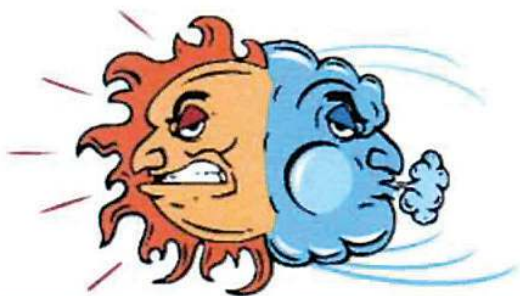




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*Another first for Town of Pulaski*

## Phillips joins Pulaski FD as full-time, paid firefighter

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

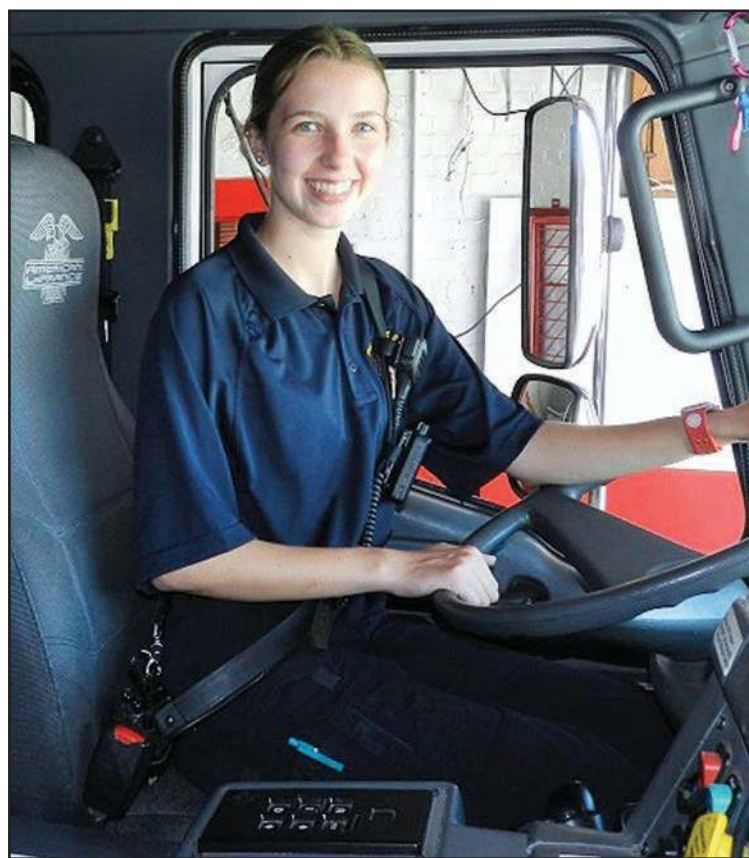
In meeting nineteen-year-old Madison Phillips, you would never guess that her choice of careers is that of a firefighter. She is the first paid full-time female firefighter in the Town of Pulaski. Her winsome smile and quiet demeanor disguise her courageous decision to follow the lead of several of her family members in the dangerous pursuit of helping people in distress.

Phillips was a firefighter volunteer at age 16, then began completing firefighting classes required to become a career-staff firefighter. Under the tutelage of her firefighter and certified-trainer father, Cliff Phillips, she has completed several courses and is now certified to help with teaching basic firefighter classes.

"He was more demanding and harder on me than anyone else in the class," Phillips laughs.

With her family's legacy of being firefighters, it's no wonder she decided to follow in their footsteps. Her grandfather, uncle and cousin all serve their community in that capacity through the Draper Fire Department. Phillips' father, Cliff Phillips, serves as Deputy Chief of the Draper Fire Department, as a Lieutenant in the Town of Pulaski Fire Department, and also as Fire Inspector for the Town of Blacksburg.

Phillips says she emulates the



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Town of Pulaski Fire Department's first female full-time career-staff member, Madison Phillips, smiles as she explains how her firefighter training will lead to being certified to drive Town of Pulaski Engine #61 and Pulaski County Engine #62. Currently certified as a Firefighter Engineer, she is in training before she can drive the 22.5-ton truck on a solo basis.

family character traits of having a strong work ethic, and a never-give-up spirit. She recalls helping her father at the Draper Fire Department ever since she was

a child, learning to roll fire hoses and helping to wash the fire trucks.

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

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## School report: Sliding performance, lowered standards

RICHMOND, VA – Thursday Governor Glenn Youngkin received the Department of Education's report "Our Commitment to Virginians: High Expectations and Excellence for All Students." The education report builds upon Governor Youngkin's direction in Executive Order One issued on his first day in office. The Governor affirmed his guiding principles to address troubling data trends and outlined policy recommendations to restore excellence in education in Virginia. "Virginia's public schools have long enjoyed a reputation for academic excellence," said Gov-

ernor Youngkin. "But the data in this report demonstrates that Virginia's student achievement gaps are disturbing and cannot be ignored. This report documents a clear and sobering lesson on the consequences for students when state leaders lower academic standards and dismantle accountability."

The 33-page report from the Department of Education details how state policy choices and priorities over the last decade have resulted in lower student achievement in reading and mathematics, wider achievement gaps, reduced transparency, and

eroding parent confidence in the Commonwealth's public schools.

"Virginians deserve to know the truth about how our children are doing," said Secretary of Education Aimee Guidera. "Under Governor Youngkin's leadership, we aim to be the most transparent and accountable state in the nation, while empowering parents and teachers with the knowledge and choices to do what's best for each learner."

Key findings in the report include the following:

- Virginia now has the lowest proficiency standards in reading



Gov. Glenn Youngkin

and mathematics in the nation, resulting in the wide "honesty gaps" between the performance of students on state Standards of Learning tests and performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

•Despite statistically significant declines in the reading performance of Virginia students on the 2019 NAEP and on state assessments, the Board of Education voted in 2020 to lower the proficiency standard on all elementary, middle school, and high school SOL reading tests.

•The Board of Education's Standards of Accreditation — once an accountability model for other states — now de-em-

phasize grade-level proficiency in reading and mathematics and mask wide achievement gaps.

•Pre-pandemic results from college entrance examinations taken by 2019 Virginia high graduates show wide disparities in college readiness, especially in mathematics.

•Last fall, 42% of Virginia second-graders scored below the benchmark on the Commonwealth's early literacy screening assessment.

•Homeschooling increased by 56% in 2020-2021 as the parents of 59,638 school-age children chose not to send their children to public schools. Despite the return to in-person instruction this year, the parents of 55,769 students chose homeschooling over enrolling their children in a public school. In addition, 5,828 students have transferred from Virginia public schools to in-state private schools since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

"I want to stress that this report is not an indictment of our teachers, principals, and other school leaders. They have worked tirelessly over the last few years under extraordinary conditions and circumstances," said Superintendent Jillian Balow. "But local de-

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# Phillips

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"I've always had a passion for helping at the fire department. I enjoy learning with my family and sharing the experiences with my father – it's like a father-daughter day together."

In case we think the movies portray a typical leisurely day at the fire station, Phillips enlightens us to the fact that the firefighters train five to six hours per day, honing their skills in pumping water off the truck from 5-inch diameter hoses, driver training to maneuver the 22.5-ton pumper trucks – anything you can think of that involves the protection and safety of the community.

Phillips' current certification training is for Engineer, with a future prospect of solo driving Engine 61, which is the designated fire truck for the town of Pulaski, Engine 62, designated for Pulaski County, and in the future the Ladder Truck.

She says of her firefighting experience so far, that because she is the smallest one of the crew, she is the first to get sent to small spaces, such as an attic or crawl space. Although many people would consider that frightening, Phillips says she finds it a challenge rather than being claustrophobic.

"Every call is exciting in its own way," she remarks.

After a recent fire she was doing a salvage and overhaul which means checking to be sure the fire was entirely out. She used a tool to pull down the ceiling and a snake nest fell right in front of her.

A typical shift is 24-hours, with an early morning start. The firefighters' day begins with clean-up chores, checking the trucks to ensure they are in working order, and continuous training. Their schedule has them working three intermittent days, then having four-days off. However, if there is a need for additional manpower due to an overwhelming emergency, the All-Call-Tone alerts staff and volunteers to report to the fire station or the designated emergency location.

This fall, Phillips will be enrolled in New River Community College nursing classes, adding valuable medical training to her current training as a firefighter. She shares encouragement for other young women who are pursuing their careers.

"Never give up on what you want. Always strive to do your best! You won't always be perfect, but you can at least say you have done your best."

As the town's first female full-time firefighter, Phillips continues a string of firsts for the Town of Pulaski. Current Town Manager Darlene Burcham is the town's first female town manager, and Jill Niece is the town's first female Police Chief.

Fire Chief Jeff D. Conner says the fire department is always looking for volunteers who are dedicated to learning, willing to do any job whether on scene or at the station and are at least age 16. Anyone with those criteria wanting to apply to become a volunteer firefighter should contact the Town of Pulaski Fire Department Shift Captain, Robbie Kiser at: 540.994.8662 or visit the station at 117 Jefferson Avenue.

The procedure to become a volunteer firefighter begins by filling out an application, which will go before the Volunteer Committee comprised of paid staff and volunteer officers. A decision will be based on a personal interview and successfully passing a background check including references.



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Donning her regulation helmet, Madison Phillips, Town of Pulaski Fire Department's first paid female full-time career-staff, discusses the training and requirements to become a firefighter. Following in her firefighter father's footsteps, Phillips has completed several courses and is now certified to help teach basic classes. She says of her experience working with the Pulaski Fire Department, "Everyone is so helpful and they mentor me. It's like working with a bunch of dads."

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# Radford man dies in motorcycle crash on Hazel Hollow Road

On Tuesday, May 17 around 1 p.m. the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office along with Pulaski County Public Safety and Virginia State Police responded to Hazel Hollow Road in Fairlawn in reference to a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle.

After investigation by Deputy Thompson and Trooper Bedsaul, it was determined that the driv-

er of the motorcycle, Devvin Gusman, 26 of Radford had lost control traveling across the double yellow lines where it struck another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction.

Gusman was pronounced deceased on the scene.

No charges are being field and no further information is available at this time.

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**WILLIAM FRANZ GRINSTEAD**

William Franz Grinstead, 61, of Rhinelander, WI, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

"Wild Bill", or "The Wild Man", as he was commonly known, was born in Pulaski, VA, but lived most of his early life in Dublin, VA. Bill graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1978, where he enjoyed playing baseball, wrestling, and his greatest love, football.

After graduation, Bill worked for over 10 years as a machinist at Inland Motors (Kollmorgen).

