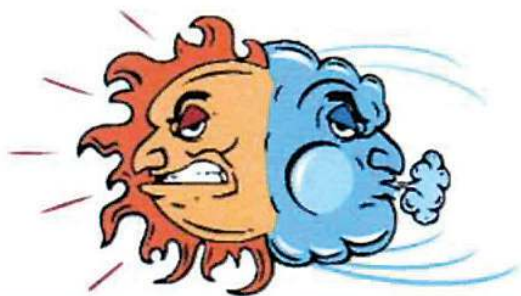




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First responders recognized for their recent efforts

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Several local first responders have been commended for their actions in two separate incidents occurring recently in the town.

Pulaski Town Manager Darlene Burcham informed Pulaski Town Council last week of the incidents and the actions of town and county law enforcement personnel and fire fighters.

The first one, she noted, occurred on Feb. 14 when Lt. Sarah Grim, Sgt. Rick Riddle, Corp. Thomas Croteau, Corp. Paula Linkous, Corp. Dustin Jones and Officer Jaimie Bolt responded to an unknown situation involving a disgruntled employee at the James Hardee plant in Pulaski.

Burcham said the suspect had entered the Hardee building in his personal vehicle and report-

edly had struck a wall.

"Upon arrival these officers entered the plant without complete details and without knowing what the suspect's intentions were. Without regard for their own safety, the officers began attempting to locate the suspect. They also focused on protecting and evacuating the employees of James Hardee, who the officers believed potentially to be in grave danger," Burcham recounted. "Once the suspect and his vehicle were relocated, these officers displayed a great deal of courage and the suspect was apprehended without any further incident. Neither the suspect nor any of the officers were injured," said Burcham.

She added that Lt. John Saul noted he believed the officers

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50 Years

New River Valley Rent-All celebrates 50 years in valley

By **DANIELLE REID**
The Patriot

New River Valley Rent-All, located at 1530 W. Main Street in Radford, is a multi-generational family business that has helped generations of NRV customers solve homeowner problems.

This month, they are celebrating 50 years of providing the public with tools, equipment and solutions for their DIY projects.

Founder and CEO, Linton Leary, said he started the family business on March 13, 1972 for two reasons. First, he and his family loved the area and wanted to stay here; and second, he and his wife, Grace, realized the community did not have this type

of business and decided they were the ones to provide it.

"We had bought a house and since there was no place to rent tools, we had to buy our own tools to work on our house."

Leary's daughter, Phyllis Leary Newbill, recently posted an explanation on the NRV Rent-All Facebook page: "Back in 1972, my dad had this crazy dream to open up his own small business. He and Mom wanted a business of their very own that would provide tools and expertise to the community they had come to call home."

NRV Rent-All began as the source for equipment and tool rentals but have expanded to meet the growing demands of the

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Man arrested for murder in Dublin

A man is being held in New River Valley Regional Jail in the murder death of a woman in Dublin.

Dublin Police Chief Dennis Lambert reported Tuesday that on Monday, March 21 at approximately 04:21 p.m., Dublin Police Department responded to the Briarwood Apartments in reference to a well-being check.

Upon arrival, contact was made with a male subject in D Building apartment 303 and entry was made.

At that time, a deceased female was located inside the apartment. No other individuals were located in the apartment and the male subject, that initial contact was made with, was detained.

After a preliminary investigation, the male subject was subsequently charged with Second Degree Murder and transported to the New River Valley Regional Jail where he was held without bond.

Kevin Dwayne Scott, 47, address unknown is listed by jail records as having been charged with Second Degree Murder in the case.

This is an ongoing investigation and family members are still being notified and due to this, there will be no further information released at this time.

This is believed to be an isolated incident and there is not considered to be any danger to the public.

Dublin Police Department would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance and support. The Pulaski County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Pulaski Police Department, Virginia State Police, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office.

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were worthy of commendation for their actions, and because the officers conducted themselves in a thoroughly competent and professional manner, the incident was resolved peacefully.

She noted that Saul suggested the officers should be commended and a memo be placed in their personnel files. "Which we have certainly done," she added.

Burcham then described details of a second incident – a recent fire at Washington Square Apartments in Pulaski – as summarized by a fire captain on the scene.

"A call came in as a structure fire in an apartment with flames showing. One of the fire engines responded with three personnel. They were Captain Brandon Hamblin, Engine Firefighter Jeremy Hodge and Firefighter Eddie Arnold," Burcham said.

"There were reports that there were possibly people trapped in the apartment," Burcham said, noting first responders were receiving conflicting stories of the whereabouts of a lot of the residents.

After a walk around, fire fighters confirmed that there were entrapments within the apartments on the third floor. That floor was the floor above the fire, and the smoke conditions were quickly becoming

life threatening for occupants of that third floor.

Burcham said at that point Sergeant Edie Whittaker, a volunteer fire fighter, was sent to the third floor to try to access the apartments, while another fire fighter was sent to get an extension ladder.

"One of the deputies who was there from the sheriff's department was tasked with spraying water into the fire room from the exterior of the structure in an attempt to keep the fire in check while the rescues were being conducted.

"The extension ladder was thrown to a third floor window and one of our firefighter personnel ascended the ladder to assist the two victims out of the window and down the ladder."

She said the fire was then brought under control.

Along with the four fire fighters mentioned, Burcham said Pulaski Police Sgt. Cody Dickerson and Officer Justin Ferguson, and two officers from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Brent Downey and Jason Egan, "all responded in a most professional and admirable way," as did Dublin Fire Chief Dean Russell and Pulaski County Sheriff's Office Deputy Graham Martin.

"These individuals put themselves in harm's way on many occasions, and I wanted to take the opportunity to share that with you all tonight," Burcham concluded.

Man dies in mower, vehicle collision

A man died Tuesday after a lawn mower he and another individual were riding on collided with a vehicle on Lee Highway at Northwood Drive in Pulaski.

Pulaski Police Chief Jill Neice reported in a press release Wednesday that officers responded Tuesday at 8:16 p.m. to Lee Highway at Northwood Drive in Pulaski in reference to a traffic accident involving a vehicle and a lawn mower.

Special ceremonies planned as part of National Vietnam Veterans Day

(Richmond) In honor of the fifth anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) will recognize the more than 230,000 Virginia men and women who served in our Nation's Armed Forces during this conflict from 1955 until 1975. A special ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 11 a.m. EDT to commemorate National Vietnam War Veterans Day at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 South Belvidere Street in Richmond.

All Vietnam War veterans and members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony. Every Vietnam War

Upon arrival, officers located a male and a female with injuries.

The male and female were both transported to LewisGale Pulaski Hospital. The male later succumbed to his injuries. The female was airlifted to Roanoke Memorial Hospital and remains in critical condition.

Both individuals were passengers on the lawn mower. The vehicle driver and passenger did not sustain any injuries.

Detectives from Pulaski PD and the Virginia State Police Crash Reconstruction Team responded to the scene of the accident.

The initial investigation, as well as witness testimony on scene, indicated that the male and female were traveling on Northwood Drive on the lawn mower, failed to stop at the stop sign at Lee Highway, and collided into the side of the vehicle.

Veteran in attendance will be presented with a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin in recognition of his or her service. For more information, please click here.

"It is especially important that all Virginians take the time on this special day to thank our fellow citizens who answered the call to serve our country," said Daniel Gade, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. "These veterans came back home, transitioned to civilian life, started families and became leaders in business, education, law, the arts, medicine, science, technology and public service throughout the Commonwealth. They deserve nothing less than our highest praise and acknowledgment for their service and sacrifice."

In addition to the ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial, DVS will partner with Chapter 957 of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and James City County for a National Vietnam War Veterans Day commemoration and pinning ceremony to be held March 29 at 1 p.m. at Veterans Park in James City County. Details regarding that ceremony may be found here.

The Marine Corps League, James M. Slay Detachment #329; the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Richmond Chapter 1965; the Virginia Department of Veterans Services; and Mission BBQ will be honoring Vietnam Veterans on March 29, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission BBQ Glenside lo-

cation. Vietnam Veterans will be recognized, thanked, and honored for their service to the Nation during the Vietnam War. Vietnam Veterans who have not yet received their Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (VVLP) will be presented with a VVLP and other material in recognition of the nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Details regarding this observance may be found here.

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services is a proud Commemorative Partner to the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

Probe begun after body found in Pulaski

The Pulaski Police Department has opened a death investigation after a body was found Friday morning (March 18) in a wooded area behind Insurance Auto Auctions (IAA) at 1250 E. Main Street.

Officers responded to a call at 10:30 in the morning reporting a body behind the business and uncovered a victim. There were no immediately apparent signs of foul play. The identity is yet to be determined.

There is no threat to the community.

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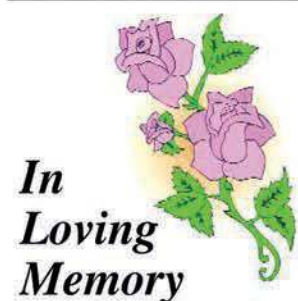
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**CATHERINE LYNN
MCDANIEL PARIS**

Catherine Lynn McDaniel Paris passed away at Carillion New River Valley Medical Center. Carolyn was a joy to all and loved her family dearly. She was the daughter of Archie Lee & Eva Jane Rucker McDaniel.

Also preceding her in death was her three brothers; Archie Lee Sr., Grover Douglas and Edward Wilson McDaniel and a sister; Susie Miller. She was also preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband; Fred Paris.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter; Natasha Dalton (Dustin), a sister; Yonna Graham and grandchildren; Laken Rene Greever, Nathan Tanner Greener and Elias Frederick Dalton. A stepson Freddie Paris Jr. A host of nieces and nephews along with her friends at Dublin Presbyterian Church in which she was a life-long member.

Visitation will be held at the Dublin Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 25 from 6:00 until 8:00.

A funeral service will begin on Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 in the afternoon. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens. Services will be officiated by Pastor Derick Burton of the Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin.

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

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



KELLEY PEDRO BONDS

Kelley Pedro Bonds, 74, born June 30, 1947 to Roscoe and Lizzie Bonds, in Pulaski County, Virginia, passed away on Monday, March 21, 2022.

Kelley is a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School in Riner.

Kelley served two years in the U. S. Army as a Military Police Officer at the Presidio, San Francisco, Calif, and after his discharge in 1968, he returned to Montgomery County working at RAAP, Mackie Vending Company (Lynchburg Foundry). He retired in 2001 from Radford University Police Dept. as a Lt. after serving 27 years and he started the first detective division in the department. He received his Associate Degree from New River Community College in Correctional Officer and Criminal Justice. Kelley loved to fish and hunt and tend to his vegetable garden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roscoe and Lizzie Bonds; brothers, Abraham, James and Danny; and sister, Christine Bonds McNeill.

