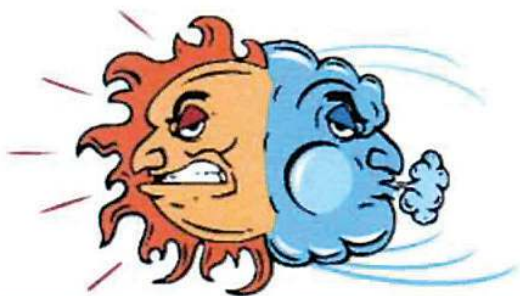




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## Pulaski Co. renews its litter cleanup campaign

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors is renewing its litter clean-up campaign, asking civic groups, churches, businesses and individuals to participate in a year-long Adopt-A-Spot Campaign to assist in keeping our county beautiful by picking up trash and litter.

A county wide clean-up on Saturday, April 9, 2022, will kick off the campaign. Supervisors will be giving out bags, gloves, vests, etc. for use in pick up from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Sites are listed below:**

- Ingles District Snowville Ruritan, 4867 Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee
- Walmart, 5225 Alexander Road, Dublin
- Cloyd District Walmart, 7373 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn
- Draper District Draper Park, 3165 Old Greenbrier Road, Draper

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- Massie District Magic Mart Plaza, 1000 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
- Robinson District Loving Field, Loving Field Road, Pulaski

The process is simple. Bags of trash can be left on the road where picked up or put out with weekly trash collection for PSA to pick up. Participants are requested to post their picture along with trash bags and items picked up to social media on the Clean Community Facebook page, using the hashtag #cleancommunitycouncil, #clean-up, #pulaskicountyis to help us account for results. Results are also requested to be emailed to Cheryl Farris [cfarris@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:cfarris@pulaskicounty.org)

to be counted. Certificates will be awarded to all who participate and turn in their contact information.

Groups and individuals will be offered the opportunity to Adopt-A-Spot and keep that spot, road, neighborhood, etc. clean for a year. Those who volunteer to participate will receive an Adopt-A-Spot sign to put up at their spot or area with their name or logo. At the end of the campaign, there will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize of \$750.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00 awarded to those who have collected the greatest amount of

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## Clinic to offer VDH required school vaccines for 2022-23

### Pulaski County Schools

The Pulaski Health Department will be offering parents an opportunity to catch up on any immunizations their children may need and to get the needed immunizations for the start of the 2022-23 school year that are required.

It is important that parents get these immunizations early and not wait until the start of school because then there can be delays in getting them.

The first vaccine clinic will be held Friday, April 29, from 2-7 p.m. at the Pulaski County Health Department located at 170 4th Street N.W. in Pulaski.

This clinic will be by appointment only and the deadline to register for the clinic is Friday, April 15, in order to allow time for ordering



and shipping the needed vaccines.

A second clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will take place at the same location. The registration deadline for that clinic is Friday, April 29. Again, these clinics are by appointment only.

Parents or guardians will need to

bring insurance information and vaccine records to the appointment with them. The Health Department will file with insurance for those patients that are insured. For individuals who do not have health insurance coverage, the department has specially funded vaccines to ensure that uninsured or underinsured children receive all required vaccinations.

For more information on required vaccinations for students in school or day care in the Commonwealth of Virginia, see page A11 or visit the Virginia Department of Health website at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements).

Parents may also contact the Health Department directly at 540-440-2188 to schedule an appointment.

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# Va. tourism industry backs Youngkin gas tax suspension bill

By Tyler Arnold

(The Center Square) – Some business groups have spoken in favor of Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s proposed legislation to suspend the gasoline tax from May to July, but some Democratic lawmakers have approached the plan with skepticism, accusing the governor of political theater.

With the General Assembly’s special session underway, the governor sent lawmakers a proposal to fully suspend the state’s 26.2-cent-per-gallon gas tax for three months. The legislation would pause the tax in May, June and July and then phase the full tax back in during August and September. The bill would also cap the annual adjustment to a maximum of 2% per year, which is meant to protect drivers from a hidden tax increase caused by inflation.

“Virginians need tax relief and its time for the General Assembly to act on the multiple tax relief proposals,” Youngkin said in a statement. “With gas prices and inflation squeezing families’ pocket books across Virginia and the nation and with over \$1 billion in unanticipated revenue in our trans-

portation fund, the general assembly must act now. Virginia should join numerous other states, led by both Republicans and Democrats, in temporarily suspending the gas tax. Actions speak louder than words, we can lower gas prices now for all Virginians.”

A few states have already enacted gas tax holidays to reduce the burden on drivers, including neighboring Maryland. Several states are currently considering similar bills.

The gas tax is deposited into the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, which helps fund transportation maintenance and construction projects. The governor’s office argued that the state can afford the temporary suspension because the fund is projected to be well above its fiscal year forecast in 2022 and 2023. In fiscal 2022, the fund is projected to have more than \$671 million in unanticipated revenue and in fiscal 2023, the fund is projected to have more than \$457 million in unanticipated revenue.

Del. Tara Durant, R-Stafford, will introduce the legislation in the House of Delegates and Sen. Steve Newman, R-Lynchburg, will introduce the legislation in the Senate.

A gas tax suspension has garnered support from some members of the business community who believe it would partially alleviate rising costs. The National Federation of Independent Business, which is the largest small business association in the country, has voiced support for a gas tax and so has the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association.

Robert Melvin, the director of government affairs at the VRLT, told The Center Square that a gas tax suspension would help some businesses, such as restaurants, save money on delivery costs. He said a gas tax suspension could also lead to more tourism via driving, which he said is the means by which people tend to travel to locations, such as Virginia Beach. Particularly, he said this would be helpful for hotels, especially because some of the months in the proposed suspension cover the summer.

The legislation is getting support from legislative Republicans.

“House Republicans are focused on suspending the gas tax to provide Virginians with immediate relief at the pumps,” Garren Shipley, the communications director

for House Speaker Todd Gilbert, R-Shenandoah, told The Center Square.

Some Democratic lawmakers have approached a gas tax suspension with skepticism, even calling it “political theater” on Youngkin’s part. House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn, D-Fairfax, criticized him for not proposing something during the regular session and not sending it to the legislature until after the House adjourned Monday.

“House Democrats came [into the special session] ready to debate a plan to help Virginians directly, not out of state drivers,” Filler-Corn said in a statement. “The Governor could have acted in the Regular Session last month, he could have acted during Special Session [Monday], but he failed to

do so. I am baffled as to why he did not introduce this sooner. Further, the Governor himself says this plan won’t guarantee savings to consumers. We need to get savings directly to Virginians.”

In other states, lower gas taxes have trickled down to lower prices at the pump.

Filler-Corn said the governor should trigger the state’s anti-price gouging act, which she said would combat potential price gouging today.

“Rather than offering solutions for struggling Virginians, Governor Youngkin has prioritized political theater yet again,” Filler-Corn said.

As negotiations continue, lawmakers began the special session with no deals and no bills to vote on.

## Litter

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trash. Certificates of appreciation will also be presented to all individuals and/or groups that participate and submit contact information. If individuals are tracking their community service, they can submit hours to be listed on their personalized certificate. Adopt-A-Spots will be renewed on an annual basis.

For those who participated last year, please consider picking up your spot if you have not done so recently.

Do not forget to let us know the number of bags and items you

have collected so we can give you credit and your certificate. Please email your totals and results for 2021 to Cheryl Farris cfarris@pulaskicounty.org or call Mrs. Farris at (540) 980-7705 to be counted. The deadline for notification for the past year is Friday, April 8, 2022. Also, please confirm whether you will or will not keep your spot for 2022. Participants are requested to post pictures along with bags and items picked up to social media.

Participants in 2021 will be recognized with awards given at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Pulaski County will provide bags, gloves, and vests to groups for use at any time. These will be available along with the Adopt-A-Spot signs at the County Administration office. If you would like to participate but do not have a site in mind, Pulaski County will provide suggestions. Cheryl Farris will be the contact at cfarris@pulaskicounty.org or (540) 980-7705 or Laura Walters lwalters@pulaskicounty.org or (540) 230-6272.

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**NATHANIEL WAYNE JONES, SR.**

Nathaniel Wayne Jones, Sr., age 61 of Radford passed away Thursday, March 31, 2022 at the Radford Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born August 30, 1960 in Pulaski County he was the son of the late Nathaniel Franklin Jones & Sarah Rose Fertitta Jones. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Lisa Carol Spence Jones; sisters, Nancy Jean Jones, Patricia Ann Jones and brother, Alvin Franklin Jones.

Wayne was very active in the Special Olympics, where he played and loved basketball. He worked with the Salvation Army helping with different events. His wife, Lisa was the love of his life and so was their son, Nathan.

He is survived by his Son – Nathaniel Wayne “Nathan” Jones, Jr.

Mother-in-law – Jacqueline Anne Myers Spence – Pulaski  
Sister-in-law – Ann Spence (William) Bentley – Pulaski

In-laws – Fred (Diane) Myers, Carol (Robert) Roark  
Nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be held 6:00 PM – Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel with Joe Blankenship officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Wayne’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



**JAMES ALLEN “T.J.” MILLER**

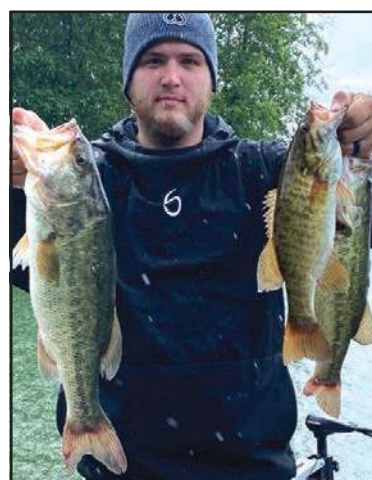
James Allen “T.J.” Miller, 31, passed on April 02, 2022. He was born to Carolyn Edwards of Pulaski, Va. and Kevin Miller of Savannah, Ga. on August 10, 1990.

He married Jill Miller and they lived together in Savannah, Georgia.

James worked as a House Painter and was passionate about his job.

In addition to James being survived by his parents, he is also survived by his stepfather, Emmett “Dale” Edwards of Pulaski, Va. and stepmother, Donna Miller of Savannah, Ga. He is also survived by his grandfather, James “Allen” Stroupe of Pulaski, Va.; his sisters, Jessica Akers and husband, Jonathan of Allisonia, Va. and Elizabeth Weaver of Savannah, Ga.; his brother, Christopher Edwards of Pulaski, Va. and all his nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

James was always a very sweet soul and always looked out for everyone he met. He will be missed dearly by all his family. James will be Forever Young!



**VANCE “TYLER” DUNFORD**

Vance “Tyler” Dunford, age 25 of Max Meadows, Virginia passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born June 15, 1996 in Pulaski he was the son of Vance Allen Dunford & Erin Griswold Melton. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harry & Nancy Dunford, Terry Griswold, Sr., uncles, Tommy Lane, Terry Griswold, Jr. and his step grandfather, Jack Melton.

Tyler worked at Volvo Trucks.

He is survived by his Children – Jocelyn Marie Dunford, Camberlyn Josette Dunford Mother & Stepfather – Erin (David) Melton

Father – Vance Allen Dunford Grandmother – Opal (Sam) Talbert

Sister – Katie Dunford

Brother – Keith Lane

Aunts & Uncles – Tabitha (Aaron) Cooper, Nova (Todd) Boothe, Eddie (Pat) Dunford, Sandra Lane, Debbie (Leroy) Stone, Johnny Dunford

Step Grandmother – Stella Melton

Too many other best friends and relatives to mention

Memorial services will be held 6:00 PM – Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Saturday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Tyler’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

“I have found my final resting place, That Special spot to fish

Remember the times that we shared – You too, I will miss

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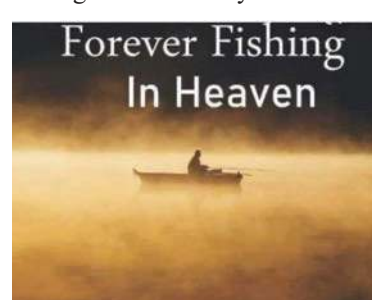
Know that my heart is with you, as I take this journey home

To that final fishing hole, for fisherman like me

To tell the biggest fishing tales about the one that got away

Remember me with fondness, This is not goodbye

It is “Till we meet again”, At the fishing hole in the sky”



**ANN CAROLYN HALE SIMPSON**

Ann Carolyn Hale Simpson, 84, of Dublin passed away Saturday, April 2.

She was born September 19, 1937 in Pulaski to the late Dewey Elmore Hale and Hazel Hawkins Hale.

Carolyn graduated from Pulaski High School, class of 1954 and her activities included being a majorette and dancer. Shortly thereafter, she dated and married Ronny Simpson. They were happily married for 49 years.

Carolyn’s career included working in journalism, banking, and she later retired as the President of Simpson Construction Company. She was a mentor, sponsor, and coach for the majorette program at Dublin High School for nearly ten years. Carolyn dearly loved to dance and she and Ronny enjoyed many activities at Thorn Spring Golf Club.

As a longtime member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, she was very involved in the life of the church there. She loved spending time with her grandchildren – especially playing cards (quite compet-

**CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” LEE SMITH**

Christopher “Chris” Lee Smith, age 48 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at his home. Born April 14, 1973 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Linda Baldwin Carr. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Smith.

He is survived by his Daughter – Sylvia Ramey – Dublin

Brother – Joseph (Shannon) Smith – Pulaski

Sister-in-law – Hope Smith

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Aunts – Iris Hayden, Ethel Holmes

Uncles – Booker T. Baldwin, Doug Baldwin

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM – Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

itively), keeping up with their activities, and attended their sporting events whenever possible. She was also very proud of great grandchildren and they affectionately called her “GG”.

