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School budget seeks more in county funds

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board on Wednesday unanimously approved what amounts to a preliminary budget proposal of \$66.8 million for the 2022-23 school year. The proposed budget seeks an increase in local funding of \$1.6 million.

The school board is required by State Code to prepare a budget and present it to the county's Board of Supervisors by April 1 of each year.

That work was complicated this year by the fact the Virginia General Assembly has yet to complete work on a new state budget.

Both the House and Senate passed drastically different budget bills during the recent legislative session, but a final budget compromise could not be reached by the time the legislature adjourned.

Gov. Glenn Youngkin has called on the legislature to reconvene on Monday, April 4 to complete work on the state budget and other proposed legislation.

Until the legislature's work is finished, local school officials were forced to make an educated guess on just how much revenue

the school system will receive in state funding — which accounts for nearly half of the school system's budget.

According to Chris Stafford, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations, figures from the House of Delegates' proposed budget were used to complete the school system's spending plan because it is the most conservative on revenue figures.

"Because the two competing budget bills are so far apart in projected revenue, we feel it best to use the most conservative budget numbers and then we can adjust our own budget once the final state budget is approved," Stafford told the board.

The proposed school budget for next year includes \$31.7 million in state funding — an increase of \$2.7 million over the current year. Stafford said he feels, once the final state budget is agreed upon, the school system will receive more in state funds.

If more state funds are received, they will be used to lessen the \$1.6 million in additional county funds the school system's budget is requesting.

The proposed budget includes

\$4.3 million to fund the school board's budget priorities.

Those priorities include: **\$244,625** for new positions including a third Cougar Assistant at PCHS, a Transportation Manager, rotating school nurse and a Public Relations Specialist.

\$1,541,238 for a minimum 5 percent raise and step increase for teachers.

\$384,407 for a 5 percent raise for support staff.

\$104,981 for a new salary scale for custodians.

\$157,587 for a new bus driver pay scale which raises starting pay from \$80.36 per day to \$85, and the top rate from \$114.93 to \$125 per day.

\$462,704 to adjust the paraprofessional salary scale to keep up with changes to Virginia's minimum wage scale and change to full-time status.

\$322,735 for additional teaching positions including an additional teaching position at Snowville Elementary due to enrollment increase; a new CTE position at PCHS to start an EMT program to train future first responders; an additional elemen-

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Criminal petition obtained against driver in fatal crash

Patriot Staff Report

A criminal petition has been obtained against the surviving driver in a Feb. 21 crash that took the lives of two men on Draper Mountain in Pulaski County.

Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith issued a statement on the case this week.

"The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office have met with both families of the men who lost their lives on Draper

Mountain on February 21, 2022. A petition has been obtained against the surviving driver," Griffith stated.

He continued that, "The surviving driver was a juvenile at the time so we must adhere to juvenile privacy requirements; however, I do not believe that overrides the need to keep the public informed that a criminal petition has been obtained and the victims' families have been consulted."

He noted that a court date has

not been set at this time.

The accident took the lives of Darrell Wayne Roark, 46 and Wayne Allen Patterson, 55. Both were operating motorcycles when the accident occurred.

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office reported that at approximately 3:58 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21 their 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.

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Graham named superintendent of veterans cemetery

RICHMOND - The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) has announced that D. Travis Graham has been named Superintendent of the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

A native and lifelong resident of Southwest Virginia, Graham joined DVS as Caretaker Manager of the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in May 2020. He is a graduate of New River Community College and Virginia Tech. Prior to joining DVS, Graham served in multiple profes-

sional capacities at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg and owned and operated a construction business in Montgomery County.

“Travis has been instrumental in both building and leading the very talented DVS team that we have at the Dublin cemetery as well as ensuring the grounds are always kept in immaculate condition,” said Michael Henshaw, DVS Director of State Veterans Cemeteries. “His experience, expertise and dedication to the cemetery, our veterans and families made him the ideal candidate

to fill the position of Superintendent.”

“Being born and raised in Southwest Virginia will also be a benefit to Travis as he conducts outreach in the surrounding communities to raise awareness about the cemetery and the many other benefits for veterans and their families that the Virginia Department of Veterans Services provides,” Henshaw added.

The Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery opened in 2011 and is located at 5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, VA 24084. There

are three state veterans cemeteries (in Dublin, Amelia, and Suffolk) and three active national cemeteries (in Culpeper, Danville, and Quantico) which provide a dignified final resting place for Virginia veterans and eligible dependents. For more information about Virginia’s state veteran cemeteries, please visit www.dvs.virginia.gov/cemeteries. For more information about national cemeteries in Virginia, please visit <https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/state.asp?STATE=VA>.

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is a state government agency with more than 40 locations across the Commonwealth of Virginia. DVS traces its history to 1928 and the establishment of the Virginia War Service Bureau to assist Virginia’s World War I veterans. Today, DVS assists veterans and their families in filing claims for federal



Travis Graham

al veterans benefits; provides veterans and family members with linkages to services including behavioral healthcare, housing, employment, education and other programs.

Schools

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tary gifted teacher, and two additional special teachers at the elementary level.

\$93,056 for an additional assistant principal at Pulaski County Middle School.

\$93,056 for the addition of a full-time activities director at PCMS.

\$445,929 to add a paraprofessional to every kindergarten class, which was a request from the community. An additional 19 paraprofessionals would have to be hired.

\$445,690 to begin an annual process of replacing Chromebooks in at least three grade levels beginning next year.

\$47,000 for the Public Relations Specialist non-personnel budget for printing and mailing of a school system newsletter that would be mailed to every household in the county.

Stafford reiterated that when the General Assembly completes its budget, and total state revenue figures are finally known, the school budget can be revised.

Also included in the school’s budget proposal are federal funds of \$16.7 million – way more than

the school system generally receives in federal dollars.

Much of that money - \$9.1 million – comes from federal ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds and will go towards the school system’s capital improvement project list of needs.

In a press release from the school system, Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools stated, “We have developed and the School Board has approved a comprehensive needs based budget request that, if fully funded, will allow Pulaski County to continue providing a high quality educational experience for all of our students and should enable us to remain competitive with other surrounding school divisions in recruiting and retaining the best educators in Southwest Virginia. We look forward to engaging with the County Administrator and Board of Supervisors in the coming weeks to advocate for the priorities established in this budget request and to answer any questions they might have about our budget process.”

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SHIRLEY ANN HALL

Shirley Ann Hall, age 79 went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 26, 2022 at the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. She is reunited with her husband, Irvin Hall and the love of her



life, Rebecca (Becky) Dawn Hall. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Richard Lee Jones & Virginia Jones, sister & brother-in-law, Charlotte & Starlin Saunders, brother & sister-in-law, Johnny & Mary Jones, brothers, Bobby Jones, Donnie Jones and infant sister, Thelma Jones.

Left to cherish her memory are Her Siblings - Tommy & Joyce Jones, Agnes Barlow, Peggy Jackson, Jackie & Charlotte Jones

Special Friend - Helen King
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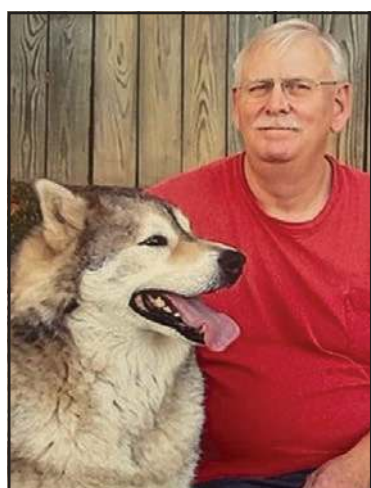
God's little helpers for her - Scotty Saunders, Tammy Chinnault, Melissa (Missy Farris)

Private Family services will be held with burial at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

A special thank you to the staff at the Pulaski Health & Rehabilitation Center, for their love and care given to Shirley, her special nurse Linda Maxey (who always put a smile on her face) and watched over like the angel she is. Thank You!

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

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



ROBERT "BOB" EDWARD DAVIS

Robert "Bob" Edward Davis, age 78 of Pulaski, died Friday, March 25, 2022 at his residence. He was born on January 21, 1944 in Carroll County, and was the son of the late Ella Sturdivant Davis and Henry Bruce Davis. Bob retired from Verizon with 32 years of service, and was employed for 12 years at New River Community College, and he honorably served in the United States Army.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother: William Bruce "Bill" Davis; sisters and brothers-in-law; Mary and Alfred Gardner, Jean and Joe Ceola.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years: Wilma J. Davis of Pulaski: Sons: Dean (Carolyn) Cochran of Pilot, Kevin S. (Valarie) Davis of Dublin, and Keith S. (Hayley) Davis of Dublin: daughter; Donna Sue (Shane) Davis of St. Petersburg, FL: He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Samantha Cochran, Chase Cochran, Jacob Cochran, Morgan Isom, Micah Davis, Jackson "Jack" Davis, Presley Davis, and special friend Paul Ratliff, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Monday, March 28, 2022 at the Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church. A private interment was held at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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



PAMELA ANNE DAVIS

Pamela Anne Davis, 67 of Dublin passed away on Friday, March 25, 2022 at Pulaski's Lewis Gale Hospital. She was predeceased by her father; Alfred Thomas Canevari, and her mother; Beatrice Rose Kawders Keleher.

Missing her greatly, will be the love of her life, her loving and devoted husband for over 30 years; Willie Paul Davis Jr.

Also surviving, will be her 2 brothers; Thomas Edward Canevari of Newport News Virginia and Robert John Canevari of Riner.

Pamela had many titles but the one she loved most was Aunt. A nephew; Captain Gregory Stanton Canevari of the United States Marine Corps is left to cherish many memories as well as nieces; Melina Rose Hagan of Christiansburg, Bethany Anne Johnson of Max Meadows, Heather Bruss of Temecula California, April Canevari of Newport News Virginia, Amy Lack of Murfreesboro Tennessee, Rhonda Alexandria of Tennessee, Tiffany Rosche of Christiansburg, Stephanie Whited of Christiansburg. Also, a host of great nephews and nieces as well.

A memorial service was held at the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church, PCA on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the Building Fund at Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church.

The Davis family is being cared for by Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

Online condolences can be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com



DR. THOMAS B. HALLER

Dr. Thomas B. Haller, 91, retired dentist in Pulaski, VA passed away Saturday, March 26, 2022. Born in Pulaski in September 1930 to Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Haller, Tommy made Pulaski his home, apart from his time in college and his service with the U.S. Coast Guard.

He attended Davidson College where he played basketball and excelled in school, while also meeting his future wife, Lillian Haller, who attended Queens College nearby. They have been married for almost 70 years. He did his military service in the Coast Guard and attended Medical College of Virginia to finish his studies in dentistry. Tommy then began his dental practice in the Town of Pulaski in 1959.

Along with his surviving wife, Lil, the couple raised three children in the county; Dendy Haller Askins, Allison Haller Hunter (John) and Thomas B. Haller, Jr. (Linda), along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren that he was extremely proud of. Tommy was also preceded in death by his beloved brother, Dr. J. Alex Haller, Jr.

Tommy was a lifelong active member of First Presbyterian Church in Pulaski and his dedication to it, its membership, and its mission was a cornerstone of his life. Tommy also took great pride in his community and was instrumental in creating several organizations including the Pulaski County United Way and was also involved with establishing the Emergency Needs Task Force, Free Clinic and Daily Bread, all located in Pulaski.

He was also proud of his role in building the Pulaski YMCA shortly after returning to the county. And finally, he was an avid golfer and long-term member of Thorn Spring Golf Club in Pulaski where he served in numerous club leadership capacities and enjoyed many great times and fellowships with all of his many golf buddies.