He is survived by the mother of his sons, Regina Bonds; his three sons, Mike, Donnie (Kim), and Bobby; six grandchildren, Samantha (Rob) Kamasol, Hailey Bonds (Dusty Ray), Jacob Bonds, Tristan Bonds, Micha Bonds, and Jordan Bonds; the light of his life, his great granddaughters, Avery Bonds and Kinsley Kamasol. Also surviving is his sister, Shirley Dehart; brother, DeWayne (Linda) Bonds; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will follow at 11 a.m. in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin with Pastor Scott Obenchain officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Riner Fire and Rescue

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

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**ZEBBIE MILLER
THOMPSON**

Zebbie Miller Thompson, 84, of Dublin, VA, passed away on March 20, 2022. He was a life-long member of Dublin United Methodist Church and sang in the choir for many years. He also participated in many service projects including preparing Christmas baskets and the Backpack Program.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Zeb and Alma Thompson; his sister, Sue Thompson Hubble and brother-in-law, Alvin Wayne.

Zebbie is survived by his wife Carolyn of 60 years; son Curtis Thompson (Sheri); daughters Diane Marion and Jennifer Shartzler (Scott); grandchildren Ben and Adam Thompson, Mallory, Grayson, Keely and Delaney Finn, and Maggie Shartzler. He is also survived by sister, Edith Wayne; brothers-in-law Charles Akers (Patsy), Bill Hubble, Don Akers (Janice); sister-in-law, Joyce Page (Jerry); several nieces and nephews, and lifelong friend, Aubrey Powers.

A graveside service was held at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, VA, on Thursday, March 24, with the Reverend Don Shelor officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Backpack Program at Dublin United Methodist Church.

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

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**ALICE JEAN MERRICKS
ANNESKI**

Alice Jean Merricks Anneski, age 92, went to join her husband Anthony in Heaven on March 12 in Mesa, Arizona. Born September 12, 1929, in Clifton Forge, Virginia, Jean was the youngest daughter of the late Louie Smith and Cora Mayhew Merricks.

Jean was an active member of the community during her many years in Pulaski, Virginia before moving to Gilbert, Arizona to live with her daughter and family. Jean was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, in addition to the Garden Club and numerous community bridge clubs. Jean also volunteered her time with many organizations around the New River Valley including assisting at Critzer Elementary School and with the Red Cross blood drive. Before moving to Pulaski, after her marriage to Dr. Anneski, Jean was employed by the Peoples Bank of Gretna, Virginia. One of Jean's favorite pastimes was playing card games, whether it be Rook, Canasta, Uno, Sequence, Rummy or her favorite, Bridge.

Jean was predeceased by sisters Edith Merricks Kinlaw and husband Martin, Frances Merricks Wright and husband Horace and Lucille Merricks Hendrix and husband Jewel; in addition to brothers Bobby Lee Merricks and wife Betty, and Louis Smith Merricks Jr., and one special niece Patricia Briggs.

Jean is survived by her son, Anthony William Anneski, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia, her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Cynthia Jean Anneski and husband Russell O'Connor of Gilbert, Arizona, her two grandsons, Scott and Viktor O'Connor and her sister-in-law Carol Merricks, in addition to many nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

Jean will rest for eternity next to her husband Anthony at the Altavista Memorial Park in Altavista, Virginia. Funeral services provided by Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski, Virginia.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, March 22 at the Altavista Memorial Park in Altavista, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations to the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, Virginia or the City of Refuge in Pulaski are encouraged.

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**CAROL PASSMORE
GARDNER**

Carol Passmore Gardner, 73 of Pulaski went to be with the Lord and loved ones on Friday, March 18, 2022.

On December 16, 1967 she married Darrell Gardner and they celebrated 47 years of marriage before his death in 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents Wilmon and Ada Passmore.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Rick & Jeff Gardner; grandchildren, Andrew & spouse Haylea, Kayla, Alyssa and Brock; sisters Nancy Cleveland and Elaine Gallimore; Brother Doyle Passmore and spouse Nancy; Several nieces and nephews; church family of Heritage Assembly of God in Dublin; and many special friends.

Service was held Wednesday, March 23, 2022 in the chapel at Norris Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski with Pastor Doyle Passmore officiating. Interment followed in Thornsprng United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family is being cared for by Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 810 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

ANNA E. GODFREY

Anna E. Godfrey, age 67 of Pulaski, Virginia passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 9:37 p.m.

Anna was born February 12, 1955 in Prince Georges County, MD, daughter of Malcolm "Mac" and Peggy (Jones) Atkins-Pampley, and Stepfather Vincent F. Pampley whom she lost in May of 2020.

Anna is survived by a son, Lance Derek Graham Godfrey; daughter-in-law, Janet Godfrey, and a grandson, Richard Louie Godfrey. She is also survived by a brother, Malcolm "Mackie" Atkins; sister-in-law, Tammy Atkins, a sister, Jonnie Sellers, a brother Ray Pampley, and former in-laws Joyce and Stanley Miller. Anna also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Anna was a very loving and giving person, always caring for family, friends, and anyone who needed help. In her last act of giving she donated her organs to help save the lives of others. She was a very loving mother, grandmother, and a wonderful daughter. She enjoyed joking around, playing Bingo, and watching her

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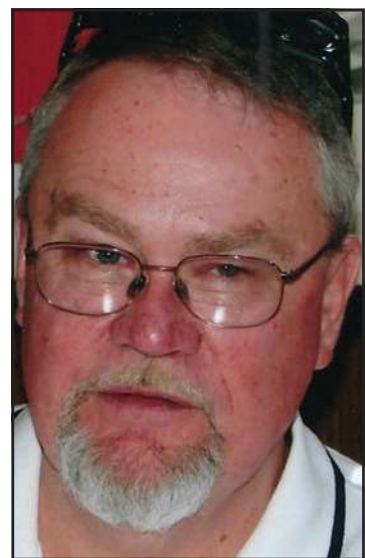
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Anna was a person who you could go to for advice. She also made special days like birthdays and holidays extra special. She was very thoughtful of others and always tried to help. She will be remembered and missed by many.



RANDOLPH "RANDY" FRAVIL SMITH, JR.

Randolph "Randy" Fravil Smith, Jr., age 75 of Pulaski, died Thursday, March 17, 2022 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 19, 1946 in Pulaski, and was the son of the late Virginia Cynthia Roseberry Smith and the late Randolph Fravil Smith, Sr. After high school, he married Connie Lawson, and their marriage was a loving example and inspiration to their children. Later in 1991, Randy went to Virginia Tech and obtained a Bachelor of Education degree. His love for Virginia Tech and Virginia Tech sports, never ceased. Upon graduation from Virginia Tech, his employment, as Paralegal, with Allen Groseclose, Attorney At Law, divinely came together in a flash. He remained with Allen until Allen retired and closed his office, shortly before Allen's death.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Connie Lawson Smith of Pulaski; son; James Randolph (Nicole) Smith of Pulaski; daughter; Traci Smith (Bryant) Boyd of Rock Hill, SC; brothers; Terry (Jane) Smith of Ridgeway, VA, and Tony Smith of Pulaski; sister; Dana (Bill) Patton of Pulaski; grandchildren; Bryant A. Boyd, Bailli M. Boyd, Carter J. Smith, Jaxon J. Smith, Liliana A. Smith. He is also survived by his mother-in-law; Joan Lawson of Draper; Brother-in-laws; Larry Lawson of Draper, and Terry Lawson of Draper. Aunt; Jackie (Herb) Ritchie of Salem. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

My father was no ordinary man. I got to be "his favorite little girl". I got to dance on his feet. I got to race up the hill and watch him win every time. I am so thankful for the special time I had with him.

TRACI

Not only did I call my dad, "My Dad", but I also called him my best friend. I was truly blessed to have him as a strong role model and guiding light in my

life. His sense of humor and stories will be forever missed. I love you, Fravil!

JAMES RANDOLPH

Randy's family warmly celebrated his life privately several days ago. There will be no public memorial service.

The family would like to give thanks to the nurses at the infusion center, Carilion Hospice, and home health.

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



LINDA "PIE" CARROLL HOLLIDAY

Linda "Pie" Carroll Holliday, 72, passed away Friday, March 18, 2022 at her home in Dublin. She was born in Anjean, W.Va. to John Viro Holliday and Edna Mills Holliday. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Arnold Lee Holliday.

Survivors include her daughter, Tammy McBride Meredith (Anthony) of Riner; son, Freddie Dean Nester, Jr. (Stephanie) of Knoxville, Tenn.; sister and brother-in-law, Rosetta and Barrett Bain of Dublin; brother, Tex Holliday of Pulaski; 7 grandchildren, Savannah Leeman (Nicholas), Jarrett McBride (Tori), Eli Nester, Sam Nester, and Gabe Nester; special grandchildren, Brittany Lawson and Joshua Bain; special great grandchildren, Chloe Lawson, Connor Lawson and Sophia Bain; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice for all the love and care they provided to Pie.

Linda will forever be remembered to those who knew her for her tremendous love of life, her passion for travel, and her laugh which we will never forget.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. A reception will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to Good Samaritan Hospice.

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

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PENNY MARIE DUDLEY

Penny Marie Dudley, 70, of Christiansburg, passed away at her home on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mary Quesenberry; husband, Roger Dale Dudley; brothers, Tim Quesenberry and Jack Quesenberry; sister, JoAnn Saunders;

and her beloved canine companion, Diesel.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Michael Lawson; grandchildren, Brittany Blevins, Michael and Felicia Presgraves, and Mikey Lawson; great-grandchildren, Ashlynn, Morgan, Dustyn, Roman, Jaxsyn, Killian, Michael Jr. (MJ), Kaylee, and Jaydis; sister, Helen Carden; brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Alice Quesenberry; sister-in-law, Shirl Quesenberry; brother-in-law, Mike Saunders; sister by heart, Sherry Schoolfield; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Jubilee Christian Center in Fairlawn.

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



NORMA BEATRICE MCPEAK MILLER

Norma Beatrice McPeak Miller, age 83 of Dublin passed away Wednesday evening March 16, 2022 at the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born April 3, 1938 in Pulaski County she was the daughter of the late David Houston McPeak & Maude Virginia Rupe McPeak.

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Help Ukraine protect its borders, protect our own too

Recent data on illegal immigration under President Biden remind me of the ancient proverb, “Physician, heal thyself.”

On March 16, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed Members of Congress including me.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

He asked for more assistance in his country’s war to repel Russian invaders. Later that day, President Biden announced

that the United States would deliver \$800 million more in aid to Ukraine.

I support helping Ukraine in its fight to defend its own borders. But our country has borders that need defending, too, a responsibility the Biden Administration has abdicated.

For more than a year, new records have been set at the southern border. Illegal immigrants, seeing President Biden take office pledging to dismantle enforcement and following through on his promise, continue to make their way to the border in huge numbers.

