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Walters new chairman of PC Board of Supervisors

*Guthrie appointed
new Commissioner
of Agriculture and
Consumer Services*

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

There have been big changes in
Pulaski County government this
week.

Ingles District Supervisor Laura
Walters is the new Chairman of the
county's Board of Supervisors - the
first woman in county history to
hold that position - following the
announcement Tuesday evening
by former Chairman Joe Guthrie
that he has been selected by
Governor-Elect Glenn Youngkin
as the Commonwealth's new
Commissioner of the Department
of Agriculture and Consumer
Services.

Guthrie's acceptance of the
appointment means he will soon
have to resign his seat on the
board representing the Cloyd District.

All the changes on the board oc-



The Patriot (File Photo)

Former Chairman Joe Guthrie and new chairman, Laura Walters.

curred Tuesday evening when the
supervisors met for their annual
organizational meeting in the
Pulaski County Innovation Center
off Viscoe Road in Fairlawn.

When the time came during
the meeting for a member of the
board to nominate a chairman,
as promised outgoing Robinson

District Supervisor Charles Bopp
nominated Guthrie for another
year as chairman.

Guthrie, who has served two
straight one-year terms as chair-
man, then announced he would
have to decline the nomination
because of his appointment by

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70th Anniversary Jack and Joann Spradlin - Married for 70-years and defying the odds

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

On Saturday, January 8th,
Joann and Jack Spradlin will be
celebrating their wedding anni-
versary. Although thousands of
people celebrate anniversaries
each year, the Spradlin's obser-
vance is extra special, because it is
their 70th Wedding Anniversary!

Statistically, this Pulaski County
couple is defying the odds of
remaining married to their original
spouse. According to the US
Census Bureau, less than one-
tenth of one-per cent of current

marriages ever make it to their
70th year. With those kinds of
statistics, there is great reason to
celebrate!

When someone reaches a mon-
umental milestone such as this,
people want to know all sorts of
details. Questions such as how
did you meet? Was it love at first
sight? What is your secret to stay-
ing married so long?

Joann loves to talk about the de-
tails and they are as fresh in her
mind as if it was just yesterday
that they met.



See 70, page A3 Joann and Jack Spradlin

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Youngkin.

Guthrie's selection to lead the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services was announced officially by Youngkin's staff in an email to the media just moments before Tuesday's meeting. The email also announced that Matt Lohr had been named as the next Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.

"Agriculture is the Commonwealth's largest independent industry and plays a crucial role in Virginia's economy and communities. Matt and Joseph bring decades worth of hands-on experience that will give Virginia a competitive advantage in the agriculture industry. Together, we will deliver for our ranchers, farmers, and all Virginians to help ensure our farmers and ranchers thrive," said Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin.

Following his announcement, Guthrie then placed Walters' name in nomination for chairman of the board, a move that was approved unanimously by the board.

"I'll do everything I can to keep us moving forward and do what's best for our citizens," Walters said.

Next, Guthrie nominated Draper District Supervisor Dirk Compton as vice chairman of the board - a move that was approved unanimously as well.

On his appointment, Guthrie

told the board he was "honored and delighted" that the Governor-elect has selected him to become the next Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

"I have accepted his offer," Guthrie said.

"I look forward to working as part of Governor-elect Youngkin's team to enact his vision for a better Virginia, which the people of the Commonwealth chose when they elected him.

"Prior to being sworn in as Commissioner, I will need to resign from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. It is for this reason that I am declining to be considered for re-election as Chair. I greatly appreciate the confidence that my fellow Board members have shown in me to elect me to two consecutive terms as chair, and the willingness that they have expressed to elect me to another annual term. It has been one of the great honors and joys in my life to serve as chair of this board with these board members and for the people of this county," Guthrie said.

He continued, "I will remain as a member of the Board of Supervisors for a period of time until my other responsibility precludes it. As I know more, I will share it with the members of the board so they can begin the process for an appointment for my office. I have confidence that Ms. Walters, Mr. Compton, and Mr. Travis along with the new Supervisor from the Robinson District will select a high-quality Supervisor to fill the Cloyd District office and those

five Supervisors working together will continue to make great strides in making Pulaski County the best place it can be to live, work, raise, and a family, and retire."

Guthrie concluded noting that, "At the request of the transition team, I will respectfully decline any interviews or further comment until after the inauguration."

Tuesday's meeting was the final one for Robinson District Supervisor Charles Bopp, whose time on the board ended officially at midnight Tuesday.

At the board's December meeting, Bopp had announced he would be giving up his seat on the board due to health concerns. He said earlier this year he had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and felt it best to end his time on the board now with two years left on his term.

Bopp, vice chairman of the board, had expressed the desire to remain on the board through the organizational meeting so he could have the opportunity to once again nominate Guthrie as chairman.

The county has been receiving applications from Robinson District residents interested in serving on the board. The board will select Bopp's replacement who will serve until a special election is held, likely in November.

The winner of the special election will have one year to serve to complete Bopp's term before a new election for all supervisor seats in 2023.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said Wednesday the board

has continued its meeting to January 11.

"On January 11, next Tuesday, the supervisors will conduct interviews of all interested candidates for the Robinson District seat. Their intent following the interviews is to make a determination on the 11th and while they are convened in executive session. They will come out of executive session and potentially take action on an appointment so the individual selected can serve at the

Staff and Wire Report

In announcing Joe Guthrie's appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Governor-Elect Glenn Youngkin's staff outlined Guthrie's experience which qualified him for the position.

"Guthrie was raised on his family's farm in Pulaski County, and received his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Virginia Tech. He was named Virginia Tech's Man of the Year as the outstanding graduating senior in 1989. He earned a master's degree in 1991 in agricultural economics and international trade from Massey University in New Zealand, where he studied as a Fulbright Scholar. In 2007, he was awarded the Eisenhower Fellowship in Agriculture to research international trade of beef from Australia and New Zealand.

"Joe has ten years of experience as an elected official. In 2011, he was elected to a four-year term on the Pulaski County School Board. In 2015, was elected to a four-year term on the county's Board of Supervisors. He was re-elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2019 and elected Chair of the board by his peers in 2020 and 2021.

"He currently serves as a Senior Instructor at Virginia Tech and has been teaching courses in business management, finance, communications, and leadership in the Agricultural Technology Program since 2007. He also owns and has operated a beef cattle and hay farm in Pulaski County. He has over 25 years

board's next regular meeting on Jan. 24," Sweet said.

At some point, after Guthrie leaves the board, the remaining supervisors will have to conduct the same process to fill his seat representing the Cloyd District.

Also Tuesday, the board unanimously reappointed Ashley Edmonds as the Clerk of the Board; Markie Quesenberry as Deputy Clerk, and County Attorney Tim Kirtner as Parliamentarian.

Guthrie appointment one of several made by Youngkin this week

of agricultural business management experience that he has brought to the classroom, which he now brings to the administration.

"Joe has served as the president of Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Faculty Association, president of Pulaski County Farm Bureau, and president of the Virginia Cattlemen's Association. He was appointed by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack to the National Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board and was appointed by former Governor Bob McDonnell to the Virginia Cattle Industry Board.

"Joe and his wife Carol have three children and live on the family farm near Dublin."

Guthrie's appointment came as Youngkin named several new members of his administration ahead of his Jan. 15 inauguration.

"I am excited to welcome this group of leaders with a record of experience and serving others. These qualified individuals with various backgrounds bring vast experience that ensure we will deliver on our Day One promises," Youngkin said.

One appointee included Daniel Gade, who retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate in 2020 and works as a professor at American University, as Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services.

Youngkin, who defeated former Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe, will become the first Republican to serve as governor since Bob McDonnell, who was elected in 2009.

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“Jack was in the military stationed in Korea and I was attending Christiansburg High School with his brother, Edward. Of course, everyone was talking about the Korean War and writing to the GI’s to encourage them. He showed Jack’s picture to another girl, but when I saw how handsome he was, I volunteered to write to Jack,” she confessed with a winsome smile.

The couple continued to write to each other for over a year – and Joann has kept every letter Jack wrote to her. Many are meticulously typed and are now carefully preserved in an airtight box for safe keeping.

Jack served as a Sargeant in the 3rd U.S. Army Division of Company B, right on the front lines.

“When we had ‘Mail Call’ we’d line up and wait to hear if our name was called. If we got a letter, we could go off by ourselves and read it. Getting a letter from home was something I really looked forward to, but it didn’t happen often for everyone. Joann’s letters encouraged me,” he said.

Her letters encouraged Jack so much that he contacted a friend’s father who owned a jewelry store in North Carolina to help him pick out an engagement ring for Joann. He surprised her by mailing a blue diamond engagement ring and wedding ring to her in September 1951, while he was still in Korea.

Joann said, “I told him I would hold it until he got home.” She didn’t wait long to tell Jack “Yes.”

Upon Jack’s deployment from Korea, he was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky until being discharged from the service in June, 1952. The couple had not met face-to-face until Jack arrived back home for a visit; and Joann met him at the bus station.

“The first time I saw her, it was after I got off the bus in Christiansburg. She was sitting in the back seat of her Mother’s car. ‘Let me see what I got a hold of!’ I said.”

Apparently he was pleased because the couple courted for 21-days and were married on January 8, 1952. Joann says, “He was such a handsome guy, I couldn’t refuse.”

“We eloped to York, SC. We kept calling the preacher to come to the church to perform the marriage ceremony; but he never got there, so we got married in the courthouse by a judge,” Joann stated. She was 16-years old and Jack was 20. (Statistically, 48 percent of those who marry before the age of 18 are likely to divorce within 10 years)

Jack returned to Ft. Knox, found an apartment and sent for Joann where they lived until his discharge in June 1952. Upon returning home, Jack applied for a job at the Arsenal and began working the same day. After a few years, he applied at Hercules where he worked for 40 years and 1 month. Joann stayed at home and raised their daughter, Jackie, until she graduated from high school; then Joann went back to cosmetology school in 1965. She remained at Lady Fair Beauty Salon in Dublin until retiring in 2015.