His children would tell you that Tommy's life was a testament to a life of "giving back;" something his father had instilled in him at an early age, and he carried with him through the end of his days.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski, VA at 2 pm on Saturday, April 2nd with Rev. Graham Mitchell and Rev. Terrie Sternberg officiating. Visitation will be on Friday, April 1st at Stephens Funeral Home from 5-7 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to any of his favorite organizations; First Presbyterian Church/Daily Bread, Pulaski YMCA or any other local charity in the Pulaski community.



CAROLYN ELAINE INGLE COPE

Carolyn Elaine Ingle Cope entered the presence of her Heavenly Father Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Carrington Place, Wytheville, VA. Carolyn was born April 14, 1951 in Lee County, Virginia to the late Oscar Robert and Maude Fleming Ingle and was also preceded in death by an infant brother, Robert and sister, Belva Jean Ingle.

As a young lady at First Baptist Church, Jonesville, VA, Carolyn earned the award of Queen Regent from the girls auxiliary. Later in life she received the prestigious Medal of Merit from the IPHC Royal Rangers. She is a member of the Christian Motorcyclist Association and the Patriot Guard Riders. She has served alongside her husband in many ministries that include Coalwood PHC in Coalwood, WV, Austinville PHC in Austinville, VA, Camp Marantha (CEM) Department with Appalachian Conference IPHC in Dublin, VA and Word of Life Ministries, Wytheville, VA. Carolyn is a member of Millennium World Outreach Center in Wytheville.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Reverend Gary C. Cope; her son and daughter-in-law, Reverend Stacy and Sunshine Cope of Pulaski, VA; two daughters and son-in-law, Melissa and Paul Cassell, Tracy Gibson and Toshia Smith of Wytheville; seven grandchildren, Michael Cope, Katie and Gavin Grimm, Joe Cope, Wes Montgomery, Will Montgomery, Elizabeth Cassell and Christopher Cassell; four sisters, Judy Maki, Ardella and Bill Ledford, Sharon and Ed Vosburgh, Dr. Sandy and Joe Diffenderfer; two brothers, David and Eser Ingle, Jack Ingle; special prayer partners, Ruth Waller, Della Russell and Brenda Tate. Several nieces, nephews and many extended family and friends also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Millennium World Outreach Center, 305 Cassell Road, Wytheville, VA 24382 with Reverend Stacy Cope and Reverend Kent Lewis officiating.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 12:00 noon until service time at the church. Interment will follow the service at the Appalachian Conference Cemetery, Dublin, VA with Reverend Dallas Bennett officiating. Carolyn's grandsons will serve as Honorary Pallbearers along with other special friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Tower of Refuge Church, 5846 Oak Grove Road, Dublin, VA 24084 or www.towerofrefugechurch.com

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HARRY REAFORD GILES, SR.

Harry Reaford Giles, Sr., age 86 of Parrott, died early Saturday morning March 26, 2022 at his home in Parrott. He was born in Parrott on September 20, 1935, and was the son of the late Effie Mae Hamilton Giles and the late Atlas Burnett Giles.

He was a founding member of the Twin Community Volunteer Fire Department, and was a long-time employee and supervisor with Poly-Scientific in Blacksburg, a division of Northrop Grumman, and recently acquired by Moog, Inc. He was a valuable employee, having unbelievable talent when working with steel and wood. This talent rolled over into his retirement, and he was able to use that talent while being enthusiastic about guns and fishing. He was also multi-talented creating miniature wood carvings and making homemade

ROGER MARSHALL KEGLEY, III

Roger Marshall Kegley, III age 27 of Pulaski County, died Friday, March 18, 2022. Marshall was born on December 6, 1994, in Pulaski, and is the son of Nikki Rupe Buckner and Roger Marshall Kegley, II. Marshall was graduate of the Pulaski County High School class of 2013, and was once active with his brother and his father in Boy Scout Troop 48.

He is survived by his loving mother: Nikki Rupe Buckner of Christiansburg; his father; Roger Marshall Kegley, II of Pulaski; step-father; Barry Buckner of Pulaski; brother; Barry “Lil Barry” Buckner, Jr. of Pulaski; sisters;

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knives which could have sold for large amounts, but having a kind heart, he gave them away to family and friends. A great deal of knowledge and talent has been lost with loosing Harry, but fortunately much of that knowledge and talent will live on with his three grandsons, and his son, Harry, Jr.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Shirley Scott Giles; two brothers; Claude Giles and Herman Giles; sisters; Josephine G. Bruce, Helen G. Blair, Gerlene G. Bruce, and Cova G. Graham.

He is survived by his son: Harry Reaford Giles, Jr. of Parrott; his daughter and son-in-law; Robin G. and Jerry Thomas of Fairlawn; grandchildren; Michael Thomas, Eric (Laura) Thomas, and Dustin (Tiffany) Thomas; great-grandchildren; Braiden Thomas, Kolton Thomas, Easton Thomas, and Landry Thomas. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Belspring United Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Damron and the Rev. Rachel Collins officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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



Shyanne Rupe of Pulaski, and Autumn Chandler of Pulaski, and Heather Buckner Jagers. Grandparents: Bobby and Rita Rupe; nieces and nephews; Brittany, Alex and Lexi; other family members; Richard Chandler, Kenny Mayes, and Sherry Jones.

There will not be a formal funeral service.

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GENE ATKINS TEEL

Gene Atkins Teel, lovingly known to all as “Bull”, departed this earth for his heavenly home on Friday, March 25, 2022. Bull passed peacefully, his family by his side, following a lengthy illness.

Bull was born on November 23, 1951, the second son born to J. Willard and Mary Mangus Teel. Along with his older brother, Lee, the Teel family operated a dairy and beef farm in the Riner area. Until his illness, the two brothers, along with his nephew, Randy, continued to run the farm his late parents had established.

Bull was a kind and generous soul, and many affectionately refer to him as a pillar and staple of the Riner Community. The unofficial mayor of Riner, Bull supported his hometown in many ways. A 1970 graduate of Auburn High School (AHS), where he played basketball and was actively involved with the FFA, Bull was a long-time supporter of his alma mater. Bull was a member of the AHS football program “Chain Gang”, carrying the chain at home football games for many years. When Auburn had a home basketball game, you could find Bull sitting at the scorer’s table, where he kept the clock for 50 years. Bull use to attend Agriculture classes at Auburn as a guest lecturer. To acknowledge and recognize their contributions, AHS renamed the gymnasium after Bull and Lee.

Recognizing the need to further serve the Riner Community, Bull and Lee made land along Route 8 available to the county for the purpose of building a new Fire Department and recreational facilities.

Bull was also an avid supporter of Virginia Tech Athletics, and attended football and basketball games for decades. He was a member of the UT Prosim Society at Virginia Tech. He was an active member of the Radford Church of Christ. He said the most important day of his life was April 2, 1964, the day he was baptized into Christ. He loved his church family, and leaves behind many special friends. He served on numerous civic and service boards throughout his lifetime. Bull was fascinated with num-

bers. Bull could recite from memory the scores of major sporting events. He knew the dates, the teams, and the final scores. Upon meeting Bull, he would ask your birthday. He would then tell you the day of the week you were born and tell you of others who shared the same birthday. On your birthday, you could expect to receive a call from Bull, usually asking what time cake and ice cream would be served. He made around 4,500 calls each year. As children, his nieces would often test his abilities to add, multiply, divide, and subtract, and he usually did the calculations in his head, faster than a calculator.

Serving his community was important to him and he wanted to continue to help his community after his death. His desire was to establish a scholarship supporting AHS students. This scholarship will be called The Teel Family Scholarship. In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be sent to the Bull Teel Educational Trust

Fund, C/O Lee Teel, 2150 Meadow Creek Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

Surviving are his wife, Sue Teel; brother and sister-in-law, Lee and Roberta Teel; nieces and nephews, Leigh Ann Teel, Kim (Joe) Wilson, and Randy Teel; great niece and nephew, Debra (Cody) Hopper and Tyler Wilson; uncle, Don (Cathy) Teel; aunt, Peggy (Roger) Sheppard; numerous cousins; and many friends and neighbors.

The family would like to thank all Bull’s caregivers.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Auburn High School in the Teel Gymnasium. A celebration of Bull’s life will begin at 3 p.m. with Mr. John Croft officiating.

Per Bull’s request, no flowers ill b accepted.

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

PET OF THE WEEK



Tiger was brought to the shelter after his owner passed away. He’s really smart and lets you know when he needs to go potty. He loves playing fetch and would let you throw the ball all day. Tiger is very sweet and knows several tricks - possibly even how to get drinks from the fridge. He has tested well with calm dogs, he doesn’t like younger, more playful dogs getting in his face, but he does tolerate it. He much prefers to play fetch with a person than to play with another dog. He does not like cats. 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.

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Strengthening Supply Chains: Creating Security and Opportunity

Supply chains were once far from the mind of the average consumer, but they were nevertheless vital. Behind just about every product, from the food on your table to the clothes you wear to the vehicle you drive, lies a supply chain that can potentially stretch across the globe.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on them was not great enough, Russia's war in Ukraine will inflict further disruption.

Ukraine earned the nickname “the breadbasket of Europe” for its significant wheat production and exports, and Russia is a major global wheat exporter as well. One consequence of the Russian invasion was record high wheat prices, an ominous development for the countries most dependent on these exports. Other agricultural products heavily exported by Russia and Ukraine include corn, barley, sunflower seed oil, and rapeseed oil.

Russia is also among the world's leading exporters of fertilizer ingredients. Fertilizer was already expensive before the war, and disruptions of this supply threaten to drive up its costs still more, an increase that will be incorporated into the price of food.

The supply chain turmoil must prompt reconsideration of how and where we obtain the goods and services common to everyday life. We can't make everything here, but we can do a better job of ensuring a domestic supply of the things we must have and providing insulation from inevitable supply shocks in a tumultuous world. The jobs created by greater domestic production are a substantial added benefit.

One area where the United States must develop its own source is in rare earth elements. They are crucial to modern manufacturing and technology, but China currently dominates the market.

This state of affairs is treacherous, as China has proven itself not to be a trustworthy partner. Fortunately, the rarity of rare earth elements comes chiefly in the difficulty of accessing them. With the right technology, the United States can develop our own supply and not be subject to the whims of foreign powers.

In fact, Southwest Virginia can be a source. A consortium of universities including Virginia Tech has developed technologies to extract rare earth elements from coal and coal byproducts. The need for these elements nationally can be met through economic development in our region.

In health care, China has come to dominate too much of the market. For some drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients, it has behaved in a cartel-like fashion to develop an edge. Patients and those taking medications deserve a stable domestic supply.

The struggles to obtain personal protective equipment in the early days of the pandemic drove home the necessity of manufacturing it here ourselves. Not only had the strategic national stockpile of key medical supplies been depleted under the Obama Administration, but some of the remaining inventory had expired and was unusable.

I've introduced a bill that would prevent this situation from recurring by encouraging this industry at home, the Domestic SUPPLY Act. I am proud to have support in this effort from local manufacturers and officials in local governments. It's another area where meeting a national need can create jobs in our communities.

For products not made here, we need guarantees of safety and efficacy. The Food and Drug Administration conducts inspections of foreign manufacturers, but the inspection program has been plagued with problems. I've introduced the INSPECTIONS Act to improve the program and ensure better quality control of medicines and the base ingredients in them. The INSPECTIONS Act is bipartisan, and there is no reason why the rest of this agenda can't be, either.