February 2022 was no exception. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encountered 164,973 migrants last month, up 7% from January and 63% from February 2021. In fact, these numbers have not been seen in a February since the year 2000, during the second term of the Clinton Administration.

President Biden entered office with a border under control and has presided over its undoing. More data from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) helps illuminate why so many illegal immigrants take the risks involved in traveling to the border.

In its report for fiscal year (FY) 2021, ICE revealed that it deported 59,011 illegal immigrants, a steep reduction from 185,884 in FY 2020. The Washington Post reported that deportations have not been so low since 1995, during the first term of the Clinton Administration.

In another indicator of lax enforcement, ICE made 74,082 administrative arrests in FY 2021. This total contrasts with an average of 148,000 annually from FYs 2017 to 2019 – a decrease of roughly half.

For individuals contemplating an attempt to cross the southern border illegally, these statistics offer an incentive to make that trek. If they are able to enter the country, they face a far less serious chance of being apprehended and deported than in recent years.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas defends weakened enforcement by claiming that his department prioritizes “quality” arrests of illegal immigrants, such as those with criminal records.

Yet a March 16 Washington Times article that obtained unpublished ICE data demonstrated that even by that metric, the Biden Administration is failing. In FY 2021, ICE arrested 48% fewer convicted criminals, deported 63% fewer criminals, and issued 46% fewer detainers, which are requests to other law enforcement agencies to turn over for deportation illegal immigrants who have been picked up for other offenses.

No wonder the Western States Sheriffs’ Association voted unanimously that it had “no confidence” in the performance of the Biden Administration’s border czar, Vice President Harris.

These indicators all suggest that the Biden Administration does not take border security seriously. Other indicators emphasize why it should take border control seriously.

Take the latest tragic milestone in our country regarding drug overdoses. A new annual record was set for the twelve-month period ending in October 2021: 105,752 drug overdose deaths. Fentanyl-related substances drove this increase. Many of these substances are sourced from China, manufactured in Mexico, and smuggled across the border by drug cartels.

An unsecured border permits smuggling of deadly substances such as fentanyl, undermines the rule of law, allows into our country individuals of unvetted background, and makes a mockery of the legal immigration process. These problems are serious, and even if they do not rise to the immediate urgency of what is happening in Ukraine, they are happening here in our country, and under the Biden Administration, they continue to worsen.

Just as President Zelenskyy wants to solve his country’s pressing problems, and so asked for our help, the president of our country should want to solve our country’s pressing problems. The evidence for that, however, is thin.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call 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. On my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor.


OPEN FORUM

Thoughts on merging public education with community-based healthcare

To the editor,
A few thoughts on the proposed merging of community-based healthcare with public education:
At the March 8th meeting of the PCPS Board, members of the NRV Community Health Center made a presentation outlining their proposed health clinic to be situated on the campus of Pulaski County High School (in the CTE building). It was evident that this newest merging of social services and education in our county had been in the works for months; apparently our board members, administrators and others had already toured a similar health clinic in place in Giles County HS months ago; PCPS Director of Operations, Jess Shull, had already scouted a location in the CTE building with CTE Director, Megan Atkinson; and a rough plan for renovations (and

costs for such) to the CTE location have been calculated. What was lacking in information was what, exactly, will this health clinic be providing in medical and mental health services and will there be limitations?
Upon review of the Giles HS health Clinic (chcnrv.org/student) website, I navigated the application – something parents/guardians would have to submit to give permission for their minor child to seek medical services. I noted that the application didn’t appear to limit authorization to a particular visit, but appeared to be ‘open-ended’, allowing for a student to seek medical services at any time. This raises many questions, particular since the Community Health Services of the NRV/ Giles HS Health Clinic application in-

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Trump didn’t cause the Ukraine War

More than a year into the Biden presidency, Vladimir Putin has invaded a sovereign neighboring country and, of course, everyone knows who’s to blame -- Biden’s predecessor.

In an instance of misdirection for the ages, a spate of commentary has pointed the finger at Donald Trump for supposedly creating the predicate for Putin’s brutalizing of Ukraine.

There’s no doubt that Trump has long had an apparently uncontrollable reflex to say warm things about Vladimir Putin. He foolishly mused about pulling out of NATO. And his withholding of aid to Ukraine for a partisan political purpose -- to pressure the Ukrainian government to uncover dirt related to the Bidens -- was a tawdry abuse of power (and led to his first impeachment).

No one should hold Trump up as a paragon, but to blame him for sparking a delayed-fuse geopolitical cataclysm that just happened to explode on Biden’s watch is wholly ridiculous.

Trump critic retired Lt. Col Alexander Vindman, who had a star turn as a witness at Trump’s first impeachment, says Trump emboldened Putin and left Ukraine unprepared to defend itself. Former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch says Trump sent the world the message that Ukraine was a mere pawn. A piece in The New York Review of Books says Trump “paved Putin’s way.”

There is no support for this argument in a world where facts and logic -- or basic chronology -- mean something.

First of all, Russia has grabbed Crimea and started a long-running war in Eastern Ukraine in 2014, long before anyone had any idea that Donald Trump would run for president, let alone win. It clearly didn’t take Trump to give Putin the idea that he could get away with invading Ukraine -- he invaded Ukraine and got away with it under the administration of Barack Obama, when, by the way Joe Biden was vice president.

It is now widely acknowledged that the sanctions back then were too timid, a concession that Obama officials let Putin off too lightly. Surely, that must have figured into the Russian leader’s calculation whether to invade yet again.

Then, there’s the fact that Barack Obama steadfastly resisted providing Ukraine lethal aid -- after it had already been invaded. Bipartisan opposition to Obama didn’t move him. He believed deeply in the appeaser’s logic that it would be too “provocative” to give Ukraine weapons simply to defend itself.

Again, Trump had nothing to do with this misbegotten decision; indeed, he criticized it.

Trump’s offense in 2019 was to delay military aid -- including Javelin missiles -- that Congress had approved for Ukraine, in a reversal of Obama’s policy. If Trump never should have engaged in this self-interested

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Dealing With The Iranian Devil

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

When one sits down to make a deal with the devil, it is the devil who usually wins. That’s because he is “crafty,” as the book of Genesis describes him.

The United States and Iran appear on the cusp of a deal that President Biden and his diplomats claim will prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon in the short term. In exchange for a deal that won’t be worth the paper it is written on, the U.S. appears ready to release huge amounts of cash to the Ayatollah Khamenei, who still wants America (and Israel) eliminated, and remove Iran’s Revolutionary Guard from its list of international terrorists. This is self-delusion at its worst. That Russia remains a primary negotiator in light of war crimes it is committing against Ukraine makes this potential deal even more incredible.

Just one among many quotes from the Ayatollah ought to be taken seriously: “Today, America poses a threat to peace and security in the world. Therefore, the slogan ‘Death to America’ is no longer used only by our people. Today, you see throughout the world people setting fire to the effigy of the American president and chanting the slogan ‘Death to America.’ This is because of the American regime’s exaggerated demands, its arrogance, its vanity, and its desire to control, and because it is a pawn in the hands of the Zionists.”

How can someone who has called America “The Great Satan” be trusted to honor any deal?

Iran has consistently denied it is developing a bomb and claims its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes. Is there anyone who believes that? Former President Donald Trump didn’t believe it and imposed severe sanctions on Iran.

When we sit down with leaders of a nation who do not share American values and wish to destroy those values, we will get up from the negotiating table with a deal that guarantees a further step down the road to instability at best and at worst our and Israel’s destruction.

Former Jerusalem Post columnist Caroline Glick presents clear thinking in

this post on her website: “The deal that Biden is concluding with Iran is itself a stunning testament to the radicalism of the Biden team and its refusal to let reality interfere with its policies. It will provide Iran with \$90 billion from sanctions relief. That astronomical sum guarantees massive cash infusions into the coffers of Iran’s in-house global terrorist organization -- the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, which Biden is set to remove from the State Department’s list of foreign terrorist organizations -- and to Iran’s terror armies in Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq, Syria and the Gaza Strip. Iran will have the funds to expand its missile and drone capabilities. And thanks to the lax restrictions it will face on its nuclear operations, it will become a nuclear threshold state by 2025 at the latest.”

Even some Democrats oppose the deal. The New York Times reported on a speech by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Robert Menendez (D-NJ) on February 1: “I ask why we would try to simply go back to the J.C.P.O.A. -- a deal that was not sufficient in the first place and still doesn’t address some of the most serious national security concerns we have.”

It’s a good question and deserves an answer. Any deal should come before the Senate for ratification, but if the administration doesn’t call it a treaty, the Senate will likely be bypassed, which would be a big mistake on several levels.

The Biden administration seems desperate for any victory in view of its disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan, inflation that is the highest in 40 years, a fluctuating stock market hurting retirees, high gas and food prices and a continuing decline in the president’s favorability ratings. Making a deal with the Iranian devil will not reverse the public’s view of the administration’s failures. It will only make them worse.

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



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She was also preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Orville Eugene Miller, Sr., daughter, Renee Miller and brothers, Harold Draper, Daniel Troy, Cloyd Arnold, James Edward (Dude), Kern Jackson, and Henry Gilmer, Aaron Jefferson McPeak and sisters, Roberta (Bertie) Louise Sebresos, Alma DeCosta.

She is survived by her Children - Debbie (Alan) Wheeling, Elaine (Jerry) Martin, Eugene (Martha) Miller, Jr., Lisa Miller

Grandchildren - Jerry (Tina) Martin, Jr., Kellie Wheeling, Jamie (Heather) Martin, Nicole (Steven) Yarbrough, Alan (Amanda) Wheeling, Jr., Tiffany Miller, Josh (Emily) Gallimore, Ayden Finn and special friend, Courtney Haga

Step Grandchildren - Tyler Hurst and Lindsey Ferguson

Great Grandchildren - Tyler Martin, Rylen Martin, Grace Lyons, Aiden Martin, Emmitt Wheeling, Charleston Wheeling and Georgia Gallimore

Step Great Grandchildren - Penelope Ferguson, Brody Ferguson, Elli Hurst and Anna Harless

Brother – Clifford Elwood (Theresa) McPeak

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Bucky Cruff officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Norma’s online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

The family would like to extend special thanks to the wonderful caregivers at Medi-Hospice and the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



MARTIN “MARTY” JAY HAWKS

Martin “Marty” Jay Hawks, 52, of United Arab Emirates, formerly of Phoenix, Ariz. and Dublin, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 28, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Posie and Mary Hawks, Albert and Mary Long, and Andrew Coleman.

Marty was born August 27, 1969. He graduated from Pulaski County High School and participated in sports activities. He is a Graduate of VMI and many lasting friendships were formed during those college years. Marty was a member of Dublin Baptist Church in Dublin, Va. He served in the Army Reserves for over 18 years and was deployed to many areas out of the U. S. as a dedicated service man.

