senate Democrats, meanwhile, said they were ready to protect gains made by their party over the past two years.

After convening at noon, House members took the oath of office, then elected Gilbert to preside over the chamber. He will take over control of the dais from Democrat Eileen Filler-Corn, who in 2020 became the first woman to serve in the role.

Democrats joined with Republicans in voting for Gilbert, an attorney from the Shenandoah Valley who most recently served as minority leader. He called it his life’s greatest honor and pledged that in the coming years, the chamber would “do the people’s business in the light of day.”

With the traditional courtesies concluded, members quickly pivoted to a partisan back-and-forth over the resolution governing the session’s protocols.

Lawmakers are meeting as both hospitalizations and cases of COVID-19 surge because of the highly contagious omicron variant. Republicans introduced provisions that would allow the chamber to conduct its business electronically if two thirds of the members agree. Democrats sought changes that would re-

quire only a simple majority vote, which Republicans rejected.

The chamber is operating without mask or vaccine mandates, and mask-wearing appeared entirely split along party lines.

One House member, Republican Del. Will Wampler from southwest Virginia, was not in attendance. His absence was not explained.

In the 40-member state Senate, where no seats were up for election last year, members’ desks were separated by plastic dividers, which drew criticism from some GOP members, who called them “cages.” The Senate will permit remote participation by members who are sick or quarantining.

Democrats hold a 21-19 majority in that chamber. Because Republican Winsome Sears was elected lieutenant governor, a role that involves casting tie-breaking votes, the GOP will need to sway only one centrist Democrat — and there are several — to secure a majority on any given bill.

With Sears set to be sworn in Saturday as the first woman and woman of color to serve in the role, outgoing Democratic Gov. Justin Fairfax presided on Wednesday.

While the first day was largely focused on formalities, the House and Senate majorities held dueling morning news conferences

to lay out their priorities, signaling where there could be clashes ahead.

House Republican leaders promised to use their new majority to focus on education, the cost of living and public safety.

Del. Barry Knight, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said Republicans will push for a series of tax cuts to help Virginians deal with rising inflation, including providing a direct tax rebate of \$300 for individuals and \$600 for families, eliminating the 2.5% tax on groceries, and doubling the standard income tax deduction.

“We have a fiscal and moral obligation to help these struggling families when this inflation probably is going to heat up,” Knight said.

Senate Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw threw his support behind a refundable tax credit rather than an across-the-board change to the

standard deduction, saying such a move would return money to “people who don’t need it.”

On education, House leaders promised a push to increase the number of charter schools in Virginia, while Senate Democrats said their top priority would be strengthening the public school system. They also said they planned to advance campaign finance reform and paid family medical leave bills.

Later Wednesday, outgoing Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam was expected to highlight his administration’s work when he delivers his final annual “State of the Commonwealth” address to lawmakers.

Northam was barred like all Virginia governors by state law from seeking a second consecutive term. A pediatric neurologist, he is set to rejoin his medical practice in Norfolk next week.

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Permit

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and automotive. We run a clean shop and we like to have everything to be just perfect when it comes to our facility and the people we bring into it is important as well. I think we can be a fantastic partner and have a lot to offer the town.”

When Clay started the operation in 1997, it began as a supplier of used BMW parts and quickly grew to offer replacement parts, performance parts and race parts for all BMW enthusiasts.

Council voted 5-1 in favor of the permit application with councilman Tyler Clontz abstaining.

In other news:

• Emily Viers, a CPA with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates in Blacksburg reported to

council the town had received a “clean, unmodified opinion” in its most recent audit.

“That’s what you want,” Viers told council.

She reported, too, the town’s reserve balances had grown in the past year to 22 percent.

“Your reserve balances look great, much different from a year ago,” Viers said, noting the challenge now for the town is to maintain that level.

Last year’s audit showed the town’s reserves had dwindled dangerously low, well below the guidelines for a town like Pulaski that call for it to have two months’ worth of expenditures in reserve — about 16 to 17 percent.

During the meeting, Burcham

reviewed many of the accomplishments of the town government’s departments over the past year. She noted that it was through the efforts of all departments that the reserve level had been built back up.

• Council followed the lead of Pulaski County’s Board of Supervisors and also honored Town Manager Darlene Burcham for over 50 years of public service.

• Council’s next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 18.

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RANOLD LEE DAVIS
September 25, 1928 –
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Ranold Lee Davis, age 93, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 10, 2022 with his wife and son by his side. Ranold was a member of the Newbern United Methodist Church and a volunteer fire-fighter for the Newbern Fire Department. He served in the Army 4th Infantry overseas during the Korean War, and retired from the Wilbert Vault company after 50 years of dedication to his work.

Ranold was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great great grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents, Coma and Edna Davis of Bland; his children, Janie Marunich, Melanie Davis, and Joel Davis; and many brothers and sisters.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 71 years, Mildred Davis; brother, Earl Davis; children, Rodney (Ann) Davis, Steve Davis, Sheldon Davis, and Justin Davis; grandchildren, Coltraine Marunich, Lewis Marunich, Misty Carter, Felix Davis, Heather Davis, Blake Davis, Noah Davis, Joel Davis, Jr., and Juania Davis; 10 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; and numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Davis family would like to thank Medi Home Health and Hospice for all of their help and kindness during this time of need.

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

BONELENE "BONNIE" KEITH WEDDLE

Bonelene "Bonnie" Keith Weddle, born June 30, 1936, went to be with the Lord on January 9, 2022.

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

SHIRLEY JEAN PURDY CRABB

Shirley Jean Purdy Crabb, 74, of Pulaski, passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

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



JUDITH LEE PARKS

Judith Lee Parks, age 82 of Wytheville, died Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Rural Retreat Care Center. She was born on November 9, 1939 in Pulaski County, and was the daughter of the late Ethel Currie Tickle Parks and the late William Sanford Parks, Jr.

Judith was a teacher to children in several high schools.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Glen Franklin Eller. She is survived by her daughter: Cynthia Lou Greene and her husband Terry of Rural Retreat: two brothers; William "David" Parks of Pulaski, and James Michael Parks and his wife Connie of Rural Retreat: a sister; Nancy Imogene Mabry of Wytheville: two grandchildren; Christopher Murphy and his wife Angie of Florida, and Terri Lee Greene and her husband Alex of Maryland:

Great Grandchildren: Christian Murphy and Adrian Murphy. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private and burial will be in Thornsprong Cemetery.

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



TAMMY ELIZABETH SHINAULT

Tammy Elizabeth Shinault, age 59 of Dublin, Virginia passed away January 3, 2022.

She was the daughter of Nancy Guinn and the late Howard Shinault of Pulaski, Virginia.

She is survived by her son, Jay Duncan and wife Sarah; grandson, Caleb Spencer; brother, Doug Shinault and sister, Michele Duncan.

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PATSY MEREDITH MARSHALL

Patsy Meredith Marshall, 75 of Pulaski went to be with the Lord on January 9th, 2022, at Princeton Community Hospital in West Virginia. She was born in Pembroke, VA on May 10th, 1946. Patsy was the daughter of Chapman and Glenna Meredith. She was the youngest of 10 siblings. She preceded in death by six brothers, Chapman Jr, Earl, Lester, Marvin ("Bad eye"), George and Eugene Meredith. Along with three sisters, Peggy, Dorothy, and Margaret.

A spitfire of a woman, Patsy left a memorable impression with those that has the pleasure to have known and met her along the way. She was a member of Newbern Church of God and served the lord for many years. She will be greatly missed by many members of family, friends, and acquaintances.

Patsy leaves to cherish the memory with two daughters, Lynn Trail (Pulaski) and Cindy Bailey/ Brian Wright (Kimball, West Virginia. Three Granddaughters, Amber Marshall (Pulaski) Alexis Bailey (Kingsport, TN) and Alyson Warden/ Garet Warden (Wytheville). One Grandson, Dylan Marshall (Pulaski) and three Great Grandchildren Sonny, Thomas, and Adalynn Nester. Special Friends Bill and Carol Stewart & Phyllis New. Along with several Nieces and Nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski with Clayton and Shirley Quesenberry officiating. Burial followed at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

The family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Services. Online condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

LINDA VIRGINIA LAFON CRANE

Linda Virginia Lafon Crane, 74, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, January 1, 2022.

The Crane family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

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WILLIAM TRAVIS CREGGER

William Travis Cregger, age 46 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital - Pulaski. Born February 6, 1975 in Pulaski he was the son of Dorothy Ann Lawson Cregger and the late William Joseph Cregger. He was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Richard & Eula Lawson and paternal grandparents, Bill & Ruby Cregger.

Travis was a 1993 graduate of Pulaski County High School and was a devoted father, husband and son.

He is survived by his Wife - Patricia Lynn Goad Cregger - Pulaski

Children - Courtney Cregger and William "Caleb" Cregger - Pulaski

Mother - Dorothy Ann Lawson Cregger - Draper

Aunt - Marie Cregger - Draper

Many other aunts, uncles and extended family and friends

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Monday, January 17, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Oglesby Cemetery (Draper).

