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## PC Schools: Dixon on leave of absence for medical issue

*Pulaski native Cam Akers takes  
reins of Cougar football program*

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Pulaski native Cam Akers will take the reins of the Pulaski County Cougar football program following an announcement by the school system Wednesday that head coach Mark Dixon will take a leave of absence due to a medical issue.

The school system issued the following statement early Thursday afternoon:

"Pulaski County Football Coach Mark Dixon will be taking a leave of absence to undergo treatment for a medical issue related to his previous career in professional football. Assistant Coach Cam Akers has been appointed as the interim head coach to run all team operations during this leave of absence. Pulaski



See DIXON, page A2 Mark Dixon

## Buddy Check 22 brings area veterans together for veterans

By WILLIAM PAINE  
For The Patriot

On the 22nd of every month, a group of veterans who come from all branches of the U.S. military gather at Macado's in Radford to share an evening meal. A recent gathering was no exception, as veterans, along with some of their spouses, began taking their seats in a reserved section of the restaurant.

The motivation behind these monthly gatherings is rooted in tragedy but founded on hope.

A study made by the Department of Defense in 2013 came to the disturbing conclusion that, on average, 22 military veterans end

their lives every day by committing suicide. That number fluctuates somewhat each year but the rate of suicides amongst veterans is generally about twice the rate of non-veteran U.S. adults.

After the results of this study were announced, different veteran's groups including the VA, VFW, the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion began urging their members to call their veteran acquaintances, so as to check on their well-being. In recognition of the tragic suicide statistics, the calls were to be made the 22nd of each month. This movement, known as Buddy Check 22, soon spread to social media.

In 2016, a Marine named Ted Veggeberg and some of his comrades in the Marine Corps League founded their own version of Buddy Check 22 in the New River Valley.

"We took Buddy Check 22 one step further and decided instead of calling each other, why not set up a social event every month on the 22nd, and see who shows up and see what happens?" Veggeberg explained.

"Out of respect for the 22 veterans a day, we meet on the 22nd of each month, no matter what day it is," said Dana Jackson, himself a retired veteran. "And this is basically what we do. We

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# Dixon

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County Public Schools and Pulaski County High School look forward to having Coach Dixon back and in charge of Cougar Football as soon as possible.”

Dixon, 51 played offensive guard at the University of Virginia from 1989-1993, playing for Hall of Fame coach George Welsh.

He subsequently played nine seasons of professional football including stints with NFL Europe and the Canadian Football League. During his time in the CFL, Dixon was a member of the Baltimore Stallions – winners of the 1995 Grey Cup. Dixon was named a first-team All-American by Football News in his senior year at Virginia.

His professional career ended with a five-year run in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins where

he started 60 games.

Dixon was hired in May of 2020 to take over as head coach of the Cougars following the resignation of former coach Stephen James.

In his first season at Pulaski County – the COVID season – the Cougars went 4-3, losing in the first round of the VHSL playoffs.

Last season the Cougars went 4-6 and barely missed making the VHSL playoffs again.

Dixon broke into coaching at Galax High School where he coached for 10 years and compiled a 101-35 mark with the Maroon Tide. During the decade he spent at Galax, Dixon won a state title in 2015 and his team was state runner up in both 2011 and 2019.

Dixon and his wife, Wendy – a math teacher at Pulaski County High School – have four children.

Akers, a 2008 graduate of PCHS who played for former head coach Jack Turner, joined Dixon’s coaching staff last season after five seasons at the helm of the Auburn Eagles football program in Riner.

# In Wythe County Arrests made in drug operation

The Wythe County Sheriff’s Office has been conducting an ongoing investigation over the past several months involving narcotics being brought into our county.

This operation has focused on drug dealers that have been funneling methamphetamine into Wythe County poisoning our communities. Through controlled drug buys and gaining information over the past several months the Wythe County Sheriff’s Office has been able to arrest 3 major drug dealers coming into our county to supply methamphetamine.

On April 12, 2022, the Wythe County Sheriff’s Office arrested Antonio Isaiah Reynold DOB 3/17/1999 of Roanoke, Virginia after he brought 181 grams of methamphetamine into Wythe County to sell. While trying to flee the area he struck a Wythe County Sheriff’s vehicle. He was arrested and charged with possessing 100 or more grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. If found guilty he faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 20 years and a fine of

up to \$1,000,000.

On April 13, 2022, the Wythe County Sheriff’s Office arrested Aaron Darnell Edwards DOB 9/13/2001, and Qunzell Gavan Payne DOB 3/24/2022 of Princeton and Bluefield, West Virginia after they brought 2,900 grams (6lbs) of methamphetamine into Wythe County to sell. During their arrest deputies found them to also be in possession of a Smith and Wesson 9 mm loaded handgun. They both were charged with the distribution of methamphetamine of 250 grams or more which is punishable by a mandatory minimum of 40 years to life in prison.

The Wythe County Sheriff’s Office has seized over 2900 grams of methamphetamine with a street value of \$300,000 this week. The Wythe County Sheriff’s Office will continue to target drug dealers bringing narcotics into our community.

**Antonio Isaiah Reynolds**

- 2 counts of Possession of meth with intent to distribute

**Quenzell Gavan Payne**

- Possession with the intent to distribute greater than 100 grams
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**Aaron Darnell Edwards**

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**HAROLD JAMES EDNEY SR.**

Harold James Edney Sr. died Monday Morning, April 11, 2022 at the Skyline Nursing Home and Rehab Center. Mr. Edney is predeceased by his parents; Dewey Roosevelt Edney and Lucy Flinchum Edney. Also predeceased by a sister; Buelah Passmore.

Harold loved his country by serving in the United States Air Force. He also loved his community by volunteering with the Pulaski Fire Department for over 10 years. Harold also loved his God and worshiped at the Pulaski Church of God.

Harold's pride and joy came from his family. He married his true love; Annie C. Edney who was his devoted wife for more than 64 years.

Also surviving Harold, is his three sons; Harold James Edney Jr. (Linda) of King, North Carolina, Michael Wayne Edney (Bonnie) of Floyd and David Lee Edney Sr. (Angelica) of Draper. A daughter; Rachel Lynn Edney of Narrows.

Mr. Edney is also survived by grandchildren; Jeffrey East (Angelina), Jessica Wintringham (Tyler), Ashley Carroll (Wesley), Kimberly Newmark, Chad Edney, Heather Edney, Jerry Caldwell (Wendy), David Edney Jr. (Haley), John Thomas Edney (Fiance Kelsey Gaskins) and Katie Neidigh (Joey) plus 10 great grandchildren.

Harold also leaves to honor his memory two brothers and a sister; Raymond Jay Edney, Carl Daniel Edney and Geraldine Weeks. A host of nieces and nephews also survive Harold.

Visitation will be on Friday Night from 6:00 until 8:00 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home. A celebration of Harold's life will take place at Norris Stevens Funeral Home on Saturday, April 16, 2022 with Pastor Jerry Collins officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Highland Memory Gardens.

The Edney family is being cared for and served by the staff at Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Online condolences can be sent by visiting [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)



**ROBERT "BOB" PORTO**

Robert "Bob" Porto, age 64, passed away April 12, 2022, after a brave fight with esophageal cancer. He was born February 3, 1958, in Frankfurt, Germany, the first child of Emilio and Waltraut Harms Porto. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, qualifying as an expert marksman and serving in various other capacities at bases around the country. He worked many years as a draftsman, electronics technician, and in quality control. At the time of his illness, Bob was employed by Volvo Trucks, Inc.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Emilio and Irene Coyle Porto, and his mother, Waltraut Harms Hart.

Bob is survived by his children, Robert J. Porto, Jr. and Christina M. Porto, both of Cloverdale, California, two granddaughters, Alizabeth Porto and Liliana Porto, and one great granddaughter, Marceline Lewers. Also survived by his devoted side kick and caregiver, Laura Breeding McMahon, and five siblings; Jane Kemp and husband Worthington, of Welcome, Maryland; Edward Porto and wife, Natalie, of Fredericksburg, Va; Joseph Porto and wife, Nichelle, of Sterling, Va; Irene Johnson and husband, Nathan, of Centerton, Arkansas; Katharine Jackson, and husband, Nicholas, of Dumfries, Va; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was a fun-loving guy who loved life, worked hard, and served his country proudly.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, 2:00 PM, April 19, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Robbie Vance officiating. Interment will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, Virginia.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 1:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

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

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**NELLIE FRANCES STONE SUTPHIN**

Nellie Frances Stone Sutphin, age 83, of Dublin, VA passed away Thursday, April 7, 2022. She was born November 30, 1938 in Wythe County, daughter of the late Cloyd and Lessie Alley Dean.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Roy C. Stone; brother Charles Dean; sisters Betty Sue Sonner and Ruth Ann Dean; son-in-law John Edwards.

Nellie was a member of the International Pentecostal Church of Christ at Valley Road, Pulaski, VA.

Survivors include her son Wayne and Alisha Stone of Christiansburg, VA; three daughters Patsy Edwards, Rosa and Ricky Freeman all of Pulaski, Cinda Reynolds and fiancé James Lawson of Galax, VA; two sisters, Willie Sonner of Pulaski and Elsie Mae Quesenberry of Draper, VA; two brothers, Reverend Andrew and Roberta Dean of Austinville, VA and Reverend Billy and Janice Dean of Wytheville. 6 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many extended family and friends also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at Reese Funeral Home with the Reverend Mary Morris and Reverend Richard Wall officiating.

Burial followed the service at Bethany UMC Cemetery in Poplar Camp, VA.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at [www.highlandfuneralservice.com](http://www.highlandfuneralservice.com)

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**SUE ANTHONY BOPP**

Sue Anthony Bopp, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2022. Sue was born in Pulaski, Virginia to the late Carl Anthony Bopp and Dorothy Kitts Bopp.

She is survived by her dear devoted sister, Lynn Bopp White (Pood) and her husband, George of Georgetown, South Carolina and her brother, Charles Robert Bopp and wife, Kathy of Pulaski; niece and god daughter, Erin Craig (Eric) and Wyatt, Caroline and Anna Kate, McClellenville, South Carolina; niece, Rebecca Bopp and Nephew, Robert Bopp and wife, April of Pulaski and their children, Hannah, Luke and Allyson, and by dear, devoted, much-loved special friends and companions, Dr. Barbara V. Goodman and Kay and Jay Freeman.