The Spradlins have enjoyed traveling together on vacations to Hawaii and Jamaica, have toured the southern USA as well as the Eastern seaboard up to Maine in their RV. They joke about wherever they travel, they

School board meeting moved to Jan. 18

The January School Board Meeting is being moved to Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium at Pulaski County Middle School.

The budget public hearing will start at 5:00 p.m. and the school board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted to BoardDocs next week.



Joann and Jack during their courting days, and their letters.



run into somebody who knows them, whether it’s at the beach or during one of their RV tours.

During their extensive marriage, they found ways to give back to the community. Jack is a member of Freemason and an active member of the Shrine Club, the VFW and American Legion. Joann is active in church groups. They are members of Dublin Baptist Church.

When asked how they have remained married for 70 years, Joann will tell you that God has been the foundation of their marriage.

“We made a vow before God when we got married. I thank God every day for Jack. He is a gift from God to me. I give the Lord the blessings all the way because He really has been with us.”

“Another gift from God is our daughter, Jackie Adkins and our grandson, Chris Adkins.”

Joann adds some practical advice to those wanting a life-long marriage. Respect each other and try to help each other. We’ve had a lot of ups and downs – but we faced them together. Any argument takes two – if you shut

your mouth and walk away, there is no argument. The more you say, the worse it gets, and you say things you don’t really mean. It takes a lot of forgiveness in marriage, so just forgive and go on.”

Jack insisted that the Spradlins celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary with a few neighbors and friends coming by to say hello. “A 70th Anniversary only happens once in your lifetime, so you should celebrate,” he adds.

Normally, 70th Anniversary gifts would be of platinum because it is precious, strong, enduring and doesn’t tarnish. Others say that platinum represents integrity, truth and purity of true love.

Joann says they don’t want friends to bring gifts because they have everything they need. But if she could have one gift, though, she said she would, “Wish that everyone could get along with each other. That everyone would receive the gift of God in their hearts.”

We are wishing Jack and Joann Spradlin a very happy 70th Anniversary, and many more to come.

‘Story of the New River’ Red-Carpet Celebration set for Jan. 14 at theatre

Pulaski County Tourism commemorates Blue Ridge PBS’ “The Story of the New River” documentary with a red-carpet celebration on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pulaski Theatre.

“The Story of New River,” produced by Blue Ridge PBS and the New River Conservancy, highlights the history, importance and value of the New River through videography, interviews, and stories of individuals whose lives are rooted along the New.

“The New River is such an important resource,” said Pulaski County Board of Supervisor, Laura Walters. “It’s time that it [The New River] got recognition for its history, culture, and resources.”

Before the showing, the celebration features Appalachian cuisine from Chef Matthew Tolbert, native wines and craft beverages and information about local ecological groups for the New River and Claytor Lake. As guests arrive, a red carpet with photo opportunities will be located outside of the Pulaski Theatre.

“We are very happy to showcase

all that Pulaski County and the New River Valley has to offer,” said Pulaski Theatre President, Jessica McKinney. “We hope to continue to support and increase tourism as well as provide Pulaski with economic support.”

Hors d’oeuvres and drinks are served at 6:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. Following the show, a Q&A panel will be available for attendees, allowing them to engage with local New River leaders. Attendees are asked to dress in evening business attire for the event.

Purchase tickets for “The Story of the New River” Celebration at pulaskitheatre.com. Hors d’oeuvres and 1 drink ticket included with purchase. Complementary Pulaski County gift bags will be available for guests on a first-come, first-served basis.

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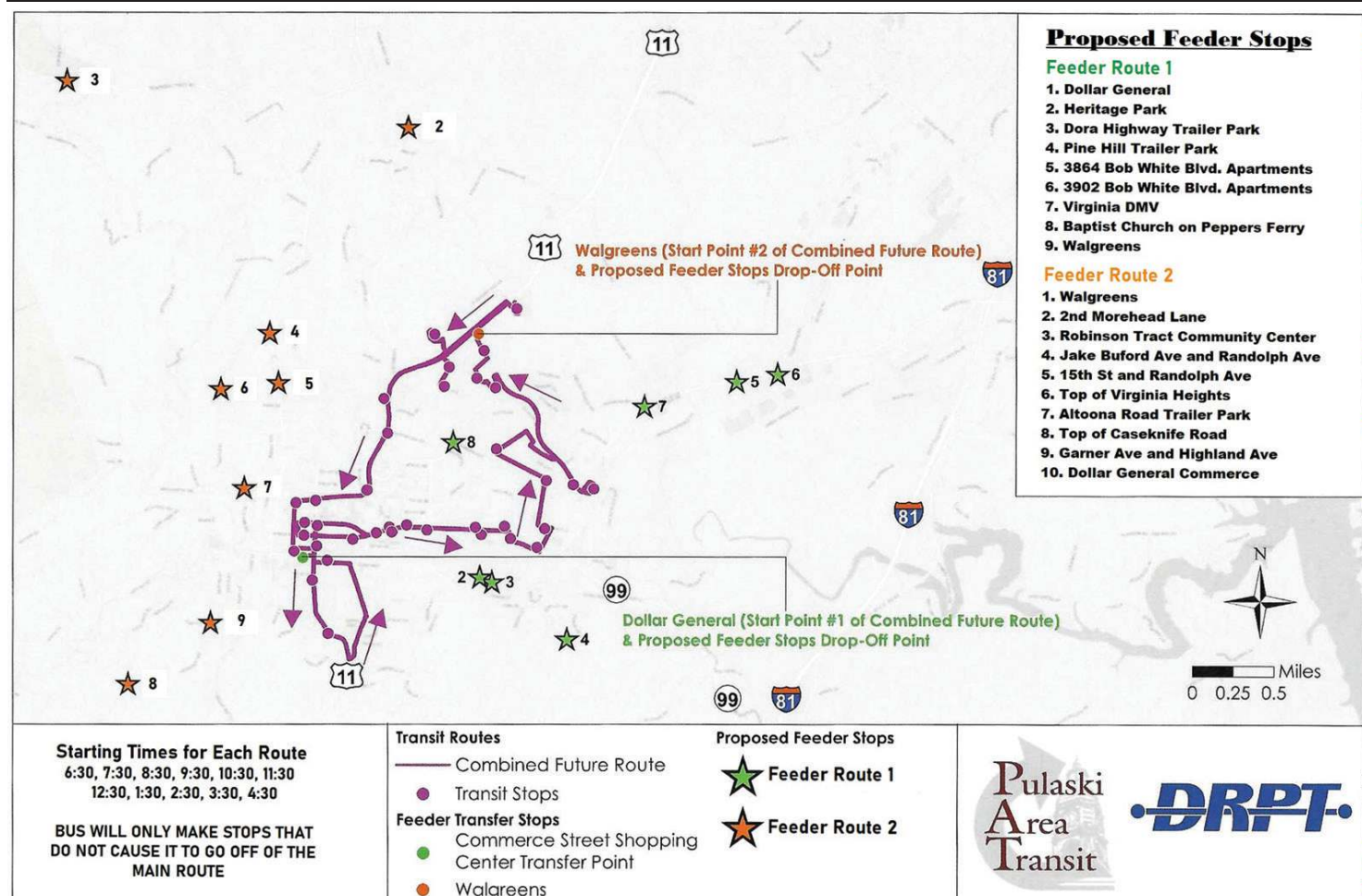
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Feeder Route 1 will start at Dollar General on Commerce Street and have bus stops at Heritage Park, Dora Highway Trailer Park, Pine Hill Trailer Park, 3864 Bob White Blvd Apartments, 3902 Bob White Blvd Apartments, DMV, Baptist Church on

Peppers Ferry Rd and Walgreens. This bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. and run once an hour, with the last bus leaving at 4:30 p.m.

Feeder Route 2 will start at Walgreens and have stops at 2nd Morehead Lane, Robinson Tract Community Center, corner of Jake Buford and Randolph Ave, Corner of 16th Street and Randolph Ave, Top of Virginia Heights, Altoona Road Trailer Park, Top of Caseknife Road, Corner of Garner Ave and Highland Ave and Dollar General. This bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. and run once an hour, with the last bus leaving at 4:30 p.m.

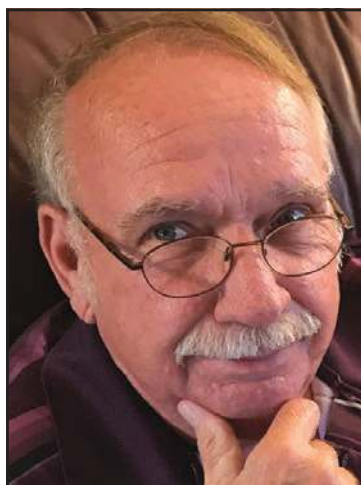
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ROGER DALE UNDERWOOD

Roger Dale Underwood, age 78 of Pulaski passed away early Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at his home. Born August 21, 1943 in Hiltons, Virginia he was the son of the late William Henry Underwood & Ida Marie Lewis Underwood. He was also preceded in death by his son, Anthony Underwood, brothers, Bill Underwood, Kenneth Underwood and sisters, Ann Palmer and Maxine Underwood.

He owner of Dale's Upholstery Shop for over 40 years and was retired from Kollmorgen with 15 years of service. He was a faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church in Dublin. He was "PaPa" to all the kids in their daycare and loving husband and father.

He is survived by his

Wife - Patricia Rose Underwood - Pulaski

Children - Dale "Chris" Underwood - TN, Dru Lynn Underwood & Rita Dixon - Linden, VA, Tonya U. (Mike) Hough - Front Royal, Terry Wayne (Shendale) Underwood - Tallahassee, FL

Grandchildren - Laura Neugebauer, Makayla "Paige" Underwood, Michael Chrisman Hobbak, Bronson Dale Underwood, Lexi Drusilla Lynn Dixon and Terry Underwood, Jr.

