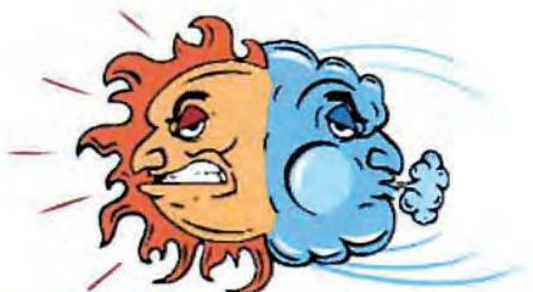




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County budget approved with no increase in taxes

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Monday night unanimously approved a nearly \$157 million county budget for 2022-23.

The budget includes no tax increases, while maintaining a real estate tax rate of .74 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value.

The budget's general fund, which pays for most of the county's day-to-day operations totals just over \$57 million.

The rest of the budget is distributed as follows: just over \$3 million goes to an Internal Service Fund (county garage, IT, etc.); \$4.8 million for the capital improvement fund; \$5.5 million for school debt service; \$69 million for schools; \$7 million for

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School budget adopted, but without kindergarten paras

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board on Wednesday grudgingly approved a \$64.9 million budget for the 2022-23 school year – a budget that does not include \$446,000 for 19 paraprofessionals for the county's kindergarten classes.

The budget revenue includes \$32.3 million in state funds – \$3.4 million more than the current year, as well as just over \$16 million in county funds - \$10,000 above this year. Far less than the

\$914,294 requested by the school board.

While the new budget does not include money for the kindergarten paraprofessionals, it does provide funds for nearly all of the school board's other budget priorities.

Included in the budget are four new positions added this year including a third Cougar Assistant at the high school, a transportation manager, public relations specialist and a rotating school nurse.

It also provides \$1.5 million for a new teacher salary scale incor-

porating a 5 percent pay increase for teachers plus a step increase.

Support staff will receive a 5 percent pay increase and custodians gain a new salary scale and increase.

Bus drivers will see their pay rise from a minimum of \$80.36 a day to \$90 and the top rate rises from \$114.93 per day to \$130.

Paraprofessionals will have a new salary scale and gain full-time status, with retirement and health insurance.

A new EMT teacher will be

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Medal of Honor recipient, ‘Woody’ Williams dies

Wednesday at 3:15 a.m., Hershel Woodrow Williams, affectionately known by many as Woody went home to be with the Lord, according to the Woody Williams Foundation.

Woody peacefully joined his beloved wife Ruby while surrounded by his family at the VA Medical Center which bears his name.

Details about the funeral and memorial services will be shared as that information becomes available.

Woody’s family would like to express their sincere gratitude for all of the love and support. They would also like to share that Woody’s wish is that people continue to carry on his mission.

All correspondence and condolences may be sent to the Woody Williams Foundation via email at contact@woodywilliams.org or via mail at:

Woody Williams Foundation, 12123 Shelbyville Rd., Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40243

Williams was the last living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.

Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor for using his flame-thrower and explosives to clear seven concrete bunkers known as pillboxes while under heavy ma-



“Woody” Williams and Mark Peterson share a moment during Williams’ visit to the Volvo plant in Dublin in 2016.

chine gun fire in February 1945.

While all the men in his company died, he continued to push forward. He refueled his weapon and returned five more times to destroy the remaining pillboxes.

He was born in Quiet Dell, W.Va. in 1923 - the youngest of 11 children.

Williams was first turned away from the military for being too short at 5 feet 6, but as the war raged on, requirements were eased and he was accepted into the U.S.

Marine Corps.

In 2020, the military vessel USS Hershel “Woody” Williams was named in his honor.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice said this week he will sign a proclamation ordering the lowering of all state and national flags to half-staff statewide this week in Williams’ honor.

Williams visited the Dublin Volvo plant in 2016 to see “Woody’s Truck,” the UAW’s Ride For Freedom truck that year.



“Woody” Williams is depicted on the side of the UAW’s “Ride for Freedom” Volvo truck in 2016.




Photos courtesy of Mark Peterson
Hershel “Woody” Williams during his visit to Volvo in 2015.

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Paddlers and players come out for 5th Annual Gusto

By WILLIAM PAINE
For The Patriot

Last Saturday's 5th Annual Gusto Event with GRAPeJAM brought out a diverse assortment of paddlers and players to the Rock House Marina. This year's Gusto was held a few miles downstream from its previous location at the Gatewood Reservoir and, as the name suggests, the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians A.K.A. GRAPeJAM, played a bigger role than ever in this year's proceedings.

On to the race.

After being tagged with a race number applied with black sharpie on the competitor's right arm and left leg, paddle boarders made their way to the starting buoy a few yards away from the Rock House docks.

The paddle boarders at this year's Gusto ranged from 11 to 71 years of age and some had years of paddling experience behind them. Others, like Pulaski County Attorney Tim Kirtner, had only been on a paddle board once before in his life. That happened last summer and only after being pestered by the Gusto race organizer to try the sport.

Jeff Arnold, another race participant, hadn't been on his paddle board in more than two years but he showed up wearing his trademark sandals on race day, ready and willing to compete.

Other competitors, like Brian Hartman of Roanoke, had won other races in the past, including the 3rd Annual Gusto of 2020.

At a few minutes past ten, the starting signal was given and 16 stand up paddle boarders began making wakes, all striving to round that first buoy and begin heading up Peak Creek.

Spencer Rygas, a regular Gusto competitor who also happens to be the Town Attorney for Pulaski, arrived late and saw the start of the race from the docks of the Rock House. Undeterred, Spencer launched his board and paddled furiously to try and catch up with the pack.

Racers paddled up Peak Creek past Conrad Brother's marina then under the Old Route 100 bridge. Once reaching the I-81 Bridge, competitors in the Bona Fide race would round a stanchion and head back downstream.

Master Class racers continued another mile and a quarter upstream before rounding a bright orange buoy marking the halfway point.

As is typical, racers in the Master Class contest were highly motivated to place as high as they could in the race standings.

I myself was striving for second place, which would earn me the Gusto bracelet marked Deuce (which the race organizer thought sounded a lot cooler than second). I had won the Terzo (third place) bracelet twice before and I was hoping to climb at least one rung on that winner's ladder that day.

Why not go for 1st?



William Paine presents a very big check (\$1,000) to the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) after the finish of the 5th Annual Gusto Event with GRAPeJAM. From left: Gina Paine GRAPeJAM snack provider, William Paine (Gusto Creator), Sally French (GRAPeJAM Treasurer) and James Paine (GRAPeJAM) student. Photo by Laura Walters, who called and asked if she could be of some assistance in this year's Gusto. I said yes and put a camera in her hand. She, and husband Jeff Arnold took many photos of the Gusto and we are grateful for their support. Photo taken at the Rock House Marina deck.



Kaden Hanks and mom

Photo by Laura Walter

Kaden Hanks, winner of the Young Master Paddler, finishes the Bona Fide race. His mother Jessi accompanied him along the way.

Well, it's probably not proper for the race organizer to win his own race ... then again, if I could, I probably would.

But I knew Brian Hartman was in the race and he'd have to have some kind of major malfunction for me to best him.

It wasn't just the Master Class racers who were gripped in the spirit of intense competition.

Rob Hurst was the first Bona Fide racer to round the I-81 stanchion and head back downstream. Rick Groesbeck, the most seasoned Gusto competitor at age 71, stayed close behind Hurst for the entire race, and at one time came close to overtaking him.

This, along with the knowledge of the 20-year age gap between himself and Rick Groesbeck, motivated Rob to be the first to finish the 2.5-mile Bona Fide course

in 32 minutes 16 seconds. Rick Groesbeck crossed the finish line 40 seconds later.

Paddle board race veteran Holly Welty Miller (Foothills Chiropractic) had her best Gusto performance to date. Holly's plan was to stick as close to Gina Paine as she could, and she did until her thirst got the better of her.

"I never slacked on paddling ...

only when I took a drink," said Holly about the contest. "I mean, I was giving it all I could give trying to keep up with her. So, Gina dragged me along pretty fast."

Gina Paine finished third in the Bona Fide with a time of 37 minutes 22 seconds with Holly crossing the line a minute and a half later.

Jeff Arnold crossed the line less than two minutes after that with Spencer Rygas somehow managing to catch up to the pack and cross the line a few seconds later.

Fellow attorney Tim Kirtner finished next, followed by 19-year-old New Orleans native Alex Brandt and finally first time Gusto racer Kaden Hanks, who is all of 11 years old.

All of the competitors in the 5-mile Master Class race parted company with the fray well before reaching the I-81 bridge.

True to form, Brian Hartman took the lead early in the contest and never let it go.

As for me, I was making good time and striving for second because Brian just kept getting farther ahead of me ... no surprise and no major malfunction.

As I rounded the buoy marking the halfway point, I saw John Robinson coming towards me as he approached the buoy. He was closer behind me than I had thought, but still a comfortable enough distance to keep me in second place.

Or so I thought because just before we reached the I-81 bridge, John Robinson pulled alongside me.


"John," I exclaimed in surprise.

"William!" He responded.

That was the extent of our conversation on the water ... talking takes a lot of energy and neither of us had any to spare. Then it was just him and me paddling as hard as we could till the end of the race.

The weather on Peak Creek that day was near perfect but the weather was perfect.

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MARGARET IRENE EADS HANDY

Margaret Irene Eads Handy, age 85 of Dublin, died Saturday, June 25, 2022 at her residence. She was born in Wytheville on September 5, 1936, and was the daughter of the late Gordie Gay Johnson Eads and the late Oscar Glen Eads. She retired after many years with Inland Motors in Radford.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles T. Handy; brothers; Glen E. Eads, and James Howard Eads.

She is survived by two stepsons; David Handy of Dublin and Brian Handy and his wife Victoria of Radford; step-daughter; Linda and her husband Terry Haney of Pulaski Co.; and one brother; Gordon Eads of Radford, along with two step-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, June 30, 2022 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, with the Rev. Charles McPeak officiating.

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



MARY MARGARET THOMAS-SHORTT

Mary Margaret Thomas-Shortt, age 59 of Dublin passed away Monday, June 27, 2022 at her home.

Born February 18, 1963 in Harford County, MD, she was the daughter of Sam and Jewell "Jean" Burke.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ed and Margaret Shupe.

She was a licensed practical nurse and worked in the health-care field for many years.

She is survived by Her husband- Ronald Eugene Shortt-Dublin

Daughter- Adrian Davis and husband, Steven Davis- Dublin Grandchildren- Andrew ,Brandon, Elizabeth, and Madison Davis

Sisters- Marie Slagle, and Lisa Bowman

Brothers- Jesse Burke and Sammy Burke

Nieces- Amanda Harmon, and Amber Leonard

Nephews-Samuel Kingsley, Michael Brooks and Trey Burke

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A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

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DEBORAH FAYE FARRIS CHAMBERS

Deborah Faye Farris Chambers, age 69 of Max Meadows, died Friday, June 24, 2022 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born on Pulaski on June 19, 1953, and was the daughter of the late Faye Jean McPeak Farris and the late Mason Everette Farris. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother: Larry Douglas Farris.

She is survived by her husband: Jerry Chambers of Max Meadows; a son; Brady Dale

Whittaker of Pulaski; a brother; Ralph Duane Farris of Barron Springs.

Per Deborah's wishes, she will be cremated and there will be no



BETTY IRENE STEELE

Betty Irene Steele, age 76, of Pulaski, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday June 28, 2022. Betty was born in 1945 in West Virginia and grew up surrounded by a large family of 8 other siblings. She was preceded in death by her Husband, Franklin Delano Steele; Father, Claude Lesslie Martin; and sister, Vivian Green.