Sue was very proud of her Radford University BS degree, as well as her Master's Degree in geology. While at Radford, she was a member of the Red Coats Equestrian Team. Her teaching career spanned 30 years, beginning at Sussex Central High School and

continuing at Colonial Heights High School where she was a dedicated and beloved teacher as reflected by comments from many former students who fondly shared with her how she positively influenced their lives and made them laugh.

Sue loved her connections to friends from her teacher's lunch group, her Radford cronies, former students, the Goodman family, Wendas, Janel, PC, and colleagues from her many part-time work venues (Thalimers, Ukrops/Martins and Cracker Barrel) where she was recognized by management and by customers, even long after she left each workplace, for going the extra mile with a smile.

At the top of her list for fun was traveling anywhere with her best friends Barbara and Kay where laughter was always present. Her kitchen was her domain and she loved cooking up Southern food delights – especially after getting a new recipe from The Food Channel or from one of her nearly 100 cookbooks. Her feistiness, tenacity, home-cooked meals, loyalty, dedication, sense of humor and infectious smile will be sorely missed.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the Colonial Heights Chapel of E. Alvin Small Funeral Homes and Crematory, 2033 Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA 23834.

Please consider donations to the Chesterfield Food Bank, 12211 Iron Bridge Road, Chester, VA 23831 or Chesterfield County Animal Services, 9300 Public Works Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

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**MARK WENDELL GRUBB**

Mark Wendell Grubb, 82 of Max Meadows, died Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Mark was a graduate of George Wythe High School, Johnson Bible College, and Lincoln Christian University. He served the Lord as a minister in Artemus, KY, Toledo, IL, and Richlands, WV. He also served as an interim minister with Dalton Hill Christian Church in Hillsville, VA. After ministering several years, he sold life insurance in Wythe and surrounding counties. Mark was preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Helen Arlene Johnston Grubb, and by one brother, Roger Mason Grubb of Hobart, IN.

Left to treasure his memory are his wife of 57 years, Charmaine Lindsey Paulson Grubb; siblings Herbert Warren Grubb of Austin, TX; Julian Brown Grubb of Beckley, WV; Lucy Grubb Mason of Birmingham, AL; Gerald Grubb of Nashville, TN and Mozelle Farmer of Leesburg, VA; three children; Denise Renee (& Cregg) Laws of Newton, NC, Anthony Mark Grubb of Max Meadows, and Michelle Charmaine (& Phillip) Parker of Christiansburg; seven grandchildren, and eleven nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sat-

urday, April 9, 2022 at Community Christian Church in Newbern, where he has remained an active member since 1974. Pastor Ritchie Goad officiated. The Grubb family hosted a graveside service for all to attend, at the Galilee Christian Church Cemetery in Wytheville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Johnson University 7900 Johnson Drive Knoxville, TN 37998.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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### RICHARD LAMONT SMITH

Richard Lamont Smith, age 43 of Pulaski, departed this life on April 12, 2022 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. He was born in Radford on October 12, 1978, and is the son of Terressa Ann Pearson Smith and Richard Lamont Hickman. Richard attended the United Holiness Church in Pulaski, and loved his music, family, and especially his mother.

Richard is survived by his loving mother and best friend: Terressa Ann Pearson Smith of Pulaski: his father; Richard Lamont Hickman of Pulaski: two brothers; Marcus T. Hickman of Pulaski, and Tevin (Heather) Mattox of Stuarts Draft: two sisters; Tonya D. Smith of Statesville, NC, and Ieshia D. (Moses) Hickman of Richmond: Uncles; Michael Hickman, David Hickman, E.D. Smith, Christopher Smith, Leon Smith, Andre Relford, Mickey Hickman, grandparents; Doris Smith, David and Clara Hickman: great-grandparent; Margaret Webb all of Pulaski; great uncles; Neil Thompson, and Troy Ruff: aunts; Marva Hickman, Johann Relford: great aunt; Victoria Ruff: special cousins: Angela Plummer, Victoria Ruff, II, Roberto Ruff and Koko. Homegoing Celebration for Richard will be held, Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 12 noon in the chapel of Seagle Funeral Home, with the Rev. Doug Patterson officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon.

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### WILLIAM “BILL” COLUMBIA BYRD, SR.

William “Bill” Columbia Byrd, Sr., son of the late James Osborne Byrd and Mary Rosetta Clark Byrd was greeted in heaven by his Savior, Jesus Christ and his many loved ones on Wednesday, April 06, 2022.

In addition to his parents William was predeceased by his twin brother, James Roby Byrd and his youngest brother, Ronald Allen Byrd as well as his granddaughter, Susan Diane Whitt Dickerson and granddaughter-in-law, Pamela Cox Whitt.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ruth “Marie” Combs Byrd, daughter Ruth “Diane” Byrd Whitt and husband Calvin “Cabby” Curtis Whitt, son William “Bill” Columbia Byrd, JR and wife Jill Byrd. Also survived by grandchildren, Curtis (Candy) Whitt, Craig Whitt, Robbie (Angie) Whitt, Krystal D. Whitt, Mandy (Daniel) Watson, Misty (Brian) Chadwick, and Michelle (Jimmy) Kiyimba. He is also survived by 21 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Bill was a Certified Master Electrician and many homes and businesses in the New River Valley carry the stamp of his excellent workmanship. He was employed by Virginia Maid, Executive Director of Maintenance ( Playtex International) for 25 years and Harlan -Sprague in maintenance for 18 years.

Graveside services were held for immediate family on Sunday, April 10, 2022. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center for their living kindness and compassion.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700.

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**JOY ALICE MILLER TIBBS**  
Joy Alice Miller Tibbs, age 58 of Bland, died Monday, April 11, 2022 at Carrington Place in Wytheville.

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## Bristol man dies in Wythe Co. crash

At 12:23 a.m. on Wednesday (April 13), Virginia State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on northbound I-81 near the 60 mile-marker.

A 1995 Volvo tractor-trailer was traveling north on I-81 when it ran off the left side of the road, struck an embankment and overturned.

The driver, Gerald R. Camper, Jr., 40, of Bristol, Tenn., died at the scene. He was wearing a seat-belt.

The crash remains under investigation.

### Drive-thru COVID testing set for PCHS April 19

Pulaski County Public Schools will host a drive-thru COVID testing station from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pulaski County High School bus loop on Tuesday, April 19.

This is a part of the voluntary VISTA Testing program offered by the school system and the Virginia Department of Health, and is open to all students, faculty and staff. Those wishing to be tested can register online or at the testing station at the time of testing.

For more information, contact Richard Thomas at [rthomas@pcva.us](mailto:rthomas@pcva.us).

# Painting for Peace event set for April 23, 24 at Dublin Baptist

Painting for Peace paint night, Saturday, April 23rd from 3:00pm - 6:00pm and again on Sunday, April 24th from 3:00pm - 6:00pm, will be held at Dublin Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The two paint nights, in person and livestreaming, will allow individuals to paint their version of Van Gogh’s famous Sunflower and Starry Starry Night masterpieces. The event and materials are free to those attending in person. Local businesses are donating supplies for the evening paint sessions, product giveaways and local gift certificates. Also, businesses and local artists are providing some big-ticket items


for a silent auction. <https://fb.me/e/1DkaLgv6d>.

The fundraiser “Voices of Children” is sponsored by Lake-wood Getaways on Claytor Lake. The Voices of Children non-profit provides direct aid, art therapy and psychological services to children impacted by the war in Ukraine. All are invited to participate in this event to raise money for the children in Ukraine.

Here is the church’s link for the paint night details. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=387494183383436&set=a.384669216999266>


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# Biden Cannot Shirk Blame for High Energy Prices

On April 6, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Gouged at the Gas Station:



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Big Oil and America's Pain at the Pump."

This was the latest venue for an exercise of political theater. The

majority called as witnesses executives from the oil and gas industry. It should be noted that Democrats convened their hearing on April 6 to berate oil and gas companies for not meeting current demand, but last October in a Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing they berated oil and gas companies for producing too much!

As the Republican Leader of the Subcommittee, I was ready to correct the record, and so were my Republican colleagues.

I noted in my opening remarks that President Biden entered office with American production providing a reliable, affordable, and secure domestic energy supply. His actions from day one sought to undercut American production. Those efforts are being felt in high prices, but the Biden Administration's efforts to respond expose its fundamental misunderstanding of the energy industry's operations. A temporary green light to produce oil from the Biden administration will not undo the layers of red tape and aggressive anti-fossil fuel policies driving gas prices to new highs.

Congressman Steve Scalise (R-LA), the Republican Whip, a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and a representative of a major energy-producing state, came prepared with comments from Joe Biden before he won the presidency which showed his intentions: "No more drilling on federal lands. No more drilling including offshore. No ability for the oil industry to continue to drill. Period. Ends."

Congressman Kelly Armstrong (R-ND), another member of the Committee and representative of a major energy-producing state, supplied even more of then-candidate Biden's declarations regarding energy. In 2019, when asked if there would be a place for fossil fuels in his Administration, Joe Biden said, "We would make sure it's eliminated."

In January 2020, when asked about stopping new pipeline infrastructure, the candidate said, "Yes, yes." In February 2020, he said, "We are going to get rid of fossil fuels."

Congressman Armstrong went on to point out that even after gas prices had risen by a dollar and Russia had invaded Ukraine, congressional Democrats introduced a bill imposing a major new tax on oil production, and President Biden's budget proposed raising taxes on domestic energy production by \$45 billion.

Anybody who reads this column will be familiar with what happened when President Biden took office: he sought to make good on these pledges immediately by canceling the Keystone XL pipeline, issuing a moratorium on new leases for drilling on federal lands, and more.

The war on domestic production was carried out on other fronts as well.

Energy-related regulations at the federal level are most associated with agencies such as the Departments of Energy and the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency. President Biden has sought to use financial regulators for the same work.

His Securities and Exchange Commission has rolled out proposals to impose onerous disclosures on finances related to energy. A nominee he picked for the Federal Reserve, former Obama official Sarah Bloom Raskin, had a history of pushing for the same agenda, which ultimately sank her nomination when even some Senate Democrats balked.

Congressman Dan Crenshaw (R-TX) noted that achieving the unrealistic electric vehicle goals of the Biden Administration meant to decrease dependence on gasoline would require an increase in mining of lithium by 2,000%, indium by 8,000%, and cobalt by 300-800%. Meeting such demands would have to be done overseas. We do not possess sufficient domestic sources of all of these elements, and the Administration is hostile to domestic mining anyway.

I believe our efforts in the Oversight and Investigations hearing demonstrated where the blame for high gas prices lies, and it is not primarily with the energy industry. It is with the Biden Administration.