The family will receive friends between 2:00-5:00 PM - Sunday, January 16, 2022 at the Funeral Home. To sign Travis's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

BRENDA LEE FREEZE SCHNELL

Brenda Lee Freeze Schnell, age 82 of Pulaski passed away early Thursday morning January 6, 2022 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin. Born January 4, 1940 in Iredell County, North Carolina she was the daughter of the late Seth Leonard Freeze & Pauline Myers Freeze. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Donald "Don" Elmer Schnell, MD.

She is survived by her

Daughters - Lee Anne Stimpson - Lewisville, NC, Kristen (Jason) Powell - Statesville, NC

Grandchildren - Joseph Stimpson, Jacob Powell, Janna Powell and Jessica Powell

Sister - Nelda (Dan) Krider - WV

Brother - John W. (Evelyn) Freeze - Asheboro, NC

Special Nieces - Melissa & Michelle Krider

Nephew - Will Freeze

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EVA SUE RATCLIFFE "SUSIE" PEAK

Eva Sue Ratcliffe "Susie" Peak, age 77 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the NRV Medical Center. Born January 27, 1944 in Draper, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Sanders Edgar Ratcliffe & Carrie Dalton McCraw. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Kerney Lee Peak; son, Sanders Gray Rigney, sisters, Louise Burton, Virginia Collins, Dreama Hancock and brothers, Ray Kevin Ratcliffe, Toby Andrew Ratcliffe, Sanders Preston Ratcliffe, Tommy Eugene Ratcliffe, Roger Dale Ratcliffe and William Edgar Ratcliffe and a great grandson, Lucas Woodyard.

She is survived by her Children - William Cecil (Teresa) Rigney, Jr. - Draper, Lorrie (Jamie) Williams - Pulaski

Grandchildren - Amber (Brandon) Quinn, William Cecil (Karyl) Rigney III, Amanda Woodyard, Jessica Williams, Dominic Williams

Great Grandchildren - Orion, Koltin, Holland, Emily, Eli and Jaxon

Sisters - Eula Roberta (Andrew) Dean - Austinville, Mary Ellen Morris - Pulaski, Elizabeth Ann (Danny) Akers - Pulaski

Brother - John Franklin Ratcliffe - Pulaski

The family will be having private services at a later date. Entombment will be at the Highland Memory Gardens - Mausoleum, Dublin.

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

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

ALFRED SIDNEY MCGEE

Alfred Sidney McGee, 90, joined his wife Peggy in their heavenly home on Monday, January 10, 2022 at his home in Fairlawn surrounded by his loving family.

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

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Brenda was a master gardener, working with the gardens at Virginia Tech. She was a volunteer for the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski for over 30 years and did volunteer work with local hospices. The family would like to extend a special thanks to her neighbors, Trisha & Eric Golliher and Ilene Compton.

Brenda will be interred at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia. The family will gather at a later time to celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to Highland Ridge Activity Fund or Intrepid Hospice.

NEVA MOLES EVERSOLE

Neva Moles Eversole, 90, of Pulaski, passed away Saturday, January 8th, at Lewis Gale Hospital in Pulaski. Neva was the daughter of the late Bethlehem and Lucy Moles. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband, Major Charles Eversole, USMC retired. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Marvin Moles Sr., Mae Moles Page, Lora Moles Linkous, Harris Moles, Nelcie Moles Compton, Iva Moles Gardner, and Lois Moles Edmonds.

Neva is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Clyde Moles (Marsha); sisters, Frances Moles Worrell, Shasta Sue Moles, and Esther Beth Moles (Dennis Keller); her special niece Diane Lynch (Mark), her goddaughter Heather Torrence (Brady) and god-great granddaughters - Elli and Winter Torrence. She also leaves behind many wonderful nephews and nieces that she loved.

There was a private family gathering at Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, followed by a graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski. Pallbearers were Dennis Keller, Marvin Moles, Jr., Gene Moles, Mark Lynch, Jamie Moles, and Neal Compton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations to Semper Fi & America's Fund, 825 College Blvd, Suite 102; Oceanside, CA 92057 or Tunnel to Towers; 2361 Hylan Blvd; Staten Island, NY 10306 or your favorite military charity.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

PAUL CALVIN SAYERS

Paul Calvin Sayers, age 61 of Pulaski, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



RUTHANN RAYMOND MERRITT

Ruthann Raymond Merritt, age 85 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Heritage Hall, Blacksburg.

Born June 16, 1936 in Fredonia, New York, she was daughter of the late Howard Raymond and Marion Henderson Raymond. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca Merritt.

She is survived by Her husband, Robert Nelson Merritt-Pulaski

Son- Jonathan Raymond & Misty—Orlando, Florida

Per her request, there will be no services at this time.

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

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



SHIRLEY GRAY STOUT

Shirley Gray Stout, age 81 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born January 20, 1940 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Grayson Andrew Gray & Dorothy Mitchell Gray. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Harold Stout; son, Timothy "Tim" Stout and brother, Elgene Gray.

Shirley was a life-long member of the Pulaski Church of God and worked in the Pulaski County School System over 30 years.

She is survived by her Daughter & Son-in-law - Laina (Darrell) Mitchell - Pulaski

Daughter-in-law - Charlene Stout - Mobile, AL

Grandchildren - Andrew (Randi) Stout, Anna Stout, Travis (Rena) Mitchell, Trevor (Jacely) Mitchell

Great Grandchildren - Ariana Mitchell Braelyn Mitchell, Camree Mitchell, Addy Mitchell, Garrett Kilburn, Gray Stout, Kayson Wojcik

Nephew - Jeff Stout

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Pulaski Church of God with Pastor Donald Jones officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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



SHARON YVONNE CAVINESS KEMP

Sharon Yvonne Caviness Kemp, age 59 went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ at 7:47 AM - Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital in Salem. Born February 21, 1962 in Carroll County she was the daughter of the late Alvin & Myrtle Mabry Caviness. She was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Archie Wayne Caviness, James Edward Caviness, her special aunt, Mattie Bell Coble and nephew, Timmy Quesenberry.

She is survived by her Husband - Timothy "Tim" Kemp - Radford

Sister - Wanda Lang - Christiansburg

Nephews - Rodney Quesenberry, Christopher (Ruth) Quesenberry, Lewis (Leah) Quesenberry - all of Christiansburg

Great Nieces - Brittany Burton, Maleah Quesenberry, Ashley Lucas, Abbe Quesenberry, Emily Quesenberry, AnnMarie Quesenberry, Meagan Quesenberry

Great Nephews - Travis Quesenberry, Josh Quesenberry, Nathan Quesenberry, Eli Quesenberry

Stepson - Jonathan Kemp

Brother-in-law - Joe Kemp

Sister-in-law - Glenna Young

Several Cousins

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM - Saturday, January 15, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Eddie Dalton officiating. Interment will follow at the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery, Draper.

The family will receive friends between 5:00-7:00 PM - Friday evening at the Funeral Home.

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

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



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The Pulaski County 4-H Livestock Club continues to sell peanuts from the Virginia Peanut Company as a fundraiser. Many flavors to choose from - Garlic, Jalapeno, BBQ, Old Chesapeake Bay, Salted, Sea Salt, Butter Toffee, Peanut Brittle and the all-time favorite, CHOCOLATE! Support your local 4-H'er and get yours today! Available while supplies last.

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Inauguration of Virginia's New Governor

Seventy-three governors have served the Commonwealth of Virginia since 1776. On January 15, 2022, that number will rise to 74 with the inauguration of Glenn Youngkin.

According to Virginia's Constitution, the governor takes office along with the lieutenant governor and attorney general on the Saturday after the second Wednesday in January following the election. The events of the inauguration have developed with



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

the office, but many of its rituals have been in place for decades now.

A Library of Virginia exhibit describes how

some of the familiar customs of gubernatorial inaugurations came to be. Since 1902, they have taken place during a joint session of the General Assembly. Since 1914, they have occurred outdoors. The outgoing governor accompanies the governor-elect to the House of Delegates chamber in the state Capitol, and the General Assembly moves outside to witness the oath of office and inaugural address. A parade, featuring representatives from all over the Commonwealth, and a reception follows. The modern inaugural gala dates to Linwood Holton's inauguration, when he became the first Republican Governor since Reconstruction.

As a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, I was privileged to be part of these events beginning with George Allen's inauguration in 1994, when the temperature was 20 degrees and the windchill reported anywhere from five degrees to nine degree below zero. Many on the back of the platform slipped away from the ceremony to warm up in the Capitol, including myself.

Later, as the Majority Leader of the House of Delegates, I assumed the traditional role of announcing guests on the platform. I first performed this task at the inauguration of Mark Warner.