Having an adventurous spirit, Bill headed Northwest to Dutch Harbor, Alaska. He worked there for 10 years as a QC inspector on fishing boats. During his off seasons, Bill traveled to Rhinelander, where he eventually made his home. Over the past years, Bill has worked various jobs, most recently with Northwoods Nursery.

Bill enjoyed cooking and grilling. He tweaked recipes and created his own recipes. Bill loved Southern foods, but he also delighted in introducing various cuisines and spices to his family and friends. Bill was the most happy when entertaining his friends and family while listening to his love of Rock and Roll and country music.

Story telling, along with his sense of humor, were among his gifts. Bill was known for combining words which fondly became "Bill-isms".

Among Bill's interests and loves were Nascar, college and professional sports in both basketball, and football (Go Packers!).

Bill was a history buff, among his favorite subjects were the Civil War, and World War II.

Bill is survived by his girlfriend of 25 years, Donna Barnhill, and her sweet granddaughter, Kiersten. His is also survived by his Mother, Myrtle Grinstead, sister, Minniejan Krenzer, sister-in-law, Ivy Grinstead, and many neices and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Charles M. Grinstead, and brother Barry M. Grinstead.

Arrangements in Rhinelander were handled by Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport St. Rhinelander, WI. (715-365-4343) [www.hildebrandrussfh.com](http://www.hildebrandrussfh.com)

A memorial service will be held June 4 2022, 2pm, at Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Dublin, VA.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date in Rhinelander.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.



**EDITH H. KELLY**

Edith H. Kelly, age 98, passed away peacefully on Sunday May 1, 2022, at the home of her daughter in Seffner, Florida. Mrs. Kelly was born, along with Ethel, a twin sister, on May 21, 1923, in Callands, Virginia.

Edith grew up in Rocky Mount, Virginia where she attended public schools and graduated from Franklin County High School. She later moved to Narrows, Virginia where she met Bill Kelly. The couple married in June of 1947 and spent over 70 years together prior to Bill's death in 2018. They moved to Pulaski, Virginia in 1955 where they remained for nearly 60 years.

Mrs. Kelly was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Elberta Hairfield, husband Bill, and seven siblings. She is survived by one brother, Joseph Hairfield, Jr., her five children, Jim (Kathryn), Mike (Pat), Steve (Mauri), Rick (Kristen) and Judy (Jeff), and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Edith was a devoted mother and housewife. She loved the family home, Trail's End, in Pulaski County and spent many evenings with Bill in their rockers on the front porch enjoying the views and sunsets. When the children began leaving for college, she worked for several years in retail sales. She also volunteered with the American Red Cross and the Daily Bread ministry at the First Presbyterian Church in Pulaski.

A private memorial service will be held by the family at a later date. Donations in memory of Edith can be made to the Pulaski Animal Shelter, 80 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, VA 24084.

## RONALD LEE CAVINESS

Ronald Lee Caviness, age 86 of Martinsville, formerly of Pulaski, died Sunday, May, 15, 2022 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) 540-980-1700

## WILLIAM "BILL" EARL FRANCIS PATTON

William "Bill" Earl Francis Patton, age 79 of Pulaski, died early Wednesday morning, May 18, 2022 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at this time. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**ROBERT EDWARD KITTINGER SR.**

In loving memory of our father, Robert Edward Kittinger Sr., who passed away on May 14th, 2022 at his daughter's home in Pulaski, Va. surrounded by family and friends. Robert was born in Montgomery County, Va. on August 21st, 1941 to the late Reverend Shirley Shelton Kittinger Sr. and Jean Goff Kittinger who owned and operated Kittinger's Piano Store in Christiansburg, Va. for many years. Robert was the devoted and loving husband of Virginia Faye Kittinger to whom he was married for 57 years until her passing on April 13th, 2022. Robert grieved and missed his sweetheart where she had passed only one month and one day before he passed. They had 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Robert was the loving father of Deborah Rena Kittinger of Christiansburg, Va., Steven Dwayne Kittinger Sr. and wife Angela Dawn Kittinger of Blacksburg, VA., Virginia Malinda Burke and husband Ronald Scott Burke of Pulaski, Va., Preceded in death are his children Robert Edward Kittinger Jr. and Michael Wayne Smith. As well as raising Reba Ann Palmer of Pilot, Va. as their child.

Grandchildren are Melissa Dawn Kittinger, James David Kittinger, Kevin Kittinger and wife Shaunie Kittinger, Steven Kittinger Jr., April Smith and husband Alex Smith, Shirley Kittinger Reed, Cory Burke, Kaitlyn Finney and husband Jeremiah Finney. Great grandchildren are Andrew King, Buddy Davidson, Paislynn Smith, Braylin Smith, Kashlynn Smith, Addilyn Meredith, Taylor Reed, Isabella Kittinger and Delilah Finney.

Preceded in death are his sister Jeanette Kittinger, brothers Samuel Kittinger and surviving wife Juanita Kittinger, Reverend James Kittinger and surviving wife Coleen Kittinger. Surviving are many special nieces and nephews. Robert's children would like to give special thanks to his nephew Sammy Kittinger and wife Debra for their continued love and support before and during dad's final journey home to Heaven. Also, a very kind Uncle Nat and wife that dad loved dearly. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Robert was a retired veteran who proudly served in the Korean War and Vietnam War. Robert was a First Sergeant Rank E-8

See DEATHS, page A5



**BEVERIDGE JOSEPHINE MYERS O'DELL**

Beveridge Josephine Myers O'Dell, age 95 of Rockville, Maryland passed away Friday May 13, 2022 at her home.

Born June 1, 1926 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Jessie Myers and Lilly Surratt Myers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Athel O'Dell, three sons, Terry O'Dell, Kenneth O'Dell and Danny O'Dell and siblings, Doll Davidson, Paul Myers and Roy Myers

She is survived by

Son - Garry W. O'Dell-Rockville, MD.

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Six Great Grandchildren & Two Great Great Grandchildren

Daughters-in-law

Lisa Jane O'Dell

Sue O'Dell

Sister-Ethel Crockett

Funeral services will be held Saturday 11:00 A.M., May 21, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 10:00 AM until service time at the funeral home.

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

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

## JAMES "JAMIE" ELLIS DUNAGAN

James "Jamie" Ellis Dunagan, 64, of Dublin, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family on Friday, May 13, 2022. He worked for F&W for Willow Woods as a maintenance man for 15 years. Jamie then went on to work for Flow Labs for 10 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lisa Cook Dunagan; his parents, Margaret and Robert C. Dunagan; and his brother, Daniel Dewayne Rorrer.

Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Teresa and Gary Bailey; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis Rorrer (Donna), Daniel Dunagan (Carol), and David Dunagan (Cora); special canine companion, Buttons; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A celebration of life was held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Bread of Life/Assembly of God Church



**ROBERT NELSON MERRITT**

Robert Nelson Merritt 88, passed away at his home in Pulaski, Virginia after a long battle with cancer. Robert is survived by his son Jonathan, daughter-in-law Misty, beautiful granddaughters Paisley and Adelyn, nieces and nephews, and predeceased by his parents Nelson and Myrtle, wife Ruthann, and daughter Rebecca. From Forestville NY, Bob (as he was known by everyone) grew up on a farm and eventually became an electrician by trade at GM Tonawanda Forge, also an active member of the legion and moose. Bob was the kind of person that would help out anyone and give you the shirt off his back. Known for his stories, Bob always found a way to entertain the people around him, make them laugh, and spark a ton of interest in whatever he was speaking about. If you had the pleasure of knowing Bob you always walked away with a memory of his stories, witty humor, and overall love he had for his family. Services will be announced at a later date.

Rest In Peace we love you!

To sign Robert'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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in the United States Army for over 34 years. He was extremely proud and honored to have served his country for our freedom and rights.

One of the kindest souls on this planet, our father was a gentle, giving man who worked tirelessly to ensure that his family had everything they needed. He faced every challenge in life with admirable strength and courage.

Early in life, our father learned the importance of hard work and he instilled that same work ethic in us. He was a man of strong determination and he taught us the importance of family, hard work and doing what is right.

Our father was a true role model who we will always look up to.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 19 at Bowers Funeral Chapel located 1631 Bob White Blvd. Pulaski Va. 24301 and the burial service was held at his final resting place at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery located in Dublin, Va.

Dad, you are now at peace, but you will live on forever in our hearts. We love you so much and there is a hole left in our hearts that can never be filled. We will always remember "I love you this much!"

Psalms 23, 4-6. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

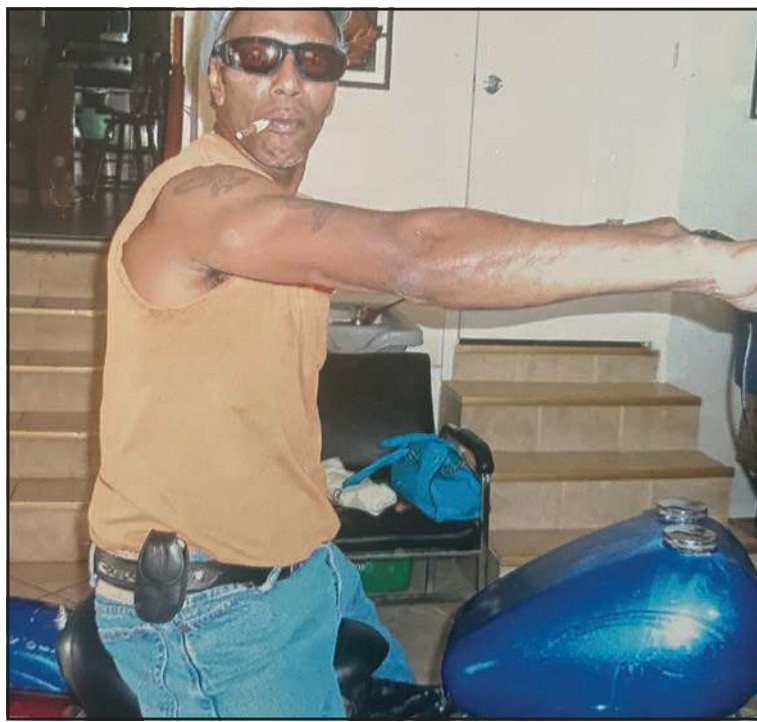
## BimmerWorld Moves to the Town of Pulaski

BimmerWorld, a company that offers distribution and wholesale programs for BMW products, has recently purchased Memorial Square Shopping Center, with the anticipated move occurring in 2023.

The company will relocate its entire facility, currently located in Dublin, to the Town of Pulaski with approximately 45 employees.