If I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee in the next Congress, I would use our oversight responsibilities to hold the Biden Administration and officials in the executive branch, such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, accountable for their performance in office. The matters in our jurisdiction are too serious to let the executive branch escape scrutiny.

# The Infernal Revenue

This week is considered the most holy season for Jewish believers (Passover), and for Christians who worship Jesus as the Messiah (Easter or Resurrection Sunday).

It is also "tax season" where Americans struggle to comply with the thousands of IRS regulations and "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's" by the dreaded April 15th deadline – extended this year to April 18.

The very term IRS can cause the honest taxpayer to tremble in fear.

Tax season was one of the few times my parents had arguments. My Dad used to refer to the IRS as the Infernal Revenue – a title aptly attributed by a citizenry being squeezed financially with increased taxes, 8.5 percent inflation, unemployment, and COVID lockdowns. Preparing the long-form tax return demands hours of one's personal time to complete and undoubtedly increases the sales of anti-acid and anati-stress medications.

But have you ever wondered where the IRS came from? If you revere President Abraham Lincoln, you may be disappointed to know it was under his administration that the IRS came into being. After the Civil War, Con-

# One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

gress and Lincoln created the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue in 1862 and imposed an income tax to pay war expenses. Even though the income tax was repealed 10-years later, Congress couldn't let go of the opportunity to garner more money and revived the tax in 1894. Thank goodness their Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional in 1895.

However, in 1913 the 16th Amendment was approved which gave Congress the authority to enact an income tax – and Form 1040 was born. Congress levied a 1 percent tax on net personal incomes above \$3,000 with a 6-percent surtax on incomes over \$500,000.

During WWI the top income tax

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# Thomas is better than his critics

Clarence Thomas is, by far, our most abused Supreme Court justice.

His confirmation hearings in 1991 were, as he memorably put it, a high-tech lynching. Once on the Court, he was allegedly incapable of thinking for himself and was Antonin Scalia's "lawn jockey," as *Emerge* magazine shamefully put it. He rarely participated in oral arguments, supposedly because, in the words of an attorney at the Georgetown Law Center, he "either does not care about the cases or can't compete intellectually with his colleagues."

Your sensitivity meter doesn't have to be in overdrive to detect the racial condescension in these depictions of Thomas. Fair-minded legal analysts long ago abandoned this slighting view and have acknowledged the originality, knowledge and influence of Thomas's work. But here come the media and the Democrats to tell us that his intellectually courageous jurisprudence is all about serving the narrow interests of his political activist wife, Ginni.

In the aftermath of the 2020 election, she sent hair-on-fire texts to then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows urging him to fight what she believed was a stolen election. This proves, we are told, that Clarence Thomas' work on the Court is corrupt, and he either has to recuse himself from election-or Jan. 6-related cases or be impeached.

The recusal is absurd. Ginni Thomas wasn't party to any election-related litigation. She didn't write an amicus brief in any of the litigation. She didn't even give Meadows any legal advice, besides to keep Sidney Powell front and center (a bad idea that wasn't acted on).

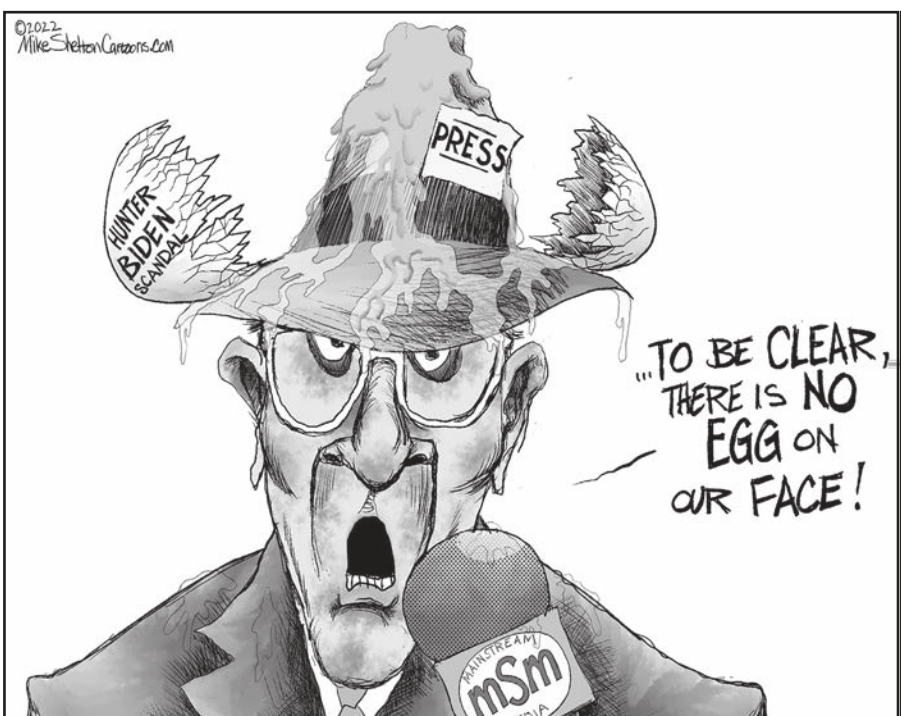
Ultimately, Ginni Thomas didn't have any more or any less interest in election-related litigation than any other Republican who believed Trump's claims of fraud, and there were countless millions of them.

Critics of Thomas point out that he dissented when the Court turned away a meritless challenge by the state of Texas of election practices in other states. Yes, but the dissent reflected Thomas' well-considered view that the Court shouldn't summarily dismiss so-called original jurisdiction cases, and he was joined by Justice Samuel Alito, who shares his view. Both Thomas and Alito also dissented when the Court turned away a suit filed by Nebraska and Oklahoma to prevent Colorado from legalizing marijuana, and in another such case, *Arizona v. California*.

Thomas dissented, too, from the Court's rejection of Trump's emergency application to block the release of White House records regarding Jan. 6. In this, Thomas was alone. We can't know his reasoning because he didn't explain himself. Thomas has a robust view of presidential power, though, and it's not unusual for him to go his own way.

In the 2020-21 term, Thomas authored more concurrences and

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# Parents rights: Round 2

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

The battle over whether parents, or public schools and elites should decide what goes into the minds and souls of students has entered a second stage.

The Washington Timesreports LGBTQ activist groups are complaining about parents who object to children as young as five being taught gender issues and reading books that contain profanities and anti-police messages.

Deborah Caldwell-Stone, who directs the disingenuously named Office of Intellectual Freedom for the American Library Association (ALA), is quoted by the newspaper as saying, "A parent or group should not have the right to restrict through government action what another parent's child may choose to read." That will come as a surprise to many parents who have a right to believe their child's school lunch will not contain harmful substances, as well as the right to keep their kids from having a secular-progressive political agenda tainting their minds.

Caldwell-Stone has it backward. It is not the conservative and religious parents who have stirred up this hornet's test. It's the left-wing secularists who are indoctrinating children and stealing their innocence. I suspect many parents want teachers to stick to traditional subjects. Parents can teach whatever they wish to their kids at home. The public schools should focus on catching up to China on subjects like science and math, as well as teach the full breadth of American history.

Caldwell-Stone apparently missed the significance of last November's election in Virginia, which saw Gov. Glenn Youngkin ride to victory, largely on the issue of parental rights. Last week, Youngkin signed into law a measure that requires the state's schools to notify parents if their children are assigned books or other materials with sexually explicit content.

In New Jersey, educators are taking the opposite approach. According to the New

York Post, first graders will learn in sex education classes "gender, gender identity, and gender role stereotypes" from a film called "Pink, Blue and Purple." Let's see how long it will be before New Jersey parents follow those in Virginia and show up at school board meetings, demanding the right to protect their children from what the education establishment and left-wing activists want to impose on them.

How is it that parents are encouraged to exercise parental control over their child's computer and movie choices (there are apps and icons for this), but when it comes to their schooling they are told to butt-out?

I doubt cries of "censorship" from the ALA will have the impact it did in the 1980s when the organization made similar claims about intellectual freedom over sexually suggestive books some wanted banned from libraries.

Few, if any, issues rank higher for parents than the well-being of their children. It is why school choice is an option in growing numbers of states. According to the website edchoice.org, "There are 76 educational choice programs ... in 32 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico." The one thing elected officials fear most is when voters start paying attention to what they are doing.

For parents who live in states that don't offer the school choice option they should, if possible, pull their kids out and put them in private schools, or home school them.

If private or home schooling are not feasible, parents can start showing up at school board meetings and demand their rights to be the primary educators of their children and the ultimate determinators when it comes to what they learn. Showing up and protesting at school board meetings worked in Virginia.

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# Virginia Democrats offer alternative gas tax relief plan

By Tyler Arnold

(The Center Square) – Virginia House Democrats announced a plan that would send monetary relief directly to vehicle owners to alleviate the burden of higher gasoline prices, which is an alternative to Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s plan to reduce the gas tax. The plan would give \$50 to every vehicle owner, with a maximum of \$100 per household. House Democrats plan to introduce their proposal as a substitute to Youngkin’s plan, which is currently being considered by the House Finance Committee. Youngkin’s plan would fully suspend the state’s gasoline tax for three months, which is 26.2 cents per gallon.

“Gov. Youngkin’s plan is riddled with holes that will do lasting harm to Virginia and the people who live here,” Democratic Caucus Chair Charniele Herring, D-Alexandria, said in a statement. “Over the past three months, he has repeatedly demonstrated that he has no understanding of the legislative process or respect for legislators and never has that been more clear than in his handling of this misguided and ill-conceived plan.” The governor initially proposed legislation that would lower the gas tax from 26.2

cents per gallon to 21.2 cents per gallon until July 1, 2023, which would have been a suspension of the most recent gas tax increase. After failing to get support from Senate Democrats, he proposed his second plan to grant a three-month gas tax holiday from the beginning of May through the end of July. Under this plan, the tax would be gradually reintroduced throughout the following two months. This would cost the state about \$437 million in revenue.

According to the governor’s office, the commonwealth could afford the tax holiday because

## Christiansburg man charged after crash in Dublin on April 1

On April 1, 2022 around 7 p.m., Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office along with Pulaski County Public Safety responded to the area of Alexander Rd. and Cleburne Blvd. in reference to a motor vehicle crash.