The inauguration of Tim Kaine in 2006 was especially memorable because it took place in Williamsburg; the state Capitol was undergoing renovations at the time. Holding the event in such a historic place reminded all of us attending of Virginia's long and distinguished past.

The gubernatorial inauguration of 2010 was back in Richmond, but it held particular meaning for me as Bob McDonnell, my friend and former House of Delegates colleague, took the oath of office.

Some of the names of past governors belong not just to the Commonwealth but to the country. Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson hold honored places in American history, and their stories included service as governor of Virginia.

Three governors went on to serve as presidents of the United States. In addition to Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler held office as chief executive of both our state and country. Tyler was following a family tradition: his father had held the office, too. That was a distinction he held with the man with whom he shared the presidential ticket in 1840, William Henry Harrison. Although Harrison made his name as a soldier in the present-day Midwest, his father Benjamin Harrison V had served as Virginia's governor.

In some ways, the office they held differs greatly from that of today. I recall a State of the Commonwealth address when I was in the House of Delegates delivered by then-Governor Warner. He supported an end to the single consecutive term limit imposed by the Virginia Constitution on governors and noted that Patrick Henry had not been subject to such a rule. After the speech, I jokingly noted to him as an aside that I would be happy to give modern governors what Patrick Henry had. Henry was indeed not subject to a one term limit, but he was elected by the General Assembly to single year terms only.

Although the office has changed, inaugurations remain times to celebrate in our Commonwealth. They are not just about one man or one party. They are about the institutions of representative government that serve Virginia.

I look forward to attending this year's ceremony and witnessing Governor-elect Youngkin, Lieutenant Governor-elect Winsome Sears, and Attorney General-elect Jason Miyares take their oaths of office. I congratulate them and wish them the best of luck as they assume these positions of great trust given them by the people of Virginia.

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.

Thomas Jefferson and the Barbary Pirates

Not many people are familiar with President Thomas Jefferson's crisis with the Barbary Pirates and the Treaty of Peace, or with the Barbary War.

For centuries, Barbary Pirates had been attacking and plundering merchant ships of nations mostly navigating in the Mediterranean Sea. The Barbary Pirates/Privateers were from little Muslim pirate kingdoms who operated from North Africa, Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli. Sometimes they were referred to as Barbary corsairs or Ottoman corsairs.

In 1785, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were dispatched to France to meet with Tripoli's ambassador Abdrahaman and determine why Muslim Barbary Pirates were attacking and capturing American ships, and enslaving American sailors.

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

To prepare for the meeting and gather background information, Thomas Jefferson had acquired a translation of the Qur'an. He hoped to discover why Muslim pirates made unprovoked attacks and enslaved non-Muslims.

After studying this information, Jefferson had written a friend: "Of all the systems of morality, ancient or modern, which have come under my

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Schumer's Jan. 6 Cynicism

On Jan. 6, 2021, rioters seeking to disrupt the counting of electoral votes breached the U.S. Capitol and rampaged for hours before order was restored.

This was a disgraceful spectacle that shouldn't be repeated, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer knows just what is needed to respond to the moment -- passing every progressive priority that can possibly be jammed through the Senate on an extremely narrow, partisan vote.

The defense of our democracy, Schumer maintains, demands nothing less.

The latest pitch for the Democratic agenda is more cynical and detached from reality than ever. We are to believe that the only way to counteract the furies unleashed on Jan. 6 is by imposing same-day voter registration and no-exit mail voting on the states, ending partisan gerrymandering, and requiring the counting of ballots that arrive up to seven days after Election Day, among other provisions completely irrelevant to events that day or afterward.

If you're thinking that Democrats supported all of this on Jan. 5 of last year and still supported it on Jan. 7, you're correct.

Their agenda has as much to do with Jan. 6 as an annual appropriations bill or the naming of a post office.

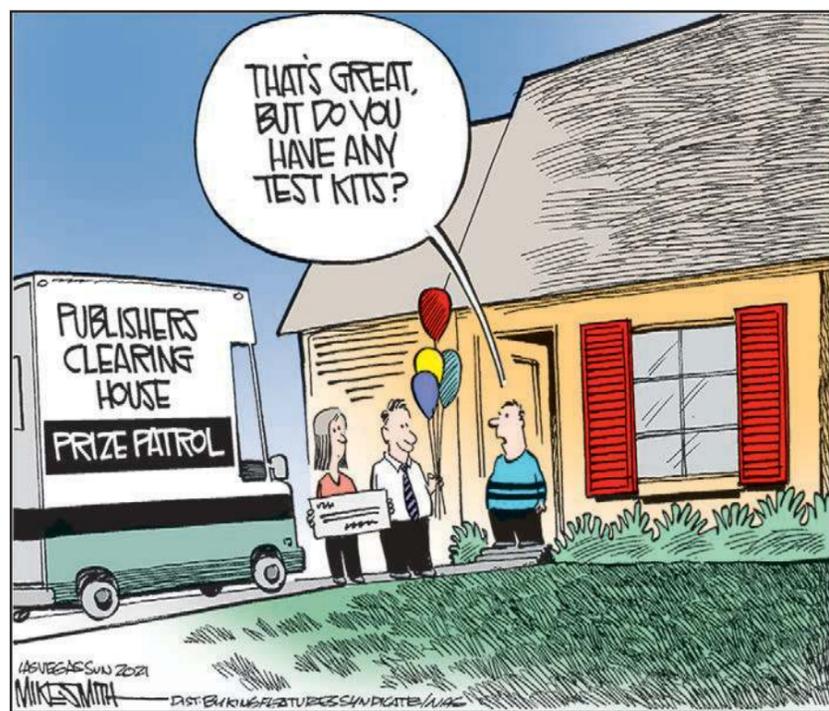
The Democratic drive to nationalize our elections has always been a sweeping radical step in search of an alleged crisis to address. When a version was first introduced a few years ago, it was sold as addressing "the vile voter suppression practices" of the GOP, in the words of The New York Times. The big lie of the time was that the Georgia gubernatorial campaign of Stacey Abrams in 2018 was undone by such practices. Now, the justification is the Capitol riot and subsequent GOP state-level voting changes that have been portrayed, falsely, as the return of Jim Crow.

In reality, voting has never been easier and voters have never had so many options for how to participate in elections, whether early in-person voting, traditional same-day voting, or mail-in voting. There are partisan disputes about how to strike a balance between convenience and security, but there is no reason that these differences can't be debated at the state level, with the balance struck differently depending on the policy preferences of elected officials in each state.

Measures to drop boxes or limits on tighten up the identification requirements around mail-in ballots aren't suppressing the vote.

The true weakness of the system that was highlighted last year on Jan. 6 is the poorly drafted Electoral Count Act. It should be revised to make it explicit that the vice president can't decide which electoral votes to count and that states can't discard the popular vote if the outcome isn't to their liking. Even though changes along these lines might get bi-partisan

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New York No Longer A 'Fun City'

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is one who keeps the Law." (Proverbs 29:18)

That didn't last long. The optimism surrounding New York City's new mayor, Eric Adams, seems to be quickly eroding due to several self-inflicted political wounds.

Adams has endorsed a new policy that allows 800,000 non-citizensto vote in municipal elections. Republicans have filed a lawsuit contending the law violates the state constitution. It would also set a bad precedent. Trust in election outcomes is already being eroded and this law will continue the trend if it is upheld.

Mayor Adams also named his brother as Deputy NYPD commissioner. He says his brother will help protect him from "the increase in white supremacy" in the city. Excuse me? Whites are a minority in New York. In addition to the mayor and his brother being Black, so, too, is the new police commissioner, Keechant Sewell, who is also female. The new district attorney for Manhattan, Alvin Bragg, is Black. More about him in a moment.

Then there is the city council. Last fall, those running included, according to Gothamist.com, "the first Muslim woman, the first South Asian members, the first openly gay Black woman, seven foreign-born New Yorkers, and more women and people of color poised to be elected than ever before. ... The next New York City Council is on track to be the most diverse and the most left-leaning in the city's history." It is. The new council chair is also a Black woman.

From such a profile one looks in vain to locate a "white supremacist" among them.

Alvin Bragg touched off a firestorm of criticism when he announced a "stay out of jail" free card for people who commit certain criminal acts. Business leaders are meeting with him hoping to change his mind. They have a good case to make as crime in the city is rising quickly and adding to the fears and restrictions associated

with the pandemic, which has hurt many businesses. Tourists are less likely to come to New York if they believe it is unsafe.

One recent crime has helped focus attention on the consequences of lax law enforcement. A 19-year-old cashier at a Burger King in East Harlem was shot to death after giving the robber \$100 from her cash drawer. News reports say the young woman, Kristal Bayron-Nieves, had told her mother she didn't feel safe working there because she didn't fear "the 50 homeless people outside." Her mother urged her to go to work anyway and now, reports The Daily Mail, is understandably "racked with guilt."