Greater domestic energy production must be a priority. I have written at length about this topic recently, but unfortunately Americans continue to feel the pain from short-sighted Biden Administration decisions inhibiting our responsible development of energy resources. I strongly believe in American energy dominance, and I have supported it through legislation I've cosponsored including the American Energy Independence from Russia Act and Strategic Production Response Act.

Americans across the board have been hurt by supply chain disruptions. Bringing home the production of vital goods and services would contribute to national security, economic opportunity, and perhaps even, to borrow the words of the Constitution, domestic tranquility.

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.

OPEN FORUM

‘What Is Truth?’

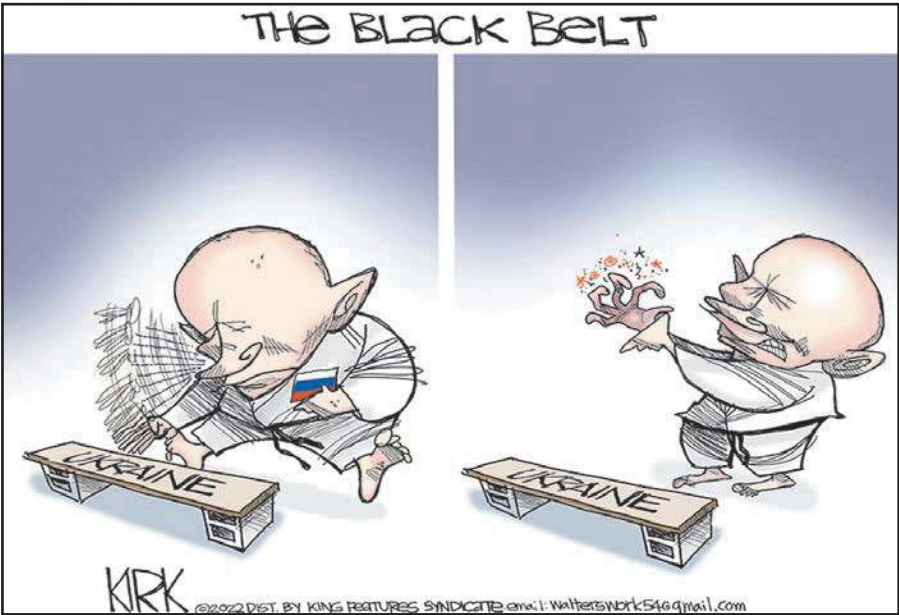
To the editor,
“What is truth?” This question was asked by the famous Roman, Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judea, Israel, and it was in response to Jesus Christ's statement, “For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice” (John 18:37-38).

In the year of our Lord, 2022, does this world hear the voice of Jesus Christ through the Word of God, the Bible? Is there any truth in this world anymore? If not, what are the world's lies? Obviously, there are many, so let's look at a few pressing upon us in this hour.

First, there is the lie about life. This is the lie that a woman has a constitutional right to abort, kill, murder her unborn child. Although in the case of Roe v Wade the Supreme Court created a supposed right to abortion, there is no such right in God's Word. His Word clearly shows that our Creator knew us even before we were born, for He said “Before I formed you in

the womb I knew you...” (Jeremiah 1:5), and that He sees “our unborn substance” (Psalm 139:16) and has written the days of our life before there was even one of them lived out. Doctors, scientists and we, ourselves, know that a new life begins at conception. To deny this truth is to lie, and this is one of the greatest falsehoods of our society today. Over 62,000,000 children have experienced horrific deaths in their mother's womb since the Court's sentence of death upon them. Abortion stops a beating heart which begins to beat at 21 days after conception. Were my adopted babies Becky and David aborted, I would never have held them in my arms, nor would their biological mothers. They would have been slaughtered. Unborn babies are a creation and gift of God to be protected. If you, reader, have had an abortion, you can go to God and ask His forgiveness. He will forgive you because Jesus bore that sin on the cross to save you from its pen-

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JFK, Reagan and Biden

By Cal Thomas,
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President Biden's speech from Warsaw Saturday night, reminded me of two previous presidents who delivered speeches confronting the autocracy that was then the Soviet Union and is now Russia, led by Vladimir Putin, a man Biden has rightly called a war criminal.

On June 26, 1963, Kennedy spoke before the Berlin Wall which the Soviets had erected to stem the flow of Berliners out of the communist “paradise” to the West. In his remarks, Kennedy said, “Freedom is indivisible and when one man is enslaved, all are not free” and “...lift your eyes beyond the dangers of today, to the hopes of tomorrow ... to the advance of freedom everywhere...” Kennedy's remarks came to be known as the “I am a Berliner” address.

Biden echoed Kennedy's optimism when he quoted a phrase Pope John Paul II often used: “Do not be afraid.”

In 1987, Ronald Reagan visited Berlin and delivered his “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall” speech. Like Biden, Reagan contrasted systems of government that preserve freedom with those ruled by autocrats who quash freedom. Reagan said, “Freedom leads to prosperity. Freedom replaces the ancient hatreds among the nations with comity and peace. Freedom is the victor. ... We believe that freedom and security go together, that the advance of human liberty can only strengthen the cause of world peace.”

In his speech Biden went further than Kennedy and Reagan, calling Vladimir Putin a “butcher.” Speaking directly to the Russian people (“if they can hear me”) he tacitly called upon them to remove Putin from office, saying “This man cannot remain in power.” A White House statement walked back his clear reference to regime change, but what he said remains in the official transcript. Biden later denied he was calling for Putin's ouster, but the damage was done.

Biden also said the war will be a long one. Did he mean the Putin war against Ukraine, or something bigger, like the

decades-long Cold War? He did not specify and that is part of the problem. What's the endgame and what is America's strategy for reaching it? Biden still won't supply Ukraine with old Soviet MiG airplanes to “close the skies,” fearing that could trigger the use of nuclear weapons by Putin.

Biden again spoke of the need to end the West's reliance on fossil fuels and create more renewable energy. That is an objective that cannot be achieved anytime soon, like the war between autocracies and democracy, which the president said will not be won in days or months (or decades?). Autocracies preceded the worldwide need for petroleum and will likely continue should renewable energy eventually replace it.

Conservatives should praise Biden for what may be the best and most energized speech of his presidency while still asking why he and NATO won't provide more of what Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy says he needs to defeat the invasion. The situation with Ukraine is different from what Kennedy and Reagan faced. Then, there was only a wall erected on the order of an occupying force that was not bombing East Germany, though guards shot anyone trying to escape. Those presidents used powerful words and Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative to wear down the Soviet Union and cause its collapse.

Today, Ukraine faces predatory forces that have been ordered by another Russian dictator to do whatever is necessary to achieve his goals, including the killing of civilian men, women and babies.

The BBC reports an estimated 200,000 Russians have left their country since the start of the war, a significant “brain drain.” Those who have stayed should heed President Biden's call to remove Putin from power by whatever means necessary. I think Kennedy and Reagan might have approved of such a goal.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at caedistors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book “America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States” (Harper-Collins/Zondervan).



Rich Lowery

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National Review

DeSantis and the New GOP

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis had another moment that lit up the right, this time pushing back against Disney's critique of the so-called “Don't Say Gay” bill.

In his statement, DeSantis was absolutely stalwart, saying that the chances are “zero” that he's going to back away from his support for the law. And he didn't hesitate to go on offense against Disney. He said it had made a fortune off being family-friendly so should understand that families don't want inappropriate material injected into the curriculum at schools and smacked the company for making money in China without denouncing the brutal practices of the Chinese Communist Party.

DeSantis had been equally forthright a few days earlier, contesting the dishonest “Don't Say Gay” characterization by a reporter at a news conference. “It's why people don't trust people like you,” the governor said, “because you peddle fake narratives, and so we disabuse you of those narratives.”

This is the voice of the new Republican Party.

Which is not to say that the party wasn't socially conservative before (George W. Bush ran against gay marriage in 2004), or that it didn't criticize the media (one of George H.W. Bush's best moments in 1988 was slamming Dan Rather during a live interview). But there's a new combativeness that is clearly a reflection of how Trump underlined the power of cultural issues and changed the rules around how you deal with controversy -- by doubling down and hitting back harder.

Perhaps DeSantis would be just as inclined to rumble if Donald Trump had never emerged -- Chris Christie, for instance, had considerable success with a “bring it on” attitude toward criticisms during his governorship.

What feels new, though, is the zest for combat on cultural issues, as well as a willingness to bring to bear public power to the fight where possible (government has every right to control what is and isn't taught in government schools).

There's also a complete intolerance for playing along with false media narratives.

And, lastly, there's zero hesitation to stand up to corporations siding with the left in policy disputes. It seemed several years ago in the debates over religious-freedom restoration acts at the state level that corporations held the whip hand over state officials. Not anymore. Not after Republicans have learned that the appropriate response to such pressure is, “No. Hell, no.”

If this new approach draws on Trump, it should vitiate one of the arguments long made for Trump: “At least he fights.” Now, the party is full of people who want to fight in a broadly similar fashion -- however, with important differences from Trump.

In the “Don't Say Gay” controversy, DeSantis isn't relitigating what happened in the last election; he is freshly litigating a defense against a cutting-edge progressive cause.

He isn't defending the indefen-

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April Fools’ Day – What Kind of Fool are You?

Today is April 1st, the traditional celebration of April Fools’ Day when people like to pull pranks on each other. While some pranks are simple, others are quite calculated and elaborate – but at the unveiling of the prank, the phrase “April Fools’ Day” is to be exclaimed by the prankster to verify that it was only a joke.

Although the origins of April Fools’day are sketchy, the ancient tradition does seem to go way back in history and has been celebrated by many cultures. The Romans celebrated Hilaria,a spring festival held in honor of the “first day of the year longer than the night” (vernal equinox). Festivities included games, processions, and masquerades, during which disguised commoners could imitate nobility to devious ends.

In 1561, a Flemish poet wrote some comical verse about a nobleman who sends his servant back and forth on ludicrous errands on April 1st. This “fool’s errand” joke was rampant in Europe by the late 1600s.

France celebrates April Fools’ Day on April 1st by sticking a paper fish onto the backs of as many people as possible, while yelling April Fools.

There are endless quotes about fools, and maybe that’s because there are so many of us. Quotes can be found on Goodreads.com, Readers Digest RD.com and in the most valuable source, the Bible.

There are some amusing quotes about fools:

“The person who writes for fools is always sure of a large audience.”

— **Arthur Schopenhauer, Religion: A Dialogue and Other Essays**

“The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.”

— **Winston S. Churchill**

“Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something.”

-**Plato**

“You can educate a fool, but you cannot make him think.”

“A fool and his money are soon parted.”

Then there are some quotes about fools that make us ponder and think:

“Any fool can make a rule, and any fool will mind it.”

Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools that don’t have

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sible; he’s defending the eminently defensible, in fact the unfairly maligned.

He isn’t dragging anyone through a fight occasioned by his personal failings or dubious practices; he’s standing up for a well-considered conservative initiative.

And he isn’t jousting with reporters who know more about the contested topic than he does; no, on this and pretty much everything else, he knows more than any of his antagonists.

So, DeSantis opens up a vista offering an important element of Trumpism without the baggage or selfishness of Trump.

The same can be said of Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton. He gave a

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By Danielle Reid

brains enough to be honest.”

— **Benjamin Franklin**

“The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts.”

— **Bertrand Russell**

And here are some sobering quotes that apply to many of our governmental leaders:

A society without democracy is a society of slaves and fools.”

— **Zaman Ali, ZAMANISM Wealth of the People**

“I became good at pretending. I became so good that after a while the lines blurred between my truth and fiction. And sometimes, when I did a really good job of pretending, I even fooled myself.”

— **Ruta Sepetys, Salt to the Sea**

“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn’t true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.”

