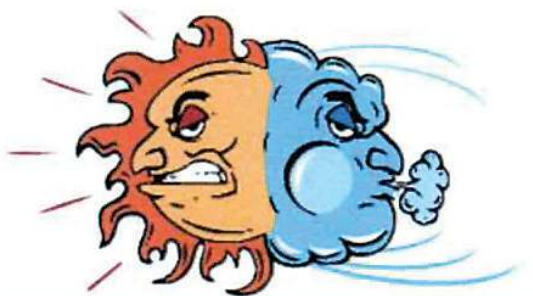




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Two die as truck, motorcycles collide on Draper's Mountain

From Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

On Monday, at approximately 3:58 p.m., Pulaski County Sheriff's Office received a call concerning a motor vehicle crash involving two motorcycles and a pickup truck on Lee Highway, just south of Hermosa Drive on Draper's Mountain.

Both motorcyclists passed away as a result of their injuries. The driver of the pickup truck was transported by private vehi-

GoFundMe page established to aid cyclists' families

cle to the hospital and their condition is unknown at this time.

This motor vehicle crash is still under.

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been established to aid the families of two men killed in the

crash.

Tuesday, Lori Caudill launched the GoFundMe page to help the families of the motorcyclists. Caudill owns Tom's Drive-In Restaurant, where one of the victim's wives works.

In just one day, nearly \$4,000 were raised to help.

To view the GoFundMe, please visit: <https://gf.me/v/c/pl8r/2-tragic-motorcycle-fatalitiespulaski-va>

Pulaski Adult Day Service in desperate need of funding

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

What images come to mind when you hear the phrase "adult day care?" Do you envision old people sitting in front of a TV mindlessly watching game shows and 70's re-runs, or aimlessly shuffling around a dimly-lighted room in a disheveled state?

You can search the internet and find facilities that fit that description. But on the other side of the spectrum, New River Valley residents are blessed to have an up-scale daytime facility located in Dublin that enhances the lives of the adults in their care. The highly trained director and staff of the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center offer multiple services and therapies to help the Adult Day Care participants actually improve their quality of life.

"We have the best educated, qualified and licensed staff available. At Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center we focus on quality of care. Our mission is to improve the participants' function and quality of life. Many of our participants have been teachers, researchers, professors and nurses who have contributed to our community.



Some have overcome tremendous physical and emotional challenges. We acknowledge their accomplishments and help build their self-esteem," explains Dr. Linda Davis, founder and director of the center which opened its door in November 2015.

Davis had dedicated the facility in honor of her mother, who required special care during her illness.

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

Davis stated.

According to Davis, the facility is licensed to accommodate up to 30 clients from ages 18 and up. However, like many other entities, COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on the Center, which had to close until April, 2021. Before COVID-19, the Center cared for 18 weekly clients, but the numbers have dwindled and the facility is struggling to remain open.

In fact, they have only enough funding to continue servicing the NRV for merely five more months. Closing this facility would be a tragedy for families striving to keep their loved ones close to home and heart. The level of care and encouragement individuals receive at the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center is unparalleled.

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Mask debate in Montgomery County goes viral

By **WILLIAM PAINE**
For The Patriot

A heated exchange between a concerned parent and the chairwoman of the Montgomery County School Board has made national news.

A video clip showing Alecia Vaught addressing the school board last Tuesday, Feb. 15, has gone completely “viral.” By early this week the exchange was featured on multiple news sites, including Fox News, the New York Post and the Daily Mail websites. “Fox and Friends” showed the video clip on Monday, but that wasn’t good enough apparently, as they were calling her that afternoon to speak to her personally.

Vaught came to the school board meeting to express her opposition to the mask mandate, which was still in effect for Montgomery County school students.

On Jan. 15, Gov. Glenn Youngkin, the newly elected Governor of Virginia, issued an executive order giving parents the final say, as to whether or not their children will be required to wear masks in school.

The order went into effect on Jan., 24 and most school systems in Virginia abided by this decision, which effectively ended masking mandates. Montgomery County schools, however, insisted its students remain masked all day, every day, regardless of their parent’s wishes.

“That Monday I sent my son

to school unmasked because he didn’t want to wear a mask and I didn’t want him to wear one and it was our choice,” said Vaught. “The principal of his school called me and said he he’s not allowed to go to class without a mask on. So, they were denying him his constitutionally protected right to have an education in Virginia and I was very upset about it.”

When Vaught came to express herself at the last school board meeting, she did so without a mask. At the prior board meeting, Vaught and other parents, stood up and took off their masks as a protest against the mandatory masking of students. Vaught was reprimanded by board chair Susan Kass, for “endangering people.”

“We’re taking the power out of your hands and giving it back to the parents,” said Vaught at this latest meeting of the school board. “We sat here last year and listened to you guys preach to us about Governor Northam’s executive orders and how we must follow them. You remember that? We do.”

“So, the new governor comes into office, but you don’t want to follow his orders,” Vaught continued. “Why is that? We were supposed to follow it last year, but not this year? That makes no sense and it makes you a bunch of hypocrites except for (board members) Dana (Partin) and Jamie (Bond).”

It was then that Vaught referenced her last visit to the school board.

“Ms. Kass, you yelled at me last



Alecia Vaught

time I was here for taking off my mask, but here’s a picture of you right on Facebook with a crowd of people, with no mask on,” Vaught said as she held up her phone.

“That’s it,” Kass exclaimed, banging her gavel.

“This is my time and I don’t interrupt you,” Vaught responded.

“No ... no,” repeated Kass.

“Here’s another picture of you with no mask on,” Vaught continued.

“I’m sorry, Miss Vaught, you are done,” said Kass as she continued to beat her gavel. “If you are going to sit there and disparage a member of our school board, then you can sit down.”

“I have facts and truth on my side,” Vaught retorted.

It was then that Kass called for a police officer to remove Vaught from the podium. The Montgomery County Sheriff’s Deputy then walked to the side of Vaught and told her she’d been asked to leave.

“Why?” Vaught asked. “For speaking the truth?”

As chairwoman Kass was insisting that Vaught leave the podium, school board member Jamie Bond said that Vaught should be able to “say her peace.”

The deputy then returned to his post at the back of the room.

“I’ve had to listen to people criticize me ... and I couldn’t do anything about it,” said Bond.

“They showed pictures of your family?” Kass asked Bond.

“They did worse,” Bond responded.

“That doesn’t make it right, Jamie,” Kass replied. “That’s my family.”

“What about our families?”

Vaught asked the board. “Our families have been suffocated by your policies.”

“Time is up,” said school board Vice Chair Penny Franklin, though Vaught’s microphone had been already been turned off.

“She leaves or I leave,” declared Kass, but before anyone responded, she had already risen from her seat.

“If you can’t handle the truth, you don’t need to be a school board member,” said Vaught, as Kass made her way to the door to leave the meeting room.

“You can have my seat,” said Kass, as she passed the podium.

“We’re coming for them,” said Vaught. “All of them, except for Dana and Jamie.”

“They’re all yours,” said Kass, as she walked out the front door.

“I knew right when she cut my mic that she couldn’t handle being called out for her own hypocrisy,” said Vaught after the meeting. “I have a big voice (laughs), so I can

project my voice when I need to and nothing was going to stop me from standing there and saying my peace.”

Undaunted, Vaught continued.

“With the rest of my time, I want to encourage parents and grandparents, if you want to run for a school board seat, which we might have one vacant apparently ... come to the next meeting of the Second Monday Constitution Group on March 14. We have two free trainings that day and we want to offer those services to anybody that wants to run because these liberals are getting out of the school board.”

“You guys have made the Mama Bear so mad now, Vaught added.”

Vaught finished concluded by calling out Superintendent Mark Miear, for “mandating implicit bias training for every school teacher.”

“That was the start of this whole thing of CRT ... of why we teach our kids to hate themselves and their skin color. That all started with you Dr. Meiar and so you have to take it all out again. School is for education and not indoctrination,” she said.

Vaught then thanked the board and went on her way.

The meeting was stopped for some time to allow Chairwoman Kass to return, but she never came back. The meeting resumed with Vice Chair Penny Franklin taking over the proceedings.

Several other parents and community members also addressed the board expressing their discontent about the continued mask mandate for Montgomery County students.

Later in the meeting, Dr. Noelle Bissell, the Health Director of the New River Health District, addressed the board.

Bissell’s presentation illustrated how the number of new COVID cases were dramatically decreasing throughout the district and beyond.

Bissell then produced statistics showing that those who have received the COVID shot are also susceptible to the disease albeit

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WILLIAM BURKE SPARKS, JR.

William Burke Sparks, Jr., age 76 of Falls Mills, VA, formerly of Pulaski County, died Saturday February 19, 2022 at his Falls Mills residence. He was born on February 28, 1945, and was the son of the late Vicie Lucile Vincell Sparks and the late William Burke Sparks, Sr.

He was a U.S. veteran having served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War period. Following his commitment to the Navy, he embarked upon a very rewarding, and proud career in the Merchant Marines. He was married 48 years to his lovely wife Mary, and during that time he found a passion for collecting and restoring Volkswagon Buses and Beatles, and this enthusiasm carried beyond the death of his wife in 2018. The absence of Mary became to-great of a challenge at his Dublin home, so he sold his home and moved to the Falls Mills area where his family roots began.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert W. Wiles, and Thomas Wiles; sisters; Barbara Hemlick, Laura Dye, Elizabeth Sparks, and Carol Harrold.

He is survived by two sisters: Margaret Smith of Folkston, GA, and Stella Jane Walker of Grandin, FL. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, with the Rev. Charles Damron officiating. Afterwards a funeral procession took them to the cemetery for the graveside service where military honors were provided. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to the charity of your choice.

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



IRIS GORDON FARMER

Iris Gordon Farmer, 97, of Dublin, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 20, 2022. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church and retired from Radford Community Hospital in house-keeping. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Alice Gordon; husband, David Hughes Farmer; and daughters, Carolyn Sowers and Brenda Stilwell.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Odham and Betty Graham, both of Dublin; sons, David Farmer of Dublin, and Kenny Farmer of Climax, N.C.; 13 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren, and great great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 at Grace Baptist Church in Dublin with Pastor Doug Testerman officiating. Interment will be private.

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

WARREN PRESTON PHILLIPS II

Warren Preston Phillips II, age 72, of Virginia Beach, Va. and previously of Pulaski, Va. passed away January 17, 2022 at his home. Born April 13, 1949 in Welch, W. Va. he was the son of the late Warren Preston and Phyllis Hogan Phillips.

He was a 1967 graduate of Pulaski High School and a 1971 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in metallurgical engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1975 as a medical lab specialist. He retired from Naval Aviation Depot in Norfolk, Va.

He is survived by his brother, Thomas Phillips, Pulaski, Va.; sister, Judy (Jerry) Davis, Pulaski, Va. and nephew, John Warren (Lauren) Lucas, Christiansburg, Va.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



LORA MELVIN LYONS THORNTON

Lora Melvin Lyons Thornton, age 71 of Radford passed away Thursday, February 17, 2022 at her home.

