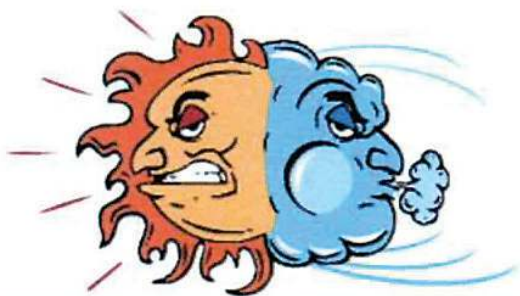




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Planning Commission split on issue

In-patient drug treatment facility now goes to council

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

A request from Mainspring Recovery Center for a Special Exception to town zoning to allow construction of an in-patient drug treatment facility on Lee Highway now goes to Pulaski Town Council with no clear recommendation from the town's planning commission.

The commission held a public hearing Monday night on the Special Exception request and heard from Mainspring officials along with residents in the area – some speaking for and some against the request.

In the end, the commission members – whose job was to consider the issue and make a non-binding recommendation to town council whether to approve or reject the Special Exception request – voted 3-3 on the question.

Five members of the commission were present for the meeting – Chairman Kevin Meyer, David Hall, Christopher Conner, Luke Seigfried and AJ Shrance.

A sixth member, Vice Chairman Janet Jonas, attended via the internet, although due to technical

issues her comments could not be heard.

When time came to vote on a recommendation to council, Seigfried and Shrance voted to recommend approval. Jonas also voted to recommend approval via text message.

The validity of Jonas' vote, however, came into question due to the fact she and her family have apparently moved from the area.

Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator for the Town of Pulaski and the commission's clerk and staff member, told The Patriot after the hearing that Jonas continues to maintain a residence in town.

During the voting, Town Attorney Spencer Rygas said he would have to research the matter to determine whether Jonas could still be considered a voting member of the commission. In the meantime, he advised Meyer to cast a vote on the matter. Normally, the chairman only votes to break a tie.

Hall and Conner both voted against recommending approval of the special exception request, setting up the vote by Meyer. He voted no, creating the 3-3 split decision.

The matter now goes to town council, which will

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NRV passenger rail effort takes another step forward

From NRV Passenger Rail

RICHMOND & ATLANTA—The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) and Norfolk Southern Corporation recently announced the financial closing of the Western Rail Initiative Agreement which will expand passenger rail service from Washington, DC to Roanoke and to the New River Valley.

The first step in the expansion is the addition of a second Commonwealth-supported roundtrip train between Roanoke and Washington, DC which launched Monday (July 11, 2022). This roundtrip further connects Vir-

ginia's Blue Ridge with Northern Virginia and points along the Northeast Corridor including New York and Boston. The agreement also includes the future extension of the Roanoke service to the New River Valley with the construction of a new station as well as track and signal improvements.

"The closing of the Western Rail Agreement is great news for Virginians as this is a big step forward in our mission to expand passenger rail to the New River Valley," said DJ Stadler, executive director of VPRA. "Communities along the Interstate 81 and Route 29 corridors will now have

more passenger rail options when traveling to and from our nation's capital and beyond, and the improvements will also increase our economic opportunities by enhancing freight rail service through the Commonwealth. We thank our partners at Norfolk Southern for helping us make this a reality."

"Today's closing marks the future of rail in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Together, we have reached an agreement that expands access for passengers and preserves an important link in the supply chain for business-

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es that rely on freight rail to ship base materials and finished products. The partnership of our government leaders was critical to making this plan a reality and we appreciate their commitment to the people and economy of Virginia's Blue Ridge," said Norfolk Southern Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer Mike McClellan.

With this agreement the Commonwealth, will acquire approximately 28 miles of Norfolk Southern-owned "V-line" right-of-way including existing tracks from Christiansburg to the Salem Crossovers plus the passenger easement between Salem Crossovers and the Roanoke station platform. The Commonwealth's plans also include rail infrastructure improvements between Manassas and the New River Valley for more frequent and reliable service.

The extension of passenger rail to Virginia's Blue Ridge began in

2009 with service to Lynchburg which saw ridership triple what had been predicted in just its first year. In 2017 the service was extended to Roanoke and ridership continued to grow with more than 220,000 passengers traveling in FFY2019 (pre-pandemic). In April and May of 2022 ridership on the Roanoke Route surpassed the record ridership of the same months in 2019.

The new Washington, DC to Roanoke roundtrip will make stops at Alexandria, Manassas, Culpeper, Charlottesville, and Lynchburg. The agreement also calls for a potential future station at Bedford. The new service is expected to add approximately 80,000 passengers in the first year once it is extended into the New River Valley.

For details on schedules, ticketing and directions to the Roanoke Station, go to: <https://nrvrail2020.blacksburgpartnership.org/ride-the-rail/> There you can also find out more information on the expansion of passenger rail service to the New River Valley.



Photo: New River Valley Passenger Rail

Cattle stolen from Snowville returned to owners Wednesday

On Wednesday July 13, 2022 the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office was able to meet with the victims of the stolen cattle from Snowville as a cattle delivery company pulled in to offload the cattle back into the field in which they were stolen from.

In an earlier release we thanked the citizens for the help in finding the person responsible for the larceny and likewise requested help in locating the cattle that were believed to be in Winchester, Virginia and again were amazed at the help we received.

A special thanks goes to the citizens who helped in locating the stolen cattle, the news orga-

nizations who informed the public of the larceny for potential leads, Jackson Meeks of Dublin, Virginia for helping coordinate with J & B Livestock Trucking to haul the cattle back from Winchester to Snowville and to

the Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office for navigating the legal aspects of this case.

- Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

Griffith announces opening of Congressional App Challenge

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) issued the following statement announcing the opening of the 2022 Congressional App Challenge for Ninth Congressional District students:

"The Congressional App Challenge encourages students to demonstrate their talents, engage their creativity, and explore the fields of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education. I look forward to seeing the apps developed by the ingenuity of Ninth District students."

To participate in the challenge, middle school or high school students can choose to work individu-

ally or in groups of up to four students. Participants may create and submit their own app for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice.

Students are encouraged to register online by September 30, 2022, before submitting their completed app by November 1, 2022. Full details about the contest can be found on the website at <https://morgangriffith.house.gov/constituentservices/stem-competition.htm>.

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Gabriella Martin

Mainspring

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hold a public hearing on the issue on Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. in the second-floor council chambers at the Pulaski Municipal Building. See the legal ad on page B5 in this week's edition for more details on the hearing.

Mainspring is seeking to create a 50-bed capacity, in-patient residential program for individuals with a substance use disorder diagnosis. The facility – to be housed in the now vacant New River Medical Center clinic facility next to Lewis-Gale Hospital Pulaski at 2460 Lee Highway – would serve clients 18 years old and older from within a 60- to 70-mile radius and who are voluntarily admitting themselves to the facility.

Both the clinic facility and LewisGale Hospital are located in areas zoned R-1, Single Family Residential District.

It is anticipated by Mainspring that up to 50 jobs would be created at the facility.

Smith noted her office had received 10 letters and had three walk-in visitors come to talk with her about the Mainspring request. She said all the letters opposed the request with the main points of concern being the location of the facility in

close proximity to an elementary school, the effect it would have on the values of surrounding property, overall general safety in the area and possible traffic concerns as a result of the facility.

Mainspring officials spoke on the need in this region of the state for residential treatment facilities such as they are proposing for Pulaski, and noted the fact Radford University and Virginia Tech are nearby and could be good sources for the health professionals that would be needed to staff the facility.

Mainspring is proposing a 3.5 level facility which means it would operate around the clock residential care with full professional support of nurses, counselors and recovery support specialists. Staff would do rounding on their patients every 30 minutes when they are in withdrawal management and every hour when not in withdrawal.

“So, there’s no ‘missing people.’ We have a strict schedule,” the Mainspring official noted in response to concerns expressed that patients might wonder off or escape into the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

She said the facility would be

manned 24/7 with security cameras.

“Nobody leaves,” she said. “If someone leaves it’s because a family member comes and picks them up and takes them to a doctor’s appointment and brings them back.

“We take extra measures to make sure that we are a good partner with the community,” she added.

Another Mainspring official said that when a patient is admitted, discharge planning begins – addressing concerns over what happens to patients after treatment.

He added there is no loitering around a facility such as Mainspring is proposing, and people won’t just be discharged out onto the street.

He noted that two facilities in the region that had been opened recently are now full, which he said speaks to the level of need in the area.

Meyer said his understanding is that the Life Center in Galax had purchased the former training center facility in Woodlawn and is planning to open a 100-bed residential facility there.

“I also understand the former Saint Albans facility [in Fair-

Martin first joined the FFA during her eighth-grade year, with Mrs. Jenny Simmons as her advisor. Upon moving to PCHS, Martin joined the high school FFA Chapter under the direction of Sarah Jo Jones and Alison Jones. During her later years in the group, her advisors were Carley Pavan-Ballard and Tori Alley.

In her home chapter, Martin has served in a variety of leadership roles, including Secretary, President, and Student Advisor. She earned her Star Greenhand in FFA during her freshman year.

“I have competed in several Career Development events such as Livestock Judging, Floriculture, and Dairy Evaluation,” Martin said. “I competed in a leadership development event this year called Prepared Public Speaking.”

While competing in a public speaking event may not seem like a big deal for someone who has served in so many leadership positions, at the time Martin was still relatively new to the group and learning.

“I used to be the shy timid kid who couldn’t speak in front of a crowd without my knees shaking and through FFA I was able to grow and can now speak in front of thousands of people,” she said.

Being so deeply involved with the FFA also offered Martin the opportunity to reach out and expose other students to FFA and the agriculture program at PCHS.

“Through my home chapter I became very involved in taking

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officials had said.

However, he questioned the need for a facility in Pulaski if the Woodlawn and Fairlawn facilities materialize.

Jane Macadoo, of the Pleasant Hill Drive area, said she is an active licensed RN familiar with mental health, drug and alcohol abuse treatments working in the ICU.

She presented questions about crime and property values, as well as whether Mainspring is accredited.

Gary Cox said some people are not going to get well unless they can go to a hospital.

“This methadone stuff is not drug treatment,” he said. “It’s a maintenance drug to me.

“But this is an opportunity to do a little good for somebody that we don’t know. That’s nameless right now. But there are concerns.