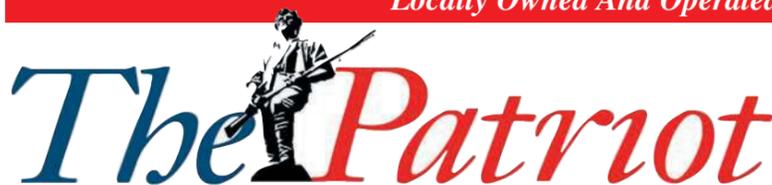
Mayor Adams responded to the murder by invoking the familiar progressive line about the need to end "gun violence." The cavalier attitude toward crime and the message sent to criminals in New York and other cities where progressives are in charge is that they can get away with things that once resulted in their arrest, prosecution and incarceration.

It should not go unreported - but mostly is by the media - that billionaire George Soros has contributed millions to the campaigns of progressive district attorneys across the country. Such outside money, even when funneled through nonprofits in America, should be illegal, but money to politicians is like blood to Dracula and it will take massive public outrage to prohibit it.

First impressions are critical for someone who is new to office (consider President Biden's unexpected progressive policies resulting in a rapid decline in his approval numbers). The first impressions made by Mayor Adams are not good. New York was once known as "Fun City." It is rapidly becoming gloomy and as it was in the 1970s, an increasingly dangerous place to visit and live.

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

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NRVHBA Donates to CTE Program

Community involvement and support is a key part of ensuring student success, especially when it comes to success after graduation as those students move into the workforce. One group recently made a donation to help the Pulaski County High School Career and Technical Education Center (CTE) achieve several goals and better prepare several students for life after high school. New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) recently presented a donation to the CTE Program for \$2,500 to support two class projects. One project involves drywall installation, and another is the construction of a pergola, a covered outdoor garden structure that creates a shaded walkway, on the PCHS campus.



Seen here are community business leaders with members of the PCHS CTE Program during the check presentation. They are (from left) Kelsey Grow of NRVHBA, Jeff Nosenzo of Brown Insurance, Ian Friend of SAS Builders, Stephanie Bell of Gay and Neel, PCHS Building Management Instructor Buddy Ratcliff, PCHS Technology Education Instructor Christian Miller, and CTE Director Megan Atkinson.

Cox named to AFRA Board

We are pleased to welcome Barry Cox to the National Board of Directors of the Armed Forces Retirees Association (AFRA) www.armedforces.org, a non-profit 501c (19) Veterans Service Organization. In his capacity as Director, Barry will serve as a voting member of the National AFRA Board of Directors and assist the President in the performance of his duties. Additional duties as a National Director include approval of AFRA chapters, amendments to the AFRA bylaws at annual meetings, and primary control and general management of the affairs and business of AFRA. It is our pleasure to congratulate and welcome Barry.

Barry retired from the U.S. Navy, he is the Coordinator of Industry Training at New River Community College with Work Force Development. He volunteers with the Department of Defense Virginia ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) as the Military Outreach Representative. As a Veterans Service Officer, he is actively involved with the VFW, DAV, and American Legion. Barry is a concerned advocate for protecting the earned benefits of Military retirees, surviving spouses, Veterans and the medically separated through targeted advocacy in Washington, DC and elsewhere.

Submitted by John Monahan, President
Armed Forces Retirees Association



Barry Cox

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support, Schumer is pushing to eliminate the filibuster to pass the progressive wish list of electoral non-sequiturs (although a few provisions, like prohibiting the intimidation of election officials, have been added to the Democratic package to address the 2020 post-election fight).

To wrap this push in the bloody shirt of Jan. 6 is opportunistic and irresponsible and can only serve to convince even more Republicans that the outrage over that day is in the service of a nakedly partisan agenda.

Schumer has an uphill climb to convince relatively moderate Democrats Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema to go along with kneecapping the filibuster. If the New York senator were to succeed, he would have blown a hole in the traditional practices of the Senate and set the precedent for Republicans -- should

they achieve unified control of Washington in 2024 -- to impose all their own favored electoral policies on the states.

This yin and yang wouldn't do anything to restore faith in democracy, rather the opposite. But Chuck Schumer is on a mission to achieve, and to use, the power to rewrite the country's electoral rules -- justifications and consequences be damned.

Rich Lowery is editor of the National Review.

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observation, none appear to me so pure as that of Jesus."

During the meeting, Jefferson asked the Tripoli ambassador what the new nation of the United States had done to offend or provoke the Muslim Barbary States? The country had been founded only 10-years prior, and Jefferson couldn't understand why American ships were being attacked and its sailors sold into slavery.

Later, Jefferson wrote to John Jay, the U.S. Secretary of Foreign Affairs, reporting: "The Tripoli ambassador answered us that it was founded on the laws of the Prophet, it was written in their Qur'an, that all nations which had not acknowledged the Prophet were sinners, whom it was the right and duty of the faithful to plunder and enslave; and that every mussulman who was slain in this warfare was sure to go to paradise."

Jefferson further noted: "He (the Tripoli ambassador) said that the man who was the first to board a vessel had one slave over and above his share, and that when they sprang to the deck of an enemy's ship, every sailor held a dagger in each hand and a third in his mouth; which usually struck such terror into the foe that they cried out for quarter (mercy) at once."

Congress directed Jefferson and Adams to borrow \$80,000 from Dutch bankers to make the extortion tribute payment. Jefferson wrote: "If Congress decide to redeem our captives

... it is of great importance that the first redemption be made at as low a price as possible, because it will form the future tariff. If these pirates find that they can have a very great price for Americans, they will abandon proportionally their pursuits against other nations to direct them towards ours."

While John Adams was President, "A Treaty of peace and friendship between the United States of America and the Bey and subjects of Tripoli, Barbary" was presented to the Jussuf Bashaw Bey on November 4, 1796 in Tripoli. It was ratified by Congress on June 10, 1797.

Here is a list of the tribute the United States paid to the Barbary Pirates:

- forty thousand Spanish dollars
- thirteen watches of gold, silver & pinsbach,
- five rings, of which three of diamonds, one of saphire and one with a watch in it,

One hundred & forty piques of cloth, and four caftans of brocade,

-and these on account of the peace concluded with the Americans.

Additionally, here is a list of tribute given at the signing of the Peace Agreement with the understanding that no farther demand of tributes, presents or payments shall ever be made:

- twelve thousand Spanish dollars
- five hawsers-8 Inch

- three cables-10 Inch
- twenty five barrels tar
- five hundred pine boards
- ten masts (without any measure mentioned, suppose for vessels from 2 to 300 ton)
- twelve yards
- fifty bolts canvas
- four anchors

Unfortunately, that agreement didn't stop the demand for tribute. Fast forward to 1801, when Thomas Jefferson was President. He refused to pay tribute to the Barbary Pirates because paying off the pirates only led to more demands. Tripoli demanded a payment of \$225,000 in addition to the annual payments of \$25,000. When Jefferson refused to pay, Tripoli declared war on America.

This war is memorialized in the Marines' Hymn of the United States Marine Corps, which is the oldest official song in the United States military. The line "To the shores of Tripoli" refers to the First Barbary War, and specifically the Battle of Derne in 1805. After Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon and his Marines hoisted the American flag over the Old World for the first time, the phrase was added to the battle colors of the Corps.



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PCPS offering free COVID testing for students, staff

By DAVID GRAVELY
Pulaski County Public Schools

With positive COVID-19 test results unfortunately rising throughout the NRV, country and world again, Pulaski County Public Schools are working hard to protect students and keep them in the classroom.

A program has begun which offers free and voluntary weekly testing for students, staff, and school system administration. The program, which is a partnership with the Virginia Department of Health and Primary Health, goes to a different school each day to offer the testing.

The goal of the testing is to help identify COVID-19 cases

earlier, which can help prevent or stop an outbreak before it happens. Knowing sooner that someone is positive will allow them to stay away from others and prevent spreading the virus.

The program is offered to all students, staff, and school system employees, regardless of vaccination status. The testing is offered at no cost and no insurance information is required. The testing is completed at the school during the school day in a private location at each school.

Testing is conducted each Monday at Critzer Elementary at 10 a.m. and Dublin Elementary at 1 p.m. Tuesdays the testing is conducted at Pulaski County Middle School at 8 a.m., Pulaski Elementary

School at 10:30 a.m., and finally Pulaski County High School at 1 p.m. Wednesday the tests are conducted at Riverlawn Elementary School at 8 a.m. and then Snowville Elementary School at 10 a.m.

Results are sent directly to the parents and the school by email and usually are available 24-48 hours after the test is complete. If a test comes back with a positive result, the school will also contact the student's parent or guardian.

The test kits used are not the type that go further into the nasal cavity. Students can self-swab as they are monitored by testing personnel. The tests are not painful and do not cause discomfort and normally takes less than five minutes to complete.

To sign your student up for testing, parents or guardians should visit <https://my.primary.health./1/pulaski-county-public-schools>. This link is specific for Pulaski County Public School students and staff. After registration, stu-

dents are NOT required to test each week, but they can. Parents may also stop testing their students at any time after signing up.