Marty enjoyed Bluegrass music, was adventurous, and he was a people person, never meeting a stranger. He inherited the “gift of gab”.

The family wishes to thank everyone that assisted with his travel back home to Dublin, Va., and the many calls and food from friends and family.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Alexander James Hawks and Nicholas George Hawks, both of Calif.; parents, Phillips and Sandra Hawks of Dublin, Va.; brothers, Richard Andrew Hawks of Lillydell, Va., and David Wayne Hawks of Kernersville, N. C.; sister, Tammy Hawks Windle and her husband Tim Windle of Salisbury, N. C.; nephew, Christopher Chase Sarver of Ohio; nieces, Zoey Elizabeth Hawks of Kernersville, N. C., and DeAnna Leigh Hawks of Lillydell, Va.; grandmother, Ann Sunman of Penn.; special friend, Niovelyn Layan; mother of his sons, Janet Hawks of Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and an abundance of friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, Va. Graveside services with full military honors will follow at 3 p.m. in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Va.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the CID Agents Association at <https://cidaa.net/donations.html>.

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

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gamesmanship, he released the assistance by September 2019.

Another line of argument is that Putin didn’t invade Ukraine during the Trump administration because the Russian leader was already getting everything he wanted from Trump, including the destabilization of NATO. The outward expression of Trump’s doubts about the alliance, though, largely took the form of loud complaints about European countries skimping on defense spending, which were completely justified.

Indeed, it’s perverse that Angela Merkel was made into a great heroine of Western statesmanship at the same time she maintained a pathetic level of defense spending and deepened Germany’s energy dependence on Russia in a way that was more dangerous than anything Trump said or tweeted.

And it wasn’t Trump who told Biden to execute a humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan, to give Putin the gift of a summit after he menaced Ukraine the first time, to remove sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, to speak forthrightly about Western divisions at a pre-invasion press conference, or to forgo preemptive sanctions.

All of that is on Biden, and all of it -- especially the Afghan fiasco -- had to make an impression on Putin. Now, it may well have been that Putin was undeterrable, but that makes it all the more outlandish and dumb to blame a former U.S. president for his depredations.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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dicates that permission is being given for “The medical provider to perform medical services, treatments, and prescribe medications for my student.”

Virginia Code, Section 54.1-2969, Sub-Section E states:

“E. A minor shall be deemed an adult for the purpose of consenting to:

1. Medical or health services needed to determine the presence of or to treat venereal disease or any infectious or contagious disease that the State Board of Health requires to be reported;

2. Medical or health services required in case of birth control, pregnancy or family planning except for the purposes of sexual sterilization;

3. Medical or health services needed in the case of outpatient care, treatment or rehabilitation for substance abuse as defined in § 37.2-100; or

4. Medical or health services

needed in the case of outpatient care, treatment or rehabilitation for mental illness or emotional disturbance.”

The Virginia Department of Health reiterates this legality: parents are not required to be consulted and, in fact, will not be entitled to medical information on their minor child if any of the above treatments are rendered.

The questions that arise: Will this proposed health clinic at the High School be able to prescribe birth control? What about prescribing the “morning-after” pill to induce abortion? Will they prescribe medications for STDs? Treat drug addiction with medication? Prescribe psychotropic medications? What about prescribing of puberty-blocking hormones... will they be able to do that? Who will be seeing the students – will a medical doctor or nurse practitioner be handling visits?

If they will have such authority and ability, parents and guardians need to know. Remember, the authorization you would be signing to allow your student to receive care from this health clinic gives them authority to treat your child without you being present at your child’s visit. Once you cross the Rubicon into anything deemed ‘family planning’ or ‘mental health/substance abuse’ – parents are no longer required, by law, to be consulted or advised.

I’ve reached out to my School Board representative, Penny Golden, seeking answers to these questions. I encourage all parents and guardians – particularly if your child is a High Schooler – to contact your Board representative and request answers too.

**Gina Paine
Dublin**

Honoring Women of Worth – Women’s History Month

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

business acquaintances who were corporate executives and local celebrities. We were invited to join the country clubs, exclusive City Club, and social clubs. My arrogant attitude took a giant step forward.

Because the house we were going to purchase was taken off the market right before we moved, we stayed in a corporate apartment until we could buy another home. Something happened shortly after the move and I became so ill, I was afraid I was going to die. One afternoon, while I lay on the couch in a dark apartment, flipping through channels, a Christian program

came on the TV. The host gave an invitation to accept Christ and listed a phone number to call – which I did and turned my life over to Jesus. I felt the weight of the world lifted off my shoulders!

Something prompted me to call my Wisconsin neighbors, Debbie and Donna, and tell them what had happened. They rejoiced so loudly, I swear I could have heard them without the use of a phone! We were now sisters in Christ and that brought joy to my heart.

While living at the apartment, I made friends with a young woman who invited me to their church women’s activity group. She said the church was just a short distance from the apartments; and that they had lots of social activities away from their family and husbands. It

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community. They provide tents, china, flatware and glassware, linens and consult with the customer to help them better decide what type and size of tent, canopy, the number of tables, chairs, etc. that go with an event.

“We try to make sure folks get a nice-looking setup for all types of events. Festivals, concerts, birthday parties. With COVID, people started doing more celebrations outdoors,” says Leary.

Some of their clients include setting up the stage for a bluegrass band for a venue in Riner; the Claytor Lake Summer Festival stage; the stage for the City of Radford Summer Concert Series, events at high schools, college graduations, homecomings, proms, corporate events, etc.

Leary’s B.S. in Biology from the University of Richmond and his wife’s advanced degrees in Math and Physics didn’t exactly prepare them for this type of business. But, because Leary’s father had been an architect, as a young man, Leary gained experience through helping his dad on building projects and learning to read blueprints.

His father also encouraged Leary to learn how things work by giving him a 1931 Model-A Ford car, which had to be put back together.

“My Father told me to work on it for experience, but that it would never be transportation. However, I rebuilt it and drove it for many years,” Leary said. The Model-A Ford is still a feature at the NRV Rent-All location.

Three generations of Leary’s have grown up and worked at the NRV Rent-All center in Radford. His son Dan, who retired as a Captain after 10 years of service in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division, is the general manager.

“I was not born yet when my parents started the Rent-All center, but my crib sat behind the counter. My playground was the back shop in the Radford store. I had the most interesting jungle gym ever and grew up playing on equipment in the shop. It definitely gave me a chance to learn a lot of practical engineering skills at a very young age,” said Dan.

Dan received his B.S. in Broadcasting from Radford University and was taking classes at RU at the same time his mother, Grace, was earning her M.S. in Counselor Psychology.

As the general manager, Dan’s expertise helps him juggle many aspects of the business.

“On any given day, I may be knee deep in grease from repairing a skid loader in morning, then in the afternoon, helping a bride choose table linens and coordinate colors for her wedding.”

Dan explains “We have a lot of equipment, but more than equipment, we have solutions to help people solve their problem. Sometimes people call and ask for a certain piece of equipment, but it might not be appropriate for the job they are doing. We ask questions to help them choose the right piece of equipment to do the job in the most effective way.”

Leary’s son, Sam, is no longer active in the company. According to Leary, “The Virginia State Police recruited him away from me, and now he works for them maintaining communication towers and radio networks all over the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

Sam received his degree from Ferrum College in Outdoor Recreation – building high rope courses, which explains why he isn’t concerned about climbing 400-foot-tall towers in his current job.

Daughter Phyllis Newbill is the Associate Director of Educational Networks working with the CENI team encouraging students to be involved in STEM. Her background includes undergraduate degrees in English and geology, a master’s in environmental and engineering geosciences, and a PhD in instructional design, plus extensive experience in a rental tool store, scout camps, and community theatre.

Dan’s son, Rob, is the third generation to work at the Rent-All company. He serves as the Tent Crew Chief, setting up tents and equipment for events. As a youngster, Rob accompanied his dad after school to help at the Rent-All shop.

“We officially hired him at age 14 so he could get a work permit. He’s been working full-time for us for six years,” says Dan. Previous to opening NRV Rent-All, Linton Leary had served as the District Executive for the Boy Scouts which demanded travel in the Washington/Baltimore/Norfolk area, and time away from the family. He had also served active duty in Korea with the U.S. Army and Reserves attaining the rank of Lt. Col. In his spare time, he taught Biology, backpacking/recreational sports at Roanoke Col-



Photo courtesy of Linton Leary

New River Valley Rent-All in West End Radford at its beginning in 1972.

lege by day and scuba at Virginia Tech in the evenings. He used his diving skills in Antarctica to do research, diving under 12 – 16 feet of ice.

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Dan Leary



Linton Leary and Luna.

Women

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sounded good to me, so I agreed to meet with them.

What I didn’t know was that her church was a few more blocks down the road than the church I stopped in. When I had attended churches in the past (mostly Easter and Christmas) they were mainstream churches. The one I stumbled onto that day was an Evangelical church where praise and worship was spontaneous and active. It scared the stuffings out of me, so I sat on the back row in case I wanted to bolt out without disturbing anyone.

After a few weeks of attending that church, two sweet elderly ladies said they noticed I sat by myself, and invited me to sit with them. I was overcome by their kindness and agreed. They had not explained that they sat on the front row of this Evangelical church – and hemmed me in with one on each side of me.

If you’ve attended an Evangelical church, you know that there are times when the presence of God can be felt – and this was one of those times. I felt a warm glow flowing over me and I no longer wanted to be that arrogant, snarky person I had been. The experience changed my life and my eternal destiny.

So why am I telling you this? Because we are celebrating

Women’s History Month. I could have written about famous women who changed the world – like Joan of Arc or Anne Frank, Queen Elizabeth, Sojourner Truth, etc.

But I wanted to honor the unsung heroines who don’t get into the annals of ‘Who’s Who’ on Earth, but are heroines in Heaven because of their love for Jesus and humanity. Their names are written in the Book of Life, and thanks to them, so is mine.

These two ladies of Wisconsin paved the way for me to be open to the Gospel. They loved me into the Kingdom. The two ladies of South Carolina, whose names I never knew, were faithful to the leading of the Lord and presented me with an invitation to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

If I can leave you with any encouragement it is this: don’t give up on your sons, daughters, fathers, husbands, mothers, wives! I was age 40 when I accepted the love of Jesus Christ and determined to follow Him as my Lord.

Keep inviting your loved ones to accept Jesus as their Savior. Keep praying for them! And, above all, keep loving them into the Kingdom.