“I came here with mixed emotions tonight, but something touched me. I’ve been swayed. I don’t envy your position,” Cox told the commissioners.

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BETTY LEA WALL AKERS
Betty Lea Wall Akers, 78, of Dublin, VA, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 11, 2022 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center. She was born August 1, 1943 on Little Creek, the daughter of the late William McKinley & Ossie Mae King Wall.

Betty attended Little Creek Apostolic Tabernacle. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and crocheting.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband, Danny Lee Akers, her brothers, Virgil Wall, Lester Wall and Marvell Wall, and her sisters, Frances W. Tate and Shirley Ramsey.

Left to cherish her memory are her sister & brother-in-law, Sally & Lewis Riddle; two special caregivers, her nieces, Alma Warden and Tammy Miller; and several nieces and nephews, too many to list.

Graveside services will be held Friday, July 15, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at the Hunter's Cemetery with Brother David Butcher and Brother Larry Woodyard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made directly to A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, 2508 Walkers Creek Valley Rd., Pearisburg, VA 24134, to help offset funeral expenses.

Betty's family is in the care of A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate, avestandsons.com, (540) 921-2985.

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BLANCHE MARSHALL WALKER COLLIER

Blanche Marshall Walker Collier, 97, of Radford, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022. She was born November 9, 1924 in Indian Valley, the daughter of the late Griffie H. and Lillie c. Marshall. She was a longtime member of the Radford Worship Center where she served as President of Women's Ministry and Sunday School Treasurer. She was also a member of the past Inglewood Garden Club and volunteered at the Radford Clothing Bank. She retired from T. C. Brittan Co. in Decatur, Ga. and B&J Construction in Blacksburg where she was the payroll clerk for 20 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Lawrence E. Walker and James R. Collier; daughter and son-in-law, Anita W. and Harless L. Bain; sister and brother-in-law, Agnes and Cobern Phillips; and nephew, Dale Phillips.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Brenda Walker; granddaughter, Renee Walker; great grandson, Dakota Young; many nieces and nephews including a special nephew, Philip Owens; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Chris Blackburn officiating. Interment will follow in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Joy Ranch, PO Box 727, Hillsville, VA 24343 or at www.joyranch.org.

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

TAMARA JOY WINGO

Tamara Joy Wingo, age 63 of Dublin, died Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



JUDY KAY LANE HENLEY

Judy Kay Lane Henley, age 62 of Pulaski, died Saturday, June 25, 2022 at her Pulaski residence. She was born on April 15, 1960, in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Lurie Elizabeth Sonner Lane and the late James Albert Lane, Sr. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gary W. Henley, and one daughter.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters: Jessie V. Lane of Pulaski, Jack Jason Lane, Sr. of Pulaski, Charlotte Ann Anderson of Dublin, Iris Mae Rombow of Narrows, James A. Lane, Jr. of Dublin, Elizabeth Gale Tolliver of Pulaski, Violet Marie Lane of Troutville, Edward Vernon Lane of Pulaski, Teresa D. Lane of Christiansburg, and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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BERTON "BERT" DALTON DAVIS

Berton "Bert" Dalton Davis, age 90 of Alum Spring Road in Pulaski passed away at Highland Ridge Rehab Center on July 12, 2022. Born October 6, 1931 in Draper's Valley, Virginia to the late Martin Isaac Dalton & Minnie Whitt Dalton. She was the youngest of 13 children.

Berton was a woman of great faith and loved the Lord. She was a member of the Open-Door Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her family. She also loved her flower gardens, roses, cooking and canning and most of all fishing at Cape Hatteras.

Berton was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband of 57 years, Buford F. Davis. She was also preceded in death by her brother and best friend Colney I. Dalton, 10 sisters and son-in-law, Thomas E. Primm.

Berton is survived by her Daughters - Anita D. (Coby) Fizer and Cynthia Primm (her caregiver for many years)

Son - B. Allen (Tammy) Davis

Grandchildren - Candice D. (Jeremy) Draper, Jacob A. (Casey) Davis, India A. Fizer (Rodney Poff)

Great Grandchildren - Aaron Draper, Owen Draper, Amelia Davis

Sister & Best Friend - Hazel D. Covey - Pulaski

Brother-in-law & wife - Larry (Karen) Davis - Roanoke

Many nieces, nephews and extended family

The family would also like to recognize nurse and special friend, Kathy Surber who was like a daughter.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 PM - Monday, July 18, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Kelly Howlett officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

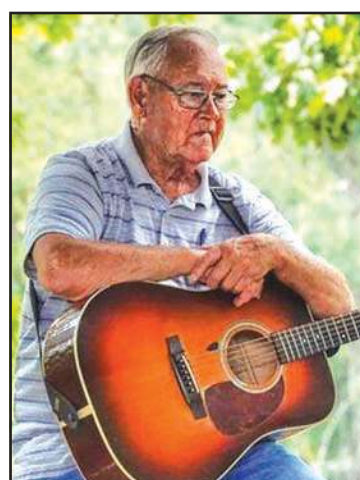
The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until service time Monday, July 18, 2022 at the Funeral Home.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Paul D'amico for the many years of care he gave to Berton, Highland Ridge Rehab for the care they provided and Good Samaritan Hospice for their services.

The family will receive friends and visitors at the home of Allen and Tammy Davis (3688 Gallimore Drive, Pulaski, VA). To sign Bert's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

Remember me with smiles and laughter,

If you remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all.



WINDEL KEITH "BUSTER" COX

Windel Keith "Buster" Cox, age 82 of Snowville passed away Monday, July 11, 2022 at home surrounded by his family. Born December 1, 1939 in Christiansburg, Virginia he was the son of the late Willie Howard Cox & Louise Graham Cox. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Betty Dauwen and brothers Ray Cox, Mac Cox, Gerry Cox and Victor Cox.

Windel was a member of the Snowville Baptist Church. He loved his large family and was viewed by many as a patriarch of the family, hosting Cox reunions in Snowville and at the farm where he lived for the last 40 years. He touched the lives of several nephews and cousins whom he welcomed into his home to live for extended periods of time and helped teach them important Christian principles of life.

Windel was very talented and enjoyed playing bluegrass and old-time music with his brothers and son Brian, and he coordinated Thursday night sessions at the Snowville Ruritan club for many years.

Windel loved living on the farm and spent many hours tending to his herd of black angus cattle. He was known in the area for breeding top-quality calves.

He was a highly skilled carpenter and contractor and built several houses and other structures which remain as a legacy all over the Snowville region.

Windel was a friend to everyone he met and was generous with his time and skills to help people who were in need.

He is survived by his

Wife of 59 years - Jean Davis Cox - Radford

Children - Sandy Cox Stevens - Bedford, Brian Cox - Radford

Grandchildren - Tosha Deanne Shingleton, Trista Leenette Stevens, Bailey Alana Nelson, Rileigh LaRea Cox, Brockton Keith Cox

Great Grandchildren - Remington, James Gaitling, Case, Paislee, Weston, Gavin

Close Friend - Dr. John Casali - Christiansburg

Brother - Gordon Cox - NC

Sister - Patricia Garrett - VA Beach

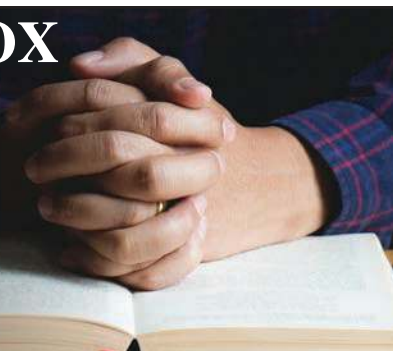
Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM - Saturday, July 16, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with

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Pastor Tony Hart officiating. Interment will follow at the Page Cemetery (Snowville).

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 PM – Friday evening at the Funeral Home.

To sign Windel's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



MYRTLE GARRETT GRINSTEAD

Myrtle Garrett Grinstead, 97, of Gastonia, formerly of Pulaski, VA, passed away on June 27, 2022, at Wellington House in Gastonia, NC.

She was born May 13, 1925, in Hiawassee, GA, to the late Alfred Garrett and Christine Rought.

Myrtle was a member of First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, where she enjoyed participating in bible study, crafting, and volunteering with the Wednesday evening meals. She was an excellent cook, well known for her delicious rolls, fried chicken, and deviled eggs. She loved to bake cakes and cobblers, with too many favorites to name. Myrtle's family will cherish their memories of her fantastic meals and fun cook-outs at her house. Myrtle loved gardening (both vegetables and flowers) and enjoyed canning the fruits of her labor. Myrtle taught herself to sew. She became an excellent seamstress and made beautiful clothing for her family and friends. Myrtle learned to square dance in Virginia. She was very active with her group and continued to dance after moving to Gastonia.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Pulaski Chapter #113, where she served as Worthy Matron in 1984-1985. She also was a member of Rebecca's. Myrtle also was a life member of the Ladies of the VFW-Auxiliary #1184, as well as a life member of the DAV. She served as an assistant leader in cub scouts, assistant leader in girl scouts, and volunteered with the American Red Cross for 30 years. During her time with the American Red Cross, her duties included taking information while working at blood mobiles.

In addition to her parents, Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, Charles M. Grinstead; sons, Barry M. and William F. Grinstead; and a brother, Benjamin Garrett.

Myrtle is survived by her daughter, Minniejan Krenzer; daughter-in-law, Ivy Grinstead; grandchildren, Jonard Sygaco (Shugar), Jason Grinstead (Nikki), Josh Grinstead, Wesley Brown (Sandra), Jamie Brown, and Sara Coiro (Joseph); eleven great grandchildren, and an uncle, Jay Eller.

A memorial service was held Friday, July 1, 2022, at 3:00 pm at the South Chapel of Greene

Funeral Service and Crematorium, 1503 S. York Rd., Gastonia, NC. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Family will have visitation, 2-3pm, on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Highland Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Dublin, VA.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Home Care Hospice, 156 Corporate Blvd., Indian Trail, NC 28079; Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601; or Gaston County Humane Society, 1491 Business Park Ct., Gastonia, NC 28052.

Online condolences may be made at www.greenefuneral.com



GRETA LONG DAVIDSON

Greta Long Davidson, of Dublin, Virginia, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on July 8, 2022. Greta was born in Blacksburg, Virginia to Hobert and Lena Long. After graduating from Blacksburg High School, she went on to West Virginia Business College in Bluefield, West Virginia. It was there that she met Douglas Davidson whom she married in 1951. They were inseparable for 52 years until his death in 2003.