This new facility will allow BimmerWorld to expand and grow without being constrained by the size of its current building. Their sister companies, Powerflex-USA and LifelineUSA, will also move to the new space and are anticipating an increase in growth. The company also has seven vacant commercial units available to rent, ranging from 1,200 to 8,500 square feet.

If you have questions related to the vacant commercial spaces, contact Carrie Wurz 540-307-4491 or carrie@BimmerWorld.com.



### OLLIE WILLIAM PEOPLES JR.

Ollie William Peoples Jr., 61, passed away on May 16, 2022 in Richmond, VA after a courageous battle with cancer. Ollie was born on January 13, 1961 in Radford, VA.

Ollie was preceded in death by his father, Oliva "Ollie" William Peoples, Sr., Mother Elizabeth Ann Redd Peoples, Sisters Rose Marie Leeper, and Margaret "Abby" Singleton.

Ollie is survived by his brother Douglas Peoples (Faith), three nieces, one great niece, and two nephews.

Ollie loved riding his Harley Davidson, traveling, detailing vehicles, and playing his guitar.

### AGNES JONES BARLOW

Agnes Jones Barlow, 84 of Pulaski died on Monday night after suffering from deteriorating health. Even though she suffered greatly and struggled for her next breath she still remained faithful and praised her God often.

She was preceded by her beloved husband John William Barlow as well as her parents; Richard Lee Jones and Virginia Mae Jones. She will also be rejoining her daughter in heaven; Dinah Hodge as well as sisters; Charlotte Saunders and Shirley Hall and brothers; Johnny Jones, Bobby Jones and Donnie Jones. She is also preceded by a granddaughter; Mona Nunn.

Left to cherish her memories and continue her legacy are a Daughter; Linda Farris and a son; John (Susan) Barlow. She is survived by her sisters; Peggy Jackson and Thelma Jones, all of whom reside in Pulaski County. She is also survived by two brothers; Tommy (Joyce) Jones and Jackie (Charlotte) Jones.

Agnes was blessed with four grandchildren and the three surviving grandchildren are; John William Barlow II, Edward Odean Barlow and Robert Fewell. Great grandchildren; Megan Shrader, Brandon Nunn and Andrew Nunn. Great great grandchildren; Alissa Lape and Zachory Shrader.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 on Saturday in Oakwood Cemetery officiated by Jeff Martin.

The family is in the care of Norris Stevens Funeral Services in Pulaski. To send condolences, please visit our website at [www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com)

### SNHU Announces Winter 2022 President's List

MANCHESTER, NH -- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2022 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and on-line students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms (EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6).

Daniel Johnsey of Pulaski

Blair Bartlett of Pulaski  
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

Now serving more than 165,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs.

# Hearings held on town budget, water and sewer rates

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Pulaski Town Council on Tuesday held public hearings on the town's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 along with proposed water and sewer rates.

No one spoke during either of the three hearings, which were available for viewing live on the town's Facebook page.

The proposed budget for the town, which will likely be approved by council at its June 7 meeting, is balanced at \$9.4 million – about 4.2 percent or roughly \$400,000 higher than the current year.

Both the water and sewer funds show slight revenue and expenditure increases over the current year as well. Water and sewer customers in the town will see a slight increase in their bills after the beginning of the new fiscal year July 1.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham presented the general fund, water and sewer budgets to council.

She told council the proposed budget is balanced and, "more accurately reflects our costs of doing business in a more efficient and effective way."

She called the current fiscal year "interesting."

"Interesting living through the pandemic with your staff remain-

ing available to do the business of the town each and every day, while businesses, state and federal offices remained closed, and some are still closed. Then quickening our pace as the business community started responding to a healthier business climate as we came out of the major thrust of the pandemic."

She said a "spotlight" seemed to occur that brought attention to the town with several developers from outside the area suddenly seeking opportunities to do business here.

"New housing options and locations for housing are under review in our community, which will bring us new residents as well as new opportunities for those who already reside here," Burcham noted.

"The unprecedented receipt of ARPA (American Rescue Act) funds from the federal government also challenges us to think beyond today and identify one-time investments that will reduce our need for major infrastructure expenditures in the future and make our town more attractive to current and future residents.

"The general fund has grown slightly over 4.2 percent. That's less than half the current inflation rate, and is largely a result of local taxes, which include

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Nails By Michelle  
Pulaski

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# Baby Formula: The Latest Biden Crisis

Supply chain disruptions in recent months have led to shortages of many products we once typically purchased with ease. The present widespread shortage of baby formula, however, presents a disturbing new indicator of the economy's disorder.

According to Datasembly, 43 percent of major baby food brands were out of stock for the week ending on May 8. In some states, the percentage was even higher.

As stocks of formula deplete, shelves have emptied, prices have spiked, and some retailers have limited the amounts customers can purchase.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Parents of infants need no explanation about the seriousness of this situation. Many babies depend on formula for food, limiting the possibility of substitutions when none is to be had. The shortage can be particularly alarming for parents whose babies require specialty formulas due to allergies or other special needs.

And just as with the current widespread inflation in prices of food, energy, and other essentials, lower-income households can be hit hardest by surging formula prices. The U.S. Surgeon General's office estimates that families typically spend \$1,200 to \$1,500 on infant formula in the first year.

The formula shortage is acute now but not unexpected. Out-of-stock rates have been climbing for months. Furthermore, the formula manufacturer Abbott Nutrition shut down its factory in Sturgis, Michigan, and recalled some of its products in February after reports of hospitalizations and deaths of infants. These actions reduced supply.

Despite these warning signs, the Biden Administration appears to have been taken by surprise, just as it has with most of the other crises taking place under its watch. In fact, when asked who was running point on the issue in the White House on May 11, incoming Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre laughed and said she did not know.

This shortage in baby formula occurs as the Administration ships pallets of it to the southern border in response to the astounding number of illegal immigrants entering our country. One crisis caused by President Biden's incompetence and misplaced priorities is contributing to another.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the federal agency that regulates baby formula, has not appeared to view the shortage with much urgency. It is investigating the issue at Abbott's Sturgis plant. No link has been established between its products and infant illnesses, and the FDA on April 29 announced that it did not object to Abbott releasing specialty and metabolic formulas made at the plant on a case-by-case basis.

The FDA has not yet cleared the facility to resume broader production, which Abbott on May 11 said could be done within two weeks. More products would subsequently be available on shelves in six to eight weeks.

With shortages predating the February recall and shutdown in Sturgis, why has the Biden Administration acted with so little energy to resolve the issues at the Sturgis plant and permit its reopening? President Biden had time to attend the White House Correspondents' Dinner and intentionally deliver a comedy routine at the end of April but not to push for a solution on baby formula. It's reminiscent of Nero supposedly fiddling while Rome burned.

Parents deserve to know that their government is actively taking steps to resolve this problem. I and other Republican leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee wrote a letter signed by more than 100 Republican House members to President Biden and FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf demanding to know their plans for addressing the shortage.

Since the Energy and Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over this issue, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will hold a hearing about it on May 25. I appreciate the leadership of Chair Diana DeGette (D-CO) in convening the hearing, and as the Republican Leader of the Subcommittee, I look forward to getting answers.

President Biden has consistently pursued the wrong priorities and provided short-sighted leadership since taking office, roiling the economy and jeopardizing availability and affordability for products we rely upon every day. Even expecting these results from the Administration, however, the baby formula shortage is an alarming failure with harmful consequences for the most vulnerable among us. It must take action now to address the problems it helped create.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at [www.morgangriffith.house.gov](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov). Also, on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

# 'Exalt the Lord Who has Established Us'

Just one week ago on May 13th, was the 415th birthday of when the Jamestown settlers landed in Virginia. What most people don't realize is that within two hours after they landed, their Anglican minister built a makeshift church by "nailing a piece of timber between two trees," and stretching "a square of sail-cloth over it" for an altar. Thus, on May 13, 1607, they attended their first prayer service in the New World.

Prayer has been an essential element of the American founding since that time. The Pilgrims who wrote the 1620 Mayflower Compact held days of prayer and fasting, as did the Puritans.

In 1774 King George of England decided to punish the colonists for the Boston Tea Party by imposing restrictions and closing the harbor to all commerce, intentionally ruining the economy. When Thomas Jefferson heard about it, he drafted a Day of Fasting & Prayer resolution, which was introduced in the Virginia House of Burgesses by Robert Carter Nicholas, May 24, 1774. It was unanimously supported, including Founding Fathers Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee and George Mason.

Since the call to prayer in 1775, when

# One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid


the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the cry for prayer has continued through our history.

The Founding Fathers, who were now serving in the new Congress, set aside May 17, 1776, as a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer."

Records indicate there have been 1,526 state and federal calls for national prayer since 1775.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people.

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# Scalia was right - again

Justice Antonin Scalia was among the most prescient Supreme Court justices in American history, and the firestorm over the leak of Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion overturning Roe is a reminder of it.

In Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey, the 1992 Supreme Court decision upholding (and amending) Roe v. Wade, the justices in the majority believed that they could settle once and for all the dispute over abortion.

Scalia thought this was outlandishly wrongheaded and said so in a dissent that looks farsighted 30 years later. Not only did the Court fail to calm the political waters on abortion, it made itself central to the political and moral argument over the issue.

If there's any doubt about that, consider the security fencing reminiscent of the days after January 6 that is now going up around the Supreme Court building. Consider the left-wing group planning protests at the homes of conservative justices. Consider the proposal from Sen. John Cornyn of Texas that justices get 24/7 security details.

It's extraordinary that now, at the very least, the whiff of physical intimidation is part of the Court's deliberations on Roe.

Scalia might be surprised by that, but not that abortion has remained a point of contention over the decades, despite the Court's preposterous belief that it could make itself the final arbiter.

In his dissent in Casey, Scalia analogized the Court's jurisprudence on abortion to its decision in Dred Scott v. Sandford, the notorious 1857 case in which the Court denied the petition of a slave named Dred Scott for freedom.