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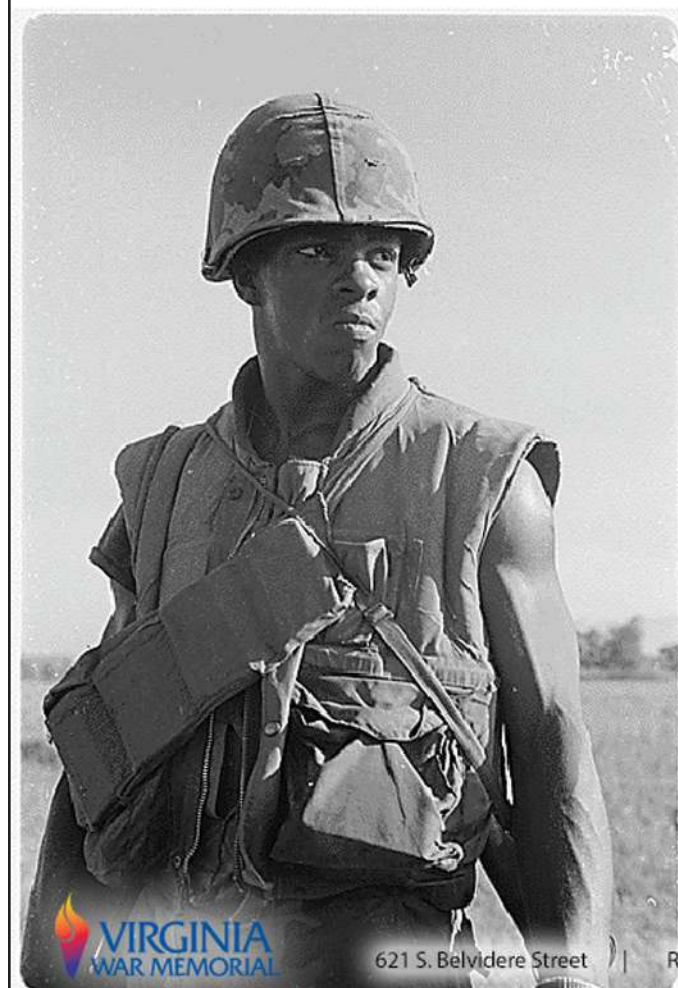
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Pulaski County land transfers for January

Property transfers for January 2022 as reported by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Shuangquin Lin to Progress Street Builders, Inc., lot off River Course Drive, Fairlawn, \$59,950.

Mark Thomas Vaughn to Ricky A. Boyd, Lot 11 and 61A, 30.71 acres off Vaughn Lane, Pulaski, \$245,000.

Shah Development, LLC to Neva R. Wynn, property at 124 16th Street, NE, Pulaski, \$189,900.

Hatco, LLC to JS Pulaski Property, LLC, property at 85 First Street, SW, Pulaski, \$92,500.

Dahmeh, LLC to Vedj, LLC, property at 400 Washington Avenue, Pulaski, \$490,000.

Echols Holdings, LLC, to Jacob M. Phillips, property at 2752 Wysor Road, Draper, \$485,000.

Kenneth R. Waller to Paul Thomas Orkiszewski, property at 128 Sixth Street, NW, Pulaski, \$241,900.

Christopher Pifer to Kevin McKay Thompson, property at 5451 Vaughan Avenue, Dublin, \$158,500.

U.S. Bank Trust National Assoc. to Thomas Henry Pifer, Jr., property at 133 Walker Avenue, Dublin, \$26,000.

NRCC receives cyber designation

New River Community College has been designated as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) by the National Security Agency (NSA). Beginning this year, students who graduate with an associate degree in Information Technology – Cyber Security Specialization will receive a letter with their diploma indicating this designation.

The college received this designation after a multi-year, peer-reviewed process, in which NRCC showcased their robust and active cybersecurity program that includes a range of student activities. The activities offered included a Computer Club, a Cyber Day for the local community, several Cyber Ninja summer camps, competitions events, and refurbished donated computers to students in need with the Computer Club giving out a total of over 200 computers.

With the CAE-CD designation, NRCC will receive opportunities to apply for federal grant projects, participate in professional development for faculty, and more.

"Receiving the CAE-CD designation confirms the excellent work of our information technology and computer science faculty in and out of the classroom," said Debbie Bond, NRCC Dean of Business & Technologies. "The faculty are dedicated to the students and make sure they are taught the most current technology and skills."

NRCC joins nine other community colleges and 13 four-year universities in Virginia that hold the National Center for Academic Excellence designation.

"This recognition highlights the important work NRCC is doing in cyber security education and makes our graduates even more competitive as they enter the job market or continue learning at a four-year institution," said Dr. Dave Filer, NRCC professor of information systems technology.

The Information Technology – Cyber Security Specialization program at the college is a two-year program that requires students to take several industry recognized certification exams. Along with that program, NRCC also offers nine other programs in the information technology field.

To learn more about the NRCC Center for Cyber Defense, visit www.nr.edu/cyber-security/ or contact Dr. Filer at dfiler@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4272.

Jo Ann W. Trail to Steven Spence, property at 137 13th Street, NW, Pulaski, \$96,000.

Joseph Hoff to Zachary W. Jarrells, property at 617 6th Street, NE, Pulaski, \$139,000.

Joseph E. Brislin, III to Douglas Scott Proffitt, property at 116 Tenth Street, NW, Pulaski, \$111,200.

Brian R. Shumaker to James W. Stuart, property at 2911 Atwoods Drive, Draper, \$45,000.

Alexander Fernandez to Roger Conrad Medlin, Jr., property at 2960 Big Valley Drive, Draper, \$520,000.

Michael G. Gay to Taylor Allen Suydam, lot off Highland Road, Dublin, \$120,000.

April H. Bopp to Samuel Eugene Lane, property at 317 Northwood Drive, Pulaski, \$178,000.

Justin K. Gilbert to Justin Blake Gilbert, property at 6730 Blue Sky Lane, Dublin, \$165,000.

Justin Christopher Hendrix to Derek R. Holmes, property at 1544 Allisonia Road, Hiwassee, \$295,000.

Justin Christopher Hendrix to Derek R. Holmes, property at 1550 Allisonia Road, Hiwassee, \$95,000.

Quick Service Realco, LLC, to Shiangling L. Wong, property at 1991 Memorial Drive, Pulaski, \$2,444,000.

Briarwood Farms, LLC to David Cagle, property at 212 Lake Street, Pulaski, \$95,000.

Amy B. Mabry to Corey Skinner, property at 7425 Riverbluff Road, Fairlawn, \$30,000.

Sylvia S. Ridpath, Executor to James M. Sexton, property at 6876 Hazel Hollow Road, Dublin, \$290,000.

Brittany Simmons to Preston Seth Thomas, property at 6427 Wilderness Road, Dublin, \$350,000.

Thomas J. Beckett to Larry M. Doss, Sr., property at 275 Bentley Hollow Road, Pulaski, \$17,000.

Billy Ray Kincer to Morgan Surface, property at 5194 Hatcher Road, Dublin, \$207,000.

Erin O'Donnell Wigginton to Tod M. Music, property at 129 8th Street, Pulaski, \$217,500.

Roberto Alfredo Ruggeri to Cameron Wayne Gordon Arnold, property at 3811 Little Creek Road, Dublin, \$266,000.

Lois V. Morris to James Sakiewicz, property at 7298 Falling Branch Road, Fairlawn, \$10,000.

Valerie Gibson to Pamela Gibson, property at 316 Lexington Avenue, Pulaski, \$32,000.

Linda P. Cody to Nicholas D. Samson, property at 3860 Morehead Lane, Pulaski, \$313,500.

Curtis W. Rorrer to Appalachian Property Maintenance, property at 6110 Hedge Lane, Dublin, \$33,000.

Matthew A. Claus to Charlotte Christie Phillips, property at 534 Bunts Street, Pulaski, \$205,000.

Jack Moll to Hayley Sutphin Long, property at 506 S. Madison Avenue, Pulaski, \$112,000.

Matthew W. McCue to Isis Saran Mathela Casey, property at 719 Hickory Avenue, Pulaski, \$90,500.

Karen O. Martens to Shannell C. Ball, property at 5748 Jonas Drive, Dublin, \$243,000.

Fred T. Hale, Jr. to Jonathan Mark Hale, property at 2175 Little Creek Road, Dublin, \$25,000.

Monica Lynn Musick to JMH Properties, LLC, property at 600 Oakwood Avenue, Dublin, \$100,000.

Michael S. Farmer to Gary Michael Sayers, Jr. Trust, property at 6007 Thornton Road, Dublin, \$25,000.

Jeffrey M. Doto to Lori Lawrence Thompson, property at 2541 Greenway Circle, Draper, \$25,000.

Benzena Eaves to Emilee Grace Helbert, property at 5230 Banks Avenue, Dublin, \$149,950.

Ron Frank, Jr. to Lori Flinchum, property at 1620 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$125,000.

Cheryl Annette Hall to Sandra Annette Hundley, property at 5497 Lovell Drive, Dublin, \$135,000.

Roger I. Lilly to April Marshall, property at 7465 Orchard Road, Fairlawn, \$155,000.

Gary W. Wiley to Jesse Adam Bibel, property at 6722 Oxford Avenue, Fairlawn, \$165,000.

Allen Family Farm, LLC, to Progress Street Builders, Inc., property at 8353 Augusta National Drive, Fairlawn, \$60,000.

Carolyn Walsh to William Walsh, 4817 Shelburne Road, Snowville, \$228,000.

Rosemary O. Haynes to Sandra I. Rivella, 7559 Ridge Road, Fairlawn, \$100,000.

Luke R. Underwood to Roger D. Linkous, 7659 Brooklyn Road, Fairlawn, \$155,000.

Daniel Bundy to Radford House, LLC, property at 6888

Lee Highway, Fairlawn, \$50,000.

John J. Pettit to Myriam Carla De-Almeida, property at 6715 Bradley Road, Fairlawn, \$375,000.

Jason L. Slaughter to DuWayne Eugene Duncan, property at 7731 Walker Farms Drive, Snowville, \$53,000.

Jeffrey Lynn Caldwell to Johnathan Roy Osborne, property at 7248 Gate 10 Road, Fairlawn, \$249,000.

George E. Berryman to MNB Properties, LLC, property at 4427 Frazier Road, Snowville, \$225,000.

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Open Mic will be offered on a Saturday following the workshop so that anyone may come and share their creative work. We encourage all members of the community to join in and share your creative projects in a group setting.

These events will take place in the Pulaski Library Community Room

Poetry Workshop: Tuesday April 12 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Open Mic Poetry Share: April 23 from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm



April J. Asbury teaches writing and literature at Radford University in Virginia. She earned an M.F.A. from Spalding University and an M.A. from Hollins. Her work appears in *Artemis*, *Still: The Journal*, *The Anthology of Appalachian Writers*, and other publications. Her webpage and writing blog are available at apriljasbury.com. In 2021, Finishing Line Press published her first poetry collection, *Woman with Crows*.

Registration is Required for the Workshop.

Please call 540-980-7770 to sign up today!

PAT ridership rising with ‘feeder’ routes

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The addition in February of two new “feeder” routes to Pulaski Area Transit’s operation has resulted in increased ridership, according to PAT Manager Monica Musick.