Betty is survived by her mother, Alma Raines Martin her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy & Mike Millirons; son and daughter-in-law Jonny & Renee Steele; son and daughter-in-law Ronny & Lori Steele; grandchildren; Laramie Lester & husband Travis, Kevin Steele, and Kaysie Steele; sisters, Norma Martin and Bonnie Gravelly; brothers and sister-in-laws, Gordon Martin and wife Barbara, Carol Martin and wife Sophia, Rickey Martin, and Danny Martin; many nieces and nephews; special friends of 53 years, Bonnie & Jimmy Quesenberry.

The Funeral Service was held Thursday, June 30, 2022 at Bower Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Don Jones officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memorial Gardens, Dublin.

To sign her online guestbook-visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

public memorial service.

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ERNEST LEE TAYLOR

Ernest Lee Taylor, age 85 of Pulaski, died Sunday, June 26, 2022 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith!" He was born on November 10, 1936 in Montcalm, West Virginia, and was the son of the late Loessie Hill Taylor and the late Cletus Taylor.

Ernest retired as Commander from the Pulaski, VA Police Department, after more than 40 years of his life dedicated as a police officer. He loved everyone and never met a stranger, always was making everyone laugh, and loved to be around people. He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Carolyn B. Taylor, two sisters; Myrtle Bradbury and Barbara Lester.

He is survived by his daughters; Diana Cooley Minor and her husband Edward of Gray, TN, and Linda Cooper and her husband Shannon of Greenville, TN: son; Steven A. Taylor of Montcalm, WV: step-daughter; Lisa Smith of Roanoke: Brother; Donald Taylor and his wife Betty of Montcalm, WV: sister; Irene Westmoreland of Salem: grandchildren; Justus Cooley and his wife Lori of Blountville, TN, Angela Presley and her husband Brandon of Abingdon, Kristen Smith of Roanoke, Katie Smith House and her husband Alvin of Norfolk, Ethan Cooper, Sara Cooper of Greenville, TN: Great-grandchildren; Bennett Presley, Ryan Presley, and Jaxon Cooley. Ernest had many nieces and nephews, and loved them all dearly.

Many thanks to Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Staff, special friend Shirley Holden, family and friends who helped with his care.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Friday at the funeral home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ernest's name at Memorial Baptist Church.

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PEYTON GARRETT BLANKENSHIP

Peyton Garrett Blankenship, age 18, of Pulaski, was called home Friday June 24, 2022. The Good Lord and his paternal grandparents, Draper and Margaret Anderson and several other family members were there, arms wide open for him. It is undeniable that he departed this world, as devastation rang throughout the family and friends. He was born into this world, a wonderful, and perfect miracle in Pulaski on April 15, 2004, and is the son of Brandi Nicole Blankenship-Anderson and Christopher Bryan Anderson. Peyton was a recent graduate of Pulaski County High School, class 2022.

Handsome, blue-eyed Peyton has left behind: his mom and dad, his pawpaw Jeff Blankenship of Pulaski; his nannie, Tammy and pawpaw Marvin "MR" Waddell of Dublin; his brother, Hunter Blake Blankenship, who loved him more than words, and possessed an unbreakable bond; Peyton's other brother is Jordan Anderson: aunt; Lindsay Lilly and her husband Charles; Uncle to Harlen Anderson: cousins; Mackena, Emmy, and Lincoln Lilly. Peyton will forever be an amazing blessing to a huge family and tons of special friends, and his heart and smile will be remembered to be bigger than the world.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Bob White Blvd. Church of God with the Rev. Jim Linkous officiating. Interment will follow in Thornspring Cemetery.

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DOROTHY L. DUNFORD

Dorothy L. Dunford, age 83 of Pulaski, died Friday, June 24, 2022 at her residence. She was born in Wythe County on May 7, 1939. Dorothy worked for many years, retiring from Lee Jeans in Pulaski.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harry Odell Dunford, who died in 1980. She is also preceded in death by two sons; Donald Odell Dunford, and Douglas Edward Dunford; three sisters; Josephine Hoback, Martha Sisk, and Penny Childress; and a grandchild; Tonya Dunford.

She is survived by her son: Ronald David Dunford, Sr., and his wife Kathy of Draper; grandchildren; Corinthia McGee, Loren Dunford, Ronald David Dunford, Jr., Edward O'Dell Dunford, Leigha Dunford and Leslie Boyd.

Any services will be private.

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Wythe County man drowns in New River

A Wythe County man drown in the New River Sunday.

According to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, the department responded Sunday around 4:43 p.m. to the 8500 block of Parrott River Road in reference to a possible drowning.

Through investigation it was determined that Daniel Shultz, 71 of Wythe County was floating down the river when he fell from his raft and was unable to make it to shore.

Pulaski County Emergency Management, Pulaski County Public Safety, Twin Community Fire Department, Pulaski County Special Operations, Montgomery County Emergency Management, Longshop McCoy Fire and Rescue, Radford City Fire and EMS and Celco Drone team from Giles County responded to the scene to help with search operations.

Shultz was located shortly after and pronounced deceased.

No further information will be released at this time.

-Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

Violent crime rate rises in Virginia

RICHMOND – Virginia's official and only comprehensive report on local and statewide crime figures for 2021, titled Crime in Virginia, is now available online at the Virginia State Police website on the VSP CJIS Data Analysis & Reporting Team page. Crime in Virginia continues to provide precise rates and occurrences of crimes committed in towns, cities and counties across the Commonwealth. The report breaks down criminal offenses and arrests by reporting agency.

Violent crime includes the offenses of murder, forcible sex offenses (rape, sodomy and sexual assault with an object per the FBI's updated rape definition), robbery and aggravated assault. Overall, the violent crime rate increased in 2021 to 194.4 (per 100,000 population) from 183.0 in 2020. There were 16,823 violent crime offenses reported in 2021 compared to 15,713 violent crime offenses reported in 2020, representing a 7.1% increase.

The following 2021 crime figures in Virginia are presented in the report:

* The number of reported homicides increased from 528 to 562 (6.4%). The murder/non-negligent manslaughter rate increased from 6.15 in 2020 to 6.49 in 2021 (per 100,000 population). Victims and offenders tended to be younger males; 38.6% of homicide victims were men between 18 and 34 and 55.7% of known offenders were men between 18 and 34. Nearly half (47.5%) of all homicides occurred at a residence/home.

*Motor vehicle thefts and attempted thefts increased 3.8% compared to 2020. During 2021, there were 11,638 motor vehicles reported stolen in 11,249 offenses. In 2021, 7,589 motor vehicles were recovered (vehicles may have been stolen prior to 2021). Of all motor vehicles stolen, 35.4% were taken from the residence/home. The reported value of all motor vehicles stolen was \$131,738,135.

*Drug arrests decreased by nearly half (46.7%) with the largest percentage decrease in arrestees under age 25 (67.6%). The number of reports of drugs seized decreased for nearly all drug types, especially marijuana (67%), due in part to decriminalization of possessing less than 1 ounce of the drug effective July 1, 2020 and Code of Virginia §18.2-250.1 being repealed July 1, 2021.

*Burglary decreased by 8.3% between 2020 and 2021. In fact, burglaries and attempted burglaries have steadily declined over the past ten years. In 2021, there were 10,464 burglaries and attempted burglaries whereas in 2011 there were 27,872, representing a decreased burglary rate in the last decade from 344.24 to 120.89 per 100,000 population.

*Fraud offenses increased 8.4% compared to 2020. Nearly 80% of victims (79.9%) were individuals while 11.3% were businesses. Nearly a quarter (23.2%) of fraud victims were over the age 65.

*Of the known weapons reported for violent crimes, firearms were used in 82.1% of homicides and 48.6% of robberies. Firearms

were used in more than one-third (38.7%) of aggravated assault cases.

*There were 123 hate crime offenses, involving 106 victims, reported in 2021. This represents a 35.3% decrease compared to 2020. Most hate crimes (69.8%) were racially or ethnically motivated. Bias toward sexual orientation and religion were next highest (19.0%, 8.7%, respectively). Of all reported bias motivated crimes, 75.6% were assault offenses (aggravated assault, simple assault) or destruction/damage/vandalism of property.

The report employs an Incident Based Reporting (IBR) method for calculating offenses, thus allowing for greater accuracy. IBR divides crimes into two categories: Group A for serious offenses including violent crimes (murder, forcible sex offenses, robbery and aggravated assault), property crimes and drug offenses, and Group B for what are considered less serious offenses such as trespassing, disorderly conduct, and liquor law violations where an arrest has occurred.

Per state mandate, the De-

partment of Virginia State Police serves as the primary collector of crime data from participating Virginia state and local police departments and sheriff's offices. The data are collected by the Virginia State Police Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division via a secured internet system. This information is then compiled into Crime in Virginia, an annual report for use by law enforcement, elected officials,

media and the general public. These data become the official crime statistics for the Commonwealth and are sent to the FBI for incorporation into their annual report, Crime in the United States.

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Supreme Court Protects Our Constitution

As the Supreme Court term draws to an end, it releases decisions on the cases it has heard. These decisions can have far-reaching effects in American life. Several of the decisions released in the final days of this term affirmed important constitutional rights and principles. They deserve to be commended for upholding the vision of our Founding Fathers of a government of limited powers and a people possess-



Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

ing inalienable rights. Second Amendment rights secured a great victory in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen, a case involving New York's restrictive gun laws. The law in question required applicants for a concealed carry permit to show a "proper cause" for the application. A general desire for self-defense did not qualify. The case's plaintiffs had sought a license to carry in public for this reason and had their applications denied.

In a 6-3 ruling, the Supreme Court ruled that New York's restrictive licensing requirements were unconstitutional. In writing the decision, Justice Clarence Thomas noted:

We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need. That is not how the First Amendment works when it comes to unpopular speech or the free exercise of religion. It is not how the Sixth Amendment works when it comes to a defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him. And it is not how the Second Amendment works when it comes to public carry for self-defense.

The ruling has limited impact on the present situation in Virginia, where the law permits open carry. But the Court's decision warns those who would sharply limit the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment. I signed on last year to an amicus brief with other Members of Congress urging the Court to protect the right to bear arms in this case, and I applaud the result.

In another 6-3 decision, the Court upheld the right of a high school football coach in Washington state to kneel in prayer on the field after games. The coach, Joseph Kennedy, lost his job as a result of this practice, even though he did not pressure players to join him. The school district alleged that his voluntary prayer constituted an unconstitutional endorsement of religion by the school.

The majority in the case, Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, found that the school district violated Mr. Kennedy's rights to free speech and free exercise of religion. Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote the opinion. He noted that the school sought to restrict his activities precisely because they were religious, as opposed to secular activities it permitted. Further, the way Mr. Kennedy prayed – quietly at a time when other coaches performed their own personal activities such as greeting family and friends and students sang the school fight song – did not suggest that he was using his power as a public employee to endorse his religious beliefs.

In Justice Gorsuch's words:
[A] government entity sought to punish an individual for engaging in a brief, quiet, personal religious observance doubly protected by the Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment. And the only meaningful justification the government offered for its reprisal rested on a mistaken view that it had a duty to ferret out and suppress religious observances even as it allows comparable secular speech. The Constitution neither mandates nor tolerates that kind of discrimination.

Finally, in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the Court reversed its erroneous decision in Roe v. Wade and properly returned to the states the power to make policy on abortion. The Court's decision is a victory for the right to life as well as for the constitutional structure which allows the people through their elected representatives to decide important questions.

While I may not always agree with the decisions of the justices, I respect their role in our system. I am encouraged that in these major decisions of this term, the Supreme Court upheld key constitutional rights and affirmed our representative system of government.