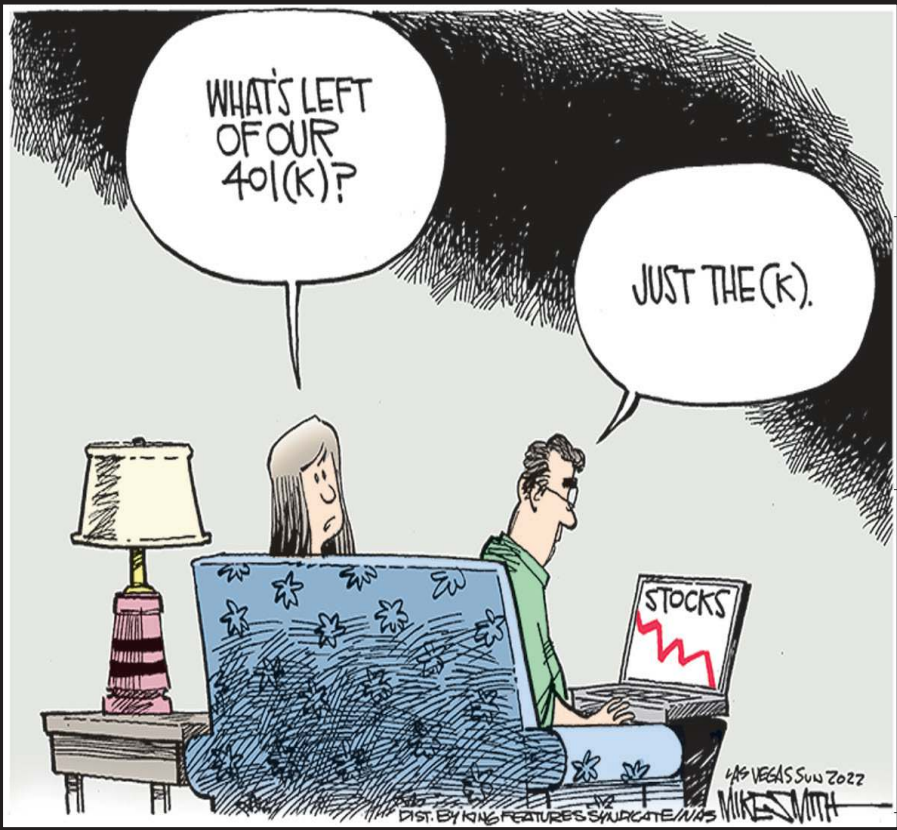
The Court issued a sweeping decision, declaring unconstitutional the Missouri Compromise of 1820 that had banned slavery north of latitude 36 degrees 30' in the Louisiana Purchase. It did this, in part, because it thought it could forge a settlement on slavery that had eluded the political branches.

Instead, the Chief Justice Roger Taney made himself infamous for a decision that, like Roe and Casey, was wrongly decided, that entrenched and extended a profound social wrong, that short-circuited democratic decision-making, and that utterly failed to create political and social peace.

The decision was immediately excoriated by opponents of slavery in the harshest possible terms. They called into question its legitimacy and indeed the legitimacy of the Court itself. Serious and sober-minded men like Abraham Lincoln and William Seward advanced conspiracy theories for how the Court could have arrived at such an atrocious place. (There were indeed improprieties around the Court's deliberations.)

Scalia invoked a portrait of Roger Taney at Harvard Law School by the great painter Emanuel Leutze in 1859. "He sits," Scalia wrote, "facing the

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# How children become progressives

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

How are progressives made? By cooking them in a public school six hours a day, five days a week where they are seemingly indoctrinated with an ideology that contradicts the values and beliefs of many of their parents.

It began as a trickle, but now is approaching a flood as activist groups - notably LGBTQ organizations - have infiltrated public schools and demanded their views on sexuality and gender be taught.

Here are a few of many examples. In Montgomery County, Maryland (where I received a good education without the culture war stuff), Cedar Grove Elementary School posted this message on its PTA Facebook page: "[we] will be celebrating love, respect, and tolerance: by use of video with students holding Pride flags while pledging, 'Love, Respect, Freedom, Tolerance, Equality, and Pride.'" What happened to pledging to the American flag?

Also in Montgomery County, a once conservative suburb of Washington, D.C., The Washington Times reports a group of parents are waiting for a federal judge to rule on their lawsuit directed at overturning a school district policy that "requires teachers to identify how gender-transiting students identify at school by reverting to 'birth' names and pronouns with 'unsupportive caregivers.'"

Erin Lee, the mother of a 12-year-old girl in Fort Collins, Colorado, complained when an after school "arts club" her daughter attended turned out to be a "Genders and Sexualities Alliance Club." Lee said the club taught that "heterosexuality and monogamy are not normal." She also claimed students were told not to tell their parents. Lee pulled her daughter out of the middle school and enrolled her in a private Christian school where she says she is "doing much better."

It's not just gender and sexuality that is being taught in public schools. A group of Jewish parents has filed a federal lawsuit challenging the teaching of what they claim are anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist materials in Los Angeles public schools. The materials, they say, refer to Israel as a "settler state" founded on "genocide."

In their book "Get Out Now: Why You Should Pull Your Child from Public School Before It's Too Late," Mary Rice Hasson and Theresa Farnan detail at great length -- with hundreds of documenting footnotes -- the progress activist groups have made in manipulating the minds of young people whose ability to think critically has yet to be even marginally developed.

This one paragraph sums up the challenge: "Public education has been incredibly successful in one area - churning out youthful progressives - growing numbers of men and women in the grips of existential confusion, perpetual victimhood, and political intolerance.... The system takes full advantage of their most formative years in early elementary school, and the indoctrination continues through high school. Thanks to America's public schools, they show up to college already prepped and ready to play on the progressive team."

The authors have an Appendix in which they answer most of the questions raised by parents - including how to deal with the cost of private education and whether their kids can play sports if they don't attend a public school.

Refusing to protect one's children from this stuff is a form of moral, spiritual and intellectual abuse. As this school year comes to an end, the summer would be a good time for parents of public school children to consider what is truly best for their offspring. They can start by investigating what is taught in their local school and they can finish by getting them out.

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



# Nation

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According to the 2022 National Day of Prayer website, “The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. The official Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May.”

It is estimated that over two million people attended more than 30,000 observances of the National Day of Prayer, which were organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers. At state capitols, county court houses, on the steps of city halls, and in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stopped their activities and gathered for prayer.

Unfortunately, there are organizations and individuals who want to prohibit this sacred national tradition. Last year, a federal judge in Wisconsin ruled that the US law directing the president to proclaim such a day violates the First Amendment, which prohibits government establishment of religion.

Left-wing organizations such as Freedom From Religion show their ignorance of our nation’s history when they falsely state “Our

founders did not pray when they adopted our Constitution, which shows their intent to separate religion from government”; and they “instruct people to oppose the National Day of Prayer as God and Government are a Dangerous Mix.”

In Pulaski County we are a blessed community. Organizers of our local National Day of Prayer convened with more than 50-participants who publicly support this national tradition. The event was hosted by Pastor Dwight Haynes and Pulaski County Ministerial Association, Rev. Terri Sternberg. People gathered together at noon on Thursday, May 5th at the County Courthouse to pray individually and share prayers of repentance and hope for our nation. They honored our flag, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang some hymns, listened to a Biblical presentation by Haynes of Good News Chalk Talk; and then broke into small groups to pray for government entities, their leaders and civic groups.

After the event on the Courthouse plaza, participants conducted a prayer-walk (or drive) to the annual Luncheon hosted by Emmanuel Bookstore in Pulaski.

The National Day of Prayer is so important and is a tradition that needs to be perpetuated. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer; and it represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

**Host of the 2022 National Day of Prayer in Pulaski County, Pastor Dwight Haynes of Good News Chalk Talk, reiterated that we, as Christians, have power in prayer.**



# Lowry

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viewer and staring straight out. There seems to be on his face, and in his deep-set eyes, an expression of profound sadness and disillusionment.” Scalia imagined him despairing at what his ambitious ruling in Dred Scott had wrought and warned the Court against making the same mistake again.

“It is no more realistic for us in this litigation than it was for him in that,” Scalia noted, “to think that an issue of the sort they both involved -- an issue involving life and death, freedom and subjugation -- can be ‘speedily and finally settled’ by the Supreme Court ...”

Rather, Scalia argued, “By foreclosing all democratic outlet for the deep passions this issue arouses, by banishing the issue

from the political forum that gives all participants, even the losers, the satisfaction of a fair hearing and an honest fight, by continuing the imposition of a rigid national rule instead of allowing for regional differences, the court merely prolongs and intensifies the anguish.

“We should get out of this area,” he urged, “where we have no right to be, and where we do neither ourselves nor the country any good by remaining.”

The Court should have listened to Scalia the first time. Now, Alito’s opinion opens the way for it, after one of the most catastrophic misadventures in its history, to finally heed his wisdom.

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



**Representing the Pulaski County Supervisors at the National Day of Prayer is Adam P. Hall of Cloyd District (left), his wife Leigh Ann and Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers.**



**Dr. Charles Damron, Director of Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network and Pastor of Austinville Baptist Church, prayed for Pulaski County Fire and Rescue.**

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# Four years into parenthood and we're still surviving

My daughter turned 4 years old this past Sunday and I can hardly believe it. I can't believe that 4 whole years have passed by so quickly and that the authorities have let us keep her this long. I'm pleased to report that she is safe, happy and healthy which is all we ever hoped to accomplish as parent. I figured we'd get one, maybe two out of three ... tops. Her staff or "parents" as we prefer to be called in public have also survived the last 4 years although maybe a little more worse for wear. Pounds have been added, hairs have turned gray, razors have barely been used ... and I'm not looking so great myself.

Yep, four years in and I still have no clue what I'm doing as a Mother. Hopefully that sounds like a healthy statement and not a cry for help, but I had heard many times during my pregnancy that no one is ever fully prepared to be a parent. Thinking back to those early months ... to say I was not fully prepared would be a gross understatement. I was a childless, well-rested adult with personal space, no clue and a void to fill. I had taken care of a puppy in the summer of 2009 and sense it didn't die in my care I built up this false sense of confidence. I was very overly confident in my thinking that people have been having people for as long as people have existed. So, how hard could it be?

Before I knew it, BAM, nine

months were over, the exodus had happened, and my body looked like one of those sad, deflated balloons that you find behind the couch after a birthday party. But I didn't care. I just had a baby! It's amazing how much you don't care about yourself during that time. I find that interesting because I am naturally a selfish person, but women could lose their legs during the birth of their child, and we would only want to know 3 things. The first is, is the baby healthy and the other 2 well, ladies we know what they are, but pretty much all you can think about is your baby, that perfect little thing that you hope doesn't look too much like your husband. Nothing. Else. Matters.

I remember watching her sleep in the hospital room, thinking about all the new sounds she was hearing, textures she was feeling and then I was overwhelmed with this terrible fear that I or we, were going to royally mess her up. I had no idea how to do anything. I mean, yeah, feed it, change it, bathe it ... but what if something happens? What if something doesn't happen? Will I recognize if something is happening that shouldn't be? Will we raise a contributing member of society? What if I cause her to need therapy? What if she becomes a liberal?