“With the expansion routes we have seen an increase in ridership,” Musick told **The Patriot** this week.

While there has been an increase, Musick believes there are more potential riders out there.

“Pulaski Area Transit would still like to reach more riders through the expansion routes,” she said.

Musick said the additional “feeder” routes were designed specifically to reach senior communities and areas where the existing routes didn’t serve.

“It is our hope that this will be the much-needed solution to rebuild and grow Pulaski Area Transit ridership,” she added.



Beginning Feb. 1, the two feeder routes were added to the transit operation in an effort to help riders from outside the PAT route to connect with the transit.

Feeder Route 1 starts at Dol-

lar General on Commerce Street and has bus stops at Heritage Park, Dora Highway Trailer Park, Pine Hill Trailer Park, 3864 Bob White Blvd Apartments,

3902 Bob White Blvd Apartments, DMV, Baptist Church on Peppers Ferry Rd and Walgreens. This bus leaves at 6:30 a.m. and runs once an hour, with the last bus leaving at 4:30

p.m.

Feeder Route 2 starts at Walgreens and has stops at 2nd Morehead Lane, Robinson Tract Community Center, corner of

Jake Buford and Randolph Ave, Corner of 16th Street and Randolph

Ave, Top of Virginia Heights, Altoona Road Trailer Park,

Top of Case Knife Road, Corner of Garner Ave and Highland Ave and Dollar General. This bus leaves at 6:30 a.m. and runs once an hour, with the last bus leaving at 4:30 p.m.

On Saturdays, the bus leaves on each route beginning at 9 a.m.

Those residents who live along the route and would like to be picked up by the transit should call the PAT office (980-5040) to let them know where you will be waiting.

The cost for each trip remains only 75 cents.

Again, for more information on the transit, call 980-5040.

Pulaski County High Band excels at assessment

Pulaski County Schools

The Pulaski County High School Wind Ensemble, a part of the PCHS Band Program, recently had a chance to perform in front of a group of judges to evaluate their skills in several areas. After a lengthy postponement brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, this was a first-time experience for most of the current band members.

“This was our first live assessment in over two years,” PCHS Director of Bands Kevin Faller said. “Three-quarters of our group have never experienced an assessment before. I am extremely proud of the progress they have made this year and look forward to the years ahead.”

The event the Wind Ensemble took part in was the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA) Concert Assess-

ment, which took place Wednesday, March 9. The PCHS Wind Ensemble includes members of the second semester Symphonic and Concert Band classes.

Pulaski County competes as a part of District 7, which includes the cities of Bristol, Fries, Galax and Norton, along with the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe. District 7 members are also a part of the South-Central Region, with members of Districts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 13.

To participate in the assessment, the PCHS group had to choose music from a graded list of music ranging from 0.5, which is the easiest, to VI, which is the most difficult.

Pulaski County picked three

pieces from the Grade VI list, the most difficult to perform. These pieces were “Marches des Parachutistes Belges,” “Prairie Dances,” and “Into the Storm.”

Adjudicators for the event included a panel of four musicians and band directors from Virginia and Tennessee.

Pulaski County received a solid “Excellent” rating at the assessment, which is the second highest possible rating a group can receive.

“This is particularly impressive since two-thirds of the group have never experienced an assessment event before,” Faller said. “In addition to being evaluated on stage performance, we also were adjudicated on our ability to sight-read a piece of music. We were given seven minutes to study the music. During these seven minutes, we

were allowed to talk through the music, sing, clap, or hum, but we were not allowed to play instruments. After the seven minutes were up, we had to perform the piece from beginning to end for an adjudicator for evaluation.”

At the end of the day, the Excellent rating is an indicator of good

things to come for the future of the Pulaski County Band program.

“I am incredibly proud of the progress this group has made since the beginning of the semester, and look forward to the continued growth in the band program for many years to come,” Faller said.

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PCHS' Secrist named All-State Hokies to play in Fenway

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County's Keslyn Secrist has been named to the Virginia High School League's Class 4 Girls All-State Basketball Team.

The junior Lady Cougar was previously named All-River Ridge and Region 4D player of the year.

Secrist was the only area player named to the All-State first or second teams. Several Lady Cougar opponents were named.

Millbrook High placed two on the first team, Avery O'Roke and Kennidi Rooks; Louisa County placed Sylvie Jackson on the first team and Olivia McGhee on the second team.

E.C. Glass' Jordyn Wright-Goode was named to the second team.

State Champion King's Fork had both the Player of the Year (Yasmine Brown, a 5'8" senior guard) and Coach (Maurice Fofano).

Brown averaged 19.5 points, 4.0 rebounds, and 6.0 steals per game this season, while King's Fork head coach Maurice Fofano guided the Bulldogs to a 21-3 record and the Class 4 state title with a 71-67 win over Millbrook in the finals. It is the first state basketball championship in program history.

Eight (8) players make up the



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

See SECRIST, page B3

Junior Keslyn Secrist one of eight girls named to Class 4 All-State First Team.

PCHS, LewisGale Hospital to provide free sports physicals

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 (pages 1, 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 vhsl.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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There used to be a good spring-fed pond at Newport between Blacksburg and Pembroke, but has been closed for many years. Another one is off U.S. 460 going toward Princeton, WVA and I have fished both of these. I used to go to one near Rural Retreat, seems like it was called Sloppers Lake. There is another one near Rural Retreat at a fish hatchery called Cedar Springs; but at \$70 per day, plus so much per pound of fish, is a little too rich for my blood.

My neighbors on Little Creek, Mary & Gary Kiser, enjoy their retirement years trout fishing at the streams in our surrounding counties. Last Friday, Gary told me of me of a place in neighboring WVA that was a privately owned with three ponds having trout and catfish stockings. It is near Hinton and is near some of my old stomping ground when I worked for an Engineering firm out of Beckley.

I decided to try the place out and take Linda, my wife, with me. We were all tied up Saturday and decided to go after church Sunday. We got there a little after 4 PM and found there were three ponds of approximately 100 ft. by 300 ft. with one trout only. All of the area is a graded level around the pond with stone coating the surface areas where you can drive right up to the site. They have stationary chairs with rod holders on 4” X 4” steel column



Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. ‘Doc’ Davis

posts. All was great except for the cold blowing wind and choppy water. There were only about a half dozen vehicles there with all wearing hooded coats to ward off the chilling temperatures. We wore the same and I fished approximately 45 minutes, Linda did not, but helped bait the hooks and set up my fly rod which I tried last. I used my spin-cast using power bait, salmon eggs and garlic trout bait and didn’t get a bite. I saw a pretty good-sized catfish and with my fly rod with a hellgrammite nymph with one split shot on it, made several attempts but never got a strike. The rules stated you had to release any cats caught and will be the same until winter months that trout restocking will begin again. For the present, it is \$17 per pole.

I feel the cold windy weather along with the rough choppy water was a hinderance to get-

ting any strikes the short time we were there. We did not see any of the other people catching any either. Gary and Mary have related they have caught so many that have been giving away trout that they have caught. My fishing buddy, Dick Gregory, plan on going over into the Monongahela National Forest in Pocahontas County, WVA. and possibly take in in this place as their hours will be 1 PM to 1 AM. I can give you more on this after we take the trip next month and discuss both places in a future column.

Linda and I had to rush back to take in a CD at Max Creek Baptist on Creation vs evolution. It was a very informative feature. If you are without a church home, I use this space to invite you to join us for good Sunday School classes taught for little gals and little fellers on up to seniors. We are blessed to have Preacher Mike Coleman who preaches the old-time fire and brimstone preaching like I was raised up hearing.

A few fishing jokes: 1) Why did Noah do so little fishing on the Ark? Ans. He had only two worms. 2) What do you get by crossing a fishing lure with an old gym sock? Ans. A hook, a

See DAVIS, page B4

PCHS boys tennis team falls to experienced Christiansburg

Christiansburg defeated Pulaski County, 9-0 Tuesday in boys tennis.

In singles for the Cougars:

1. Camden Hite lost 2-6 0-6
2. Xander Pratt lost 1-6 2-6
3. Aaron Bennet lost 2-8 0-8
4. Mark Graham lost 1-6 0-6

5. Eli Duke lost 2-6 1-6

6. Zach Gallimore lost 3-6 3-6 In Doubles:

1. Camden/Xander lost 1-8
2. Aaron/Mark lost 0-8
3. Eli/Colin Hall lost 0-8

In an exhibition doubles match, Zach Gallimore and Ashton Paul won, 8-6.

“Playing Christiansburg is a learning opportunity. Their top player will be competitive against Blacksburg’s top player. Pulaski’s new players had some success and may have a chance next season. They also did well in the exhibition match,” said Coach Chad Graham.

PCHS beats Carroll County

Pulaski County’s boys tennis team defeated Carroll County last week, 7-2 in Hillsville.

The Cougars took five of the six singles matches enroute to

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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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Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 27th, 2022. Any proposals received after this deadline may be returned to the offeror unopened. The NRV Airport Commission reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and/or divide any project into sections. The New River Valley Airport Commission is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

Inquiries and requests for proposal packets should be addressed to:

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New River Valley Airport
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NASCAR returns to the Circuit of The Americas

From NASCAR

The first five races of the 2022 season have been action-packed, and now the NASCAR Cup Series returns to the Circuit of The Americas (COTA) for the first of six road courses on the schedule (COTA, Sonoma, Road America, Indianapolis RC, Watkins Glen and the Charlotte Roval) for the EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix this Sunday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

On 1,500 acres of land just outside of Austin, Texas construction began in 2010 on what is now known as the Circuit of The Americas. The 20-turn, 3.41-mile, multi-elevational counterclockwise circuit takes advantage of the naturally rolling landscape, including a 133-foot hill at Turn 1. The track also has an amphitheater, the largest permanent outdoor amphitheater in Central Texas, and a 251-foot observation tower.

The first NASCAR Cup Series race held at the Circuit of The Americas was last season on May 23, 2021, but the event was shortened 14 laps from the scheduled distance due to weather. The inaugural Cup event at

COTA saw 10 different leaders and 11 lead changes. Hendrick Motorsport's driver Chase Elliott took the checkered flag by passing his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Alex Bowman with just five laps before the race was called. The victory was his seventh NASCAR Cup Series road course career win moving him solely into third on the all-time series road course wins list behind NASCAR Hall of Famers Jeff Gordon (nine) and Tony Stewart (eight).

This weekend's on-track activity for the NASCAR Cup Series begins with practice on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. ET followed by Busch Light Pole Qualifying at 11 a.m. ET. Both will be televised on FS1.