Born August 12, 1950 in Bland, she was the daughter of the late Harvey Andrew Melvin and Irene Kirby Melvin. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald "Don" Thornton, Son, Roger Douglas Lyons and Brothers, Wally, Donald, and Cecil Melvin.

She was retired from RAAP with 32 years of service.

She is survived by Children-

Kerry Lyons Montgomery and Barry Wilson- Dublin

LaDonna Lee Lyons- Radford Grandchildren- Kasey (Kylene) McCambridge, Brad Montgomery, Josh(Tiffany)Damron,

Jamey Dalton and Alex Dalton.

Great Grandchildren- Kaden McCambridge, Levi Damron, Sophia Damron andHope Montgomery.

Brothers- Russell (Judy) Melvin- MD. And Harvey Melvin-Dublin

Sister- Mary L. Young- Riner

Sister-in-law- Mary Ellen Melvin- Bland

Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and friends

Funeral services were held Monday, February 21, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. with Rev. Darlene Marshall & Rev. Rachel Collins officiating. Burial followed at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Lora's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

LEWIS RICHARD LABRIE, II

Lewis Richard LaBrie, II, 69, of Claytor Lake, formerly of Roanoke, passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at his home.

The LaBrie family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

JOSEPH DANIEL NEAL

Joseph Daniel Neal, 79, of Fairlawn, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2022, after a long bout with bad health.

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



MARGARET ALICE VEST BREWSTER

Margaret Alice Vest Brewster, born February 4, 1941, daughter of the late Charlie William Vest and Gladys Van Dyke Vest, passed peacefully in her home in Dublin on Thursday, February 17, 2022. Alice graduated from Big Creek High School Class of 1960 in War, West Virginia. After graduating from high school., she married the love of her life and moved to Arlington, Va. She relocated to Dublin, Va. with her family in 1974. She graduated cosmetology school and worked for Pulaski County School System. She was a woman of many talents and skills. She was a talented artist and loved to craft and bake. She was an active member of Highland Park Community Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Odell Brewster; sisters, Bethany Laura Vest Rowe, Glenna Martin, and Dawana Vest Martin; and brother, Charles Harold Vest.

She is survived by her daughters, Kimberly Renee Brewster and Kelley Brewster McDaniel (Phillip); four grandchildren, Courtney Michelle Mabry, Miles Addison Mabry (Brittany), Landon Crockett McDaniel, and Peyton Ray McDaniel; sister, Dolly Virginia Vest of White Gate; brothers, William R. Vest (Joyce) of Christiansburg, Larry Dean Vest of Dublin, and Timothy J. Vest of Pearisburg.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin with Minister James Agnes officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Hospice Foundation.

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



BETTY ROSE PAUGH

Betty Rose Paugh, age 69 of Draper passed away Sunday, February 20, 2022 at her home.

Born February 6, 1953 in Memphis, TN, she was the daughter of the late Robert Earl Bates and

Eleanor Catherine Dimmer. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, William Joseph Paugh.

She attended the Draper United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her Children

Steven William Paugh & wife, Barbara Stanislaw Paugh - Herndon, VA

Christina Rose Paugh - Christiansburg, VA

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Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM - Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Draper United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations may be sent to the Draper United Methodist Church

or the Montgomery County Animal Shelter.

To sign Betty's online guest-book. visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

THEODORE "TED" R. ALBERTS

Theodore "Ted" R. Alberts, NRCC Retired Professor of Welding Technology, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

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

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Sarah Elizabeth Boswell

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CURLY LAND, JR.
Curly Land, Jr., age 25 of Pulaski passed away January 20, 2022 at his home. Born September 29, 1996 in Galax he was the son of the late Curly Land, Sr. & Patty Jean Bullins Privett. He is survived by his Daughter – Natalie Brammer “Mama” – JoAnn Oliver – Pulaski
Brother – James Land – Pulaski
Aunts & Uncles – Carolyn & Darrell Gray, Lavidia Bullins, William “Bill” Bullins
The family will have a private memorial service at a later date. To sign Curly’s online guest-

HILDA ANN DISHON AYERS BOWER
Hilda Ann Dishon Ayers Bower, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Monday, February 21, 2022 at the Pulaski Lewis Gale Hospital. Born January 30, 1948 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Archie Dishon and Amy Dotte Phillips Dishon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, and three sisters, Anita Dishon Ratcliff, Barbara Dishon Giles, and Vickie Dishon Huff.

She was a retired school teacher with the Pulaski County School system with over 33 years of service.
Hilda is survived by
Son and Daughter-in-law– John “Lee” Ayers, II and Stacey Ayers- Draper
Grandchildren– Bailey Ayers & Zander Ayers
Brother– Laymon Elwood “Woody” Dishon and wife, Trish Dishon- Grahams Forge
Brother-in-law- Gene Huff- Pulaski
Special Nieces– Mikki Huff and Samantha Huff
Great Nephew– Riley Huff,
Great Niece– Kenzie Glover
Special Friends- Phyllis and Dwight Taylor
Lydia Hedge Bell
Funeral services will be held Saturday, 11:00 a.m., February 26, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Johnny Howlett officiating with interment to follow in the Duncan Cemetery, Draper.
Visitation will be Friday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Bower Funeral Home.
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JAMES ALFORD LAWSON
James Alford Lawson, age 86 of Pulaski passed away Friday, February 18, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, his parents Albert, “Jack” and Charity Lawson, his siblings, Henry, Roy, Charlie “Jug” Lawson, and S. Maxine Riggins.
He is survived by his Sister - Dorothy (Donald) Allison
Daughters - Deborah (Jay) Rupe, Sandra Lawson, and Barbara (Kenneth) Luper
Son - James (Bonnie) Lawson
Grandchildren - Lori (Neil) Huss, Samantha Lawson, and Jason Lawson
Respecting his wishes, there will be no public service. Burial will be in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin. To sign Mr. Lawson’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the services for the family.



BENJAMIN OWENS BREEDLOVE
Benjamin Owens Breedlove, age 51 of Radford passed away Thursday, February 17, 2022. Born February 10, 1971 in Radford, he is the son of Marta Owens Breedlove and the late David Madison Breedlove, Sr.
After graduating from High School, Ben served in the United States Army and then worked at the Veterans Administration in Roanoke prior to retirement. Ben enjoyed camping, hiking and spending time outdoors. He loved all animals and will be greatly missed by his dog, Bentley
Ben is survived by
His Mother- Marta Owens Breedlove- Johnson City
Brother- David Madison Breedlove, Jr. Pulaski
Sister and Brother-in-law- Rebecca and Robert Rasnake-Johnson City
Sister-Catherine Susewind-Virginia Beach
Nieces- Heather, Holly and Michelle
Eight Great nieces and nephews that he cared about very much.
Graveside services will be held Friday, 2:00 p.m., February 25, 2022 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.
To sign Ben’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com
Bower Funeral Chapel, Pulaski is handling arrangements for the family.

CRYSTALENE FAYE PRICE MOLES
Crystalene Faye Price Moles, age 86 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin. Born June 23, 1935 in Montgomery County she was the daughter of the late Roy Lee Price & Erma Lillian Bryant Price. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Harris Edwards Moles, sons, Dwight Surface and Charles Vincent Surface, sister, Anita Marie Price and brother, Aubrey Price.
She is survived by her Son – Darrell Surface & Liza B. Surface – Radford
Stepchildren – Tony (Vickie) Moles, Timmy Moles, Pansy (Jimmy) Ridpath, Debbie Dake
Grandson – Austin Surface
Brother – Jerry Price
Brother-in-law – Clyde (Marsha) Moles
Sister-in-law – Bessie Price
Special Friend – Angela Hoilman
Cousin – Mary Jane Surface and many others
Funeral services will be 2:00 PM – Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Jimmie Lee Price officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.
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Perhaps the most startling graphs Bissell displayed to school board members showed that there was no discernable difference between new COVID cases manifesting between schools where masks are mandatory and schools that do not require masks.

Another study showed no discernable difference between students who wore the N95 face masks, which are supposed to be of the highest quality, and those who wore other types of masks.

Bissell, who has been an advocate of masking children in schools, admitted that these new statistics gave her a “change of heart.”

When questioned about COVID policy going forward, Bissell said that mask mandates are not effective and that there should be “flexibility with vaccinations.”

“We need to shift to individual risk assessments, as we do for other seasonal respiratory communicable diseases,” said Bissell.

In answer to a school board member’s question about whether mask mandates are a good idea, Bissell stated that she believed mask mandates were counterproductive.

Following Bissell’s presentation, the board voted unanimously to follow the pending law giving parents the option to unmask their children, as soon as the governor signed the legislation. Governor Youngkin signed the bill into law the next day, and it goes into effect March 1.

The board also voted unanimously to let the mask requirement for students on school buses expire once the Federal law expires on March 18.

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For nearly two years, the symbol of our great republic has been off limits to the people of that re-



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

public. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has kept the Capitol locked down while much of the country moves on.

The Capitol Visitor Center remains closed, and visits to House of Representatives offices have been limited to official business visitors who must register beforehand. Some of these visitors have even been allegedly subject to extensive background searches by the Capitol Police.

The Senate has restarted small guided tours, but otherwise tour groups have not been able to behold the majesty of the Rotunda or look for the representatives of their home states in Statuary Hall. The House Gallery remains closed, meaning visitors cannot see debate or voting taking place live on the House floor. Restrictions in the House Office Buildings mean no constituents can come by offices to see if their Member of Congress is in.

The public is not allowed to show up to the Capitol. Meanwhile, many Members of Congress do not bother to show up thanks to proxy voting rules that allow them to give their vote to someone else. I believe proxy voting is unconstitutional, and at the very least inappropriate. Furthermore, the opportunity for abuse over time is unacceptably high.

It strains credulity to believe that proxy voting is merely a matter of public health. After all, when the vote for Speaker happened in 2021 before the rules for proxy voting were instituted in this Congress, Members of Congress who had recently tested positive for COVID were on the floor casting their votes for Speaker Pelosi.

Now, with the House narrowly divided between 222 Democrats and 211 Republicans (two seats are currently vacant), proxy voting allows Democrats to prevail in close votes wherever their Members might be. I suspect proxy voting has more to do with power than with protection from the coronavirus.

Coronavirus case counts in the District of Columbia have dropped sharply since the beginning of the year, and the seven-day average of deaths as of February 15 was zero. Even the District's liberal city government plans to end most of its vaccine and mask mandates. They made that announcement on February 14, just a few days after Speaker Pelosi extended proxy voting to at least March 30.

Many Americans have been at work throughout the pandemic. Others have returned as vaccines, natural immunity, and other factors decreased the risk of COVID compared to the toll of remaining isolated. The House of Representatives should be no different.

Before the pandemic, I enjoyed greeting school groups visiting the Capitol or meeting with constituents in my office. That is part of my job. So, too, are the interactions with other Members of Congress that happen on the House floor, in committee rooms, or in the hallways that lend themselves to problem solving on legislation or other issues facing the nation. But these conversations are happening less or not at all as long as Speaker Pelosi keeps the Capitol closed.