After investigation it was determined by Deputy T.G. Martin that the driver of the vehicle, Mark James Taylor, 33 of Christiansburg, had ran off the roadway

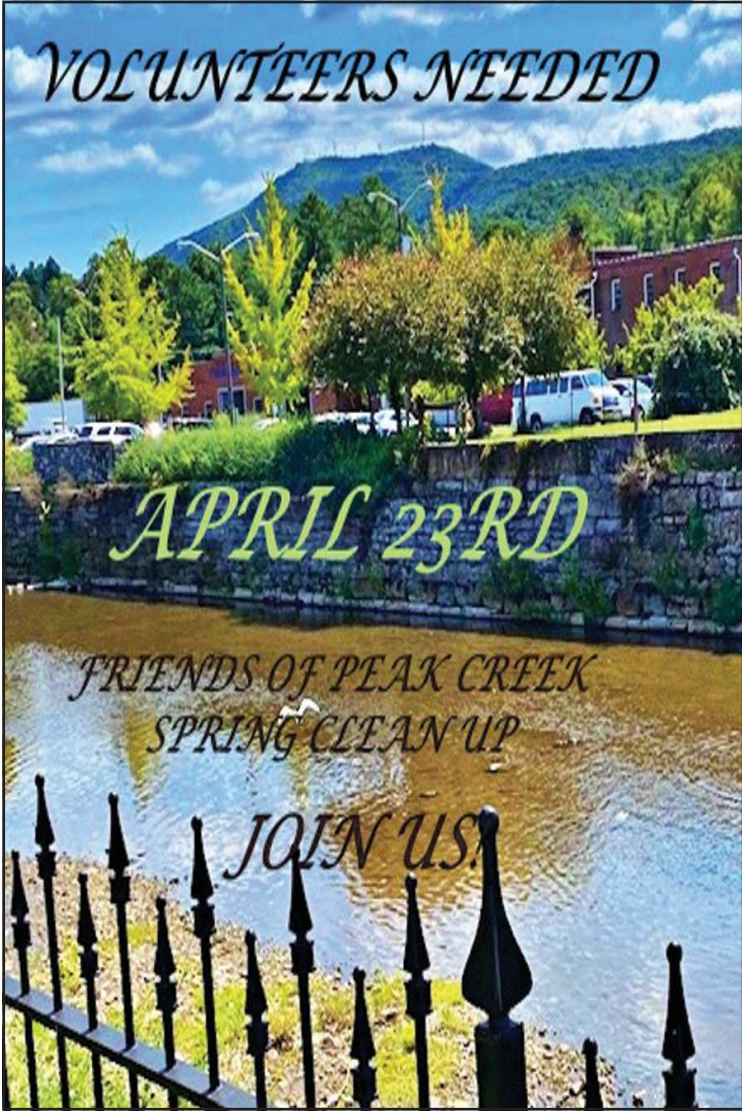
and crashed his vehicle due to intoxication from drugs and alcohol. Taylor’s daughter, who was in the vehicle at the time of the crash was uninjured. Taylor has been charged with DUID and Felony Child Endangerment.

**Captain  
Lucas A. Nester  
Pulaski County  
Sheriff’s Office**

a statement. “House Democrats have stepped up to fill this void in leadership by offering a plan that benefits Virginia consumers directly at a fraction of the cost to the Commonwealth.”

Lawmakers began their special session on April 4 to reach a com-

promise on the state budget and address different tax plans. The Republican plan included broader tax cuts than the Democratic plan. Lawmakers have already entered a joint conference committee to reach a deal on the state budget, but those negotiations are ongoing.



### FOPC Spring Cleanup

Coming up is the Friends of Peak Creek Spring Clean-up, on April 23rd. We will be meeting at the 1st Street Parking lot behind the Dalton Building across the street from Thompson Tire. The time is 10:00 A.M. til 1:00 P.M. After a short safety briefing, teams will be assigned to areas to be cleaned. Volunteers are asked to wear long pants, long sleeves, closed toe shoes. Gloves, safety vests, and bags will be provided. Water and snacks will be available to the volunteers.



## Nation

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rate rose to 77 percent to help finance the war. A few years later, it dropped to 24 percent, but the rate rose again during the Depression. And during WWII, Congress in all its wisdom, introduced payroll withholding tax payments. “In the US, the Congress passes tax laws and requires taxpayers to comply. The taxpayer’s role is to understand and meet his or her tax obligations. The IRS role is to help the large majority of compliant taxpayers with the tax law, while ensuring that the minority who are unwilling to comply pay their fair share.” Over the decades, the IRS has undergone several reorganizations and now includes a Mission Statement which can be read on IRS.gov: “Provide America’s taxpayers top quality service by helping them understand and meet their tax

responsibilities and enforce the law with integrity and fairness to all.”

This makes me wonder... just how many regulations are there that we taxpayers have to comply with? Well, according to Taxfoundation.org, there are over 1-million words and 2,652 pages in the two-volume tax code. To put that into prospective, the KJV Bible contains 788,280 words and the novel War and Peace has 560,000 words. Oh, and by the way, the National Taxpayer Advocate noted that the tax code has changed 4,680 times from 2001 to 2012.

On May 20, 2021, Joe Biden proposed hiring 86,852 new IRS agents over the next 10 years. This will double the current IRS workforce. The proposal from the U.S. Department of Treasury also includes

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dissents than any other justice, including more solo concurrences and solo dissents. As Nina Totenberg of NPR put it not too long ago, in a passage dripping with disapproval, “He is the only justice willing to allow states to establish an official religion; the only justice who believes teenagers have no free speech rights at all; the only justice who believes that it’s unconstitutional to require campaign funders to disclose their identity; he’s the only justice who voted to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act; and the only justice to say that the court should invalidate a wide range of laws regulating business conduct and working conditions.”

But we are supposed to believe that his unexplained sole dissent in the Trump records case must be corrupt.

A while ago, the respected Supreme Court watcher Tom Goldstein wrote that if “the measure of a Justice’s greatness is his contribution of new and thoughtful perspectives that enlarge the debate, then Justice Thomas is now our greatest Justice.” At the end of the day, this latest controversy won’t dent Thomas’ formidable reputation as a jurist, but it’s another mark against his perfervid critics who have no decency or scruple.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**





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# Veterans

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just check in on each other to see if anybody needs help ... to see how everybody's going."

Though most everyone at these gatherings come from military backgrounds, their position in the military hierarchy is rarely discussed.

"We never bring rank up," said Tiny, a veteran of the Air Force. "I don't know if these guys are enlisted or officers. I don't care. We're out of the service but we respect each other. We've been there."

"Here's the vision of what we're supposed to do here," said Veggeberg. "Everybody comes here and they hang out they drink a beer or drink a coke and share a meal. So, people come and go as they feel and we sit around and break bread. After seeing people two or three times, people exchange numbers and you hope that if somebody is in a dark place, and times are tough, they know they can at least call someone who understands their experience."

"Like Ted said, it's about breaking bread, building a relationship and then they feel comfortable," added fellow Marine, Brian Stanford. "But then it goes way beyond the comfort level and you literally have to ask, 'Are you thinking of hurting yourself?' That's a tough question to ask."

These veterans have had direct experiences in regards to individuals taking their own lives.

"I'll bet everyone in this room has ... yeah, I guarantee it," said Veggeberg. "It touches everybody, unfortunately. I had a very good friend of mine from the Naval Academy who took his life when he was stationed in Germany. He's not the only one. The Marines that I served with, who served under me when I was in ..."

Veggeberg paused for a moment before continuing.

"It's an important cause," he continued. "It gives us something to sink our teeth into and it's needed. We're not therapists. We'll refer them to somebody who is an expert but the idea is that sometimes people want to speak to someone who understands their experience and not necessarily someone who's a clinically trained counselor or psychologist."

"I've thought about suicide three times," Tiny admitted. "That's since I've gotten out of the military. In the military I've seen death and it comes back to you all the time. With PTSD (Post

Traumatic Stress Disorder), when you go to sleep at night, you have all of these images. If anybody who has been in the service says they never thought about suicide or had an inkling in their mind about it, they're lying to you."

Tiny has had a total of 13 operations in his lifetime and has fallen into a coma during surgery on at least three occasions. He has a minor hernia surgery scheduled for April.

"It's a simple surgery but with my history, I'm scared to death," Tiny confided. "I let these guys here know about it and let them know to keep an eye on me. I about lost it. I wouldn't talk to anybody about this except these guys and after coming here, I feel better. I've been here six months now. It's probably one of the best things I've done."

So why do so many veterans feel compelled to end their lives?

"I think that some of it is PTSD related," said Veggeberg. "I don't think you can ignore that. I also think that we label a lot of things PTSD that may not be PTSD. There's a remarkable transformation that occurs when you transition out of the military. I did 26 years. For 26 years, I knew what to do. I knew when to do it. I knew how to do it and I knew that what I was doing was important ... like really important ... like people could die if I didn't do it right."

"Then you get out and you don't have that anymore," Veggeberg continued. "And now you're just like, 'I used to be somebody. I used to do something that was really important. I had a purpose. What the hell do I do with my life now?' And that's a question that not everyone's really capable of answering. Unfortunately, people slap the label PTSD on them. That's not PTSD. That's just somebody who really had a purpose and believed in what they were doing and now they don't do it anymore."

Loneliness, especially for older vets, and financial problems are also recognized as being major causes of suicide. Every meeting of Buddy Check 22 features a speaker where these and other topics are addressed.

"The networking piece is really useful," said Stanford. "We had a guy from the Virginia Employment Commission to come and talk about who he is and what he does. We actually had a group come in from Virginia Tech and teach a QPR (Question, Persuade and Review) class. So those connections are important."

Brian Stanford was giving the presentation for the February meeting of Buddy Check 22.

"I'm going to talk about how we



William Paine/For The Patriot

This lively group of military vets and their spouses Macado's meet every month to dine and check on each other's well-being.



William Paine/For The Patriot

Ted Veggeberg expanded the Buddy Check 22 movement to include face to face gatherings in 2016. He is pictured here with his wife Heather and fellow Marine Brian Standford, who gave the presentation for that evening's gathering. From left: Brian Stanford, Ted Veggeberg and Heather Veggeberg.

haven't quite gotten back in the groove yet because of COVID," said Stanford of his upcoming 10-minute talk. "Tonight, I'm going to talk about the signs of suicide that we might be missing. Like when somebody says 'I'm good.' You might want to follow that up with 'Define good for me' and that will trigger the other person to tell you about his issues."

"I don't know about you guys, but I was extensively taught about presence of mind in the military ... being aware of your surround-

ings," added another member of the gathering named Keith Covey. "You can tell when something isn't exactly right and you just go over and say, 'Hey what's going on? What are you so jacked up about?'"