Standings leader Chase Elliott heads to COTA looking for first win of 2022

Hendrick Motorsports is off to a fast start in 2022 with three of the organization's four drivers already winning and securing their spots in the Playoffs this season – Kyle Larson (Fontana), Alex Bowman (Las Vegas) and William Byron (Atlanta). Last season's Circuit of The Americas winner and current NASCAR

Cup Series point standings leader, Chase Elliott, is the lone Hendrick driver looking for his first win of 2022 as the series returns to the 3.41-mile road course this weekend for the EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix this Sunday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Though winless this season, Chase Elliott and the No. 9 team have been impressive. In five races this season, Elliott has collected three top-10 finishes and currently holds a seven-point lead over Team Penske's Joey Logano in second in the standings. Elliott is not only the defending winner of this weekend's race, he also leads the series among active drivers in road course wins with seven.

Byron's victory at Atlanta last weekend made Hendrick Motorsports just the second team in series history to win with three different drivers in the first five races of a NASCAR Cup Series season; joining car owner Carl Kiekhaefer's Mercury Marine Team who accomplished the feat in 1956 with drivers Tim Flock (Hickory), Fonty Flock (Charlotte) and Buck Baker (Phoenix).

Last season, Elliott and Larson finished first or second together in three of the seven road course races and the duo led the series in top-five finishes on road courses with five each.

Hendrick Motorsports teammates Chase Elliott (seven road

course wins) and Kyle Larson (three) have been the two hottest road course drivers over the last few seasons. Elliott, who leads all active drivers in road course wins, is currently ranked third on the NASCAR Cup Series all-time road course wins list behind Jeff Gordon with nine road course wins and Tony Stewart with eight. Elliott's teammate, Kyle Larson, the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion, became the first driver in series history to win at three different road courses in a single season last year (Sonoma, Watkins Glen and Charlotte Roval).

Joe Gibbs Racing's Christopher Bell (Daytona RC) and Kaulig Racing's AJ Allmendinger (Indianapolis RC) were the only drivers not in the Hendrick camp to win on a road course in the NASCAR Cup Series last season. Allmendinger finished fifth at the Circuit of The Americas in 2021 and Bell was caught in an incident and finished 38th.

Right behind Elliott on the active NASCAR Cup Series road course winners list are Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr with four road course wins each. Busch finished 10th at COTA last season and Truex was caught in an incident and finished 35th. But watch for both to be towards the front this weekend as Truex ranks fifth among active drivers in series career average finish on road courses with a 13.8 and Busch ranks eighth with a 14.3.

Last but not least is Team Penske's Joey Logano, who finished third in last season's Circuit of The Americas race behind Elliott and Larson. Logano looked to be the car to beat last season leading the most laps (14) in the event. Logano already has one road course career win at Watkins Glen and has the sixth best career average finish on road courses among active drivers with a 13.9.

Lady Cougars beat Carroll after falling hard to Floyd

The Pulaski County girls tennis team bounced back from a shellacking at Floyd County to beat Carroll, 5-4 March 17.

In singles against Carroll:

#1 seed Amarah Hyduke lost 8-9 (tiebreak score 2-7)

#2 seed Isabel Weigel lost 5-8

#3 seed Victoria Cantrell lost 1-8

#4 seed Lacy Donaldson won 8-3

#5 seed Miranda Altis won 8-5

#6 seed Lainey Peake won 8-1

In doubles:

#1 seed Amarah Hyduke/Isabel Weigel lost 2-8

#2 seed Victoria Cantrell/Lacy Donaldson won 9-8 (tiebreak score 7-5)

#3 seed Miranda Altis/Lainey Peake won 9-7

"The ladies demonstrated a lot of mental fortitude and a never give up attitude vs. Carroll to pick up the win," noted coach Brandon Lawson. "We were down in the overall match 3-4 and needed to pick up the last two double matches to win the match. The girls really wanted to win for

their teammates. I am so proud of each and every single one of the ladies. They are a great group of kids who work really hard day in and day out at practice. We look forward to building off this performance."

Lady Cougars fall to Floyd

The win came on the heels of a 9-0 loss to Floyd County on March 15.

Results against Floyd were:

In singles:

#1 seed Amarah Hyduke lost 0-8

#2 seed Isabel Weigel lost 2-8

#3 seed Victoria Cantrell lost 0-8

#4 seed Lacy Donaldson lost 6-8

#5 seed Miranda Altis lost 0--8

#6 seed Lainey Peake lost 4-8

In doubles:

#1 seed Amarah Hyduke/Isabel Weigel lost 0-8

#2 seed Victoria Cantrell/Lacy Donaldson lost 1-8

#3 seed Miranda Altis/Lainey Peake lost 4-8

Davis

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line & a stinker. 3) Why don't Batman & Robin do much fishing together these days? Ans. Robin keeps eating the worms.

Jonah and the great fish, a great read with four chapters where he ended up being the bait. After being upchucked from the fish's belly, he obeyed the Lord and preached a great revival to the people of Nineveh. I feel his appearance after being in the belly of the fish would've been a shock to the Assyrian people when he told them he had been swallowed by a fish and they needed to repent as he had done. Have you ever caught a fish with a crawdad in its gullet and it is bleached and greasy in its nearly digested state?

Until next time

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PCHS Culinary Arts students compete at JMU

Pulaski County Schools

Three Pulaski County High School Culinary Arts students traveled to James Madison University last week to compete in the Virginia ProStart Invitational. The end result was a third-place finish that earned scholarship money to attend Culinary School for post-secondary education.

The competition was sponsored by the Virginia Restaurant Lodging and Travel Association Educational Foundation and the National Restaurant Association.

ProStart is the career building program for high school students who are interested in Culinary Arts and restaurant and foodservice management. Throughout a two-year period, they study in the classroom, participate in mentored work experiences, and test their skills in local and national competitions.

The PCHS students, seniors Alex Sealander, Alexis Vogel, and Isabella Altis, were given one hour to prepare a meal consisting of an appetizer, an entrée with two sides, and a dessert. The teams each create their own menus, and they also price it out for a menu using food costs and menu percentages.

For the Pulaski County students, the menu included a tomato salad appetizer using constellation tomatoes. The entrée was a ribeye steak with garlic green beans and rosemary roasted potatoes. For dessert, the students served strawberry crepes.

During preparation of the meal, very strict rules are applied. National Restaurant Association standards are kept during all phases. The only heat source provided in this competition was two butane burners. No electrical appliances were allowed. Each team is rated on creativity, presentation, skills, food safety and sanitation, costing accuracy, and finally teamwork skills.

The Cougars not only finished third, but also earned high honors on food safety and sanitation.

The judges for the event are all professional chefs who critique both the good and bad.

"They tell it like it is," Pulaski County Culinary Arts Teacher Laura Norris said. "It's very real world. They want you to think on your feet. Most of the teams made dishes that were common in their part of Virginia. Some of the other teams are taught or coached by retired professional chefs. The judges are very demanding and strict. You can get a penalty for starting too soon, ending too late, or any number of other things. I'm very proud of our students."

Mrs. Norris was also pleased to thank some of the people that helped make the experience a great one for the students.

"Kegley Farms in Dublin donated the beef we used," she said. "We have a strong connection with them and they are very supportive of our program. We also enjoyed a great dinner at O'Neils' Grill in Harrisonburg, which is operated by Andy Anderson the brother of our Criminal Justice Program Advisor, Jenny Anderson. They really treated our students like rockstars and then topped it off by comping the meal for them. It was just a great experience for our students."

Isabella Altis has been a stu-



ProStart Award: PCHS Students (from left) Alex Sealander, Alexis Vogel, and Isabella Altis with their third-place award.

dent of the Culinary Arts program since her freshman year. She has worked as an intern for the School Nutrition Program for the past two years, including during the summer, has a restaurant job at Thai This in Radford, and also works at Hodge Podge Cookies. Her plans are to attend Virginia Western Community College to continue in the Culinary Arts Program there.

Alexis Vogel works at Food City in Pulaski and started in the PCHS Culinary Arts Program after moving to Pulaski County two years ago from Tazewell. She also plans to attend Virginia Western Community College to continue in the Culinary Arts Program. She is a member of the Lady Cougar Soccer team also.

Alex Sealander worked the competition with a slight disadvantage, as he had a hand wrapped thanks to an injury. He hurt his hand while playing goalkeeper for the Cougar Soccer team. He has been in the Culinary Arts Program since his freshman year. He plans to study a different subject in college, likely something involving forestry.

The National Competition will be held in Washington, D.C., May 6-8. This event hasn't taken place recently due to COVID-19. The last time this event was held in 2019, teams from Texas, Missouri, South Carolina, New Jersey, and Florida took the top five spots.

There are 130 schools with Culinary Arts Programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia.



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The Old Rugged

Of all the great gospel songs that have been written and published, none has touched our hearts more deeply that “The Old Rugged Cross.” It’s a wonderful, heart-wrenching song written by George Bernard and first published in 1913. Although it’s been around for more than a Century, it has never grown old. No Church Hymnal would be complete without it. Most Church Choirs know it by heart. It is exceedingly special because it reminds us of the amazing grace of God and His matchless, immeasurable love for human-ity.

“On a hill, far away, stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross, where the dearest and best, for a world of lost sinners was slain.”

When we think of how rugged the cross of Calvary must have been, and how Jesus suffered bearing the cross on his bleed- ing back where the flesh had been stripped away by the terri- ble lash at Pilot’s whipping post, it touches and melts even the hardest heart. It was our sins that nailed Jesus to the cross.

Jesus hung on the Old Rugged Cross for 6 long agonizing hours, suffering more pain, torture and humiliation that any other man has ever known. His visage (appearance) was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: (Isaiah 52:14) The Psalmist described the suffering of Jesus on the cross by words attributed to the crucified One. “I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue cleaveth to My jaws; and thou hast brought Me into the dust of death.” (Psalm 22: 14, 15.)

Jesus hung there, suspended between Heaven and earth, gasping for each breath, bleed- ing out of every part of His body, to pay for the sins of the world, to purchase salvation for all who would believe in Him and accept Him as their Savior. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man would lay down His life for His friends.” (John 15:16)

While our blessed Lord hung on the Old Rugged Cross, He graciously prayed for the for- giveness of those who crucified Him. “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)

No one has ever loved us more than Jesus loves us. When He was spit upon, laughed at, blind- folded and beaten with sticks; when His beard was pulled out; when He was mocked; when He was tried in a kangaroo couth; even when He was nailed to the cross; He opened not His mouth in His own defense. He became obedient even to His death on the cross. Jesus knew what His mission was and He fulfilled His mission well. He came to die for the sins of the world, to redeem fallen mankind, and that is exactly what He accomplished on the Old Rugged Cross. His death on the Old Rugged Cross was the highest price that has ever been paid for anything. To us Salvation is a free gift of the grace of God but it wasn’t cheap. It cost God in Heaven, His only begotten Son, and it cost Jesus His life and every drop of His precious life’s blood.