Great Grandchildren - Berkley Scott Underwood, Wyatt Liam Neugebauer

Brothers - Ray (Jo) Underwood, Melvin (Bertha) Underwood, Freddie Underwood, Dana Underwood

Sister & Brother-in-law - Darlene (Carl) Jones

Memorial services will be held Saturday, 4:00 PM, January 8, 2022 at the Grace Baptist Church, Dublin with Pastor Doug Testerman officiating.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 3:00 PM until service time at the church.

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

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



HELEN JACQUELINE "JACKIE" PORTER PRATT

Helen Jacqueline "Jackie" Porter Pratt, 73, of Draper, passed away Monday, January 3, 2022. Jackie was born March 19, 1948 in Radford, Va. to the late Richard and Margaret Porter. She was a graduate of Radford University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education in 1972 and her Masters of Science Degree in Learning Disorders in 1977. She taught special education her entire career and retired from Pulaski County Schools in 2002. She was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pulaski.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Lewis Pratt; son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Allison Pratt; grandchildren, Nathan and Anna Pratt; sisters and brother-in-law, Patsy and Tom Sandidge, and Susan Cordell; loving caregiver, Lynn Ruggeri and husband, Bert; special friends, Susan and Jeff Bain, and Sandra and Jim Palmer; and many other relatives and friends. The family would also like to express their gratitude to the staff at Commonwealth Assisted Living and Highland Ridge Rehab Center for all of the care and support that was provided in recent months.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Jackie to Trinity Lutheran Church in Pulaski.

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



VEDA HANKS WILLIAMS

Veda Hanks Williams, 94, of Pulaski, VA passed away Friday, December 31, 2021 at LewisGale Hospital Pulaski. She was born in Carroll County, VA on April 2, 1927, to the late Eric Hanks and Helen Calfee Hanks. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Joe Mason Williams; sisters, Alen Goad, Geneva Richardson, Una Lee Brewer; and brother, James Hanks.

Veda was a Senior Secretary in the Works Engineering Department at Hercules Incorporated for 33 years, retiring September 1, 1983. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pulaski, where she served as Membership Secretary for many years, and was a member of the United Methodist Women. She was a 50-year member of the former Pulaski Chapter #113 of the Easter Star of Virginia.

She is survived by one sister, Ethel (Sally) Ratcliffe; one brother, Elmer Hanks; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 7, 2022 at 12:00PM at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home with Rev. Will Shelton officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Entombment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Dublin, VA.

In lieu of flowers, Veda wishes that memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 135 4th Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301 or to the Pulaski County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1046, Dublin, VA 24084.

Norris-Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA is serving the Williams family. Online condolences may be made at stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com.

OTTIS CLYDE MARTIN

Ottis Clyde Martin, age 79 formerly of Draper passed away Wednesday evening December 22, 2021 at the Radford Health & Rehabilitation Center. Born September 19, 1942 in Wythe County he was the son of the late Edgar Jefferson Martin & Estelle Underwood Martin. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Elaine Lawson Martin; brothers, Ralph Jefferson Martin, Alfred McKinley Martin, William "Burt" Martin and sisters, Pauline Frances Chrisley, Annie Louise Ratcliffe, Eula Fay Lawson, Virginia Lee Frazier, Ruth Naomi Wall and Brenda Darlene Jarrells.

He is survived by his

Sons - James "Jay" Martin & Perry Duncan - Pulaski, Stanley

Lloyd Martin - Draper
Special Grandson - Dakota Chase Cummins

Granddaughters - Hanna ,Nica and Sierra

Numerous Great Grandchildren
Sister- Juanita Davis - Dublin
Numerous nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be held Saturday, 11:00 A.M., January 8, 2022 at Bower Funeral Home Pulaski.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until service time.

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

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



ROBERT KENT CHINAULT, SR.

Robert Kent Chinault, SR., age 83 of Dublin passed away Monday morning January 3, 2022 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. Born May 13, 1938 in Dublin he was the son of the late Lawrence Roosevelt Chinault & Hattie Molissa Keister Chinault. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence "Teddy" Roosevelt Chinault and sister, Evelyn Josephine Sutphin.

Robert worked for the Town of Dublin with over 30 years of service.

He is survived by his
Wife of 57 years - Auddie Marie Wyatt Chinault - Dublin

Children - Sally Cox - Pulaski, Robert "Bobby" Chinault, Jr. - Pulaski, Melissa Hughes - Dublin
Numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Brothers - Clarence Thomas Chinault - Radford, Raymond Elwood Chinault - Dublin

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM - Friday, January 7, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Sherman Buckner officiating. Interment will follow at the Thornsprng UMC Cemetery.

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

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



CHERYL DOREEN NELSON SOLA

Cheryl Doreen Nelson Sola, age 67 of Dublin passed away Thursday, December 2, 2021 at her home. Born October 17, 1954 in Durham, North Carolina she was the daughter of the late James Robert Nelson, Jr. & Mary Marcella Saxon Nelson. She was also preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

She earned many degrees along with her Bachelor's, also made presidents list 2 semesters in a row at NRCC, she also attended Hollins college. She was a beautiful soul and her smile would light up a room. She loved her family and she will be missed and she will be remembered.

She is survived by her
Sons

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Joseph Sola- Dublin

Grandson - Micah Sola - Blacksburg

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM - Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. The family will receive friends one hour before service time at Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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

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Happy Birthday In Heaven Glennis Cregger

Wishing my sweet sister a happy first birthday in Heaven this year. Glennis Cregger went to see Jesus and to hug little Sarah, June 21 2021.

We miss your sweet face and smile so much!
We really thought we had more time with you.

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ROBERT ALAN SMITH

Auctioneer & respected businessman, Robert Alan Smith, age 45 of Dublin passed away Friday, December 31, 2021 from an unexpected heart attack. Even though a failing heart took him away from this world, his loving heart left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Born January 17, 1976 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, he is the son of Frank Smith and the late Eleanor "Ellie" Shawley Weikle.

He was a 1994 graduate of Shawsville High School and a 1997 graduate from Mendenhall School of Auctioneering. He has been in the auction business since 1996 and started Valley Auctions in 2003.

He is survived by his

Father – Frank (Annette) Smith – Spartanburg, SC

Sister – Elvieanna Lynne (Brian) Haines – Greenwood, Indiana

Nephew – Damion Haines

Niece – Elvieanna Marie Haines

Sister at heart – April (Alan) Mount and sons, Clark & Jarod – Dublin

Step-Father – Darrell Weikle, Sr. – Shawsville

His Auction family and Friends

Special thanks to the Pulaski hospital, Pulaski County Sheriff's Department and rescue squad for their help and care.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. To sign Robert's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Pulaski County Humane Society.

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



MATTHEW LEE JARRELLS

Matthew Lee Jarrells, 56 of Hillsville, passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2022 at Parham Doctors' Hospital in Richmond. Mr. Jarrells was born in Radford, VA on August 14, 1965. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cecile M. Calvin Jarrells and his grandmother, Ethel Blanche Jarrells.

Survivors include his wife, Zana Jarrells; daughter and son-in-law, Brittnay and Anthony Boyd; grandchildren, Sadie Jarrells and Amelia Boyd; father, Mathew D. Jarrells; sister, Melinda Chrisley and C.J.; brother, Eric Jarrells; special friend, Anna Pruitt Mitchell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel with Pastor Doug Duncan officiating. Burial followed in the Trail Family Cemetery in Hiwassee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Benefit for Zana and Lee at any Skyline National Bank. A guestbook is available online by visiting www.vaughanguynnandmcgrady.com. Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel is serving the family.



HAZEL MAE WEST "BLONDIE" MORRIS

Hazel Mae West "Blondie" Morris, age 81 of Allisonia passed away Friday, December 31, 2021 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born February 19, 1940 in Wythe County, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson West and Annie Carnell West. She was also preceded in death by her Husband, Robert Taylor Morris,

4 sisters, Cecil Ann, Virginia, Linda Lou and Brenda Sue; and 4 brothers, Artis, Jacob, Doug, and Tommy.

She is survived by

Her Son– Thomas Wesley Morris-Allisonia

Sister- Sally Snow- Barren Springs

Brother- Rush West- Arkansas

Private services will be held at a later date at the Carnell Family Cemetery, Allisonia.

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

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is in charge of the arrangements.

SANDRA KAY FERRARACCIO

Sandra Kay Ferraraccio, age 69, of Pulaski, died Monday evening, January 3, 2022 at her residence. She was born on February 21, 1952 in Newport News, VA, and was the daughter of the late Alice Josephine Pickle Oakes and the late Fred Preston Oakes.

During her younger years, Sandra was an emergency room nurse at Riverside Hospital in Newport News. When she stopped working as a nurse, Sandra became involved in the community, serving in the local PTA, as well as being a regional representative of the PTA, and serving on the Pulaski County Library Board.

Sandra was a dedicated wife, mother, and an avid and talented crafter who enjoyed working at Sew Biz in Fairlawn most recently.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Dr. Ponziano Paul Ferraraccio of Pulaski: her daughter; Shelly Ferraraccio and her husband Jason Decker of Pulaski; and a brother; Joseph of Newport News.

Sandra was cremated, per her wishes, and a memorial service may be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to any ASPCA office or any Humane Society. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home Pulaski.