Greta is survived by her two children [and their spouses]; Dwight Douglas Davidson [Daphne Liguori Davidson] and Teresa Faye Bryant [Jeff Bryant]. She is also survived by her three grandchildren; Jonathan Patrick Davidson, Nathaniel Alan Bryant and Carrington Davidson Bryant, who all remain fiercely independent. Greta was also a proud great grandmother to her two great grandchildren; Hemingway Lee Douglas Davidson [Patrick Davidson] and Scout Davidson Bryant [Nathaniel]. Greta is predeceased by her siblings John, Orville, Quentin, Elmore, Josephine, Nelda and Loretta.

An accomplished seamstress, Greta created many a frock for her friends and neighbors as well as for her children, much to the dismay of her son Dwight, who felt to be much more fashionable than handmade clothes.

As a survivor of military grade civil war ammo that she discovered while tilling her massive garden, she cultivated a green thumb that could produce a bounty of vegetables to fill the family cellar for the cold Virginia winters.

Her eye for antiques was impeccable and her hunt, never ending. Her first paycheck from Dr. Dave Skewes was eagerly spent on what had become a lifetime of precious collections. Her family and friends can smile at the memory of the stories that came with every piece and will hold them dear to their hearts.

Indeed, Greta's greatest pride and joy came from her family and was always supportive of their achievements. She will be greatly missed, by most.

A mausoleum service was held on July 14th, 2022, at Highland Memory Gardens located at 5555 Lee Highway, Dublin, Virginia, 28084 with a church service following at Community Christian Church. Greta was an active

Charter Member of this church for 60 years and accomplished pianist. Her daughter Teresa would accompany Greta on the organ at many a service, to the delight of the congregation, despite her playing in a different key than Greta.

Greta's family would like to thank the staff at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center for their compassionate and expert care. They would also like to thank the staff at Seasons Place Assisted Living in Lewisburg, West Virginia for providing a warm and caring environment for Greta during the past year.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

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Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

BARBARA A. MORRIS

Barbara A. Morris died July 7, 2022 at home in Dublin, VA. She was born on February 25, 1945 in Radford, VA.

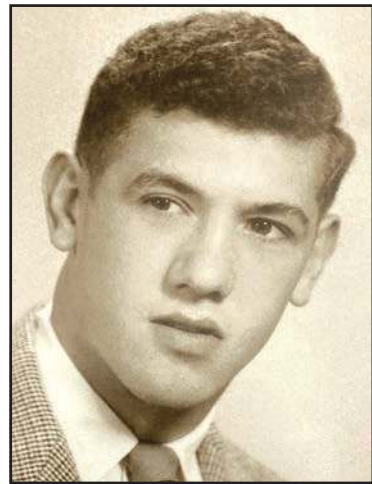
Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Roger W. Boon Sr. and Annie Boon; and brother, Roger W. Boone Jr.

She is survived by her husband,

Robert Morris, having been married for 54 years; her son, David Morris (Juanita); granddaughter, Dakota Morgan Titus; and sister, Ellen Boon Kennedy of Kernersville, NC. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

A private graveside service was held Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Hospital. Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.



MONTIE "BUDDY" RATCLIFFE

Montie "Buddy" Ratcliffe, a true southern gentleman, entered into eternal rest on April 16, 2022. Born in Pulaski, VA, he was the

second son of six children born to the late Raymond Francis Ratcliffe and the late Ruth Hall Ratcliffe on February 15, 1929. Montie was a family man who spent lots of time with his daughters, grandchildren, and most importantly "his Betsy." As a young man, any and all sports were Montie's first love, and his enthusiasm for them started very early and never waned. He played every sport imaginable and, in his words, he "excelled in all of them." In later years, Montie recounted many adventures that involved the Ratcliffe siblings playing tennis, ice skating, sledding, and skiing around their house in the Pulaski area. Throughout elementary and all through high school he played just about every school sport however, it was well-known among family members that his all-time favorites were always football and golf. His passion and utter enjoyment of football and golf continued throughout his last years of life. Because Montie was instrumental in introducing these sports to his children and grandchildren, they will be enjoyed by his family members for years to come. After graduating high school, while still in Pulaski, he met his future wife who was teaching school. They married in 1950 and had

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Biden White House indifferent to pain of average Americans

Although I am a lifelong conservative, the Democrats I have known over the years were proud to consider their party the defender of working men and women. I may have thought their policies were not suited to the task, but I never thought I would see the day when Democrat officials actually bragged about



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

blue-collar workers losing jobs. That day has arrived. At the Aspen Ideas Festival on June 29, Gina McCa-

rthy, President Biden's National Climate Advisor and former President Obama's head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), touted "fossil fuels losing jobs."

I have warned that job losses would be the outcome of policies proposed by the administrations in which she has served. It is surprising, however, that she would openly talk about such things as a positive.

Our region has seen job losses thanks to those policies. For example, Obama-era EPA regulations forced the shutdown of a power plant in Glen Lyn in Giles County in 2015, which at the time employed 31 people and had employed more in the past. Closures of that plant negatively affected jobs and businesses in the surrounding community, too, and contributed to rising energy costs.

Within a month of the closure, the Supreme Court rejected the EPA's rules that had caused it, but the damage was already done.

The Supreme Court's recent decision in West Virginia v. EPA was a welcome rebuke to progressive attempts to regulate fossil fuel jobs out of existence. Unfortunately, once again much of the damage has already been done. The so-called Clean Power Plan at the heart of the case had been proposed in 2014 and finalized in 2015. Although it had been the subject of reversals by the Trump Administration and litigation before the Court finally ruled it unconstitutional, it still impacted the power sector.

The general response of Biden Administration officials to job losses and higher consumer prices thanks to its energy policies is a shrug and an attempt to distract.

John Kerry, whose job as "Special Presidential Envoy for Climate" seems to consist chiefly of flying by carbon-emitting private jets to other countries to tell them to reduce carbon emissions, infamously suggested that laid-off oil and gas workers can just go to work making solar panels. Even the Washington Post's Fact Checker noted that Kerry exaggerated demand for jobs in solar and wind, median pay in these industries is lower than in fossil fuel sectors, and considerable job retraining would be needed.

President Biden and his Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, continue to insist that the solution for high gas prices is for Americans to pay for electric vehicles. The average transaction price of an electric vehicle this January was \$62,876, according to a Wall Street Journal article citing Kelley Blue Book data, putting that option out of reach for most Americans.

If you choose to keep your gasoline-powered vehicle and not shell out almost the median average U.S. household income (\$64,994 in 2020 dollars, according to the U.S. Census Bureau) for an electric vehicle, the Biden Administration has little to offer you.

A recent slight fall in gas prices has been attributed largely to consumers adjusting their usage downward, not actions of President Biden, and in any event is expected to be temporary. Releases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve have only succeeded in draining inventories in this stockpile meant for emergencies to their lowest level since 1986.

President Biden blames this mess on Vladimir Putin, a laughable claim when U.S. retail gas prices according to the Energy Information Administration had already risen from \$2.42 in January 2021, the month he was sworn in, to \$3.41 in January 2022, the month before Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

The indifferent attitude of President Biden and his staff to the pain of average Americans is reminiscent of Marie Antoinette allegedly commenting, "Let them eat cake." Then again, rising food prices may make even cake too expensive for average Americans, but the subject of food inflation is best left for another column.

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.

Identity Crisis

In 1776, America had an identity crisis. As British colonists, they were the subjects of King George III and under the dictates of the British Parliament. But as a freedom-loving people, they believed some of the King's laws were unfair, unjust and immoral.

After several years of petitioning the King with no progress, in 1776 American Patriots realized the need to innumerate their grievances and if necessary, separate from Britain and establish their own government. The Declaration of Independence was the document they created to announce to Great Britain and the world that they no longer identified themselves as British subjects.

After winning the War for Independence, a provisional government (Articles of Confederation) was established, and although effective for a time, the newly formed states were acting more

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

life sovereign countries. For the future stability of the fledgling nation, a more effective government needed to replace it.

In 1788, after 9 of the 13 states ratified the Constitution, a new government like no other on earth was established. However, the Constitution wasn't ratified by all the states until May 29, 1790 when Rhode Island approved the document. And the Bill of Rights or Ten

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Biden's poorly timed visit to the Middle East

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

In 1988, five years after calling the Soviet Union an "evil empire," President Ronald Reagan visited Moscow where he addressed an audience of students from Moscow State University. At the heart of his speech, Reagan promoted the virtues and success of liberty and his vision that tyranny would ultimately be defeated (recall his other forecast made to the British Parliament in 1982 that the Soviet Union would end up "on the ash heap of history").

Contrast those remarks with the current president and his trip to the Middle East. A headline in the Connecticut Post asks the right question: "Biden once wanted to make Saudi Arabia a 'pariah' - so why is he playing nice with the kingdom's repressive rulers now?"

Biden will meet with Saudi Arabia's Prince Mohammed bin Salman (affectionately known as MBS), who has been accused by U.S. intelligence of sending a hit squad to murder journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Apparently feeling the heat of criticism from people opposed to the trip, Biden felt the need to explain himself in an op-ed for The Washington Post.

In it, Biden makes this ludicrous claim: "The Middle East I'll be visiting is more stable and secure than the one my administration inherited 18 months ago." He must have forgotten the Abraham Accords, which Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner cobbled together. It normalized relations between Israel and five Arab countries, including Bahrain, the UAE and Morocco, something never before achieved. As usual, Biden gives no credit to Trump.

Speaking of not forgetting, Biden was part of an administration that spent nearly \$350,000 supporting a group trying to unseat then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to a U.S. Senate investigation. The administration has also been pushing for a nuclear deal with Iran, which has clearly failed and never had a chance of succeeding. That's because Iran's leaders have repeatedly

said they are obeying Allah's command to acquire nuclear weapons.

Biden has said he will raise the issue of human rights with MBS. That is unlikely to produce positive results in a nation that has only recently allowed women to drive cars.