I've signed a letter to Speaker Pelosi led by Congressman Andy Biggs (R-AZ) calling on her to reopen the Capitol and to end its mask mandate immediately in light of the District of Columbia lifting its COVID restrictions.

The Capitol is not a medieval castle retracting its drawbridge across the moat. It is a symbol of our representative government and should be as open to the people as possible. It should not be the last institution of the land to reopen its doors.

It is, after all, the People's House.

It is past time for Speaker Pelosi to end proxy voting, return committees to in-person hearings, and open the doors to visitors again. When that day comes, my team and I look forward to welcoming you to the Capitol when you are in Washington, D.C.

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.

Why do families need childcare? Because the economy needs jobs

By Whitney Czelusniak, American Electric Power

As one of the region's largest employers, Appalachian Power understands the stress placed on southwest Virginia's economy by the significant drop in the labor force over the last two years. This issue affects not only large companies, but also the smaller mom-and-pop shops that are the backbone of so many rural communities.

A lack of employees means that many businesses in our region face challenges to operate at full capacity or plan future expansion. The drop in the labor force also affects the region's ability to attract new business and industry.

One of the key drivers of what some economists are calling "the great

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resignation" is the loss of childcare that began at the start of the pandemic and has stubbornly persisted through today. Childcare centers were forced by COVID to greatly curtail their services, or, in many cases, close entirely.

Southwest Virginia had a greater shortage of childcare slots before the pandemic than the rest of the state. The pandemic only made that worse.

Many households face tough decisions: Reduce work hours (or leave

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Durham's Righteous Investigation

From the perspective of several years ago, it's the stuff of an implausible political thriller or a conspiratorial YouTube account.

One presidential campaign spies on another as part of a broad effort to get government agencies to pick up the baton and launch a high-stakes investigation of the new president that hampers his first years in office and consumes massive public attention.

Where could such a thing happen? Maybe Brazil or Equatorial Guinea? Well, we now know it happened in these United States.

The latest from Special Counsel John Durham is that a tech executive connected to the Clinton campaign mined internet contacts between Russia and the entities connected to Donald Trump in a search for material to try to, as Durham put it in a court filing last week, "establish 'an inference' and 'narrative' tying then-candidate Trump to Russia."

Durham's probe is a righteous effort to get to the bottom of a matter that deranged American politics for two solid years but has been denied or ignored by the mainstream press, with baleful consequences.

Russagate did more than its share to undermine the norm that losing campaigns should accept the result of free and fair elections and to erode confidence in institutions at the highest levels of our government. One way to minimize the harm is to insist on accountability. The people who were most invested in Russagate for the longest, though, are least interested in revisiting its origins, let alone in apologizing for their own credulousness or malice.

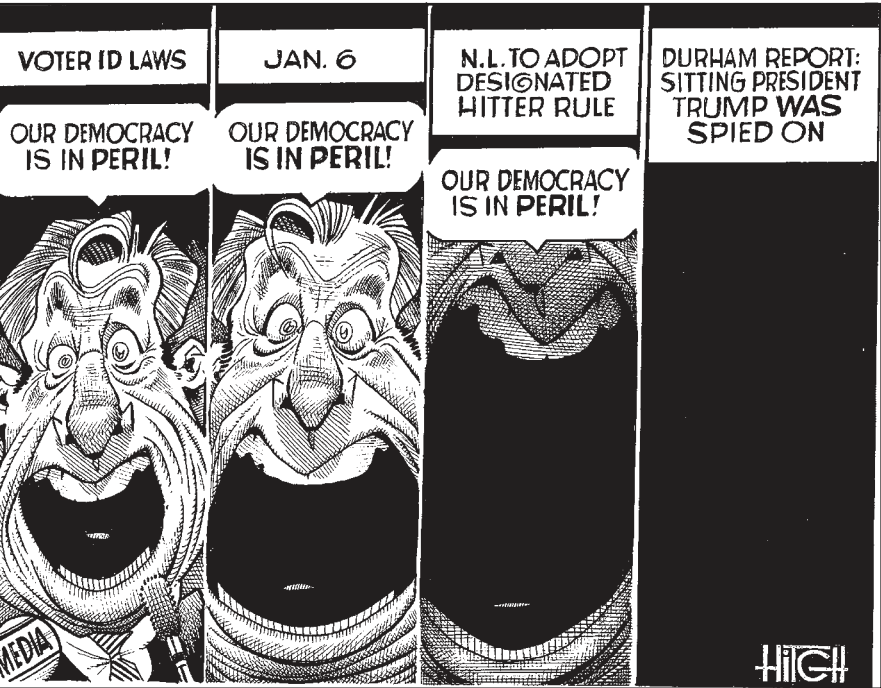
According to Durham, a tech executive named Rodney Joffe engaged in the Rodney operation against Trump and his campaign. He allegedly coordinated with Michael Sussmann, a lawyer for the Clinton campaign, and his highly connected law firm, Perkins Coie LLP, that did work for both the Clinton campaign and the Democratic Party.

Durham notes that Joffe also joined up with an investigative firm that Perkins Coie hired on behalf of the Clinton campaign, numerous cyber researchers, employees at various internet companies, and researchers at a U.S.-based university. He sought, he said, to please VIPs in both the Clinton campaign and Perkins Coie.

One can only guess that he succeeded. According to Durham, Joffe "exploited his access to non-public and/or proprietary internet data," and the university researchers he tapped "were receiving and analyzing large amounts of internet data in connection with a pending federal government cybersecurity research contract."

Joffe analyzed so-called domain name system internet traffic connected to Trump Tower and Trump's Central Park West apartment building. Shockingly, the data effort continued after Trump was inaugurated. Joffe took advantage of his company's "sensitive arrangement" to provide services to the executive

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Failing to understand Evil: Then and now

By CAL THOMAS Tribune Content Agency

Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine under several pretexts reminds me of Adolf Hitler's rationale for invading and annexing Sudetenland in 1938 and his invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland a year later. Then, as now, the excuse was that German-speaking people (then) and Russian-speaking people (now) wanted to be part of Germany (then) and Mother Russia (now).

In both cases the excuses for invasion, occupation and murder were just that - excuses. Some commentators say there has been nothing like Putin's invasion of Ukraine since World War II. There are dwindling numbers of people alive who lived through that period and witnessed the evil of Nazi brutality and genocide.

Ronald Reagan lived through that era. This is why he coined the phrase "evil empire" to describe the Soviet Union. It's one thing to read about evil in history books, but it is quite another to have witnessed it. One need only listen to Holocaust survivors for a powerful lesson in how deep human depravity can sink if it is not opposed.

One of the definitions of evil is "The force in nature that governs and gives rise to wickedness and sin." In our age of moral relativity where nearly everything is tolerated and justified -- except people who oppose the new societal norms -- who speaks of wickedness and sin? It's getting harder to find preachers known for sermons on the subject.

Albert Einstein, who was German and Jewish, and who lived through that dark period of mass slaughter, was right when he observed: "The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."

As with a serious disease, early detection is the best path to treatment and a possible cure. Though there is no immediate "cure" for evil, free nations can control its spread.

It's worth revisiting Reagan's evil

empire speech to the British House of Commons on June 8, 1982. Reagan's observations about evil were profound. While his references were to the Soviet Union and repressive regimes everywhere, his words equally apply to that regime's ideological heir, Vladimir Putin and other dictators.

Reagan said: "If history teaches anything, it teaches self-delusion in the face of unpleasant facts is folly." This was British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's folly when he declared "peace in our time" after meeting with Adolf Hitler in Munich and believing Hitler's promise not to seize more territory.

While Reagan's policy of "peace through strength" worked, he told the Commons that military power was only part of the mix: "Our military strength is a prerequisite to peace, but let it be clear we maintain this strength in the hope it will never be used, for the ultimate determinant in the struggle that's now going on in the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas, a trial of spiritual resolve, the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish, the ideals to which we are dedicated."

World War II came about in part, said Reagan, because the West allowed "dictators to underestimate us." Now we see the reverse. The Biden administration is underestimating our enemies and projecting weakness. They think they can negotiate with the likes of Putin, China's Xi and Iran's ayatollahs when the only thing these and other dictators understand is power, resolve and resistance.

Learn that lesson and the world becomes a safer place. Failure to learn it produces what we are witnessing in Ukraine and may soon see in Taiwan, not to mention in an Iran equipped with nuclear weapons and a religious rationale for using them.

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Youngkin looks to root out critical race theory in Va.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — It was literally the first thing Virginia’s Republican governor, Glenn Youngkin, did when he took office last month: sign an executive order designed to root out critical race theory from the state’s education system.

He ordered the Department of Education to conduct a review and even started a hotline so aggrieved parents could provide tips and examples of its implementation in the classroom.

While the issue has been a political hot button — Youngkin’s victory is widely attributed to his ability to tap into parents’ frustration on education issues — the debate over critical race theory has rarely evolved in Virginia beyond a yes-it-is-no-it-isn’t debate. Democrats say the concept simply isn’t taught in Virginia schools. Republicans insist it is widespread and part of a broad, liberal indoctrination of students.

“Anyone who thinks that the concepts that actually underpin critical race theory are not

in our schools hasn’t been in our schools,” Youngkin said in an interview with Fox News after he was inaugurated.

Critical race theory, or CRT, is a way of thinking about America’s history through the lens of racism. It centers on the idea that racism is systemic in the nation’s institutions and that they function to maintain the dominance of white people in society.

There is no evidence that CRT has been formally adopted into state curricula. But there is ample evidence key education administrators have incorporated the concept into teacher training. And critics have found examples of what they consider to be critical race theory seeping into classroom lessons.

Youngkin’s Executive Order 1 defines critical race theory as “inherently divisive concepts” that portray one race, sex or religious faith as inherently superior, or teach that an individual is inherently racist as a result of his skin color.

The order takes a more limited

approach than actions other states have adopted. In Tennessee, for example, lawmakers have banned any instructions that make students feel “discomfort, guilt, anguish, or another form of psychological distress” because of their race.

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, Youngkin said he wanted the executive order to accomplish two things: “get divisive concepts out of our schools” while also ensuring “that we should teach all of our history, the good and the bad.”

“And I think those two concepts absolutely fit together very well,” Youngkin said.

Youngkin’s more moderate plan, however, has done little to assuage Democrats, who killed legislation that would essentially have codified it into state law.

“There’s something that just rubs me the wrong way about this,” said Sen. Mamie Locke, who is African American. “Folks who look like me have had adverse treatment all of our lives and somehow nobody had a problem with that.”

Other critics say Youngkin’s tipline seeking examples of critical race theory in the classroom smacks of Orwellian tactics and could cause teachers to shy away from addressing racism in American history.

But Youngkin’s supporters point to examples of what they see as critical race theory run amok. In Fairfax County, the state’s most populous jurisdiction, the school system apologized after an English teacher in Oakton High School used a bingo card titled “Identifying Your Privilege” as part of a lesson plan. The card included squares with such labels as “white,” “heterosexual,” “military kid,” “Christian” and “Feel Safe Around Police Officers.”