DR. TAMARA DAWN COOKE BLACK, DDS

Dr. Tamara Dawn Cooke Black, DDS, age 58, of Wytheville, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Carillion New River Valley Medical Center. She was born on June 2, 1963 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Shirley Claudine Craig Cooke, and John Daniel Cooke. Dr. Black was an Oral Surgeon and worked in the New River Valley, and her final place of practice was at Cool Smiles in Blacksburg. Prior to her last place of service, she worked in a nursing home for mentally handicapped patients, and traveled on a mobile dental van going from school to school cleaning and working on children's teeth, from K-5, in The New River Valley. She graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1981, and continued on to further her career in dentistry. She graduated from MCV in Richmond, VA, in 1994 with a degree in dental surgery.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Phillip Tracy Cooke, and an infant son. She is survived by her devoted husband, Rodney Edward Black: a sister; Regina C. (Steve) Quesenberry of Pulaski: four nieces and four nephews: Scott (Katie) Quesenberry, Sara Q. Frye, Hailey, Kyra, and Quinten Cole, and Cage, Ben, and Ava Quesenberry, along with her many farm animals including Professor, her beloved horse, Bigun, her dog, and Casper, her beloved cockatiel: also four cats and four Jerusalem Donkeys.

Per Dr. Black's request, she has been cremated. A memorial service will held Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 10:45 a.m. at Turkey Knob Church of God in Fries, 1847 Turkey Knob Road, Fries, Virginia 24330, with Pastor Matt Linkous officiating.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to your charity of choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family, by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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THEODORE BRANSCOME HOBACK

Theodore Branscome Hoback, 81, of Pulaski, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. He was the son of the late Theodore Roosevelt Hoback and Mary Elizabeth Jones Hoback. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son; Todd Channing Hoback; sister, Elizabeth Anderson, and brother-in-law, Elton Anderson.

Mr. Hoback is survived by his son Tracy Hoback and Tonya Cromer; Son, Tony Hoback; Daughter, Tammy Stevenson, and husband David. Grandchildren; Dallas Hoback, Destinee Hoback, Dakota Stevenson, Shayne Stevenson; Great-Grandchildren, Jayden Hoback and Addison Hoback; Sisters Kathy Donathan, Shirley Henley and husband Wayne; along with many nieces and nephews.

He retired from Pulaski Furniture after 23 years of service. Prior to his time with the furniture factory, he was a welder in Ohio. He was very proud of his work and enjoyed sharing stories of his experiences with his family. His



family was his ultimate happiness, and it shows through many of the photos we are left with today. Aside from taking care of his family, Mr. Hoback was an avid supporter of St. Jude's Children's Hospital and would donate often to support their research. His hobbies were guns, cars, outdoors, and spending time with his family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. Burial followed at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In Memory Of

Carroll Ramon Griffith

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Dear Son, Brother In Heaven, It's been four years now since you left us. You are always on our minds. We lost a good Dad - Brother - Son when God called you home. Your presence will always be with us even though you are not with us here. Happy birthday to you - an In Memory will stay with us in all the upcoming years. Time marches on even though you're not with us here.



Sadly missed by all of us - Mother, Sister, Kids and All Who Knew You Here.

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Cause and Effect

The end of one year and the beginning of another offers the occasion to reflect on what has changed and what remains the same.

The good news is that the law of cause and effect remains in place. The bad news is that a lot of misguided and erroneous causes/ideas pushed by the Biden Administration and congressional Democrats have produced a series of lamentable effects.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Take energy policy. The progressives currently in power in Washington have taken up the mantle of the Green New Deal

and its war on reliable and affordable energy. They push energy sources that even their own experts admit are not ready to take on the main electric load for the United States. Meanwhile, they make fossil fuels harder to produce in the United States.

As a result, energy prices surge and eat into family budgets.

What the radical push for decarbonization fails to account for is that the United States can reduce its fossil fuel usage, but the rest of the world will not necessarily follow suit.

In fact, the International Energy Agency estimates that worldwide demand for coal is nearing an all-time high.

Among the places expected to use more coal: India, with consumption projected to grow by 12 percent; China, expected to increase by 9 percent, and the European Union, anticipated to rise by 11.5 percent.

Based on these trends, fossil fuels will clearly not go away anytime soon. Instead of doing away with domestic fossil fuel production and use, the Federal Government should increase its research on ways to use fossil fuels in a cleaner and more efficient manner. We can deploy the technologies to do so at home and export them abroad.

The Democrats' policies are causing increased energy prices and will cause a loss of American jobs.

I have repeatedly called in Congress for parity in federal research dollars between spending on renewable and nonrenewable resources, so that improvements in the fossil fuels we still use are not shortchanged by a focus on other energy sources that are far from ready to meet our energy needs.

Interesting developments are occurring in the field of direct air capture, in which carbon dioxide is extracted directly from the atmosphere for storage or use. In September, the largest direct air capture plant, constructed by a Swiss firm, opened in Iceland.

The United States should not miss out on the chance to lead the way on direct air carbon capture (see my prior comments on MOVA Technologies in Pulaski). The myopic policies of the Biden Administration will sacrifice these opportunities as well as energy security and affordability for the average citizen.

The law of cause and effect is also still in force at the southern border.

To our country's detriment, immediately upon coming into office President Biden sought to reduce or eliminate the border security measures taken by the Trump Administration. He immediately halted further construction of the border wall, even stopping work that had already been contracted. He also rolled back programs such as Remain in Mexico and tied the hands of Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers.

As a result, it is much harder to remove people present in the United States illegally. Democrats in Congress, with the support of the Administration, have also tried to give illegal immigrants amnesty. Unsurprisingly, these actions have enticed more people to enter our country illegally.

In November, 173,620 encounters with illegal immigrants took place along the southern border, a 5 percent increase from October. November was the ninth consecutive month with more than 100,000 encounters at the border. So far under the Biden Administration, there have been over 1.7 million illegal border crossings.

The scale of illegal immigration places immense strain on the Border Patrol, disrupts lives along the southern border, and encourages the criminal cartels smuggling people and contraband into our country. These dangerous consequences are the natural result of the Biden Administration's intentional laxity on border security.

I think a good New Year's resolution for President Biden would be to relearn the concept of cause and effect. Ideas have consequences. Really bad ideas have really bad consequences. The Biden Administration and its congressional supporters have advocated for far-left ideas that anyone not sharing their ideology could see as really bad ideas. These really bad ideas, if continued, will produce bad outcomes.

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.

5 Ways to Cut Household Costs This Year

By Rachel Cruze

2022 is here, guys! There's no better time than the beginning of a new year (after all that crazy Christmas spending) to get serious about saving money. And one simple way to do that is by looking for ways to save around the house. So, here are five practical ways to cut back on household costs.

1. DIY like a boss

Okay, so maybe you and your spouse aren't Chip and Joanna Gaines, but that doesn't mean you can't do a few awesome DIY projects and save some cash in the process. You could reupholster your couch, paint your kitchen table, or even make your own wall art instead of buying new decor. YouTube tutorials are your friend here.

And while you're on a DIY roll, look for ways you can do the jobs you might typically pay someone else to do. The savings can really add

up when you do all your yard work, repairs, cleaning, pet grooming, car washing, and other maintenance yourself, as your skill set allows.

2. Pay attention to utilities

You can save a lot on utility bills by making a few simple changes. It may sound totally obvious, but we don't always remember to do things like turn off the lights whenever we leave a room, take shorter showers, only run the dishwasher and washing machine when they're completely full, and use cold water instead of hot whenever possible.

You might also be able to save money by fixing leaky pipes, installing dimmer switches and LED lightbulbs, and checking to make sure your home is well insulated. Every little bit helps!

3. Shop around

When it comes to any expense for your household—insurance, phone,

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Let's out the men in Maxwell-Epstein case

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

The conviction of Ghislaine Maxwellon five of six charges of recruiting and grooming teenage girls for sexual encounters with disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein is not and should not be the end of the story. While Maxwell has been held accountable for her actions, the men who engaged in these encounters with underage girls have not, at least not yet. There is speculation Maxwell could strike a bargain with the court for a reduced sentence if she releases the names and possible videos that Epstein shot of some of the men who traveled to his Caribbean Island and New York home.

For too long too many men have escaped accountability for their liaisons with prostitutes and underage girls. While some have faced criminal charges, most appear to have escaped full accountability. When police arrest prostitutes, the "Johns" too often go free, or pay a fine and avoid publicity.

Perhaps one way to discourage this sleazy behavior is to return to a past practice that seemed to work as a deterrent.

Thirty-five years ago, two Trenton, New Jersey, newspapers decided to print the names, not only of prostitutes who had been arrested, but also the men who solicited them. The Associated Press ran this story in 1987: "It was bad enough being charged with soliciting a policewoman posing as a prostitute, said Jack (not his real name). Then a newspaper printed his name and address on the front page."

The newspapers suspended the practice in 1977 after a man they named committed suicide. They resumed it a decade later. "Jack" was quoted as saying, "My family had a hard time dealing with it. It put us up to public ridicule. We got anonymous phone calls."


The fear of public ridicule ought to be enough to give men who would engage in such acts second thoughts. If laws are not enough to act as sufficient deterrents, maybe shame and ridicule will do the job.

One benefit of knowing whether prominent and wealthy men engaged in sex acts with underage girls would be to remove them or keep them from leadership positions. It has already been revealed that Bill Clinton and Donald Trump were frequent fliers on Epstein's jet. Flight logs introduced during Maxwell's trial show Donald Trump flew on the jet between Palm Beach and New York City airports six times, sometimes accompanied by his then-wife, Marla Maples and infant daughter, Tiffany. Bill Clinton was a passenger at least 26times. Records obtained by foxnews.com show Clinton flew without his Secret Service detail for at least five of the flights and that trips between 2001 and 2003 "included extended junkets around the world with Epstein and fellow passengers identified on manifests by their initials or first names, including 'Tatiana.' The tricked-out jet earned its Nabakov-inspired nickname (Lolita Express) because it was reportedly outfitted with a bed where passengers had group sex with young girls."