Despite the cover-up with noble intentions, this trip is about trying to persuade Saudi Arabia to produce more oil so U.S. gas prices will come down to tolerable levels ahead of the November and 2024 elections. What will the U.S. get in return? Probably no more than Biden and Obama got from opening diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Last February, Biden telephoned MBS to effectively ask him to pump more oil after he had curbed additional domestic oil production, reversing the much lower gas prices during the Trump administration. Biden seemed to be offering him a deal - Biden would provide more so-called "defensive weapons" for the Saudis to fight the Houthis in Yemen in exchange for more Saudi oil. Reading between the lines of reports about the call, it appeared MBS turned him down.

When Reagan visited Moscow, his approval ratings were 53 percent, according to Gallup. He dealt from a position of strength and moral clarity. Biden's approval numbers (if they can be called that) have declined to a record 33 percent, according to a New York Times/Siena College survey with a majority of Democrats wanting him to be replaced in 2024. Ninety percent of young Democrats want another candidate.

The Middle East has been relatively quiet in recent years. Biden's trip is unlikely to enhance stability and more likely to stir things up again. It has the potential of being a lose-lose for America and for Israel, which would be quite an accomplishment.

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

Editor, National Review

Biden's Shameful Gas-Station Attack

For Joe Biden, the buck stops with small independent businesses owners trying to make ends meet.

Over the holiday weekend, the president slammed gas stations for the purported sin of not passing along declining oil prices to motorists.

Biden took to Twitter to urge "the companies running gas stations and setting prices at the pump" to heed his message: "Bring down the price you are charging at the pump to reflect the cost you're paying for the product."

Yes, sir, whatever you say, Mr. President!

The United States Oil and Gas Association mockingly recommended that the intern who posted the tweet should sign up for Econ 101, but it's worse than that. Biden has hit the gas stations before on the same grounds. It's hard to know where the economic illiteracy ends and the shameless demagoguery begins. Regardless, it's another indication that the president's approach to inflation is to cast about for scapegoats and villains, no matter how implausible.

So-called jawboning, or stern rhetoric directed at industries to get them to bend to the presidential will, is nothing new. The most famous example is from John F. Kennedy, who blasted U.S. Steel for raising prices in 1962. JFK's tack was questionable, but at least he was targeting an enormously influential industry that had breached an agreement to hold the line on prices brokered by his administration.

Biden, by contrast, is going after the proverbial Liberty Gas Station and Uni-Mart down on Route 134 started by an immigrant couple hoping to send their children to college for the first time. These small-time entrepreneurs have done nothing wrong, except remain in business at a time when the president's anti-oil-and-gas policy has backfired spectacularly.

As the business newsletter The Hustle explains, the majority of owners operate a single gas station, either as a branded location of a big famous company or on their own. Given that there are more than 100,000 gas stations in the United States, many clustered at the same busy intersections in direct competition with one another, a proprietor hardly has monopoly power to determine prices.

Indeed, when Biden says gas stations set prices, he's technically correct in the sense that they post the prices on their iconic signs down to the tenth of a cent. They aren't doing it arbitrarily, though. They all know that if they set a price not justified by broader market forces, customers will simply drive down the street to a more reasonably priced station.

Selling gas usually isn't the most lucrative part of the business, either. Gas stations make a very small margin on fuel, with the cost of crude and refining, along with transport and taxes, accounting for almost all of the

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Deaths

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their first daughter, Denise Ratcliffe Schneider in 1951. During his early married life, Montie attended classes at Bluefield College for a year then transferred to his beloved Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. Here he earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and subsequently began a long and successful career with McDonnell Douglas. Montie's first job was with Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, CA, where he spent two years. While in CA, he longed to get back to the south and in 1957 he was granted a transfer back east to Charlotte, NC. There Montie and Betsy had their second daughter, Debbie Ratcliffe Zeitz. The family spent nine years in Charlotte, but would eventually return to CA. This time they settled in the Westwood area of Los Angeles. They remained in Los Angeles for 23 years. Throughout Montie's time as an executive for McDonnell Douglas, he worked on and led many projects, some of which were the Nike Hercules missile, the transportation of liquefied natural gas, the Mast Mounted Sight for helicopters, and designing commercial aircraft. One of the highlights of his career was receiving an invitation to, and attending the prestigious think tank, Brookings Institute, in Washington, DC. In 1987 Montie and Betsy moved to the Houston, TX area to be closer to their two girls who lived at the time in Dallas and Houston. Montie began what would become his final project for McDonnell Douglas. He accepted a position at NASA as the Deputy Director of International Space Station for McDonnell Douglas. He stayed at NASA until his retirement at age 65. While living in Houston, the couple purchased a summer home in the town of Blowing Rock in the mountains of North Carolina. Their time there was

one of the highlights of their lives. They absolutely loved the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains where they were raised, and enjoyed golf, friends, and the close proximity of extended family. Blowing Rock would eventually become their permanent home and the site of many fun family gatherings. Eight years ago in 2014, Montie and Betsy made the move to Longhorn Village in Austin, TX to be closer to their daughters. Montie's legacy will certainly live on through his family. He was a very special man that made a big impact on many lives. We will always remember his strength of character, his love of family, his witty personality, and his unfailing sense of humor. Even in his final stages of dementia, humor never left him. As best said by a grandson, "Grandad had the best attitude and was the happiest person I've ever known." He was our "rock" and we will never forget him. He is preceded in death by his wife Betsy Forster Ratcliffe of Austin, brother Kenneth Stone Ratcliffe of Richmond VA, sister Betty Lou Ratcliffe Kirkner of Pulaski VA, sister Frances Marie Ratcliffe Jackson of Marion VA, sister Elizabeth Ann Ratcliffe Meredith of Pulaski VA, and brother Raymond Franklin Ratcliffe of Pulaski VA. He is survived by his daughter Denise Ratcliffe Schneider (Craig Schneider), his grandson, Stephen Ratcliffe Schneider (Jessica Roy Schneider), his great grandson, Dylan McKinley Schneider, his great granddaughter Madeline Dianna Schneider, his granddaughter Susan Schneider Beckering (Kevin Beckering), his great grandson Richard Beckett Beckering, all of Houston, his daughter Debbie Ratcliffe Zeitz (David Zeitz) of Austin, his grandson William Forster Zeitz of Houston, his granddaughter Erica Lynn Zeitz of Austin, his half brother Timothy Ratcliffe of Eden NC, and many special nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank all the staff at Longhorn Village in Austin, especially Lyd-

ia Casillas, for the excellent care he received while a resident there. The family will hold a private service and burial in July, 2022 at Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski Virginia. In lieu of flowers, please honor Montie through memorial donations to the Raymond F. Ratcliffe Transportation Museum, www.theratcliffemuseum.com. Obituary and guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski, VA. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



BETSY FORSTER RATCLIFFE

Betsy Forster Ratcliffe entered into eternal rest on September 18, 2017. She was born in Pocahontas, VA, the daughter of Ida Castagnoli Forster and William Grieve Forster. Her formative years were spent in the coal fields of southwestern Virginia. As a young girl, she excelled in dance and academics, becoming salutatorian of her high school class. From high school she went on to attend two years at the distinguished finishing school, Ward Belmont College in Nashville, TN. She then continued her education at the College of William & Mary, earning a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry.

Upon graduation she settled in

Pulaski, VA where she met her future husband, Montie Thomas Ratcliffe. It was there that their 67-year love story began and they had their first daughter, Denise Ratcliffe Schneider. Montie attended college at Virginia Tech while Betsy began a long and successful teaching career. During these six years in Virginia, she taught a wide range of subjects at all grade levels – elementary, middle, and high school. Though small in stature, she was a woman of considerable accomplishments both personally and professionally, a true southern lady. Her involvement in the community was exemplified by her membership in the charter chapter of the mother-daughter organization, National Charity League.

Upon Montie's graduation they moved across country to Long Beach, CA. After two years they were transferred south to Charlotte, NC. In Charlotte, their second daughter, Debbie Ratcliffe Zeitz was born. They remained in Charlotte for nine years where Betsy was a stay at home mother. Then they made their second move to California, to the Westwood area in Los Angeles. It was in L.A. that she returned to her career in education. She began teaching elementary school in the inner city of L.A. where she laid a path for disadvantaged students to pursue higher education – leading them to some of the finest private, college preparatory schools in the state. Because of her commitment to learning she made continual improvements to her academic credentials by enrolling in UCLA. She received many accolades in L.A. and became well-known in the teaching community. The award that she was the most proud of was Teacher of the Year for her school.

After 24 years, Betsy closed the door on teaching when Montie was transferred to NASA in Houston, where their daughter, Denise, and her family lived. During this time they purchased a summer home in the town of Blowing Rock in the mountains of North Carolina. Living in Blowing Rock was one of the highlights of their lives. They enjoyed golfing, friends, the weather, and the beauty of the familiar Blue Ridge Mountains. In time, they made Blowing Rock their permanent home and a favorite family gathering place. Four years ago, they made the move to Longhorn Village in Austin to be closer to their daughters.

Betsy was a style-innovator

and a lover of fashion. She had a flare for home design. She loved to shop and had a large appetite, especially for Italian food. She loved all kinds of dancing from jitter-bugging to waltzing. She was a beautiful seamstress and created exquisite design for her girls. Betsy strived for excellence in all of her endeavors and had an unwavering love for her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Betsy has touched our lives in ways that will never be forgotten. We will hold her memory dear and her legacy will live on through her family.

She is preceded in death by her brother, William Grieve Forster her sister-in-law, Nancy Stephens Forster, and her nephew William Stephens Forster. She is survived by her husband, Montie Thomas Ratcliffe of Austin, her daughter, Denise Ratcliffe Schneider (Craig Schneider), her grandson, Stephen Ratcliffe Schneider (Jessica Roy Schneider), her great grandson, Dylan McKinley Schneider, her great granddaughter Madeline Dianna Schneider, her granddaughter Susan Louise Schneider, all of Houston, her daughter, Debbie Ratcliffe Zeitz (David Zeitz), her grandson, William Forster Zeitz, her granddaughter, Erica Lynn Zeitz, all of Austin, her niece, Cathy Forster James (Robert James) of Lexington VA, her niece, Heather Finney (Steve Finney), her niece, Shea Finney, her nephew, Aidan Finney, her nephew, Robert James (Christine James), her nephew, Liam James, and her nephew, Logan James, all of Washington D.C.