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

Party Like It's July 4, 1777

While doing some research for the 4th of July, I discovered some interesting reasons why Americans joyously celebrate Independence Day with parades, picnics, fireworks, etc.

In 1776, the Founders had been meeting in Philadelphia for several months, still attempting to mend the breach with King George while they debated the possibility of breaking political ties with Great Britain. On the night of July 1, 1776, news reached the Continental Congress that British ships had sailed into New York Harbor, posing an immediate threat to the Continental troops commanded by George Washington. With imminent danger at their doorstep, the Congress took action.

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

On July 2, delegates the from 12 of the American colonies voted in favor of independence. The representatives for New York abstained while waiting for instructions from their state; but would vote in favor of independence later on July 9th.

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Persistence paid off

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

There were times over the last 50 years when some pro-lifers felt they would never see Roe v. Wade overturned and the right to life again recognized by government.

Many who never doubted didn't live to see this day. They had marched in the cold streets of Washington, D.C., in January on Roe's anniversary. These never-doubters included Nellie Gray, founder of the March for Life, Phyllis Schlafly, the ardent anti-ERA and pro-life advocate, Dr. Mildred Jefferson, the first Black woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School who also drew attention to the disproportionate number of aborted Black babies, and Justice Antonin Scalia, who consistently argued that Roe was wrongly decided.

Neither did many opponents of slavery live to see the day the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, nor did many who followed and advocated for civil rights live to witness court decisions and legislation that recognized the inherent worth and equality of African Americans.

Key to resolving these issues was the acknowledgement that government does not grant rights. Government is supposed to "secure rights," as Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence - rights that are "unalienable," meaning "not transferable to another or not capable of being taken away or denied." (dictionary.com)

In 1973, the Supreme Court removed the right of unborn babies to live. The 2022 Supreme Court corrected that constitutional mistake.

The Constitution and what it says and does not say was at the heart of Justice Samuel Alito's opinion for the 6-3 majority.

Here are some key sentences from that opinion: "Not only was there no support for such a constitutional right until shortly before Roe, but abortion had long been a crime in every single State. At common law, abortion was criminal in at least some stages of pregnancy and was regarded as unlawful and could have very serious consequences at all stages. American law followed the common law until a wave of statutory restrictions in the 1800s expanded criminal liability for abortions. By the time of the adoption of

the Fourteenth Amendment, three-quarters of the States had made abortion a crime at any stage of pregnancy, and the remaining States would soon follow."

Regarding the Fourteenth Amendment which ensures a right to privacy on which Roe was incorrectly based, Alito wrote: "In interpreting what is meant by the Fourteenth Amendment's reference to 'liberty,' we must guard against the natural human tendency to confuse what that Amendment protects with our own ardent views about the liberty that Americans should enjoy. That is why the Court has long been 'reluctant' to recognize rights that are not mentioned in the Constitution."

For decades the left has used the Supreme Court to advance a liberal political and social agenda, bypassing the people's elected representatives. Now the issue of abortion and restrictions will be returned to the states, as the 10th Amendment in the Bill of Rights requires.

More than 60 million babies have been aborted in the U.S. since 1973. Many women have come to regret having an abortion. The media have mostly ignored these women. As with those who died while enslaved, the aborted cannot receive justice. But the Supreme Court ruling will allow more babies to be born, to love and be loved. When grown, they will doubtless say they are happy to be alive, regardless of their station in life. We have sacrificed much on the altar of pleasure and convenience. Abortion has contributed mightily to the corrosion of culture.

Overturning Roe won't stop all abortions, just as Prohibition didn't stop people from drinking alcohol. But it restores a standard that the first right is the right to life.

In addition to the notable and anonymous people deserving of thanks, there is another person without whom this decision might have been delayed for many more years. That person is Donald Trump. The former president named three of the justices in the 6-3 majority. Whatever else happens to him, this will be his legacy. He kept his promise to nominate constitutionalists.

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



Rich Lowery

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GOP Needs to Get Beyond 2020 race

It's understandable that Democrats want to constantly revisit Jan. 6 -- to invoke it, investigate it and sacralize it even.

It's a mystery, at least from a certain level of abstraction, why Republicans would want to have anything to do with that day or want to fixate on the 2020 election.

The party is on the cusp of a midterm triumph, has enormous openings on the economy and education thanks to Biden administration stumbles and left-wing overreach, is making inroads among Hispanic voters, and has a well-stocked political bench that Democrats should envy.

Yet the GOP is stuck litigating the past almost entirely because its putative leader in Mara-a-lago is incapable of admitting error or defeat and will never stop trying to excuse and explain away his infamous conduct after November 2020.

You can argue that Jan. 6 wasn't an insurrection; that the composition of the committee is unfair and lacks the adversarial element that has always been presumed to be central to the workings of such bodies; that the revelations or supposed revelations from the committee are being overhyped; and that Trump, whatever his failings, didn't commit crimes and shouldn't be charged with one.

In fact, I agree with every one of those propositions. But none of them make Jan. 6 any better or make it good.

It's not quite true, as is often said, that every election is about the future. Republicans waved the bloody shirt of the Civil War for years. Democrats ran against Herbert Hoover for as long as they could. Republicans still talk about Jimmy Carter.

In all of these instances, though, a party made a focal point of a low and embarrassing moment for the other side, not its own.

Revisionist historians and writers might pop up to defend the legacy of a Hoover or Carter or argue that they'd been misrepresented or unfairly maligned. Still, the parties moved on and focused on making new memories.

This is what Trump doesn't want to allow Republicans to do. With his knack for blunt-force marketing (Fake News, Russia Hoax), he believes he can deflect any attack and redefine the terms of debate to his liking. And he's not wrong. He's brought much of his party along with him in his insistence that 2020 was stolen.

His attitude toward Jan. 6 hasn't gotten more defensive with time, but more fulsome. In a statement last week, he called it "the greatest movement in the history of the country to Make America Great Again." His 12-page memo in response to the initial hearings doubled down on his fantastical case against the election, as if to confirm every harsh thing former Attorney General Bill Barr said about him.

Trump is acting on an entirely

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Useful life skills

Well folks, it has been brought to my attention through general observation of other women in my peer group (my sisters) that I am in need of more useful life skills. I'm not saying I have no skills, but few that would constitute as useful.

For example, what I constituted as a useful skill was that I can stop the gas pump on a whole dollar amount without prepaying or slowing the pump down, and with today's prices that's hard to do. A few months ago, I would've said that that was a useful skill and now I would say that it's sad that that was the first thing that came to my mind as an example of my talents.

I've been spending a lot more time with my sisters since I became a stay-at-home mom. I get lonely when John goes to work and Darcy doesn't offer much variety in conversation, so I go to one of their houses to talk and avoid doing my laundry. It's been nice to reconnect as sisters and also get to know them as adult women with passions and pursuits. However, it's not always been fun for me.

Now that we are all full-grown adults, I've begun to see a shift in the family dynamic. It's becoming increasingly clear that I ... am the weakest link. I'm not saying this to be flattering to them nor am I fishing for sympathy or to be told it isn't true. I'm just saying that I totally understand if I don't get custody of their children in the

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The Declaration of Independence outlined the grievances the Colonies had with the King and the measures they proposed to remedy these grievances; making it public for the whole world to see. Unfortunately, when many Americans are asked about why we separated from Great Britain, they respond "taxation without representation." But that was only one of the 27 grievances and, in fact, is only rated number 17.

Most people have been taught that the Declaration begins with "We the people..." but in actuality, the Preamble announces their intent to enumerate the reasons for dissolving their relationship; and their inherent reliance on God and His authority to form a new and independent nation.

Here is the transcript of what the Continental Congress wrote in the Preamble, which was adopted after making 86 changes to the original Declaration draft penned by Thomas Jefferson. You can read the entire Declaration at: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

"In Congress, July 4, 1776 The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

As we can see, the Declaration of Independence was a bold step, written by a handful of patriots who treasured freedom



The Middle Child
Katherine Dalton

event of an accident. I have nothing to bring to the table ... these girls got skills.

Sarah, my older sister, makes bread and I'm not talking about that ugly bread you crumble up before you scoop your beans, I'm talking about artisan loafs with flour dusted designs cut into them. Like she is one drive-thru window away from closing a Panera Bread. She makes bread every day ... for fun! Sour dough, garlic knots, sweet rolls, baguettes and these icing covered something or others. She explained that she maintains or "feeds" a "starter" and that it "lives" in a jar on her counter. I've seen that jar before. It's a thick, tan, bubbling lump just hanging out on her counter and every day she adds flour to it and takes some out and somehow turns that into amazing breads. I thought she was just putting off washing the jar, but I wasn't going to ask her about it because that's not my business. We've all had something growing in a jar or crockpot at one time or another. But, no, she's been feeding her family from that thing and creating the most delicious bread I've ever tasted; a USEFUL skill

and righteous laws more than life itself. It was a document like no other in history, conceived after much prayer, discussion and debate, that established this as a nation under the direction and protection of Almighty God.

Here is the closing sentence of the Declaration: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Historians are fortunate that John and Abigail Adams were prolific letter writers, because their correspondence illustrates the process, their reliance on God for direction, and passion of the Colonies for independence. John Adams would write a prophetic letter to his wife, Abigail on July 3rd, stating in part:

"I am apt to believe that it (Independence Day) will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

It wasn't until July 4, 1777 that the first organized celebration of Independence Day would take place in Philadelphia. In honor of their one-year anniversary of independence, Congress adjourned for the day and celebrated the way John Adams predicted - with solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty, parades, ringing bells, bonfires and fireworks.

So this year, to honor our Founders and the freedoms we have because of their dedication, lets party like it's 1777.

that she's passionate about.

Another skill that I used to pride myself in was that I can identify a car's make and model at night based on the headlight shape. I don't need to tell you why I no longer find that impressive. My younger sister, Jenny has a gift for organization and interior design, and she does it with grace. She has a way of putting things together in a space that screams, "I have my life together!" and "I know where all of the spatulas are!" She knows how to grow food, keep flowers and her child alive. You could give her fifty dollars and she could redecorate 2 rooms in your house that could rival a Chip and Joanna Gaines fixer upper episode.

So, while I was staring at spreadsheets, they went to some sort of Amish boot camp. I ask their opinions on a lot of things, for dinner ideas, best cleaning products and practices, why can't I keep a plant alive and do these pants make me look fat? They are always there to help and with no judgment. I mean, they call me for things to ... just the other day Sarah asked me to come over and put down a chicken (yea, they raise their own chickens) that their dog had gotten a hold of. So that's something. But I would like to broaden my horizons a little bit and experience some growth.

I turned to Google as one does ... to get some ideas of a well-rounded skill set. One of the top search results was a list of 10 "useful" and "impressive" skills to learn in 2022. This list gave me some perspective as to what we consider useful and impressive in today's day and age as I found a lot of the same items on multiple lists.

Here are those "impressive AND useful skills:"

1. Fold a shirt quickly (the speed at which I fold isn't the problem, it's the will to fold that I struggle with)
2. Learn to juggle (although impressive, not useful)
3. Moonwalk (this is starting to take a weird turn)
4. Do the shuffle (who's learning the shuffle in 2022?)
5. Sharpen knives (ok, ok, I can see that)
6. Chop food quickly (it's not a race, I'm usually alone in the kitchen)
7. Whistle with your fingers (hmmm)
8. Twirl a pen (nope)
9. Take amazing selfies (nope, that dog won't eat)
10. Become more photogenic (I'm pretty sure I've Googled that before)

I guess I'm going to have to do some soul searching and find some things I'd like to try. What are some skills that you have that helps you in life? If the grid was to go down today how long could you make it?