Suddenly, all the confidence I had that was present when we decided to start a family was gone. I had gotten a title change. I was now Mother, and I felt like I had lied on my resume ... selfless,



The Middle Child  
Katherine Williams

team player; good under pressure and available on call day or night ... all lies, but I got the job!

It still blows my mind that they just let us walk out of the hospital with her. They take off that ankle monitor, wheel you out the door with congratulations and a "good luck" and the rest of your life begins. I mean, I've been under more review at the Humane Society getting a dog than I was at the hospital getting a whole baby. I didn't expect them to run our credit, but a small questionnaire somewhere in the paperwork may not be a bad idea. Something like, "What number do you call in case of an emergency?" answer below. "It is okay to shake your baby." True or False. That's why we could never adopt, they'd never let us. We could have seven of our own, but none of anybody else's.

I didn't sleep AT ALL for the first couple nights after we brought her home. I was afraid that my "Mom ears" hadn't developed yet and that I wouldn't be able to hear her cry over my husband's CPAP machine. I refrained from kinking the hose figuring that the sound of him fighting for his life would be just

as loud as the machine itself. That fear was irrational of course because she could wake the dead and soon, we figured out that a lot of our fears were irrational or at least preventable.

Days turned into weeks and weeks into months, and we started to feel secure in our parenting abilities. We developed routines and got settled into a somewhat normal existence and then ... she started to crawl.

Do you have kids? Do you remember when they got their mobility? There is nothing more terrifying than a tiny roommate with nothing to lose; no schema for pain and the desire to lick every outlet in the house. Totally unprepared and blissful in our ignorance we never baby proofed our house. Not one outlet cover, cabinet lock, or toilet seat lock has seen the inside our

house. That goes back to those preventable fears I mentioned earlier.

I guess now that she's four and can open a jar of pickles, it may be too late for that, but we survived. We survived the "Terrible Twos," the "Trying Threes," potty training, etc. and I think that's what parenting is. It's survival. Surviving a series of fear-filled moments of realization that you have no clue what's going on but have the willingness to try to mitigate as much risk as you can until they can handle it on their own.

Four years in and we wouldn't change a thing. We look forward to fumbling through parenthood for the rest of our lives and as long as Darcy doesn't seek emancipation or end up serving a life sentence, then I suppose we will have been somewhat successful.

## Hughes Initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

LEXINGTON, VA -- Kgosi Hughes, a native of Pulaski, was recently initiated into the Wake Forest University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 1,971 new initiates from 78 universities during April 2022.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on December 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The founders established the ODK Idea-the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. ODK's mission is to honor and develop leaders.

## Schools

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cision-making inevitably reflects priorities and policy choices determined at the state level. I am committed to working with Governor Youngkin, the state Board of Education, and the General Assembly to reorder Virginia's K-12 priorities, raise expectations for all of our students, and create an accreditation system that is transparent, honest, and that prioritizes grade-level proficiency."

The report also identifies Governor Youngkin's guiding principles in education that will guide the work of his Administration in restoring excellence in education:

- Establish and maintain high expectations for students, schools, and ourselves.
- Advance parent and teacher empowerment to best serve students in partnership.
- Demand zero-tolerance for discrimination in education and beyond.
- Foster innovation in all education environments.
- Provide transparency and ac-

countability so that each child is seen and receives what they need to succeed.

•Ensure post-secondary readiness so that all learners can succeed in life.

•Protect and nurture freedom of speech and inquiry to ensure every student is taught how to think not what to think.

"The future prosperity of our Commonwealth depends on how well we prepare our students," said Governor Youngkin. "Working alongside parents, teachers, and policymakers, we will restore excellence in education and ensure that all students have access to quality education opportunities that prepare them for success in our workplaces, our communities, and our democracy."

The complete "Our Commitment to Virginians: High Expectations and Excellence for All Students" report is available at [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com) Superintendent Balow's presentation deck is also available at [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)

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# Budget

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meals tax, lodging, personal property, business licenses, all which seem to be rebounding as the community comes out of the pandemic and we begin to return to some form of normalcy, although we're not sure what that's really going to look like in the long term.

"State revenues reflect a decline as the budget at the state level has yet to be adopted and we're unsure what to anticipate."

Burcham told council if state revenue figures in the proposed budget turnout to be wrong, "we will be re-adopting a budget shortly after the first of the fiscal year." She noted the state figures in the budget proposal are "conservative," estimated on a worst-case scenario basis.

She said miscellaneous revenues have increased this year due to the implementation of certain activities, "which recover our actual costs of doing business for special services as well as delinquencies. The finance department has taken on the challenge of really going after delinquencies and as I think council is aware we have stepped up our delinquent tax sales and we'll be having another one in the spring to try to again make sure that people pay their taxes that are due."

Burcham noted the two-cent real estate tax increase council approved last year for the current fiscal year is included in revenues, but is not planned for use in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

"Rather, it will be added to the fund balance (reserve), which comes as a result of a very serious commitment that the council made last year to make sure we grew the fund balance over the next several years and that is our plan for a total of five years," Burcham said.

On the expenditure side, Burcham said "there is no more important resource in today's economy than your employees to remain competitive and to retain your dedicated workforce. I have recommended in this budget, several things that are reflected in the increases in individual departmental budgets.

"First of all, we are taking the step to raise the minimum hourly rate to town employees to \$15 an hour, effective July 1. Secondly, I am proposing a cost-of-living adjustment of \$2,000 for every 40-hour employee. And lastly, and most importantly, to allow for some expectation of future compensation adjustments there will be an implementation of a merit pay system ranging from zero to three percent and averaging two percent on an employee's anni-

versary day with the completion of a formal performance review by their supervisor.

"These recommendations as well as the increases that are always associated with health insurance and retirement benefits have been accomplished through belt tightening in individual department requests, moving phone and internet expenses to the IT department in the county, which has saved us considerably and insurance premium reductions, namely in the workman's compensation area, which means our employees have been performing in a much safer manner than they have in the past," Burcham explained.

She told council the water and sewer budgets include the second of three years of rate increases that were recommended to council by a consultant last year.

"That recommendation came as a result of the fact that we have not in previous years done small incremental increases in either water or sewer rates, and we had really no ability to fund some required maintenance - let alone the capital investments that are needed in a system that is over 100 years old," she said.

"This budget as proposed will continue an investment in the operating reserves so that we can assure our auditors that we have at least a 90-day reserve for operations, capital reserves upwards of a half million dollars and the required debt service coverage for the future of 130 percent," she continued.

Burcham said the budget creates only two new positions in the town's government - both dedicated to the water filtration plant that she said will allow the town to operate the plant on a 24-7, which will greatly improve the efficiency of the equipment there.

"I think your town government has weathered the pandemic extremely well. That we have come out of that stronger, somewhat different but better prepared to meet any of the challenges that lie ahead. There are clearly unique retail and housing opportunities that are on the horizon that we should take advantage of," Burcham said.

Also, during Tuesday's meeting, council approved a resolution honoring Marine Corporal Lewis Kenneth Bausell, a Pulaski native.

Bausell served in the Marine Corps during World War II and on Sept. 15, 1944 threw himself on a grenade to save the lives of his fellow Marines during the Battle of Peleliu. He died from his injuries three days later.

He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Franklin Roosevelt.

The entrance to Pulaski County Middle School, named "Medal of Honor Way," is named in recognition of Bausell's sacrifice.

"Medal of Honor Way" will be officially dedicated in the memory of Bausell on Monday at 5 p.m. during a ceremony at the middle school. The community is invited, and a member of Bausell's family will be in attendance.

Council also approved two additional resolutions - one for National Police Officers Week and the other for National EMS Week.

Established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, National Police Officers Week is an observance to pay tribute to law enforcement officers who had made the ultimate sacrifice in the battle against crime, and to recognize current law officers.

National EMS Week was established in 1974 by President Gerald Ford to recognize the important work of emergency services personnel.

Also, council approved a resolution appointing Caroline Smith as the town's Zoning Administrator.

Council also heard a presentation by Fire Chief Jeff Connor on a Career Development Plan for Pulaski Fire Department personnel.

The department includes 11 paid and 21 volunteer members.

# Woods resigns as CEO at YMCA of Pulaski County

The YMCA of Pulaski County announced today that Jessie Woods has officially resigned from her position as CEO effective late June.

"I grew up in this organization and love the YMCA and our community. It has been a blessing to build lifelong friendships with our staff, members, and families. I am so thankful to have had this time at the Y," said Woods. "This was an emotional and difficult decision, but a necessary one to reset personally. My hope is that I've left things better than I found them and helped to set the Y up for success in years to come."

Woods has been acting in the capacity CEO for the last 2 years, and in that time has shepherded the organization through a challenging COVID pandemic, increased membership in spite of those challenges, and expanded out of school time services to all five elementary schools; increasing licensed childcare spots from 75 to 375.

The Board of Directors of the YMCA is currently in the process of evaluating its next steps with regard to leadership of the organization. In the interim period,

Chief Volunteer Officer/Board Chair, Dr. Paige Cash, will serve as the primary contact.

"The Board is deeply grateful to Jessie for her leadership during such a difficult time in our organization and community. It is hard to imagine where

we, as an organization, would be without her unique skillset and deep relationships in this community," said Dr. Paige Cash, Board President. "In the coming weeks and months, our board will be working with Jessie to ensure a smooth transition and to continue improving the critical services the YMCA offers to this community."