In another instance, the lesson plan — a 2019 reenactment of the Underground Railroad in an elementary school gym class in Loudoun County — was as offensive to African Americans as it was to whites. The school apologized for the activity after

the county chapter of the NAACP complained.

As it turned out, the idea for an Underground Railroad gym game came from CRT advocates, according to research done by Ian Prior, a Loudoun County parent and Republican activist who has been a frequent critic of the school system. Prior and others found documents tracing the game’s origins to anti-racist advocates and found it has been used by teachers across the country for decades. A 2006 article in The Virginian-Pilot highlighted the game’s use in Chesapeake schools, with gym teachers and parent volunteers playing the role of slave catchers.

“They use their own solution as an example of the problem,” said Asra Nomani, a parent activist who has opposed CRT.

Much of the evidence cited by CRT critics, though, appears in teacher training materials as opposed to classroom lesson plans.

A 2015 presentation circulated through the state Department of Education encourages participants to “incorporate Critical Race Theory Lens” when considering issues of school discipline.

In a 2020 email, then-superintendent of Loudoun County Public Schools Eric Williams wrote that while the school system had “not adopted CRT,” he acknowledged that some of the system’s efforts to combat systemic racism “do align with the ideology of CRT.”

Nomani says there is a “woke-industrial complex” that profits off dissemination of critical race theory. She obtained documents showing payments to anti-racist thought leaders, including Ibram X. Kendi, who have conducted training sessions with school boards and administrators. In 2020, for example, Fairfax County Public Schools paid Kendi \$20,000 for a one-hour presentation to principals and teachers, according to Nomani’s research.

Youngkin’s secretary of education-designate, Aimee Guidera, told a legislative committee recently that eliminating critical race theory won’t prevent lessons

from presenting an honest reckoning with America’s history.

“We’re talking about inappropriate things like privilege walks, privilege bingo, putting children into situations where they’re playing as the victim,” Guidera said. “Those are completely inappropriate ideas.”

But Ben Kiser, executive director of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, said he is confident a review of curricula statewide will turn up empty. The attempt to eliminate divisive concepts has in itself created division, he said.

Charlotte Hayer, a member of the National Education Association’s board of directors and an economics teacher at Richmond Community High School, said teachers need to be able to show all sides of history, and let students make their own judgments.

Hayer, who is African American, said she teaches about Black Wall Street, the thriving African American business community in Tulsa that was obliterated in a 1921 race massacre, so that all students are aware of it and to provide students of color with examples of African Americans who achieved success. She said she doesn’t delve into whether the massacre is a result of systemic or endemic racism.

Hayer agreed that classroom activities like those in which students are asked to role play as slaves are inappropriate.

But, she added, “We have to take a stand and say that these crazy ideologies are not going to cause conflict between us. We have to work together and let history be told truthfully.”



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a position entirely) to ensure childcare needs are met. The challenges are wide-sweeping, impacting workers across many different types of businesses and jobs. The challenges not only affect parents, but also grandparents and extended family networks who often play important roles for provision of childcare.

Today, too many families who want to go back to having the earning power brought through second incomes or full-time positions simply cannot do so.

And, for those who can, it’s often a difficult process. We are aware of families who live and work in southwest Virginia but who travel considerable distances, including back and forth across state lines, to take their children to the closest available childcare center. That’s not sustainable.

As we move toward a post-COVID economy, southwest Virginia needs to address the child care shortage so our families can get back to having the earning power to outstrip inflation, so our businesses can

have the human resources in place to operate at full capacity, and so our children can have the advantages so prevalent elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

To that end, Appalachian Power is supporting Ready SWVA, a public-private partnership designed to create a sustainable, affordable, quality childcare system to benefit all of southwest Virginia. Ready SWVA will create five new privately run childcare centers in towns throughout the region. It will open new childcare slots, while also offering assistance to existing childcare providers so we don’t just trade old slots for new.

Without adequate childcare not only will we fail to have the labor force to keep businesses running at full capacity, but our efforts to attract new jobs and new employers will be undercut. Ready SWVA is an investment for today and tomorrow.

To learn more about why Ready SWVA makes sense, and what you can do to help your own family, business and community, visit readyswva.org.

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office of the president “for the purpose of gathering derogatory information about Donald Trump.”

Meanwhile, Sussmann used the deceptive work product from all of this sleuthing to try to convince the FBI and apparently the CIA that Trump was colluding with Russia. (Durham has indicted Sussmann for lying to the FBI to try to hide his connection to the Clinton campaign.)

Durham pointedly refers to what Sussmann was hawking as “purported data.” This operation was of a piece with the spurious Steele dossier that helped launch the FBI probe of the Trump campaign that morphed into the Mueller investigation.

Or, to use Durham’s terms, purported data drove purported investigations and ungodly

amounts of purported journalism, all building toward purported conclusion that eventually, under the weight of facts and logic, came to absolutely nothing.

If anyone involved in this investigative and journalistic fiasco is embarrassed by it, they haven’t shown it. If any of them thinks it’s bad practice to spy on a campaign and a newly elected president to use the resulting information to try to gull U.S. government agencies, they haven’t said so. If any of them are thinking “never again,” they won’t admit it.

Until they do, maybe they should temper their preachiness about threats to our system and norms.

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A graduate of Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Thomas has extensive experience as a practitioner, teacher, speaker, and mentor. She completed an Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA. Dr. Thomas then returned to Montgomery County, serving as Core Faculty by supervising residents in the Internal Medicine Continuity Clinic at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery in Blacksburg, and serving as the Chair of Internal Medicine at VCOM. Throughout her career, she has mentored hundreds of students and interns and earned multiple teaching awards.

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ki Adult Services and Fall Prevention Center far exceeds the reasonable charges for their services. They have not raised their prices in five years despite the rising cost of food, electricity, wages, etc. Davis does not take a personal salary, which helps pay staff salaries and other expenses. She states that working with the center's participants "makes me happy – the joy I receive is my pay." Often, the staff contribute funds to purchase craft supplies and treats for the participants.

In comparison, the cost of assisted living is overwhelming; saying nothing about the emotional cost that a family faces with the decision to put a loved one into a fulltime care facility far from home and out of supervision by the family.

Recent research affirmed the high cost of assisted living, with most facilities charging between \$2,700 to \$5,095 per month. Some of the reviews for some of these expensive facilities express disappointment with them, explaining, "The residents just sat and watched TV or were sleeping on couches. They need more structured activities." Several other reviews stated, "The staff was impersonal and negative." Other reviews stated, "Incompetent staff. I wouldn't place my dog there." And similar complaints were "Poor service, not enough staff, awful food. Different food than displayed on the menu."

Davis and her staff are dedicated to ensuring those scenarios will not happen at her facility. They keep the participants engaged, stimulated, learning new skills, enjoying music therapy, gardening, painting and creating crafts, going Christmas caroling, etc. The center is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services and employs Registered Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants and Activity Assistants.



Director Linda Davis displays a specialized whirlpool tub.



Board member Barbara Cain



The Adult Day Center offers a relaxed, homelike atmosphere.

funding from a development block grant to construct the building; and they partnered with Pulaski County to open the facility, but not to furnish it. Specialized equipment is expensive and one chair costs over \$1,000. The county owns the building, but the center pays monthly rent for the use of the building for 20 years.

But funding to keep the center operating is sparse. According to Cain and fellow board member Dennis Lambert, "Donations are way down since COVID. Randolph House Foundation donates; and C.E. Richardson Benevolent Foundation has been a great support. NRV Health Foundation has supported us in the past. We could use corporate sponsors, additional support from foundations and individuals, the Board of Supervisors; and it would be very helpful if Lewis Gale or Carilion could support us."

The center has a large passenger van purchased with a grant, but they are in need of a van driver. Lambert suggested that another help would be if a transit stop at the center could be included in the run. "It would greatly assist participants who have difficulty getting to the facility."

Davis is grateful for the generous donations from the Lewis Gale Hospital employees, as well as all the others who have contributed time, talents and funding to keep the center open.

There is a definite need for this Adult Day Service Center in our community. No one knows when they or a loved one might require the center's services which accepts clients from ages 18 and up. As one of the center's clients stated, "If I had to put my husband in assisted living, I would have nothing left to live on."

In an effort to help raise funds, Dawn Coble has initiated a GoFundMe site at <https://gofund.me/167d72b5> with a goal of raising \$150,000 to keep the Pulaski Adult Day Services and Fall Prevention Center open. Donations are encouraged and will be greatly appreciated in any amount. Some companies will match employee donations.

Davis holds multiple degrees and certifications including Doctor of Nursing Practice and Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification and is certified in mental health practices.

Ronald Stockhoff is the caregiver for his wife, Harriet, who is fortunate to attend the center. He expressed the heartfelt need for this type of day care facility.

"People will ask me how I'm doing as 'full-time' caregiver for my wife, Harriet. It's become a sort of mantra for me: 'I specialize in mornings, evenings, and overnight ... and then I need help.' At Pulaski Day Service I get that help, and a whole lot more. The 'whole lot more' revolves around the remarkable personal attention my wife Harriet gets. She's a 'people person.' She made a terrific teacher's aide with middle school kids for almost 30 years. As 'clerk of the works' I guess I'm more task-oriented - shoes on/shoes off; meds on a spoon/meds in the ice cream; getting into the car/getting out. But at Pulaski Daycare, Harriet gets quality time from each and every staff member, including college students in training. The effect is nothing short of therapeutic for her. It used to be hard for me to get Harriet into the daycare (she had no memory of it from one day to the next). But now I have trouble getting her out. I love this place, and Harriet does too."

Recently, several board members addressed the concerns that the center might close and are desperately trying to increase the funding for the center.

Barbara Cain explained, "The frustration we have is that the center is an excellent facility with excellent staff, but we have no support. We're literally begging for help."