— **Soren Kierkegaard**

Proverbs 17:21 “To have a fool for a child brings grief; there is no joy for the parent of a godless fool.”

But most importantly, there are quotes for those who are fools for God and Christ:

Psalm 14 “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.”

“Only a fool thinks he can fool God.”

-**Woodrow Kroll**

“The Christian Right stands now at a crossroads. Our choices are these: Either we can play the game and enjoy the honor that comes from being players in the political arena, or we can become fools for Christ. Either we will ignore the silent screams of the unborn so that we might be heard, or we will identify with the suffering and speak for those who are silenced. In short, either we will speak for the least of these, or we will continue to sell our souls for a mess of political pottage.”

-**R.C. Sproul Jr.**

Apparently, we are all fools on some level. I guess if I have to choose which fool I want to be on April 1st it would be one for Christ. “As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

speech the other day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library that thoughtfully integrated Trumpian populist themes with traditional GOP thinking.

Here is another vista, of a policy vision with a strong element of Trumpism that might have broad appeal to GOP voters of all stripes without the distracting obsessions of the former president.

This gets at what could be one of the most persuasive arguments to Republican voters for Trump not running again -- not that he needs to go away so the old party can be restored, but that he’s unnecessary because a new party has emerged.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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alty. And if you are a woman who is considering an abortion, remember that you were once in your mother’s womb, and she let you live!

Another deception in our culture is that there is no basic difference in males and females. This lie contradicts the truth of God when His Word declares that He made human beings male and female. “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness’...So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27). Later, in Genesis 2:24, it is stated concerning the man and woman, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Besides this, we all know that biologically men and women are different, and that they fit together perfectly in having sexual relations. Men are stronger physically than women, perhaps because they were created to be protectors. There are so many differences that are obvious, that it seems foolish to even try to list them, as we all know them.

There are various lies that spring forth from the refusal to believe and accept what God has done and declared to be so – His truth. One untruth is that it is acceptable that males can have sexual relations with other males, and females the same. But God’s word clearly forbids this kind of relationship. In Leviticus 18:22 it is written, “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.” In the New Testament, the apostle Paul writes to the Romans about this also saying, “...For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their

lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due” (Romans 1:26-27). This is truth and believing otherwise is believing a lie. Jesus said that the devil “is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44). Don’t believe him!

This leads us further into the obvious lie that a biological male can declare himself a female, or that a biological female can declare herself a male, as if by declaring this perversion it must be so. Our schools are now being affected by transgenderism, as it is even being taught in kindergarten that a child may decide whether he or she might want to change their sex. There is a demand that everyone in the culture must acknowledge the declaration of gender and use pronouns which match the person’s declaration of who they are, yet no amount of calling a biological male “she” or “her” will ever change that man’s biology. We have an example of how this works out practically in the recent swimming meet where a tall, muscular biological male, who declares himself female, easily won several swimming races over the females competing. This gender identity confusion is affecting our whole society negatively. Even our school system here in Pulaski County has bowed to the wishes of the transgender community. What a sad truth. But what if you have fallen into this error: is there hope? Yes, always. It’s found in Jesus Christ who forgives sin and gives new life and great joy.

Pontius Pilate’s question to Jesus is a question we should all ask today: “What is truth?”

Jesus answers this question clearly, “...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Jesus declares, “He who rejects Me and does not receive My words,

has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). I have heard the argument that Jesus never directly spoke to these issues. However, if we believe that Jesus is God, then whatever God spoke in the Old Testament are the words of Christ as well, and God was very clear about these issues in the whole of Scripture. It is this whole that we must cling to and make our decisions based upon it. Jesus said about His words “...The words that I speak to you are spirit and they are life.”

Christians are afraid to speak up concerning these lies in our society today for fear of reprisals.

However, we must love the truth and be willing to stand in the truth and speak the truth in love.

As “Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free’ ” (John 8:31-32). The same is true for us. Only the truth sets us free.

Pat Guthrie Pulaski

THANK YOU!!!!

To the editor, Thanks to all those responsible for picking up the trash along the roadways in Pulaski County.

They look much,better. I realize that was a lot of hard work, but as a resident of Pulaski County it looks so much better.

Thank you ! We do appreciate and recognize all your work.

Thanks for caring.

Linda McDaniel

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HERMAN JULIUS HOPPE

Herman Julius Hoppe, age 65 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Born October 5, 1956 in Maryland he was the son of the late George & Josephine Hoppe.

Herman is survived by his Children – Christopher Hoppe – Pulaski, Daniel Hoppe – Pulaski, Matthew Hoppe – Pulaski, Alexander Hoppe – Hillsville

Grandchildren – Josh, Jordan and Lilian Hoppe, Joseph, Alyia, Caylee and Mattie

A number of brothers and sisters

Services are pending. To sign Herman's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



SUSIE FISHER MONTGOMERY

Susie Fisher Montgomery, 73, of Lake Wylie, S.C., formerly of Radford, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew and Willie Mae Fisher.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Roger Montgomery; children, Darrell, Rhonda, Mark, and Beth Montgomery; 7 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; special niece, Crystal Cluver; sisters, Patty (Dennis) Carden, Martha Hall, and Betty Bolen; brother, Jesse Allen; special friend, Sandra Bailey; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Hickman Cemetery in Pulaski County.

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

JOHN WILLIAM KINGREA

John William Kingrea, age 71 of Pulaski, died Wednesday March 23, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Pulaski on March 15, 1951, and was the son of the late Violet Marie Surratt Kingrea, and the late Garnett Algean Kingrea. John's greatest passion, playing bluegrass guitar.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother; Michael Kingrea, two sisters; Bonnie Goins and Teresa Mickey and his wife; Kim Akers Kingrea. He is survived by his son; Jeremy Kingrea of Pulaski; daughter; Cherish Suzanne Kingrea of Radford; sisters; Lou Sutphin of Radford, and Dee Manuel of FL; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Gary and Rhonda Lindamood of Dublin. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to the local 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

DAVID LEE MABRY

David Lee Mabry, 79, of Radford, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and retired from the U. S. Postal Service after 32 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Emma Mabry; brothers, Harless and Donald Mabry; sister, Barbara Croy; and sister-in-law, Rachel Mabry.

Survivors include his wife, Patty C. Mabry; sons, Michael, Christopher, and Scott Mabry; grandchildren, Eric and Maya Mabry; step grandson, Max Dalglish; step great granddaughter, Clara Dalglish; mother of the grandchildren Akiko Okomoto; brother and sister-in-law, William Randolph "Randy" and Alvaina Mabry; sister-in-law, Nancy Keshishian.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Charity of your choice.

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

CLOYD BENJAMIN COFFEY

Cloyd Benjamin Coffey passed away on March 8, 2022.

Benny was born May 20, 1955. He was 67 years old.

He is preceded in death by Father, Hendrick Coffey and Mother, Reba Daphine Coffey;

Brothers, Mike Coffey, Scotty Coffey;

Sister, Jennifer Dean.

Benny is survived by partner of 34 years, Janice Bently;

Sisters, Dana Saunders, Sue Hatcher, Zetta Arnold;

Brother, Jeff Coffey.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday April 2, 2022 at Mountain Brook Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Randall Jones presiding. Visitation will start at 5:00 pm with the service following at 6:00

MARCUS RICHARD SIMMONS

Marcus Richard Simmons, 62, died on January 22, 2022 at his home in Pulaski. Mark was a welder by trade and was a joy to all who knew him and loved him. Born in Washington DC on February 24, 1960 and was the only child to his late parents Richard & Ruby Ritter Simmons. He is also predeceased by his grandparents Mr & Mrs Raymond Simmons and Mr & Mrs R.F. Ritter.

Mark is survived by his daughter; Nikki Simmons of Manchester, England as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

At the request of Mr. Simmons, there will be no services.

The arrangements are being cared for by Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhome-pulaski.com

LAWRENCE AVERY SMITH

Lawrence Avery Smith, 71, of Pulaski passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Pulaski Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was predeceased by his father Lawrence Avery Tabor and mother Hazel Ward Tabor.

Mr. Smith is survived by two brothers in Pulaski; Donald & Ray Tabor. Two nephews; Michael Tabor of Dublin and Stephen Tabor of Pulaski. Also left to cherish his memories are two very special friends; Priscilla & Shyla Tabor of Pulaski. He also had two special fury friends; Mommy & Lucky, his two dogs.

A Celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Lawrence's family is being served by Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 815 Randolph Avenue. Online condolences can be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

Youngkin signs bill to let localities lower vehicle tax rates

By Tyler Arnold

(The Center Square) – In response to skyrocketing inflation, Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed legislation that will allow local governments to lower property taxes on vehicles.

"With prices soaring on the necessities that families and individuals use every day, Virginians are in dire need of relief to their wallets," Youngkin said in a statement.

"I am proud to sign this legislation and work with the General Assembly to empower localities to lower the cost of living," Youngkin said. "Many Virginians are struggling due to rising prices, now it is up to local leaders across Virginia to step up and fight inflation with real tax relief. I look forward to continuing our work to deliver real tax relief for all Virginians."

House Bill 1239 allows local governments to put vehicle taxes in a different classification than the standard personal property tax. The bill allows these taxes to be lower than the personal property tax, but they cannot be higher than the personal property tax. The legislation applies to taxable years from Jan. 1 2022 through Jan. 1 2025.

The governor's office encouraged local government leadership to lower the taxes because inflation is causing increased value in used vehicles, which will mean higher taxes on vehicle purchases.

The legislation was sponsored by Del. Phillip Scott, R-Spotsylvania. It passed both chambers of the General Assembly with bipartisan support.

Lawmakers are still debating other possible tax cuts, which will be addressed at the upcoming special session April 4. This includes a proposal to implement broad tax cuts by doubling the standard deduction, and bills to provide tax rebates, grocery tax reductions and gas tax reductions.



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Supervisors approve county's 6-Year Road Plan

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County's Six-Year Road Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors during its monthly meeting on Monday.

The plan sets priorities for secondary road construction projects in the county.

Six projects make up the plan, and include:

1. Route 114 Turn Lane and Access Management - Extend Right Turn Lane
2. Route 693 Julia Simpkins at Hoover Color Curve - Widen and Relocate Curve
3. Route 709 Burleigh Horton Road - Hard Surface Unpaved Road
4. Route 792 Davis Hollow Road - Hard Surface Unpaved Road
5. Route 726 Sayers Road - Hard Surface Unpaved Road
6. Route 830 High Road - Hard Surface Unpaved Road

The Secondary Construction Budget for 2022-23 includes Route 706 Burleigh Horton Road (\$169,652) and Route 792 Davis Hollow Road (\$20,000).

Through the plan, Boyd Road's unpaved areas were paved last year. Burleigh Horton Road is next up for repaving.

Also, during Monday's meeting, former supervisors Charles Bopp and Joe Guthrie were honored.

Bopp served as Robinson District Supervisor from 2008 to February of 2022. He also held the office of Vice Chairman from 2010 to 2017 and again from 2020 to 2021.

According to a resolution approved by the board in recognition of Bopp, he has "lived his entire life in Pulaski County, graduating from Pulaski High School in 1971 and successfully operating his beef cattle farm that has been a part of the Bopp family since 1898.

"He correspondingly served on numerous boards and committees during his long tenure as an elected official that included the Pulaski Encouraging Progress (PEP), Pulaski Adult Day Care Services, Fairview Home Board, New River Valley Regional Commission, Free Clinic of Pulaski County, Calfee Community and Cultural Center Board of Directors, and the Department of Social Services Board.

"He remains a dedicated member of the Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial Transportation (RRMT) Museum Board, Chair of the Museums Brick Garden Committee and member of the RRMT Finance Committee," the resolution states.