Carolyn was preceded In death by her Parents, and her husband Ronald (Ronny) C. Simpson. She is survived by two sons: Ron Simpson (Robin) Columbia, SC., Patrick Simpson (Sue) Winston-Salem, NC. Seven grandchildren: Christine Baxter (Brett), Stacy Lyons (Tim), Kevin Simpson (Sunshine), Sara Thomas (Julius), Turner Simpson (Sarah), Anna Catherine Simpson (Will), Claire Simpson (Kyle). Six great-grandchildren, a Sister, Doris Elaine Rupe of Pulaski, and a sister-in-law, Elizabeth “Betty” Lillard Simpson of Winston Salem, N.C.

A Celebration of her life will be held at the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 9, 2022, 3pm with a receiving of friends/ reception to follow. Graveside service will be private. Service can be streamed live. The Facebook link can be found on this site. <http://www.fairlawnpc.org/> You can also view the service and livestream at youtube.com and enter Fairlawn Presbyterian Church (Fairlawn, VA) in the search bar.

The Simpson family is in the care of Norris Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski. To send an online condolences please visit [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com). Emails, pictures, condolences to the family can be sent to [carolyn-simpsonmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn-simpsonmemorial@gmail.com)

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, general fund. 6900 Pulaski Ave, Fairlawn, VA 24141 or online <http://fairlawnpc.org/online-giving/>



The family will receive friends one hour before service time Saturday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Christopher’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements.

## VIC WALTER KEMP

Vic Walter Kemp, age 55 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born September 14, 1966 in Virginia, he was the son of Archie Kemp and the late Ruth Marshall Kemp. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Brayden Taylor and brother, Terry Wayne Kemp.

He was a past employee of Bond Cote in Pulaski.

He is survived by his

Daughter – Jenna Faye Kemp & fiancé, Justin Rakes – Fairlawn

Grandchildren – Zakkary Gallimore, Mathias Rakes

Father – Archie Kemp – Pulaski

Brother – Dean (Donna) Kemp

– Dublin

Sister– Leighann (Chad) Owen-Pulaski

The family will be having pri-



vate memorial services. To sign Vic’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)  
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**MARY FRANCES CONNER WILLIAMS**

Mary Frances Conner Williams, 89, passed away on April 3, 2022 at her home in Pulaski, Virginia after a short hospitalization. She was surrounded by her family. Beneath a clear blue sky the many-varied daffodils planted and tendered by her hands were in their full splendor.

Mary Frances was born on December 27, 1932 and grew up on her parents' small dairy farm in Copper Hill, Virginia. She helped milk the cows, by hand in those days, and relieved the boredom by simultaneously reading or working on her schoolwork. Her industriousness paid off and she graduated valedictorian of Check High School Class of 1949.

She worked a number of jobs throughout her life but is probably best remembered as part owner of Pharmacy Associates, Inc. which operated hometown pharmacies Pulaski Drugs and Dublin Pharmacy (among others) for many years before being dissolved in 1996. After she retired she channeled her energies and flair for the meticulous into genealogy and compiled a near-exhaustive history of her maternal (Boone) and paternal (Conner) lineages. Her work often took her into dusty courtroom basements and overgrown disused cemeteries but she loved every second of it. She eventually published her work and was always more than happy to share her research with other genealogists as well as local historical societies. In her mid-70's she again served her community by volunteering a few days a week at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Newbern, Virginia.

Mary Frances wore many hats throughout her life – daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, cousin, aunt; not to mention Voracious Reader (she was particularly enamored with the novels of T.R. Pearson who lunched with her once and later became an email buddy),

Kitchen Whiz (many a recipe was better for having been tweaked by her), Crossword Puzzle Enthusiast (she could have done them in ink but why show off), British Murder Mystery Aficionado (Inspector Morse Midsomer Murders being a couple of favorites), Destroyer of Weeds (the fruitfulness of her daffodils, irises, lilies, hyacinths, and peonies will attest to this) and Expert on All Matters Genealogical (she could and WOULD elaborate the difference between a second cousin and a second cousin once removed).

She was preceded in death by her parents Oliver Noel Conner and Mary Hazel Boone Conner, whom she helped care for when they each faced daunting health issues, as well as her husband of 54 years, Fred Lee Williams, whom she also cared for during the last year of his life. Also preceding her were her beloved cats Tiger, Roo, Winnie, and Christopher Robin. She is survived by her daughter Mary Leigh Williams (Dublin VA), son Mark Steven Williams and his wife Martha Jane Frye Williams (Pulaski VA), granddaughter Michelle Leigh Williams Radtke, Michelle's husband Jacob Andrew (Jake) Radtke, great-grandsons Henry Williams Radtke and Ezra Lee Radtke (Wilmington NC), brother Noel Boone Conner (Powhatan VA), and sister Virginia Carol Conner Whittaker (Peterstown WV).

The family wishes to thank the many wonderful caregivers at LewisGale Pulaski, the offices of Dr. Paul D'Amico and Dr. Owen Roberts, Intrepid Hospice, and all the nurses at the Infusion Center whose sunny dispositions and capable caring hands made for the best medicine of all.

Services will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 3:00 PM at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM on Saturday prior to the service, at the funeral home.

The family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)



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**MATTHEW THADDEUS ELLETT**

Matthew Thaddeus Ellett, age 33 of Radford passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the VCU Medical Center, Richmond. Born November 20, 1988 in Charlotte, North Carolina he was the son of Denise Barrett Ellett & Kevin Kirk Ellett.

Matthew attended Christiansburg High School and worked for Turman Lumber.

Matthew is survived by Denise B. Ellett (Mother) of Radford, brother and spouse – Robert T. Ellett and Jessica Ellett of Washington State, Thomas E. Goad (Stepfather) Radford, step-sisters – Christina Smith, Brooke Blessing, father and stepmother – Kevin K. Ellett and Anna Ellett of Christiansburg, grandparents – Guy F. and Juanita Ellett of Christiansburg, son – Dalton Haze Fowlkes of Blacksburg and his mother – Angela Quesenberry Fowlkes, girlfriend Shandolyn Wright of Radford and bonus children Gavyn Butler and Xander, Icys and Alexa Wright, aunts and uncles – Shelly B. Shockley and Steve Shockley of Christiansburg, Colleen E. Farmer and Kyle Farmer of Christiansburg and cousins Victoria and Jackson Shockley.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Saturday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Matthew's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



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**RUBY ELLEN GRIMES WORRELL**

Ruby Ellen Grimes Worrell, 92, of Greensboro, NC and formerly of Pulaski, died Saturday, April 2 at Brighten Gardens Senior Living Community. Born June 20, 1929, she was the daughter of the late James G. Grimes and Effie Thomas Grimes of Pulaski.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Arthur Turner and Raymond Worrell, and her stepson, Dennis Turner. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Dudley B. Grimes and wife Faye, three sisters, Emma Ailene Nelson, Sadie Freeman, and Reedy Hawkins; and one nephew Tim Chason; and her fur baby, Tiger.

She is survived by three nieces, Robin Reis (Herbert), Kim Nelson, and Tammy Evans (Wayne), one nephew, Jerry Chason; four great nephews and two great nieces; three step-grandchildren, and several step-great grandchildren.

A private family service was held Thursday at the Highland Memory Garden Mausoleum. Interment followed in the mausoleum.

Norris Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski is handling the arrangements.

# **Down Syndrome Assoc. to hold first Buddy Walk**

The Down Syndrome Association of the New River Valley believes that the Buddy Walk can engage the community in a way that touches its heart and feeds its soul.

The Buddy Walk is about helping people understand the organization's mission and gives the public an opportunity to be involved. Funds raised at the Buddy Walk are used to support the mission and programs/events.

The DSNRV's first Annual Buddy Walk will be held on April 30, 2022, at 10:00 am at Pulaski County's Randolph Park.

The walk will begin at the main picnic shelter on the left as you enter the park. The walk will be a half-mile lap around the walking track with lots of fun to follow. This will include free pizza and drinks for participants, live music, and a chance to connect with others.

For more information, please visit the website at [nrv-downsyndrome.org](http://nrv-downsyndrome.org).



## **Glorylanders To Perform**

The Glorylanders will be singing at 4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 10 at Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church in Snowville. Don't miss it!

**Easter Egg Drop**



**Saturday, April 16**  
**12 noon to 4 p.m.**



A helicopter will be dropping candy filled eggs for different age groups with the first one beginning at approximately 2:00 pm for 5-6 yrs, 2:20 for 7-8 yrs, 2:40 for 9-10 yrs and 3:00 for 11-12 yrs. There will be an egg hunt for 2-4 yrs in a seperate location at 1:15 and other exciting activities. Also, the owner of the helicopter will be offering rides for \$30 per person.





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# In Opposition to Supreme Court Nominee Judge Jackson

The Constitution vests the president with the power to appoint justices to the Supreme Court “by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate.”

As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I do not have a vote on President Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, but I believe the Senate should not vote to confirm her.

My objections to this nomination arise from aspects of



Judge Jackson’s legal background as well as some of her Senate Judiciary Committee testimony.

Most troubling is her record on sentencing criminals convicted of sex offenses involving children. Her statements related to this topic are also concerning. These offenses are extremely damaging to the children affected.

As a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, I was the father of Virginia’s Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators. This program requires anyone who was convicted of a sexual offense to take a scientifically approved test screening the offender’s future danger to the public.

Judge Jackson has consistently opted to treat these offenders more leniently than called for by federal sentencing guidelines and on multiple occasions acted as if viewing sexual, even violent, imagery of pre-pubescent children does not demand significant concern and consequences.

As a judge, she put beliefs about reduced sentences for child sex predators into practice.

For example, in *United States v. Hawkins*, Judge Jackson sentenced an offender over 18 with multiple images of child pornography depicting pre-pubescent boys, including a video of a rape. The guidelines called for a sentence of up to ten years; Judge Jackson gave him three months. He was later found to be engaged in conduct that was highly likely to lead to reoffending and sentenced to a halfway house.

The Washington Post interviewed the offender in this case, who said, “I wasn’t very happy that she gave me three months, though, after reflection when I was in jail, I was hearing from other people who said it was their first time arrested and they got five years, six years.”

In *United States v. Cooper*, the offender had more than 600 images and videos, including some depicting torture, and posted many of them on a public blog. Judge Jackson opted for a 60-month sentence, the lowest allowed by law, when guidelines called for 151-188 months.

In *United States v. Sears*, Judge Jackson meted out a 71-month sentence in a case where the offender distributed more than 102 child pornography videos and sent lewd pictures of his own 10-year-old daughter. The guidelines in that case called for 97-121 months in prison.

Judge Jackson’s record includes more such cases, including one which the White House omitted when turning over documents to Senate Judiciary Republicans. Overall, she imposed an average sentence of 29.3 months for possession of child pornography, 57% less than the national average of 68 months. For distribution of child pornography, her average sentence of 71.9 months was 47% lower than the national average of 135 months.

I fear that she does not appreciate the gravity of these types of offenses, which is concerning for someone poised to sit on the highest court in the land. Her responses to questioning by the Senate Judiciary Committee did not satisfy my objections to her record.

I am concerned about other aspects of Judge Jackson’s record and testimony.

As a district judge, she blocked nationwide the Trump Administration’s policy of expedited removal of illegal immigrants, saying the Administration had not considered the disruption it would cause to illegal immigrants.

Under questioning by Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), she declined to define the word “woman,” saying that she was not a biologist.

I am not surprised that President Biden nominated to the Supreme Court someone whose views on the law differ from my own, but this nominee appears poised to rule in ways that would prioritize advancing a progressive agenda, not performing the judiciary’s duty under the Constitution to interpret the laws as written. Judge Jackson’s nomination should not be approved by the Senate.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at [www.morgan-griffith.house.gov](http://www.morgan-griffith.house.gov). Also, on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

# Hug A Neck

There are so many nationally recognized days of celebration these days it is often hard to keep up with them all. The month of April alone has April Fool’s Day, Walk to Work Day, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, National Unicorn Day, National High Five Day, Earth Day, National Picnic Day and about 200 more.

In Pulaski County, we have special days, weeks and months when we take time to recognize and celebrate as well. One very important week that has been effectuated by proclamation is the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. It is an opportunity for local government leadership, colleagues and the general public to pause for a moment, think about the contributions these dedicated professionals make each and every day to help ensure the public’s safety, and ultimately find a way to sincerely say thank you.