Since the group was formed in 2016 as a way of providing face to face meetings between veterans, it has grown in number. The group became so large that they split Buddy Check 22 into two groups. Those living in the Christiansburg area regularly meet at Mission BBQ. A third chapter of Buddy Check 22 formed in the Roanoke Valley and currently meets at Macado's in Vinton. According to Brian Stanford, these establishments have welcomed the vets with open arms.

"A big piece of this is finding a place like Macado's to partner with you," said Stanford. "So, for Macado's to come in and say we'll give you 50% off your meals, that's a big buy in."

"Our Commandant, Harry Patterson, and I are going to the Ma-

rine Corps League National Headquarters convention on Thursday and I'm going to be talking about replicating this," said Veggeberg. "Not because we're great. We're not great. We're just regular but when it gets so big one grows to three, that's saying something."

Feelings of despair can affect anyone. Even the war hero turned movie star Audie Murphy wasn't immune from what was referred to as Shell Shock in WWI and is now called Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD).

"Audie Murphy had PTSD extremely bad," said Dana Jackson. "He actually did what he could to call attention to it."


Members of the Marine Corps began hosting these gatherings several years back strictly for vets but recently members of Buddy Check 22 have made an effort to include civilian first responders who have had similar traumatic experiences that may be affecting their well-being in negative way.

Whatever the reason for wanting to do harm to oneself, Buddy Check 22 is there to help and individuals have most definitely benefited from these meetings.

"Twice since I formed this group people have come up to me and said, 'I would not be here if it wasn't for the Buddy Check,'" said Ted Veggeberg.

A gathering of Buddy Check 22 occurs on the 22nd of every month and all are welcome. The next meeting begins at 6 p.m. this coming Friday, April 22 at Macado's in Radford, Mission BBQ in Christiansburg and Macado's in Vinton.

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# Pulaski P.D. offering self defense classes

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

According to Sonia Ramsey, Community Resource Specialist for the Town of Pulaski Police Department, two important free classes will be held to benefit area citizens during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 24 – 30.

The classes are open to all residents regardless of age, sex, physical ability or social status. National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a project of the U.S. Dept of Justice – Office of Justice Program. <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/national-crime-victims-rights-week/overview>

This year's theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all; and honoring the professionals who serve them.

A Self-Defense (Abduction Prevention, Escape & Evasion) class will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00am – 1:30pm at the Central Gym in Pulaski. This class will be taught by Jeffery Walke and his associates from SCM Selfpreservation, LLC, who have served the NRV and S.W. Virginia for over 21 years.

Walke says his organization is a full-service personal protection school specializing in abduction prevention, escape and evasion training. He and his associates prepare students from concealed carry to active shooter deterrence training and defense. Corporations, churches and businesses have used his services for security consulting and training. He also holds classes for teens and young adults - a must for today's environment. Their website is: <https://scmselfpreservation.simdif.com/> and his phone number is (540)577-3953

After Ramsey's Community Survey from October 2021 showed people were interested in this type of class, the Pulaski Police Dept. has been searching for a time and place to hold it. When the Commonwealth Attorney asked them to participate in Crime Victims' Rights Week, it seemed like the appropriate activity.

Ramsey wants people to know that this class is not emphasizing how to flip people around, rather how to avoid abduction, or get out of restraints if abducted. Everyone can come and learn regardless of any preconceived ideas that it is just for young or athletic people.

Water and light snacks will be provided during the training.

Registration is required to ensure the appropriate amount of trainers will be available. Register online at: <https://forms.gle/i73GPYfppeoe4B957> or scan the QR code from posters. Also, registration requests can be sent to Sonia Ramsey at: [sramsey@pulaskitown.org](mailto:sramsey@pulaskitown.org)

The second class is ACJS Active Civilian Response and Casualty Care program, which

was also requested on the Community Survey. This free-of-charge class prepares civilians who wonder what to do in case they find themselves as an immediate responder. It teaches and empowers citizens to become "immediate responders" who do what they can, where they are, with what they have to work with until "First Responders" arrive.

This class will be held on April 30 in the Pulaski Theater during two sessions. One session is from 8:00am – 12:00pm and repeated from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. (The theater has been doing an empowerment series – things the public might want to know about – utilizing multiple professionals from as far as Richmond.) Ramsey explained, "Often, people don't know how to help each other in an emergency or active attack situation. This course uses the basics of Avoid, Deny, and Defend to teach against an active attack, and also to provide life-saving medical aid to the injured from Stop the Bleed campaign."

During the first two-hours of the class, the participants are instructed by trainers, video, photos; basically what you need to do, how to react if involved in the scene. The second two-hours of the class are hands-on medical training on how to do CPR, how to apply a tourniquet, what to do for a person in shock, etc.


"Right now, there is an active situation happening in a New York subway where five people have been killed. People think that type of violence doesn't happen in our community, but we've had active events in the NRV. Several years ago, there was a shooting in the Fairlawn Walmart; one at a doctor's office in Christiansburg; recently, a child was kidnapped from a local church; and everyone remembers the shootings on the Virginia Tech campus.

"Even if it doesn't happen in your hometown, you could be visiting somewhere and thrust into a situation. Anyplace there is a crowd there is a potential for an active attack. These classes provide a great way to be prepared," commented Ramsey. Adding, "the instructors are very passionate about what they are teaching and their mission to help train immediate responders."

Bottled water will be provided in the class, but some local restaurants will offer a discount for people attending this ACJS Active Civilian Response and Casualty Care class. At this writing, Max on Main is offering a 20 percent discount for those attending this class.

Although the class is free of charge, participants need to pre-register to keep an accurate head-count for volunteers to effectively teach. Participants can register through the DCJS website or contact Sonia Ramsey. Visit: [www.dcjs.virginia.gov](http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov) Click on "Upcoming Events" and choose one in your area.

Sonia Ramsey can be reached at: [sramsey@pulaskitown.org](mailto:sramsey@pulaskitown.org)



## SELF-DEFENSE

### Abduction Prevention, Escape & Evasion

## CLASS DETAILS


Saturday, April 23 2022

9:00 am - 1:30 (approx. end time)


Central Gym

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These courses are provided free of cost by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Please note that the course is proprietary and the PowerPoint slides will not be distributed for use outside of the training session.

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## Friends of the Pulaski County Library to host membership luncheon April 26

As the same with most groups and organizations, The Friends have not been able to conduct business as usual for the last 2 years. We are hoping to get reorganized and get back to business as usual supporting the library system, our community and serving the public with our book sales and programs.

On Tuesday, April 26th at noon we will be hosting a membership luncheon to welcome old members and recruit new ones.

The event will be held at the Pulaski Library and our guest speaker will be Peggy White from the Pulaski County Tourism Department.

This is a new department in the

county and she will be speaking about how it benefits the county, as well as groups and organizations, including the Friends.

The lunch will be catered by Lindy's Good Foods. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

Dues for the Friends are very affordable: for Individuals - \$12.50, Families - \$15.00, Businesses - \$25.00 and Senior Citizens - \$10.00.

Please RSVP to President of the Friends, Rhonda Whitehurst, at [rhondawhitehurst@gmail.com](mailto:rhondawhitehurst@gmail.com) or 540-239-4882 by Friday, April 22. Dues can be mailed to the Friends of the Library, 60 Third Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24324 or

paid the day of the event.

The next book sale will be Friday, April 6th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. If you have books you would like to donate to the Friends, please contact Lance Hudnall at [jhudnall@lumos.net](mailto:jhudnall@lumos.net) or 276-728-4626.



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## Lady Cougars Basketball Recognized

Members of the Pulaski County High School Lady Cougar basketball team were recognized for their accomplishments at the Tuesday, April 12, meeting of the Pulaski County School Board. The team has made it to the VHSL State Playoffs each of the past four seasons, earned the River Ridge District championship the past two seasons, were Region 4 Champions the past three seasons, and were 4A State runners-up two of those seasons. This season they finished with a record of 24-4. Recognized Tuesday were Ally Fleenor, Courtney Cregger, Erin Russell, Hailey Capps, Hannah Keefer, Jaden Lawson, Keslyn Secrist, Morgan Vest, Taryn Blankenship, Tori Vest, Paige Huff, Andi Ratcliff, Caroline Bishop, and Reese Nolan. The Lady Cougars are coached by Head Coach Scott Ratcliff and assistant coaches Shawn Lawson, Rick Secrist and Jennifer Ratcliff.

## Roth returns as VT's play-by-play voice

Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech Athletics and LEARFIELD, the Hokies' multimedia rights partner, announced Friday the return of Bill Roth as the play-by-play announcer for Virginia Tech Football, a role he previously held for 27 seasons.

The longtime Virginia Tech broadcaster makes his way back to Blacksburg to help usher in the next era of Tech football under the direction of head coach Brent Pry. In addition to returning to the booth in Lane Stadium, Roth will continue serving as a professor of practice in the School of Communication where he helped launch the rapidly growing Sports Media and Analytics program.

Also, Roth will remain a part of ESPN's college football broadcasting team calling games during Tech open dates, along with mid-week and postseason games.

"What an exciting time to return to the Hokies," Roth pointed out. "We've got so many stories to tell and memories to make for Tech fans of all generations. There's so much positive momentum around Virginia Tech Athletics right now under the leadership of Whit Bab-



Hokiesports.com

Virginia Tech's broadcast team of Mike Burnop (left) and Bill Roth.

cock and his staff. It's just awesome to be a part of it again as we kick-off the Brent Pry era."

A familiar voice to Tech fans, Roth served as the "Voice of the Hokies" from 1988-2015 working with both football and men's basketball. Now, he will solely focus on football.

"Having Bill Roth return as the play-by-play voice of Virginia Tech Football should be a seamless fit for someone whose heart has really never left Blacksburg," Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock said. "Bill has been responsible for some of the most iconic radio calls in Hokies history and we all look forward to hearing him describe more memorable moments along with his longtime partner, Mike Burnop.

Both Coach Pry and I greatly appreciate Bill's depth of knowledge on all things Hokies, as well as his colorful storytelling skills. Welcome back, Bill!"

"Bill Roth is a Hokie, and we're excited to have him back to call football and to host a new podcast we know fans will love," said Kyrle Pilling, general manager for

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## Greever hurls shutout for Lady Cougars

Patriot Staff Report

Laken Greever didn't allow a single run against Carroll County, throwing a complete game shutout and leading Pulaski County's Lady Cougars to a 1-0 victory on Monday in Hillsville.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Greever struck out 12, while Emma Leath sat down 14 for the Lady Cavs.

Pulaski County got things started in the second inning when an error allowed Emily Webb to eventually score the game's only run for the Lady Cougars.

One bright spot for Carroll County was a single by Eliza Wood in the fourth inning.