Her memorial services were held at Queen of Angels Chapel on Saturday September 23, 2017 with a reception following in the foyer. The church is located at 20600 Siesta Shores Drive, Spicewood, TX 78669.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski, VA.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Betsy through memorial donations to the Raymond F. Ratcliffe Transportation Museum, www.theratcliffemuseum.com (or mail check to P.O. Box 269 Pulaski, VA) or Catholic Charities of Central Texas, www.ccctx.org.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com

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WARREN "WEASEL" HARRISON LONG

Warren "Weasel" Harrison Long, 94, of Radford, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2022. He retired from the Lynchburg Foundry in 1980 and went on to be an excavator and lifelong farmer. Weasel was preceded in death by his loving wife, Velva Margaret Akers Long; parents, Cooper K. and Nancy Ann Long; son-in-law, Jeffrey Worrell; a sister; and a brother.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Mike Conklin; grandchildren and their spouses, Kimberly and Garry Wright, and Jason and Holly Worrell; great-grandchildren, Nathan Wright, and Meriam and Jeffrey Worrell; sister, Roxie Dishon; sister-in-law, Reva Martin; special nephew, Carl Akers; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Services will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Neil Wood officiating. Snowville Masonic Lodge #159 AF & AM will conduct the graveside service on



Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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the day where various activities will take place. These activities include: Music, Bible Adventures, Crafts, Recreation. Lunch and snack will be provided. All these activities are based around our theme “Quest for God’s Great Light”.

Please join us at 4:00 for a clos-

ing program where the children will sing all the songs they have learned.

After the program, please join us for a picnic at the Church’s picnic shelter. Hotdogs, sides, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

And, also we would love for you and your family to join us, for worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday, where the children will sing again for everyone!

Books

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outside and read!” HAHA... fools!! Four years later, that baby is hooked up to more wires than someone participating in a sleep study. They say it takes a village to raise a child and her village is me, John and Cocomelon. If the pictures don’t sing, dance or give off some level of radiation ... she isn’t interested and that’s on me, but hopefully when she actually learns to read, she’ll enjoy it.

Books are cheap entertainment. We forget sometimes the bittersweet feeling we get when we finish a great book. We are happy because the characters or conflicts are resolved and sad because there’s no more. Hours, days and maybe weeks can be enjoyed with a book at little cost. The ROI you get by reading for entertainment is huge. You can go to eBay or a thrift store and get pretty much anything you want for under \$10 with free shipping. Libraries are good options, too if you’re not trying to build a collection. I would only incur fees at a library because one, I can’t remember anything and two; I

don’t like to relinquish them, but free is free. John and I took Darcy to a movie last week and it was right at \$70! We didn’t know if that was due to inflation or if we just haven’t been to a movie since 2015. If it wouldn’t have been negligent, we would have bought 1 ticket and sent her in by herself with some fruit snacks in her pockets and waited by the exit. I understand it’s for the theater experience, but we can cut the lights off and scoot the couch real close to the T.V. for next to nothing. Our feet already stick to the floor, but I can spill some popcorn for authenticity. Admittedly, it was her very first movie going experience and it was worth every penny to see her reaction, but if these gas prices keep it up it’s her first and last ... which is another reason she should enjoy reading ... we may go Amish before it’s all over.

Currently I’m in the middle of a delicious murder mystery series set in the 1880’s in London during the time of Jack the Ripper’s White Chapel killings. Petticoats, lock picks and cold blood. I like historical

fiction mostly and a little classic literature and by little I mean Jane Austen. Most literature is over my head even with my (not to brag) half semester of community college. I tried Charles Dickens a few times and save for “A Christmas Carol;” I can’t get past the poverty ... “Please sir, I want some more?” Poor Oliver. Nope, I want my endings happy, villains defeated, and if possible ... a little romance. But, whatever your cup of tea, a good book or “piece of reading” and the time spent with it is a magical thing. I imagine that even non-fiction can provide the same kind of euphoric experience and if you don’t consider yourself a “reader” you’re reading this and that counts.

Martin

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my animals to the schools so that students could learn more about livestock,” she said.

Martin took her sheep and goats to each of the school in Pulaski County to help bridge the gap between the Pulaski County community and the agriculture programs. She was also deeply involved in the group’s conservation efforts in Pulaski County. She volunteered her time with the Sensory Trail, Trout in the Classroom, and Native Ell Grass projects that served the students of Pulaski County, Claytor Lake, and other surrounding areas.

“FFA taught me to always be myself and that I can always overcome any obstacles I set my mind to,” Martin said. “As the Appalachian Area State Vice President my duties will be to work closely with the President, supervise committees, and assume duties in the absence of the President if necessary.”

To be eligible to run for a state officer position, you must be a graduating senior when you in your application and you must have held an officer position in your home chapter. You also must have a high-level SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience) which she did with her sheep and goats. You also must earn all degree levels which is Greenhand, Chapter and State Degree. These are the different levels that FFA chapter members can achieve over their time in school.

State Officers travel across the Commonwealth to attend meetings that focus on agriculture and are the state representatives for Ag teachers and programs, as well as the Agriculture industry. They conduct leadership workshops throughout the year.

The Vice President in the FFA is stationed by the Plow. The Plow is a symbol of labor and tillage of the soil.

“I am so thankful for the opportunity to grow, and I hope to encourage younger members to overcome any obstacles in their lives and help them be their true selves,” Martin said.

“It has been an honor to serve as Gabriella’s agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor,” Carley Pavan-Ballard said. “Watching her grow over the years made it clear that this was the path she needed to take and even though she didn’t see it yet, I did. I knew that with hard work, determination, and a gentle nudge in the right direction Gabriella could become a Virginia State Officer and she did just that! I am extremely proud of the young lady she has grown to be and the leader she continues to become. I look forward to watching her as she takes on this new adventure and know she will do her county proud. Congratulations Gabriella on your accomplishments thus far, continue to overcome any and all obstacles that you may be faced with.”

“Gabriella had always been a smart, hardworking, and driven young lady,” Tori Alley said. “Watching her grow as a person and a leader has been such a privilege. She has spent countless hours preparing for this moment, and I have no doubt she will serve Virginia FFA well and make Pulaski County very proud! I can’t wait to see all of the adventures she will go on while in office!”

Martin, the daughter of Kennith and Eva Martin of Dublin, was selected as the PCHS Senior of the Month in January and graduated with High Honors with her classmates.



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Motor Mile announces biggest purse in track history

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Motor Mile Speedway invests in its own future and announces the largest purse in history of the track, over \$50,000! This includes \$5,000 to win in the Sportsman division and \$10,000 to win in the Late Model Stock Car division, on Saturday October 8, 2022. Green flag is at 5:00 pm.

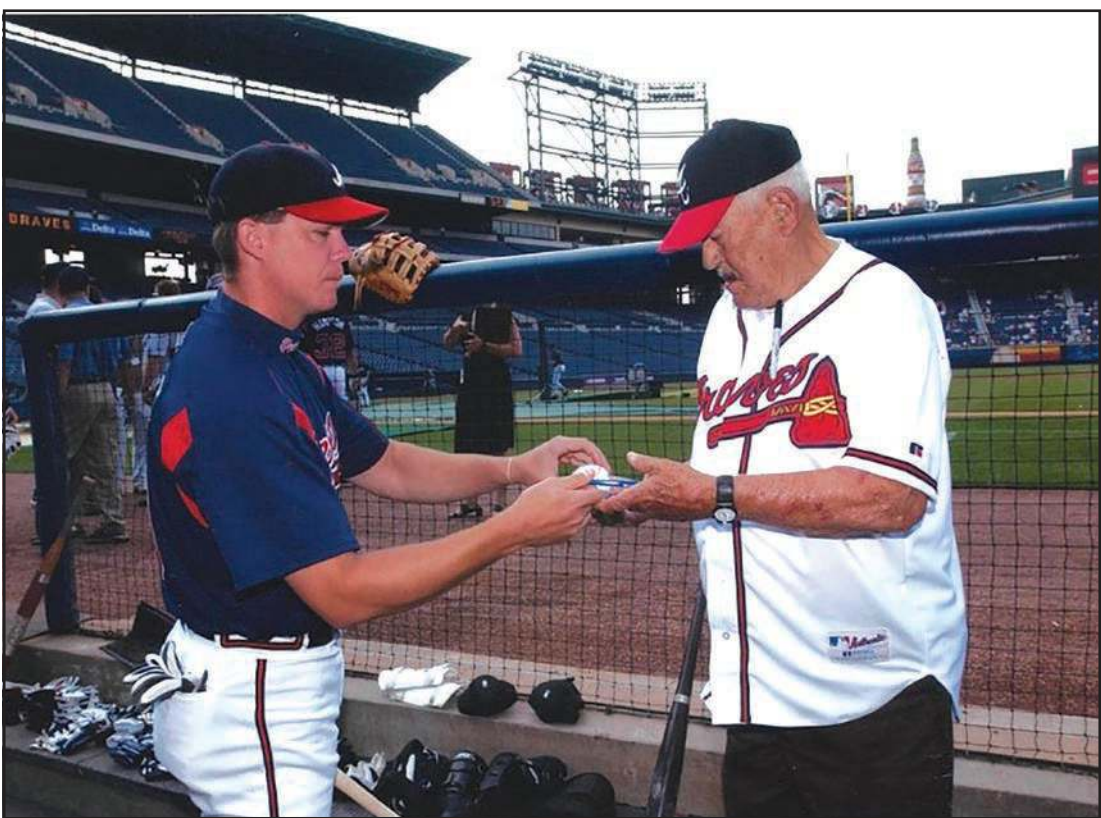
Late Model Stock Car entries are expected from all over Virginia and the Carolinas, including track champion and Martinsville 300 winner Mike Looney, reigning track champion Kres VanDyke, 2021 national champion Peyton Sellers, and more. Rising star Kyle Dudley does double duty as he readies his Late Model and Sportsman cars.

Motor Mile Speedway has one of the strongest classes of Sportsman cars, with Carl Budzefski leading the points. He'll be joined in October by local star Daryn Cockram and a field of winners, including Jamie Sweeney, Brad Foy, and many more. These local stars will be challenged by South Boston points leader Kyle Barnes, and an expected field of stars from South Boston, Kingsport, Dominion, and more for the 100 lap tilt.

Pole awards and contingency programs will be announced in the months leading up to the event.

Mark Ebert, President and CEO at Motor Mile Speedway and the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience, said, "We've been looking for the opportunity to add a signature race at Motor Mile since we took over. When the CARS Tour race was changed, we saw an opportunity for a big year-end race on October 8th. We've been in contact with a bunch of the Late Model teams, and it looks to be a good weekend for them. We look forward to a great field of cars in both the Late Model and Sportsman divisions."