By way of official proclamation, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a symbol of recognition, pride and gratitude for the men and women who selflessly serve in this trying yet critically important role of Public Safety Telecommunica-



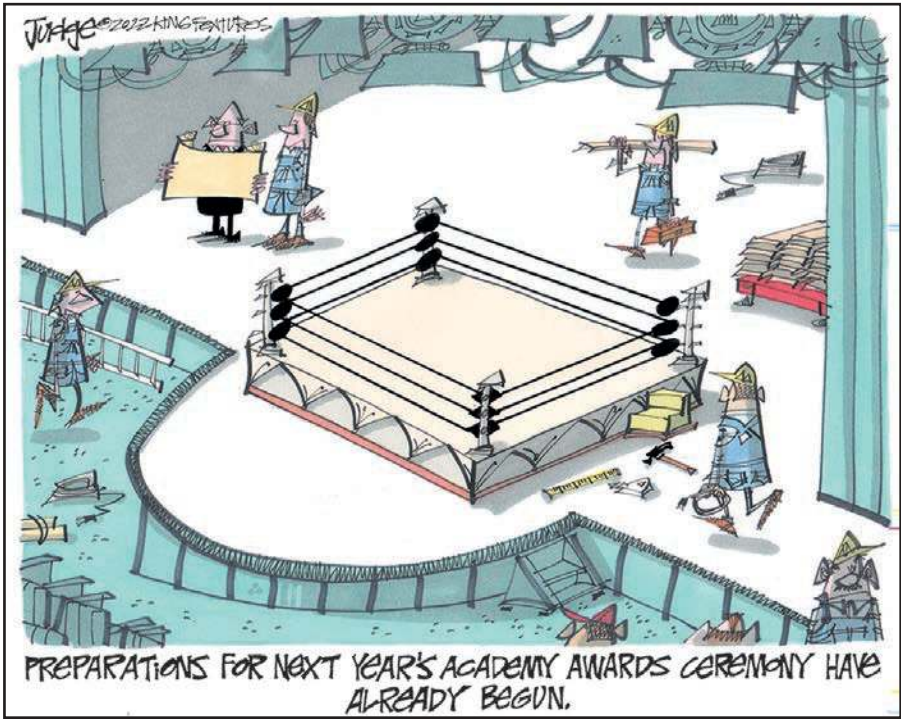
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Jonathan Sweet  
Pulaski Co. Administrator

tor, or as many of us know him or her, an E-911 dispatcher.

For the week of April 10 - 16, 2022, we would ask that you recognize an important unit of our First Responder family and find a way to figuratively or literally hug their necks for their efforts, commitment and contributions they make to keeping our police, fire, rescue and citizens safe in an array of emergency response situations.

I want to professionally and personally thank each and every one of our hardworking dispatchers for your service to Pulaski County, and wish you a week of gratitude for all you do. Pulaski County is...Celebrating Service.



# A Second ‘Contract With America’

By CAL THOMAS,  
Tribune Content Agency

During the 1994 congressional campaign, Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA) and Dick Armey (R-TX) drew up what they called a Contract with America. It was printed on a card which was small enough to fit in a wallet or purse and it detailed what Republicans would do should voters give the GOP a House majority for the first time in 40 years. The left and the media derided the contract, but it was deemed effective. While Republicans were able to achieve some of their goals, Democrats eventually regained the House majority and reversed many Republican policies, which has led to what we are experiencing today. That would be the worst inflation in 40 years, record high gas prices, increased interest rates and a porous southern border that has produced a flood of undocumented immigrants.

While former President Donald Trump continues to dwell on the 2020 election, his vice president, Mike Pence, is looking forward to the next two elections to repair the damage caused by the Biden administration (not Vladimir Putin, who is Biden’s scapegoat for everything).

Pence has authored a similar Contract with America. He calls it “The Freedom Agenda.”

Before he gets to the specifics, Pence indicts the Democrats for policies that have created the current mess: “Over many decades, liberal policies have created one disaster after another. Currently, our borders are under siege, our citizens have been betrayed, our allies have been abandoned, our currency has been debased through inflation, our schools have been transformed into indoctrination centers, our energy independence has been sacrificed on the altar of climate alarmism, and our great economy has been brought to a screeching halt by the radical left

big-government socialism.”

His proposed reforms begin with culture. To him that includes ending federal funding of abortion and promoting adoption; teaching patriotism in public schools; support law enforcement and repeal bail reform laws; finish building the border wall and deport all undocumented migrant criminals and gang members; end amnesty and sanctuary cities; make in-person voting the primary method for casting ballots while always requiring voter identification; save and protect women’s sports.

In a reference to his and Trump’s administration, Pence proposes to “Re-establish policies that promote not just American energy independence, but also American energy dominance.” He wants universal school choice and elimination of the Department of Education. Ronald Reagan’s secretary of Education, William Bennett, tried that but failed because Congress wouldn’t go along. Maybe a Republican Congress and later president would now, especially with all the controversy surrounding school boards and the non-academic subjects the left wants to force on children, starting in kindergarten.

There’s plenty more and the entire document, which Pence hopes will work for Republicans in the coming election.

One can tell a lot about the power of ideas from those who oppose them because they are a threat to their own political and cultural dominance. One example: An article in New York magazine is headlined: “Pence Unveils Less Unhinged, Equally Dangerous GOP Agenda.” How can it be more dangerous than what we have now?

Pence is arguing for a return to policies that work. He addresses what polls show are the top concerns of most conservative voters. In trying to help Republicans win back a congressional majority in the fall, Pence may be helping himself for a White House run in 2024.



**Rich Lowery**

Editor,  
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# It’s Inflation Stupid

Joe Biden is engaged in the most extensive test of whether an American president can survive elevated levels of inflation since Jimmy Carter, and it’s not going well.

The latest NBC News poll has Biden at a dismal 40% approval rating that, if it doesn’t change, will end the careers of Democrats up and down the ballot in November’s midterm elections.

According to the poll, only a third of people approve of Biden’s handling of the economy, a low that most presidents have needed a recession to hit. This number has sunk steadily -- along with Biden’s overall standing -- from 52% in April of last year.

Inflation, which increased 7.9% from February 2021 to February 2022, is top of mind for voters. In the survey, 35% of people said cost of living is the first or second most important issue to the country. Climate change, in contrast, is at 17% and the pandemic at 8%. Given the choice, 68% would rather see Biden make reducing inflation and improving the economy his top priority, not the war in Ukraine.

Elevated inflation represents a trifecta of doom for incumbent presidents.

Does it impact the lives of people in a discernible way that they will notice no matter what the president says or the media covers? Yes.

Does it cut the pay of workers unless there are steep increases in wages? Yes.

Does it make the president seem powerless to control events? Yes.

It was a common question in the media a while ago why people felt badly about a good economy? Paul Krugman wrote column last year headlined, “The Making of a Feel-Bad Boom.” The question, though, was miscast. An economy where wages are effectively falling is not a good economy, at least it isn’t going to be felt by most people as such.

Even though wages grew by a robust 5.1% year-over-year this February, that wasn’t enough to keep up with rising prices. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, real average hourly earnings declined 2.6% from February 2021-2022. During that 12-month period, the month-to-month change in real hourly wages was only positive in two months.

This is presumably why the NBC poll found that 62% say that their family income is falling behind, 31% say that it is staying about even, and just 6% believe it is going up faster.

Biden could combine the political talents of FDR and Reagan, the oratorical skills of Lincoln and JFK, and the common touch of Jackson and Truman, and this sense of falling behind would still be eating away at the foundations of his presidency.

Biden’s default has been to reassure the public that inflation is only transitory, to place it in the context of global supply chain issues beyond the control of any one person, and to blame vari-

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# Indoctrination vs. Education

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandela

It has been said that there is a clear correlation between the quality of a country’s education system and its general economic status and overall well-being. Education has been proven to be a vital contributor to a country’s overall health.

Public school education has been in the spotlight for several months, especially since the 2021 Virginia elections. Dr. Seuss’ Cat-in-the-Hat has been let out of the bookbag and replaced with books and theories that many parents disapprove of for their children. Unfortunately, in our society, parents of school age children have often times been expelled from the classroom and told they have no stake in what is taught to their children.

Instead of receiving an education in basic skills like reading, writing, math and science, American public school children are in many cases being indoctrinated.

American education, which used to boast of having the highest scores in the world, has tumbled to produce students ranked worldwide at 38th in math scores and 24th in science, according to Business Insider reports.

“One of the most-reviewed studies regarding education around the world involved 470,000 fifteen-year-old students. Each student was administered tests in math, science, and reading similar to the SAT or ACT exams (standardized tests used for college admissions in the U.S.) These exam scores were later compiled to determine each country’s average score for each of the three subjects. Based on this study, China received the highest scores, followed by Korea, Finland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Australia and the Netherlands.” Notice that the US is not listed in the top 10-countries.

RegisCollege.edu reports that in America “Some 34-percent of students are below basic reading level in the fourth grade, and another 31-percent are below the proficient reading level. About 27-percent of eighth grade students are below basic reading level, another

## Lowry

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ous malefactors, whether meat companies or Vladimir Putin, for surging prices. But the buck still stops with the president, even if the dollar has less purchasing power than it did a year ago.

Biden hasn’t resorted to anything as readily mockable as President Gerald Ford’s “Whip Inflation Now,” or WIN buttons in 1974, but is flailing around nearly as badly (inflation did, by the way, drop steeply from 1974 to 1976, but it took a recession to achieve this momentary gain).

He’s mostly trying to rebrand spending initiatives he already

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

39-percent of those students are below the proficient reading level. Data from U.S. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

Looking back at when the nation was founded, we find that in New England the literacy rate was 60-percent between the years 1650-1670; 85-percent between 1758-1762; and rose to 99-percent between 1787 - 1795. Opinions differ on which populations were considered, i.e., white males/females. But the purpose was to ensure people were taught to read so they could study the scriptures and understand our nation’s laws.

So, what has changed? Most likely, it is that public schools have in many cases strayed from educating our students to indoctrinating them in biased ideology. Education involves the seeking of facts, and learning about what is the truth, and what is not.

The definition of indoctrination means teaching someone, using a one-sided biased or uncritical ideology, to accept a set of beliefs without questioning them. Its purpose is to influence people to believe them, without relying on anything but opinion.

Here are some ways, from DifferenceBetween.net, that you can discern between education and indoctrination:

Education can be directly supported by data that is derived from facts. Indoctrination tends to use language that encompasses everything, referring to ‘all’, or ‘every’, as though the insights created are a statement of fact for each and every individual of a group.

Education points out that there are different solutions, often to the same problem. Indoctrination poses the belief that there is only one solution to a problem...their’s.

Education uses statistical analysis to encourage thought toward reasoning, and proposed solution finding. Indoctrination often uses statistics, but has offered no analysis of size, duration, control subjects, criteria, or duration of the gathering of those statistics. Thus,

supported as steps toward curbing costs. Regardless, the Federal Reserve has a huge role and, so far, it, like the administration, has been slow to catch up to the new inflationary reality.

The American public has had no such luxury. For it, increased prices are a daily lived reality, and no amount of spin is going to change that. Unless conditions markedly improve soon, Biden’s experiment is going to end very badly for him and his party.

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

the statistics offered through indoctrination are simply misrepresented, and are used only to support the beliefs being posed.

Education is unbiased. It is founded in fact, and isn’t there to persuade anyone to come up with a certain belief. Education is development of one’s own beliefs based on the facts. Indoctrination has an agenda. It is used to encourage the embracing of another’s beliefs, and developing blinding and complete agreement with those beliefs.

If we research history we find that early education in America was guided and supported by individuals and families. The Bible was used to teach reading, math, critical thinking and values such as right from wrong. Christianity was the core of early American education and the first public education law in America (1642), was referred to “The Old Deluder Satan Act.”

The Act began by stating: “It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the scriptures, as in former times...” and set the standards of having a teacher when 50-families were established in an area; and a grammar school when 100-families were present in an area.

It may be too hopeful to think public schools will return the use of the Bible and Judeo-Christian principles to the classroom, but American parents have been awakened to the fact that their children are being exposed to information contrary to their families’ values and beliefs. They are re-engaging in their children’s education and running for election to their local school boards. This seems to be the basic strategy to begin combatting the indoctrination that has been prevalent in our education system for the past 25-years. Three cheers for the Mama Bears who are leading the charge.

## An Essay

# Swimming against the current: An Essay on teaching Special Education during the Coronavirus pandemic

By Matthew McCarty

I am an educator. I am a special educator. I am the educator that has the job of managing behavior, accommodating for a disability, providing instruction, administering assessments, contacting parents, grandparents, guardians, and being the bridge between the content area teacher, school administration, student, and the above mentioned parent. I truly enjoy my job and believe that I am making a difference in the lives of my students, colleagues, friends, and family. I am a special educator.

I am a special educator. I never dreamed that I would have to engage with an illness like the Coronavirus, watch so many of the people in my life be stricken with this horrible disease, and still try to provide my students with an education. It is so hard to provide my students with the structure that they need, the information that they need, and most importantly the positive presence that they need during the pandemic. So many students are struggling to find a way to express their emotions, alleviate their stress and anxiety, and have a creative outlet for their energy, and I provide that outlet through a laugh, a fist-bump, or just a simple “good morning.” I am a special educator.

I am a special educator. I manage multiple individualized education plans (IEPs), making sure that paperwork is signed and filed as it should be. I provide content area teachers with information regarding disabilities, behaviors, and instructional needs of my students. I provide school leaders with the information that they need to make positive and informed decisions for as many students as I can. I am a special educator.

I am a special educator. I provide a smiling face when meeting with students in a virtual world. I help my content area co-teaching colleagues the comfort zone that they are looking for when crafting lessons and activities for all students, especially my students. My content area colleagues are highly skilled experts in their crafts but some of them may need support in providing content that is meaningful to students, especially students who may have decreased attention levels, diabetes, physical limitations, or other issues that can have an impact on how they learn. I am a special educator.

I am a special educator. I love my job. I am good at my job. My job bring me satisfaction and support for my family. I am a special educator.

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# First Baptist Church in Radford announces arrival of new pastor

First Baptist Church, 3rd and Downey Streets, Radford, announces the arrival of their new pastor. A few months back, First Baptist called Pastor Diana Ferrell White to lead the ministry of the church. She comes to Radford from



**Pastor Diana Ferrell White**

Elba, Alabama where she was the pastor at a church for several years. Upon accepting the call, Diana, her husband Brian, and their daughters Zelda and Nadia made the move to Radford. Both of the girls have become very active in school and after school

activities.