My plan at this point is to go to Sarah's house for chicken and bread then head to Jenny's for potatoes and a clean shirt. Heck that's what I do on a Tuesday.



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Shrewsbury Addresses Supervisors

Ashlyn Shrewsbury, CECD, Pulaski County's new Planning & Zoning Department, addresses the Board of Supervisors Monday night on a zoning matter. Shrewsbury is a native of Pulaski County and a graduate of Pulaski County High School. She graduated UNC Charlotte with a Masters of Public Administration (MPA), and a BA in Political Science. She has been a professional economic and community development practitioner for Gaston County, NC, Montgomery County, VA, and most recently for the City of Tampa, FL. She has over 8 years of economic and community development experience, a heart for public service and a desire to serve Pulaski County and its citizens.

Woman dies in crash on 52

At 2:34 p.m. on Saturday (June 25), Virginia State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on Route 52 a half-mile north of Route 664.

A 1998 Ford Explorer was traveling south on Route 52 when it entered a curve in the road. The vehicle then ran off the left side of the road, traveled down an embankment, struck a fence and overturned several times.

The driver of the vehicle, Thomas W. Ferry, 45, of Wytheville, Va., was uninjured

in the crash. He was wearing a seatbelt.

A front seat passenger, Dedee J. Richmond, 53, of Wytheville, Va., died at the scene. She was wearing a seatbelt.

An 11-year-old male back seat passenger and a 13-year-old female back seat passenger were transported for treatment of minor injuries. They were both wearing seatbelts.

The crash remains under investigation.

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personal and selfish priority. There's no principle at stake in embracing the Jan. 6 mob or advancing 2020 conspiracy theories.

It's possible to defend free speech and assembly, obviously, without defending a breach of the U.S. Capitol. It's possible to support tightening up the security around voting without believing massive fraud changed the result in 2020.

If Trump is the Republican candidate again in 2024, even in the unlikely event that he wanted to memory hole Jan. 6, it wouldn't happen. The Democrats would bring it up unrelentingly. Perhaps it wouldn't work, but why would Republicans want risk it or even deal with the

complication?

Again, this is a vulnerability unique to Trump. No other prospective 2024 candidate would have to excuse Jan. 6 and parrot the most outlandish claims about the 2020 election, not Ron DeSantis, not Mike Pence, not Tom Cotton, not Nikki Haley. If none of these candidates would sound like Liz Cheney, they wouldn't be inextricably linked to bonkers events four years prior, either.

They'd be free of the 2020 albatross and of any obligation to defend the indefensible, leaving the obsession with Jan. 6 to congressional Democrats -- and Donald J. Trump.

Rich Lowry is editor-in-chief of the National Review.

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the Social Services Board; \$4 million for the Comprehensive Services Fund, and \$5.6 million for the Economic Development Authority Fund.

Before formally approving the county budget, the supervisors first adopted a resolution appropriating school funding.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet reviewed first the budget process, calling it “very interesting,” with changes in state and county leadership at the beginning, and the legislature’s delay in settling on a state budget.

He said the school system originally requested some \$1.6 million in additional funding from the county, but in the end the state provided more school funding than was anticipated, which lowered the school board’s request to about \$914,000.

Sweet said the county references the school system’s request as “priorities,” while the school system references them as “stated needs.”

“Looking at those ‘stated needs,’ the Board of Supervisors employed the maximum amount of creativity with respect to the limited resources available to Pulaski County and articulated an approach to solving that \$914,000 needed by way of this resolution.”

Sweet read the resolution, stating “it is the intent of the board of supervisors to again locally fund the school system at an historic amount which will equate to yet another year of increased annual funding.

“This increased local funding will be bolstered by a robust School Capital Funding Plan [adopted by both boards] as well as continued significant contributions to service the debt on the construction, improvements and renovations of our public school facilities at a total of \$5,536,260.”

Sweet continued that the increased local funding is also met by “historic levels of state funding to include more than \$3.42 million in additional monies above the current level and more than \$9.1 million in unanticipated federal funding for more than \$12.5 million in new state and federal funding.”

He continued that the school board is requesting \$914,000



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McCready Sworn In As Massie Supervisor

Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk Maetta Crewe administers the oath of office to Andy McCready, the newly appointed supervisor for the Massie District. McCready replaces John Travis who resigned from the board recently due to moving out of the district. This is McCready’s second stint on the board, having served for eight years prior to Monday night’s swearing in - four years as chairman.

above its current funding from the county of just over \$16 million – in addition to the increased state and federal funding.

“The Board of Supervisors has the responsibility to adequately fund our public school system, as well as to ensure resources are available to fund, invest in and support a litany of county functions and services to include but not limited to law enforcement, emergency services and public safety, public libraries, public recreation, community assets and community and public services.

The resolution outlines the county’s local funding for education as \$15.6 million for operations, \$456,000 in “recovered costs” for services provided by the county to the school system, \$417,000 in School Capital Funding from retired debt service and \$5.5 million in school debt service payments for a grand total of \$21,978,819 in school funding.

Sweet said the board is making available as an “operational reserve” for the school board’s stated priorities, the amount of up to \$904,294 as collected in new cigarette tax revenues for the remainder of the 2022 fiscal year and as anticipated to be collected by the end of the 2023 fiscal year.

That amount, Sweet said, would be deposited into the

School Capital Fund.

He said that would push total school funding for next fiscal year up to \$22,883,113 for a grand total appropriation of state and local funding up to \$70,028,464.

Chairman Laura Walters commended everyone involved in building the budget.

“The huge increase in state funding is celebrated as a win for all Pulaski County including our schools,” she stated. “I’m pleased we were able to allocate more than the school funding amount requested by our school board to create a resourceful use of our new cigarette tax allocation, which we previously had designated for schools without the additional use of taxpayer funding. This enables us to fund all of the school budget request including the paras for kindergarten classes to give our young citizens an improved foundation for their upcoming school years.

“Though we allocate funding, the school board chooses whether to implement this program or not. The Board of Supervisors can only fund the school board in general, and by law cannot determine what the school board chooses to fund.”

Sweet followed by saying the full amount of school funding that is needed “is available” as well as an additional \$417,000 from the School Capital Plan.

Robinson District Supervisor Jeff Reeves commended all county departments and administration for their work on the budget in what he called “a year of unprecedented inflation.”

While inflation has surpassed eight percent nationally, Reeves said the county has been able in this budget to hold its spending increase to less than 2 percent, including raises for employees.

“I think that’s very commendable, and I think at the same time we need to realize that the school board budget has in-

creased in operations by 7 percent. If you include the ESSER funding from the federal government, they had almost a 20 percent increase.

“I think that is a pretty big discrepancy between how the county has managed its money and how the school board has managed theirs,” Reeves said.

Draper District Supervisor Dirk Compton said the Board of Supervisors is working to keep taxes down.

“I think we did a good job trying to meet everybody’s needs and in trying to plan for future problems and inflation,” Compton said.

Cloyd District Supervisor Adam Hall also thanked staff, administration and his fellow board members for their work on the budget.

“One of the keys was going back to zero-based budgeting. It made for a more efficient budget and a more effective budget,” Hall added.

Massie District Supervisor Andy McCready, who was sworn in at the beginning of Monday’s meeting, decided to abstain from voting on the budget, while expressing his appreciation for being chosen to fill the Massie seat following the resignation of John Travis.

Saying he appreciated the work of staff and supervisors on the budget, McCready said no one could come onto the board just days before and review six months of work on the budget then cast a vote.



Kenneth Sayers

Man arrested in Max Meadows murder

On June 23, 2022, at approximately 5:00 am deputies discovered the body of Lloyd Trenton Stilwell at 190 Stone Drive in Max Meadows. Stilwell sustained a gunshot wound to the chest and was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim was found lying facedown and no firearm was found in or near the vicinity of the victim. The body was taken to the medical examiner’s office in Roanoke for an autopsy.

During the initial investigation, the 911 call was made by Kenneth Michael Sayers who resides at 150 Stone Drive. Sayers advised he was walking his dogs when he discovered Mr. Stilwell. He then returned home and called 911 and returned to the scene. Investigators on the scene said that Sayers described a suspect’s vehicle leaving the scene where the victim was killed. Additional independent witnesses throughout the neighborhood stated that they heard a single gunshot at approximately 9:30 pm on June 22, 2022.

As the investigation progressed multiple subjects were questioned including Mr. Sayers who changed his initial story and advised that he was present when Mr. Stilwell was shot and that he knew who shot him. Sayers stated he held the victim after he was shot, and his life was threatened if he told who killed Mr. Stilwell. He then provided a name and a description of a male who was questioned and was found not to be involved. Sayers made statements that were inconsistent which led investigators to believe Sayers was involved in Stilwell’s death.

On June 24, 2022, a search warrant was conducted on Sayers’s residence where ammunition was located. Sayers was arrested for having ammunition while being a convicted felon. Sayers was later interviewed at the Sheriff’s Office and admitted to killing Mr. Stilwell.

Sayers was arrested and charged with Murder (18.2-32) and Possession of ammunition after being convicted of a Felony. (18.2-308.2) He is being held in the New River Valley Regional Jail without Bond.

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Schools

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added along with an elementary gifted teacher, and a teacher will be added at Snowville Elementary due to enrollment increase. However, two elementary specialist teachers will not be added.

An additional assistant principal position at Pulaski County Middle School was not funded, however, it will be created through attrition, as will a full-time activities director at the school.

The public relations budget – to produce and mail newsletters – was funded at a reduced level – from \$47,000 to \$32,935.

The budget also provides \$445,690 for a Chromebook replacement program for at least three grades beginning next year.

But despite so many of their priorities being funded, school officials see cause for concern in the future.

One such concern was outlined by Chris Stafford, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, about funding future pay raises.

Stafford explained the state provided a compensation supplement for raises for the 2022-23 budget, as well as the following year in 2023-24. However, the state will provide little or no additional funds in Basic Aid to cover the local match required to receive the supplement the second year in 2023-24. That means the school board will have to ask the county to provide more funding to match the supplement in order to provide employee raises.

“I just wanted to get that out here now,” Stafford said. “It sets up a bad situation next year because we’re going to have to ask for even more funding to be able to just provide raises [in 2023-24].”

Stafford noted two areas of additional funding by the county besides its \$16 million contribution.

One is \$417,105 the county has budgeted for the school system’s Capital Fund. These are funds that were previously earmarked for school debt service.

Due to an agreement struck two years ago by the school board and board of supervisors, when school debt is retired, the payments are given to the school system for capital improvement needs.

Another up to \$904,294 is being made available by the county as an “operational reserve.” That funding is supposed to come from cigarette tax revenues.

“At this time, it is unclear if or how these funds can be used for school operating budget needs, or will they be deposited into

the school capital fund,” Stafford stated.

School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers said the school system has a “really solid plan” with the county for school capital needs.

“We’re going to be able to do a whole lot with that plan. It’s great and there’s nothing else like it in Southwest Virginia,” Siers said. “We are very appreciative of that.”

“But,” he said, “we don’t have adequate contributions for our operating funds. We’ve had to piece them together each year to keep giving raises and to stay competitive with our neighbors in regard to employee salaries.

“What Chris is saying is that next year, if the county can’t contribute a greater percentage over the required matching funds, we’re probably not going to be able to do raises next year (2023-24).

“Each year we go with level funding ... the state funding increase is great, but if the county doesn’t contribute their portion likewise, it’s pushing us closer to a fiscal cliff we’re about to fall off sometime in the next few years if something doesn’t break loose on that end,” Siers said.

“We have to figure out how we’re going to continue to operate and that becomes more difficult for us to remain competitive unless we can get additional local funds.”

Vice Chairman Tim Hurst said the school system right now is, “capital rich and operations poor.”