A complete list of all the upcoming events, and discounted advance tickets at the Motor Mile Speedway and Rusty Wallace Racing Experience, can be found at <https://www.motormilespeedway.com/>



Huck Akers on the Atlanta Braves field with Braves super star at the time, Chipper Jones.

Taking the mound for Huck

By JERRY L. HAYNES
Special to The Patriot

On July 24, Lora Lyons will be throwing out the first pitch at the River Turtles' game. She works as the Administrative and Fiscal Assistant at the Pulaski County Extension office. But more importantly, she is from my hometown of Fries.

Fries has been known for some pretty good baseball players. Ed Goodson played 8 years in the majors. Fries also claims major league player and coach Charlie Manuel because he lived in Fries for a few months while his father preached at a local church.

But there were other players from the 30's and 40's who "had the right stuff," but never chose to play. One of those was Paul Akers. Locals always called him "Huck." Lora just called him Paw-Paw. Lora grew up hearing the exploits of her grandfather, not from him, but from all those who saw him play, played with him, or had to face his pitches.

Huck was offered a minor league contract but turned it down because he couldn't stand the thoughts of being away from his wife, and his two darling twins, one of which was Lora's mother. He never gave up the game he loved, even playing in annual Fries Old Timers games well into his 70's.

In the spring of 2003, the CBS Early Show (which is now known as CBS Mornings) ran a contest called, "The Week of Wishes." They invited people to write in and tell of unsung heroes. Lora, fresh out of Hollins College, wrote, telling

them about how her grandfather had given up his dreams of becoming a major league pitcher because he had a family to support. So instead of working for little pay in the minors, he continued to work in the Fries Cotton Mill. To the young granddaughter's amazement, they chose her wish that her Paw-Paw could travel to Atlanta to see the Braves play.

A CBS camera crew came to Fries and filmed the family and others who knew Huck. Then, on May 18, 2003, Lora and her grandparents flew to New York City. CBS picked them up in a limo and put them up at The Pierre Hotel. Needless to say, they had never experienced anything like this. Later that evening, they ate at Mickey Mantle's.

The next morning, they arrived at The Early Show, where Harry Smith interviewed Huck. The grandparents thought they were only there to talk about the early days of baseball. They did not know about Lora's letter. Then Harry Smith told them that they were actually there because Lora's letter had been chosen to have her grandfather's greatest wish granted. A representative of the Braves came onstage and told Huck she had a video for him. Bobby Cox, famed Brave's coach, then appeared on the screen and told Huck he was coming to Atlanta for any game of his choosing as a guest of the Braves. Once there, he would get to watch batting practice and serve as an Honorary Team Captain. The representative then presented Huck with a Braves jersey with Akers on the back.

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Attendees for ACC Kickoff named

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Wednesday the 42 student-athletes who will attend the 2022 ACC Football Kickoff, July 20-21, at The Westin Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina. For the second consecutive year, each of the league's 14 teams will bring three players to the annual event.

ACC Network will broadcast live from the ACC Football Kickoff. The two days of expansive coverage will begin at 9 a.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday and the 24/7 national network dedicated to ACC sports will provide the event's most robust television coverage to date.

Among the offensive players will be nine quarterbacks, seven offensive linemen, four wide receivers, two tight ends and two running backs. Defensively, eight linebackers are scheduled to attend, along with seven defensive linemen and three defensive backs.

Four of the quarterbacks at this year's event ranked among the ACC's top five in passing yards per game last season – Virginia's Brennan Armstrong (first, 404.5 yards per game), Wake Forest's Sam Hartman (third, 302 ypg), Miami's Tyler Van Dyke (fourth, 293.1 ypg) and NC State's Devin Leary (fifth, 286.1 ypg).

Hartman threw 39 touchdown passes in 2021 to rank second in the conference and leads returning ACC quarterbacks this season. Leary threw for 35 touchdowns last fall and Armstrong for 31.

The ACC continued to establish itself as the Conference of Quarterbacks in 2021, and many of the leading players return this season. Armstrong ranked fourth nationally in total passing yards (4,449) while Hartman (4,228) ranked seventh. Hartman's 39 touchdown passes tied for fifth nationally, and Leary's 35 TD passes ranked 10th. Armstrong stood second nationally in total yards per game (427.3), and Hartman (327.9) placed seventh. Louisville's Malik Cunningham led the league with 20 rushing touchdowns, while also averaging 218.5 yards passing. Boston College's Phil Jurkovec (255.8 passing ypg in 2021), Clemson's DJ Uiagalelei (15 career starts; 196.5 total offense/game in 2021), Florida State's Jordan Travis (14 career starts, holds school career record for QB rushing yards and rushing touchdowns) and Syracuse's Garrett Shrader (14 rushing TDs in 2021) round out the quarterback contingent at media day.

North Carolina's Josh Downs, who led the league in receptions per game and was second in receiving yards per game, is among the Tar Heels' three representatives. Georgia Tech's Dylan Leonard and Miami's Will Mallory – two of the league's top tight ends – will attend the event in Charlotte.

Four of the top 10 and six of the top 18 tacklers from last year will be in Charlotte, including Virginia's Nick Jackson, who led the league with 117 stops (9.8 per game). Syracuse linebacker Mikel Jones (2nd, 9.3 per game), NC State's Drake Thomas (4th, 8.3) Duke's Shaka Heyward (6th, 8.2 per game), Florida State's Jammie Robinson (10th, 7.1), Virginia Tech's Dax Hollifield (11th, 7.0 per game) and Pitt's SirVocea Dennis (18th, 6.7 per game) also will attend ACC Kickoff. Linebacker Yasir Abdullah, the league's returning leader in sacks (10) and tackles for loss (17.5), will represent Louisville.

The ACC Kickoff student-athletes hail from 18 states with eight from Florida, seven from North Carolina and six from Georgia. Three call the com-

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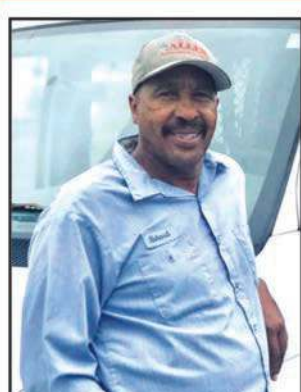


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Public Hearing Regarding Budget Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 Frist Street, N.W. to appropriate the following funds.


From: Virginia Department of Health	\$174,766
To: Brookmont Project	\$174,766

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed budget amendment should appear at the Town Council Meeting or to submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

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For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 711 for assistance in reaching the Town.

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Town of Pulaski Bids/Quotes For Street Striping

The Town of Pulaski will accept bids/quotes for street striping until July 29, 2022.

The successful bidder will be responsible for all materials, equipment, traffic control, safety devices, cones, etc. necessary to accomplish the work. The project will include approximately **193,000** linear feet of four (4) inch wide yellow striping and approximately **71,000** linear feet of four (4) inch wide white striping. The exact date(s) in which the striping will occur will be determined by the Town of Pulaski upon the completion of the street paving. Striping should be completed within five (5) calendar days of commencement.

All streets listed will be painted with materials and workmanship which meet the Virginia Department of Transportation specifications. Paint is to be applied at a rate of 310 linear feet or less per gallon, with glass beads applied at least seven (7) pounds per each gallon of paint. Each bidder shall review the streets to be painted and submit questions regarding their proposal prior to the bidding. All bids/quotes are to be submitted to:

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General Superintendent Dept. Public Works
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Phone: (540) 994-8651
Fax: (540) 980-8591

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Public Notice Board of Supervisors


The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider a recommendation on a change to the Pulaski County Zoning Map. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022 in the Board Room of the Pulaski County Administration Building located at 143 3rd Street NW, in the Town of Pulaski, to consider comments regarding the application listed below;

- 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.

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, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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

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Public Notice Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, July 25, 2022, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

- Re-Adoption of the Zoning Map of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the County of Pulaski, Virginia

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

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The New River Valley Airport Commission
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Total Assets	\$9,980,009
Total Liabilities	\$787,877
Total Net Position	\$9,213,668
Total Revenues	\$900,761
Total Expenses	\$796,890
Increase in Net Position	\$103,871

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River Turtles in 4th

Patriot Staff Report
Princeton scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth to beat Pulaski, 6-4 Wednesday night.

The two teams were scheduled to square off again Thursday in Princeton.

The loss Wednesday dropped Pulaski to 15-20 on the season.

The loss gave Pulaski a four-game losing streak, and dropped the River Turtles into fourth place in the five-team East Division, 10 and a half games out of first place and only a half-game ahead of cellar dweller Bluefield.

The River Turtles return home Friday for a three-game homestand against the Bristol Stateliners.

Huck

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In July 2003, Lora and her grandparents traveled to Atlanta. They were given rooms at the Ritz Carlton Hotel by CBS and treated to box seats where the players’ families sit at Turner Field. Huck decided though that ballplayers don’t sit in fancy box seats. He left the guide, walked down to the dug-out and plopped down with the other players, like he belonged there.

Lora apologized to the guide and offered to bring him back to the seats. The guide made a few phone calls, and announced the front office said he could stay for

PCHS track coach resigns

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County High School’s state champion track and field team has lost its head coach.

PCHS Athletic Director Scott Vest confirmed Wednesday night that Sirak Ogbagabir has resigned as head coach and will be moving back to Northern Virginia to be closer to his family.

The news comes just over a month since Ogbagabir coached his Cougar thinclads to the Class 4A state track and field championship on June 4.

Ogbagabir had been the Cougar track and field program’s leader since becoming head coach in 2013. He came

to PCHS as an assistant track coach in 2008.

A native of Eritrea, Africa – a nation located in the Horn of Africa on the eastern coast that is bordered by Ethiopia and Sudan – he moved with his family to Northern Virginia. They lived in Woodbridge and Ogbagabir attended Garfield High School.

He would later attend the University of Toledo and eventually Radford University before coming to Pulaski County High School.

At the state track and field meet, held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Pulaski County won the state title with a score of 63 points – three points better than runner-up Deep Creek.

a while. Later, Lora found out that no fan had ever been in the dugout during batting practice.

He got to talk to all the Braves’ stars of that time. As Honorary Team Captain, he got to see the teams exchange lineups at home plate. He then rejoined the others in the stands.