First Baptist is an open-door church that welcomes all to the table of God. We invite all to come and enjoy God's blessings with us. We have four God sized dreams: community needs, inspiring worship, spiritual growth and building relationships. Pastor White embraces each of these and is already involved in and around the area.

While pastoring in Alabama, she was coaching soccer, working the clothing bank, helping the homeless, library and book clubs, and many other groups.

She is very dedicated to her calling, and it shows in her messages to the congregation of FBC, and her pastoral care extends to our community at large.

God is working at this church, and we are dedicated to serve and be the beacon of hope in the New River Valley and beyond.

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Pulaski County High School

## PULSE

**April 8**

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Belspring Community will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 2 PM at the Belspring Methodist Church. There will be games, prizes and treat bags for the children. Everyone welcome

**April 9**

### **Cemetery Cleanup**

The Hufford/Mt Olivet Community cemetery will be holding a spring cleanup on Saturday April 9 at 9:00 to ready the cemetery for the upcoming mowing season. Trash bags will be provided. We ask that if you own plots, or have loved ones buried there, that you please come help clean the cemetery. All Christmas and faded flowers will be removed. Also, the cemetery is now accepting donations to help with the cost of having the cemetery mowed and weed-eated. You can mail those donations to Hufford/Mt Olivet Cemetery c/o 2721 Mt Olivet Rd Pulaski VA 24301. For more information, or with any questions, please call 540-200-7880, 9or 540-616-9131.

**April 12**

### **Sons of Confederate Veterans**

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

**April 15**

### **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 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 after 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 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](mailto: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.

### **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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## Memorial seeks Vietnam War veterans' photos

*Selected Photos Will Be Included In Upcoming Exhibit Commemorating 50th Anniversary of Paris Peace Accords Ending Conflict*

(Richmond) The Virginia War Memorial is seeking personal photographs of Virginia Vietnam War veterans taken during their service in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. The photos will be reviewed by the Memorial staff and may be used for the upcoming exhibit entitled, 50 Years Beyond: The Vietnam War Experience.

"We plan to feature photos of fifty Vietnam veterans from Virginia in the exhibit which will open January 27, 2023 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Paris Peace Accords which officially ended the Vietnam War," said Dr. Clay Mountcastle, Director of the Virginia War Memorial. "These photos will be used alongside professional photo portraits of the selected veterans taken today."

The Virginia War Memorial is collaborating with award-winning photographer and US Navy veteran Laura Hatcher to take the contemporary photos of the Vietnam veterans selected.

The Memorial staff is currently collecting "in-country" photos from the Vietnam War, personal correspondence, mementos and oral histories of veterans who served. Virginia Vietnam veterans should submit digital photos in jpg, tiff or PDF formats to the Virginia War Memorial by April 30, 2022 for consideration to be included in the upcoming exhibit.

"We greatly appreciate the assistance of Vietnam veterans and their families in this project. Please be assured that the Virginia War Memorial will not reproduce, publish or copy any photos submitted during the selection phase for the exhibit," Dr. Mountcastle added. "Once fifty veterans are selected, the Memorial will secure written permission from the veteran submitting the photo for use."

To submit photos and other materials, please go to <https://vawarmemorial.org/50yearsbeyond/>

Photos and materials may also be submitted by mail to:

Fifty Years Beyond: The Vietnam War Experience  
c/o The Virginia War Memorial  
621 South Belvedere Street  
Richmond, VA 23220

For more information about this project, please email [exhibits@vawarmemorial.org](mailto:exhibits@vawarmemorial.org) or call 804.786.2060.

## Owens hired as Transportation Manager

Pulaski County Public Schools is pleased to announce the hiring of Jonathan Owens as the new Transportation Manager for the school system.

Owens, a resident of Dublin, began in his new position immediately upon hiring. An alumnus from the PCHS Class of 2006, he graduated from Bluefield University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Leadership, then earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Human Resources from Liberty University.

Owens, who served in the U.S. Army as an 88L, Watercraft Engineer, brings a long list of skills and experience to the position. He has worked in manufacturing, material handling, sales, home improvement, and security. His duties ranged from customer service to operating equipment and safety. He is certified as an EMT



and Fire Fighter in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"I'm excited to take on the challenges that will come with

this new position and look forward to working with the staff in the school system," Owens said.

His new position will see him responsible for developing several areas, including developing efficient bus routes, supervising a staff of bus drivers, supervising pupil transportation car drivers, supervision of transportation paraprofessionals, supervision of transportation office personnel, recruitment of drivers, coordinating training for all drivers and paraprofessionals, assisting school administration with bus discipline issues, and develop transportation reports. This position requires strong proven abilities in organizations, leadership and human relationships.



Jonathan Owens



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## Applications Being Accepted For Community Development Director, Economic Developer, Town Clerk/Public Information

### Community Development Director

The Town of Pulaski is accepting applications for the position of Community Development Director. The successful applicant for this exempt, full time position will perform complex and difficult professional level management, leadership, budget management, capital project management, public facilities planning, policy development and administrative functions under the direct supervision of the Town Manager.

The Community Development Director must have the following:

- Master's Degree in Public Administration, Urban Planning, Economic Development, Business Administration, or related field
- At least five years of Zoning/Economic Development experience and/or equivalent combination of education, experience, and training which provides the required knowledge and competencies, and at least two of those years being in a supervisory role
- Proven track record of successfully leading business attraction, business retention, and economic development funding activities

A full position description is available upon request, please apply online at [https://www.pulaskitown.org/government/information/job\\_openings](https://www.pulaskitown.org/government/information/job_openings) or send your resume to [hr@pulaskitown.org](mailto:hr@pulaskitown.org).

The salary for this position will be \$74,716.00, possibly varying depending on the experience and qualifications of the chosen applicant. The Town of Pulaski participates in the Virginia Retirement System, and provides an excellent benefits package. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Pulaski is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. If you require an accommodation in order to participate in any phase of the application process, please contact the Town of Pulaski Human Resources office at (540) 994-8642 or [HR@pulaskitown.org](mailto:HR@pulaskitown.org).

### Economic Developer

The Town of Pulaski is accepting applications for the position of Economic Developer. The successful applicant for this exempt, full time position will perform complex and difficult professional level management, leadership, budget management, capital project management, public facilities planning, policy development and administrative functions under the direct supervision of the Town Manager.

The Economic Developer must have the following:

- Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Urban Planning, Economic Development, Business Administration, or related field
- At least two years of Zoning/Economic Development experience and/or equivalent combination of education, experience, and training which provides the required knowledge and competencies
- Proven track record of successfully leading business attraction, business retention, and economic development funding activities
- Preferred Skills/Qualifications
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The salary for this position will be \$58,542.00, possibly varying depending on the experience and qualifications of the chosen applicant. The Town of Pulaski participates in the Virginia Retirement System, and provides an excellent benefits package. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Pulaski is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. If you require an accommodation in order to participate in any phase of the application process, please contact the Town of Pulaski Human Resources office at (540) 994-8642 or [HR@pulaskitown.org](mailto:HR@pulaskitown.org).

### Town Clerk/Public Information

The Town of Pulaski is accepting applications for the position of Town Clerk/Public Information. The successful applicant for this non-exempt, full time position will perform intermediate skilled administrative support work providing administrative, secretarial and clerical assistance and timely information to the Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager, including setting up and maintaining a reliable filing system for all required Town records, acting as the Public Information Officer for the Town, and related work as apparent or assigned. Work is performed under the supervision of the Town Manager.

The Town Clerk/Public Information must have the following:

- High school diploma or GED and moderate experience in and accurate typing/computer skills, transcribe minutes, accurate spelling, ability to prioritize needs, handle stress and deadlines.
- Great interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Moderate experience in public administration, performing administrative duties, working with and meeting the public, general understanding of state and local government, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Bachelor's degree preferred.

A full position description is available upon request.

The salary for this position will begin at \$40,845.00, possibly varying depending on the experience and qualifications of the chosen applicant. The Town of Pulaski participates in the Virginia Retirement System, and provides an excellent benefits package. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Pulaski is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. If you require an accommodation in order to participate in any phase of the application process, please contact the Town of Pulaski Human Resources office at (540) 994-8642 or [HR@pulaskitown.org](mailto:HR@pulaskitown.org).

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# Our Patriotic Roots, Branches - Deskins Family of Floyd, Pulaski

By CINDY AKERS

History is an amazing thing, you never know what you might find, or what may accidentally find you. As I traveled down a whole other path of the past, I was recently ambushed by some amazing history.

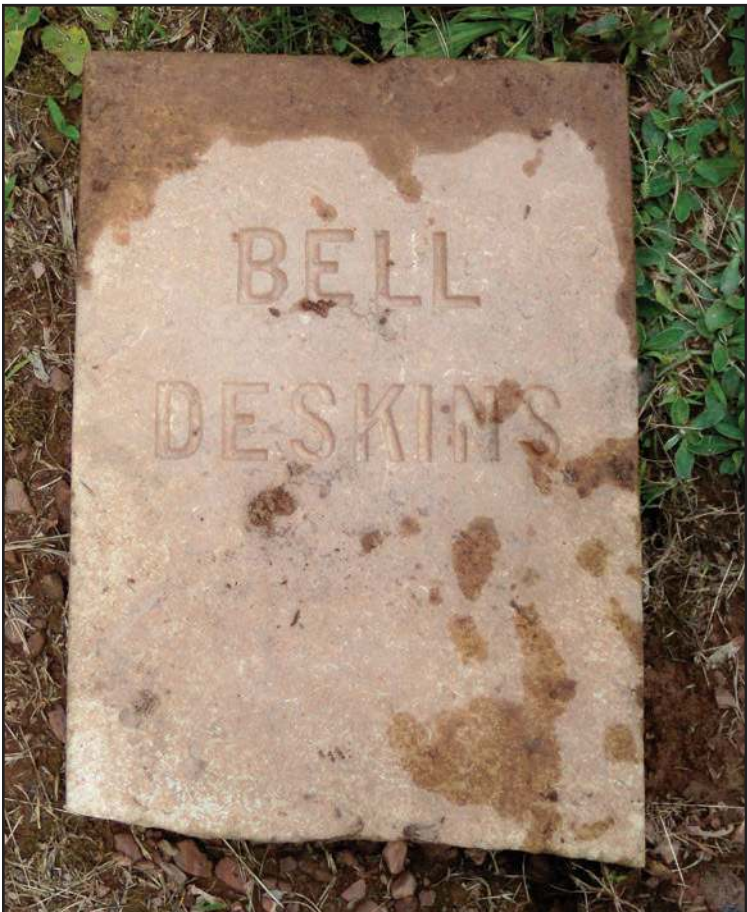
Colonel Harvey Deskins, 1803-1868, was a well-known and well-reputed leader of Floyd County, and the state. He was originally from Tazewell County, where he served in the House of Delegates from 1827-1829, and then came to Floyd County, where he served as a Delegate from 1836-1851, and served as a State Senator from 1856-1859. He served in the 188th Virginia Militia. He was a County Justice of the Peace for 34 years, and a member of the Virginia General Assembly, present for the vote on Virginia's secession from the Union. He also participated in the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1861.

The Colonel was a sizeable landowner and businessman in Jacksonville, and he did own some slaves. On the 1850 schedule, we see him with 11, and on the 1860 schedule, we see 9. One of those male slaves is Landon Deskins, born on Colonel Deskins' farm about 1844. In 1864, at the age of 20, Landon married Arbella Ferguson, the daughter of Thomas Hayden and Jenny Ferguson, also Floyd County slaves. This information is documented in the 1866 Floyd County Cohabitation Records.

It is interesting to note what happened to Landon between 1865 and 1870. According to the records of the Freedman's Bureau, headed in this area by Capt. Charles S. Schaeffer, Landon Deskins is the first colored school teacher in Floyd County, operating the day school in Jacksonville, with an original enrollment of 25 pupils. This gives a hint not only to the character of Landon, but shows that he has had some formal education before becoming a freedman. According to documents contained in the Freedman's files, Landon can write and articulate very well, he has a very good grasp of the subjects and materials needed to educate his students. He is in constant contact with Capt. Schaeffer and the Freedman's Bureau with regard to the operations and needs of his school and his community. Landon is often referred to in Freedman's Bureau communications as the man to contact in regards to those Freed-