The YMCA of Pulaski County has served this community since April, 1947, 75 years. During that time, it has provided childcare services, wellness and exercise opportunities and other community building programs as they work to live out their mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

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Jesus Transforms Lives

One of the greatest examples in the whole bible about how Jesus transforms lives is found in the life of Saul, also called Paul. Saul of Tarsus was arrested by Christ, while he was on his way to Damascus to continue in his persecution of Christians. Acts 9: 1. “And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the Disciples of the Lord, went unto the High Priest. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way. Whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. As he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from Heaven.” Many Christians had fled from Jerusalem because of the severe persecution in Jerusalem. Saul wanted to track them down and to have all of them punished, because of their turning to Christianity. Saul had to travel quiet a distance to get to Damascus from Jerusalem, and many believe the he did so on horseback. He was headed for Damascus where he hoped to find many believers in Christ Jesus to persecute. The last one he expected to see on his trip was the glorified Lord Jesus. Saul was nearing Damascus, when the Glorified Christ appeared to him in a blinding light of His glory. And it knocked Saul right off of his high horse. Verse 4. “And he fell to the earth and heard a VOICE saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me? And he said, Who art Thou Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest. It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what will Thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man; but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.” Jesus told Saul that He was persecuting Him. Saul had been persecuting Christians, but as far as anyone knows, he had never laid eyes on Jesus. So why do you think Christ said that Saul was persecuting Him? Because, when someone is persecuting a Child of God, it is the same as persecuting the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus didn’t say why are you persecuting my followers? Or why are you persecuting My Church? He said, why are you persecuting Me? Saul asked “Who art Thou Lord? Jesus said to Saul, “It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.” This was a reference to the use of a goad, with a metal point on it, to guide an ox to the place intended for it to go. Sometimes oxen would kick against the pricks and kick out the goad, which only resulted in additional and deeper jabs with the goad. The more the ox rebelled the more it suffered. And Saul asked the Lord Jesus, “What would you have me to do?” “And the Lord said unto him, “Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.” The men traveling with Saul, led him by the hand because he lost his sight, until they reached the city of Damascus and Saul found shelter in the house of a man named Judas. (Not Iscariot) Acts 9:9. “And he was three See MCCRAW, page A11

Church Directory

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Box 975 Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday Phone: 980-2413 Email: christ24301@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Jordan's Chapel UMC</b> Pastor: Jim Goddard Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church</b> 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</p> <p><b>Valley Harvest Ministries</b> 1 Harvest Place P.O. 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days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.” His physical eyes were blinded but his spiritual eyes were being opened by God.

Acts 9: 10. “And there was a certain Disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision. Ananias. And he said, behold I am here Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas, for one called Saul, of Tarsus, for, behold, he prayeth. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Sometimes God speaks to us and tells us to do something, and we find ourselves questioning God. That is exactly the way Ananias must have felt. In fact God wants us to make sure that it His voice we are hearing and not the voice of the devil or his henchmen. We need to always make sure it is God speaking to us and not the world, the flesh or the devil.

Some voices may tell a person who is considering turning their lives over to God, that the Christian life is boring and has too many rules. That is a wrong voice. The Christian is the most exciting and most satisfying life that anyone can live. We’ve never lived until we’ve lived for Jesus.

How can we know for sure that it is God’s voice that is speaking to us? God’s voice will always line up with the written word of God. He never contradicts His word.

If we’ll study the bible, and learn what thus saith the word of God, we’ll know if it is God speaking to us and not some deceiving satanic entity. Jesus said, “My Sheep know My voice and a stranger, they will not follow, but will flee from him for they will not follow the voice of a stranger.”

Saul got saved. He was born again of the Spirit of God. And he became obedient to the moving of God upon his life. He became a great preacher of the Gospel. Later, they would bring the sick people to him and they would be healed. God wrought many miracles through the yielded life of the Apostle Paul.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Ezra in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the Spirit is made up of how many traits? 3, 4, 9, 12
3. Which son of David had been drinking much wine when he was killed? Amnon, Kileab, Absalom, Shephatiah
4. From Psalms 114, what do mountains skip like? Rocks, Children, Rams, Stars
5. Who was the mother of Samuel? Deborah, Rachel, Sarai, Hannah
6. In Judges 15, who prayed for a drink of water? Elijah, Jeremiah, Samson, Ezekiel

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 9; 3) Amnon; 4) Rams; 5) Hannah; 6) Samson

“Test Your Bible Knowledge,” a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Flowers appear on the earth;  
the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves is heard  
in our land.*

Song of Songs 2:12

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**BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

Answers

**BIBLE WORD SEARCH**  
by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 18:38-40

I **crushed** them so **that** they **could** not **rise**; they **fell beneath** my **feet**. You **armed** me with **strength** for **battle**; you **humbled** my adversaries **before** me. You **made** my **enemies turn** their **backs** in **flight**, and I destroyed my **foes**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,  
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Billy Graham

**Q: My family has been watching a documentary on reincarnation and now my teenagers seriously believe that they may have lived at another time. I thought by allowing them to watch this program it would broaden their minds but instead it has troubled them. I don't know how to turn them around. - R.F.**

A: The idea of reincarnation is attractive to some -- the belief

that after we die we come back to Earth again. Some people are influenced by other religions; others simply like the thought of being able to live out multiple experiences. To others, it is a terrifying thought.

Reincarnation isn't true, and the life we're leading now is the only one we'll ever live. Once we die, we go into eternity -- either to Heaven to be with God forever, or to that place the Bible calls Hell, where we will be eternally separated from God and His blessings. What difference should this make? It gives urgency to our

**My  
Answer**  
Billy Graham

lives right now. The Bible says that “now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

There is no chance after death to do life over again. There is a time to be born and a time to die (Ecclesiastes 3:2). In between these bookends is the journey.

Sometimes we get tired of the burdens of life and wish we could start all over again. We can, with God. He desires that we walk His way through the one life He has granted us. We don't have to waste our lives on things that have no eternal value.

Scripture has much to say about the brevity of life and the necessity of preparing for eternity. Only when a person is prepared to die is he or she also prepared to live. May we turn our eyes from worthless things, and receive the life God wants us to live (Psalm 119:37).



Amber Waves

SON, THE OLDER I GET, IT SEEMS THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME.

FOLKS STILL COMPLAIN ABOUT GAS PRICES AND THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY AND POLITICS.

IS MOM ON YOUR CASE TO GET THE YARD WORK DONE?

THAT ONE IS AS CONSTANT AS THE NORTH STAR.

Out on a Limb

TODAY'S SPECIAL FOR YOU, SIR...

UH OH... THIS WAS A MISTAKE.

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R.F.D.

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THEY TOLD ME I COULDN'T BE AN ORGAN DONOR!!

WHY NOT?

THEY SAID I DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS.

POPEYE

HEY CTSMAN

IF YOU HAD STEADY EMPLOYMENT ON SHORE... I BELIEVE YOU'D BE MORE ATTRACTIVE TO WOMEN!

WOT MAKES YA THINK SO?

IT'S NOT JES' OLIVE THAT SHOOTS ME DOWN...

WOMEN ARE WARY OF SAILORS...

...BECAUSE OF THE TRANSITORY NATURE OF THEIR LIVES!

I ALMOST GOT A DESK JOB AT THE MARITIME UNION...

...I CAME THAT CLOSE!

WHAT HAPPENED?

THEY LIKED EVER'THIN' I TOLD 'EM...

... BUT THEY DIN'T ACCEPT ME REFERENCES!

WHO WROTE YOUR REFERENCES?

ME MOMMY AN' DADDY!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

I GET IT TAKES A WHILE TO GET RESULTS WITH THESE LOW-CALORIE, LOW-SALT MEALS. I ASSUME THAT GOES FOR THE TASTE AS WELL?

LAFF - A - DAY

"It's a good story, but not as good as the one you told Mom when you dragged in at two this morning!"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Rift

SCHAM

Fine

LACER

Legend

BAFEL

Whisker

BLISTER

TODAY'S WORD

"I wish your mother would stop referring to me as her son-in-law, the \_\_\_\_\_."

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Battery fluid
- 5 Sandwich meat
- 8 Barks
- 12 Leaf
- 13 Out — limb
- 14 Ganges wrap
- 15 Warner —
- 16 Naughtiness
- 18 Flashing disco light
- 20 Trumpet's cousin
- 21 Legal wrong
- 23 Wee dollop
- 24 Sushi bar bowlful
- 28 NYC gallery
- 31 Dos Passos trilogy
- 32 Fizzy drinks
- 34 Bankroll
- 35 Humorist Sahl
- 37 Chooses the wrong actor
- 39 Prattle
- 41 Unpaid TV spots (Abbr.)
- 42 John of "Full House"
- 45 Morals
- 49 Blunders
- 51 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 52 Celestial bear
- 53 Hosp. section
- 54 McGregor of

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- 7 Fem. counter-part
- 8 Hindu retreat
- 9 Colorful arcs
- 10 Gratis
- 11 Winnow
- 17 Massachusetts cape
- 19 Pear choice
- 22 Dutch bloom
- 24 Silent
- 25 Equal (Pref.)
- 26 Sea of the North Atlantic
- 27 Refuses, as an offer
- 29 Wrestling sur-
- face
- 30 Billboards
- 33 "Shoo!"
- 36 Large gong
- 38 Actress Judd
- 40 Fluffy neck-piece
- 42 Overconfident
- 43 Lose energy
- 44 Omit
- 46 Hawkeyes' home
- 47 Chowder morsel
- 48 Without
- 50 Author Umberto

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country in Africa is the largest in land area?
- 2. MUSIC: What was the original name of the punk rock band Green Day?
- 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president formally declared the executive mansion to be the White House?
- 4. ART: In which major city would you find the Tate Modern museum?
- 5. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek goddess of revenge?
- 6. U.S. STATES: Which state is the only one that doesn't have a mandatory seat belt law?
- 7. MOVIES: What is the Dude's favorite drink in "The Big Lebowski"?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: What is albumen?
- 9. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for a transient ischemic attack?
- 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is an ibex?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sun is missing. 2. Ear flap is missing. 3. Camera cord is shorter. 4. Stick is shorter. 5. Arm patch is missing. 6. Strap is missing.

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms



"Live each day like it's your last, 'cause one day you gonna be right."

— Ray Charles

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I'm presuming the favorite musical category of many stepdathers is probably alternative pop.

Cryptoquip answer

CHISELER

Today's Word

3. Fable; 4. Bristle

1. Chasm 2. Clear solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: W equals M

X'W TICDEWXPB SZC QMYFIXSC

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**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I are in our late twenties, and we have two kids. Our combined income is about \$110,000 a year, but we have \$70,000 in loans on two cars, plus about \$15,000 in credit card debt. My in-laws have offered to let us move in with them to save money and make things easier while we pay down debt. Do you think this is a good idea?

**Adam**

**Dear Adam,**  
In my mind there are only two scenarios where you should even consider taking the in-laws up on their offer. One, is where they're absolutely wonderful folks and you both have great, healthy relationships with them. By this, I mean there's a mutual sense of love, respect and everyone knows their boundaries. Even if this is the case, I'd still only consider it for an agreed-upon and very small amount of time.

The second scenario is if taking them up on their offer is the only way you two can accomplish your financial goals. That's not the case here.

You and your wife can get rid of most of your debt, and take a big step toward gaining control of your income, if you'll do one thing—get rid of those stupid cars! That's an insane amount of money wrapped up in cars for you two. If you had a couple of decent, paid-for used cars your lives would be so much different. You'd be in a situation where you could even start putting a little money aside while you paid off the credit card debt. Then, once the credit card debt is gone, you'd have some cash



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Dave Ramsey

freed up to find better cars.