Richard Thomas is the Testing Division Coordinator for the program. He can be contacted by email at rthomas@pcva.us. Parents or guardians can also contact Mary Hall at mhall@pcva.us or by calling 540-643-0531 if they have questions or concerns.

"We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work

together to contain the spread of this virus," Thomas said. "We are excited to offer this program to help identify people who are COVID-19 positive earlier and protect our students, staff, family members and others. Those who have already signed up for the program are pleased with the speed and efficiency of the testing, as well as the peace of mind it offers them. We want to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep Pulaski County students in the classroom and safe through this pandemic."

Make a long-lasting lifestyle change this New Year

Andrea Haubner,
FCS Extension Agent in Lee and Scott Counties

It's that time of year again... now that we've come out of the holiday season and the ball has dropped, soon everyone will begin to start those New Year's resolutions. According to the National Institutes on Health, some of the most popular New Year's resolutions include: losing weight, getting more physical activity, and eating more nutritious foods. Instead of focusing on popular fad diets in the short-term, consider these tips to make a long-lasting lifestyle change:

- Set small goals to achieve a larger goal: Rather than setting a resolution to lose 20 pounds, make your goal to lose two pounds per month.

- Set specific goals: In order to lose two pounds per month, I will add a vegetable a day and walk for 30 minutes three days a week.

- Follow the MyPlate eating method: Incorporate vegetables, fruit, protein, dairy, and grains at every meal. If you are not able to eat all the food groups at each meal, supplement with snacks!

- Add more, not less: Instead of cutting MyPlate food groups from your daily eating habits, think about adding foods with higher nutritive quality. For examples, if you plan on eating pasta for dinner, consider adding vegetables like spinach or peppers along with a protein like chicken or beans.

- Make it fun: Set goals related to eating and physical activity that you enjoy. You are more likely to stick to your resolution if it is something you enjoy!

- Write it down: The National Weight Control Registry gathers information about individuals who lose weight and are able to keep it off for a year or more. According to their studies, those individuals who successfully kept weight off typically tracked their progress.

- Be patient: Long-lasting change takes time!

Remember, you can make changes at any point during the year. The most important thing is that you are ready and committed to make a change. Set realistic goals and make an action plan. Make this New Year a happy and healthy one.

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Tori Vest (10) shoots a layup over a Cave Spring defender.



Paige Huff (4) scores during the first half. Huff had 15 points.



Jaden Lawson (5) makes one of her 5 three pointers against Cave Spring. (Photos by Brian Bishop/The Patriot)

Varsity girls win, boys lose against Cave Spring

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's two varsity basketball programs went 1-1 earlier this week in contests with old rival Cave Spring.

On the plus side of ledger, the Lady Cougars flat wore out the visiting Knights, 84-37.

Scott Ratcliff's charges jumped out in front early and didn't let up until the fourth

quarter.

The Lady Cougars led 29-8 after one, 56-19 at the half and 79-28 after the third quarter on their way to the rout.

Pulaski County did much of its damage from beyond the arc, with Jaden Lawson dropping in five three-pointers on the night leading to her game-high 21 points.

Other scoring for the Lady

Cougars was Paige Huff with 15, Kesyln Secrist with 14, Ally Fleenor with 11, Erin Russell and Hannah Keefer each added eight and Tori Vest chipped in 7.

The Lady Cougars (7-3, 4-0) are scheduled to travel to Salem Friday night before hitting the road again on Saturday to Rockbridge High School where they will square off against

Spottswood.

The news wasn't as good for the varsity boys, who fell hard to Cave Spring, 74-44.

Only eight Cougars were able to suit up for the game and the team was without head coach Tyler Cannoy who couldn't make the trip.

The Knights started fast and outscored Pulaski County 22-8 in the first quarter and never

looked back.

Pulaski County (7-4, 2-2) was led in scoring by JJ Gulley and Kyle O'Neal with 12 each, Peyton McDaniel and Khalib Horton each had 8, and Josh Bourne added 4.

Friday night, the Cougars host Salem, while Radford comes to the Cougar Den on Saturday.



Challengers in the Pulaski Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot 2021 Pulaski County Central Gym (School Champion and School Name) Ade Jackson, Dublin; Nathan Cox, Snowville; Aiden Nixon, Dublin; Rori Harris, Snowville; Cameron Johnson, Critzer; Anna Williams, Dublin; Amelia Bausch, Critzer; Isebelly Lytton, John Dalton Intermediate; Zoey McMillian, Critzer; Kaylin Keiper, Dublin. The Pulaski County and City of Radford School Hoop Shoot Champs for 2022.

School champions named in Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot

December 18, 2021 the zing of balls being dribbled and the swoosh of nets was a constant sound, from the Pulaski County's Central Gym. The Belenoki and Protective Order of Elks opened the invitations to Hoop Shoot in September. This is the 50th year of this national competition.

Radford City Schools and all Pulas-

ki County Schools were contacted in September and invited to send a school representative in boys and girls in 3 age brackets 8 to 13 to compete. Pulaski County primary schools answered the call with students from Critzer, Snowville, Dublin, with their school champs in ages 8 to 9 and 10 to 11. In the 12 to 13 age group only John Dal-

ton Intermediate accepted the invite.

The students competed in their own school for the top shooter and title of school champion. On the 18th of December these school champs competed against the other school champs for the Lodge Hoop Shoot Champion title, as well as an invitation to the

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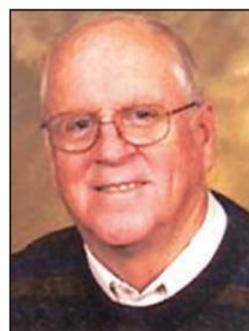
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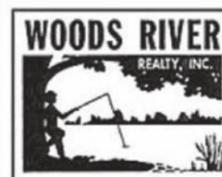


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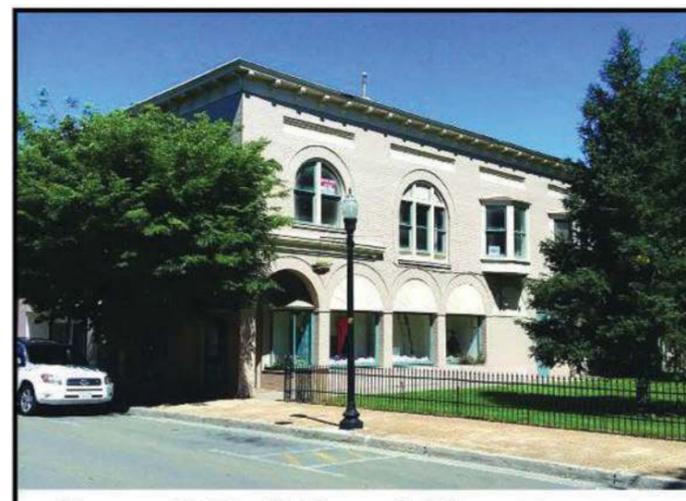
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A friend recently emailed me a video on an area on the Blue Ridge Parkway. I hope to visit the area this Spring with Linda, my wife, and take him along. It was called the Castle Rock community and is off the Parkway as you travel from Floyd toward Roanoke and is the Gorge drainage area which the Castle Rock Creek goes through. It tells of the people and their lifestyle. You can get it online as I am hesitant to give the 50-character address because one can easily make a miscue.

It tells of the people who settled there and eked out a living and were close to being on the verge of starvation by the year of the Great Depression in 1933. Two contributing factors contributed to this; most notably the death of the American Chestnut tree that people of the mountains could sell by the wagon load, raise their hogs that ran free in the forest and the woods was a great building material for their cabins fences etc. The other, Prohibition, was in effect from 1920 to 1933 but didn't keep these people from raising their own corn and selling moonshine liquor at a decent profit from their stills in the mountains and many hollows with an abundance of water. The Government got into the whiskey business with licensed distilleries and imposed taxes. This tightened the screws on all moonshiners and bootleggers. G-men went after these people with a vengeance destroying stills and arresting them imposing fines and possible jail.

The year of 1933 brought the New Deal of the FDR administration with work programs such as the WPA and the CCC Corp enacted. It was a godsend for the Castle Rock people furnishing jobs for the people of the area, but



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also the demise of their way of life as the Blue Ridge Parkway project began soon after this and their homes and land was purchased with most houses and buildings torn down or left to deteriorate. Little of Castle Rock area was left with but a few standing old rock chimneys.

An area such as Castle Rock was on the South side of Big Walker Mtn about a mile west of where I was raised on Little Creek. There were a couple of old cabins and a few free-standing chimneys that stood near the top of the Mtn in the seventies where I often hunted and killed a few deer and turkeys over the years. The area was all grown back from the days of the hillside farms that were once there and evidenced by rock piles from cleared originally in the eighteen-hundreds into the early nineteen-hundreds. I often wondered as I traversed through these old home sites how they made a living and from talking with some old-timers that were alive back then, learned some of the details on their life styles. They too, as the Castle Rock folks, raised a few crops and vegetable gardens; made a few jugs of white lightning from corn raised with aide of a mule or a team of oxen and had an abundance of chestnut trees for their use and to sell and also helped fatten their hogs running free on the mountain side.