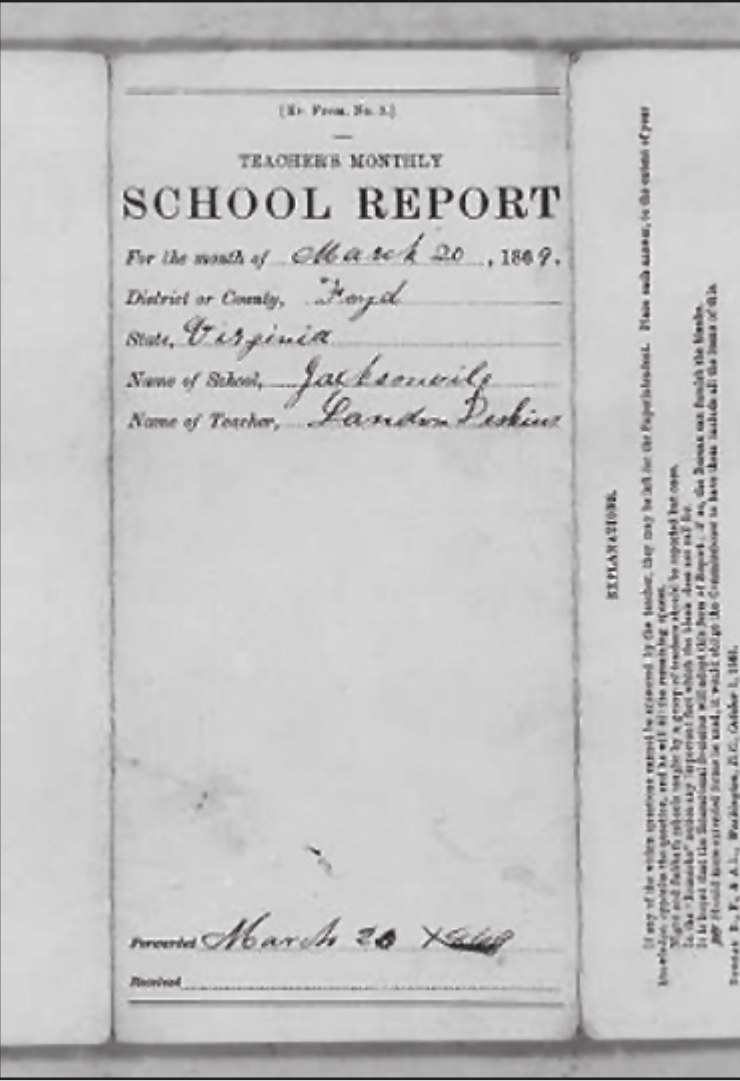
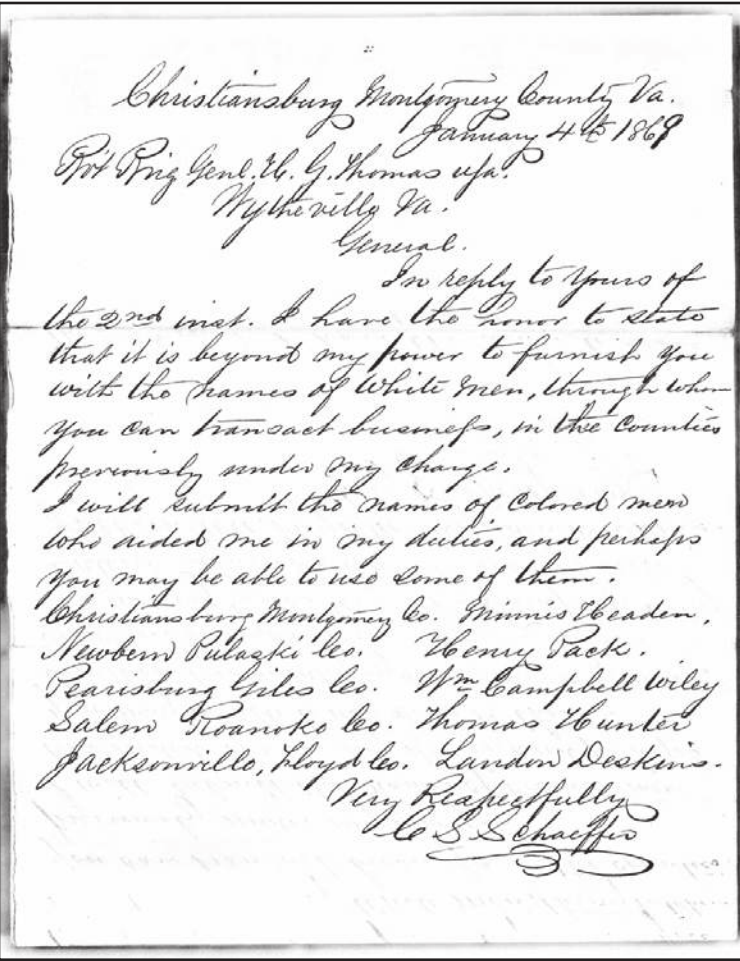
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man school matters in Floyd County, and he is shown to be a liaison between business and private parties from outside the county, as well as assisting the local freedmen with some legal matters. He also was required to attend district educational meetings, which meant frequent travel to other areas. Landon worked for the Freedman's Bureau from 1866-70's, when the state began to get more involved in public education. After that, he taught in public schools in Floyd, working at times with the Rev. John Kellogg Harris, and in Pulaski County Schools. Landon's teaching career has been mentioned by Dr. R.T. Akers in historical articles

regarding Floyd Public Schools in the 1937 issues of The Floyd Press.

On the 1870 Floyd Census, we find Landon, Arbella, and 5 children: Josephine, age 6; Cambridge, age 4; twins Harvey D. and Mitchell E., age 2; and little Arbella, age 6 months. They are living in a mixed neighborhood of whites and blacks, with Washington Goodykoontz and John Cox as their closest neighbors. Landon is listed as a day laborer, which means he hires out to work for wages, as well as likely has his own small farm for his family needs. Early schools tended to operate according to the needs of the farmers, who needed their



sons at home during the planting, growing, and harvesting seasons, so Landon may have been teaching only part-time at that point, and would have listed his most usual daily activity as his general occupation at the time the census was taken.

1877-80 Court proceedings show that Landon owned an acre of land with a log cabin, ½ mile NW of the Floyd Court House, located adjoining the Jett and Proffit farms. He apparently got into some debt and placed the property as surety. Some of this debt appears to be a co-signing for another individual, and some of it appears to be supplies purchased for his school. He was unable to pay the full debt, and his land was put into foreclosure, sold at auction for \$100.

1880 shows Landon and Arbella living closer into town, nearer to Arbella's relatives, and they have added a new son, Landon Jr., who is age 6. Landon Sr. is now also a Barber. He is continuing his education, growing his skill-set, and expanding his opportunities.

An 1890 death record for the youngest son shows the family living in Pulaski County at that time. The 1900 census shows Landon and Arbella still living in Pulaski County, and he is

listed as a school teacher. Their children are grown and away from home, and sadly, by this time, several have passed away. Arbella states in 1900 that she had birthed 8 children, and only 4 were living at that time. Others have married, and some have moved on to greener pastures, as many did in those days. Landon and Arbella live in a very good neighborhood, next door to a physician, with several prominent merchants and other school teachers as neighbors.

By 1910, Arbella is now a widow, and living with her son Cambridge, where she will stay until she dies in 1926. At this point she has 3 living children. It is likely that several members of this family are buried in the Pinehurst Cemetery (formerly called Needmore) in the Town of Pulaski, but only two are marked, Arbella and Cambridge, and marked only with a name on a hand-made marker. I am certain that Landon Sr. and Jr. are there, along with Harvey. There may be a couple of their children in the Floyd cemeteries, though none are listed. Landon and Arbella had only 3 grandchildren, their entire family is gone.

Was it history who forgot this remarkable man, or was it us who didn't keep his history alive?

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## SCHOOL & DAY CARE MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Documentary proof shall be provided of adequate age appropriate immunization with the prescribed number of doses of vaccine indicated below for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school, child care center, nursery school, family day care home or developmental center. Vaccines must be administered in accordance with the harmonized schedule of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, and American Academy of Family Physicians and must be administered within spacing and age requirements (available at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/immunization-manual/acip/>). **Children vaccinated in accordance with either the current harmonized schedule or the harmonized catch-up schedules (including meeting all minimum age and interval requirements) are considered to be appropriately immunized for school attendance. (See “Supplemental Guidance for School-required Vaccines” for additional information.)**

**Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap)** - A minimum of 4 properly spaced doses. A child must have at least one dose of DTaP or DTP vaccine on or after the fourth birthday. DT (Diphtheria, Tetanus) vaccine is required for children who are medically exempt from the pertussis containing vaccine (DTaP or DTP). Adult Td is required for children 7 years of age and older who do not meet the minimum requirements for tetanus and diphtheria. Effective A booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) Vaccine** - Effective July 1, 2021, a minimum of 2 doses of MenACWY vaccine. The first dose should be administered prior to entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The final dose should be administered prior to entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine** - Effective July 1, 2021, a complete series of 2 doses of HPV vaccine is required for students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian, at the parents or guardians sole discretion, may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine.

**Hepatitis B Vaccine** - A complete series of 3 properly spaced doses of hepatitis B vaccine is required for all children. However, the FDA has approved a 2-dose schedule **ONLY** for adolescents 11-15 years of age AND **ONLY when the Merck Brand (RECOMBIVAX HB) Adult Formulation Hepatitis B Vaccine** is used. If the 2-dose schedule is used for adolescents 11-15 years of age it must be clearly documented on the school form.

**Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) Vaccine** - A minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, and 1 rubella. (Most children receive 2 doses of each because the vaccine usually administered is the combination vaccine MMR). First dose must be administered at age 12 months or older. Second dose of vaccine must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.

**Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) Vaccine** - This vaccine is required **ONLY** for children up to 60 months of age. A primary series consists of either 2 or 3 doses (depending on the manufacturer). However, the child's current age and not the number of prior doses received govern the number of doses required. Unvaccinated children between the ages of 15 and 60 months are only required to have one dose of vaccine.

**Pneumococcal (PCV) Vaccine** - This vaccine is required **ONLY** for children less than 60 months of age. One to four doses, dependent on age at first dose, of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine are required.

**Rotavirus Vaccine** - This vaccine is required **ONLY** for children less than 8 months of age. Effective July 1, 2021, 2 or 3 doses of Rotavirus Vaccine (dependent upon the manufacturer) is required.

**Polio (IPV) Vaccine** - A minimum of 4 doses of polio vaccine. One dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. **See supplemental guidance document for additional information.**

**Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine** - All children born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have one dose of chickenpox vaccine administered at age 12 months or older. Effective March 3, 2010, a second dose must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.

**Hepatitis A (HAV) Vaccine** - Effective July 1, 2021, a minimum of 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine. The first dose should be administered at age 12 months or older.

*For further information, please call the Division of Immunization at 1-800-568-1929 (in state only) or 804-864-8055.*

## 2021 Childhood Vaccine School-Requirements House Bill 1090

The Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 1090 which effectively requires Virginia's immunization recommendations and requirements to coincide with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). To access VDH's immunizations resources please visit: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>.

### What are the changes regarding kindergarten school entry vaccination requirements?

- Before children enter kindergarten they now need two properly spaced doses of the hepatitis A vaccine (HAV). The first dose should be administered at age 12 months or older. The HAV vaccine requirement is an addition to the existing kindergarten vaccine requirements according to the ACIP vaccine schedule. Prior to the law going into effect children entering kindergarten were not required to have the HAV vaccine.

### With the new requirements, are students in 1st grade and above required to receive the HAV vaccine doses?

- No, rising 1st grade students and above will be considered “grandfathered” and will not be required to receive the HAV vaccine doses.

### If a 1st grade student comes to Virginia from out of state, will they be required to have the HAV vaccine doses for school entry?

- No, the 1st grader is not required to have the Hep A series, however, it is recommended.

### If a Kindergarten student presents with only one dose of the HAV vaccine on the 1st day of school, can the student receive a conditional enrollment?

- Yes, the student can receive a conditional enrollment as long as the student has received the 1st dose of the HAV 2-dose series. The conditional enrollment period is 180 days.

### What are the changes regarding 7th-grade school entry vaccination requirements?

- Children entering 7th grade are required to present proof of their first dose of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, one booster of the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine (Tdap), and their first dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). All are required for both boys and girls before entering the 7th grade.

### My child is entering the 12th grade, what vaccines will they need to enter school?

- If your child is entering 12th grade, they will need to have a booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY).

### If a rising 12th-grade student has already received a dose of the MenACWY at the age of 11, is the student required to have the second dose of the vaccine, or has the requirement been met?

- The 12th grade student would still need the MenACWY at 16 years of age or older, regardless of the MenACWY dose received at 11 years of age.

### Can a student be conditionally enrolled if they do not have the required vaccinations before school starts?

- In order for a student to be conditionally enrolled, the student must have proof of having received at least one (1) dose of each of the required immunizations and have a schedule on file to receive the remainder of the required doses within 90 days (or in the case of hepatitis A and hepatitis B, 180 days). Therefore, if the student has not received the 1st dose of the meningococcal vaccine, the student is not eligible to receive a conditional enrollment.

### With the new requirements, are rising 8th-11th grade students, required to receive two doses of MenACWY?

- No, rising 8th-11th grade students will be considered “grandfathered” and will not be required to receive the 7th grade MenACWY dose.

### If a child without any high risk conditions received a dose of MenACWY (Menactra, MenQuadfi or Menveo) vaccine at age 10 years, does the child need to be revaccinated at age 11-12 years?

- No. ACIP considers a dose of MenACWY given to a 10-year-old child to be valid for the first dose in the adolescent series. Doses given before age 10 years should not be counted. The child should receive the second (booster) dose at age 16 years as usual.

### If a student is missing the HPV vaccine, will they be allowed to attend school?

- A parent or guardian has the right to decide if a child receives the HPV vaccine. A student is allowed to attend school and be missing HPV. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with your healthcare provider.

# Cooking with children

By Sharon Rice, Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent

Cooking with children can be tons of fun! It teaches them valuable life skills, but it can help kids learn and practice some basic math concepts and language skills, and not to mention it is a bonding experience for the whole family.

Plan to have extra time when cooking with children. It takes patience to work with kids in the kitchen because making a mess is part of the cooking experience when they are young. Work together as a family to clean up spills and washing dishes.

Allow your children to help plan a meal and allow them to grocery shop with you. It is essential to have a list of the

items you will need to buy from the grocery store, and when you are shopping, make sure your children are allowed to help choose produce items and put food items in the grocery cart.

Here are a few tips and important reminders to get you started:

- Start with an easy recipe, such as making pancakes, eggs, or muffins.
- Have kid-friendly cooking utensils & tools for your children.
- Washing hands is an important part of cooking; encourage hand washing as often as needed.
- Expect spills and messes.
- It is important to supervise at all times while cooking in the kitchen.
- Give children jobs to help

clean up.