Neither Trump, nor Clinton, has been accused of anything illegal or inappropriate, but given both men's record of behavior with women, people will draw their own conclusions. Whether or not Maxwell uses any of the information she might have to bargain for a lighter sentence, I hope details about all the men who visited Epstein's island and New York home will be made public as a warning to others who might have illegal and certainly immoral fantasies and think they can escape accountability.

The Washington Post quoted "advocates" for sexually abused girls and women as saying the Maxwell conviction is a "symbolic win" for survivors. It should be more than symbolic. Outing all the men who abused these women will make it so.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

The Miracle of Bugs

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." Proverbs 6:6

Edward O. Wilson, the Harvard biologist who has died at age 92, is most famous for his contributions to evolutionary biology, but he built his career on ants.

He wrote multiple books on the insects, including a 700-page encyclopedic work in 1990 that has to count as one of the least likely winners of the Pulitzer Prize ever.

Despite his agnosticism and the reductive materialism of his Darwinism, Wilson wrote with a real warmth and soulfulness. Amidst his storied academic career and the controversies kicked up by his theories, it's worth considering all he did to highlight the miraculous complexity and wonders of life via a lowly bug that is considered a pest when it isn't ignored altogether.

There are more than 15,000 discovered species of ant, and perhaps another 10,000 yet to be found. Wilson exulted in the dizzying variety -- ants that can walk under water to find dead insects, or glide from one branch of a tree to another, or create super-colonies that extend for miles.

If ants are extraordinarily diverse, their social organization makes East Berlin look fun and free by comparison. As Wilson wrote, "Karl Marx was right, socialism works, it is just that he had the wrong species." Ants have all the regard for individual dignity of a Mongol chieftain and a power structure out of the Ottoman court.

Pretty much every ant you see doing something is a female. The males are pitiable creatures, good for nothing except their one-time task of trying to inseminate a female.

Among fire ants, would-be queens work together to try to establish a new nest. As soon as they've given birth to worker ants, though, the game of thrones begins. The workers seek out and kill all the queens, leaving only the one that is most fecund.

Ant colonies take slaves and fight wars of extinction. Henry David Thoreau wrote of an ant battle he observed at Walden Pond: "They fought with more pertinacity than bulldogs. Neither manifested the least disposition to retreat. It was evident that their battle cry was 'Conquer or die.'"

The massive and intricate level of cooperation of an ant colony is something to behold. Mark Twain spoofed an ant's crazy struggles upon discovering a grasshopper leg, lugging it the opposite way from home before she "gets madder and madder, then presently hoists it into the air and goes tearing away in an entirely new direction."

In reality, it's the exact opposite. After finding food, a scout tends to return to her nest in a straight line and then summon reinforcements that follow her path exactly. A species found in North Africa travels some 100

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Court awarded grant to preserve local records

RICHMOND -The Library of Virginia announced that the Circuit Court Records Preservation {CCRP} program has awarded Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk, Maetta Crewe, a grant in the amount of \$36,870.00 for local records preservation. The funds will be used to conserve General Index to Deeds 1909-1928, Grantees, A-Z; General Index to Deeds 1909-1928, Grantors, A-Z; Land Book 1858-1861; Land Book 1867- 1870; Marriage Licenses 1881-1887; Marriage Licenses 1888-1889; Marriage

Licenses 1890-1891; and Marriage Licenses 1892-1894. stored in her office. “We’re very excited,” said Mrs. Crewe. “These records are the history of our county! We have an obligation to make sure that they are available for future generations.” Since 1990, the CCRP has awarded over 1,100 grants totaling more than \$25,000,000. This year, the program awarded \$4.7 million to 101 localities to assist the clerks’ offices with their preservation efforts.

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internet, streaming services, you name it—shopping around can really pay off. Take the time to research all your available options, and don’t be afraid to negotiate with or switch providers if you find a better deal. A small hassle in the short term can save you a lot of money in the long term. Along with that, make sure you’re keeping an eye on your subscriptions, and unsubscribe from any plans you don’t use or need. That could include music and movie services, meal kits, fashion and beauty boxes, expensive data plans, pizza-of-the-month club (guilty), and anything that’s not a necessity or that you could get cheaper somewhere else.

4. Plan your meals in advance

Meal planning is deciding ahead of time what you’re going to eat and when, and it can seriously help you take fewer grocery store trips, waste less food, and stop eating out so much.

Here are some basic meal-planning guidelines: Set a specific day and time in your schedule to plan. Look through your kitchen to see what you already have. Search for sales and coupons. Consult your food line item in your budget. Find budget-friendly recipes online that make enough servings for leftovers. Build your grocery list based on all the above.

Then, take time to prep your meals before the week starts so that after a busy workday, dinner can be ready in no time.

5. Save on groceries

Speaking of grocery lists, there are plenty of ways to save money at the store. Think of your shopping list as a firm boundary for what you won’t buy (sorry, spontaneous candy bar in the checkout line—you don’t make the cut). Buy generic instead of name brand, and buy in bulk for things you know you’ll need and use. Choose your produce based on what’s

The CCRP is a collaborative program between the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Court Clerks Association {VCCA}. Funded through a \$3.50 portion of the clerk’s recordation fee, the CCRP provides resources to help preserve and make accessible permanent circuit court records stored in the 120 circuit courts and at the Library of Virginia. For more information on the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program’s resources and services, please visit www.lva.virginia.gov.

in season, because if it’s easier to get, it’s usually cheaper. And of course, it will really help if you find the most affordable grocery stores in your area, too. It’s crazy how much the prices can vary between stores for the exact same items.

I wrote an article recently that features the cheapest grocery stores, so be sure to check it out. And get ready to start stacking those savings this year!

Rachel Cruze is a two-time #1 national best-selling author, financial expert and host of The Rachel Cruze Show. She has appeared on Good Morning America, TODAY Show and Live! With Kelly & Ryan, among others. Since 2010, Rachel has served at Ramsey Solutions, where she teaches people to avoid debt, save money, budget and how to win with money at any stage in life.

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Vegetables: Fresh, Frozen or Canned?

L. Dawn Barnes, Senior Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences

Vegetables are always on my grocery list. The specific vegetables on the list will vary depending on season and availability. The list is also influenced by what I am making and which preparation style I will be using. And, of course, the cost of the vegetable option. The vegetables that make it into my grocery cart may be fresh, frozen or canned. Fruits and Veggies.org shared the results of a recent study that found all three provide nutrients needed for a healthy diet. And, because canned and frozen produce are processed at their peak of freshness they lose little of their nutrients.

There are many reasons canned and frozen vegetables are a good choice. They may be less expensive than other options. A vegetable that is out of season or not available in your region may be available from

zen or canned. They have a longer storage life than fresh. It is suggested that frozen vegetables be used within 8 months of purchase.

Some frozen and canned vegetables are packaged with added seasoning and sauces. It may be a time saver but they usually include added fat, sugar and salt. Read the labels. Purchase no salt or reduced salt options when available. Add your favorite herbs and spices as you prepare them for your meal.

I have a friend that is not crazy about the texture of canned vegetables. Consider, instead of just heating and eating them include them in something else. Some of my favorite uses include chicken pot pie or shepherd’s pie, vegetable soup, bean salad, vegetable rice and a long list of casseroles.

Whatever your favorite vegetable and not matter the season be sure to look for them in the produce, canned and frozen sections.

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yards from its nest and then invariably finds its way back using cues from the sunlight. A species in the Kenyan rainforest uses the forest’s canopy as a map.

Can ants create their own ark? Check. When water invades a nest of fire ants, the insects unite to create a living raft. They float along, carrying the queen and eggs, larvae, and pupae until they find dry land again.

Can they launch irresistible ground offensives? Yes, of course. One species sends as many as 700,000 ants out in a fan that moves as fast as 20-yards-an-hour. It can be heard approaching and destroys and consumes all in its path on the rainforest floor,

from other insects to scorpions and tarantulas, to lizards and birds.

The effect of Wilson’s work on these lowly, yet fascinating, bugs is to create the same sense of marvel that he must have felt when he was an awkward boy first engaged in his amateur naturalism -- a feeling that should rightly never be exhausted.

“Our sense of wonder,” Wilson wrote, “grows exponentially: The greater the knowledge, the deeper the mystery and the more we seek knowledge to create new mystery.”

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

OBITUARIES

TOMMY LEE QUESENBERRY

Tommy was the son of Otis Olen Quesenberry, and Barbara Ellen Grantham Quesenberry Morris. He was preceded in death by his father; his paternal grandparents, George Bernice and Annie Mae Wilson Quesenberry; maternal grandparents, Arthur Cleveland and Ione Lawrence Altizer Grantham; his sister, Loretta Sue Quesenberry Eads, who passed eight days prior to his death ; and his very special friend, Sidney Miles Steger. Surviving besides his mother are his siblings, Cindy Quesenberry Akers, Otis Michael “Link” Quesenberry, Debbie Quesenberry Linkous, and Steven Eric Quesenberry, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

LORETTA SUE QUESENBERRY EADS

Sue was the daughter of Otis Olen Quesenberry, and Barbara Ellen Grantham Quesenberry Morris. She was preceded in death by her father; her paternal grandparents, George Bernice and Annie Mae Wilson Quesenberry; maternal grandparents, Arthur Cleveland and Ione Lawrence Altizer Grantham; her husband and the father of her children, Danny Ray Eads, Sr. Her brother, Tommy Quesenberry, would pass eight days following her death.

She is survived by her son, Danny Ray Eads, Jr., daughter, LoriAnn Danielle Eads, and two granddaughters, Jailee Foreman and Briella Nein, and her husband

Eric Quesenberry, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and a very special friend and helper, Yvonne Hall Anderson. Tommy is also survived by his Church Family at First United Methodist Church, whom he loved and respected as his close personal family.