They were able to raise apples, cherries and peaches (which thrived better at higher elevations being less susceptible to frost) for their own use and to sell. I was told the surnames of these people were the Chenault's, Harrell's and Morris's. A member from two of these families reportedly went North during the Civil War and joined the Federal Army. One (name withheld) led General Crook's troops from WVA into Virginia through the "Gaps" that led to the battle of Cloyd's Mtn. He was not well thought of after the War returning home and drawing a much more generous pension in later years than the Southern men were able to obtain.

These people of these predominately named families were driven off the Big Walker Mtn for about the same reasons as those of Castle Rock, but they did not have a Project such as the Parkway to give them a paying job; some even took coal mining jobs in neighboring jobs in WVA. They were of a generation that were not afraid to work. I had to do a lot of hard manually labor growing in the years of my youth because my parents required it of me. I felt a lot like Abe Lincoln said, "My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it."

It behooves me as I see depicted in the news of those who will not work with many jobs available, but would rather stay at home drawing unemployment or depend on government programs. Paul admonished them in II Thessalonians 3:10b KJV, "This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." People should work if physically able for their own livelihood and more Christians should be proclaiming the gospel, Luke 10: 2a KJV, "The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few."

Until next time

River Turtles announce ticket prices for 2022

From the Pulaski River Turtles

Calfee Park and the Pulaski River Turtles have announced season ticket prices and individual game night ticket prices for the 2022 season.

The 2022 ticket pricing structure coincides with an updated seating chart layout.

New for the 2022 season, fans will be afforded the opportunity to purchase reserved seats for the entire season, or for individual game nights, in the five sections located under the canopy along the third baseline. The park's general admission section will be relocated closer to home plate in the Grandstand 3 section. General admission seating will also be available in the new 750-seat bleacher section constructed just prior to the start of the 2021 season.

Additionally, fans will have the option of purchasing a season ticket in the popular Party Zone section. Located just beyond third base on the front row of section 7, this unique row of high-top, backed seats face a drink rail that is positioned against the fence and netting in foul territory along the third baseline.

Calfee Park is also enhancing its discount ticket program for military and seniors ahead of the 2022 season. Current and veteran members of the military and seniors 65-up will receive a \$2.00 discount on all individual game night tickets to all regular season games in 2022. Special ticket rates will continue to be available for groups attending games at Calfee Park in 2022.

In an effort to provide exceptional concessions services amidst continuing staffing shortages, waitress service will be sus-

pending in Club Seating and Press Box Club Seating sections for the 2022 season. Waitress service will continue in box seating sections.

Season tickets and boxes go on sale February 14th. 2021 season ticket holders and box holders interested in renewing their seats for the 2022 season are encouraged to call 540-980-1070 or email info@pulaskiriverturtles.com at their earliest convenience

All seats and boxes that have not been renewed will be made available to the general public on February 14th.

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Elks

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on the map, at the district Shoot Off and a good chance to go to the State title.

The Lodge officials agreed this year's school champs are great athletes. Elks Lodge members acknowledge the Coaches and School staff who administered the competition, the parents for their encouragements, Anthony Akers for his support,

and the Volunteers who helped with the sign in and tending the goals.

Please go to the www.Elks.org and find more about Hoop shoot and other Elks programs, especially on joining in to help our community. Send the Lodge an email for inquires pskgcx@gmail.com

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Board of Supervisors Public Notice

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3. Application by David Stowers, to rezone the property from Agriculture (A) to Rural Commercial, at Tax Map # 107-001-0000-009A located at Wysor Road, Draper District.
4. Application by Paul & Tracy Riggins, Special Use Permit in an Agriculture Zone District, located at Tax Map # 107-001-0000-0010, 11 at Wysor Road, Draper District.

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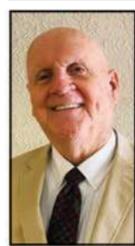
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

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I was reading a story recently about a woman who birthed a child and when it was born it had 26 diseases. She came from Tennessee to Birmingham Alabama to a revival held by A. Allen, a renown faith healer back probably during the 50's. R. W. Shambach was the praise and worship leader then for A. Allen and this woman came up to him and told him her problem. When the child was born, and it was a boy, the Doctor's gave it less than a day to live. She took good care of the boy for 4 years. The boy was deaf, blind, and couldn't speak. His tongue hung out of his mouth. His arms and legs were so drawn up, he couldn't use them at all. He had clubs for feet. The woman told Shambach that she has been coming to the meetings three times a day, in the hopes that Brother A. Allen would call her and her son up to the platform to pray for healing for the boy. She said she had been staying in a motel and eating at restaurants and that she was down to her last \$ 20. R. W. Shambach told her that if she wasn't called to the platform that evening, that he would personally take her and her son over to the trailer where A. Allen was staying and have the boy prayed for.

Rev. A. Allen took up a Faith Offering and Shambach said, the woman ran to the front where the ushers were holding buckets and put something in one of the buckets and then ran back to her seat. Shambach said, being nosy, he went over and looked down in the bucket and there was a \$ 20 dollar bill in it. This poor woman gave all that she had in a faith offering. She gave when she couldn't afford to give, by faith, God saw it and as we shall see, worked 26 miracles for her son.

Later in the evening, Rev. A. Allen said, there's a woman here who drove to the meeting in an old Ford car, with a son who was born with multiple diseases and he asked for this woman to come to the platform and to bring her invalid son. She ran to the platform holding her son and Rev. Allen told her that God was going to work 26 miracles for her and her son that night. He picked up the boy and prayed a prayer of faith over him and Shambach said he went over and watched to see what would happen. He said, the boy's tongue snapped back in his mouth. His eyes were milky and as he looked into the boy's eyes, he saw something like whirlpools swirling around in the boy's eyes and when the motion stopped, the boy's cleared up and were blue. His legs and his arms stretched out like regular arms and legs. The clubs he had for feet were before his eyes, reshaped into normal feet. The boy looked over and saw his mother and leaped out of Allen's arms and ran to his mother and said the first words he had ever uttered, "Momma."

Brother Shambach said he personally witnessed the healing of this boy along with 3,000 others who were in attendance that evening. If you'd like to read the story for yourself, pull up R. W. Shambach on the Internet and type in 26 diseases or 26 miracles. Some people would doubt this story but I don't, because our God can do anything.

I told you this story to make a great spiritual point. If God can work 26 documented miracles for this woman and her son, which He did, then surely He can and will work a miracle for

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Pastor: Paige Wimberly
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church

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

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

First United Methodist Church

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

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
Pastor Don Shelor
(540) 674-5128
office@dublinumc.com
Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 11:00am
Sunday School - 10:00am

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 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
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Grace Episcopal Church
210 4th Street, Radford, 24141
639-3494
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
Email: office@graceradford.org
http://www.graceradford.org
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church

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

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Church of God of Prophecy
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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
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
Ages 5-12
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

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.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
(and Facebook)
Office: 540-633-3761
Email:
office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.
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McCraw

Continued from Page B6 us, if we'll only believe and put out faith into action, like this mom did.

We must learn to feed our faith and starve our doubts. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17. When we read about what miracles God has done in the bible for others, it builds up our faith. "For what He's done for others, He'll do for you and me." Gospel Song, "It is no secret, what God can do."

It is God's will for us to have more faith, so it is perfectly in order to ask God for more faith. For we know that if we ask anything in God's will, He heareth us. God isn't going to give us more faith if we're not using the faith we already have. To every man, woman, boy and girl is dealt a measure of faith. That's enough faith to get saved by. But God wants us to exercise our faith so it will grow into a greater measure.

I used to work out with weights at the gym back when I was much younger and my upper arms grew so large that people would remark on them. Paul said, bodily exercise profiteth little, but he was comparing it to spiritual exercise which profits us much more than bodily exercise.

We need to exercise our spiritual muscles more than we exercise our physical muscles.

If faith the size of a small mustard seed can move a mountain, just imagine what greater faith can accomplish.

"Faith is building on what you know is here so you can know what is there." Cullen Hightower.

"Faith is seeing light with your heart, when all your eyes see is darkness." Quotesgram.

"Faith is all about believing. You don't know when it will happen but you know it will." Pinterest.

"Faith is to believe what you don't see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." Saint Augustine.

"Don't dig up in doubt what you have planted in faith." Elizabeth Elliot.