- Repeat recipe directions as often as needed; kids have short attention spans.
- Most importantly, Have Fun!

**Sources:**  
<https://www.nutrition.gov/topics/nutrition-age/children/kids-kitchen>.  
<https://snaped.fns.usda.gov/success-stories/cooking-kids>

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# Pulaski County meetings, closings for April

• Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Wednesday, April 13, 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; 3 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.

• Friday, April 15, 2022, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022, in observance of Good Friday. The Dora Highway, Pulaski, Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open on Friday, April 15, 2022,

and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

• 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; 6 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.

• Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Training Room, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the town of Pulaski, Virginia, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

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• Monday, April 25, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pu-

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• Tuesday, April 26, 2022, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 3 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@pulaskicoun-

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• Tuesday, April 26, 2022, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-5146) This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

## Governor signs bill to help Gold Star families

RICHMOND, VA – Governor Glenn Youngkin signed HB 957, patroned by Delegate Kathy Tran and passed unanimously by the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia, into law on Gold Star Spouses Day. The bill gives local governments the opportunity to offer tax relief for surviving spouses of a member of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty.

“By taking care of our Gold Star Families, we honor the legacy of our service men and women, who gave their lives to protect our freedom,” said Governor Youngkin.

This legislation provides localities with the option to declare real property that is owned by a surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty as a separate class of property for local taxation purposes. The spouse must not be remarried and the service member’s death must be verified by the U.S. DoD and confirmed that the death was not the result of criminal conduct.

The bill outlines that the tax rate must be greater than zero and less than the rate on the general class of real property.

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Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Express Toyota, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond Raceway on April 03, 2022 in Richmond, Virginia.

## NASCAR continues short track swing

From NASCAR

The NASCAR Cup Series finds itself amid a short track swing on the 2021 season schedule, tasking the teams to find the best setups for the Next Gen cars on three similar tracks in length (less than a mile) but vastly different competitive arenas.

From last week's 0.75-mile asphalt paved Richmond Raceway, to this weekend's historic Martinsville Speedway that stretches 0.526-mile in length with asphalt paved straights and concrete corners, to next weekend's 0.5-mile Bristol Motor Speedway dirt track, the challenge through this portion of the schedule is immense.

Martinsville Speedway is the longest continuously running track on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule, and the only currently active track that was a part of the inaugural NASCAR Cup Series season in 1949. Martinsville Speedway was originally a dirt track and the facility hosted 12 NASCAR Cup Series races on the then dirt surface before paving the track in the late summer months of 1955, between the track's two Cup races of that season. In total, there have been 146 NASCAR Cup Series races at Martinsville



Speedway, one in the inaugural year (1949) and two races per year since 1950. The first 500-lap event at Martinsville Speedway was in 1956 and the concrete corners were added atop asphalt in 1976.

The 146 NASCAR Cup Series races at Martinsville Speedway are the second-most points-paying series events run at a facility behind Daytona International Speedway's 150 races.

Martinsville's 146 races have produced 61 different pole winners and 55 different race winners; nine of the Cup Series Martinsville Speedway race winners are entered this weekend.

The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway was on Sept. 25, 1949 and won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Red Byron driving an Oldsmobile for car owner Raymond Parks. NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty leads the NASCAR Cup Series in wins

at Martinsville Speedway with 15 victories (1960, 1962, 1963, 1967 sweep, 1968, 1969 sweep, 1970, 1971, 1972 sweep, 1973, 1975, 1979) – the most any driver in the series has won at a single track; he also won 15 races at North Wilkesboro. Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin leads the NASCAR Cup Series among active drivers in wins at Martinsville Speedway with five victories (2008, 2009, 2010 sweep, 2015).

This weekend's Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 400 on Saturday night, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90) will be 400 laps (210.4 miles) and broken up into the three stages. The first stage is 80 laps, the second stage is 100 laps, and the final stage is 220 laps.

All the NASCAR Cup Series action at Martinsville Speedway begins this Friday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m. ET followed directly by Busch Light Pole Qualifying at 5:05 p.m. ET both will be televised on FS1.

### Hot Streak: Trend of different winners to start the season could reach eight

Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin gave Toyota its first win of the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series season and in the process kept the streak of different winners to start the season alive making the 2022 season the sixth different year in the NASCAR Cup Series' Modern Era (1972-2022) to start with seven different drivers in Victory Lane; joining 2021, 2014, 2003, 2000 and 1991.

Now the NASCAR Cup Series is heading to the historic Martinsville Speedway to see if the streak can make it to eight different winners. If the 2022 season sees an eighth different victor this weekend it will become just the third different season in the NASCAR Cup Series Modern Era (1972-Present) to start with eight different winners in the first eight races; joining 2003 and 2000. Last season, Martin Truex Jr. snapped the different winners

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## Cougar baseball pounds Hidden Valley

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County High School's baseball team won its second straight last Friday, walloping Hidden Valley, 14-7.

The win came on the heels of a 14-0 win over Patrick Henry.

The home-standing Cougars were led by strong offensive performances from five players.

Cole Albert went 3-5 on the game with 2 RBI. Caleb Perfator went 1-3, 2 RBI; Jacob Johnson was 1-4, 2 RBI. Caleb Midkiff scored three runs and drove in a run, and Lorgan Delph went 2-4 at the plate with an RBI.

Head coach Greg Allen said Jeremiah Hedge got the win on the mound for the Cougars.

## Cougar netmen fall hard to Bruins

Pulaski County's boys tennis team was shutout Wednesday in a match against Blacksburg, 9-0.

Coach Chad Graham provided the Cougars' individual and doubles match scores:

### Singles:

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

### Doubles:

1. Camden/Xander 1-6 1-6
2. Aaron/Eli 0-6 0-6
3. Mark/Ashton 1-6 3-6

In an exhibition match, Zach Gallimore lost 2-6 0-6.

"The Blacksburg match was rained out on Tuesday and moved to Wednesday. The team is as deep with good talent as usual," Graham said.

The Cougars' next match will be at home Friday against Cave Spring.

## Sports physicals offered

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

The physicals will take place at PCHS in the Career and Technical Education Building on Wednesday, May 4 beginning at 3:20 pm.

The cost will be \$10 dollars and students should arrive with their Virginia High School League physical form (pages 1, 2 and 4) completed and signed by both student AND parent/guardian.

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

Physical forms are available in the front offices of Pulaski County High School and Pulaski County Middle School, or can be printed at [vhsl.org](http://vhsl.org). In an attempt to expedite this process, the start time for current PCHS students is 3:20 pm.

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# NASCAR

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streak to start the year by winning his second race of the 2021 season at Martinsville (Race No. 8).

The next longest streak of different winners to start a season in the NASCAR Cup Series Modern Era belongs to 2003 with nine consecutive different winners. Kurt Busch snapped the streak of different winners by winning his second race of the 2003 season at Auto Club Speedway (Race No. 10).

In the Modern Era (1972-2021), the record for the most different NASCAR Cup Series winners in a single season in its entirety is 19 set back in 2001. The series has also seen a total of 18 different winners (second-most) in a single season twice – in 2002 and 2011. Last season, the series produced 16 different winners.

#### Short Track Showmen

Since the first NASCAR Cup Series season in 1949, short tracks – a track less than a mile in length – have graced the competitive sched-

ule and been part of the fabric that makes up the sport.

NASCAR Hall of Famer aptly nicknamed ‘The King,’ Richard Petty scored 138 of his record 200 NASCAR Cup Series victories on short tracks – the series-most short-track wins all-time. He also holds the record for the most wins at a single NASCAR Cup Series track posting 15 victories at this weekend’s venue – Martinsville Speedway and North Wilkesboro.

Among the active drivers this weekend, 10 have posted wins on short tracks in the NASCAR Cup Series, led by Joe Gibbs Racing’s Kyle Busch with 16 short-track Cup victories. Team Penske’s Joey Logano is the only driver to win at all four of the currently active short tracks on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule with his victory last season at Bristol Dirt.

Seven of the 10 active NASCAR Cup Series short track winners entered this weekend are looking for their first victory of 2022, and all seven are former winners at Martinsville – Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, Brad Keselowski, Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano, Chase Elliott and the

## LEGAL NOTICE

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**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.

track’s defending spring race winner Martin Truex Jr.

Additionally, Stewart-Haas Racing’s Kevin Harvick is the only NASCAR Cup Series driver to win in all three NASCAR national series at Martinsville Speedway (NCS: 2011, NXS: 2006, NCWTS: 2009, 2010, 2012) and the only active

driver with an Xfinity win at the track. Joe Gibbs Racing’s Martin Truex Jr. has won the last two consecutive Martinsville Speedway NACAR Cup Series spring races. In total, Truex has made 32 series starts at Martinsville posting three wins (2019, 2020, 2021), nine top fives and 15 top 10s.

## JOBS

## PSA Customer Service Coordinator



The Pulaski County Public Service Authority is accepting applications for two Customer Service Coordinator positions. Applicants will perform routine skilled clerical work with tasks focused on maintaining PSA accounts and billing services of the Water, Sewer & Refuse Departments and their customers, with an emphasis on providing excellent customer service. Education and qualifications such as graduation from high school and considerable clerical, accounting and Microsoft Office experience is required. A successful background check and drug and alcohol test is also required.

The anticipated salary will be \$37,000 DOE/DOQ. This is a full-time position with benefits that include: health, dental, vision and life insurance, state retirement program, optional 457b retirement program, sick and vacation leave, paid holidays, and much more.

Interested individuals may review a full job description at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or visit www.pulaskicounty.org. Applications should be submitted to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

Position is open until filled

Equal Opportunity Employer

## JOBS

## Community Development Project Manager and GIS Coordinator



Pulaski County is hiring for the position of Community Development Project Manager and Geographic Information System Coordinator. Performs professional work maintaining, organizing and updating geographic information systems, creating maps, and related work as apparent or assigned. Thorough knowledge of all of the following: automated mapping and information processing methods and techniques: automated mapping and geographic information processing systems, cartographic principles and land surveying, automated mapping, geographic information system database design and structure, geographic information system hardware and software components, data communication and network methods and techniques. This position will also manage an array Community Development projects while communicating ideas effectively in both oral and written formats to their supervisor while establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with citizens, developers, economic development prospects, elected officials, consultants, employees and the general public.

Associates Degree required, Bachelor’s degree preferred in Public Administration with educational and work experience in geography, surveying, engineering, planning, or a related field and considerable experience with GIS. Applicant must successfully pass a drug screen and background check.

The salary range for the position is \$49,548 - \$70,548 DOE/DOQ. Benefits include: health, dental, vision and life insurance, state retirement program, optional 457b retirement program, county vehicle, sick and vacation leave, paid holidays and more. Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director, tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**The Patriot**  
**540-808-3949**



## Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals

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

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

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



**Pulaski Health and Rehab**  
**2400 Lee Highway, Pulaski, VA 24301 • 540-980-3111**

## We’re hosting a JOB FAIR

at Pulaski Health and Rehab  
for all nursing positions  
TNA, CNA, LPN, and RN

**April 13**  
**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

We currently have sign-on bonuses up to \$12,000 for Full-Time CNA, LPN, and RN positions  
We will have refreshments, tours, and staff available to answer all questions.



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

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to [csmith@pulaskitown.org](mailto:csmith@pulaskitown.org). A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Economic Development and Planning Manager's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# 2022 Randolph Park Summer Day Camp details announced

**2022 Randolph Park Summer  
Day Camp  
Current Grades K-5 (Rising  
1st – 6th Grade)**

**2022 Jr. Cougar Camp  
Current 6th and 7th graders  
(Rising 7th and 8th Graders)**

**CAMP DURATION:**  
June 6th through August 5th  
Both camps will begin Monday, June 6th and occur Monday through Friday for a total of 9 weeks ending on Friday, August 5th. Structured camp time runs from 9:00 am to 4:00pm; however, unstructured early drop off and late pick-up runs from 7:30 am until 5:30pm.  
Day Camp: There will be no day camp on July 4th and 5th.  
JR Cougar Camp: There will be no camp July 4th - 8th, but campers may attend the day camp.

**CAMP COST:**  
Day Camp: Full-time attendance (4 or 5 days a week) is \$75 weekly for the first child, \$65 weekly for each additional child.

Part-time attendance (1 – 3 days a week) is \$45 weekly for the first child, \$35 weekly for each additional child. Field trips are not included in this cost and will be extra.  
Jr. Cougar Camp: Full time attendance only, \$125 weekly. Includes all field trips and daily travel. Due to limited spaces, there is no part-time attendance option or rate for Jr. Cougar Camp.

**REGISTRATION METH-  
OD:** All camp registrations will take place through our on-line portal. To register to set up an account please go to <http://www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org>. Click the "register" tab which will lead you to create an account. Once your account is activated it will take you to your "account dashboard" where you then will be able to register your child(ren) for our Summer Program starting May 2, 2022. Registration for each week will be completed individually and payment will be required at time of registration.

- Registration will open in waves:
  - o Weeks 1 (June 6 - 10), 2 (June 13 - 17), and 3 (June 20 - June 24) will open May 2
  - o Weeks 4 (June 27 - July 1), 5 (July 6 - 8), and 6 (July 11 - 15) will open June 6
  - o Weeks 7 (July 18 - 22), 8 (July 25 - 29), and 9 (Aug 1 – Aug 5) will open June 27
- Registration for each week will close the Friday before the week of attendance.
- There is no cap on registrations for the Randolph Park Day Camp.
- Jr. Cougar Camp is limited to 20 participants per weekly session. Once enrollment is full for any week, applicants will be placed on a wait-list until openings are identified.
- There will be no refunds for weeks registered for but not attended.