The board also approved a resolution honoring Guthrie.

Guthrie represented the Cloyd District from 2016 until his mid-term resignation in February of 2022, and as a member of the

Pulaski County School Board beginning 2012 through 2016.

He became the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 2020 and served in that capacity until the time of his resignation in February 2022, due to his appointment as the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) by Governor Glenn Youngkin on January 4, 2022.

"Joseph Guthrie has lived his entire life in Pulaski County and is a sixth-generation owner and operator of the Guthrie family farm on the outskirts of Dublin. "Guthrie graduated with honors from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Agricultural Economics and earned a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics and International Trade from Massey University in New Zealand where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

"Prior to his recent acceptance as Commissioner of VDACS, Guthrie served as the Senior Instructor in Agricultural Technology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences where he helped prepare and ready the next generation of agriculturalists and leaders.

"During his time as a local elected official, Guthrie correspondingly served on numerous authorities, boards and commissions, including the Fairlawn Sewer Authority, Friends of Claytor Lake, New River Community Action, New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium, New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, Onward New River Valley, Pulaski Community Youth Center, Pulaski County Educational Foundation, Pulaski County Emergency Communications and Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority. "He has also been an active leader in several local, state and national organizations including Pulaski County Farm Bureau, the CALS Faculty Association, Virginia Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Board."

The board also recognized Alice East upon her retirement March 14 from the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's office. The board also voted to proclaim April 10-16 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Pulaski County "in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe."

Pictured at right above, the Board of Supervisors honored (from top photo) Joe Guthrie, Charles Bopp and Alice East.

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Andrews Opens ‘Love Your Skin’ on Main Street

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

Downtown Pulaski is privileged to have another woman-owned business recently open on Main Street. April Andrews’ dermatology business, “Love Your Skin” is now located upstairs at 74 West Main, Suite 206, between Amazing Grace Boutique and the Wedding Shop. Andrews, who has been a full-time family nurse-practitioner since 2017, and is currently working for Carilion Clinic Family Medicine in Dublin, says she has a passion for working with dermatology.

Her Love Your Skin business was started in July at another location, but she quickly outgrew the space. When she discovered an office space was available on Main Street in downtown Pulaski, she immediately followed-up; and officially opened her business there March 1st.

“These older buildings have so much charm and I want to help our town grow and increase in business,” explained Andrews of her new location. Her comfortable office suite is decorated in soothing neutral tones affording the client a calm and peaceful environment.

Andrews is excited about how much her business has progressed. “People are calling and contacting me on a daily basis. They hear about the services I provide at Love Your Skin from family members and friends and find it on my Facebook page. (LoveYourSkinBotox by April)

Love Your Skin offers three distinct procedures and services for both men and women. There is Botox to reduce facial lines and wrinkles, laser hair removal, and warm sculpting.

Using Xenomin (product which is a form of Botox) Andrews helps her clients get great results with their cosmetic procedures.

“Xenomin is a smaller molecule, more purified and safer than other forms of Botox. As a cosmetic procedure, the Xenomin is injected into the skin where facial expressions have caused wrinkles and lines. It causes temporary paralysis of the muscle to soften frown lines and usually lasts three to four months,” Andrews said.



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

April Andrews, owner of Love Your Skin, relaxes in her new office suite located at 74 West Main, suite 206 in Pulaski above the Amazing Grace Boutique and the Wedding Shop. Andrews offers several cosmetic procedures for clients including Botox, warm sculpting and laser hair removal.

“Different areas of the face call for different units of Xenomin. I want to help my clients by keeping the cost as low as possible, so I only charge \$10.00 per unit. For instance, crows feet usually require 10-units; forehead lines about 20-units; the ‘elevens area’ between the eyes uses 10-units; lip flips to raise the upper lip are 4-units. A full-face treatment would be about 40-units.”

It may take up to 14-days for the client to see the complete results of a Botox treatment.

In addition to the Botox procedures, Andrews offers “warm sculpting,” which she says is especially helpful in tightening areas after achieving weight-loss goals. “Warm sculpting is painless using lasers and ultrasound to reduce fat molecules and tighten the skin.”

Her sophisticated medical equipment has different types of laser lights and different levels of ultrasound vibration to effectively shrink fat cells under the skin. The body sculpting machine is 80k ultrasonic cavitation and radio frequency. The laser has both OPT optimal pulse technology and IPL intense pulsed light.

According to Andrews, the procedure does not injure the tissue around the fat cells. The waste material is expelled through the body by the lymphatic and renal systems. Suggested schedule of the warm sculpting procedure is 30-minutes once a week for six-weeks and the results can last from three to five years.

Clients typically experience about a one-inch reduction in fat cells after six weeks, with the



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Love Your Skin’s sophisticated medical equipment for Warm Sculpting has different types of laser lights and different levels of ultrasound vibration to effectively shrink fat cells under the skin. The body sculpting machine is 80k ultrasonic cavitation and radio frequency. The laser has both OPT optimal pulse technology and IPL intense pulsed light. Warm sculpting is painless using lasers and ultrasound to reduce fat molecules and tighten the skin.

added bonus of the skin tightening in the treated area.

The cost for warm sculpting is \$85.00 per 30-minute session or \$100.00 for a 45-minute session which includes tightening of the skin.

The third type of procedure provided by Love Your Skin is laser hair removal for both male and female clients. Typical treatments are removing hair from under arms, bikini lines, legs and back.

Andrews works by appointment only and potential clients can text or call at: 540.320.7214. In an attempt to give her clients optimal appointment times, she is available Monday and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm,

and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

As a career woman and small business owner, Andrews says she appreciates the support and encouragement from her family. Her husband Dusty works at Harvey Chevrolet and also volunteers with the Newburn Fire Department. Older daughter, Adele, recently married Alex Roope; while younger daughter, Alexis, is in 10th grade at Pulaski County High School.

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PCHS blows out PH in softball

Pulaski County sailed to an easy victory in varsity softball over Patrick Henry, 13-1 on Tuesday.

The Lady Cougars opened up the scoring in the first inning with four big runs and put the game out of reach by adding six more in the second.

Pulaski County's offense in the inning came from singles by Cassidy Price, Jordan Hill, Emily Webb, Morgan Vest, and Paige Huff and a walk by Laken Greever.

Greever led things off in the pitcher's circle for Pulaski County, going two innings, allowing no hits and no runs while striking out six and issuing no walks.

Pulaski County racked up 15 hits in the game. Webb, Huff, Vest, Tori Vest, and Gwendilyn Pucket all managed multiple hits for Pulaski County. Huff and Webb each collected three hits to lead the Lady Cougars.

Pulaski County stole nine bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Webb led the way with three.

Pulaski County was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Lauren Cruise had the most chances in the field with eight.

The win gives Pulaski County a 5-1 record for the season and 1-1 in the River Ridge District.

The Lady Cougars return to action Friday, April 1 at Hidden Valley in Roanoke. Game time is 5 p.m.

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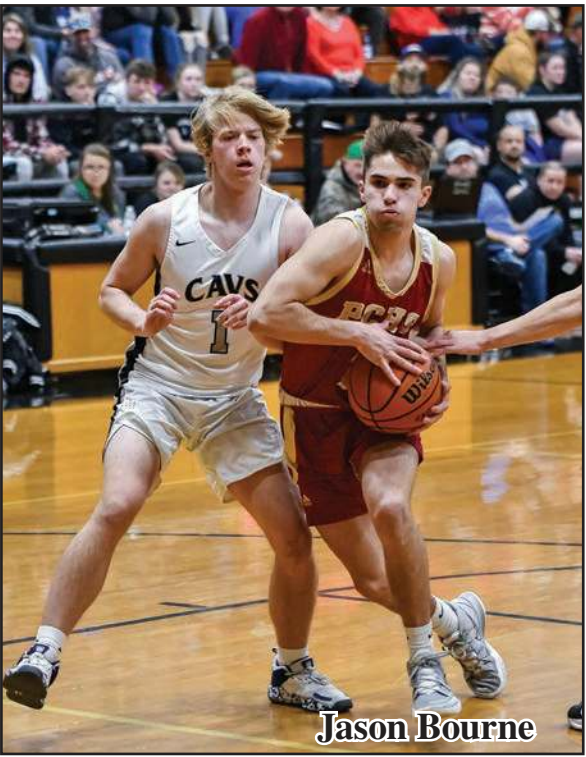
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Southwest Virginia FCA All-Stars

Senior basketball players from all over the New River Valley and Mountain Empire competed last Saturday in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star games at Radford High School. Boys competing for Pulaski County included JJ Gulley and Jason Bourne. For the Lady Cougars, Ally Fleenor and Erin Russell competed. Pulaski County boys coach Tyler Cannoy coached one of the boys' teams. On a side note, Pulaski County's JJ Gulley won the event's Dunk Contest.

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JOBS



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Pulaski County is hiring for the position of Community Development Program Manager & Planning & Zoning Director. The successful candidate will be expected to manage community development projects and the Planning and Zoning Office.

A Bachelor's degree is required in planning, public administration, architecture, geology, or a related field. Master's Degree is preferred in planning or related field, AICP certification, minimum of two (2) years of supervisory experience and CZA certification.

The salary range for the position is \$59,797 - \$91,784, DOQ. Benefits include: health, dental, vision and life insurance, state retirement program, 457b retirement program, county vehicle, sick and vacation leave, paid holidays and more. Interested applicants may apply directly to Tammy Nichols by downloading an application from www.pulaskicounty.org or applying at the Virginia Employment Commission. A full job description is also available on the website. Application review to begin immediately, position open until filled.

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Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals

The Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following request:

A request by Alquist 3D for a variance from Section 4.4.3 Site Development Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia for property located at the corner of First Street SE and Pierce Avenue in the R-# Multi-Family Residential District. Section 4.4.3 requires minimum setbacks of 25' from the front 5' from the Side, 25' from all public streets and 25' from the Rear. The applicant requests a variance to deviate from the required front setback to construct the house on the lot with a setback that is equal to the setbacks of other principal structures on the same street.

Comments and/or questions can be sent ahead of the hearing via email to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, bdeal@pulaskitown.org, or via phone at 540-994-8619; or in the form of written comments to Brady Deal (42 First Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia) until the date of the hearing. Copies of the variance application, site plans, and corresponding ordinances may be reviewed at the Pulaski Municipal Building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Planning Commission

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A proposed zoning amendment to Section 6.1, Lots of Record, adding 6.1.5," A lot of record that cannot accommodate the construction of a reasonably sized structure, as determined by the evaluation of similar properties within the same block and zoning district, fronting the same street, due to the front (and side if a corner lot) setback requirements of the respective zoning district may be permitted a less than required setback but not less than the average of the setbacks on the existing developed lots within the same block and zoning district, fronting the same street."

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to csmith@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW 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 Town Manager's Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

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Application Process:

Applications and a detailed job description may be obtained at New River Resource Authority, 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road, Dublin, Virginia 24084. (540) 674-1677.

Completed applications, with references should be mailed to:

**NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY
ATTENTION: MARJORIE ATKINS
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FOCL Clean-Up Crew Worker Seasonal Position

Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL) is seeking a Clean-up Crew Worker that will be responsible for supporting the FOCL mission, vision, strategic plan, goals and management decisions by working with Pulaski County property owners, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department and the Pulaski County PSA to clean Claytor Lake of floating debris in the form of wood and trash.

Applicant must possess a valid Virginia Driver's License. Employee must also successfully pass a drug and alcohol screening as well as a background and driving record check to be considered for employment.

The anticipated hourly rate for this position is \$13 per hour; however, the rate is commensurate upon education and experience. Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org. A full job description is also available on the county website.