He asked Stafford to explain why money for Chromebook replacement is being taken out of operations rather than capital funds, as has been suggested, noting the amount for Chromebooks is about the same as the amount needed for the kindergarten paraprofessionals.

Stafford responded that Chromebooks are not considered capital “in the true sense of the word.”

“We track them, we put bar codes on them, but we don’t depreciate them,” he said, noting there are about 4,000 Chromebooks used by the school system.

He praised the school capital fund agreement reached by the school board and board of supervisors as “a wonderful thing to set up.”

However, Stafford added, “I guess the suggestion that we use the capital fund for recurring expenses, gives me as a financial practitioner great pause.”

“In my mind the capital fund is really meant to address true cap-

ital projects in our school system and, as we know, we have a huge list of them,” Stafford said.

School officials also expressed uncertainty about how the cigarette funds the county refers to as an “operational reserve” can be used.

“We need more clarification on the cigarette tax money before a decision could be made,” said Chairman Dr. Paige Cash on whether the revenue could be considered operating revenue.

Also on Wednesday, the school board voted 4-0 with one abstention to approve Friday, July 1 as an additional holiday for employees.

The board also voted 5-0 to approve a 5 percent salary increase for Dr. Siers.

According to his contract, Dr. Siers is to receive the same salary increase approved for instructional personnel in the school system.

The increase pushes his annual salary to \$156,385.

Stay Smart, Safe & Sober this weekend

RICHMOND – Independence Day traditions include backyard barbecues, festivals, family gatherings and fireworks. To keep all those living, working, visiting and traveling through Virginia safe during the extended holiday weekend, the Virginia State Police is encouraging Virginians to play it smart and plan ahead to ensure everyone on the road is safe and sober.

“Summer days are filled with celebrations, vacations, outdoor festivals and backyard cookouts, but no matter where your plans take you, please make safety your priority,” said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. “With fatal traffic crashes on pace this year to mimic last year’s record number, I urge all Virginians to buckle up, eliminate distractions and never drive buzzed, drunk or under the influence. Together we can make this Independence Day the safest on record!”

If planning to drink alcohol at a July 4 function, plan ahead and arrange a designated driver, use a rideshare service or taxi, or utilize public transportation to be certain you get home safely. Party hosts are encouraged to serve non-alcoholic beverage options, and to help prevent any guests from drinking and driving home from their event.

Virginia State Police will increase patrols from 12:01 a.m. Friday (July 1) through midnight Monday (July 4, 2022) as part of the Operation Crash Awareness Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.).

Man dies in custody of apparent drug overdose

On June 24, 2022, at 21:32 hours a Wythe County Sheriff’s Office deputy responded to the community of Ivanhoe about a possible intoxicated driver.

While patrolling the area two deputies stopped a Chevrolet car that was traveling on the wrong side of the road on Painters Hill Road.

The deputy found the driver to be Nickie L. Vaughan (11/5/1974) of Fries, Virginia. He noticed her uncontrollable movements while speaking with her. He also noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from within the vehicle. The deputy asked Ms. Vaughan to step out of the vehicle to conduct a field sobriety test. While stepping out of the vehicle he noticed one of her hands was clenched tight. The deputy found in Ms. Vaughan’s hand a bag of crystal substance consistent to be methamphetamine. Ms. Vaughan was detained at this point.

The deputy then went to the passenger side of the vehicle and identified John Junior Brown (DOB 12/23/1972) and ask Mr. Brown to step out of the vehicle so he could search. Mr. Brown stated he was the one that had been drinking. No narcotics were found in the vehicle.

Mr. Brown was arrested for public intoxication and was placed in the back of a patrol car. The deputies went back to Ms. Vaughan to conduct the field sobriety test.

While conducting the test the deputies heard Mr. Brown kicking the door of the police vehicle. The deputies went to check on Mr. Brown and he stated he was suffocating. They removed him from the car and stood him up on his feet when he collapsed and started shaking.

The deputies called for rescue thinking he was having a seizure. Mr. Brown stopped breathing and CPR was conducted by the deputies on the scene until Lead

Mines Rescue arrived. Narcan was administered but John Junior Brown was deceased.

The driver of the vehicle stated they did have methamphetamine in the car and she suspected he had swallowed the narcotic so he would not get caught with it.

The Virginia State Police and Wythe County Sheriff’s Office Investigations Division were contacted to investigate what had happened.

The deputies body camera footage will be reviewed to determine if or when Mr. Brown had swallowed anything during the traffic stop. The body has been taken to the medical examiner’s office for an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

The driver of the car Nickie Vaughan was charged with the following:

- Driving Under the Influence of Drugs
- Possession of Sch 1 or 2 narcotic
- Refusal of a blood or breath test
- Reckless Driving
- Wythe County Sheriff’s Office

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Gusto

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ter had more than a little driftwood. Between the bridges, an entire tree floated in midstream resulting in John taking one side of the creek and I the other. Before long, I realized that I had chosen the bad side.

The depth of the water on my side of the creek was around 6 inches in places so that I dipped my paddle in mud more than once, all while bumping into little pieces of driftwood.

At one point, a large piece of driftwood hit my rear fin and nearly knocked me off my board. All the while, John kept paddling and I was seeing my second-place slip from my hands.

What's the difference between second and third?

Nothing and everything.

What to do? Just keep paddling ... but somehow faster than before.

As we approached Conrad Brothers marina, I started to slowly gain on John. By the time we had passed Conrad's, I was drafting off the back of John's board just as we were coming into a headwind. As the last buoy came within view, I made my move by paddling as hard and as fast as I could and barely managed to slide by John before reaching the buoy.

From then on, I took deep quick strokes until the finish, not once looking to see where John was, for fear of losing time or even my balance. It's the hardest I'd ever paddled in my life.

Without John Robinson's presence, I would likely have finished the race with much less urgency. Afterall, race winner, Brian Hartman had already won the Gusto Master Class race a full four minutes before I crossed the finish.

But that didn't matter to John Robinson or myself because we were both striving for second that day. In the end, I finished only 12 seconds ahead of John.

After the contest we bumped fists. Both of us attained a personal best 5-mile time that day thanks to pressure put on me by him and on him by me. I averaged 5.8 miles per hour over 5 miles and John 5.77 mph. Considering that John Robinson is six years older than myself, it could be said that he was the real winner ... but I still nabbed second.

Race winner Brian Hartman averaged a blistering 6.25 mph over the Master's course.

Young Kaden Hanks, found inspiration to be in the Gusto from his dad Brad Hanks.

"I just thought that after seeing my dad run in the race last year at Gatewood, I thought this was a nice opportunity to try something new."

Kaden's mother Jessie accompanied Kaden along the route in her kayak.

"It's kind of good to have her around because I was getting a little tired on some parts and thankfully, she had a bottle of water for me along the way," Kaden recounted.

After the race, Gusto Bracelets were duly awarded and then



Photo taken by Jeff Arnold

William Paine and John Robinson go all out stiving for second place of the Master Class at the Gusto.

a \$1,000 check was presented to GRAPeJAM courtesy of our race sponsors: Glenn Insurance, the Travis Team, MOVA Technologies, First Community Bank, Interstate Construction, Now Then and Forever Collectibles, Rocky Acres Property Mgmt., Foothills Chiropractic and the Gilmer, Sadler, Ingram, Sutherland and Hutton Law Firm.

The P.C. Patriot and the Rock House Marina also played a big role

Results

Master Paddler (5 mile) race results

1. Master Paddler -Brian Hartman – 47 minutes 22 seconds (avg. 6.25 mph)
2. Deuce - William Paine – 51 minutes 46 seconds (avg. 5.8 mph)
3. Terzo – John Robinson – 51 minutes 58 seconds (avg. 5.77 mph)
4. Quartermaster - Angell Allison- 61 minutes (avg. 4.92 mph)
5. CAT 5 – James Paine – 81 minutes 8 seconds (avg. 3.7 mph)

Bona Fide (2.5 mile) race results

1. Cutty Sark - Rob Hurst – 32 minutes 36 seconds (avg. 4.69 mph)
2. 1st Mate - Rick Groesbeck – 33 minutes 16 seconds (avg. 4.46 mph)
3. Swashbuckler - Gina Paine – 37 minutes 22 seconds (avg. 4.03 mph)
4. Lady of the Lake – Holly Welty Miller – 38 minutes 50 seconds (3.86 mph)
5. Bosun - Jeff Arnold – 40 minutes 38 seconds (avg. 3.69 mph)
6. Spencer Rygas – No official time listed)
7. Tim Kirtner went for the Gusto -41 minutes 59 seconds (avg. 3.6 mph)
8. Alex Brandt went for the Gusto – 45 minutes 49 seconds (avg. 3.27 mph)
9. Young Master Paddler – Kaden Hanks – 58 minutes 35 seconds (2.56 mph)

in making this year's Gusto a reality.

Race sponsor Meredith McGrady was present for the proceedings, though she didn't enter the contest this year.

So too were John and Donna Travis of Travis Team Realtors.

"We're definitely excited about what you're doing with the youth in our area and we definitely love the new race location at the Rock House," said Donna.

"I totally agree," echoed John.

After the check was presented, GRAPeJAM students along with some of their instructors played a few tunes for those gathered on the deck of the Rock House.

The song list included more tra-

ditional tunes such as "Bile them cabbage down," "Old Joe Clark" and the "Tennessee Waltz" to more modern fare like, "Country Roads" and "Claytor Lakers," an original tune penned by the race organizer.

Rob Hurst, who scored the best time in the Bona Fide had this to say.

"The Gusto is an excellent race," Hurst enthused. "It's somehow challenging, beautiful and peaceful all at once. I liked everything about it. The music was great, too. Those kids can really play. I was cracking up about the lyrics to Claytor Lakers. I need to hear that again."

We'll do our best to oblige Rob in that request.

The 5th Annual Gusto Event with

GRAPeJAM raised more money than ever before for the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians. It's this event, as well as generous support from the county that provides the funds to continue teaching children in this area to play traditional (and sometimes not so traditional) tunes on guitar, banjo, fiddle and mandolin.

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ACC announces new schedule model Veterans

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Tuesday a new football scheduling model that will go into effect beginning with the 2023 season.

The new model is based on a 3-5-5 structure whereby each team will play three primary opponents annually and face the other 10 league teams twice during the four-year cycle, once at home and once on the road. The schedule allows for each team to face all 13 conference opponents home and away at least once during the four-year cycle. The structure was adopted by the league’s athletic directors and faculty athletic representatives earlier this week.

The new schedule will eliminate the Atlantic and Coastal

divisions with all 14 schools competing in one division beginning in 2023. The top two teams based on conference winning percentage will compete in the Subway ACC Football Championship Game on the first Saturday in December at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina. In May, the NCAA Division I Council approved the deregulation of the current rule that had limited an individual conference’s autonomy to determine their football championship game participants.

“The future ACC football scheduling model provides significant enhancements for our schools and conference, with the most important being our student-athletes having the opportunity to play every school both home and away over a four-year period,” said ACC Com-

missioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. “We appreciate the thoughtful discussions within our membership, including the head football coaches and athletic directors. In the end, it was clear this model is in the best interest of our student-athletes, programs and fans, at this time.”

A special one-hour edition of The Huddle will air on ACC Network on Tuesday at 7 p.m. to discuss the new scheduling format. The show will be hosted by Drew Carter and feature analysis from Eric Mac Lain, EJ Manuel and Mark Richt.