If I were in your situation, I wouldn't move in with the in-laws. I'm sure they're great people, but I'd keep my dignity and sell the cars, start living on a budget and pay off debt as fast as possible!

— Dave

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

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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## PULSE

**May 20**

**Ladies Evening Ministry**

The Radford Church of God of Prophecy will be holding a LADIES EVENING MINISTRY on Friday May 20, 2022 beginning at 6:30 PM with Phyllis Cooper. Come and join us for a night of song, devotions, prayer, praise, message, and refreshments. The church is located at 811 6th street in Radford. For additional information please contact Pastor Zane Cox at 540-230-4362 or email at zcoxcogop@verizon.net.

**May 29**

**Missionary to speak**

Lauren Scharstein, a missionary through Antioch Partners and Mother Esther School for Girls in Nairobi, Kenya will be at First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO along with her family. We are pleased to announce Lauren will be delivering the morning message. A luncheon will follow the service. We look forward to seeing you there!

**June 2**

**Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30**

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, June 2, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

**June 12**

**Klopman Mills Reunion**

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**June 14**

**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

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Setup for vendors begins at 6:30 a.m. and customers can attend from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the market closes.

Vendors are required to cleanup their space when the market ends each Saturday.

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Contact person for the market is Nick Glenn at 230-2794.

  
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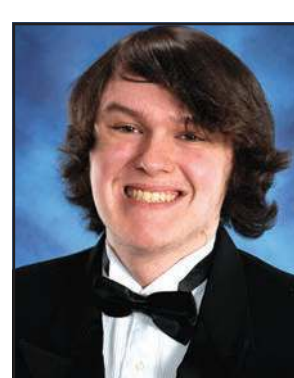
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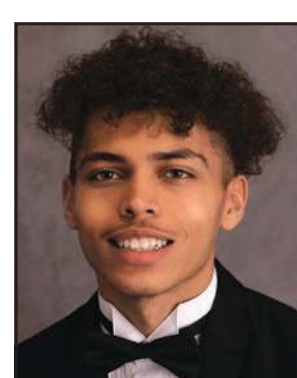
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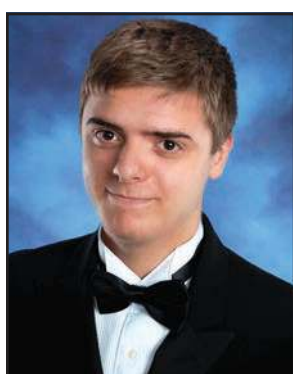
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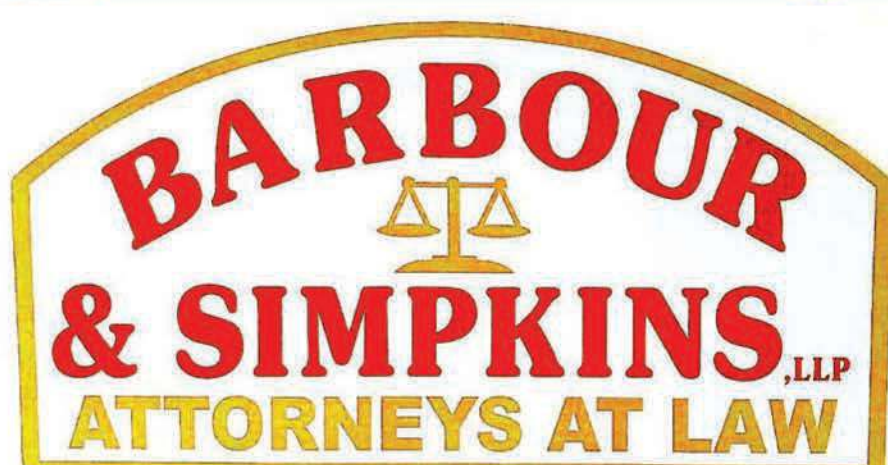


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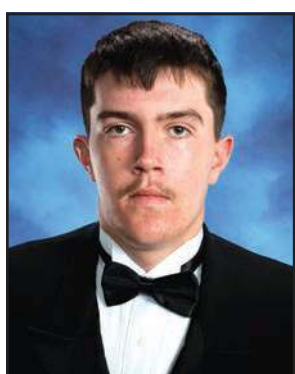
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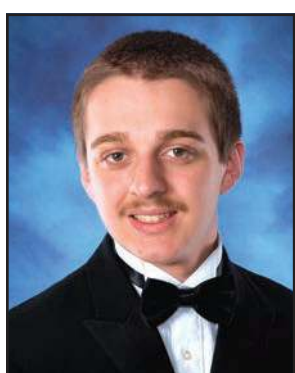
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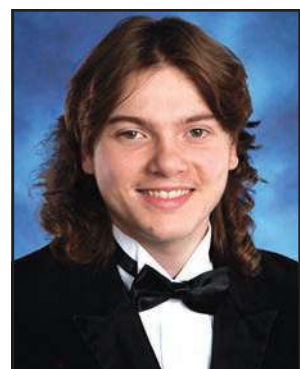
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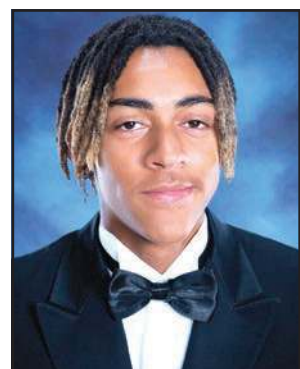
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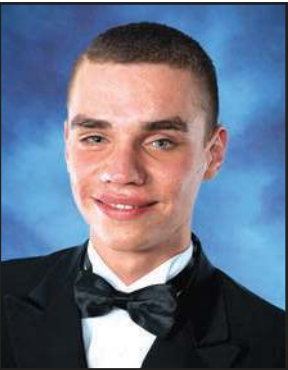
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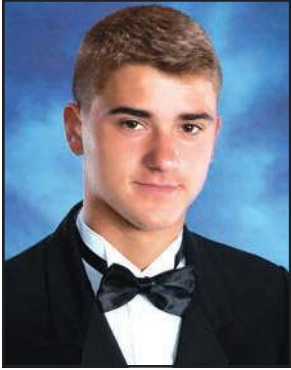
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## Four Playground Sets Ordered

Courtesy of the Town of Pulaski

The Town of Pulaski this week placed an order for four playground sets that will be installed at the town's four parks – Heritage, Valley, Kiwanis and 6th Street. The new sets will replace most of the old playground equipment found at the parks now. The playground sets are ADA compliant and will be paid for by federal ARPA (American Rescue Act) funds. It will take several weeks for the sets to be delivered and installed.

**Back to School**

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SCAN ME

# Randolph Park pool to open on May 28

Randolph Park Pool will open to the public on Saturday, May 28 at 10:00AM. The pool facility will return to the operating hours of Monday through Saturday 10:00AM – 7:00PM and Sunday 12:30PM-6:00PM; staff & weather permitting. The pool will be open to both residents and non-residents of Pulaski County.

Field trips to the pool will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, in order to better accommodate pool patrons this summer.

Concessions will be operating this summer, therefore, no outside food or drink from restaurants and/or fast food establishments

will be permitted into the pool area.

Entry Prices (Monday – Sunday):

Infants – Free  
Under Age 2 - \$3.00  
Ages 2 – 54 - \$5.00  
Ages 55+ = \$ 3.00  
Pulaski County residents may purchase discount pool passes with valid identification stating residency within the county.  
10 visits - \$ 30.00  
20 visits - \$ 60.00

**Shay Dunnigan**  
Pulaski County Parks & Recreation Director

# It's canning season!

By **Sandy Stoneman, Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent**

Gardens are growing and farmers markets are open! We all enjoy the fresh, local produce while it is in season but that season is short. No one is wants to think about those cold, dark days of winter but imagine how wonderful and satisfying it would be to open a jar of green beans or bright yellow peaches that you canned yourself and remember those warm, sunny days picking ripe produce from your garden or farmers market.

If you have not tried it before, canning may seem a bit intimidating. There have been headline news stories of botulism outbreaks due to improper home canning as well as horror stories of pressure canners exploding. However, if you are using up to date, tested recipes and the proper equipment, canning is a safe and rewarding way to preserve the fresh, local foods you would like to have all year long.

Here are a few tips:  
•Follow Up To Date Canning Instructions: Make sure your food preservation information is always current with scientifically tested guidelines. Don't use outdated publications, unverified recipes from the internet, or old cookbooks, even if they were handed down to you from trusted family cooks. Canning instructions and

equipment have changed over the years. Following up-to-date canning instructions from a reliable source such as USDA, The National Center for Home Food Preservation, or your local Extension Office is essential for food safety and the prevention of botulism. Botulism is a rare, but serious illness caused by a germ called Clostridium botulinum. This germ is found in soil and can survive, grow, and produce toxin in a sealed jar of food. This toxin can affect your nerves, paralyze you, and even cause death.

•Have the Proper Canner for the Food You Want to Preserve: Always use a properly sized pressure canner that meets USDA recommendations for pressure canning when canning low-acid vegetables (like green beans, potatoes and corn), meat, seafood and poultry. Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning these low-acid foods. Do not use boiling water canners for low-acid foods because they will not protect against botulism poisoning. It is also recommended that you have your canner lid inspected and your pressure gage tested annually. Contact your local Extension Office to get this done. Water bath canners are only safe for high acid foods such as apples, peaches, berries, acidified

See CANNING, page B14

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**Estate Yard Sale:** Friday and  
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Brown Road, Draper. Furniture,  
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**Yard Sale:** Friday, May 20 at  
423 South Washington Avenue,  
Pulaski. Womens clothes, mens  
clothes, girls and boys bikes,  
small shampooer (used twice),  
Christmas throws. Cancel if rain!

**Yard Sale:** Friday, May 27 and  
Saturday, May 28 from 8 to 5 at  
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**Multi-Family Garage Sale**  
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Oak Lane, Pulaski – off of Dora  
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**Yard Sale:** Aldersgate United  
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**Yard Sale:** First Dublin Presby-  
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annual yard sale Saturday, May

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold Public Hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, May 23, 2022, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens’ comments on the following matters:

- Adoption of the Proposed Amended Animal Control Ordinance of the County of Pulaski, Virginia
- Adoption of the Proposed Amended Noise Ordinance of the County of Pulaski, Virginia

Comments may be presented orally or in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to [bos@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:bos@pulaskicounty.org). A copy of the draft ordinances is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7705.