Tommy will be cremated, and buried with his father at Thornspring Cemetery, in a private family service. A public memorial service will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank all those who cared for, supported, and encouraged him throughout his lengthy illness. May God Bless You All.

band Michael Neil Nugent, all of Decatur, IL, where Sue had made her home since leaving Pulaski. Also surviving besides her mother are her siblings, Cindy Quesenberry Akers, Otis Michael “Link” Quesenberry, Debbie Quesenberry Linkous, and Steven Eric Quesenberry, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Sue will be cremated, and a memorial service held in the spring, when she will be buried with her children’s father in the Eads Cemetery on Caseknife Road in Pulaski. Thanks to all her Pulaski friends and family for the prayers and comfort during her long illness.

BOBBY RAY ADKINS

Bobby Ray Adkins, 75, of Dublin, passed away Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

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

LYNWOOD “WOODY” WILSON WEBB

Lynwood “Woody” Wilson Webb, 103, of Dublin, passed away Friday, December 31, 2021.

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DICKIE STEVEN “SUGAR BEAR” PENNINGTON

Dickie Steven “Sugar Bear” Pennington, 68, of Pulaski, passed away December 16, 2021.

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LewisGale Hospital Pulaski this week announced the addition of Adult Substance Use Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP).

Hospital adds Adult Substance Use Intensive Outpatient Program

LewisGale Hospital Pulaski announced the addition of Adult Substance Use Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), an outpatient service for patients who are experiencing impairment in social, occupational, or family functioning due to substance use that requires intensive and structured intervention.

“Our IOP is designed to help patients who may be experiencing behavioral or emotional difficulties related to substance use,” said Leigh Gathings, program director. “The program-

ming maintains group session at the core, but also includes special events and opportunities for patients to practice self-sufficiency behaviors.”

Patients enrolled in the IOP can expect patient-centered goal-setting and treatment planning; group, individual, and family interventions; life skills practice opportunities; evidence-based recovery model; and continuum of care.

“Our interdisciplinary treatment team has developed a program that integrates approaches

supported by the latest clinical research and practices,” said Sean Pressman, chief executive officer of LewisGale Hospital Pulaski. “These program enhancements will continue to provide the safe, therapeutic environment to our patients in southwest Virginia.”

Located at 2400 Lee Highway, Pulaski, the Adult Substance Use IOP operates Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. – noon. Additional days and hours will expand as the program evolves. For more information, contact (540) 440-4420.



COVID-19 Testing Program Available

Positive test results for COVID-19 are, unfortunately, skyrocketing in the Commonwealth. Pulaski County is not immune, as positive test result numbers here are up as well.

PCPS continues to work hard to protect students and staff while also ensuring as much in-person learning as possible.

Since November, PCPS has offered a program, on a voluntary and free basis and in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health and Primary Health, in an effort to continue to keep Pulaski County ahead of the curve in fighting COVID-19. Please see all details in the attached letter. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Richard Thomas, Testing Division Coordinator, at rthomas@pcva.us.

Also, keep in mind that while vaccination may not prevent everyone from getting COVID-19, it has been proven to reduce the effects. Also, those who are immunized are less likely to require hospitalization and normally recover quicker. The COVID-19 vaccine is available free of charge at many locations. If you or your students have not been vaccinated, we ask that you consider that option to help protect yourself and those around you.

PULSE

January 11

Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Camp 1184 to meet

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Mr. Scott Gardner of the Glencoe Museum, who will give a talk on General Gabriel Wharton. If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday, or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please contact 320-4315 or 239-9864.

ONGOING:

VHM beginning Hispanic Service

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

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and

Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing observed.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing is observed.

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Town Boards and Commission Opportunities

The Town Council of Pulaski, Virginia will have several opportunities to appoint individuals to boards and/or commission in 2022 for citizens interested in serving the Town.

The **Planning Commission** will have five appointments/reappointments. The Commission oversees the development of the Town according to the Zoning Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. Its prime function is to review and make recommendations to Town Council on applications on zoning requests. Terms are for four (4) years.

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** currently will need appointments for one regular and two alternates. Among the Board's duties are: hearing appeals from administrative zoning decisions; considering variances from the zoning ordinance; and ruling on map boundaries. Town Council nominates prospective members with the actual appointment performed by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Terms are for five (5) years.

By state law, members of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals must be residents of the Town. In addition, members of the Board of Zoning Appeals may hold no other office. There are training opportunities that may be available for persons interested in serving on these two boards.

The **Architecture Review Board** will have three opportunities for appointment/reappointment. The Board administers the Downtown Commercial Historic District and is responsible for reviewing proposed changes to the exterior of structures in the District. Membership of the Board is open to persons who have a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge in historic preservation. Terms are for four years

The **Pulaski Redevelopment and Housing Authority** will have three opportunities for appointment/reappointment for a four-year term. The Authority works to facilitate opportunities for development within the Town by acquiring, holding or selling properties within the Town.

The **Cemetery Board of Trustees** will have two appointments during the year. This Board is charged with the oversight of the cemetery trust funds for operation and capital improvement activities for Pinehurst and Oakwood cemeteries. Terms are for three years.

For citizens interested in applying for one of these positions, a Volunteer Application Form is required and may be obtained from the Town of Pulaski's website at www.pulaskitown.org or picked up from the Town Manager's Office at the following address:

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Cougars girls destroy Titans

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars bounced back Tuesday night from a 1-2 showing in the Greenville, Tenn. Holiday tournament to pound Hidden Valley, 84-21.

Pulaski County (6-3) was led in the rout by Erin Russell with 17 points. Ally Fleenor scored 16, followed by Jaden Lawson with 12 and Keslyn Secrist had 11. Paige Huff had 10, Tori and Morgan Vest had 6 each. Hannah Keefer scored 4 and Hailey Capps added 2.

The game vs. Hidden Valley (0-9) was over just about when it started, as the Cougars jumped out to a 26-2 lead and led 51-7 at halftime.

Prior to Tuesday's win over Hidden Valley, the Lady Cougars spent the holiday week between Christmas and New Years competing in the 20-team Andrew Johnson Bank Ladies Classic in Greenville, Tenn.

The week-long tournament featured some of the best girls basketball teams in all of Tennessee and included a number of players from various teams who have already committed to play in college.

The Lady Cougars fell in their opening round contest, 71-64 to the Oak Ridge Wildcats.

In their second contest, Pulaski County beat the Shelby Valley Wildcats, 68-66.

And in their third and final game, the Lady Cougars lost to the Cleveland Blue Raiders, 64-56.

The Bullitt East Chargers out of Mt. Washington, Kentucky was the eventual tournament champion.

Pulaski County placed one player – Secrist – on the All-Tournament Team.



Pulaski County's Ally Fleenor heads to the basket against Hidden Valley

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Hannah Keefer puts up a shot against a Titan defender.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot



Cougar head coach Scott Ratcliff shouts instructions to his team.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Cougar boys bounce back vs. Titans

Patriot Staff Report

Forecasts for cold, snowy weather late this week forced cancellation of three Pulaski County Cougar Boys basketball games.

The Cougars (6-3) were scheduled Thursday to complete the suspended game against Carroll County. There were four minutes left in the contest when a medical emergency forced the game to be halted.

Now, Carroll and Pulaski County will have to find a new date to get that game finished.

The Cougar varsity and junior varsity were due to host Blacksburg on Friday, and then travel to Floyd County on Saturday to play James River as part of the Chance Harman Memorial Tournament.

Prior to the weather setback, Pulaski County rebounded from a title game loss to Fort Chiswell in the First Community Bank Holiday Tournament to beat Hidden Valley, 44-38.

Tuesday night the Cougars got balanced scoring from seven players to beat the Titans.

Kyle O'Neal and Peyton McDaniel led the way for Pulaski County with 9 points each. JJ Gulley and Josh Bourne added eight, and Lane Nester chipped in six. Khalib Horton and Caleb Underwood had 2 each.

The Cougars jumped out to a 14-6 lead after the first quarter and pretty much matched the Titans the rest of the way for the win.

Prior to the Hidden Valley game, Pulaski County fell in the championship of the tournament at Fort Chiswell, falling to the Pioneers, 51-44.

The Cougars could only manage two points in the first quarter of the game as the Fort jumped out to a 10-2 lead.

The two teams battled even the rest of the game, but Pulaski County couldn't overcome the poor start.

McDaniel led the Cougars with 17 points, while Bourne added 9, followed by O'Neal with 7, Nester with 5, Gulley with 4 and Underwood's 1.

Pulaski County opened the tournament with a seven-point win over George Wythe, 54-47.

Gulley was the big gun for the Cougars scoring 20 points. Bourne added 14, Nester, 10; McDaniel, 8, and Horton, 2.

The Cougars took a 10-4 lead in the first quarter and the Maroons never recovered.

Pulaski County had to go into overtime in the second game of the tournament to beat Bassett, 63-60.

This game marked two scoring runs – one by each team.

Bassett held a 28-26 edge at halftime before outscoring Pulaski County 17-10 in the third to go into the fourth quarter leading 45-36.

But the Cougars went on their own run in the fourth quarter, outscoring Bassett 17-8 to end regulation at a 53-53 tie.

The Cougars won overtime 10-7 to take the win.

It was another game of balanced scoring for Pulaski County with McDaniel leading the way with 16. Bourne and Nester added 15. Gulley chipped in 13, while O'Neal and Tyler Sutherland each added 2.

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Today's date is the first week into the year of 2022. A number of people have made resolutions and broken some or all of them by now. I have done the same over the years but will share a few of the things of the outdoors that I did and hope will never happen again.