Early on, the center received

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Mysterious Missing Mastodon of Robinson Tract

By APRIL MARTIN
For The Patriot

Bishop James Madison, the President of the College of William and Mary, visited Montgomery County in September 1805. He specifically spent time at Smithfield and in Fincastle engaging with James Patton Preston, Major William “Billy” Preston Jr. and their respective families. Upon Bishop Madison’s return to Williamsburg letters and shipments were exchanged between Billy and Bishop Madison, which in turn inspired letters to Thomas Jefferson, then to naturalist Benjamin Smith Barton, with reports ultimately to French Naturalist, The Baron Cuvier. The hot topic between these men was what they understood to be a “mammoth” skeleton and the “stomach” of the animal supposedly found in Wythe County (area that is now Pulaski County) by laborers digging a well. Bishop Madison was very excited about this find and elated by the possibility of Major Preston sending all the bones to the college. In Madison’s letter to Thomas Jefferson just a few weeks after visiting Montgomery County, he writes the following:

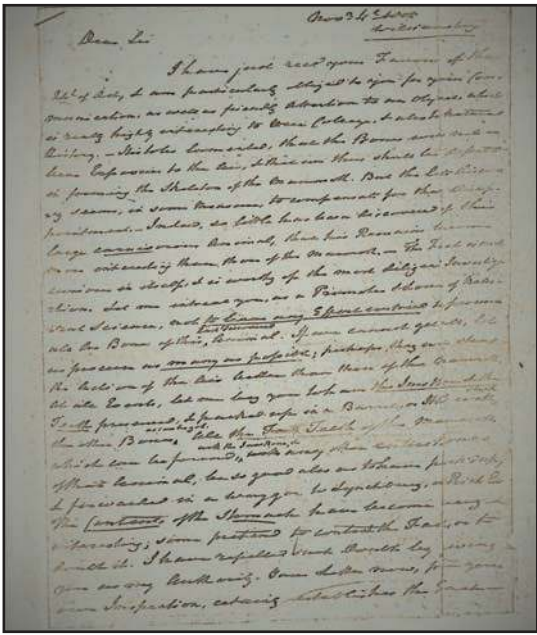
“Major Preston saw part of them; and as he lives with in 20 miles of the place where they were discovered, he has engaged at my request, to have every bone to be dug up, & sent, together with some of the contents of the stomach to this place, I shall have the satisfaction of erecting in our college, a complete skeleton. This would be highly interesting in any museum, & may, perhaps, seem to exist in spirit for physical researchers among the youth of our country.” (Sept. 23, 1805)

Naturally, questions arise. Where exactly was the location of discovery, where are the bones, and why isn’t the Pulaski Mastodon a local celebrity like Woolly and Salty at the Museum of the Middle Appalachians in Saltville?

To determine the answers, some context history needs to first be established. First the difference between mastodons and woolly mammoths needs to be understood. Bones of both have been found in America, but the teeth were different which lead to many years of speculation and a desire to prove conclusively that two separate animals existed. In 1705 the first of numerous bone specimens were discovered in the colony of New York. Later in the French claimed region later to be Kentucky, the discovery at Big Bone Lick was documented in 1739. In 1782, Colonel Arthur Campbell reports of finding a jawbone of uncommon size near his home of Royal Oak in near Marion. Over a decade later between 1797-98 near Francis Preston’s home near the saline ponds (Saltville) another large discovery occurs. Quickly after that find, the famous artist and amateur naturalist, Charles Wilson Peale, exhumes a mastodon skeleton in 1801 near Newburg, New York. He later completes an oil painting documenting



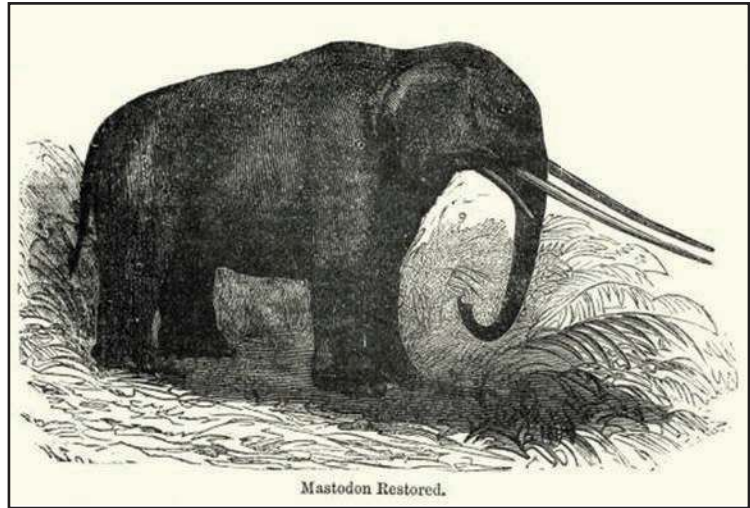
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the discovery. With all the early discoveries, scientists were still puzzled and continued to reference the animal as “incognitum”. The Baron Cuvier proposed the name of “mastodot” meaning “breast tooth” due to the shape the animals conical teeth which were completely different when compared to the grinder teeth of the woolly mammoth. Cuvier would not officially have the name accepted until 1817. Many questions were still being discussed and researched being sought out to prove that the bones were from an extinct animal. Thomas Jefferson also longed for answers and to own a complete “incognitum” skeleton while also determining more about the animal, such as what it consumed, were the teeth for meat or trees? Jefferson includes some of his interest and knowledge of the skeletons found in Southwest Virginia in his Notes on the State of Virginia publication of 1787. Into this international quest for information enters Major Billy Preston in 1805.

Pulaski County is established in 1839 from parts of Wythe County established in 1790 and Montgomery County established in 1777. Major Billy Preston received land inheritance in the section of Wythe County referenced as Robinson Tract. Most of that area is now within the boundaries of Pulaski County and located north west of the Town of Pulaski. Geologically, Pulaski County has a few areas of similar formation as those found in larger acreage in the Saltville area. The Pulaski Vault line and Tract Mountain Vault line are located

north west of the Town of Pulaski as well. And between the two vault lines is a small fresh water branch known as the Pond Lick. Early maps and treasury warrants record the same name still in use today. Was this area



where Major Preston saw the bones? Evidence suggests it is possible. Bishop Madison stated the area was within 20 miles of where Preston lived and located at a salt lick in Wythe County on limestone rock. Billy Preston’s family home at Smith-

field is within the same number of miles.

However, there are contradictory pieces of evidence that puts everything into question. First, none of the bones are at William and Mary, they were never

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Mastadon

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sent. Detailed instructions from Bishop Madison and offers of wagons, freight, and locations of storage were offered in Nov. 1805, but the shipments never arrived. With the assistance of a researcher on campus at Williamsburg over the recent winter break, it was confirmed that no known mastodon bones were delivered and that Bishop Madison was never able to complete a skeleton for the college. In the archives and departmental search inspired by our questions from Pulaski, the researcher was able to send another reference that likewise deepened the mystery. It stated that the specimen sent to Barton as the stomach of the mastodon found in Wythe County was very interesting, "What renders this discovery unique among others, is that in the midst of the bones was found a half trituated mass of small branches, of gramina, and of leaves, among which it was believed that a species of reed still common in Virginia could be recognized". Clues are starting to add up that indeed something is up! And that something was a practical joke by Major Preston. Yes, he may have indeed witnesses some mastodon bones being dug up in what is now Pulaski County, but he with playful intent packed up and sent the President of William and Mary, Bishop James Madison, numerous shipping barrels of dirt with some trees and other things from hillsides in the New River Valley and presented them as evidence of the mastodon's stomach. In Thomas Lewis Preston's Sketches and Reminiscences of an Octogenarian, he recalls the hoax. Shame on you Bad Boy Billy Preston for that trick, but if there were really bones, maybe one day we can discover more of the Mysterious Missing Mastodon of Pulaski County. Remember a good hoax always has some truth. It is my intention to complete and submit a more detailed article on this topic for publication later this spring.



Taylor Bowman and her daughter, Banks, enjoy the board book given to them by the Woman's Club of Radford when Banks was born at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

Woman's Club of Radford begins Babies into Books program

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Worrell named Magna Cum Laude at Tennessee

Jessica K. Worrell of Russellville, Tenn. was named Magna Cum Laude in the Fall semester of 2021 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Worrell is the daughter of Kip and Kathy Worrell of Russellville.



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REVENGE IS SWEET!

Lady Cougars defeat Louisa County, 63-49

PCHS now faces Glass in region title game

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars used a 10-0 run in the fourth quarter Tuesday evening to pull away from and defeat the Louisa County Lady Lions, 63-49 to advance to Friday's Region 4D Tournament championship game.

Pulaski County will travel Friday to Lynchburg to face the E.C. Glass Lady Hilltoppers for the Region 4D championship at 6 p.m. Glass reached the final by beating Halifax County.

For the Lady Cougars, Tuesday's win was sweet revenge against the Lady Lions who upended Pulaski County in last year's Class 4 state championship battle.

"Payback is always good," exclaimed Lady Cougars Head Coach Scott Ratcliff following the win.

"The girls have been focused all week. They've been waiting on this since last year. Cougar pride right here tonight! The fans were fired up and focused. Great atmosphere for basketball. I loved it! Cougar pride right there, man, Cougar pride!"

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Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pulaski County Lady Cougars celebrate after defeating Louisa in region semi-final.

River Turtles release roster for 2022

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski River Turtles announced their 2022 roster Wednesday, and the list of players has a bit of a hometown feel to it.

The 33-man roster includes Wytheville's Avery Mabe, a 6-4, 210 lb. righthanded pitcher. The 20-year-old Mabe is currently a sophomore at the University of Virginia.

Mabe, the son of Daniel and Deanna Mabe, was born in Marion, but was a three-sport athlete at George Wythe High School, lettering all four years in baseball, golf and basketball.

He earned All-Mountain Empire honors as a junior and was a two-time member of the Region 1C team.

His junior season he struck out 101 batters in 54 innings while holding a 1.00 ERA. At the plate he posted a .429 batting average.

While he didn't see action in 2021 for UVa, he was listed on the ACC Academic Honor Roll.

Mabe is one of 16 hurlers listed on the 2022 River Turtles roster and includes Seth Tomczak

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MLB: Season to be shortened if no deal by end of Monday

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Major League Baseball said only five days remain to salvage March 31 openers and a full season, telling locked out players that games would be canceled if a labor contract is not agreed to by the end of Monday.

After the third straight day of negotiations with little movement, MLB went public with what it had told the union on Feb. 12.

"A deadline is a deadline. Missed games are missed games. Salary will not be paid for those games," an MLB spokesman said after Wednesday's bargaining ended. The spokesman spoke on behalf of MLB on the condition the spokesman not be identified by name.

Players have not accepted Monday as a deadline and have suggested any missed games could be made up as part of doublehead-

ers, a method MLB said it will not agree to.

The union told MLB if games are missed and salaries are lost, clubs should not expect players to agree to management's proposals to expand the postseason and to allow advertisements on uniforms and helmets.

Bargaining is scheduled to continue Thursday, and both sides said they are prepared to meet through Monday.

A shortened season would be baseball's second in three years following a 2020 schedule cut from 162 games to 60 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The last seasons truncated by labor strife were during the strike that ended the 1994 schedule on Aug. 12 and caused the start of the following season to be delayed from April 2 to April 25. The 1995

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Cindric wins at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Austin Cindric only knows one culture — the crisp, clean, "Penske Perfect" way of doing things — and it fits him rather well.

He has grown up inside Team Penske, where his father was hired as president when Cindric was just a baby. Cindric was toddling along the Yard of Bricks two years later as his family celebrated Helio Castroneves' first Indianapolis 500 victory.

Cindric is no longer the little boy who nearly knocked over the Borg-Warner Trophy during Castroneves' celebration back in 2001. He's a 23-year-old professional race car driver earning his own keep at Team Penske.

Cindric stamped his spot in Penske history Sunday by winning the Daytona 500 on Roger Penske's 85th birthday. The team owner has known Cindric since he was child "playing with his toys in his bedroom" back in Pennsylvania.