If you are a disabled individual and would like special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County’s ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date.

## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23 ,2022 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

- Proposed text amendments and re-adoption of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Text amendments relate to Article 4, 7, and 11.
- Rezone Application submitted by CMO Enterprises on behalf of Joshua & Hollyn Williams to rezone Tax Map 065-001-0000-031B from Commercial (CM) to Low Density Residential (LR) located at 4845 Hance Road.

Comments may be presented orally, or in writing, prior to the meeting or in person at the public hearing. Information regarding the matter(s) referenced above is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Community Development Department, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County upon request will make reasonable accommodations available. Please contact the County’s ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

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## JOBS



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## LEGAL NOTICE

#### Fairlawn Sewage Authority Summary Statement of Financial Condition At June 30, 2021

ASSETS	\$	<u>1,323,528</u>
LIABILITIES	\$	137,769
NET POSITION		<u>1,185,759</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$	<u>1,323,528</u>
REVENUES	\$	462,835
EXPENSES		<u>406,592</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$	<u>56,243</u>

Detailed financial statements are available for inspection at the Fairlawn Sewage Authority, Fairlawn, Virginia

## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Donation of Property

Pursuant to VA Code section 2.2- 3711 (A) 3- the Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **June 7, 2022 in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building, 42 First Street, N.W.** to consider donating the two parcels, Parcel # 072-022-011651-0001A and Parcel # 072-022-0165-0002A, located at First and Pierce SE Street, to Alquist 3D for the construction of the first 3-D printed homes in Pulaski, VA.

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 (540-994-8600 prior to the above meeting. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. (NRCA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS TARGET AREA REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

**DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF ELECTION:** New River Community Action, 412 N. Jefferson Ave. Pulaski. June 21, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**PURPOSE OF THE ELECTION:** To elect target area representative to sit on the Board of Directors of NRCA to represent Pulaski County. The Board manages the affairs and sets the policies for NRCA. The elected representative will serve on the Board of Directors. NRCA has as its purpose to alleviate poverty in the New River Valley by such programs as Head Start, CHIP, Whole Family, Housing and Homeless Programs, VA CARES, and Emergency Assistance.

**PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:** All persons residing in Pulaski County who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and whose family income falls within the Poverty Income Guidelines to determine eligibility for being served shall be eligible to vote. Persons not meeting these criteria can neither nominate nor vote at this election.  
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## Young Life Tournament Winners

Winners of the Edna Loftus Memorial Young Life Golf Tournament held May 14 at Thorn Spring Golf Course. (L to R): Barry Buckner Sr., Barry Buckner Jr., Allen Quesenberry and John Stevens.

## Hokies baseball closes out regular season against Duke

Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG – Closing out the 2022 regular season, the No. 3 Virginia Tech baseball team (37-11, 16-9 ACC) will actively chase the ACC Coastal Division title while attempting to knock off one final league challenger this weekend when it clashes with Duke (22-29, 10-17 ACC) during a three-game series at English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park (May 19-21).

Friday's game (7 p.m.) and Saturday's game (2 p.m.) will both air live on ACC Network Extra.

• Inside the ACC Race: Virginia Tech pulls into its final regular season series on the verge of history, still in contention to win the program's first ACC Coastal Division title. Entering Thursday, the second-place Hokies (16-9) trail first-place Miami (18-9 ACC) by one game, needing to outperform the Hurricanes by one result this weekend to clinch the division crown (assuming all games are played to completion). Tech is in an interesting predicament as the respective ACC Atlantic and Coastal Division leaders – No. 14 Notre Dame and No.

9 Miami – will meet this weekend for their season-closing series in Coral Gables. Should the Hokies win at least two games

against Duke, Tech would need assistance yet be in prime position to win the outright ACC regular season championship.

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## Everything is bigger in Texas, even NASCAR All-Star Race

From NASCAR



For the second time in the prestigious event's history, the NASCAR All-Star race and the NASCAR All-Star Open will take place at Texas Motor Speedway this Sunday, May 22. The NASCAR All-Star Open is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. ET and the main event, the NASCAR All-Star race, will follow at 8 p.m. ET (on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) with over a million dollars up for grabs.

The NASCAR All-Star Race was introduced in 1985 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and the first All-Star race was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip and crew chief Jeff Hammond. Waltrip led 27 laps in the 70-lap inaugural All-Star event en route to the win driving the No. 11 Junior Johnson & Associates Buick. It was Waltrip's only career All-Star win.

This weekend's NASCAR All-Star Race will be the 38th running of the prized exhibition race and Texas Motor Speedway (2021-2022) is the fourth different track to host the event; joining Charlotte Motor Speedway (34 All-Star races: 1985, 1987-2019), Atlanta Motor Speedway (1986) and Bristol Motor Speedway (2020).

The second NASCAR All-Star Race in 1986 was held at Atlanta Motor Speedway and the event was dominated by NASCAR Hall of Famer Bill Elliott, who set the record for the most laps led in a NASCAR All-Star Race by a driver that won the event, leading 82 of the scheduled 83 laps (98.8%). Elliott started the event in the second starting position. Twice the NASCAR All-Star Race has been led by one driver flag-to-flag both

at Charlotte; Dale Earnhardt led all 70 laps in 1990 and Davey Allison led all 70 laps (100%) in 1991.

The next 33 All-Star events would be held at Charlotte Motor Speedway until the 2020 season due to the restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic- the race was rescheduled and moved to Bristol Motor Speedway. Hendrick Motorsports driver Chase Elliott grabbed his first NASCAR All-Star Race win at Bristol that season. The win made the Elliotts (Bill and Chase) the second father-son duo to win the NASCAR All-Star Race all-time, joining the Earnhardts (Dale and Dale Jr.).

Then last season, the special non-points event was moved to Texas Motor Speedway for the first time. And for the second straight season, the NASCAR All-Star Race was won by a Hendrick Motorsports driver – Kyle Larson. Hendrick Motorsports leads the NASCAR Cup Series in NASCAR All-Star race victories with 10 among five drivers - Jimmie Johnson (four: 2003, 2006, 2012, 2013), Jeff Gordon (three: 1995, 1997, 2001), Terry Labonte (1999), Chase Elliott (2020) and Kyle Larson (2021).

It also was the second consecutive season the NASCAR All-Star Race winner went on to win the

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NASCAR Cup Series Championship in the same season. The feat has occurred 12 times since the inception of the All-Star race in 1985 by seven different drivers - Darrell Waltrip (1985), Dale Earnhardt (1987, 1990, 1993), Rusty Wallace (1989), Jeff Gordon (1995, 1997, 2001), Jimmie Johnson (2006, 2013), Chase Elliott (2020) and Kyle Larson (2021).

In total, the 37 NASCAR All-

Star Races have produced 25 different winners, led by the recently retired Jimmie Johnson with four All-Star wins (2003, 2006, 2012 and 2013). Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick (2007, 2018) and Hendrick Motorsport's Kyle Larson (2019, 2021) lead all active drivers in NASCAR All-Star Race wins with two each. The NASCAR All-Star Race has been won from the pole or first starting position six times by five different drivers, the first three came in consecutive years - Dale Earnhardt (1990), Davey Allison (1991,

1992), Kurt Busch (2010), Denny Hamlin (2015) and Kyle Larson (2021).

The on-track activity for the NASCAR Cup Series at Texas Motor Speedway will begin on Saturday, May 21 with practice for both the NASCAR All-Star Open and NASCAR All-Star Race from 7 p.m. – 7:35 p.m. ET directly followed by Qualifying for the NASCAR All-Star Open at 7:35 p.m. ET and Qualifying for the NASCAR All-Star Race at 7:55 p.m. ET (on FS1).

**2022 NASCAR Open and NASCAR All-Star Race Formats:**

The NASCAR All-Star Race has become one of the sport's most innovative exhibition events, where formats and technical elements can be tested on a grand scale and this weekend's spectacular will be no different.

NASCAR and Texas Motor Speedway announced the format and eligibility for the NASCAR All-Star Race on Sunday, May 22 that features four stages and 125 laps of on-track competition for a \$1 million payday, stage winner incentives, amplified roles for the pit crews, and a distinctive head-to-head elimination qualifying format.

The NASCAR All-Star Race format is as follows:

The race will consist of four stages, with the first three 25 laps in length and the fourth and final being a 50-lap shootout for the \$1 million prize. The new format has provided a major incentive to win any of the opening three stages or the pit stop competition during the break between Stages 2 and 3.

- Stage 1 (25 laps): Stage 1 winner will start on the pole in the final stage as long as he finishes 15th or better in Stages 2 and 3.
- Stage 2 (25 laps): Stage 2 winner starts second in final stage as long as he finishes 15th or better in Stage 3.
- Special Stage Break (Pit Stop Competition): Each team must pit and perform a four-tire stop. The team with the shortest time on pit road (pit in/pit out) wins the pit crew award and the driver will start fourth in the final stage as long as he finishes 15th or better in Stage 3.
- Stage 3 (25 laps): Stage 3 winner starts third in final stage.
- Stage 4 (50 laps): Stage 1 winner starts first, Stage 2 winner second, Stage 3 winner third and pit stop competition winner fourth. If a "natural" caution occurs between laps 15-25 of the final stage, standard race procedures will be in effect. If no "natural" caution occurs during that time, NASCAR will call an "All Star" competition caution.
- Winner of Stage 4 earns \$1 million.



## Skateboard Park Nearing Completion

Mike Williams/The Patriot

The new skateboard park on First Street in Pulaski is nearing completion. Construction of the new skateboard ramps should be completed this week. Then fencing, striping, lighting and signage work will be done to complete the new park – which also includes a basketball court.

## Canning

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tomatoes, pickles, jams, jellies, etc.

- Don't always rely on look, smell or taste: If there is any doubt that approved home-canning methods were followed, throw the food out! Also, inspect canned food and discard if the container lid is leaking or bulging, the jar is cracked, or the food is moldy.
- Attend an online or in-person

canning class: In-person, hands-on canning classes are usually held through your county's Virginia Cooperative Extension Office. Another option is to attend an online course such as the Virginia Cooperative Extension's Home Food Preservation Online Course. This course is only \$15.00, self-paced, and includes training on the science behind food preservation and instruc-

tion on canning, freezing, dehydration, and fermentation! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/vcefoodpreservation> to register.

- If you have specific canning questions or would like to schedule your pressure canner lid inspection, contact your Area Food Safety Extension Agent, Sandy Stoneman at 276-223-6040, sandyst@vt.edu, or [www.swva-foodsafety.org/workshops](http://www.swva-foodsafety.org/workshops).



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