Jesus didn’t have to die. He could have called 10,000 Angels to save Him from an agonizing death on the cross and to destroy the world, but He didn’t. If He had called the mighty Angels of God to save Him, you and I and millions of others could never

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Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
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Grace Baptist Church

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

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Website: dublinbaptistva.org
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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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

Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Michael S. Jones
Sunday
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
(540) 980-4731
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases
Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.

Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin
Pastor Mike Pierce
Service Times:
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;
Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
Facebook.com/HeritageChurchDublinVA

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

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

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
Church: 540-980-2118
Cell: 276-233-8083
Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485
www.pulaskigracemin.com
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com
Pastor Mike Williams
Children's Ministry
Aaron & Becky Sampson
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
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Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road
P.O. Box 1330
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Richard R. Goad, Jr.
Senior Minister
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.

First Presbyterian Church

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

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook)
Office: 540-633-3761
Email:
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Max Creek Baptist Church

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

Pulaski Church of God

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

Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church

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

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.

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

First Baptist Church

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

New Hope Chapel

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

Church Directory

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

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

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
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Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 7 pm
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4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
(540) 250-3741
ttgarwood674@gmail.com

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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

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

First Baptist Church
325 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, Va.
Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske
Phone: 980-6565
fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

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.
FUNDAMENTAL

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.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



...If a woman has
long hair, it is a glory
to her; for her hair is
given to her for
a covering. ✨

1 CORINTHIANS 11:15

"Francoise" by Pablo Picasso (1946)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalm 18:16-18

He **reached** down from on **high** and **took hold** of me;
he **drew** me out of **deep waters**. He **rescued** me **from**
my powerful **enemy**, from my **foes**, who **were** too
strong for me. They **confronted** me in the **day** of my
disaster, but the **LORD** was my **support**.

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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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be saved from the habit and dominion of sin, and from the guilt and penalty of sin.

"O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction to me; for the dear Lamb of God, left His glory above, to bear it to dark Calvary."

This is not a fairy tale. It really happened. Jesus, the Son of God, left the splendors of Heaven, came down to this earth and became a human being, so He could pay the penalty for sin. The penalty was pronounced upon fallen man and so Jesus became a man so He could pay the penalty of sin, in our place.

Now, thanks to Jesus, every person who wants to be saved, can be saved. Now, whoever believes in Jesus and accepts Him as their Savior can have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. "He who hath the Son hath life. He who hath not the Son hath not life." (1 John 5:12)

The story of the crucifixion of Christ Jesus has been told millions of times. When a person hears it with their hearts and not just with their ears, they'll believe it and give Jesus their hearts.

Let us never forget what happened at Calvary upon the Old Rugged Cross. God gave His Son and Jesus gave His life, so that we can be saved. Because of the sacrifice that Jesus willingly made for mankind, one day, all who believe in Him unto Salvation will live with Him eternally.

"So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown."

Cemetery Cleanup

The cemetery at Thornspring United Methodist Church will be cleaned Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 in preparation for the upcoming mowing season.

We respectfully request each family to inspect their plots and remove any wreaths, flowers, vases, etc.. that you would like to keep or reuse at another time.

If you have any questions, call 540-320-5348.

Thank you.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Nebuchadnezzar in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In which book's 34th chapter does the Lord tell Moses to tear down all pagan altars? Genesis, Exodus, Judges, Ruth

3. How many books of the Bible (KJV) begin with the letter "G"? 1, 2, 3, 4. From 1 Kings 9, who built the walls of Jerusalem? David, Solomon, Belshazzar, Nimrod

5. What angel appeared to Mary and Zacharias? Haniel, Paschar, Sofiel, Gabriel

6. From Genesis 4, who invented tents? Cain, Jabal, Abel, Adam

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Exodus; 3) 2 (Galatians, Genesis); 4) Solomon; 5) Gabriel; 6) Jabal

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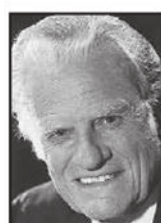
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: The older I get the more I realize that I am wasting my life. I get up in the morning mindful of my responsibilities so I go through the day staying busy, but never finding a purpose in life. Does everyone struggle with this? Surely there must be more to life than working, paying bills, and doing it day after day. - N.P.

A: It is sad to watch someone come to the end of life never

having realized the purpose of life. We are not here by chance; God put us here for a purpose, and the most important thing we can do is discover that purpose and commit ourselves to it.

God's purpose for every individual is this: God wants us to know Him personally by giving our lives to Jesus Christ. Then He wants us to discover what it means to live for Him in obedience. The Bible says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).



My Answer

Billy Graham

We must ask this question: What are we living for? Pleasure? Money? Happiness? Security? Success? None of these things will ever fulfill us completely. We were made for a relationship with God, and we will only find true meaning

and purpose in Christ. There are those who have made "self" the center of life not even realizing it. How easy this can happen, particularly in today's self-serving world. We must make a turn-about-face and commit ourselves to Jesus Christ by asking Him to come into our hearts as Lord and Savior. He wants to be our counselor and guide. "O Lord... show me the path of life" (Psalm 16:5, 11).

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GERALD, DEAR I TRIED A NEW CASSEROLE I FOUND ONLINE.

OH, COME ON. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT UNTIL YOU GIVE IT A TRY?

I'M WILLING TO TAKE THAT RISK.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

I DIDN'T GET YOUR NAME...

CINNABOND.. JAMES, CINNABOND.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

PRETTY SURE I'M GONNA HAVE THE GRAND CHAMPION PUMPKIN AT THE WOODFIELD FAIR THIS YEAR, TINKER.

BUT...IT'S ONLY MARCH, SIM, HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?

'CUZ IT'S ONLY MARCH

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I SEEM TO ONLY GET SICK ON WEEKDAYS.

...I MUST HAVE A WEEKEND IMMUNE SYSTEM.

POPEYE

HEY CUSMAN

THEY'RE ARE OTHER FISH IN THE SEA, BRUTUS!

I KNOWS DAT...

...BUT YER DA FISH I WANTS!

IT AIN'T OFTEN Y' MEETS SUM'ONE DAT'S CUTE AN' LOVABLE...

OH MY!

...CUDDLY 'N FUN T' BE WIT'...

...SUM ONE Y'WANNA BE 'ROUND 'N RILLY ENJOY DERE COMPANY...

...A PERSON WHO FILLS ALL YER FANTASIES...

...SUM' ONE Y'KIN LOVE 'N ADORE!

YOU'RE TOO KIND!

...BUT ENUFF 'BOUT ME...

LET'S TALK 'BOUT YOU!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, BY THE LOOKS OF THIS THERE IS NOTHING "AUTOMATIC" ABOUT THIS WASHING MACHINE.

LAFF-A-DAY

"You can be replaced by a nice cat you know!"

"I think of him as the answer to my fight against..."

SCRAMBLERS

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

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16 "Lust for Life" punk rocker

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21 "I'm not im-pressed"

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24 Serpentine

25 "— a roll!"

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29 Live-in nanny

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44 "Oops!"

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay"?
2. TELEVISION: Eric Taylor was the dad in which 2000s TV drama?
3. MATH: What is the Arabic number equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCCLXXVI?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Tyrrhenian Sea located?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in the canned product SPAM?
6. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product did football player Joe Greene promote in the "Meet Joe Greene" TV commercial?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How fast do honeybees fly?
8. MOVIES: Who was the famous person portrayed in the movie "Lust for Life"?
9. HISTORY: When was Elizabeth II crowned queen?
10. EXPLORERS: Which early European explorer named the Pacific Ocean?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lamp post is missing; 2. Dog's ear is moved; 3. Color is different; 4. Leash is missing; 5. Jacket is smaller; 6. Poster is different.

Answers

1. Robert Frost
2. "Friday Night Lights"
3. 1776
4. Between the west coast of Italy and the islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica
5. Pork
6. Coca-Cola
7. 20 mph
8. Vincent van Gogh (by actor Kirk Douglas)
9. 1953
10. Ferdinand Magellan

Solution time: 26 mins.

Americanisms

"If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on."

— Sheryl Sandberg

CryptoQuip

Doctor living at a tent-filled resort to treat visitors' afflictions; a camp-pain manager.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

POVERTY

1. Naive 2. Inform 3. Plaster; 4. Astray

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.

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Dear Dave,
My husband and I are getting a divorce, and everything will be final in less than a month. I haven't worked outside the home in a few years, but according to the terms of the divorce I'll receive \$75,000 in cash on the day the divorce is finalized. I also have about \$5,000 in debt on a credit card I am responsible for paying. Other than that, I have no debt. Can you give me some advice for moving forward in my life?

Dear Starla,
I'm truly sorry to hear you're going through this. If you're not already connected to a good church, I hope you'll consider finding one. Having caring people of faith around you in times like this can help a lot.
The credit card debt is a small part of your financial picture right now. Still, my advice is to go ahead and pay it off as soon as you receive the settlement money. That way, you'll be completely debt-free and still have \$70,000 in the bank.
There's a little bit of a catch, though. You'll need to live for a while like that money isn't there. Use just enough to get yourself settled somewhere else, if that's a consideration, and then start looking for a job so you can eat and pay the utilities. There are tons of places hiring right now, and the money's decent, so it shouldn't be too hard to start generating a

Starla
Dave Says
Dave Ramsey
regular income soon.
If you'll do this, that big chunk of cash will still be sitting there a year from now when the pain of the divorce has lessened a bit. At that point, you'll be stronger and more emotionally and mentally ready to think about the future and make real plans.
And if you haven't already, cut up that credit card and close the account. The last thing you need right now is an avenue to more debt. God bless you, Starla.

— 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.

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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



Dave Says
Dave Ramsey

PULSE

March 27 Revival
Sunday, March 27 Revival A revival is scheduled at the River of Life Church: Revival with Cliff West March 27-30, 2022 Sunday at 10:30 am and 6 pm Monday - Wednesday at 7 pm

April 2 Cemetery Cleanup
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April 7 Legion to meet in Radford
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, April 7, 7pm at

the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

April 12 Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, April 12, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Soup and The Word
Every Thursday until April 14th. Noon until 1:00 P.M.
We will share a prayer, a Scripture reading, and lunch together! Draper Valley PH Church Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast, April 17th.
Drive-in parking lot service. Sit in your car or get out and congregate at the stage! Followed by a great country breakfast. 7:00 A.M.

55th Reunion PHS Class of 1967
The Pulaski High School Class of 1967 will celebrate their 55th reunion on October 14 through the 16th 2022 Any Student's graduating in 1967 or part of the class in the grades 8-11th are welcomed to attend the celebration weekend. A registration page may be reached by sending an Email to birdsof67@gmail.com with your name identifying your address . No obligation for attending but a great way to keep up with the class. Your address will not be shared. Please respond ASAP. You may also join the FaceBook register of the class at "The birds of 67" to interact with our classmates.

ONGOING:
Celebrate Recovery
CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a Christ-centered 12-step program where people gain freedom, healing and accountability for life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

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