"Faith is like Wi-Fi. Its invisible but has the power to connect you to what you need." Quote-master.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Capernaum in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Corinthians 14, who advised young Christians to stop thinking like children? Luke, Paul, David, John
3. For how many days did Goliath take his stand for a man to fight him? 2, 6, 10, 40
4. In Genesis 18, whom did God ask, "Is anything too hard for the Lord"? Moses, Adam, Noah, Abraham
5. How many loaves of bread were used to feed the 5,000? 2, 3, 4, 5
6. In Mark 12, whom did Jesus accuse of devouring widows' houses? Sadducees, Midianites, Israelites, Pharisees

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Paul; 3) 40; 4) Abraham; 5) 5; 6) Pharisees

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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
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
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/
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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
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Service Times:
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Family Worship Center First Pentecostal Holiness
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
540-980-7287
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
KidsZone 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
www.fwcpulaski.church

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

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 7 pm
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540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
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Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church
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Hiwassee, VA 24347
Phone: 276-613-2581
Email: pastorjasonaker@gmail.com

St. Edwards Catholic Church
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and 7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

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

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
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Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
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Dublin, VA 24084
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Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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We are powerless without prayer

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: If we read the Bible and are obedient to Scripture, why is it important to pray? - C.G.

A: Every person whose life has ever counted for God has been a person of prayer. We are called to follow Christ's example, and His whole life was saturated with prayer. He rose early in the morning to pray, He prayed while on journeys, and He sought out solitary places to commune with His Father.

A friend liked to define prayer as "a declaration of dependence." This is a wonderful way to look at prayer, because we are powerless without it. This is why so many people are driven to pray when they get in trouble, never thinking to pray when life is going along the way they want it to.

What happens when war breaks out? Even news anchors will report on those who begin praying for solutions. When people receive bad news about a life-threatening disease, most people do not resist someone praying for them. This



My Answer

Billy Graham

is true for countless people who never think about God until they suddenly find themselves in a crisis that is beyond them. The truth is, we are nothing without God in our lives.

If there are any tears shed in Heaven, they will be over the fact

that we prayed so little. Prayers have no boundaries. They can leap miles and continents, and be translated instantly into any language. True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in emergencies. We must make it a habit, and when the need arises, we will be practiced up! Prayer is the voice of faith directed to God. When we know Him personally, we can be sure that God hears our prayers. What a wonderful thought!

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HANK, WHAT'S ALL THIS? IF YOU'RE COLD, JUST LAY IN THE STRAW IN THE BARN.

YOU CAN COVER YOURSELF WITH SOME FRESH MUD.

YOU REALLY THINK THAT IS BETTER THAN WEARING MY NEW WINTER JACKET?

I WAS JUST HOPING IT WAS CONVINCING ENOUGH TO GIVE UP THAT JACKET?

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

KING FIGUS (EVERYTHING HE TOUCHES TURNS TO SHRUBS)

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

NO SCHOOL TODAY -- THE BUS WON'T START!

HOLD ON, SUPERINTENDENT!

I HAPPEN TO HAVE ACCESS TO A PERFECTLY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE HERE...

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I MADE MYSELF A NEW BELT...

...IT'S MADE ENTIRELY OUT OF OLD WRISTWATCHES!

WHAT A "WAIST" OF TIME.

POPEYE

HY CISMAN

WHY DONCHA AST HAGGY WOT SHE SEES COMIN' IN TH' NEW YEAR?

I'LL WAIT FER YA OUT HERE!

WHAT'S 2022 GOING TO BRING?

HMM... LET ME SEE...

WOW!

OMGOSH!

WHOOPEEE!

HA HA

HMM...

SO... WOT DID HAGGY SAY 'BOUT TH' NEW YEAR?

NOTHING MUCH...

BUT IT SHOULD BE A DOOZIE!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I THINK THE SAMPLE LADY FINALLY RAN OUT. ONCE SHE RESTOCKS, WE'LL SWING BACK FOR DESSERT.

LAFF-A-DAY

"Just once I'd like to have a job that wasn't harder to do when he was a boy."

"May I have this _____?"

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!

Pang
WETING

Wander
WAKES

Joyful
DETALE

Haven
FIGURE

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Even
5 Apply cream
8 "The Good Earth" heroine
12 "Please go ahead"
14 Fork prong
15 The National Pastime
16 Circus structure
17 Cacophony
18 Scalawags
20 Basilica areas
23 Diving duck
24 Soccer legend
25 Brewing gizmo
28 Greek letter
29 Not — out of place
30 Scull need
32 Kook
34 Ordered
35 Skin breakout
36 Notorious
37 Port city of Poland
40 Former Mideast org.
41 Pealed
42 Pitcher's tactic
47 "American —"
48 Consume too little
49 Lion's pride?
50 Meadow
51 Sciences'

DOWN

1 Bar bill
2 " — tree falls ..."
3 UFO crew
4 One of the Ramones
5 Cannon of film
6 MSN rival
7 Reduced-rate postal delivery
8 Canada's capital
9 Actor Schreiber
10 Green Gables girl
11 Tennis barriers
13 Baseball stats
19 Cornhusker's st.
20 iPhone download
21 Mexican money
22 Lost traction
23 Black Panthers leader Bobby
25 Appreciative
26 Rich soil
27 Stow cargo
29 Grade-school basics
31 Flushed
33 Hang loose?
34 Diva
36 Kismet
37 Bleak
38 Baby's father
39 Unsigned (Abbr.)
40 Fed. food inspector
43 Chemical suffix
44 — Lingus
45 Back muscle, briefly
46 USN officers

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top ten

MOST POPULAR VEGETABLES*

1. Potatoes	6. Bell peppers
2. Tomatoes	7. Broccoli
3. Onions	8. Cucumbers
4. Carrots	9. Salad mix
5. Lettuce	10. Celery

*bought in past year Source: The Packer



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What was the title of Stephen King's first published novel?
- ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain has the advertising slogan, "Have it your way"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president whose likeness appeared on a U.S. coin?
- TELEVISION: What is the family's last name in the "Family Ties" sitcom?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "lupus in fabula" mean?
- GEOGRAPHY: What did the city of Mumbai, India, used to be called?
- MOVIES: Which movie features a character called Rooster Cogburn?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a type of language called "newspeak"?
- SCIENCE: What temperature is the same on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales?
- FOOD & DRINK: Where was Coca-Cola first sold?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence is different. 2. Seat is shorter. 3. Cap is different. 4. Collar is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Window is smaller.

- Answers
- "Carrie"
 - Burger King
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Keaton
 - The wolf in the story
 - Bombay
 - "True Grit"
 - "Nineteen Eighty-Four," by George Orwell
 - 9, -40 degrees C and -40 degrees F
 - Atlanta

Solution time: 22 mins.

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STRUGGLE

Today's Word

1. Twinge 2. Askew; 3. Elated; 4. Refuge

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Cltue: L equals R

DZQLQ YOHD AQ N FNBUCLQNHSK
U NY XNUDUKT NLSOKC EOLDUFQBP,
AOD U LQNBPP CSK'D MKSX XZND
U'Y BOLMUKT ESL.

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Americanisms

"Careers are a jungle gym, not a ladder."
— Sheryl Sandberg

There must be a valid reason I am waiting around for this answer.

CryptoQuip

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Prince Valiant
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

AFTER MIXING SELF-PITY WITH ALE, VAL IS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HEARING THAT PRUDENCE IS MISSING.

ALETA IS PREDICTABLY PERSISTENT.

AND SO VAL DRAGS HIMSELF TO THE HALL OF CHAMPIONS TO RETRIEVE HIS SHIELD.



"WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING, VALIANT? PRUDENCE'S DISAPPEARANCE IS CAMELOT'S BUSINESS, AND I NOW ADMINISTER ALL APPOINTMENTS TO GUESTS." THE VOICE GRATES ON VAL...



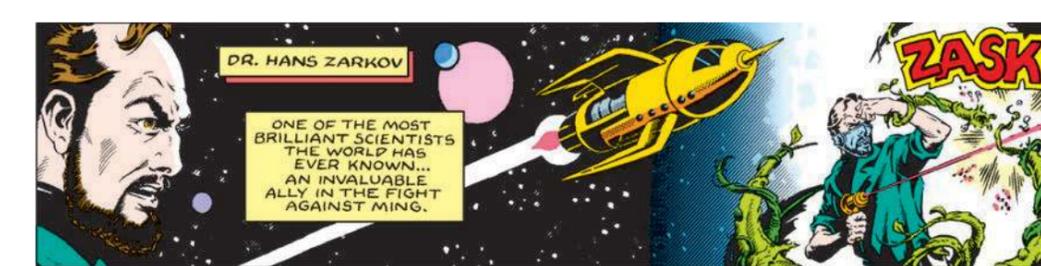
...IT BELONGS TO SIR DRACO, WHO HAS LONG BEEN A TREACHEROUS THORN IN VAL'S SIDE. THAT IS BY ORDER OF YOUR SON, THE REGENT. WOULD YOU UNDERMINE HIS AUTHORITY?"



IF ONLY VAL KNEW THAT IT WAS DRACO WHO ONCE HARBORED THE TERRORIST HORRIDUS! HE TURNS FROM DRACO AND STALKS TO THE TRAINING FIELD.