Lora had many cherished moments with her grandfather, but she said the most precious moment was when the two of them stood up during the Seventh Inning Stretch and sang, “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.”

Three years later, Huck passed

away. As per his wish, he was buried in his Braves jersey.

So, Lora will be making that pitch on July 24th. I hope you’ll all come to see her. She’ll be wearing her Paw-Paw’s Old Timers baseball cap. Her feet may be on the infield of Calfee Park, but her heart will be in Atlanta, standing with her Paw-Paw, singing Take Me Out to the Ball Game.

Jerry L. Haynes is a local author, and is the host of the website, www.BringingHopeAndHappiness.com

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Town Council Public Hearing

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

- 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.

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 Tuesday, August 2, 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.

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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.”

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Arians, Chancellor, Hall lead 2022 Tech Hall class

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BLACKSBURG — The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame continues to grow in prestige and tradition, as a pair of NCAA champions and two Super Bowl champions, along with multiple ACC title holders, were selected as part of the seven-member 2022 class.

The 2022 class of inductees includes:

Bruce Arians, a former Virginia Tech quarterback (1971-74) with over eight years of head coaching experience in the NFL. In 2021, he lifted the Lombardi Trophy with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Kam Chancellor, a two-time ACC champion that recorded

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monwealth of Virginia home, with two each from Ohio, Connecticut and New Jersey. Eleven states are each represented by one player, along with Quebec, Canada (Syracuse offensive lineman Matthew Bergeron).

The complete list of 2022 ACC Football Kickoff student-athletes include:

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DeWayne Carter, DT, Pickerington, Ohio

Shaka Heyward, LB, Dacula, Georgia
Jacob Monk, OL, Clayton, North Carolina

Florida State
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Jordan Travis, QB, West Palm Beach, Florida

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Caleb Chandler, OG, Jefferson, Georgia
Malik Cunningham, QB, Montgomery, Alabama

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Jahfari Harvey, DE, Port St. Lucie, Florida

Will Mallory, TE, Jacksonville, Florida
Tyler Van Dyke, QB, Glastonbury, Connecticut

North Carolina
Head Coach Mack Brown
British Brooks, RB, Gastonia, North Carolina

208 total tackles in his Virginia Tech career. Chancellor went on to be a Super Bowl champion and two-time All-Pro player.

Mike Gentry, a staple in the growth of Virginia Tech football as the strength and conditioning coach. The 29-year servant of the athletics department became a member of the USA Strength and Conditioning Coach Hall of Fame in 2010.

Dorotea Habazin, a three-time All-American that was the second woman to ever win a national championship at Virginia Tech. Habazin claimed four ACC titles in her career, including three in the hammer throw and one in the weight throw.

Vince Hall, a four-year starter that holds the Virginia Tech re-

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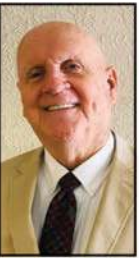
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We must not show favoritism in church

James 2, Verses 1-4. “My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?”

It is said that actions speak louder than words. Our Christian faith must be evident in our actions, if we ever hope to be the kind of loving Christians that God wants us to be.

If we offend those who come to our services, they’ll leave unsaved and never come back. Not only that but they’ll spread the news of their being offended to all of their friends and family members, and they won’t come either.

Our treatment of others shows if we have the love of God residing in our hearts and lives or not. We can never win anyone to Christ if we don’t show them love. “Love conquers all. Love never fails.”

Christian faith needs to be put into action on a daily basis. If we look down our noses at those who are unsaved, or at those who are not like us, they’ll see it, and they’ll know our true character, and they’ll not want to be like us. We really need to be good examples, to draw people to God, and not bad examples that will drive them away.

There is no place for favoritism in the Church. We all stand on level ground at Calvary. There should be no big I’s or little You’s in the Church.

James here in Chapter 2, gives the example of a well-dressed, rich man coming into a Church Service and being received with open arms; while a poor man comes into the same Church Service and is pushed aside to a much lessor place. The rich man is escorted to, and seated in a good place. But the poor man is told to stand to the side, or to sit on the floor. This is discrimination. It is showing favoritism. And it’s sinfully wrong!

James tells us that IF a Christian Congregation should act in this manner, they are judges with evil thoughts.

We need to consider the example of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior. He ministered equally to the wealthy, the poor, the respected and the despised. No one who came to Jesus was ever treated with greater or lesser attention, because of their circumstances or status of life.

I heard a story one time by a preacher, who was preaching on love, and it was about a poor, raggedy man with no shoes, and long tangled hair, coming into a Church Service that was already in process.

He looked for a place to sit down. No one would move over and let the man sit beside of them in the pew. Finally the man set down in the aisle on the floor.

Some chirped to those sitting around them, “Would you just look at that? The Ushers ought to come down and take ahold of that tramp and take him back out to the Street.”

About that time, an aged

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

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC
Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor Jason Crandall
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360,
www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

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

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

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

First United Methodist Church
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)
Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Hispanic Service: 3 p.m.
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
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website: www.fumcpulask.org
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WBLB 10:00 am

Belspring Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
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Men's Sunday School:10 am
Worship: 11 am

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy
4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services
announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at
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safety guidelines of social distancing, masks,
cleaning, and disinfection.

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

First Missionary Baptist Church
7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)
2755 Old Baltimore Road,
Draper, VA 24324
Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
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Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA
2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist
Pastor: Judy Yonce
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy
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Pulaski, VA 24301
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www.pulaskigracemin.com
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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.
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Dublin Christian Church
5605 Dunlap Road
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Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Richard R. Goad, Jr.
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Youth Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's
Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
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Interim Pastor: Rev. Graham Mitchell
(540) 980-2132
Email: firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)
5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
(and Facebook)
Office: 540-633-3761
Email:
office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am

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

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

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

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.
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Worship 11 a.m.
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Monday Bible Study
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Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

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

Dora Highway Baptist Church
321 Dora Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Harry Gunter
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 320-0738

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

Grace Episcopal Church
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Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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New Hope Church
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Aldersgate United Methodist
1946 Medallion Drive
Pulaski, VA 24301
(540) 980-1349
Pastor Jim Goddard
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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

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

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540-315-2317
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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

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

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

McCraw

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Usher walked down to where the young man was sitting. Somebody said, “well it’s about time.” But the old Usher took off his shoes and sat down in the aisle beside of the young man and put his arm around him. Welcoming him to the service. The young man was touched by this showing of Christian love and gave his heart to the Lord when the altar call was given.

My dad used to say, “You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar.” I would say it a little differently about what we do as a Church. “You can win more souls to Christ with Love, than with apathy, mockery or indifference.”

One preacher said, our job as fishers of men is to catch them, and let God clean them up.

James 2: Verses 5-7. “Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him? But ye hath despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by which ye are called?”

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the gospel to the poor and infirmed. In Matthew 11:5 it says, “The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.”

The poor readily received the gospel from Jesus, while the wealthy despised and rejected Him.

These poor who received the gospel of Christ, had faith in Christ, and it put them in possession of spiritual blessings, and gave them a right to enter into the kingdom of God. These poor were despised of men, but were highly prized of God.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Leviticus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Deuteronomy 10: What tribe of Israel had the responsibility for moving the Ark of the Covenant? Gad, Dan, Levi, Asher
 3. Which Old Testament prophet married an adulterous woman named Gomer? Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah
 4. From John 11: How many days was Lazarus in the grave before being resurrected? 1, 2, 3, 4
 5. What city is associated with Joshua and the blowing of the trumpets? Jericho, Bethel, Bethlehem, Cana
 6. Where did Elijah bring a widow’s son back to life? Smyrna, Corinth, Sardis, Zarephath
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Levi; 3) Hosea; 4) 4; 5) Jericho; 6) Zarephath
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Psalm 19:6-7

It **ris**es at **one end** of the **heavens** and **ma**kes its **circuit** to the **othe**r; **no**thing is **deprived** of its **warmth**. The **law** of the **LORD** is **perfect**, refreshing the **soul**. The **statutes** of the LORD **are** trustworthy, **making wise** the **simple**.

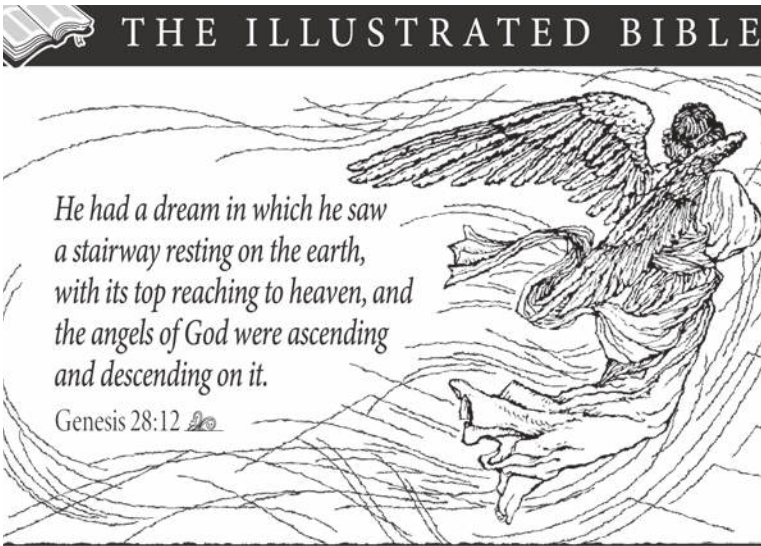
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
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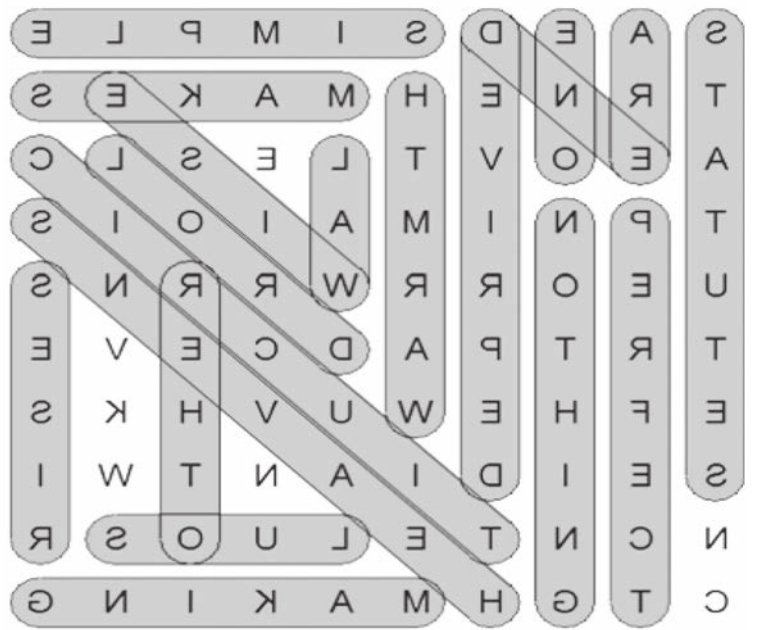
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Only the divine Lord can tell us how we should live

From the writings of the Rev.
Billy Graham

Q: I grew up an only child in a wealthy environment abroad. My parents indulged me in every way and left discipline to my au pair who wanted only to please my parents. I took advantage of my freedom and as I grew older, I worked the system, getting what I wanted when I wanted it. I am now a mother and spoiled and my marriage is in trouble. While I’ve seen the bad results of my raising and the damage it’s caused -- particularly in

my relationships -- it’s hard to believe that I can really change from what’s ingrained in me. My sweet mother-in-law says it is possible through Jesus Christ. Really? - S.W.