Both Greever and Leath threw complete games. Greever allowed only three hits and two walks in the game, while Leath allowed four hits and one walk.

Webb led the Lady Cougars Varsity with two hits in three at bats.

The win raised the Lady Cougars' record to 7-2.

Pulaski County goes on the road again on Wednesday when they travel to Abingdon to play the Lady Falcons at 6:30 p.m.

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## PCHS falls to Cave, 8-1

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's Lady Cougars watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in an 8-1 loss to Cave Spring on Friday.

The loss dropped the Lady Cougars to 6-2 on the season.

Cave Spring scored on a single by Lexi Bennett, a triple by Ella Bishop, a groundout by Kylie Cundiff, and a home run by Tristyn ToFano in their six-run second inning.

Pulaski County scored their lone run in the game in the top half of the second when Emily Webb reached and scored on Laken Greever's RBI double.

Greever was in the circle for the Lady Cougars to start the game and the righthander went five innings, allowing eight runs on 11 hits, striking out five and walking three. Morgan Vest threw one inning in relief.

Greever led the Lady Cougars with two hits in three at bats.

Cundiff got the win for the Lady Knights, throwing a complete game. She allowed five hits, walked two and struck out 7.

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# Roth

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Virginia Tech Sports Properties, LEARFIELD’s local team dedicated to serving the Hokies. “We appreciate Whit and the entire athletics administration collaborating with us on the process regarding Bill’s return, and we look forward to officially kicking off the season with next Saturday’s Spring Game.”

Roth brings a great appreciation for the history and tradition of Virginia Tech from his first stint in Blacksburg. He was the voice of the football program’s rise from independent, to the BIG EAST and then to the ACC, calling some of the Hokies’ top moments in program history along the way.

In 2016, the 11-time Virginia Sportscaster of the Year helped found Sports Media and Analytics as a concentration within Virginia Tech’s School of Communication. In December 2019, the program was elevated to a major.

“This is a special place for me,” Roth acknowledged. “This stadium. This campus. This community. As a broadcaster and now as an instructor, I’ve seen how Virginia Tech impacts the lives of its students and student-athletes. It’s just a remarkable place with truly caring and genuine people, and I’m just delighted to return to the booth with my dear friend, Mike Burnop. Reunion tours can be fun, and I’m glad we’ve got the band back together again!”

“Bill and I have enjoyed many memorable Virginia Tech moments over the years,” Burnop added. “I’m happy to welcome him back to the broadcast booth in Blacksburg as a friend and colleague. From the National Championship Game in New Orleans to Michael Vick and the Miracle in Morgantown, we’ve shared countless games with Hokie Nation over the years. There was even that time Tyrod ‘did it’ against Nebraska! I’m looking forward to sharing more Tech Football victories and.”

# Local Sports Roundup

## Boys tennis leads Cave Spring

Pulaski County was leading Cave Spring last Friday, 4-1 in boys tennis when rain forced the match to stop.

- Singles:
- 1. Camden Hite 8-1
  - 2. Xander Pratt 8-5
  - 3. Aaron Bennet 8-6
  - 4. Mark Graham 1-8
  - 5. Eli Duke (did not finish)
  - 6. Zach Gallimore 8-1

- Doubles (did not start):
- 1. Camden/Xander
  - 2. Aaron/Eli
  - 3. Mark/Zach

“Aaron was down 0-3 then came back after a coach’s conference to win 4 straight games and the set 8-6. We started at 4:05, but was still rained out at 5:30,” Coach Chad Graham said. The match will be finished when Pulaski travels to Cave Spring.

## Girls tennis splits two matches

Below are the scores and match result at Carroll County on April 11th:

- In singles:
- 1. Amarah Hyduke lost 1-8
  - 2. Isabel Weigel lost 4-8
  - 3. Victoria Cantrell won 8-3
  - 4. Lacy Donaldson won 8-0
  - 5. Miranda Altis won 8-0
  - 6. Lainey Peake won 8-0

- In doubles:
- 1. Hyduke/Weigel lost 3-8
  - 2. Cantrell/Donaldson won 8-0
  - 3. Altis/Peake won 8-1

We won the overall match at Carroll 6-3.

Below are the scores and match result vs. Christiansburg HS on April 13th at home:

- In singles:
- 1. Amarah Hyduke lost 2-8
  - 2. Isabel Weigel lost 0-8
  - 3. Victoria Cantrell lost 2-8
  - 4. Lacy Donaldson lost 3-8
  - 5. Miranda Altis lost 6-8
  - 6. Haylei Smith lost 2-8

- In doubles:
- 1. Hyduke/Weigel lost 0-8

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**Pulaski County Sheriff’s Department Deputy Sheriff**

The Pulaski County Sheriff’s Department is hiring for a Deputy Sheriff position. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and must possess a valid Virginia driver’s license. Prefer applicants with State Law Enforcement Certification and two years of college credits; however, selected non-certified LEO applicants will begin the academy in July 2022. Extensive background investigation and medical examination is required. Applicants must have 20/20 corrected vision and have proportionate height and weight. Preference will be given to applicants who are a resident of Pulaski County.

The anticipated salary for non-certified applicants is \$43,500 based upon successful completion of the NRV Criminal Justice Training Academy and field training. Tenured LEO’s would receive additional pay based upon experience and years of service. Also, a 4.56% increase will be given after a one-year successful orientation period. This is a full time position with benefits: health, dental, vision, life insurance, State retirement program, optional 457-retirement program, sick and vacation leave, paid holidays, and much more.

Interested individuals may apply at their local Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download an application from www.pulaskicounty.org and submit it to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

Position is open until filled.

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- 2. Cantrell/Donaldson lost 0-8
- 3. Altis/Smith lost 3-8

In an exhibition doubles match, Kadance Gravely and McKenna Bruno lost 2-8. We lost the overall match 0-9.

“I am very pleased that we picked up another win vs. Carroll. The girls are exuding more and more confidence each time they step onto the court. Furthermore, even though we did not win the match vs. Christiansburg many of the matches tightened up from what they were last time. That demonstrates that we are progressing, which is all we can ask for,” said Coach Brandon Lawson.

## Girls tennis match suspended

Our match at Cave Spring HS on April 8th was suspended. Here is a breakdown of the current scores:

- In singles:
- 1. Amarah Hyduke lost 3-8
  - 2. Isabel Weigel lost 3-8
  - 3. Victoria Cantrell lost 1-8
  - 4. Lacy Donaldson won 8-3
  - 5. Miranda Altis won 8-3
  - 6. Lainey Peake is currently up 6-5 (match suspended due to rain)

- In doubles:
- 1. Hyduke/Weigel is currently down 2-5 (match suspended due to rain)
  - 2. Cantrell/Donaldson is currently tied 5-5 (match suspended due to rain)
  - 3. Altis/Peake (match has not yet been started)

This match suspended due to rain will resume on Tuesday, May 10th at PCHS. The regular scheduled game vs. Cave Spring will follow the conclusion of the suspended match from the 8th of April. -Coach Brandon Lawson

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# LEGAL NOTICE

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
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**VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104**  
**Case No. CL21000632-00**  
**Pulaski County Circuit Court**  
**45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301**


**GARY EDWARD WHEELER v. LATRAYLE LEIGH WHEELER**

The object of this suit is to: TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that LATRAYLE LEIGH WHEELER appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 6, 2022.

**APRIL 5, 2022**  
**Maetta Crew, Clerk**

# LEGAL NOTICE



**Public Hearing**  
**Town of Pulaski**  
**Town Council**

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

Alley/Street Closing 01-2022: vacation of an undeveloped 150’ section of a 14’ alley located in Block 165 between 1st Street SE and the southern property line of Tax Parcel(s) 072-022-0165-0003A & 072-022-0165-0010.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed alley/street closing should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Economic Development & Planning Manager by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of pertinent materials are available for public review in the Economic Development and Planning Manager’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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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# Pulaski Countians combine forces to

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Laura Walters was contacted by Anthony Viers of Pulaski County Middle School last week when the planned Career Aviation Day at Virginia Tech Airport was cancelled by the vendor.

"Tony knew that I had the connection to the flying community as my husband, Jeff Arnold flies," said Walters.

She and the rest of the Board of Supervisors quickly got on board and working with Viers and Megan Atkinson of Pulaski County High School's CTE, they checked with Aaron Brummitt, New River Valley Airport Manager about the possibility of holding the event at the airport in Dublin.

"Aaron was excited to help," Walters said.

"Next we checked with pilot friends who all agreed to help and be there to showcase their planes. They brought a Citation jet, a Pipistrel Virus motor glider, a SeaRey amphibious plane, two Cessnas, an R22 helicopter, and Life Guard 10 in for the students to see," Walters said.

Pilots, a mechanic, flight instructor and Brummitt, the Airport Manager all talked about aviation careers. Gift bags were provided by the Board of Supervisors with glider planes, erasers and stickers. In addition, many other activities were provided during the day at PCMS including rocket launchers, drone flying, flying movies and paper airplane construction.

"I was excited when contacted by Mr. Viers as this was a great opportunity for the Board of Supervisors, PCMS, our flying community and NRV Airport to work together to create a great experience for our 300 sixth graders in a short period of time," Walters said.

"The success of this event demonstrates how special our community is and what we can accomplish when working together. Many of these students had never been to an airport, sat in a plane or had any idea that the NRV Airport is the 7th largest airport in Virginia," Walters noted.



## Pulaski County Kid's Fishing Day!

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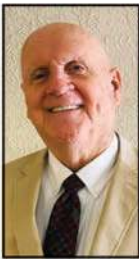
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The Resurrection of Jesus

Mark 16:46. “And He brought fine linen, and took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen; and laid Him in a sepulcher which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulcher.”

Joseph of Arimathea, who was until this time, a secret disciple of Jesus’, along with Nicodemus, also a secret disciple of Jesus’, took the dead body of Jesus down from the cross, wrapped his body in fine linen, and laid him in a tomb, owned by Joseph. To their credit they came out of their secrecy, and expressed their faith in Jesus as being the Christ, and hurriedly anointed his body for burial, for it was nigh on to the time for the day to be over at 6PM and according to Jewish law, no one was to be left hanging on a tree overnight, lest a curse come upon them and the land. Deut. 21:23.

Now, believers are not to be secret disciples. We are to confess Jesus Christ before men, openly, or be guilty of denying Him.

Mark 16:1. “And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

Since the anointing of the body of Jesus had been done hurriedly, by two men, ill prepared to anoint Him sufficiently, in the short amount of time they had to do it, these women wanted to go into the tomb and anoint his body properly for the burial.