WOE TO THE MANY YOUNG WARRIORS UPON WHOM HE WILL VENT HIS RAGE!

NEXT: Cursed luck



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FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE

MOMENTS AFTER PLACING THE KRONTORS' CROWN ON HIS HEAD, LONAK SCREAMS IN AGONY!

GET IT OFF! IN TAO'S NAME, GET IT OFF!

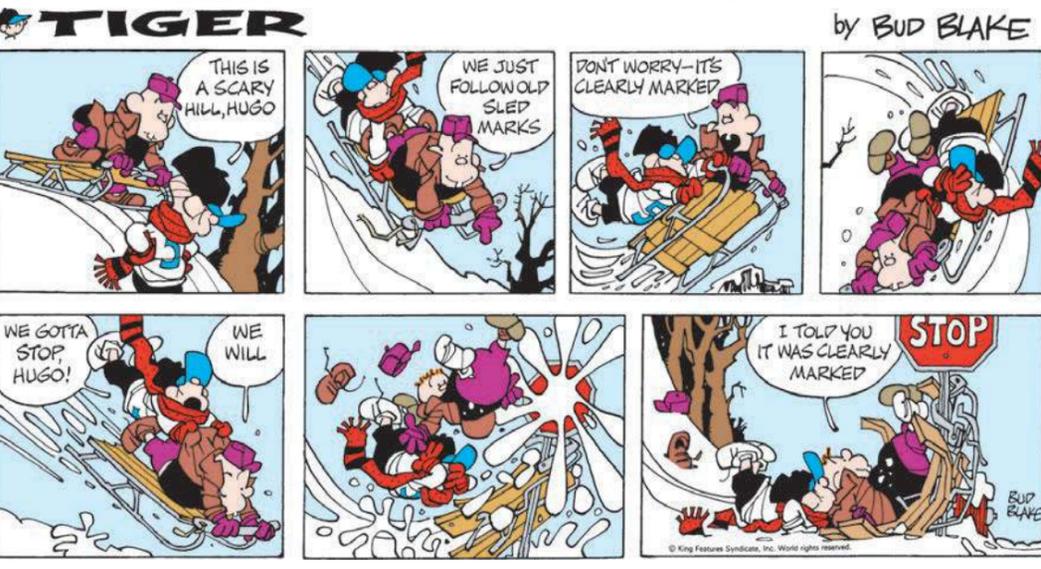
THE BEASTS SUDDENLY CONVERGE ON LONAK, REMOVING ANY OBSTACLE IN THEIR WAY...

NOW THAT THEY HAVE LONAK, THE BEASTS ARE IGNORING US.

RONAL, WHAT'S GOING ON?

"...NOW THEY'RE RETURNING HOME."

FRIGIA IS UNDER SIEGE NO MORE... BUT... WHAT WILL HAPPEN LONAK?



TIGER
by BUD BLAKE

THIS IS A SCARY HILL, HUGO!

WE JUST FOLLOW OLD SLED MARKS.

DON'T WORRY—IT'S CLEARLY MARKED.

WE GOTTA STOP HUGO!

WE WILL.

I TOLD YOU IT WAS CLEARLY MARKED.

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

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- Pink Floyd
- The Cars
- Caravan
- Grateful Dead
- Rainbow
- The Who
- Deep Purple
- Kiss
- Rush
- Yes
- Faust
- Led Zeppelin
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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XDQM. — DWNSMDMFQ

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The key is to keep company only with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best. — Epictetus

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Siers: 'Help us help our students and staff'

By DAVID GRAVELY
Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools has announced that there will be a temporary, short-term return to asynchronous remote learning for the entire school system. The remote learning is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13, and Friday, Jan. 14, 2022. Teachers will be available to assist students from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Employees with 11 and 12-month contracts will report to work for their normal schedules. All others will report from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their respective work locations.

The decision for remote learning was made after a rapidly increasing number of students,

staff and faculty tested positive for COVID-19, causing shortages in staffing.

"We've been watching the numbers like everyone else and hoping that it would slow down, but unfortunately, it hasn't," said Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools. "Our main mission is to educate our students but we also have the responsibility of protecting them along with our staff and faculty. The newest surge has proven to be an incredibly difficult issue for school divisions to navigate."

"As a point of reference, we have already had more faculty, staff, and students out this month for COVID than we've had in any full month since the pandemic began," Dr. Siers said. "We need

all of the help we can get to keep folks healthy and in the classroom instead of in front of a computer screen at home."

So how can people help? "Increasing vaccination rates is a huge first step but it isn't a 100% fix," Siers said. "Recent data suggest that being vaccinated increases the chance that your symptoms will be mild but there are still a record number of breakthrough cases occurring in our community and many vaccinated individuals are getting sick. I can personally attest to this as I'm fully vaccinated, but was out last week after testing positive and experienced symptoms that were severe enough to require an anti-

bodies infusion. It was an incredibly awful experience that I hope others can avoid."

Other ways to help with the fight will be very familiar to most people. Wearing a mask plus social distancing has been proven to work better than wearing a mask alone. Limiting large public gatherings in your personal lives and hand washing remain important as well.

"We're asking our employees to keep this all in mind when working in the schools over the next few days," Siers said. "Always wear your mask when in a room with others and keep as much space as possible between your coworkers and yourself. Practice all of the normal mitigation strategies we've gotten used to since this began. We want to make sure

we get our students back into the classroom and keep them there, but we also have to consider the health ramifications for them and the entire community. We can get through this if everyone is working together and doing the right things to make it happen."

The current plan is for students to return to in-person learning Tuesday, Jan. 18. The school system will evaluate information as it becomes available before that to make a decision on any possible further virtual days.

"We really appreciate all that faculty, staff, and parents have done to this point under these incredibly difficult circumstances," Siers said. "We're asking that everyone continue to do as much as possible to help us get things under control for the benefit of our community."

Make a budget line for fun money

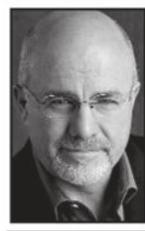
Dear Dave,
I finally paid off all my debt except for my house, and I have an emergency fund of six months of expenses saved. It feels great to be in control of my money, but I am afraid I might lose control again and end up back where I started before I began following your plan. How can you make sure your leisure spending doesn't get out of hand?

Lavell

Dear Lavell,
I get what you're saying. You don't want to go back to those days of being scared and out of control where your finances are concerned. You spent a lot of time, made tons of sacrifices, and put in lots of disciplined hard work getting out of debt, changing your behavior, and finally reached a point where you're winning with money. Most people don't forget the hardship and sacrifices that go into something like that, and I don't think you will, either.

There's a season to be strict, hard-nosed, and deny yourself things. There's also a time to act like an adult, and forego instant gratification, like during those early Baby Steps. But some self-care and a little fun is important once in a while, too. One way to enjoy life without going financially overboard is to make a budget line for fun money.

Putting fun money in your budget isn't a green light to forget your money goals, or go on a spending free-for-all. It's actually part of sticking to your budget. Remember, you want a zero-based budget. That means giving every dollar a



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

job, and having a fun money category helps you focus on all your spending, so you don't accidentally waste money on little things here and there.

When you give yourself a budget line for fun, you can spend that amount on whatever you want. We talk a lot about goals and how they need to be a balance of empowering and realistic. Budgeting fun money helps with the realistic side, because it lets you stick to your goals and have a treat every now and then.

When you think of your budget as permission to spend, you get a new perspective on budgeting. You're giving your money permission to go where you want it to go. Plus, when you treat yourself once in a while, you're less likely to fall back in your old, financial-out-of-control ways!

— Dave

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

State, NS agree on deal to bring passenger rail to NRV

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam today announced the Commonwealth has finalized the definitive agreement with Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) to expand passenger rail service to the New River Valley for the first time since 1979.

The Western Rail Initiative expands passenger rail service to the New River Valley and complements Governor Northam's historic \$3.7 billion Transforming Rail in Virginia program, the Commonwealth's roadmap for building a 21st-century rail network. The agreement was executed following authorization from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Board of Directors.

An historic investment in Southwest Virginia's rail network, the Western Rail Initiative will add a second state-supported round-trip train between Roanoke and Boston later this year, which will be extended to the New River Valley upon completion of a new station, track and signal improvements.

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Public Service Announcements:

The **Pulaski Rotary Club Blood Screening**, scheduled for Feb. 5 has been cancelled. It has been re-scheduled for the first Saturday in August.

The **PSA office** will be closed on January 17, 2022 for Martin Luther King Jr. day. There will be garbage collection. All three convenience centers will be open. Have garbage out by 7:00 a.m.

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, January 17th to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Garbage scheduled to be picked up on Monday, January 17th will be picked up on Tuesday, January 18th.

January 21

The **Apostolic Faith Church**, 445-447 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin will host "The Mountain of God" with guest speaker Prophet Joseph Martin, from Hurricane, W.Va. The three-day event will be held Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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