Position will be open until filled with reviews beginning immediately

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FOCL Clean-Up Crew Assistant Foreman/ Assistant Boat Operator

Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL) is seeking a Clean-up Crew Assistant Foreman/Assistant Boat Operator that will be responsible for supporting the FOCL mission, vision, strategic plan, goals and management decisions by working with Pulaski County property owners, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department and the Pulaski County PSA to clean Claytor Lake of floating debris in the form of wood and trash.

Applicant must be have completed the DGIF boater safety course and provide such certificate as well as hold a valid Virginia Driver's License. Employee must also successfully pass a drug and alcohol screening as well as a background and driving record check to be considered for employment.

The anticipated hourly rate will be \$14.50 per hour; however, this rate is commensurate upon education and experience. Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org. A complete job description is also available on the County website.

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ACC in the Final Four

Saturday, April 2
#2 Villanova vs. #1 Kansas | TBS | 6:09 p.m.
#2 Duke vs. #8 North Carolina | TBS | 8:49 p.m.
Caesars Superdome, New Orleans

Monday, April 4
Duke/North Carolina vs. Villanova/Kansas | TBS | 9:20 p.m.
Caesars Superdome, New Orleans

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Noting ACC Men's Basketball at the Final Four

- This is the seventh time ACC teams have comprised half of the Men's Final Four field: North Carolina/Virginia (1981), Duke/Georgia Tech (1990), Duke/North Carolina (1991), Duke/Maryland (2001), Duke/Georgia Tech (2004), North Carolina/Syracuse (2016).
- The Duke-North Carolina matchup is the fourth between ACC teams in the semis of the Men's Final Four: North Carolina 78, Virginia 65 (1981), Duke 95, Maryland 84 (2001), North Carolina 83, Syracuse 66 (2016).
- The ACC is guaranteed to have a team in the championship game for the fifth time in the last seven tournaments and the 28th time in tournament history.
- Teams currently in the ACC have combined to win 17 NCAA Championships, including three of the last six (Duke 2015, North Carolina 2017, Virginia 2019).
- For just the second time, the ACC boasts three of the eight teams in the Men's and Women's Final Fours. In 2006, three ACC women's

Sports physcials offered


Pulaski County High School, in conjunction with LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, will again be providing sports physicals to Pulaski County Public School students who will be enrolled in the 6th through 12th grades during the 2022-2023 school year.

The physicals will take place at PCHS in the Career and Technical Education Building on Wednesday, May 4 beginning at 3:20 pm. The cost will be \$10 dollars and students should arrive with their Virginia High School League physical form (pages1, 2 and 4) completed and signed by both student AND parent/guardian.

Parents, please be aware that to participate in school sports during the 22-23 school year, student physicals MUST BE DATED 05/01/22 OR AFTER.

Physical forms are available in the front offices of Pulaski County High School and Pulaski County Middle School, or can be printed at vhs1.org In an attempt to expedite this process, the start time for current PCHS students is 3:20 pm. Current middle school students should arrive no earlier than 4:15 pm to prevent overcrowding and congestion.

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teams made the Final Four.

- Duke and UNC are the 47th and 48th ACC teams to reach the Men's Final Four.
- The ACC's five teams are 13-3 (81.3%) in the 2022 NCAA Tournament – the best winning percentage and most wins of any league.

- The ACC leads all conferences with 10 or more wins in 18 different NCAA Tournaments.
- The ACC has had seven different schools (10 total) make the Sweet 16 in the last three tournaments – both totals are the most of any conference.

- Since 1985, nearly half of the ACC teams which earned NCAA Tournament bids have reached the Sweet 16 (100 of 204).
- Current ACC members own 656 wins and a 65.8% winning percentage in NCAA Tournament history. Both totals are tops among all conferences.
- Over the last seven tournaments, 26 of 50 (52%) ACC NCAA Tournament teams have reached the Sweet 16, including an NCAA league-record six in 2016.
- This marks the 30th time in the tournament's history that at least five ACC teams have earned berths.

- Since the NCAA began allowing an unlimited number of at-large teams from any conference in 1980 (including this season), the ACC has had winning record in the tournament 40 times (42 total tournaments), most of any league.

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Grantham lands at Alabama as analyst

Patriot Staff Report

According to a variety of sources, including the University of Alabama and Sports Illustrated, former Pulaski County Cougar and Virginia Tech Hokie Todd Grantham has joined the Alabama Crimson Tide staff as an analyst.

Grantham joins the Tide after being fired in November as defensive coordinator for head coach Dan Mullen at Florida. Grantham was at Florida for four years.

Mullen himself was later fired by the Gators after a disappointing season.

Grantham has worked for Alabama head coach Nick Saban previously at Michigan State where he coached the defensive line from 1996-98.

Along with Florida, Grantham has been a defensive coordinator in the past at Mississippi State, Louisville and Georgia.

In the NFL, Grantham has coached for Cleveland, Dallas, Houston and Indianapolis.

PCHS Girls Tennis Results

The Lady Cougar tennis team lost 0-9 vs. CHS, March 22.

In singles:

- #1 seed Amarah Hyduke lost 1-8
- #2 seed Isabel Weigel lost 2-8
- #3 seed Victoria Cantrell lost 0-8
- #4 seed Lacy Donaldson lost 4-8
- #5 seed Miranda Altis lost 2-8
- #6 seed Lainey Peake lost 4-8

In doubles:

- #1 seed Amarah Hyduke/Isabel Weigel lost 1-8
- #2 seed Victoria Cantrell/Lacy Donaldson lost 1-8
- #3 seed Miranda Altis/Lainey Peake lost 0-8

In an exhibition match, Haleigh Roop and Sabryn Landreth lost 3-8.

The Lady Cougar tennis team lost 0-9 vs. Floyd County HS, March 25.

In singles:

- #1 seed Amarah Hyduke lost 3-8
- #2 seed Isabel Weigel lost 2-8
- #3 seed Victoria Cantrell lost 2-8
- #4 seed Lacy Donaldson lost 4-8
- #5 seed Miranda Altis lost 2-8
- #6 seed Lainey Peake lost 2-8

In doubles:

- #1 seed Amarah Hyduke/Isabel Weigel lost 1-8
- #2 seed Victoria Cantrell/Lacy Donaldson lost 6-8
- #3 seed Miranda Altis/Lainey Peake lost 2-8

In two exhibition matches, Kadance Gravely and Aly Buchinsky lost 0-6 and Darcey Bauer and Sabryn Landreth were losing 4-5 when their match got suspended.

PCHS Boys Tennis Results

Pulaski County defeated Carroll County at home 9-0, March 24.

Singles:

1. Camden Hite 8-4
2. Xander Pratt 8-5
3. Aaron Bennett 8-2
4. Mark Graham 8-0
5. Eli Duke 8-0
6. Zach Gallimore 8-0

Doubles:

1. Camden/Xander 8-6
2. Aaron/Mark 8-0
3. Zach/Ashton Paul 8-0

Comment from Coach Chad Graham

"After beating a rebuilding Carroll last week 7-2, Pulaski was able to correct mistakes and come away with a perfect 9-0 win," said Pulaski County Coach Chad Graham. "It might have helped that the nice weather brought out a good group of new tennis fans. This is the first 9-0 win since I joined the PCHS Varsity Boys Tennis team in 2019."

Pulaski County Varsity Boys Tennis team lost to Floyd County 4-5, March 25.

Singles:

1. Camden Hite won 8-1
2. Xander Pratt won 8-8 and 7-2 in the tie-breaker
3. Aaron Bennet won 8-6
4. Mark Graham lost 5-8
5. Eli Duke lost 4-8
6. Zach Gallimore lost 6-8

Doubles:

1. Camden / Xander won 8-2
2. Aaron / Mark lost 0-8
3. Eli / Zach lost 8-8 and 5-7 in the tie-breaker

"There are two things of note for this match," commented Cougar coach Chad Graham. "The first was the home field advantage and weather at Floyd. The cold wind was sporadic and often extreme sideways across the four bright blue courts that are cut into the top of the mountain. The sun was a blinding reminder that every switch to the other side of the court would cause a player to lose sight of the ball or gain an advantage if you remembered sunglasses.

"The second is that these two teams were very evenly matched. For the second time in as many weeks, the match score was 4-5 with three tiebreakers. My favorite matches were Sophomore Camden Hite beating Floyd's #1 with ease and #2 Senior Xander Pratt fighting back from 4-6 to win a tiebreaker. Junior Aaron Bennett should also be mentioned for rebounding from losing a tiebreaker last week to beat his #3 opponent 8-6."

Patrick Henry defeated Pulaski, 9-0, March 29.

Singles:

1. Camden Hite 6-3 1-6 T7-10
2. Xander Pratt 2-6 3-6
3. Aaron Bennet 0-6 4-6
4. Mark Graham 1-6 4-6
5. Zach Gallimore 2-6 1-6
6. Eli Duke 4-6 4-6

Doubles:

1. Camden/Xander 0-8
2. Aaron/Zach 2-8
3. Mark/Ashton 8-8 T4-7

Exhibitions

Colin Hall 0-6 6-3
Eli Duke 8-5


"We always win plenty of games against PH, but it is a challenge to get the matches," said Cougars coach Chad Graham. "This includes the #3 Doubles match with Mark and Ashton that went to a tiebreaker while everyone else watched and waited in the cold. The Rivers Edge Sports Complex is an interesting place to play high school tennis. We saw a huge hawk fly low overhead. Other distractions included the nearby trains, the hospital's helicopter pad, the occasional screaming kid on the playground, and plenty of sirens passing by the park. We will see on April 29th if these things had any impact on our play, when PH comes to Pulaski."

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Town responds to concerns over apartment condemnations

Patriot Staff Report

Last week, 13 families in the town of Pulaski were left with nowhere to go after their homes in Skyline Apartments were condemned by the Town of Pulaski.

This afternoon, Pulaski's Town Manager Darlene Burcham responded to the situation, explaining the reason for the town's condemnation action.

"It is widely known and discussed that the town condemned 3 buildings housing 13 families on March 23, but the circumstances which forced this action have been less known or understood," Burcham stated in a press release.

"The decision to condemn these buildings was not taken lightly and was made when the Building Official learned they were occupied and when the owner could not or would not erect temporary, structural supports, within the week as required by the Building Official.

"While the general contractor has submitted plans and permit applications for renovation of the property in early February, the severity and extent of the structural issues was not detailed," Burcham continued.

Burcham continued, "On March 21, the Building Official was called and asked to visit the property to answer some electrical questions. This was his first visit to the property. The open and obvious condition of the floor joists clearly reflected the structure was compromised and was unsafe for each of the buildings to be occupied. Many of the structural floor joists had holes and /or notches larger than the building code allows, and were located in the center third of the span. Some of these joists had visual evidence of failure showing cracks as a result of the floor load above. It was the Building Official's determination that it was unsafe to allow anyone in the building until such structural joists at least received temporary structural supports with a plan for permanent corrections made.

"On March 21, 2022 the owner was given the option to place temporary supports in the build-

ing within the week or the building would be condemned. On Tuesday, March 22, Mr. Klein, the building owner, called the Building Official and declined to place temporary supports in the building without further explanation.

"As a result of the building owner's indication that he could not timely add temporary supports, the Building Official was left with no choice but to proceed with the condemnation and issued a notice of unsafe structure that day. The attorney for the owner then notified his tenants that the condemnation would occur the next day. The town was left with no choice but to proceed with condemnation. All the tenants vacated by 5 pm on March 23.