For more information please contact Shay Dunnigan at [sdunnigan@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:sdunnigan@pulaskicounty.org) or call 540-674-1513 (ext. 2).

## Good deeds, happy spirits, better health can help build communities

**Andrea K. Wann  
Extension Agent**

Happy Spring, Southwest Virginia. How lucky we are to live in such a beautiful region of the state – not to boast, but we really do have it all – mountains, lakes, rivers, music, adventure and tranquility.  
We also live relatively close to more populated areas when we want to feel the hustle and bustle of a city!  
With spring arriving, it is safe to say that many are getting an extra pep in their step. Spring fever is a happily contagious feeling that we want to last forever.  
With that said, let's keep this going and spread good things everywhere we go. You might be familiar with the Pay It Forward movement that took off a few years ago.  
In Pay It Forward, a person does a nice gesture or good deed for someone without expecting anything in return other than, 'take this good deed and Pay It Forward to someone else'.  
Growing up, my grandmother always told my sister and I "Do one good deed every day, there is no good deed too small".  
She was right, just one; and that is all it took to discover my day feeling a bit lighter and myself feeling more human.  
Can performing kind gestures benefit our health? It sure can!

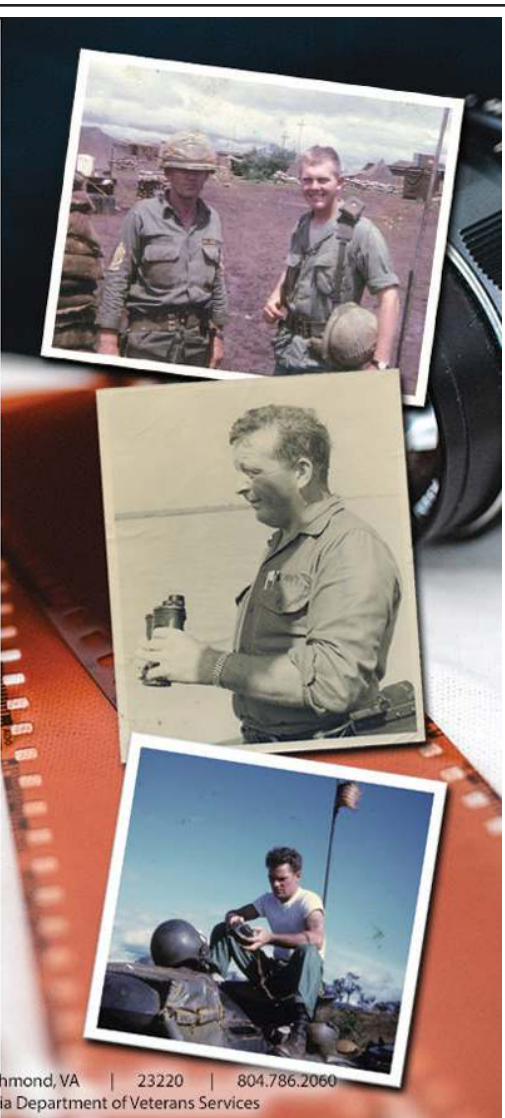
Good deeds and kind actions, can help keep our hearts healthy (due to reduced feelings of stress), reduce blood pressure, promote self-confidence, increase feelings of optimism, encourage creativity and increases your work-life happiness.  
According to research, when we do something nice for someone, chemical reactions fire off in our brains releasing endorphins – which are our "feel good, feel happy" messengers in the brain.  
In short, doing good deeds and Paying It Forward, not only has a positive effect on others but there are mental and physiologic benefits for both parties.  
I encourage everyone to do one good deed a day, or at least try it out and see the positive impact on others as well as in your own life. This can help build positive, stronger, and more resilient communities here in beautiful Southwest Virginia.

## Ninth District Traveling Staff schedule

Congressman Griffith's Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of April. Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 22 counties and seven independent cities of the Ninth District.  
**April 14, 2022**  
**Giles County:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Town of Pearisburg Council Chambers  
112 Tazewell Street  
Pearisburg, VA 24134  
**Wythe County:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Wythe County Sheriff's Office Conference Room  
245 South 4th Street  
Wytheville, VA 24382  
**Radford:** 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
Radford Recreation Building  
200 George Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
**Pulaski County (Dublin):** 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm  
Town of Dublin Office  
101 Dublin Park Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Please contact the Christiansburg Office at 540-381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at 276-525-1405 with any questions.

## WANTED Candid Photos of Virginian Veterans while serving in the Vietnam War

The Virginia War Memorial is preparing an exhibit marking the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. This exhibit will feature candid photos of Virginian veterans serving in Vietnam along with professional portraits of the veterans taken now, 50 years later.  
We are asking that veterans or their family members submit a digital photo (jpeg, tiff, or PDF file format) taken during their military service in Vietnam. Be part of the Virginia War Memorial's effort to acknowledge and honor our Vietnam Veterans!  
Please follow the link to submit in-country photo(s) by April 30, 2022 for consideration:  
[vawarmemorial.org/50yearsbeyond/](http://vawarmemorial.org/50yearsbeyond/)  
If you are unable to submit your information online, please mail us a copy of your photograph (do not send original pictures or documents):  
**Fifty Years Beyond:  
The Vietnam Veteran Experience**  
c/o Virginia War Memorial  
621 South Belvidere St.  
Richmond, VA 23220  
Email your questions about this project to [exhibits@vawarmemorial.org](mailto:exhibits@vawarmemorial.org) or call 804-786-2060



# Now At Jackson Park, Pulaski VA

Saturday, April 16th, 2022

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

FUN FOR ALL AGES

# EASTER EGG HUNT

One of four lucky eggs will have the chance to win a pair of tickets to DOLLYWOOD

Courtesy of 107.1 WPSK Country

12:00 P.M. AGES 3-5

12:15 P.M. AGES 6-8

12:30 P.M. AGES 9-12

12:45 P.M. AGES 3 AND UNDER

EXPECTED APPEARANCE BY THE PULASKI FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Special appearance by the Easter Bunny for photos

Sponsored by the Pulaski Ruritan Road Club, with support from the Town of Pulaski



# Review finds failures in I-95 backup response

BY TYLER ARNOLD

(The Center Square) – A third-party review commissioned by former Gov. Ralph Northam found the government failed to adequately prepare for and failed to properly communicate during a January snowstorm that led to hundreds of cars being stranded on I-95 for more than 24 hours.

The large snowstorm that hit the commonwealth Jan. 3 brought more than 14 inches of snow to some areas. Although the state urged drivers to stay off of the roadways, hundreds were stuck on an I-95 backup for more than a day, which led local authorities to distribute food and supplies to stranded drivers, but the national guard was never called to help. Some drivers were taken to shelters. Northam initially blamed drivers for braving the roadways, but ultimately walked back that response.

According to the report, the Virginia Department of Transportation mobilized equipment and resources at a Level IV, rather than the maximum Level V. The report notes the state prepared for the likely scenario, but did not prepare for a storm that could have been and ultimately was more serious. A Level V response would have sent out more police vehicles and more warnings to alert drivers of the weather conditions.

“During the challenges faced over January 3rd and January 4th, VDOT and [the Virginia State Police] attempted to mitigate the severe impact of the storm, but they suffered from a lack of previously deployed equipment and insufficient warnings to the public in the form of announcements, texts, radio and highway signage,” Secretary of Transportation Sheppard Miller and Secretary of Public Safety Robert Moiser said in a letter to current Gov. Glenn Youngkin about the report.

The report also found the VDOT and the VSP were the primary responders to the backup and that there was little involvement from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and virtually no involvement from Northam and

See REVIEW, page B10



## PCHS Choral students shine brightly

Pulaski County Schools

Students from Pulaski County High School made a big impression on judges recently as they performed in front of the Virginia Choral Director's Association (VCDA) District 7 Choral Assessment at Patrick Henry High School in Glade Springs, Virginia.

Members of the Advanced Concert Choir and the Treble Chorus attended the evaluation. Each group that performed two prepared selections to be adjudi-

cated by a panel of three judges, which consisted of a children's choir director, a high school choir director, and a college choir director.

After their group performance, each group then proceeded to "sight reading" for a fourth judge. Students were given two minutes to work together to learn an eight-measure musical exercise which they had never seen before. The group then performed the piece for a rating.

Each of the Pulaski County groups completed the day with

a Superior rating for their performance and for their sight reading, the highest rating a group can receive. This accomplishment was made even more impressive considering it was the first choral assessment since 2019 for the PCHS Choral Department.

"We were one week out from assessment in the spring of 2020 when we were sent home for COVID and never returned; so, getting to participate in this year's event brought us full circle and gave us some much-needed

closure", said Angela Talbert, PCHS Choral Director.

Members of the Advanced concert Choir mentioned that while they enjoyed being able to perform and receive feedback and a rating, the event also brought them closer together and that performing under pressure truly made them a stronger group.

Both the Advanced Concert Choir and Treble Chorus are scheduled to perform Friday, May 13, at the annual Spring Concert in the PCHS Little Theatre.



## PET OF THE WEEK



Lulu is an 8 month old, spayed female. The bad news is, she has tested positive for Feline Leukemia and it's highly contagious. The good news is, she can live a relatively normal life in the right home-she'll have to either be the only cat or be with other cats who also have Feline Leukemia. Lulu is a very sweet, affectionate cat who deserves a loving home of her own.

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

**Pulaski County Animal Control,**  
80 Dublin Park Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084, 540-674-8359  
Monday-Friday  
10AM-4PM and 10AM-12Noon on Saturday

**Pet of the Week**  
**Is Sponsored Each**  
**Week By**  
**Todd Bruce, Mgr.**  
**Seagle Funeral**  
**Home**



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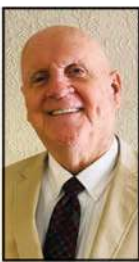
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**540-381-4033**



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Entrusted with the Gospel

We as Christians have been blessed by God to have been entrusted with the “Good News”, the life changing Gospel in order for us to share it with others.

The Thessolonian Letters are believed to have been among the earliest New Testaments Epistles. They were written around 51 AD, only 20 years of so following the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of our blessed Lord Jesus and about 15 years after the conversion of Saul, later to be called Paul. Only Galatians is believed to have possibly been written before they were written.

Thessalonica was the capital city of Macedonia and its largest city. Paul came to Macedonia under the direct guidance of the Holy Ghost. At first Paul wanted to travel towards Asia, but he saw in a vision a man from Macedonia asked him to come and help them. When Paul got there, he stayed for about three weeks and while he was there he ministered unto the people on three different Sabbaths. While he was there his message centered on Jesus being the Christ, the Jewish Messiah.

There Paul found that the Jewish converts to Christianity were jealous of the Gentile converts to Christ. And they formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They went to the house of a Christian named Jason and arrested him and he had to be bonded to get free again. As soon as it was night, the brethren sent Paul to Berea.

Paul assured the Church of the Thessolonians that he was constantly in prayer for them. And he thanked God for them. As busy a man as Paul was, still he found time to pray intercessory prayers for his brethren in the Lord. He also prayed for those who had been converted to Christ that he didn’t even know.

In our prayers, we should always pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, calling them by name in our prayers, and if we don’t know their names, we should pray for all who have been converted to Christ. And while we are praying let us not forget to pray for the souls of those living in the areas where we visit from time to time.

Paul thanked God for the Thessalonian Christians for the faith that they showed and for their labor of love in spreading the gospel to others.

What God wants to see in us, is work for Him that is inspired by faith. Labor for the Lord prompted by love. We are to be motivated to do good works for Christ by love. He thanked God also for their patience and for the hope in Christ that was exhibited in their lives.

These Thessalonians had been chosen by God just as each one of us, if we are saved, have been chosen by God. Jesus told His Disciples, “You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should bring forth fruit and that their fruit would remain. Jesus told them at the same time, “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

There is wonder working power in the Name of Jesus. Jesus said, “In My Name, ye shall cast out devils. Ye shall lay hands of the sick and they shall recover.” Mark 16:17.

There is also power in the Gospel. Verse 5. “For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assur-

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  
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am  
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am  
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360,  
www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address)  
Pastor’s Name: Will Shelton  
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM  
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331  
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org website: www.fumcpulask.org  
FACEBOOK @FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00am

Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street  
Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Group: 7 p.m.  
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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

Heritage Church

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

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive  
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
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(540) 980-2132  
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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.

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Fax: 980-6511  
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng  
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com  
Pastor:  
Mary Ann Armbrister  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

## McCraw

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ance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you, for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with Joy of the Holy Ghost.”

We can go forward with confidence that the gospel we teach, preach or share with others is God sent. The gospel is not only words, but words that draw people to Christ when presented in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Even in the midst of persecution, these Thessalonian Christians continued to share the gospel and their hearts were filled with the joy of the Lord, as they did it.

When we are able to share the gospel with others, some of them will accept it and be saved. And the joy that comes from God will be worth it all.

Verses 7-10. “So that ye were ensamples (Examples) to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also to every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything. For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from Idols to serve the one living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”

They showed and proclaimed their faith openly. These saved Thessalonians not only had faith, but they exercised their faith by openly sharing the good news (the Gospel) that they were saved by faith in the shed blood of Jesus. They became an inspiration to all they came into contact with.

Sometimes we fail to realize the importance of our sharing the gospel with others. But if we don't do it, then who will?

Some don't want to share Christ with others because they are afraid that they will be offended. But if your neighbor's house was on fire, you wouldn't worry about offending him or her. You'd run right over and let them know that their house was on fire. Especially if they were inside the house. If we fail to share the gospel with them, and they die unsaved, they will spend all of eternity in Hell.