Last week was written about trapping experiences where I grew up on Little Creek. One of the animals that was trapped was skunks (we called them "Polecats") and they brought pretty good prices if they were predominately all black. Some of my classmate guys in 6th and 7th grade were trapping or catching skunks with dogs at night, but often got some traces of the scent on them and were often sent home by our teachers as the school rooms warmed up in the morning hours. I knew of a couple of skunks that were in an abandoned groundhog hole in a field across the "Creek" from my home and caught them in my trap-sets. They were dead from the freezing cold night and I managed to skin them being careful to not get any smell on me in doing so. I thought I was home free until we visited my grandparent's home and after no more than getting in the house with a roaring fire in the living room stove; someone spoke up and said, "Where did that skunk come from?" I made a pledge to myself to never trap any more of



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them polecats.

Before the days that spin-casting reels came to the forefront, we used bait casting ones with colored lines attached to a hook with sinkers. I ordered a spool of monofilament line 3 lb. test from Sears and put it on a casting reel and we caught a number of fish such as Perch and Redeyes. My buddy Jim and I were fishing a part of the "Creek" with this invisible line where the rushing waters entered a large pool of water and hooked into the Granddaddy of a small-mouth bass that broke the line twice and got away. I should have gotten stronger line to start with, as it would have compensated for the weight of the fish and weight and force of the water. Since then, I have broken a few lines due to hang ups etc., but never fished with lines in the waters that would more than hold any fish found there.

A third episode that I never did again while camped out deer hunting during the archery season over in Giles County years ago.

The other guys and I were standing around near our old school bus outfitted with a stove and bunks to stay in. A deer suddenly appeared and trotted across the field near us. I had my bow in hand and knowing I had little chance of hitting it, shot any way and missed. They all started ribbing me and said, "You are going to lose your shirt tail for that." I said I never knew we had any rule like that and would cut off anybody's shirt tail off that cut mine off. I had to miss next day's hunt taking care of some business and got back that evening and all the guys were standing there grinning along with an older sister of one of them who had stopped by visiting. I asked what was going on and they said, "Becky just cut your shirt tail off." I had to just grin and bear it as I couldn't very well cut off a girl's shirt. From that day on I resolved to do most hunting alone and away from guys camped out together as you can never be sure what they may pull on you.

Reminiscences of younger days have their joys and disappointments as well. I am glad for heeding the words of the Bible in Ecclesiastes 12a KJV, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." It is an investment in eternity and I recommend anyone not knowing the Lord (young or old) to make this a resolution to start the new year.

Until next time

NC State rallies past Virginia Tech

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Sophomore Dereon Seabron scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half and North Carolina State rallied to beat Virginia Tech 68-63 in Atlantic Coast Conference play on Tuesday night.

Seabron sank 8 of 14 shots from the floor and added 10 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the season for the Wolfpack (8-7, 1-3), who snapped a five-game skid.

Terquavion Smith hit four 3-points and scored 17 with seven boards for the Wolfpack. Smith hit seven 3s his last time out, second best in N.C. State history for a freshman, and entered the game second in the ACC with 36 makes from beyond the arc. Jericole Helms sank three 3s and scored 15.

Virginia Tech (8-6, 0-3) led 33-29 at halftime and 41-34 on a Keve Aluma three-point play with 17:15 left in the game. Seabron sandwiched two layups around a 3-pointer by Helms

to spark a 13-0 run that gave the Wolfpack a 47-41 lead with 13:57 remaining. Smith and Seabron buried back-to-back 3s to cap the spurt. A basket by Aluma ended the run, but Helms answered with a 3-pointer and a layup to push the lead to nine with 12:28 left.

The Hokies battled back to grab a 59-58 lead on a rebound basket by Justyn Mutts at 4:54, but Ebenezer Dowuona hit a go-ahead turn-around jumper in the paint for his only points of the game. Sebron hit a bucket and two free throws to wrap up the win.

Aluma finished with 18 points and six rebounds for the Hokies. Storm Murphy added 14 points and five assists.

Virginia Tech was coming off a COVID-19 pause and hadn't played since losing to No. 2 Duke on Dec. 22. The Hokies' last home game was Dec. 8. Virginia Tech is 0-3 in ACC play for the first time since the 2014-15 season.

N.C. State coach Kevin Keatts picked up his first win in four

tries against the Hokies since taking over the Wolfpack program in 2017-18. Georgia Tech is the only ACC opponent Keatts hasn't beaten. The Wolfpack snapped a three-game skid to Virginia Tech and lead the all-time series 41-18.

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1. A request from Marathon Realty Corp. to rezone property located at 1201 E. Main Street [tax parcel(s) 072-1-55] from I-1 Light Industrial to B-2 General Business.

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

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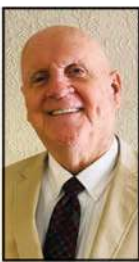
Board of Supervisors Public Notice

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1. Application by Jonathan Cottle, to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A), at Tax Map # 092-007-0000-0001 located at Ferncliff Road. , Draper District.
2. Application by Howard Gilmer & Su Su Ellen Owen Sadler, to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (LR) and Industrial (I) to Agriculture (A), at Tax Map # 064-001-0000-0017, 064-001-0000-0005, 064-001-0000-0014A located at Peppers Ferry Road. , Massie District.
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.

Comments may be presented orally, or in writing, prior to the meeting or in person at the public hearing. Information regarding the matter(s) referenced above is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Community Development Department, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County upon request will make reasonable accommodations available. Please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

When Ye Pray, Believe God For An Answer

Matthew 7:9. “Or what man is there of you, whom if his son asks bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father Which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him.”

As a responsible parent, we will always strive to give to our children, the things that they need. We wouldn’t give them what they ask for, if what they would ask for would not be good for them. If one of our children were hungry, and asked us for bread, we’d not give that child a stone instead. If one of our children were to ask us for some fish to eat, we’d not give that child a serpent. That would be mean and cruel.

I always knew my parents loved me. They always provided for all my needs when they possibly could. I don’t mean they’d buy me a new Sports Car, because for me to ask them for that would have been wrong, knowing that they couldn’t afford it. But I always had plenty to eat, water to bathe in, tooth-paste to brush my teeth with, quilts to keep me warm at night, food for my stomach, clothing to keep me warm and decent, and a whole lot of love. They provided these necessary things for me because they loved me.

Jesus said here, “If you know how to give good gifts to your own children, how much more will your heavenly Father, give good things to His children.” If we’re saved, we are God’s Children. We have been adopted into the family of God, and we are the sons and daughters of God.

As much as our parents love us, God loves us even more. And our precious heavenly Father will not withhold any good thing from His children who walk uprightly.

We should always keep that in mind when we pray. We are praying to the God Who loves us more than anyone else loves us, and Who delights in giving us good things.

When we pray to God, it’s not like we’re praying to a stranger. God loves us immensely. He is pleased to meet our needs, and very often He even gives us the desires of our hearts.

He loves us too much to give us things that would be bad for us. We are to ask God for what we want and need, and then be satisfied with what He gives us. He may not give us what we ask for because He wants to give us something better, somewhere down the road.

God delights in giving us spiritual things. Luke 11:13 says a similar thing to our scripture in Matthew 7. “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?”

For those who are seeking to be endowed with God’s power, know this. God wants you to have a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit, even more than you want it. He loves you and wants you to be endowed with all of the power and the anointing that the Holy Spirit brings into the lives of those who seek His face for power for service.

The nine-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit, miracles, wisdom, knowledge, faith, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues, healings, and prophecy are manifested in the body of Christ through those who are filled with the Spirit of God.

Prayer is the method for asking, seeking and knocking. Prayer opens up a line of communication with our Heavenly

Church Directory

Draper Valley Baptist Church

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

Grace Baptist Church

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

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Newbern Christian Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

Newbern United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place
P.O. Box 458
Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter,
Walter Gueste, Derick Burton
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
540-674-4729

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical
address)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing
address)
Pastor’s Name: Will Shelton
Hispanic Lay Pastor: Sebastian Ruiz
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Hispanic Worship: 11:00AM
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@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@dvpc.org
website - www.dvpc.org
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10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube

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.psalm1@gmail.com
Cell) 540-320-2431
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message):
11 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry
Facebook.com/
Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

Grace Ministries

Church of God of Prophecy

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

Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Jim Linkous
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook/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.
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5670 Thornspring Church Rd.
Dublin, VA 24084
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-2927

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

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

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

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

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

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

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305 Newbern Road, Dublin
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Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

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

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,
(540) 250-2974
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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1555 Case Knife Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080
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Service Times:
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11 a.m. Sunday Service

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540-980-7287
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Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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New Life Church of the Nazarene
45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church
2640 Max Creek Rd
PO Box 326
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
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
325 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, Va.
Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske
Phone: 980-6565
fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Amazing Grace Ministries
4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
(540) 250-3741
ttgarwood674@gmail.com

Fairlawn Baptist
6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

McCraw

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Father. As our Heavenly Father, He wants to hear from us, His children.

Prayer to our Father in Heaven must always be accompanied by Faith. We must believe God for what we ask of Him. Jesus said, "...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23

I especially like what D L Moody said about asking God in faith believing. He said, "If you pray for bread and bring no basket to carry it, you prove the doubting spirit, which may be the only hindrance to the boon you ask."

I heard about a church congregation that was going to meet together to pray for rain, and the preacher asked before they started praying, "How many of you today brought an umbrella?" It turned out nobody had brought an umbrella. It was as if they didn't really believe that God would send the rain.

When we ask God for something, we must ask in faith believing, expecting a miracle. For the man who doubts or waivers in his faith, the bible says, "...let not that man think that he shall receive anything from God." James 1:7

A person who waivers in their faith, first believing and then not believing, will not be able to receive anything from God. We must pray and have faith in God's sufficiency, if we expect to get an answer to our prayers.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6.

"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 12 Coe. 13:2.

"He replied, 'Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'" Matt. 17:20.

Notice He didn't say if you have faith as big as a mountain, ye shall be able to move a mustard seed. Faith is so powerful it doesn't take a mountain of faith to receive a Miracle from God.