"The outpouring of concern and help for these individuals is proof that Pulaski cares for its people. It is unfortunate that these buildings had not been maintained in a condition that allowed the residents to remain in their homes, but the town is mandated to insure the safety of its residents and will continue to do so when unsafe situations are identified," Burcham continued.

She also addressed a second incident, in which she said three families were forced to vacate their apartments that has also received public attention.

"This situation was the result of the owner failing to bring his property into compliance with fire safety and building codes violations," Burcham stated.

"In this case, the property was inspected 35 days prior to the date to vacate and the owner did nothing to correct the problems. The owner has an additional 30 days to correct conditions in the non-living areas."

Burcham said the town has a rental inspection program and is committed to insuring that all tenants in the community live in a safe environment and that landlords maintain their property.

"If you would like information about the program, please contact our code enforcement officer, Carla Hodge at 540-994-8631," she said.

Town of Pulaski issues statement on vans, other inoperable vehicles

The Town of Pulaski issued this statement Tuesday afternoon:

The town has been towing inoperable vans from two locations for the past 18 months as part of our uniform code enforcement program. Regrettably, this effort has not been successful in abating the code violation as the property owners have paid for towing costs and then returned the vans to those sites.

The property owners also filed suit against the town claiming that the town's enforcement actions violated their constitutional rights. The property owners sought an emergency injunction to prohibit the town from continuing to tow inoperable vans from the sites.

As a result, the town has been engaged in a lengthy court process for nearly a year to defend its right to tow these vehicles.

On March 11, 2022 the local Circuit Court denied the injunction request and noted that the town "acted reasonably and rationally and fairly and appropriately under the law" in its enforcement actions.

Going forward, the Town will continue to tow inoperable vehicles from those properties until those properties are brought into compliance with the town's inoperable vehicle ordinances, as applied consistently throughout the town.


Furthermore, the Town will continue to take other lawful enforcement actions until those properties are brought into compliance with the Town's zoning ordinances, as applied consistently throughout the town.

The town likewise will take similar actions against other properties and property owners who are not in compliance with town code ordinances.

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Pulaski County Schools
Pulaski County students who competed in the History Day event pose outside Radford University last week.

Pulaski County students shine at recent Virginia History Day

Pulaski County Schools

A program from the past has made a comeback, and two Pulaski County students will now take a trip to Richmond due to their exceptional performances in the event.

History Day originally occurred in Pulaski County Public Schools from 1990 to 2007 under the leadership of Mr. Bill Atwood. During that time, students from Pulaski Middle School did well with one student finishing seventh in the nation in 1996. That project, which was about coal mining, was presented by Joshua Stoker. That same year, Mr. Atwood was named the Virginia History Day Teacher of the Year.

After a brief hiatus, Mrs. Roxanne Souma revived the program at Pulaski County High School from 2014-2017. Students competed at the district, state and national level during those years. The last time a Pulaski County student competed at the high school level was 2016.

The program is now back, under the leadership of Mrs. Penny Lane at Pulaski County Middle School, and 12 Pulaski County students took part in the District 3 History Day competition March 18 at Radford University, submitting seven projects for review. From those 12 students, two will now advance to the state level competition.

Roland Thompson, a fourth-grade student at Snowville Elementary School, earned first place in the Youth Individual Exhibit Board category with his exhibit titled, "Will Liberty Get to Enlighten the World?" That display was about Joseph Pulitzer and the crowdfunding effort to pay for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal titled "Debate and Diplomacy over Funding the Statue of Liberty."

Elementary School students have been able to participate in History Day since 2019. This year is the first year Pulaski County students have competed at this level. In Virginia, students in grades 4-12 are eligible to compete in Virginia History Day.

Heather Holman, an eighth-grader at Pulaski County Middle School, placed third in the Junior Individual Exhibit Board

category with her exhibit titled, "Where Did the Eagles Go?" It concerned the use of DDT and farmers killing eagles that were attacking farm animals, and a law, known as the Lacey Act, that was amended in 1962 to protect the Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle.

Other Pulaski County students who attended the event to compete were Addison Dean, Victoria Hale, Carlie Hamblin, Maely Howlett, Elise Kirtner, Kasch Morrell, Ellie Peterson, Addison Puckett, Logan Wright, and Matthias Wright. All of these students are from Pulaski County Middle School.

There are eight districts that compete in this event across the Commonwealth. Pulaski County students compete in this event as a part of District 3, which includes Alleghany, Botetourt, Covington, Craig, Danville, Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Radford, Roanoke and Salem.

Students who finish in the top three in each category move on to the state competition. There are different categories available for students to pick from, including

Exhibit Boards, Documentaries, Websites, Papers, and Performances.

National History Day (NHD) is a nonprofit education organization established in 1974 with over half a million students participating around the world annually.

Each year, the National History Day committee selects a theme that students center their research around. For 2022, the theme is "Debate and Diplomacy: Success, Failures, Consequences."

Projects are scored based on Historical Quality and Clarity of Presentation. Projects include extensive research in both primary and secondary sources. For most students, it takes all year to prepare for the competition.

Students who place high enough at the state level can move on to the national competition.

The 2022 VHD State Contest will be held in-person at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond Saturday, April 23, for the Elementary and Junior Divisions. High school students will compete Sunday, April 24, in the Senior Division.

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Luke 4:40 says “Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.” No one who was sick and afflicted, ever left the presence of Jesus, still sick.

The first miracle to address today is the healing of a woman with an issue of blood. She had been hemorrhaging for 12 years. She spent all her living on Doctors, but only grew worse. She heard that the healer, Jesus, was passing by, and she went out with the hope of being healed by Him.

This woman was severely weakened from the loss of so much blood, but was able to push her way through the crowd, and got just close enough to the Master, to touch the hem of His garment, and healing power flowed out of Jesus into her, and she was instantly healed.

Suddenly Jesus said to His Disciples, “Someone touched Me.” The Disciples agreed, saying that they were in the midst of a crowd and many were brushing up against them. But Jesus said “Oh, but this touch was different. For I felt virtue go out of me.”

Realizing that she was discovered she confessed to Jesus that she was the one who touched the hem of his garment so she could be healed.

This desperate woman had no social life whatsoever, because according to Jewish Law, her illness made her ceremonially and socially unclean.

And she said to Jesus, “I knew that if I could just get to You, and touch even the border of Your garment, I would be made whole.” Jesus was astonished at her faith, and at how she had put her faith into action. And He said unto her, daughter, “Be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.”

When she touched the border of His garment by faith, it didn’t make Jesus unclean, but the healing power that resided in Jesus, made her clean. The bleeding stopped instantly, the moment her faith caused her to act on it, and to believe that she would receive a miracle from the Lord.

In order to receive a miracle from God, we first have to believe in miracles. If we believe, Jesus said, “ALL things are possible to them that believe.” May I tell you today that the day of miracles is not over. Miracles still happen for those who believe in miracles.

In order to receive a miracle from God, firstly we must believe; and secondly we must reach out in faith and claim our miracle, as this woman did.

With our hearts we believe we shall receive a miracle, and with our mouths we claim it as our own. Perhaps you need a miracle today. If so, reach out and touch the Lord as He passes by, and claim it in the powerful name of Jesus. Jesus is still in

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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	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	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 Greg “Scooter” Breisch Youth 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.
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	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.	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.
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	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	Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ) 5436 Lead Mine Rd. Hiwassee, VA 24347 Pastor: Jerry King Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook) Office: 540-633-3761 Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. “Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God’s love with others!”
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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	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)	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.
Jordan's Chapel UMC Pastor: Jim Goddard Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.	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	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.
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	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	Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church 1607 Randolph Avenue Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain Worship Service: 11 a.m. Phone: (540) 980-8775
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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.	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.	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.
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First United Methodist Church 301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address) 135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address) Pastor’s Name: Will Shelton Sunday Service: 10:00 AM 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		

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

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7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

First Baptist Church
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fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

McCraw

Continued from Page B4
the healing business and there
very well could be a miracle in
the making for you today.

Divine healing IS provided for
in the atonement. It is a benefit
of being a child of God. It is a
promise from God, that by faith,
we can receive healing from
God.

Afterwards, Jesus proceeded
on to the house of Jairus. Jairus
was a Ruler of the Synagogue.
His daughter was extremely sick,
and Jairus had asked Jesus to
come and heal her. As Jesus and
His Disciples neared his house,
someone came running out and
told them that the young girl
had died, and that there was no
reason for Jesus to come.

As soon as Jesus heard the
word about the girl dying, He
spoke to Jairus, saying to him,
"Be not afraid, only believe."

Jesus had the power to heal
anyone of any disease, and that
power is still resident in the
power of His Name. In John 14:
13 & 14, Jesus said, "And what-
soever ye shall ask in my name,
that will I do, that the Father may
be glorified in the Son. If ye shall
ask any thing in my name, I will
do it."

The mourners had the audacity
to laugh Jesus to scorn. So Jesus
put every one of those doubters,
out of the house. Jesus knew that
doubt cancels out faith.

If you want a miracle from
God, you must disassociate
yourself from all doubt, and from
all doubters, so that there'll be
nothing to hinder your faith.

You must be convinced that
God can and will heal you. You
must ask God for your healing,
with an expectancy that He will
hear and answer your prayer.

"Only believe, only believe,
ALL things are possible for them
that believe."

Jesus took the mother and
father of the little girl with Him,
and they went into the room
where the little child lay. And
Jesus took her by the hand and
said "Tabitha Cummi" which
was Aramaic, and meant, "Dam-
sel, I say unto thee, arise." And
straightway the little 12 year old
girl arose and walked.

Now if Jesus can raise the
dead, then surely He can heal us
from our infirmities.

God wants to give us a miracle
when we need it, and if it is a
miracle of healing that we need,
either spiritually or physically,
He will give it to us, if we'll
name it and claim it in Jesus'
Name.

"I will restore your health and
heal your wounds declares the
Lord." Jeremiah 30:1.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Revelation in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Deuteronomy 18, who prophesied that Jesus would speak all the Father commanded? Abraham, Aaron, Moses, Noah
3. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Smyrna, Bethany, Antioch, Cana
4. In Hebrews 7, which priest was the "King of peace"? Ezekiel, Seraiah, Melchisedec, Haggai
5. How old was Methuselah at his death? 200, 617, 969, 1,102
6. From 2 Samuel 8, who was commander of David's army? Amasa, Joab, Joshua, Julius

**ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Mo-
ses; 3) Bethany; 4) Melchise-
dec; 5) 969; 6) Joab**

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Psalm 18:19-20

He **brought** me **out into** a **spacious place**; he **rescued** me **because** he **delighted** in me. The **LORD** has **dealt with** me according to my righteousness; **according to** the **cleanness** of my **hands** he **has rewarded** me.

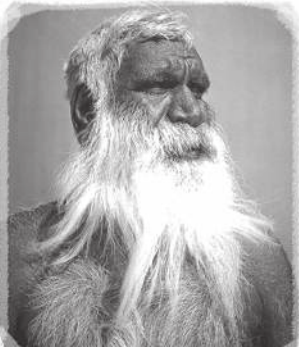
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
down and diagonally.