In Mark 16:3, the women were discussing who they were going to get to roll away the huge stone that had been rolled into place to seal the tomb. By some estimates it could have weighed nearly two tons.

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the Angel answered and said to the women, fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his Disciples that he is risen from the dead; and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.” Matthew 28:1-8

Now why was the stone rolled away? Jesus in His resurrected body could appear inside a locked room, we know that because He did that. His resurrected body was unlike His physical body. It had substance but the substance could be controlled. Jesus asked Thomas to touch his hands and his feet and the place in His side where He was riven by the spear. Paul said of us when we are resurrected, will receive a glorified body like unto the resurrected body of our Lord. Paul said our glorified bodies will be imperishable, spiritual, and raised in power and glory. That it is sown a natural body and raised in a spiritual body.

1 Cor. 15: 42 through 44. “So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption;

Church Directory

Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.

email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street  
Dublin, Va. 24084  
Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762

Primary Services:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  
P.O. Box 975  
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
Phone: 980-2413  
Email: christ24301@gmail.com

Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address)  
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton  
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  
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Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
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Pastor Mike Pierce  
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Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/HeritageChurchDublinVA

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7318 Manns Drive  
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
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Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org  
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540-980-3624  
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
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www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
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Phone - 980-0820

Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy

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Church: 540-980-2118  
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www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
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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  
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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  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Graham Mitchell  
(540) 980-2132  
Email: firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com  
Sunday Services:  
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 11 a.m.  
June-Labor Day: 10 a.m.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

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

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

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1621 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
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www.pulaskicog.church  
Sunday Services  
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.  
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Randolph Avenue

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1607 Randolph Avenue  
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
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Monday Bible Study  
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Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

220 Magazine Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
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Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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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



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540-980-7287  
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
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1749 Newbern Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Frank Peters  
Sunday School: 9:45  
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798

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Pastor Todd Garwood  
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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**  
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7th Street N.W., Pulaski  
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Fax: 980-6511  
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600 Skyline Circle  
Pulaski, VA  
540-315-2317  
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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

**First Baptist Church**  
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Pulaski, Va.  
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fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301  
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Pastor Johnny Howlett  
Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor  
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Group - 7 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA.  
Pastor: Allen Harman  
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409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084  
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084  
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Pastor:  
Mary Ann Armbrister  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

## McCraw

Continued from Page B4  
it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.  
There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”  
It’s hard for us to be able to comprehend the difference between a spiritual body and a natural body, because now we see through a glass darkly. But what we can do and should do is to believe what the Bible says.

Angles are Spirits. They have spiritual bodies. They are, according to the bible, ministering SPIRITS, who are sent to minister to the heirs of salvation. In other words, you and me. We ARE the heirs of salvation. They came and ministered to the Lord Jesus after His 40 day fast and His victory of the devil in the wilderness, and they came and ministered again to Jesus while He was in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying until His sweat became as great drops of blood, as in His passion, He accepted the will of God for Him to submit to his capture, suffering and to His death on the cross.

The stone wasn’t rolled away so Jesus could get out. It was rolled away so the witnesses of His resurrection could get in, to discover the grave clothes and the empty tomb.

The angel spoke to them saying, “He is not here. He is risen, as he said.” These women expected to see a dead body but found only the grave clothes that he had worn and an empty tomb.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the greatest miracle in the bible. He was raised from the dead by the mighty power of God.

Romans 8:11, “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” The word quicken means to give life to. To bring back to life.

The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God’s presence. Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there.” Charles W. Hall.

Do you know why that we know that Jesus Christ lives in addition to what the Bible boldly declares? Because He lives with-in our hearts.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of John in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 17, from where did Peter get money to pay the temple tax? Mountaintop, Cupboard, Fish’s mouth, Ground
3. What did the angel who met Joshua outside Jericho tell him to remove? Belt, Cloak, Guilt, Shoes
4. From Mark 2 and Luke 5, what was Matthew’s other name? Simon, Levi, Nergal, Ammon
5. Who/what was Caesarea Philippi? Julius Caesar’s wife, Town, Tomb, Mountain
6. From Luke 3, how old was Jesus at His baptism? A baby, 7, 12, Around 30

**ANSWERS:** 1) New; 2) Fish’s mouth; 3) Shoes; 4) Levi; 5) Town; 6) Around 30

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 18:24-26

The **LORD** has **rewarded** me **according** to my righteousness, according to the **cleanness** of my **hands** in his **sight**. To the **faithful** you show **yourself** faithful, to the **blameless** you **show** yourself blameless, to the **pure** you show yourself pure, **but** to the **devious** you show yourself **shrewd**.

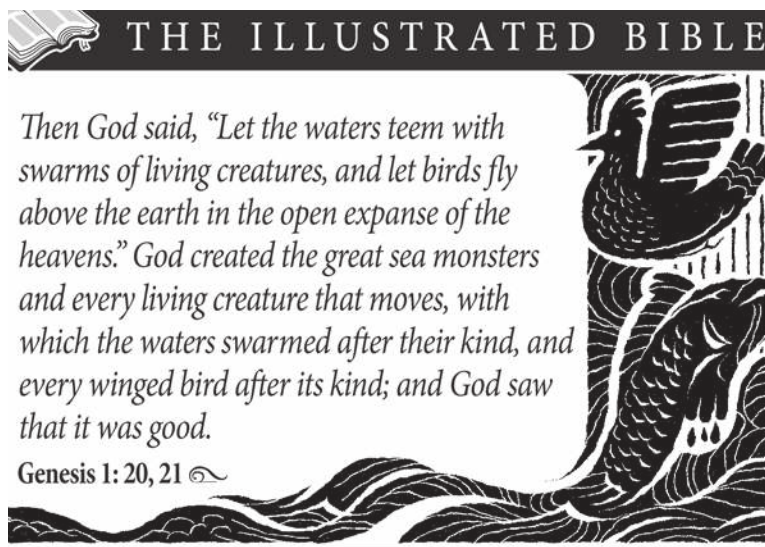
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,  
down and diagonally.

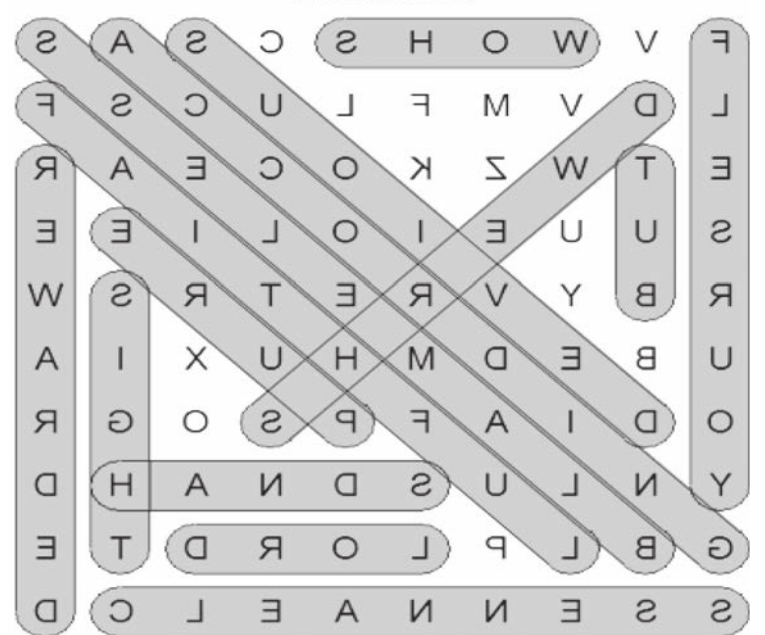
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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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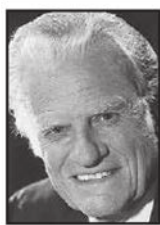
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: I hear some preachers say that it's up to God who goes to Heaven and that individuals have no say in the matter. Why do other preachers call people to make a decision for Christ? - S.S.**

A: Jesus died for the sins of the world and extends His mercy and grace to whoever will repent of sin and receive Him as Savior (Revelation 22:17). It's important to believe the words of Jesus

Christ found in Scripture, for there are many who preach another gospel.

No one ever hears the Gospel proclaimed without making some kind of decision about Jesus Christ--we cannot be neutral. The world today is living in the "age of grace," also known as the church age. God's offer of forgiveness and a new life still stands. The Bible proclaims that whoever will come to Jesus in repentance can be saved (Romans 10:13). But this period of grace will not go on indefinitely and someday it will be too late for



### My Answer

Billy Graham

men and women to repent and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who receive this most wonderful gift make up the true church of Jesus Christ. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and

worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:11-14). In His great love, God offers us this gift and we have the choice to reject it or receive it.

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



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

ARE YOU KIDDING? WINTER IS OVER!

I'M TIRED OF SNOW. BRING ON THE RAIN.

AND DAMAGING HAIL AND BIG TORNADOES?

I'M GOOD WITH SLIGHTLY OVERCAST.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

LAUNDRY DAY IN MADRID

R.F.D.

HEY, DAD, THESE'RE EASTER EGGS, SO WHY IS THERE AN EASTER BUNNY INSTEAD OF AN EASTER CHICKEN?

BECAUSE HE'S THE HARE THAT LOST THAT RACE TO THE TORTOISE, JUNE.

HE WAS DEVASTATED AND THE HEAD CHICKEN FELT SO BAD FOR HIM SHE DECIDED TO TAKE HIM UNDER HER WING AND GIVE HIM THE EASTER JOB.

YOU KNOW HE'S KIDDIN', RIGHT, KIDDO?

OH, BUT AM I?

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

\*GULP\*

I KNOW MY RIGHTS!

I KNOW YOUR WRONGS!

POPEYE

Hi CFSMAN

WOT DIDJA SAY?

WHAT, POPEYE?

THAT'S WOT I'M ASKIN' YA!

I SAID... "WOT DIDJA SAY?"

AND I SAID... "WHAT, POPEYE?"

BUT WOT DIDJA SAY BEFORE Y' SAID, "WOT POPEYE?"

THAT'S ALL I SAID... "WHAT, POPEYE?"

LET'S JES' FERGIT 'BOUT IT!

FORGET ABOUT WHAT, POPEYE?

FERGIT 'BOUT WOT Y' SAID!

YOU MEAN BEFORE I SAID... "WHAT, POPEYE?"

NO! ...AFTER Y' SAID WOT Y' SAID!

WHAT WAS THAT?

WHEN YER FISHIN' Y' DON'T GOT PROBLEMS LIKE DISS!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I THINK I NEED TO RETURN THIS SCALE TO THE STORE AS I'M DEFINITELY NOT HAPPY WITH IT!