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Psalms in the Old testament or New Testament or neither?
- From 2 Chronicles 26, at what age did Uzziah become king of Jerusalem? 16, 30, 65, 99
- In Genesis 4, who did God ask, "Why is thy countenance fallen?" Eve, Ahaz, Cain, Esau
- Which prophet saw the Lord's angel riding on a red horse? Hosea, Nathan, Zechariah, Isaiah
- Who was the first person to build an altar unto the Lord? Abraham, Noah, Artaxerxes, Levi
- From Exodus 33 who/what saw the back of God? Adam, The serpent, Abraham, Moses

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 16; 3) Cain; 4) Zechariah; 5) Noah; 6) Moses

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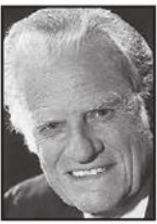
Q: The changes in society are running everything into the ground. It's scary to think how content people seem to be with living in a virtual world. Is there anything that remains the same? - T.C.

A: Fear and anxiety have become the hallmarks of our age. Fear and anxiety are like baby tigers; the more we feed them, the stronger they grow. Fear can banish faith, but faith can banish fear. We must ask ourselves where

our faith rests -- in ourselves and circumstances, or in Almighty God.

Seasons change. The calendar changes every month. Circumstances change. But God's Word never changes; God changes not. What a wonderful thought.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law (Matthew 5:18, NIV1984). "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35).



My Answer

Billy Graham

God knows what is best for us, and He knows the fears that often overtake us. Only God's Word shows us who He is and gives us a settled hope for the future. His message -- the Bible -- is able to calm our spirits. The power -- and truth -- of His Word will lead peo-

ple to discover their need for God and the need of His salvation.

There is a good and healthy fear: the fear of the Lord. Some may say that it is a terrible thing to fear the Lord, but the Bible says that God's love is great toward those who fear Him (see Psalm 103:8, 11). This type of fear is a reverent respect and awe of His power in the world and in our lives. This is a wonderful promise.

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

Amber Waves

THE SNOW HAS LET UP. I AM GOING TO GO OUT AND SHOVEL THE SIDEWALK.

I GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO BUY ANOTHER SHOVEL IN ORDER TO FIND THE FIRST ONE, AS SOMEBODY LEFT IT OUT.

Out on a Limb

A BUNCH OF SPOILED ANGRY KIDS CONDESCEND AT THE MOON.

R.F.D.

WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, SIM?

OH, I'M DONE MAKIN' THOSE!

WHAT'S A MATTER -- 'FRAID OF A CHALLENGE?

WELL, IF I WAS, MILLIE...

I WOULDN'T BE A FARMER.

TOUCHÉ, SIM! TOUCHÉ!

The Spats

DO YOU KNOW THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DIVORCE IN NORTH AMERICA?

HUSBANDS.

POPEYE

HEY, CISMAN!

WOOF WOOF

WHAT'S CHESTER DOING HERE?

NOW I REMEMBER... POPEYE LEFT HIM IN MY CARE WHILE HE'S AWAY!

WOOF WOOF

JUST GIVE ME TEN MORE MINUTE!

OKAY! I'M GETTING UP!

GRRRR

POGS WOULD BE PERFECT IF THEY CAME WITH A SNOOZE BUTTON

Just Like Cats & Dogs

AHH, THAT TIME OF YEAR WHERE I GET HER WHAT SHE WANTS AND I GET WHAT SHE THINKS WE NEED.

LAFF-A-DAY

Remember, if we do find a burglar, you flash the light on your face, and I'll hit him while he's in shock!"

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!

Escort
DAGUR

Wander
BLAME

Sway
WROPE

Creak
ARGON

"May I _____ a few things?"

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Biting remark
5 Spheres
9 Victory
12 Skin care brand
13 Joel or Ethan of Hollywood
14 Parisian pal
15 Hourly pay
16 Batman's hood
17 Beer container
18 Rebuff
19 Acting coach Hagen
20 Crazy
21 Actor Brynner
23 Old Olds
25 Mourn
28 Hit song by the Oak Ridge Boys
32 Grown-up
33 Snake poison
34 Autobio-graphy
36 Herbal tea
37 Geese formation
38 Computer key
39 Lose color
42 TiVo precursor
44 Idle or Clapton
48 Khan title
49 Close

DOWN

1 Fiddle sticks
2 Arkin of "Argo"
3 Prego rival
4 1957 Everly Brothers song
5 Supernatural
6 Cheer (for)

7 Caveat word
8 NBC sketch show
9 Texas city
10 Apple computer
11 Boy, in Barcelona
20 Features of romantic comedies
22 Loosen
24 Graceland idol
25 Felon's flight
26 Citric beverage
27 Silent
29 Pig-poke link
30 Director Howard
31 Soul, to Sartre
35 Disclose
36 "Fab!"
39 Crazes
40 Mellows
41 Loony
43 Give a darn
45 Carry on
46 One-named supermodel
47 Penny
49 "The Voice" network

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top ten

Strongest Belief in Climate Emergency

1. U.K.
2. Italy
3. Japan
4. France
5. Germany
6. South Africa
7. Spain
8. Russia
9. USA
10. India

Source: U.N./Oxford University

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which Russian city used to be called Leningrad?
2. SCIENCE: What is the coldest city in the northern hemisphere?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "persona non grata" mean?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state's flag is the only one currently that is two-sided?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the first animal to appear on a U.S. coin?
6. FOOD & DRINK: How many herbs and spices are in the original recipe of Kentucky Fried Chicken?
7. MOVIES: How many movies did Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire make together?
8. LITERARY: In the Harry Potter book series, what are N.E.W.T.s?
9. TELEVISION: How many children were in "The Addams Family" sitcom?
10. HISTORY: In what year was the first email sent?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. St. Petersburg
2. Oymyakon, Russia
3. An unwelcoming person
4. Oregon (state seal on one side and a figure of a beaver on the other side)
5. An eagle
6. 11
7. 10
8. Critical examinations (Nastily Exhaling Wizarding Test).
9. Two: Wednesday and Pugsley
10. 1971

King Crossword

Americanisms

The nicknames those guys gave themselves are OK, but they could have been handled better.

CryptoQuip

The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being either proven right or pleasantly surprised."
— George F. Will

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BORROW

Today's Word

3. Power; 4. Croan
1. Guard 2. Ambie;
solution

SCRAMBLERS

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

Clue: U equals K

VID LMBULJSDE VIZED TAXE TJHD
VIDSEDPHDE JFD ZU, WAV VIDX
BZAPG IJHD WDDL IJLPGDG WDVVDF.

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Resources &	2631772	Finance Accountant Specialist	Blacksburg	
Professional	2554230	Executive Assistant	Radford	
	2630572	Leasing Consultant	Christiansburg	
	2628225	Store Manager	Christiansburg	
	2628244	Bookkeeper/Office Manager	Floyd	
	2627102	Engineering Assistant	Blacksburg	
	2553839	Business Sales Officer	Christiansburg	
	2582968	Human Resources Manager	Radford	
	2624709	Purchasing Lead	Dublin	
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	2521361	Specialty Sales Representative	Blacksburg	
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	2574942	Maintenance Mechanic	Radford	
	2625358	Production/Assembly	Dublin	
	2623056	Mold Technician	Dublin	
	2632470	Supply Chain Associate	Christiansburg	
	2630258	Manufacturing Engineer	Blacksburg	
	2625427	Welder	Dublin	
	2583180	Production Technician	Blacksburg	
Drivers	2631802	Transit Bus Operator	Blacksburg	
	2623989	Driver/Courier	Christiansburg	
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	2629908	Construction Inspector	Blacksburg	
	2628602	Caregiver	Dublin	
	2625913	2nd Shift Inspector	Blacksburg	
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Trade deficit hits near record-high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit surged to a near-record high of \$80.2 billion in November as exports slowed at the same time that imports jumped sharply.

The November deficit was 19.3% higher than the October deficit of \$67.2 billion and was just below the all-time monthly record of \$81.4 billion set in September, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

November imports, goods Americans bought from other countries, jumped 4% to \$304.4 billion in November while ex-

ports, those the U.S. sends overseas, edged up a scant 0.2% to \$224.2 billion.

Through the first 11 months of 2021, the U.S. trade deficit is 28.6% higher than during the same period last year with the econom-

ic recovery in the United States outpacing other nations, as is the readiness of Americans to spend.

For all of 2020, the U.S. trade deficit stood at \$676.7 billion, a slight 0.1% above the 2019 figure.

Weekly SUDOKU

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



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Budgeting for car repair costs

Dear Dave,
I am following your plan, and recently became debt-free, but I have a question. When doing a monthly budget, should I figure in a specific category for car repairs and maintenance, or just use my emergency fund?

Ashleigh

Dear Ashleigh,
Congratulations on becoming debt-free! You know, new cars, old cars and in-between cars all have one thing in common — they'll need repairs at some point. Fixing your car is just a basic part of car ownership, and something every car owner should be prepared for.

When life happens, to your vehicle or anything else, an emergency fund acts like an airbag. Only instead of keeping your face from hitting the dashboard, it keeps your finances from getting smashed up. When it comes to car repair costs, I advise creating a sinking fund in your budget. A sinking fund is a special place in your budget where you save up money for specific, big ticket items — like car repairs.

I know, stuffing money into a sinking fund each month sounds about as enjoyable as waiting in line at the DMV. But look at it this way, if you had a car loan like most people, you'd be putting hundreds toward that debt each month. Instead, you're one of the smart ones who doesn't have any debt and can easily create a repair fund for your



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

car by setting aside less than the average car payment each month. Even "reliable" cars need repairs and maintenance, and a sinking fund within your budget for this sort of thing means you're ready to handle virtually any auto issues that pop up.

You know you'll need to pay for repairs and maintenance. It's a thing with all cars. And when you know something's coming, that's not an emergency fund situation. Great question, Ashleigh!

— Dave



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