The three primary partners for each ACC team are as follows:

Boston College: Miami, Pitt, Syracuse

Clemson: Florida State, Georgia Tech, NC State

Duke: North Carolina, NC

State, Wake Forest

Florida State: Clemson, Miami, Syracuse

Georgia Tech: Clemson, Louisville, Wake Forest

Louisville: Georgia Tech, Miami, Virginia

Miami: Boston College, Florida State, Louisville

North Carolina: Duke, NC State, Virginia

NC State: Clemson, Duke, North Carolina

Pitt: Boston College, Syracuse, Virginia Tech

Syracuse: Boston College, Florida State, Pitt

Virginia: Louisville, North Carolina, Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech: Pitt, Virginia, Wake Forest

Wake Forest: Duke, Georgia

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Night at Calfee Park

Veterans Appreciation Night will be observed Sunday, July 3 at Calfee Park in Pulaski.

The event is sponsored by R.J. Young.

The Pulaski River Turtles will host the Princeton Whistlepigs at 7 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is adults, \$7; children 6 and under are free, and seniors 65 and over receive \$1 general admission tickets.

And for July 3 only, veterans and active duty military personnel will receive free general admission.

American Legion Post 7 and VFW Post 1184 will distribute American flags during the evening.

The first pitch will be thrown by Shawn Delph from the U.S. Army.

Fireworks are planned for after the game.

River Turtles rocked by Bluefield, 16-5

Patriot Staff Report

The River Turtles were pounded Wednesday night in Bluefield by the Ridge Runners, 16-5.

The loss drops Pulaski to 12-13 on the season.

Pulaski heads to Burlington tonight and Friday to take on the tough Sock Puppets who currently are 19-6 on the season.





The River Turtles return home Saturday and Sunday to face the

Princeton Whistlepigs for the holiday weekend.




On Monday, July 4th the River Turtles return the favor and travel to Princeton for an Independence Day showdown.

The Appalachian League shuts down for two days - July 5 and 6 - then the River Turtles return to historic Calfee Park for two more games against Burlington July 7 and 8.

Appalachian League Standings

APPALACHIAN LEAGUE EAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
 Burlington	19	6	.760	-
 Danville	14	11	.560	5.0
 Pulaski	12	13	.480	7.0
 Princeton	11	14	.440	8.0
 Bluefield	9	16	.360	10.0

Thru June 29

APPALACHIAN LEAGUE WEST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
 Kingsport	19	6	.760	-
 Greeneville	12	13	.480	7.0
 Elizabethton	11	14	.440	8.0
 Johnson City	11	14	.440	8.0
 Bristol	7	18	.280	12.0



Viers and Mills Back-to-Back Winners

Thorn Spring Golf Course held its annual member-member tournament this past weekend. A format of two man best ball over two days of play. Day one scores were only separated by one stroke. Team-mates Heth Viers and Mark Mills shot under par 67 while John Stevens and George Thompson posted a 68. Day 2 played out with slight rain showers that lifted with Viers and Mills shining bright with a 10+ stroke lead over their closest opponents giving them top honors and winning back to back two years running.

Other Flight Winners: First Flight: Bill Alexander and Ron Vaughn Second Flight: Korey Branch and Brett “Hollywood” Robinson



Alex Guerra

Guerra to lead RU baseball

RADFORD, Va. – Another Highlander returns home as Alex Guerra has been named Radford Baseball’s seventh head coach in program history, Director of Athletics Robert Lineburg announced on Tuesday. Guerra will lead the program after spending the past seven seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at James Madison University.

“We are delighted to have Alex Guerra return to his alma mater as the Head Baseball Coach at Radford University,” said Lineburg. “Alex was an outstanding baseball player, a great leader, and a wonderful teammate during his time here at Radford. He also spent time here as an assistant coach where his work ethic and passion helped Radford Baseball achieve some of the best seasons in school history. He will bring that same energy and work ethic as the head coach and we look forward to Alex leading the Highlanders to great success.”

“I want to thank President Danilowicz, Robert Lineburg and the rest of the Radford University administration for allowing me the opportunity to become the Head Baseball Coach at Radford University,” said Guerra. “It is a dream come true to be the head coach at Radford, a place where I created so many great memories as a student-athlete and assistant coach. Radford University is a special place and our staff will work tirelessly to create a student-athlete experience that our players will cherish for a lifetime. I am over-whelmed by the amount of support from former players, alumni, and coaches across the state and region. I cannot wait to get started! Go Highlanders!”

Guerra emerged from an extremely competitive pool of head coaching candidates, separating himself as someone with an undeniably strong track record of

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YARD SALES

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600 Skyline Circle, Pulaski.

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day, July 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and
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box, like new bicycle and more.

Multi-family Yard Sale Friday,
July 8 and Saturday, July 9 8:00 am
until 4pm at 2669 Lowmans Ferry
Road, Pulaski Co. Items include
wedding decor, white bedroom suite,
furniture, home decor, beauty salon
equipment, gently used women's
clothing (S,M,L) and so much more!

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urday, July 9 at 229 Ziegler Street,
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Radford

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success at all levels of the game and an unrelenting passion for Radford University and its community.

In his seven years on Marlin Ikenberry’s staff at JMU, Guerra guided the Dukes through a complete rebuild which saw them produce strong results on the diamond and a long list of standout players. Most recently, Guerra helped the 2022 JMU squad to a 27-26 overall record with 12 wins in the Colonial Athletic Association, their most conference wins since 2016. Seven Dukes earned all-conference honors and the team posted a .971 field-

ing percentage that stands as the second-highest in program history.

Notable players coached by Guerra include Chase DeLauter, who is expected to be drafted in the first round of the 2022 MLB Draft, as well as Kevin Kelly and Fox Semones – a pair of Collegiate Baseball Freshmen All-Americans.

Before his time at JMU, Guerra was a part of Joe Raccuia’s staff at Radford, where he had served the Highlanders as an assistant coach since 2013. At Radford, he served as the team’s lead hitting coach and recruiting coordinator while working closely with the catchers on a day-to-day basis.

The Wantagh, N.Y, native oversaw the development of six all-conference position players, including

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider a change to the Pulaski County Zoning Map. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12 ,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;

- A) Rezone Application submitted by Monique Hartley to rezone Tax Map 080-001-0000-0057 from Low Density Residential to Agriculture (A) located on Case Knife Road, Robinson District.
- B) SUP Permit Application submitted by Helios Solar, LLC to allow a Solar Farm located at Tax Map 091-001-0000-0092 at 3063 Lomans Ferry Road, Draper District.

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, 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, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CM22003133-00
Radford City Circuit Court
619 2nd St., Radford, VA 24141

Commonwealth of Virginia *in re* JESSICA PHELPS v. ERASMO ROMAN
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN CHANGE OF NAME

It is ORDERED that ERASMO ROMAN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before August 5, 2022.

June 7, 2022 **Melissa White, Deputy Clerk**

LEGAL NOTICES



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Planning Commission

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

1. A proposed zoning amendment to Section 4.4.2-1c, Townhouses, including a family and up to two (2) unrelated individuals per unit. General Standards, subsection viii, adjusting the minimum setback requirements from twenty-five (25) feet from the side to five (5) feet from the side and to adjust the minimum rear setback requirement from thirty-five (35) feet from the rear to twenty-five (25) feet from the rear.
2. A proposed zoning amendment to Section 4.9.2-1, Permitted Uses, within the B-2 District, amending subsection 3c, from “Funeral home or undertaking establishment” to “Funeral home and/or crematories”.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to csmith@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager’s Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

a pair of selections in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft and Radford’s first-ever nominee for the Johnny Bench Award, given annually to the top catcher in Division I.

Prior to Radford, Guerra served as director of baseball operations at Central Florida before moving into a volunteer assistant coach position the next season. While in Orlando, he played a vital role in recruiting, budgets and travel while

also coaching the outfielders and assisting with the infield, catchers and scouting reports.

Before going into coaching, Guerra played two seasons at Division III Greensboro College before transferring to Radford for his final two collegiate campaigns. As a Highlander, he batted .311 and drove in 94 runs while playing second base, shortstop and third base, tacking on 11 home runs across his junior and senior seasons.

LEGAL NOTICES

Water Quality Report

The 2021 Water Quality Report for the Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA), which includes the following systems: Countywide, Brookmont, Mt. Olivet, Lakewood Estates, Bellavista and Riverbend will not be mailed to customers this year. You may find the Reports on our website at <http://pulaskicounty.org/psa-faq.html>. If you desire a copy be mailed to you please contact Jared Linkous at (540) 980-7710 or jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org for a digital copy.

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1. A request from Mainspring Recovery Center, LLC for a Special Exception at property located at 2460 Lee Highway, [tax parcel(s) 063-25-25A] in the R-1, Single Family Residential District, for the hospital or health centers, which includes, “alcohol, substance abuse and drug treatment centers”. The application indicates that the facility will have a capacity of 50 beds for an inpatient residential program and will serve clients who are 18 years or older with a substance use disorder diagnosis within a 60 to 70 mile radius and who are voluntarily admitting themselves to the program.

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LEGAL NOTICES



Town of Pulaski Public Notice Unsafe Building

Property: 102-108 and 128-132 East Main St.
aka 102 East Main St.
Pulaski, VA 24301

Tax Parcels: 072-051-0041-0002
072-051-0041-002A (aka 0002A)
072-051-0041-0004
072-051-0041-0006
072-051-0041-0008
072-051-0041-0010

Dear Property Owner(s):

Notice is being issued pursuant to Town of Pulaski, Virginia Code Sec. 38-161 - Dangerous Structures. That unsafe, derelict and dilapidated structures exist on the aforementioned properties, each of which constitutes a public health and safety hazard, a nuisance to the community, and blight. The Property Owner is hereby notified and required to commence repair immediately or complete demolition of the building by July 30. If no action is taken, the Town of Pulaski will demolish the buildings and place a lien on the Property for the cost of demolition. The Property Owner has the right to appeal this matter in writing on or before July 15, if so appealed will be heard at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. A copy of the full text of the notice is available at the Building Inspections Office at the Town of Pulaski.

Appeals: In addition to first class mail, a notice must be **emailed and faxed** to both of the following prior to 5:00pm EST, Friday July 15, 2022:

Carla E. Hodge, Town of Pulaski
Property Maintenance Official/Code Enforcement
Fax:
Email: chodge@pulaskitown.org

Spencer Rygas, Town Attorney
Fax: 540-980-1440
Email: rygaslaw@comcast.net

For further information contact Carla E. Hodge, 540-994-8631

ACC

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Tech, Virginia Tech

The 2023-2026 ACC Schedules (home and away) are as follows:

2023 ACC Football Schedule
Boston College: Home – Florida State, Miami, Virginia, Virginia Tech; Away – Georgia Tech, Louisville, Pitt, Syracuse
Clemson: Home – Florida State, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Wake Forest; Away – Duke, Miami, NC State, Syracuse
Duke: Home – Clemson, NC State, Pitt, Wake Forest; Away – Florida State, Louisville, North Carolina, Virginia
Florida State: Home – Duke, Miami, Syracuse, Virginia Tech; Away – Boston College, Clemson, Pitt, Wake Forest
Georgia Tech: Home – Boston College, Louisville, North Carolina, Syracuse; Away – Clemson, Miami, Virginia, Wake Forest
Louisville: Home – Boston College, Duke, Virginia, Virginia Tech; Away – Georgia Tech, Miami, NC State, Pitt
Miami: Home – Clemson, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Virginia; Away – Boston College, Florida State, North Carolina, NC State, Pitt