"I've seen him grow up as a young man. He's been focused, he's been a student of the game, is a smart young man," Penske said. "I think he works with the team well. He's in the shop all the time. And he's a team player, and he understands his position. He's a mature man at his age."

Inherited or learned, Cindric has developed from his front row seat inside the gold standard of race



Austin Cindric, driver of the #2 Discount Tire Ford, celebrates in the Ruoff Mortgage victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series 64th Annual Daytona 500. (Photo by Chris Graythen/Getty Images)

teams. His role models and mentors are motorsports icons and his own family is deeply entrenched in the sport.

Tim Cindric was hired at the end of the 1999 season to run Team Penske, and Tim's father, Carl, was a longtime Indianapolis engine builder. Cindric's maternal grandfather was Jim Trueman, who died of cancer 10 days after Bobby Ra-

hal drove Trueman's car to victory in the 1986 Indianapolis 500.

And as Cindric chased his own racing dreams, it was his mother, Megan, who handled his career. Tim Cindric was running Team Penske, so it was Megan taking her teenage son to tracks across the country.

By the time he was 16, Cindric had earned a pair of starts in the Truck Series driving for Brad Keselowski. He ran a fulltime truck schedule in 2017 and made it to the Xfinity Series the next season. He won two races in 2019, both on road courses.

Cindric was in his third full Xfinity season when the pandemic hit and Penske contemplated shuttering his Xfinity program. When the team was saved, Cindric emerged a different driver. He won

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Thinclads, wrestlers do well in region, state competition

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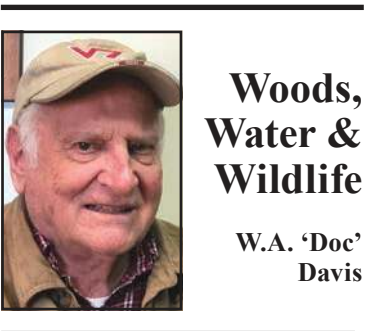
The clock was ticking down to kickoff time last Sunday the 13th in the house of Captn. Jack Fuller, wife Margo, with dogs, Big Jake and Anna Marie. Big Jake is the storyteller and I'll let him relate the goings on of the Super Bowl LVI as they took in the exciting game. "Yeah, Captn. Jack may be large, but I'm in charge. We had a good day yesterday on the hunt where we got five Canadian Geese at a large pond from which some early arrivals of geese had been hanging out before heading on back North. We gave three of these to some of our duck hunting friends and after cleaning the remaining two, put them in the freezer. Anna Marie and I retrieved all the birds that Jack and Magot had brought down with their new Remington Versa Max shotguns. This gun model is every thing that the gunmaker claims it to be and more."

"We are still pretty tired even after a good night's sleep. The Captn is stretched out on the coach sipping his Jack Daniels and Margo is cuddling up next to him sipping on a Sherry and giving a little to Anna Marie occasionally in a saucer. I'm a teetotaler myself – I don't drink, smoke or chew or date girls that do. We have picked sides as to who we're pulling for; my man Jack and I have taken Cincinnati and allowed Margo and Anna Marie to take Los Angeles which appeals to them as both being from the Crescent City of New Orleans on the mighty Missisip. Captn. Jack met and married our Margo while running a charter fishing boat out of there after pulling a hitch in the Merchant Marines. Anna Marine was not born when Drew Breves, as quarterback, came back from trailing

Baseball

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schedule was reduced from 162 games to 144. Players are paid only during the regular season, accruing 1/162nd of their salary daily. Players would be subject to losing as much as \$232,975 daily in the case of Mets pitcher Max Scherzer, or as little as \$3,441 for a player at a \$640,000 minimum. Baseball's work stoppage was in its 84th day, and the three sessions this week increased the total on core economic issues to just nine since the lockout began Dec. 2. Spring training workouts had been scheduled to start on Feb. 16, and MLB already has canceled the first week of exhibitions, which were to begin Friday. Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said on Feb. 10 a minimum of four weeks of training are needed before starting the season. A deal by Monday would allow that plus a few days for players to report to camps in Arizona and Florida. Manfred has spoken publicly just once since the day the lock-out began and union head Tony Clark not at all. MLB's public statement was interpreted as a pressure tactic by the union, which was angered payrolls decreased during the expired five-year deal and an increased number of teams jet-tisoned higher-salaries veterans and transitioned to rebuilding mode. "To get bears in the forest, you can't offer them bear traps," said Scott Boras, agent for five of eight players on the union's executive subcommittee. A day after the union made only small moves in response to management's incremental proposal of a day earlier, MLB advanced only one change: Teams offered to increase the minimum salary from \$570,500 to \$640,000, up from their previous proposal of \$630,000. The minimum would increase by an additional \$10,000 each season during a five-year agreement. Clubs withdrew their proposal for a tiered minimum,



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W.A. 'Doc' Davis

at halftime in the 2010 (XLIV) Super Bowl to get a win over the Colts. They were disappointed in learning that their then Coach Sean Patton had decided to step down as coach this past January 25th. Margot as a French Creole has taught Anna Marie a great deal of the French language and she in turn has done the same for me." "The bets were taken for both sides where Captn. Jack and I offered a Smithfield Country Smoked ham fixed with biscuits and red-eye gravy, black-eyed peas etc. if Cinncy lost, Margo and Anna Marie were to fix a complete Creole meal if Los Angeles lost consisting of jumbo shrimp, blackened-red fish, crawfish etouffee, beans and rice, jambalaya, hush puppies etc." "The game got off to a great start and was nip and tuck with Los Angeles leading 16 to 10 at half time. It was a hilarious time with our carryings-on with Jack and myself giving it the old college yell and trying to out shout Margo and Anna Marie who were yelling in French at times. They were going with "Aller, Aller Beliers (Go, Go, Rams) and we shouted "Ram it down their throats" and some French thrown in such as "Allons-y Bra'cets (Lets go Bengals)." "The game ended as a nail bitter at the end. The Bengals scored 10 straight points on their first two drives in the 3rd



Anna Marie



Big Jake

quarter. Trailing 20 to 16 in the 4th quarter, the Rams scored a touchdown to retake the lead with under 2 minutes to go and stopped Cincinnati's final drive with Joe Burrow, their quarterback, taking a hit on 4th and 1." "It was such a game that it was sad that one team had to lose as both teams had played their hearts out. Anna Marie put her paws around my neck and said, 'Oh, Jake, Quel match!'" (What a game!).

"I replied, Jesusi d'accord (I agree), and Jack and I will do our best to come up with the best with our Virginia cured ham dinner and all the fixings in the next few days for a breakfast. I guarantee it will be as good as you can get at any Cracker Barrel restaurant.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalms34:8K-JV. When we put our trust in the Lord, we will be closer to Him. His desire for us is to have peace. If we realize how much God loves us, we could experience the peace that only comes from knowing Him.

Until next time

Cindric

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six races in 2020 and beat Chase Briscoe to win the Xfinity championship. It was an odd transition for Cindric, who established himself while racing in front of empty grandstands and closed garages. "A lot of my success in the Xfinity Series, especially in 2020, came in an incubator. And when we got fans back at the racetrack, all of a sudden everybody knew who I was, and that was really weird for me," he said. The success didn't get Cindric the promotion he wanted. Penske decided Cindric would run one more year in NASCAR's second-tier series then drive the No. 21 for The Wood Brothers. "Probably one of the tougher meetings I had with him was when we decided not to put him into Cup," Penske said. "He took it like a man. He said, 'You make the call. I'm going to make it happen.'" It worked just fine for Cindric, who insists he felt no pressure to perform. "I'm not an externally motivated person and I'm not an externally intimidated person," Cindric said. "My head is pretty much in the game 24/7. I don't think about much, anything else, except for racing. I don't have much of a social life." Cindric's path was altered when Keselowski decided to leave Team Penske for an ownership stake in another organization. That opened the seat in Penske's flagship No. 2 Ford for the son of the team president. With one race down, he has al-

ready locked himself into the playoffs and the right to race for the Cup Series title. "If there's anything I have left to prove, I'm not sure what it is," Cindric said. As their son celebrated the Daytona 500 win, Tim and Megan Cindric stood quietly in the background of the victory photos. It was Penske who was front and center with the winning driver, and in that moment it was OK. "He's a lot more than just my boss. Next to my parents, he's probably been the most influential person in my life," he said. "If I can be half the man Roger Penske is, I'd say I've lived a good life." It was much later that Cindric caught up with his parents. He called his mother "the backbone of my racing career" and "my rock" and reflected on the interesting dynamic he has with his father. After his car had passed inspection and his team had finished its Steak N Shake celebration, Cindric sat down with his father for the first time all week. They met in the trailer he'd borrowed from his parents to use at Daytona and talked about what kind of schedule Cindric might have this week as the Daytona 500 winner. "It's not his first rodeo," Cindric of his dad. "I've had great leadership throughout my life and great examples set for me throughout my life. I'm very proud of the family that I've come from, the person that my dad is and the way he leads our team. "As far as my upbringing and my exposure to Roger and this race team.... I think that's my biggest asset. How to do things professionally, how to do things the right way, I don't see a way to do anything differently."

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Regarding Budget Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate The following amount

From: Local Government Investment Fund \$234,580.64

To: General Fund Capital Reserve \$234,580.64

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

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

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 711 for assistance in reaching the Town.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

- 1.A proposed rezoning for properties located on Bob White Blvd [tax parcel(s) 073-21-2A, 073-21-2, 073-21-3A, 073-21-3, 073-21-4, 073-21-5, 073-21-6, 073-21-7, 073-21-8, 073-21-9, 073-23-10, 073-23-11, 073-23-12, 073-23-13, 073-23-14, & 073-21-15] from B-2 General Business to R-2 Two-Family Residential.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Economic Development and Planning Manager, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Economic Development and Planning Manager's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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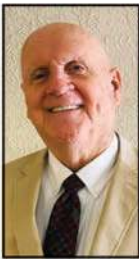
Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to review the application listed below. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2022 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to receive comments about the applications as listed below;

1. Application submitted by Douglas Alan & Norma Anderson for the Planning Commission to consider and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding an "Ordinance to Vacate an Unimproved Right of Way" located between 5912 and 5904 Jewell Avenue Dublin, VA 24084. Ingles District.

The public can receive information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process, by using any one of the following methods; E-mail: mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org Phone: 540-980-7710 Regular Mail: Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. In Person: By attending the meeting at the location listed.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County will make reasonable accommodations available when requested. 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

Ambition, Anger and Attitudes

There are three things we need to discuss today. Ambition, Anger and Attitudes. The Disciples were caught in an embarrassing situation. They were arguing among themselves over which of them would be the greatest in Christ’s Kingdom. Jesus asked them what they arguing about. He gave them the opportunity to confess it. When Jesus asks a question, it isn’t because He doesn’t know the answer. Jesus had already looked down into their hearts and knew what the rift between them was all about. Jesus used the opportunity to teach them some spiritual lessons concerning their argument using what they had said to open up the dialogue.