LAFF-A-DAY

"When he came to the door, NATURALLY I assumed he was one of your relatives."

SCRABLERS

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!

Down

ELBOW

First

MEDIAN

Discount

BEATER

After

ALERT

TODAY'S WORD

"Sorry, the doctor told me to stay away from the \_\_\_\_\_ for an hour after eating."

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Swiss peaks

5 — roll (winning)

8 Lily variety

12 Not worth debating

13 Chest muscle

14 Here (Sp.)

15 Shop tools

17 Void partner

18 Chemical suffix

19 MGM motto start

20 Enlighten

21 Elev.

22 Petrol

23 Prima donnas

26 Thornton Wilder drama

30 B — boy

31 Grass shack

32 "Closer" actor

33 "Blue Bloods" actress

35 El Greco's birthplace

36 Sunbather's goal

37 Carrier to Amsterdam

38 Cabbage choice

41 Chairman of China

42 Persian, for one

45 Recognized

46 Sightseeing stop

48 Falco of "The Sopranos"

49 Whatever number

50 Unruly kid

51 Volition

52 Zee preceder

53 Priestly vestments

DOWN

1 Both (Pref.)

2 Burden

3 Corn recipe

4 Norm (Abbr.)

5 Dizzying designs

6 Reporter's quest

7 Rm. coolers

8 Desert hazard

9 Iso-

10 Chasm

11 Unctuous

16 Droops

20 Listener

21 Small wiper

22 Belly

23 Apply cream

24 Medit. nation

25 Half of XIV

26 Ump's call

27 Have bills

28 Drench

29 SSW opposite

31 Chick's mom

34 Carefree

35 LummoX

37 Rap star West

38 Distort

39 "The King —"

40 Bridal accessory

41 Oodles

42 Poet

43 Sandburg

43 Basra resident

44 B'way booth sign

46 Legislation

47 CEO's deg.

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top ten

FEMALE PUPPY NAMES\*

1. Bella

2. Daisy

3. Lucy

4. Luna

5. Molly

6. Sadie

7. Maggie

8. Chloe

9. Bailey

10. Stella

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

WATER

Today's Word

3. Rebate; 4. Later

1. Below 2. Maiden

solution

SCRABLERS

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

Clue: Q equals D

NO TIWPZIQB OJNCT XI SHISPHCB

GJHP OIH TIWPXKNMF, XKPHP

WNFX ZP AMXPMQPQ

GIMTPVAPMGPT.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HUMAN ANATOMY: How many miles of blood vessels does the average human have?

2. GEOGRAPHY: What degree is assigned to the International Date Line?

3. MOVIES: Which Looney Tunes character's catchphrase is "You're despicable"?

4. ADVERTISING: What was the name of the grocery owner in the Charmin bath tissue ads of the 1960s-80s?

5. U.S. STATES: What is the only state to have one syllable in its name?

6. CHEMISTRY: What is the only letter that doesn't appear in the periodic table?

7. MYTHOLOGY: How many gods and goddesses were said to live on Mount Olympus?

8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the last to serve without a college degree?

9. LITERATURE: Celie is a character in which 1982 novel?

10. TELEVISION: Which musical TV drama takes place at William McKinley High School?

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Answers

1. 60,000 miles

2. 180 degrees longitude

3. Daffy Duck

4. Mr. Whipple

5. Maine

6. J

7. 12

8. Harry Truman

9. "The Color Purple"

10. "Glee"

Solution time: 23 mins.

Americanisms

"Death, taxes and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them."

— Margaret Mitchel

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# Focus on the debt first, then save and invest

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband and I have paid off all our credit card debt, and we are following your Baby Steps plan. We still owe about \$40,000 on two cars, and our combined income is around \$150,000. Since we have a good income, we were thinking about finishing our emergency fund and contributing to our IRAs while we finish off the car payments. Under the circumstances, is this okay?

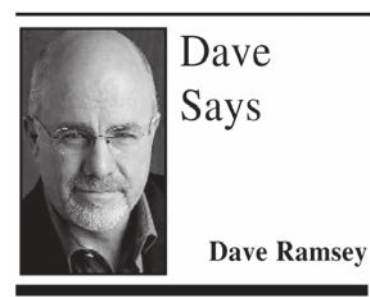
**Paola**

**Dear Paola,**  
I understand the temptation you guys are facing. But there's a power in behavior modification on a short-term basis that supersedes the power of mathematics. Stick to the plan, and pay off the cars first.  
When you're still on Baby Step 2, you need to stop all saving and investing, and attack your debts with a vengeance. You've got a lot of money wrapped up in cars, and even with all the great work you two have done I know it's probably still a little hard to see light at the end of the tunnel. Debts that large can be intimidating.  
But I'm afraid you'll lose focus and intensity when it comes to getting out of debt if you worry about your emergency fund and setting aside for retirement too soon. I've seen that happen to lots of people, and when it does it can end up taking several years to get rid of all that debt.

# Food safety during spring celebrations

**By L. Dawn Barnes, Senior Extension Agent**

During the spring we are all happy to see the blossoms, experience some warmer temperatures and gather for special meals and celebrations. As we enjoy time with others it is important to take steps to keep everyone safe. One way is to make sure the food is safe.  
In a news release, Jesus Garcia, Public Affairs Specialist, Food Safety Education Staff member with the US Department of Agriculture, shared the following season specific tips:  
• Eggs should not sit out at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep hard-cooked eggs in the refrigerator until ready to serve.  
• All cooked egg dishes should reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 160 F, as measured by a food thermometer.  
• If you plan to eat the Easter eggs you decorate, then be sure to use only food-grade dye. One suggestion is to make two sets of eggs, one for decorating and hiding that will not be consumed, and another set for eating. Consider using plastic eggs for your Easter egg hunt.  
• During Passover, various kosher meats are consumed. Kosher meat and poultry are produced under rabbinical supervision. Verify the safety of meats by looking for the USDA mark of inspection to ensure the product was produced in an establishment inspected by the USDA.  
• Be sure to allow plenty of time to thaw a frozen brisket. Thawing in the refrigerator can take about 24 hours for a trimmed, first-cut brisket. A whole brisket weighing



**Dave Says**

**Dave Ramsey**

You guys have made great progress, and you're making good money. If you stay gaffe-intense about getting out of debt, those car payments can be history in about a year and a half. Think about how fast you can get that emergency fund in place then, and how much money you'll have freed up to go into retirement.  
Now is the time to roll up your sleeves, get mad about all that stupid debt and knock it out once and for all. You can do this, Paola!

— 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.

about 10 pounds can take several days.  
• Bake the brisket, fat side up in a baking dish, in an oven set no lower than 325 F. The brisket is safe to eat when it reaches an internal temperature of 145 F and is allowed to rest at that temperature for three minutes.  
• Ham is a popular meat for the Easter table. Did you know that there are several types of ham, and they require different preparation methods? Ham is either ready-to-eat or requires cooking before eating. Be sure to read the package instructions carefully.  
o Fresh, uncooked hams must be cooked to reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 160 F.  
o Ready-to-eat hams are cooked at the plant and can be safely eaten right out of the package and can be served cold or heated to serve warm.  
• Lamb is another popular dish. For food safety, the USDA recommends cooking a leg of lamb and other cuts to a safe minimum internal temperature of 145 F."

Each season brings their own traditional foods and food safety recommendations.

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —

Answer

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

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# PULSE

**April 15**

**Easter Services at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren**  
Please Join us at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren, at 1749 Newbern Rd, Pulaski, for all of our Easter events listed: Good Friday Service April 15 @ 6pm. Children's Easter Egg Hunt, w/ snacks, Bible Story, Crafts, and Egg Hunt: Saturday April 16 12:00- 3:pm. Son- Rise service w/ breakfast following-April 17 @7am. Sunday School@10am, Easter Choir Program("Hosanna") @ 11am. Come, join us in fellowship with God's Word, and celebrate with us, Our Risen Savior!

**Community Good Friday Worship**  
The Pulaski County Ministerial Association invites you to an ecumenical Good Friday worship service on April 15, 12:00 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church - located at the corner of 5th Street and Washington Avenue North. We will join together to hear the story of Jesus' passion, sing, and pray. Parking is available in the parking lots accessed from 5th Street or on the street. For more information, contact the Rev. Terrie Sternberg, 540/980-3624.

**Good Friday Service**  
A Good Friday Service will be held April 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the cross in the cemetery at Thornspring United Methodist Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Road. Will cancel if raining or pending bad weather.

**April 17**

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
An Easter Sunrise Service will be held April 17 at 6:45 a.m. at the cross in the cemetery at Thornspring United Methodist Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Road. Will cancel if raining or pending bad weather.

**Easter Program at Bread of Life / Assembly of God**  
Bread of Life /Assembly of God on Robinson Tract Rd. in Pulaski will be presenting it's Easter Program "Lean on Me" on April 17th at 3:00 p.m. Public is invited.

**Easter Sunrise and Breakfast**  
Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast, April 17th.  
Draper Valley PH Church  
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.

**April 18**

**Time change for budget meeting**  
Monday, April 18, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 4 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

**April 21**

**Revival at Trinity UMC**  
Trinity United Methodist Church will hold a revival April 21 – 24 at 7 p.m. nightly with Pat Ferrell, concluding with a supper at 5 p.m. prior to the April 24 service. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of renewal and fellowship. The church is located at 528 Fifth Street, S.E. Call 320-9072 or 320-9670 for details.

**April 23**

**Painting For Peace**  
Lakewood Getaways will host a "Painting for Peace" event April 23 and 24 to benefit children in wartorn Ukraine. The event will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on April 23 at the Family Life Center of Dublin Baptist Church, and again on April 24, also from 3 to 6 p.m. at the church. Dublin Baptist Church is located at 100 Hawks Avenue, Dublin.

**April 28**

**REVIVAL**  
Speaker: Pastor Nathan Phillips  
April 28th & 29th at 7 pm  
Woodlawn P.H. Church  
3874 Oak Grove Rd. (I-77 exit 19)  
For more info, call: 276-728-2088

**April 30**

**Vendors, Crafters Fair**  
A vendors and crafters fair will be held Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the American Legion Post 58 at 408 East Main Street, Dublin. Hot dogs will be available inside.

**Oct. 14**

**PHS Class of 1967 Reunion**  
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:**

**Lifestyles Changes**  
Our Lifestyles Changes group meets every Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the Free Memorial Library on Giles Avenue in Dublin. For more information, call Bill at 813-1605.

**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.

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

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

**Alcohol Anonymous**  
Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066.

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

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