“More souls are won to Christ through personal work than through mass evangelism.” Personal Soul Winning.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” Romans 1:16.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Iscariot in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
3. When Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
4. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
5. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days
6. According to the apostle Paul, above what number saw the risen Christ at one time? 100, 300, 500, 1000

**ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) An angel; 3) Disciples; 4) Thomas (called Didymus); 5) 40 days (Acts 1:3); 6) 500 (1 Cor. 15:3-8)**

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1 Corinthians 15: 3-5

Detail of “The Resurrection” by Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528)

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Answers

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## Palm Sunday

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: What's the significance of Palm Sunday? Is it more like Christmas Eve... the excitement before the big event? - R.W.**

A: What we've come to know as Palm Sunday was a day where, in the city of Jerusalem, a great crowd of people gathered and welcomed Jesus, proclaiming, "Hosanna!" They spread palm branches before Him and praised His Name, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 19:37-38). In less than a week's time, many of these same people were shouting, "Crucify Him!" They felt Jesus had let them down. They were disappointed that Jesus had not done what they thought He would do--establish His kingdom on Earth, overthrowing Rome and its power over the people.

Rome was at the height of her glory when a disturbing sect called Christians began to grow. After Jesus had been crucified and resurrected, He commanded His disciples to go into the world and proclaim the Good News of the kingdom to come. The message was so hated that Christians began

all must bow to Caesar, all must conform to pagan custom, and all must behave like true Romans.

Time hasn't changed human nature. The world is still trying to put its stamp of conformity on followers of Jesus Christ. Regardless of the pressures to conform to the world, believers in Christ are called to hold God's standard high. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). Conforming to His standard and reflecting His image without compromise is what brings glory to the King of kings.

My Answer

Billy Graham

to be persecuted.

The Roman high tribunal initiated a drive to stamp out Christianity as a disturber of pagan unity, for they mistakenly thought that a person's conscience could be controlled by law, so they made it illegal to be different, claiming that







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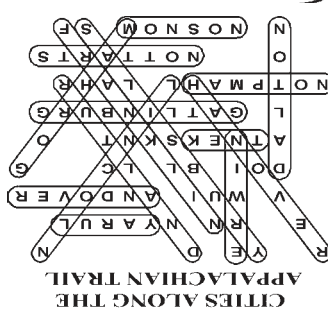
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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answer  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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# Pulaski County CTE program receives tool grant

## Pulaski County Schools

The Pulaski County High School Career and Technical Education program recently received a helping hand from the Home Builders Institute (HBI), the Home Depot Foundation, and the National Housing Endowment (NHE). This award, known as the Schools to Skills Grant, provides much-needed tools for students in the Carpentry class, taught by Mr. Scott Hill.

“The Home Builders Institute and the Home Builders Association of the New River Valley have been great partners in our efforts to develop skilled tradesmen and tradeswomen for the workforce,” Megan Atkinson, Director of the CTE and Governor’s STEM Academy said. “This award has been the gift that keeps on giving. Our teachers attended professional development from industry experts, our students have access to PACT curriculum developed by industry professionals, and our shops are now outfitted with upgraded tools and supplies for students to further develop the skills they learn in CTE classes. Strong Industry partnerships continue to help us



**Pulaski County Schools photo**  
Carpentry Teacher Scott Hill (left) and Technology Education Teacher Christian Miller with the tools they received thanks to the Schools to Skills Grant.

connect what our students learn in the classroom/shop to their chosen career pathways.”

The grant, which provides over \$3,000 worth of tools delivered directly from Home Depot and

an additional \$1,500 in gift cards from Home Depot, helps provide tools to shops at the school to allow students to learn valuable skills as they prepare for future employment.

In addition to the tools and funding for tools, the grant also

provides funding for HBI PACT licensing, PACT licensing renewal, training for two instructors, and for Student Assessment Fees for a period not to exceed two years. This brings the total grant award to \$13,000.

PACT is the HBI curriculum with the goal of helping more students learn about career pathways in residential construction, and ultimately having more students enter this industry. Even during these challenging times, HBI has been dedicated to working with secondary educational institutions to support student access to school-based instructional programs and skills training in the residential building and construction trades.

HBI, after delivery of the tools, conducts a virtual orientation for schools and programs who receive this grant to help them get started. HBI instructors normally visit with the locations to provide on-site, in-person training for new programs, helping to develop certification plans to meet the needs of each program and to ensure that educators have the necessary tools to teach the curriculum. In return, schools normally provide data on the progress of those programs. HBI also works with the programs, using follow up visits, to assist in other ways.

## Review

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his senior staff, according to the letter from the secretaries.

The secretaries also noted that the report did not include any indication that all of these groups met to coordinate actions and discuss a tactical response.

Youngkin said in a statement that his administration has worked

more closely with the agencies to respond to snowstorms.

“This report demonstrates as the storm changed in intensity and left Virginians and travelers stranded on I-95, the previous administration’s leadership did not properly prepare or communicate,” Youngkin said. “Since assuming office on January 15th, our administration has worked very closely with Virginia State Police, our Virginia National Guard, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and the Virginia Department of Transportation responding quickly and adequately to each incoming weather related event and I’ve been incredibly pleased with our execution. We have weathered three big snowstorms successfully. Our focus is on preparation, communication and execution. Virginians can trust that we are working to keep them safe.”

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# Virtual days announced for most elementary students in grades Pre-K-2nd

## Pulaski County Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools has scheduled two asynchronous virtual days for elementary students in grades Pre-K through 2nd. This will impact all Pulaski County elementary schools, with the exception of Snowville Elementary. The asynchronous virtual days are necessary due to a staffing shortage created by an increase in the number of SOL testing administration sessions and a decrease in the number of substitutes who are available to assist during the SOL testing window.

"In previous years, we've been

## Glencoe Mansion to Change Hours of Operation

Beginning in April 2022, Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery will have new operating hours. These changes are being made to allow the museum to provide the community and visitors with improved services. Effective April 6, Glencoe Mansion's hours of operation changed to Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, from 1 to 4 pm. The change in operating hours applies to both the museum and the Gift Shop.

According to museum director, Scott Gardner, "By making these changes, we're going to be able to serve a broader group of visitors and make Glencoe Mansion an event greater museum and asset for the community."

As always, everyone is welcome, and there is no admission fee. Visit Glencoe to experience the 3-in-1 museum experience, check out the Gift Shop and also visit the adjoining Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park with the statue of the frontier heroine and the New River Train Observatory. The park is open dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

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able to bring in substitutes to help cover classes during SOL testing, but this is no longer a viable option given the number of unfilled substitute jobs that we are still experiencing on a regular basis," Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools said. "SOL tests are the metric by which public schools in Virginia are measured and we want to make sure we provide our students the best possible opportunities for success. Staffing shortages in public education have forced all school divisions to consider creative solutions that provide the best possible learning and testing environments for students."

The first asynchronous virtual day for Pre-K-2nd grade will be Friday, May 6, 2022 and the 3rd -5th grade students will take their Reading SOL on this day. All teachers in elementary school will be trained as SOL proctors and be able to assist with the small group testing sessions and the read-aloud testing sessions.

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 will be the second Pre-K-2nd grade asynchronous virtual day. On this day, all 3rd- 5th grade elementary students will take their Math SOL tests with all teachers proctoring and assisting with the SOL accommodations.

"After considering multiple possible solutions to address the need for additional testing proctors, it became evident that Snowville Elementary would be able to conduct their testing schedule without the use of Pre-K- 2nd grade virtual days, so they are not included in this schedule," Dr. Siers said. "The enrollment at our other elementary schools is significantly higher, so additional assistance is necessary. Our goal for next year is to have enough substitute teachers on hand to avoid making this type of action necessary as we understand it poses an inconvenience for our families. We purposely scheduled the dates that were selected because they corresponded with already scheduled asynchronous virtual days for Pulaski County High School. It is our hope that this might be of some help to families who depend on older students to assist with childcare for their younger siblings."

Pulaski County Public Schools requests that parents help their children be well prepared for their upcoming testing sessions by ensuring they get a full night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, and wear comfortable clothing on testing days.

# Healthcare administration student's path to leadership runs through RUC

RADFORD -- Sara O'Dell, a student in the Radford University Carilion (RUC) Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration program, admits she sometimes makes impulsive decisions. A few years ago, during her ninth year as a nurse, she decided it was time to return to school.

"I like to think of myself as a professional student," O'Dell said. "I have always enjoyed learning, especially when it comes to healthcare, so I felt like it was time to build on my education and my career. I decided on the spot to do it."

In addition to being a full-time nurse, though, O'Dell of Dublin, Virginia, was also a mother with young children. That meant the program she enrolled in would have to be flexible and allow her to continue working and caring for her kids as she learned. Enter the healthcare administration program at RUC.

"What attracted me to RUC's program was that it is almost 100% online," O'Dell recalled. "It was very convenient and made the process of returning to school so much easier. I even compared the program to others in the area, and those programs just couldn't compete with what RUC had to offer."

O'Dell reached out to program director Rebecca McIntyre and discovered the benefits the program could have for her career. Her goal had been to move into a position where she could manage a team of healthcare professionals - particularly nurses.

"The more I learned about the program, the more I thought it could help me become a better leader and strengthen my ability to manage a successful organization," O'Dell said.

The four-year healthcare ad-



Sara O'Dell

ministration program prepares students to work in the unique "business" of healthcare, building a broad base of knowledge and skills analytics, communication and management. In the program, students can choose from one of four specialty areas to focus their studies: long-term care, medical practice management, healthcare management (human

resources or finance) and capstone (research).

The program provides one-of-a-kind opportunities for students, including the chance to learn within Carilion Clinic, a healthcare organization that employs nearly 13,000 healthcare professionals and has facilities spanning over 200 miles in Virginia. Students get to interact with and learn beside a broad range of healthcare providers, so they're prepared to collaborate across specialties from the start of their careers.

Speaking of careers, the program's employment placement rate is 100% on or near graduation.

O'Dell currently works as a licensed practical nurse in inpatient psychiatry at Carilion Clinic St. Albans. Since earning her first degree from New River Community College in 2012, O'Dell has been a nurse in a variety of specialties, includ-

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Temple

Dear Temple,  
I don't like this idea very much. In fact, I hate it. If your idea is to crunch a few numbers, and stop by once in a while just to make an appearance, then I'd advise against the whole idea. The big problem with your plan is that you are only a small part of the equation, when it's supposed to be your business.

In one survey by Forbes.com, several successful entrepreneurs were asked how many hours per week they worked. Not one said less than 50, and the majority put in closer to 70 or 80 hours a week. While the latter may not be feasible if you're already working a full-time job, the idea is the same. You have to love what you're doing, and you must be willing to put in the time and effort to make it work.

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## Shepherd inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Linda Shepherd of Pulaski, Virginia, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Shepherd was initiated at James Madison University.

Shepherd is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines.

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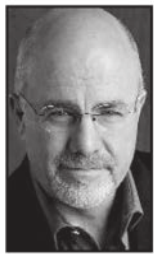
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— Dave

\* 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.

## O'Dell

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ing pediatrics, family medicine and psychiatry. She feels that experience, combined with the knowledge she is gaining in the healthcare administration program, will help her be a successful leader once she graduates this May.

"The program is very thorough, and I feel much more confident in my leadership skills than I ever have before," O'Dell said. "During my time at RUC, I have had the best advisor in Dr. Carey Peerman. She gave me a lot of confidence and taught me how to become a strong leader while managing an organization. I could not have asked for better guidance throughout this program, and I could really say the same for all of my professors."

Once O'Dell does receive her diploma, she doesn't plan on ending her academic career just yet.

"I plan on returning to school for my Bachelor of Science in Nursing," O'Dell said.

In the meantime, O'Dell said that having her healthcare administration degree will allow her to begin exploring many options as a leader in healthcare. While she hasn't decided which area of healthcare she will ultimately land in as a leader and manager, she says her education at RUC has been the key to opening many doors in what she sees as a very exciting future.

By Mark Lambert  
Radford University

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## Recent Radford University graduates

RADFORD -- Radford University conferred 594 undergraduate and graduate degrees during the 2021 winter commencement exercises. On Dec. 11, 2021, 461 graduate and undergraduate degrees were awarded at the Dedmon Center on main campus in Radford, Virginia, and 133 degrees were presented at Radford University Carilion events in Roanoke, Virginia.

Alumnus Brian Robinson '93 delivered the keynote address. Robinson is Goldman Sachs's head of prime brokerage sales for the Americas. "As you embark on your journey, know there's going to be potholes, peaks, valleys, ups, downs, whatever. But put some soul into it. Put your soul into it," Robinson said. "I promise you today, if you rise and grind, a magic carpet ride awaits you. Greatness is upon you."

Among those receiving diplomas were:

John Travis Christian Byrd of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Business

Administration in Accounting

Noah Austin Odell of Dublin, VA, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting

Jacob Trenton Ritter of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Science in Anthropological Sciences

Brian David Rabidou of Hiwassee, VA, Bachelor of Business Administration in Management

Randy Keith Davis of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Technology

Elliott Alexander Pedigo of DUBLIN, VA, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Ryan Charles Smith of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

Erin Regina Arnold of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Emma Belle Hall of Hiwassee, VA, Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Christian Curtis Whitt of Dublin, VA, Bachelor of Science in Sport Management


Chelsea Desirae Doss of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing

Hannah Marie Hancock of Pulaski, VA, Master of Occupational Therapy in Occupational Therapy

Joshua Logan Vaught of Dublin, VA, Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Christy Hope-Barrett Dishon of Hiwassee, VA, Master of Science in Special Education


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