Question? If the Lord knows what we are doing or saying what then? The truth is the Lord does know what we are doing and saying at all times. Every moment of every day. So it would behoove us to be careful in all that we say and do.

Disciples of Christ are followers of Christ. We become His Disciples when we get born again of the Spirit of God. Jesus knew some of the Disciples got angry at times with one another; he knew some were overly ambitious; and He knew some of them had bad attitudes.

Most of us have some ambition. We all want to succeed. We all want some recognition. It’s part of our fleshly nature. Ambition can be a good thing or a bad thing.

What they hadn’t fully grasped at this time was that Jesus didn’t come to set up a literal Kingdom at His first advent. First He would set up a spiritual Kingdom in the hearts of believers. Then at His second advent He would set up His literal Kingdom.

We all want to succeed in life. We all want some recognition of our achievements. It’s part of human nature. But the reason we work in the Kingdom work of Christ is not to build up our own reputation in this world, but we do it because we love the Lord. We don’t do it for recognition by man but we do it as part of our duty to God.

Ambition can be bad when it causes us to want to outshine our fellow Christians and to step all over them to reach higher rungs in the ladder to success. This is being overly ambitious. In fact it is sinful. We are to each esteem our fellow Christians better than ourselves. Philippians 2:3. “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”

Ambition can be helpful in winning the lost to Christ. It motivates us to get out from behind the four walls of the Church Building and to do our best to win the lost to Christ Jesus. So this kind of Ambition is a good thing because it is pointed in the right direction. We all need to be Ambitious doing the Kingdom work of Christ.

So it’s OK to have some Ambition as long as we are not overly Ambitious and use it wrongly to advance ourselves at the expense of others.

Jesus wants His Disciples to be Ambitious Servants, in serving God and others. We need to be Ambitious in doing the Lord’s work. It can result in our efforts to win the lost be successful.

1 Thes. 4:11, 12. “Make it your Ambition to lead a quiet life, to mine your own business and to work with your hands.” and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should

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

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.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

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

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

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.

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

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

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

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

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

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

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

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.

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.

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.

New Hope Chapel

1555 Case Knife Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
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Pastor Gray and congregation invite you to New Hope Chapel.
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10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Amber Waves

THIS IS RIDICULOUS. ALL WINTER ALL WE DO IS JUST SIT HERE AND LAY EGGS.

EVERYONE ELSE GOES OUTSIDE WHEN THEY WANT. I'M TAKING THE DAY OFF.

OH SHUT UP. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLANS ANYWAY.

Out on a Limb

"CANDY"

"CHANT"

"PANIC!"

GOOD ONE, SIS... WE WIN!

WORDLE IS AWESOME!

FUN FOR THE HOLE FAMILY

R.F.D.

I NEED 100 FEET OF GRADE 80 CHAIN, FRED.

SORRY, SIM, NO CAN DO.

LEMME GUESS...

YUP--THE CHAIN SUPPLY CHAIN HAS YET TO FREE ITSELF FROM THE SUPPLY CHAIN CHAINS.

The Spats

WHO'S THE BOSS AROUND HERE?

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN!

POPEYE

HEY CHESTERMAN

BAD DORG!

OUT! OUT!

I CAN'T FIND CHESTER ANYWHERE?

I PUT 'IM OUTSIDE!

WHY?

HE DUN A VERY BAD T'ING IN DA KITCHEN...

...SO HE'S GOTTA LEARN A LESSON!

GOSH! WOT DID HE DO?

HE GOT TH' FOOD OFF TH' COUNTER N' DUMP'D OUR SUPPER...

...A BULGUR, SPINACH N' TOFU CASS'ROLE!

MY HERO!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

I MUST BE AGING. IN THE MORNING WHEN I GET UP EVERYTHING ACHES. EVEN SLEEPING IS A STRENUOUS ACTIVITY.

LAFF - A - DAY

SPORTS DEPT.

"I hate to disturb you, Johnson, but you have a customer."

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!

Scope

PERROT

Pick

CLEET

Avoid

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TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Atlas page

4 Ivy League University

9 Science room

12 GPS suggestion

13 Haunting

14 Docs' org.

15 1989 AI Pacino film

17 Decks in the ring

18 Small battery

19 Yard tools

21 "Understood"

24 Membership

25 Tolkien beast

26 Civil War soldier

28 Pulitzer category

31 Abound

33 Narc's org.

35 Dr. McGraw

36 Anticipate

38 Chips go-with

40 Sugar suffix

41 Mark Harmon TV series

43 School break

45 Shun

47 Owned

48 Sashimi fish

49 New York City's — Park

54 Decay

55 Ryan or Tatum

56 Gaiety

57 Sauce source

58 Actions

59 Turf

DOWN

1 "— Miniver"

2 Packed away

3 Shell-game item

4 "No cheating!"

5 Akin

6 Acapulco gold

7 "The First — Club"

8 Required

9 Sierra Nevada resort

10 Cupid's specialty

11 Low range

16 Granola grain

20 John Irving hero

21 Teeny bit

22 Got bigger

23 Maryland beach town

27 Nap site

29 Avoid

30 Pub orders

32 Lansing's st.

34 Dunce

37 Steering system part

39 Gems from oysters

42 Pigs

44 LPs' successors

45 Jug handles

46 "Scram!"

50 Churchill gesture

51 Conditions

52 Pair

53 Conclusion

top ten

World's Largest Companies*

1. Walmart

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3. Amazon.com

4. China National Petroleum

5. Sinopec (China)

6. Apple

7. CVS Health

8. UnitedHealth Group

9. Toyota Motor

10. Volkswagen

Source: Fortune Global 500 *Revenue

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which 2000 animated movie's tagline is "Escape or Die Frying"?

2. HISTORY: When was the Peace Corps established?

3. LANGUAGE: What does it mean in British English to be "knackered"?

4. AD SLOGANS: Which company featured this 1985 ad campaign: "It's everywhere you want to be"?

5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal has the longest tongue in relation to its body size?

6. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen"?

7. MUSIC: Which country music songwriter, singer and activist once sold Bibles for a living?

8. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the coccyx in human anatomy?

9. FOOD & DRINK: Which restaurant chain is known for its "Grand Slam" breakfast?

10. U.S. STATES: In which U.S. state was the first official World Fair held?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

10. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1876)

9. Denny's

8. Tailbone

7. Willie Nelson

6. "1984"

5. Chameleon

4. Visa

3. Tired

2. 1961

1. "Chicken Run"

Solution time: 22 mins.

SCARED

Today's Word

3. Stave; 4. Detain

1. Report 2. Elect

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: M equals L

SJJM SGJJ HN JFTNQ HZJ

ZJPMHZSAM KGPWHLWJ NS

GJPBLFO MJBNEV NG NGPFOJV,

LS QNA VN TALWJ.

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Americanisms

"Short term success can always be obtained at the expense of the future."

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ALETA SUDDENLY RISES. "WHAT FASCINATING GOSSIP FILLS CAMELOT'S HALLS! BUT THE DAY GROWS LATE, AND I'VE SHOPPING TO DO."

"ENOUGH OF SUCH GLOOMY THINGS! TELL ME OF THIS NEW WIFE OF DRACO'S." SO VAL RELATES WHAT LITTLE HE KNOWS OF THE MYSTERIOUS MALDUBH.

17 SUPPOSE THE LOSS OF PRUDENCE... AND ALL YOUR TALK OF BEWITCHMENTS... UNSETTLES ME WITH STRANGE IMAGES.

BE A DEAR AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE. THEN SHE IS GONE. VAL SIGHS DEEPLY. HE CAN FIND NO LUCK, EVEN WITH HIS WIFE.

NEXT: Black market

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by BUD BLAKE

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T R I P O M K T I G C O C N E

S S D P B Z A X W U O R A A M

N N T R P H Q O N L L P B E I

A A A J C A I G F D D A P B R

P P C P **G I N G E R S N A P** B

P O A A S Y X S A U N S N A P

I N W V T H S G E P A N S N A

S R P O N L O A E P P A N S N

H K J R E N E T S A F P A N S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: **TURTLE**

Cold snap Snap pea Snapback Snappish

Gingersnap Snap roll Snapchat Snapshot

Snap bean Snap-brim Snapdragon Unsnap

Snap fastener Snap-on Snape

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is **LONGFELLOW**

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

HN GIZ ASEY IYVMJO YI LM

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— QSPSH PSCS

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Feb. 28
Pulaski County Board of Supervisors meet
Monday, February 28, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

March 3
American Legion to Meet
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, March 3, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. If Radford City Public Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please contact 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

March 8
Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Mr. Will Reed will continue with Part 3 of his series on "Confederate Small Arms". 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 call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

ONGOING
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.

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —

Answer

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School board Ok's HVAC improvements, new windows

Pulaski County Public Schools
In a Special Called Meeting of the Pulaski County School Board Monday, Feb. 21, the board voted to approve a motion to accept the bid for the Pulaski County Public Schools HVAC Improvements and Window Replacement Project.
The project will involve work at four different schools in the county. The first will be at Dublin Elementary School. This project consists of installing air conditioning in the existing gym, cafeteria, kitchen and guidance offices. The existing windows of the original portions of the building will also be replaced.
Work at Pulaski County High School will involve installing air conditioning the existing gym and the existing art rooms.
Work at Critzer Elementary School will consist of replacing the rooftop unit at the cafeteria.
The work at Snowville Elementary School will involve replacing the rooftop unit at the

cafeteria.
The motion passed Monday was to award the bid to G&H Contracting, Inc, for the lump sum price of \$3,094,000.00. The money to pay for this project are being funded by means of a grant provided to Pulaski County Public Schools from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) pursuant to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021
Public Law 116-260, enacted on December 27, 2020 (CRRSA). The bidder will be required to comply with all federal requirements relating to use of ESSER II funding, including but not limited to payment of local prevailing wages in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148).
Work on the project is expected to begin immediately after school ends for the 2021-22 school year, with completion as soon as possible.

LOCAL JOBS



Pulaski County Public Safety Paramedics

The Pulaski County Public Safety Department anticipates hiring up to five full-time Paramedics to begin orientation during the Spring of 2022.


Minimum qualifications include Paramedic certification and completion of a state approved EVOC course. Applicants must insurable under the existing County of Pulaski vehicle policy, which currently requires a minimum age of 21 to operate emergency vehicles.

Full-time staff work 48 hours per week with variable shifts including 24-hour shifts as needed. Salary is commensurate upon education, training and experience. A full benefit package, which includes health, dental, vision and life insurance, VRS retirement plan, optional 457b retirement plan, paid sick, vacation and holidays, etc. are included in this position. A \$1,500 recruitment bonus (paid upon successful completion of a precepting program and orientation period) is also included. The employer covers uniform and training expenses.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application located on the County website at www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director, at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

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Pulaski County Animal Control Officer

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department is seeking a qualified applicant to serve as an Animal Control Officer responsible for capturing and impounding animals, performing investigations, issuing citations, educating the public on animal control ordinances and regulations and providing excellent customer service. Prefer applicants with prior animal control experience. A valid Virginia Drivers License is required along with a background investigation, drug screen and driving record examination.