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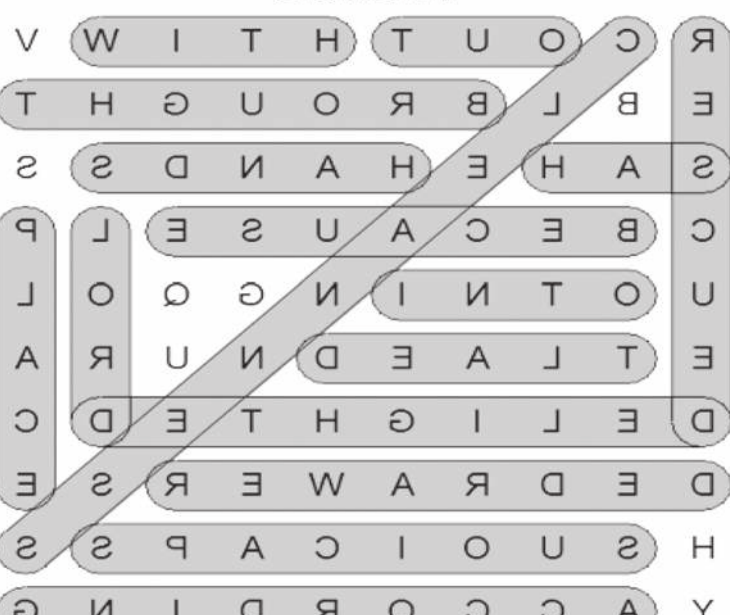


...He has made from one blood every
nation of men to dwell on all the face
of the earth, and has determined their
preappointed times and the
boundaries of their dwellings, so that
they should seek the Lord, in the hope
that they might grope for Him and
find Him, though He is not far
from each one of us...


Acts 17:26, 27

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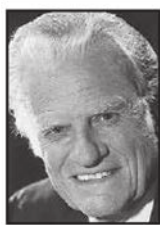
God has shown Himself to us through His Son, Jesus

From the writings of the Rev.
Billy Graham

**Q: Ronald Reagan's son is
speaking on behalf of atheists
and agnostics in a television ad.
He concludes with the startling
statement that he's not afraid
to burn in Hell. What do athe-
ists actually believe? - F.H.**

A: Many atheists have come
to know Jesus Christ as their
personal Savior while trying to
prove that God does not exist.
Atheists say they do not believe
in God at all, and agnostics are
not sure whether or not God

exists. Skeptics attack the Bible
and retreat in confusion; agnos-
tics scoff at its teaching but are
unable to produce an intellectu-
ally honest refutation. Atheists
have denied the Bible's validity
but must surrender to its histori-
cal accuracy and archaeological
verification. A distinguished
anthropologist was once asked
if he had ever found a tribe or
group of people anywhere in the
world that did not believe in God
or in some type of higher power.
He admitted he had not. Though
he claimed to be an atheist, he
reluctantly said that belief in a



My
Answer

Billy Graham

divine power was universal.

God has not left us to wander
around guessing; God has shown
Himself to us through His Son,
Jesus Christ. He came to us in
human flesh. He's the image of
the invisible God (Colossians
1:15, 19). This was confirmed

when Jesus Christ was raised
from the dead by His Father
in Heaven. We can know with
assurance that God exists, and
everyone can have a personal
relationship with Him.

To miss the love of God by
rejecting the sacrifice His Son
made for us on the cross is to
miss eternity in Heaven with
Him. He has done everything
necessary to remove the barriers
between God and humanity.
Those who believe in His Name
have been given the right to be-
come the children of God (John
1:12).

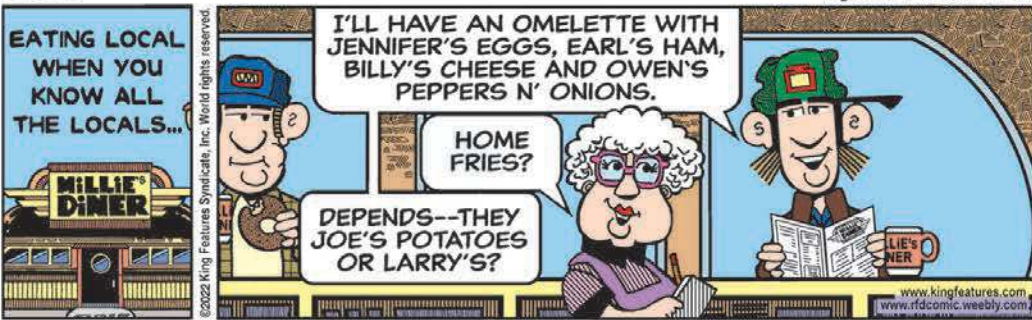
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Common
PEACH

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TRACES

Brawl
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TASTER

TODAY'S WORD

"Well, our class had its first drop-out—the _____."

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

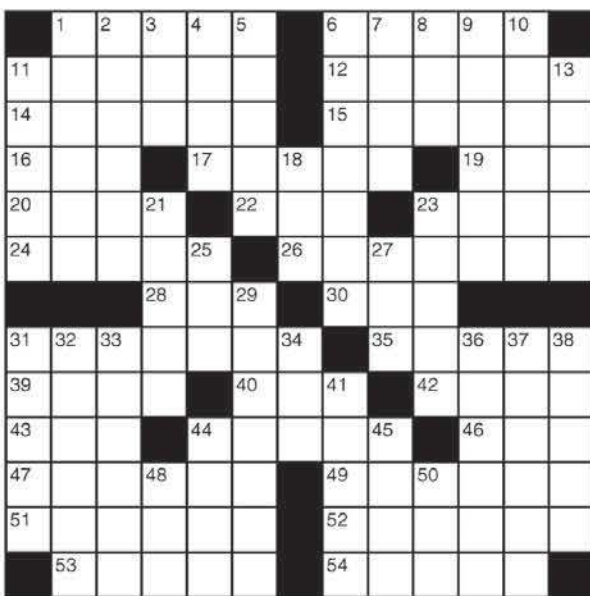
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bar legally
- 6 Decorator's theme
- 11 Floodgate
- 12 Apple music service
- 14 Maidens of myth
- 15 Nap
- 16 Doctrine
- 17 Varieties
- 19 Up to
- 20 Casual tops
- 22 — Paulo
- 23 Optimum
- 24 Passover repast
- 26 Heller and Conrad
- 28 Chips go-with
- 30 Small barrel
- 31 High-ranking angels
- 35 Nintendo princess
- 39 Neural transmitter
- 40 Snitch
- 42 Eye drop
- 43 Spasm
- 44 Croc's kin
- 46 GI's address
- 47 Runs off to wed
- 49 Transforms (into)
- 51 Safe and sound



- 52 Dawn-of-mammals epoch
- 53 Ninnies
- 54 "— you!" (challenger's cry)
- 6 Identified incorrectly
- 7 Elevator name
- 8 Calendar abbr.
- 9 Foot part
- 10 Fixation
- 11 Tizzies
- 13 Mariners
- 18 British rule of India
- 21 Auto style
- 23 Sire
- 25 Shred
- 27 "— who?"
- 29 Sentence parts
- 31 Fills up
- 32 Driven out
- 33 Highly ornate
- 34 Perched
- 36 Figure skater, at times
- 37 Author du Maurier
- 38 Got up
- 41 Actress Marisa
- 44 Richard of "Chicago"
- 45 Crucifix
- 48 Young dog
- 50 HDTV brand

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top ten
Global Food Waste*

- 1. China
- 2. India
- 3. U.S.
- 4. Japan
- 5. Germany
- 6. France
- 7. U.K.
- 8. Russia
- 9. Spain
- 10. Australia

*total household
Source: UNEP, 2021

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HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Bush is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Shirt is different. 5. Valentine is missing. 6. Poster is missing.

TEACHER
Today's Word

1. Cheap 2. Caster
3. Wrangle 4. Treats

SCRAMBLERS
solution

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: O equals R

IHO HIVVR XJEQMX HI WVSMIAI
WMO GHI EMOP MX FOVZHQN.
H'ZJ RMSJ QM QGHXP MW GHS VI
QGJ WVKK FAN.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LANGUAGE: What is a demonym?
- 2. MEDICAL: What's the common name of a condition called otitis externa?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: Which large body of water lies to the south of Ukraine?
- 4. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used to make marzipan?
- 5. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the poem "The Gift Outright," which was read at President John Kennedy's inauguration in 1961?
- 6. MEASUREMENTS: What is an octant?
- 7. GEOLOGY: Which mineral is the softest on the Mohs Scale?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of a porcupine's baby?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Barbie's younger sister, introduced in 1964?
- 10. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising take place in 1916?

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Answers

- 1. A term used to describe the natives or residents of a country, state or city
- 2. Swimmer's ear
- 3. Black Sea
- 4. Almonds
- 5. Robert Frost
- 6. One-eighth of a circle, or 45 degrees
- 7. Tale
- 8. Porcupette
- 9. Skipper
- 10. Ireland

King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

Americanisms

"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose."
— Dr. Seuss

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I Wouldn't Go That Far

Dear Dave,

Our son is in high school, and he has a part-time job. He makes good grades, and we have always tried to teach him how to save and handle money according to your advice. He has even managed to set aside a few thousand dollars for college. My wife and I were talking the other night, and I brought up the idea of charging him a small amount for rent, maybe just \$20 or \$25 a month, to help him be even better prepared for the real world. What do you think about this?

Keith

Dear Keith,

I appreciate the fact that you're looking for teachable moments. But making a high school kid pay rent? No, that's a little over the top.

Listen, you and your wife are already way ahead of a lot of parents. Teaching him financial responsibility and the importance of education are great things. It sounds like your son is a bright, motivated young man, too.

I talk to adults all the time who are decades older, but still don't grasp the concepts of maturity and responsibility like this kid does already. With the kind of start you're giving him, I think he's going to grow up to be a very successful adult. Keep up the good work, and let that young man know how proud you both are of him!

— Dave

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

9	2	8	5	4	6	3	1	7
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7	6	1	8	3	9	2	4	5
2	8	5	3	6	4	7	9	1
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Pearisburg man dies in Giles County crash

At 8:09 p.m. on Thursday (March 24), Virginia State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 460 and Route 42.

A 2017 Ford Edge was traveling east on Route 460 when it attempted to make a left turn onto Route 42. As it proceeded through the intersection it was struck by a 2009 Nissan Murano that was traveling west on Route 460.

The driver of the Ford, Mary L. Lenkman, 80, of Pearisburg, Va., was transported for treatment of serious injuries. She was wearing a seatbelt.

A passenger in the Ford,



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I own a small business. How much should I have in a business emergency fund when my annual sales are around \$100,000? Currently, I have two months of expenses set aside.

Theresa

Dear Theresa,

Generally, I like the idea of small businesses having about six months of expenses on hand. That kind of cushion usually eliminates the need for borrowing money. It also provides peace of mind. And if you've been an entrepreneur very long, you know that's an invaluable thing.

Having a personal emergency fund set aside is a little different than having one in place for your business. When it comes to personal finance, I recommend having three to six months of expenses set aside. The basic idea is the same, though. A fully-funded emergency fund gives you an option—besides debt—when unexpected things happen!

— 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.



Slate Mountain Ramblers

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The music of The Country Boys and Slate Mountain Ramblers will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree on Sat., April 9, 2022. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music throughout North Carolina and Virginia for over 40 years. The band originally formed in the late 1960s, with several lineup changes throughout the years. The present band is made up of Donald Clifton, Johnny Joyce, Derrick Easter, Billy Hawks, Marsha Todd and Doug Joyce. The band cites the Country Gentleman and the Osborne Brothers as some

of their musical influences.

The Slate Mountain Ramblers is a family old-time group from Mt. Airy, N.C. The members are Richard Bowman, Barbara Bowman, Marsha Bowman Todd and Randy Hiatt. The Slate Mountain Ramblers play for dances, shows, family and community gatherings, and benefits. The band has a winning tradition, placing at various fiddlers' conventions, and the group has traveled as far as Gainsborough, England, to perform.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; Castle Rock Insurance Agency, Pearisburg; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Food City; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company,

Pulaski; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; **Pulaski County Patriot**, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The jamborees are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

For more information about the NRCC Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/fiddle.



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