Carolina, NC State
North Carolina: Home – Duke, Miami, Syracuse, Virginia; Away – Clemson, Georgia Tech, NC State, Pitt
NC State: Home – Clemson, Louisville, Miami, North Carolina; Away – Duke, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest
Pitt: Home – Boston College, Florida State, Louisville, North Carolina; Away – Duke, Syracuse, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest
Syracuse: Home – Boston College, Clemson, Pitt, Wake Forest; Away – Florida State, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Virginia Tech
Virginia: Home – Duke, Georgia Tech, NC State, Virginia Tech; Away – Boston College, Louisville, Miami, North Carolina
Virginia Tech: Home – NC State, Pitt, Syracuse, Wake Forest; Away – Boston College, Florida State, Louisville, Virginia
Wake Forest: Home – Florida State, Georgia Tech, NC State, Pitt; Away – Clemson, Duke, Syracuse, Virginia Tech

2024 ACC Football Schedule
Boston College: Home – Clemson, Pitt, Syracuse, Wake Forest; Away – Duke, Florida State, Miami, North Carolina
Clemson: Home – Louisville, Miami, NC State, Virginia; Away – Boston College, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech

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Wake Forest: Home – Duke, Louisville, Miami, Virginia Tech; Away – Boston College, Georgia Tech, NC State, Virginia

2025 ACC Football Schedule
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Duke: Home – Florida State, Louisville, NC State, Wake Forest; Away – Clemson, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Pitt
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Virginia Tech: Home – Boston College, Florida State, Pitt, Wake Forest; Away – Miami, NC State, Syracuse, Virginia

Wake Forest: Home – Clemson, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Syracuse; Away – Duke, Florida State, Pitt, Virginia Tech
2026 ACC Football Schedule
Boston College: Home – Duke, North Carolina, Pitt, Syracuse; Away – Clemson, Miami, NC State, Wake Forest
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NASCAR celebrates Fourth at Road America

From NASCAR

For the second year-in-a-row the NASCAR Cup Series will be celebrating Independence Day (July 4) Weekend in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin competing on the world famous Road America this Sunday, July 3 at 3 p.m. ET on USA, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90). This weekend’s Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made In America race marks just the third-time in series history that Road America has hosted a NASCAR Cup Series event (1956, 2021, 2022).


In the early 1950’s, sports car races were being run on the streets in and around Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, but the state legislature banned racing on the public roads soon after. A man named Clif Tufte organized a group of local citizens and leaders of the Chicago Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). This group developed plans and sold stock to build a permanent racecourse. The overall vision of Road America grew out of the dreams of Tufte, a highway engineer, who chose 525 acres of Wisconsin farmland outside the Village of Elkhart Lake for the track. Ground broke for Road America in April of 1955 and the track’s

first SCCA national race weekend was held later that same year (September 10, 1955).

At 4.048-miles in length, with 14 turns, the track is virtually the same today as it was when it was first laid out. The natural topography of the glacial Kettle Moraine area was utilized for the track, sweeping around rolling hills and plunging through ravines making it one of the most challenging tracks in the world.

Road America will be the third of six road courses on the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series schedule – Circuit of The Americas, Sonoma Raceway, Road America, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course, Watkins Glen International and Charlotte ROVAL. Trackhouse Racing teammates Ross Chastain (Circuit of The Americas) and Daniel Suárez (Sonoma) have already won the first two road course races of the year.

The highspeed on-track activity for the NASCAR Cup Series will begin this weekend with practice from 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. ET, directly followed by Busch Light Pole Qualifying at 12:20 p.m. ET. Both events will be televised on USA Network from 12-1:30 p.m. ET.



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Mike Williams/The Patriot



Firework safety stressed for Fourth

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Fire Programs-State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) urges Virginians ahead of the Fourth of July holiday weekend to leave fireworks to the professionals.

In general, any firework that explodes, moves on the ground or in the air, or shoots a projectile is illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Only “permissible fireworks,” as defined in the Code of Virginia, can be legally sold, possessed or used within the Commonwealth. A list of permissible fireworks can be viewed on the VDFP website.

Many localities prohibit the sale, possession or use of all fireworks. The State Fire Marshal's Office advises Virginians to check local ordinances as well as the Statewide Fire Prevention Code prior to purchasing and utilizing fireworks.

VDFP's State Fire Marshal's Office serves as the fire code enforcement sector of the state government training agency. Roughly 125 retail locations were inspected by SFMO in 2021, where nearly one-third were found to be selling non-permissible fireworks. In 2021, more than 10,000 non-permissible fireworks were confiscated that were either for sale, or in possession.

"We urge Virginians to leave fireworks to the professionals."

said Billy Hux, VDFP Assistant State Fire Marshal of Special Operations. "As in years past, the State Fire Marshal's Office, Local Fire Marshals and Local Law Enforcement will be out inspecting retail locations to ensure items being sold meet the Code of Virginia definition for Permissible Fireworks."

The sale, possession and/or use of any fireworks not classified as permissible is prohibited. Violations can be prosecuted as a Class I Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,500 and/or up to one (1) year in jail. Any illegal fireworks can be confiscated and you can be summoned by a Fire Marshal or Law Enforcement Officer.

If you decide to use permissible fireworks, please follow these important safety procedures:

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The Dora Highway, Pulaski, Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open on Friday, July 1, 2022, and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule. Please note: All three (3) convenience centers will be open on Saturday, July 2, 2022, and will be closed on Sunday, July 3, 2022.

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The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day.

The Dora Highway, Pulaski; Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day and garbage collection will be delayed by one day with Monday's garbage to be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday's garbage picked up on Wednesday; Wednesday's garbage picked up on Thursday; and Thursday's and Friday's garbage picked up on Friday.

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Terry McCraw

Abigail Gives David Good Advice

Now, we need to see here that David didn’t hear from God in prayer. He didn’t hear from God through a prophet. He didn’t hear from God in an audible voice. Or in a divinely inspired Dream or Vision. No, God spoke to David, through this godly, intelligent woman. Abigail had a right relationship with God, and God showed her how she needed to advise David.

David was highly impressed with Abigail. He realized that she was sent from God to keep him from making a tremendous mistake. To keep him from doing something in anger that would have hurt him in the future. He would have been a murderer.

So David said to her: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me. And blessed be the good advice you have given to me, for you have kept me from avenging myself by shedding blood.”

Abigail came back home to Nabal. And he was drunk, so she didn’t tell him at first, what she had done.

The next day after he sobered up, she told him that she had saved them all from being killed by the sword by going to David with provisions, and had advised David not to take revenge on Nabal and his family, and his servants, and his livestock. When Nabal heard that, the bible says, “His heart died within him. And he became a stone. About ten days later, the Lord smote Nabal and he died.”

When he was told what a tragedy he had almost caused, a great fear came upon him and he died.

Nabal had truly acted like a fool. Abigail knew that David was intent on killing Nabal, and David knew it, but Nabal, in his blindness and stupidity didn’t have a clue. He feasted and got drunk, not knowing how close he had come to being killed by David and His men.

Nabal is a picture of those who reject God, without any regard to future judgment.

We don’t have to wonder what it was that took his life because the bible says that God smote him, 10 days later.

Abigail’s wise action saved Nabal from David, and saved David from himself. But she could not save Nabal from God’s judgment. God called his number and his life was over.

Another lesson for us to learn is that God can work in our situation, even when we’re in a bad situation. Bad situations can be changed by God.

Abigail was in a dead end marriage. She was married to a schmuck. And yet, Abigail did all she could do to make her marriage work.

She didn’t try to find a way to free herself from the bad marriage. She trusted God with her situation, and God brought her through her problems, and into a much better life. She later became the wife of David and a Queen of Israel.

When we’re in a bad situation, we need to lean upon God and not unto our own understanding. We need to trust in God. If we fail to turn our troublesome situations to God and try to handle them on our own, we’ll most likely make a bad situation even worse. Only God can bring us out of a bad situation.

This message about Abigail contains some important advice

Church Directory

Draper Valley Baptist Church 3200 Lee Highway Draper, Va. 24324 Pastor: Alan Pearce Service Times: Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening, 5 p.m. email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com www.drapervalleybaptist.org	Memorial Baptist Church 995 Peppers Ferry Road Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Michael S. Jones Sunday 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship Wednesday 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting (540) 980-4731 Email: dfarley3@verizon.net
Grace Baptist Church 552 E. Main Street Dublin, Va. 24084 Pastor: Doug Testerman 674-1762 Primary Services: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday worship Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m. Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study	Delton Church of God of Prophecy 4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324 Pastor Vickie Lee Viars deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191 Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.
Open Door Baptist Church 4576 Miller Lane Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday Night, 7 p.m. Phone: 980-2046	Heritage Church 6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin Pastor Mike Pierce Service Times: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. (540) 674-9220 Website: www.heritagechurch.net Facebook.com/ HeritageChurchDublinVA
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Christ Episcopal Church 144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski P.O. Box 975 Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday Phone: 980-2413 Email: christ24301@gmail.com	Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA) 2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324 Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Phone - 540-994-9015 e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org website - www.dvpca.org Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)
Jordan's Chapel UMC Pastor: Ginny Tompkins Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA 2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski 540-980-3624 The Rev. Terrie Sternberg trinitypulaski@gmail.com Sunday Worship 11 a.m. (Sept. - May) Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (June - Aug.) Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30 www.trinitypulaski.org
Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347 Pastor Jason Crandall Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc	Trinity United Methodist Pastor: Judy Yonce Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m. 528 5th Street, S.E. Pulaski, Va. Phone - 980-0820
Valley Harvest Ministries 1 Harvest Place Dublin, VA 24084 Senior Pastor Steve Willis Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter, Walter Gueste, Derick Burton Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m. Wednesday School 7 p.m. www.vhmdublin.org 540-674-4729	Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy 1021 Macgill Street Pulaski, VA 24301 Church: 540-980-2118 Cell: 276-233-8083 Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485 www.pulaskigracemin.com Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com Pastor Mike Williams Children's Ministry Aaron & Becky Sampson Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Ages 5-12 Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30
Dublin Baptist Church Dublin Baptist Church 100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084 540-674-6061 secretary@dublinbaptistva.org Website: dublinbaptistva.org Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.	Faith Bible Church 110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Jim Linkous Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox 540-980-5433 www.facebook/faithbiblechurch Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m. Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.
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Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ) 5436 Lead Mine Rd. Hiwassee, VA 24347 Pastor: Jerry King Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook) Office: 540-633-3761 Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. “Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God’s love with others!”	Dublin United Methodist Church P.O. Box 577 424 East Main Street Dublin, VA 24084 Pastor: Rev. Don Shelor 540.674.5128 email: dublinumc@gmail.com Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am
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Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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to study, for those who are considering a divorce.

Contrary to the rationalizing some use to justify to themselves, in the divorcing their marriage partner, it will not make them happier. Instead it will bring loneliness, guilt and anxiety.

The grass is not greener on the other side of the fence. It just looks that way. The kids will not be better off, but worse off.

Another lesson for us to learn from this account about Abigail and David is, God can speak to us and let us know His will for our lives, in many ways. It can be a loud boisterous voice out of heaven. It could be by a still small voice. It could be through a dream or a vision. It could be through a prophet or a preacher. And it could be through a godly person with wisdom, to advise us, as Abigail did for David.

Some of the best advice I have ever gotten was from my brothers and sisters in the Lord, and from my Pastor.

It was a good Christian friend who advised me to join the Church that I have now belonged to for over 50 years. Joining the same Church I was saved in, made sense to me after speaking with this brother in Christ. He showed me that God had brought me to this Church to be saved and that I could go to work in that Church leading others to Christ.

Do I always agree with everything that is done in the Church I am a member of? Nope. But I have learned to be patient and to trust God, and to serve Him in the beauty of holiness, no matter what comes or goes.

I've learned that everything is not going to go my way, in Church, on the job, at home, in sports, or anywhere else. And that I just have to get over it, when things don't go my way.

I know a lot of folks get mad at something that has happened in the Church and leave the Church because of the least, little thing. But if a person really loves the Church, like they should, they won't fly off of the handle like David did, and let their unbridled anger cause them to do something stupid.