The anticipated salary for this position is \$32,000 to \$55,774 and is based upon education and experience. This is a full-time position that includes benefits such as health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits, State retirement program, optional 457-retirement program, sick and vacation leave, paid holidays, and much more.

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The Town of Dublin is seeking applications/resumes for the position of Customer Service Clerk. This is a full-time position. The ideal candidate should have experience in providing excellent customer service. They will be the first point of contact for customers via phone or in person. The position involves processing payments for utilities, taxes and various other municipal revenues via in person or by mail as well as other general office duties. Candidates should possess excellent written and verbal communication skills along with a strong attention to detail. High school diploma/GED required.

The rate of pay is dependent upon experience level. A benefit package will be offered including medical/dental insurance, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave.

Applications may be picked up at the Dublin Town Center located at 101 Dublin Park Road during regular business hours of 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday beginning Monday, February 28th, 2022. Questions can be directed to Kim Dalton, Human Resources at 540-674-4731. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm on March 4th, 2022.

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Cougars

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Tuesday’s contest was close throughout, but the Lady Cougars were able to build leads of eight points twice before the fourth quarter run.

Just after halftime, the Lady Lions scored to tie things at 35. But Paige Huff hit two “threes” in a row from the right side, and Ally Fleenor scored a layup off a fast break to put Pulaski County back up, 43-35.

Louisa scored on three consecutive trips down the floor to again cut the PCHS lead at 43-41.

Just as before, the Lady Cougars would build back the lead by hitting two more buckets to end the third quarter up, 49-43.

In the fourth, Pulaski County went up by nine, 52-43 off another Huff “three,” before Louisa again rallied to cut the lead to four at 52-48 with 3:45 to go.

That’s when the Lady Cougars put the game away.

Pulaski County scored on five consecutive trips down the floor on a 10-0 run fueled by two buckets by Fleenor, two more by Kesyln Secrist and another by Huff to take a 62-48 lead.

The Lady Cougars’ scrappy defense limited Louisa to just one point over the last 3:45 of the game to seal the win.

Pulaski County was led in scoring by Secrist, River Ridge District Player of the Year, with 21 points.

“This feels really good since they got us in the state championship last year,” Secrist said. “Getting them back is really good. I thought we came out hard and gave the effort we needed to and pulled out the win.”

Huff scored 17 and Fleenor added 16 for Pulaski County. Other scoring came from Hannah Keefer, 4; Jaden Lawson, 3, and Tori Vest, 2.

George Stanley, Athletic Director at Louisa County sent words of praise to Pulaski County Athletic Director Scott Vest about the Lady Cougars.

“Congratulations to Pulaski girls basketball for beating Louisa 63-49 in Louisa tonight in front of one of the best atmospheres I’ve seen for a high school basketball game in some time. Pulaski was well coached and the players were all about sportsmanship and shot the lights out tonight. Great job, Scott. Congratulations and good luck in the Region championship/state tournament.”

Both Pulaski County and Glass have now qualified for spots in the state Class 4 tournament to be held March 4-5.

The winner Friday night between PCHS and Glass will face either Millbrook or Sherando from Region C in the first round of the state tournament.

Teams making it through the first round will face-off in the state sem-finals March 7-8, and the State Championship will be decided March 10 at 12:30 p.m. at Virginia Commonwealth University’s Siegel Center in Richmond.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Kesyln Secrist heads up court on a fast break.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Paige Huff takes aim at one of her five three-point field goals in the game.

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If you are interested in any of the animals here at the shelter, please submit an adoption application located on our Facebook Page Pulaski County VA Animal Control. Once approved, you can spend some time with her in our meet & greet room. Once approved, you can spend some time with her in our meet & greet room.

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Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Ally Fleenor goes up for two of her 16 points against Louisa County’s Lady Lions.

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Choosing an executor vital part of estate planning process

Dear Dave,
What exactly is an executor, and what part do they play in someone's will?



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Dear Gabe,
Simply put, an executor manages the last will and testament of someone who dies. Acting as an executor is an honor and a huge responsibility. As the designated representative of the deceased, executors are responsible for making sure the deceased's assets are distributed according to the will. Executors deal with probate court, tell everyone who needs to know about the death, pay outstanding debt, distribute assets, and generally represent the deceased person whenever needed.

Think of someone you know who is trustworthy, conscientious and good at talking to people. This person also needs to be mature, capable of handling life events with a level head and have an honest heart. You need to think about where your potential executor lives, too, because they could end up spending a lot of time working with the courts in your area. If you already have someone in mind who has all the right personal qualities, but lives out of state, research your state's requirements for an executor's location. Virtual meetings could be a possibility.

The amount of time needed for an

executor to handle your affairs when you're gone could be enormous. Depending on the complexity of your estate, it could take months—or even years. Once you settle on someone as executor, be honest with them about all the responsibilities that come with the job. And if you're unable to find someone appropriate, you can always hire a professional executor.

Great question!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
What is the best way to invest a one-time lump sum of \$2,500? My plan is to leave the money alone and let it grow for a long time.

Karole

Dear Karole,
Some people play single stocks on one-time investments like this, but I don't like that idea. Single stock investments don't consistently generate the kind of returns over long periods of time that a good mutual fund will. Why sell yourself short?

When it comes to investing, I consider 10 years or more to be a long time. That being the case, I'd suggest a growth stock or growth and income mutual fund with a solid track record of 10 to 20 years.

I hope this helps!

— Dave

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

PULASKI RIVER TURTLES 2022 ROSTER



PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL	YEAR
Baker, Christian	R/R	6'4	235	22	6/1/2000	Raleigh, NC	Gaston College	Soph
Burnett, Crayton	R/R	6'0	178	19	8/16/2002	St. Joseph, IL	Illinois	Fr
Fontenot, Cy	R/R	6'0	175	20	6/22/2001	Pineville, LA	New Orleans	RS Fr
Hargett, Hunter	R/R	6'2	185	19	2/27/2003	San Diego, CA	San Diego State	Fr
Head, Kobe	R/R	6'0	200	20	5/23/2002	McDonough, GA	Texas Southern	Soph
Jackson, Julian	L/R	6'8	230	22	4/3/2000	Powder Springs, GA	San Diego State	Jr
Jurecka, Landry	R/R	6'1	195	19	1/21/2003	Greenwood, AR	Kansas State	Fr
Mabe, Avery	R/R	6'4	210	20	9/26/2001	Wytheville, VA	Virginia	Soph
Park, Aaron	R/R	6'3	225	20	7/24/2001	Summerville, PA	NJIT	Soph
Perez, Gabriel	R/R	5'9	160	19	1/30/2003	Pembroke Pines, FL	Bethune Cookman	Fr
Perez, Nicholas	R/R	5'9	175	20	1/20/2002	Bayside, NY	Youngstown State	Soph
Phelan, Cyle	L/L	6'2	215	19	9/2/2002	Fuquay-Varina, NC	UNC Wilmington	Fr
Reed, Lucas	R/R	6'2	185	19	8/20/2002	Louisville, KY	MS Gulf Coast CC	Soph
Small, Kevin	L/L	6'1	195	20	12/14/2001	Downington, PA	Long Island	Soph
Tomczak, Seth	L/R	6'4	195	21	7/6/2000	Ione, CA	San Joaquin Delta (CA)	Soph
Ward, Nathan	R/R	6'8	324	20	9/5/2001	Phoenix, AZ	Yavapai College (AZ)	Soph

CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL	YEAR
Escobar, Irvin	R/R	6'0	205	20	3/5/2002	Barceloneta, PR	Bethune Cookman	RS Fr
Kinkade, Konner	R/R	5'10	190	21	5/22/2001	Pullman, WA	Orange Coast College (CA)	Soph
Johnson, Ryan	R/R	6'0	175	21	12/27/2000	Tempe, AZ	Pepperdine	Jr

INFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL	YEAR
Ballesteros, Romeo	R/R	5'9	160	21	3/29/2001	Tucson, AZ	Pima CC (AZ)	Soph
DeShazo, Owen	R/R	6'6	205	18	7/27/2003	Glen Allen, VA	Boston College Commit	HS Sr
Groves, Michael	L/R	6'4	205	20	11/15/2001	Holly Springs, NC	UNC Asheville	Soph
Hurst, Dalton	S/R	5'8	165	19	3/13/2003	Port Orange, FL	Florida International	Fr
Keller, Charlie						Mobile, AL	Mobile Christian HS (AL)	
Kinneberg, Joseph	R/R	5'11	190	21	9/24/2000	Sandy, UT	Western NE CC	Soph
Moerman, Ryan	R/R	5'11	205	18	7/22/2003	Lockport, IL	Illinois	Fr
Sweet-Chick, Seth	R/R	6'3	205	20	3/13/2002	Melbourne, Australia	Kansas	Soph

OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL	YEAR
Bolton Jr, Michael	L/R	5'9	170	21	7/5/2000	Calumet City, IL	Purdue	Soph
DeMartino, Alec	R/R	6'2	200	19	9/6/2002	Raleigh, NC	UNC Wilmington	Fr
Fondtain, TJ	L/L	6'4	213	21	2/22/2001	Clovis, CA	San Diego State	Soph
Green Jr, Rodney	L/L	6'3	190	19	4/12/2003	Richmond, CA	California	Fr
Smith, Christian	L/L	6'2	195	19	2/17/2003	Atlanta, GA	Vanderbilt	Fr
Zaborowski, Ryland	R/R	6'5	225	20	5/13/2002	Gilbert, AZ	Yavapai College (AZ)	Soph

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from San Joaquin Delta College in California. Tomczak was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 26th round of the 2019 Major League Baseball draft.

There are three catchers on the roster, eight infielders and six outfielders.

Among the infielders is another Virginia native, Owen DeShazo from Glen Allen – a Boston College commit.

Seventeen different NCAA Division 1 schools are represented on the River Turtles' roster, including NCAA champions Virginia (2015), Vanderbilt (2014 and 19) and Mississippi State (2021).

Four members of the 2021 River Turtles are returning: catchers Ryan Johnson and Irvin Escobar, and pitchers Lucas Reed and Crayton Burnett. Johnson and Reed were 2021 Appalachian League All-Star selections.

Outfielders Rodney Green, Jr. (Cal) and Michael Bolton, Jr. (Purdue) are among the Appalachian League's top future draft prospects, noted Pulaski General Manager J.W. Martin.

Last year's River Turtles finished the Appalachian League season with a 32-23 record, falling in the championship game to Greeneville, 9-8 on a walk-off two-run double in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Clark Crist will return as Pulaski's manager again in 2022.

"I look forward to working with all of these young players," Crist said. "We have a great group coming to Pulaski from all over the country; it's a great collection of talent. We're ready to get to work."

The River Turtles open the 2022 season June 2 at home against Burlington.

"We are very excited about our potential this season," stated Martin. "All the credit goes to Clark Crist. The Appalachian League gave clubs more involvement in the player selection process this offseason, and his hard work is reflected in the outstanding roster we're constructed."

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