In fact, I'll go so far as to say, if you leave one Church Congregation for some little reason that doesn't really amount to a hill of beans, you'll leave the next Church too, and the next Church too. You'll never be satisfied anywhere, or stay anywhere for very long, as long as you are too easily offended.



"Self-Portrait with Straw Hat" by Vincent van Gogh (1887-88)

*The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,
keeping watch on the wicked and the good.*

Proverbs 15:3

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Psalm 19:1-3

The **heavens** **declare** the **glory** of **God**; the **skies** **proclaim** the **work** of his **hands**. Day after **day** they **pour forth** speech; night **after night** they **reveal** knowledge. They **have** no **speech**, they **use** no **words**; no **sound** is **heard** from **them**.

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

1. Is the book of Amos in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. What does the shortest verse in the Bible (KJV) say Jesus did? Walked, Prayed, Preached, Wept
3. Which false prophet wore a yoke which Jeremiah broke? Bar-Jesus, Jezebel, Hananiah, Zedekiah
4. What was Bartimaeus healed of in Mark 10? Demons, Leprosy, Blindness, Deafness
5. From Psalms 135, who was king of Bashan? Ur, Og, Tu, Za
6. Who was exiled to the land of Nod? Cain, Abel, Abraham, Aaron

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Wept (John 11:35); 3) Hananiah; 4) Blindness; 5) Og (135:11); 6) Cain

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Finding something real and lasting

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Am I the only one that notices people losing touch with reality? Social media has kidnapped society. Just witness the toddlers in strollers. Instead of hugging teddy bears, they handle iPhones with the best of them. Instead of reading menus in restaurants parents, pull the choices up on their devices while taking a phone call. Even grandparents observe their grandchildren on Facebook watching cartoons on their iPads. Can we find

a way of escaping this hold on the world and finding something real and lasting? - S.M.

A: Life is surprisingly short. Millions are living in the moment, hiding in an imaginary world of self-sufficiency. Sooner or later, we must leave our dream world and face up to the fact that eternity is beyond our busy lives.

Few people consider what is beyond this life. How wonderful it would be if we could live each day with eternity in view. But society is caught up with the latest fashion, gadget, and entertainment. Imagine what would



My Answer

Billy Graham

happen in society if people spent the same amount of time in God's Word as they do surfing the web!

There's only one passion that can help us control the many things that plague the human

race; that's the passion to know and obey God. When we get out of touch with Christ, we begin touching the things of the world, trying to fill the void that human flesh craves. One thing is certain: There is no escaping God. Many believe if they keep their minds busy enough, they won't have to deal with reality. But Heaven is real and eternity is coming. The Bible tells us to prepare to meet God (Amos 4:12). We must not put off [neglect] our relationship with the Lord, for He is the One we will see face-to-face when this life comes to an end.

Amber Waves

HEY GRANDPA, MOM AND DAD ALWAYS SAY "I WILL UNDERSTAND WHEN I'M OLDER."

SURE, THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG YOU STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN.

WELL, YOU ARE SUPER OLD, SO YOU MUST UNDERSTAND JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING!

ACTUALLY, AT MY AGE THE WORLD JUST Baffles ME.

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN'S TOUR BUS SOMEWHERE ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE

R.F.D.

YOU'VE GOT THE WORDING ON YOUR SIGN MIXED UP!

NOPE.

I'M SET UP HERE IN THE FRONT YARD, MY IN-LAWS ARE IN THE BACK YARD AND I'VE GOT NEIGHBORS SET UP ON BOTH SIDE YARDS.

MULTI-FAMILY FAMILY SALE

The Spats

I WAS ONCE KIDNAPPED BY A BUNCH OF MIMES.

HOW'D THEY TREAT YOU?

THEY DID UNSPEAKABLE THINGS TO ME.

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BY RANDY MULLOOLAN

OKAY, SWEETIE, I THINK WE'VE GOT ERYTHINK WE NEEDS TO ENJOY OUR CAMPIN' TRIP.

HEV! WHERE WE GON'?

AN ERYTHINK THAT'LL KEEP US FROM DOIN' SO.

Y'KNOW, SWEETIE, I TOOK YER PA CAMPIN' HERE WHEN HE WAS YER AGE.

'T WAS THE DOG DAYS O' SUMMER AN' ME AND YER PA WAS FISHIN' WE HEARDS ON THE RADIO...

...A HOOK-HANDED KILLER ESCAPED FROM PRISON INTO THESE WOODS.

YER PA WAS SCARED WITLESS, BUT I TOL' HIM NOT T'WORRY.

THESE WOODS IS BIG, BUT HE CRIED AN' CRIED, SO WE SLEPT IN THE CAR INSTEAD OF THE TENT.

BUT IN THE MORNIN' WE WOKE AN' FOUND SCRATCHED INTO THE WINDSHIELD OF THE CAR THE WORDS, "YER LUCKY YA LOCKED THE DOORS."

AN' THAT KILLER WAS NEVER CAUGHT!

HE'S STILL IN THESE WOODS, TODAY!

I AINT BELIEVIN' ANY OF THAT, PAPPY.

HOW'D HE KNOW I WAS FIBBIN'?

YA STARTED YER STORY OFF CLAIMIN' YA WAS AROUND FER ME CHILDHOOD.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

THE GOOD NEWS IS BASED ON WHAT I SEE HERE YOU DEFINITELY WON'T HAVE TIME TO RETURN TO WORK TODAY.

"Sold to the man being by his wife!"

LAFF-A-DAY

"C'mon, Mikiluk, don't you think it's time you swallowed your pride and admitted we're lost?"



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!

Ignite

LINKED

Chafe

CAPERS

Freed

OODLES

Support

HEROS

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chantilly, e.g.
- 5 Chicken —
- 9 Leg, in slang
- 12 Mr. Stravinsky
- 13 Sparkling Italian wine
- 14 Have bills
- 15 Bouncing toy
- 17 Retrieve
- 18 Ruby and Sandra
- 19 Apple products
- 21 Buy more Time?
- 24 Handle
- 25 New Mexico resort
- 26 Monotonous
- 30 Work unit
- 31 Chair designer Charles
- 32 Odometer start
- 33 Winter road clearer
- 35 Remain
- 36 Church area
- 37 Buckwheat porridge
- 38 Physicist Enrico
- 40 Slightly
- 42 White House nickname
- 43 Company emblems
- 48 Grazing land
- 49 Scott Turow

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48				49				50		
51				52				53		

- book
- 50 Valentine flower
- 51 Curvy letter
- 52 Yuletide tune
- 53 Faction
- DOWN
- 1 Back talk
- 2 In the past
- 3 Gear tooth
- 4 Wears away
- 5 Winslet of "Titanic"
- 6 Egyptian deity
- 7 List-ending abbr.
- 8 Minnesota
- footballers
- 9 '60s footwear
- 10 Dumbstruck
- 11 Citi Field team
- 16 Stitch
- 20 Not neg.
- 21 Numbered rds.
- 22 Deserve
- 23 Restricted zones
- 24 Recognized
- 26 Shopper's delight
- 27 "As I see it," to a texter
- 28 Ancient mariner
- 29 Maja painter
- 31 Delta follower
- 34 Typing speed stat
- 35 Nymph pursuers
- 37 Tool set
- 38 Dossier
- 39 Stretches (out)
- 40 Baseball's Tommie
- 41 Weevil's target
- 44 Music's Yoko
- 45 "Ulalume" writer
- 46 Computer key
- 47 Filming site

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top ten

Hot Dog Toppings

- 1. Mustard
- 2. Ketchup
- 3. Onions
- 4. Relish
- 5. Chili
- 6. Cheese
- 7. Sauerkraut
- 8. Mayo
- 9. Bacon
- 10. Jalapenos

Source: National Hot Dog and Sausage Council

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Sweden?
- 2. HISTORY: What was the whole name of the nation once called U.S.S.R.?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did July 4 become a federal holiday?
- 4. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit is used to make the cocktail mixer grenadine?
- 5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Niagara Falls located?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only mammal that can fly?
- 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which two presidents died within hours of each other on July 4 — the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence?
- 8. TELEVISION: What was Beaver's real first name on the "Leave It to Beaver" sitcom?
- 9. LITERATURE: Which 1977 horror novel features a hotel called The Overlook?
- 10. MOVIES: Which 1967 movie tagline is, "They're young ... they're in love ... and they kill people"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Trash can is missing. 2. Shovel is moved. 3. Steam shovel is missing. 4. Sailboat is missing. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Whistle is missing.

Answers

- 1. Stockholm
- 2. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 3. 1870
- 4. Pomegranate
- 5. New York
- 6. Bats
- 7. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
- 8. Theodore
- 9. "The Shining"
- 10. "Bonnie and Clyde"

Solution time: 23 mins.

King Crossword

Americanisms

"Independence doesn't mean you decide the way you want."

— Stephen Breyer

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CHOKED

Today's Word

3. Loosed; 4. Shore

1. Kindle 2. Scrape

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: V equals W

VLJ DYM WNIG UNOTI VLN

DPPNGDGM ANNTI HPIHFPHUHSDPG?

AMSDBIM GLMHY VNYT HI BIBDOOJ

WDYFHPDO.

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It May Be Time To Sell The Car

Dear Dave,
We have a 2008 Honda Accord that needs a new timing chain. Our mechanic says the repair will cost about \$2,200. The car is worth about \$4,500. Is it time to get another car, or should we have it repaired?

Susan

Dear Susan,
That sounds a little high for a timing chain fix to me. Maybe I'm wrong about that, but let's look at the math of your situation.
You say the value of the car is \$4,500 if fixed and running properly. Let's say for the sake of argument the value of the car if you sell it as-is—basically salvage—is \$1,500. If you take the value of the car as-is, plus the repair, and the number you come up with is more than the value of the car after it's fixed, you don't repair the car.
So, if this car is actually worth \$1,500, the idea of fixing it is very questionable. If you can get \$1,500 for this thing as-is, I'd sell it and put the \$2,200 I would've thrown into fixing that old thing toward a better car.

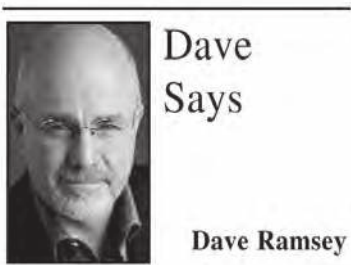
You're talking about a big repair on an old car, Susan. If the repair price you got is right, and it was from an honest mechanic—not some padded, overblown quote from a dealer—I think it's time for that old beater to go!

—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

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —
Answer

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



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

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.

Dublin lists holiday schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Friday, July 1st and Monday, July 4th. Garbage scheduled for pickup on Monday, July 4th will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5th.

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July 2

Neighborhood Cookout
Pulaski First Church of the Brethren at 1749 Newbern Rd., Pulaski. Join us – July 2 at 4 p.m. for hotdogs and hamburgers, chips and dessert. FREE OF CHARGE - Everyone is invited!

July 7

Gospel Singing
Mountain View UMC on Wilderness Rd. in Dublin will host the "Glorylanders Gospel Group" on July 7 in the Picnic Shelter. Come join us at 6:30 p.m. for an ice cream social and music begins at 7p.m. Everyone is invited!

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

July 12

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

July 14

Vacation Bible School

PULSE

Family Worship Center, 955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski (behind Walgreens) will hold their Creation Vacation Bible School on July 14 and 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. and July 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday: 91 Feathers, crafts; Friday: puppet show, crafts, music, snacks; Saturday: inflatables (bouncy house and water slide), games, hot dogs and drinks.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing observed.

Turcotte of Pulaski Earns Degree from UMGC

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