A: History vividly illustrates what the Bible clearly affirms, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). Education and discipline can do no more than rub off the rough edges of human selfishness -- but Christ alone, the divine Son of God, has power to change the human heart. And He



**My
Answer**

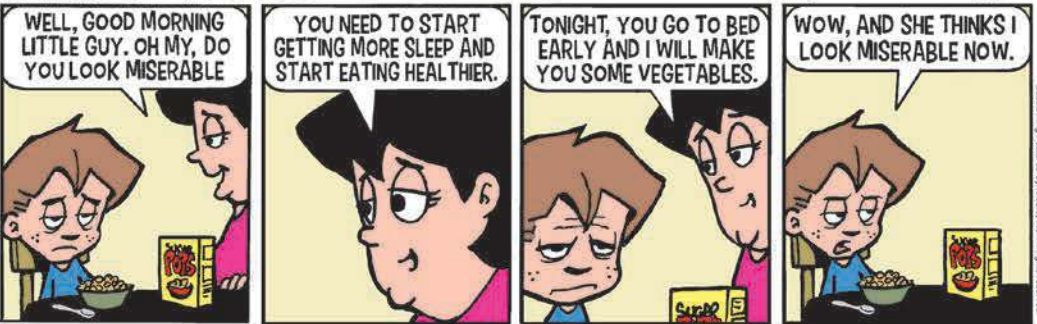
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does. Christ can take the most sin-laden, selfish, evil person and bring forgiveness and new life. The Bible says, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). His power to

change the human heart is further proof of His divine nature.

Yes, Jesus Christ is who He said He is: God Himself in human form. And that is a crucial truth that undergirds the reality of our salvation. Only the divine Savior could die as the perfect and complete sacrifice for our sins. Only the divine Lord can tell us how we should live. Only the risen and ascended Son of God is worthy of our worship and our obedience. When we confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, His Spirit comes to reside in us and transforms us.

Amber Waves



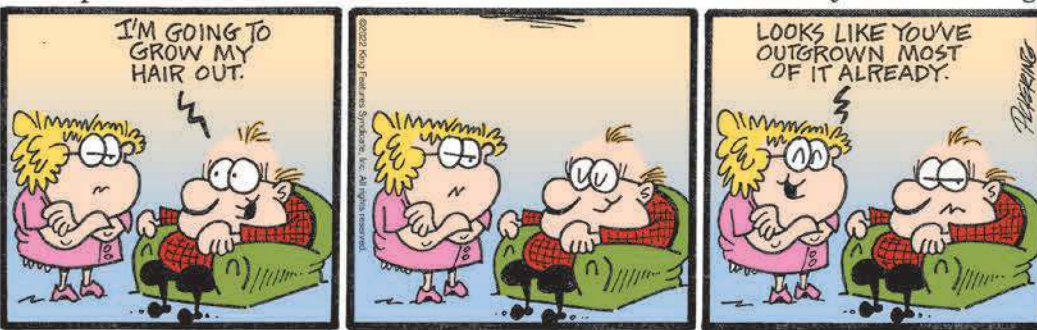
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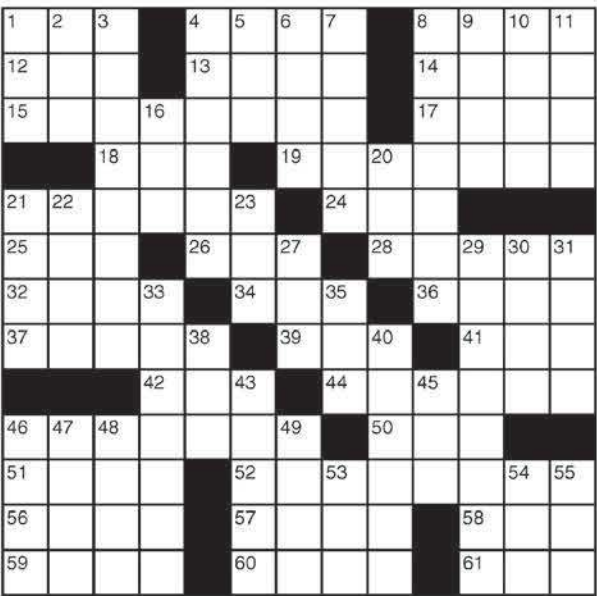
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ACROSS

- 1 Hotel amenity
- 4 Beach bucket
- 8 "— it going?"
- 12 Sandwich meat
- 13 Roughly
- 14 "Garfield" dog
- 15 Class that includes newts and frogs
- 17 Style
- 18 Corn serving
- 19 Took the helm
- 21 Clara of the Red Cross
- 24 Guffaw syllable
- 25 Lawyers' org.
- 26 Label
- 28 Potato, for one
- 32 Toy block name
- 34 "Uh-huh"
- 36 The Big Easy acronym
- 37 Put in office
- 39 Sea, to Henri
- 41 Kimono closer
- 42 Nanny's charge
- 44 Beach robe
- 46 Boris' cartoon partner
- 50 Twitch
- 51 Hgt.
- 52 Highway turn-



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- 58 — jongg
- 59 June honorees
- 60 Sheltered
- 61 Group of seals
- DOWN**
- 1 Na Na lead-in
- 2 Nonstick spray
- 3 Electrical strength
- 4 Christie sleuth
- 5 Wall St.
- 6 Egyptian deity
- 7 Reluctant
- 8 Four-bagger
- 9 Air freshener target
- 10 Broad
- 11 Feeder filler
- 16 Fez, e.g.
- 20 "Dig in!"
- 21 Hay bundle
- 22 First victim
- 23 Opposing vote
- 27 Wrigley product
- 29 Training site
- 30 Exile isle
- 31 Picnic spoiler
- 33 Scale ranges
- 35 Chest muscle
- 38 Lean- (sheds)
- 40 Baby's toy
- 43 Letter before iota
- 45 Fragrant tree
- 46 Must have
- 47 Inter —
- 48 See to
- 49 Skater's leap
- 53 — -de-France
- 54 Chinese chairman
- 55 Prof's degree

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top ten

Meat-Eating Countries*

1. Argentina
2. U.S.
3. Brazil
4. Israel
5. Chile
6. Kazakhstan
7. Australia
8. Canada
9. Switzerland
10. Norway

*per capita consumption
Source: OECD

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the most islands?
2. AD SLOGANS: Which product is advertised with the slogan "The snack that smiles back"?
3. MOVIES: Which animated movie features more than 10,000 balloons?
4. TELEVISION: Who did Jim Halpert marry in the long-running sitcom "The Office"?
5. HISTORY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States (1867) for \$7.2 million?
6. MUSIC: Which rock group had an album titled "Dark Side of the Moon"?
7. LITERATURE: Which novel introduces a character named Lisbeth Salander?
8. SCIENCE: What is the name for magma after it has erupted?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state was the first to join the union after the original 13 colonies?
10. ANATOMY: What is also known as the voice box in human anatomy?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Glasses are missing. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Box is missing. 5. Name is different. 6. Boomerang is missing.

Answers

1. Sweden
2. Goldfish crackers
3. "Up"
4. Pam Beesly
5. Russia
6. Pink Floyd
7. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"
8. Lava
9. Vermont
10. Labyrinth

King Crossword

Americanisms

"Barbeque may not be the road to world peace, but it's a start."
— Anthony Bourdain

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Below 2. Should 3. Finite 4. Daily

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: L equals N

XTLFU MCWX OBU LMFSPBLOW OLR
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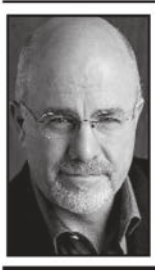
Dear Dave,
My husband and I have a beginner emergency fund set aside, and we're working on paying off \$30,000 in credit card debt and two cars in Baby Step 2. He would also like us to start putting money aside for a couple of trips and a few other things we have always wanted. This makes me nervous, because we have made so much progress over the last year in getting control of our finances, paying off debt and living on a budget. I understand wanting something to look forward to, but I would hate to see us slow down when we are doing so well. How do you feel about this?

Marie

Dear Marie,
Okay, so you have two car payments hanging over your heads, plus a bunch of credit card debt, and your husband wants to throw saving for toys and vacations into the mix? I'm sure he's a good guy, and he has obviously been on-board with your financial overhaul so far, but I wouldn't recommend doing this.

The reason people are successful following my plan is because I teach common sense methods, wrapped up in unbridled, scorched-earth intensity. There's a process here. There's an idea combined with passion. And when you plug into it full force, you're going to move in a positive direction so quickly it'll make your head spin.

You know how I say personal finance is 80% behavior and only 20% head knowledge? It's true. Behaviors have to change. The more dramatically they



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

change, the better the results and the faster you progress. But if you don't plug into it, you'll fall back into the same old things.

It's okay to save up for a trip or buy some fun stuff in the general philosophy of life. But getting out of debt, and having control of your finances should come first. Remember when you were a kid, and you had to finish your dinner or clean up your room before going out to play? That's what I teach. Work first, play later.

Trust me. It'll pay off in the long run!

— Dave

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

Ballard named to Board of Veterans Services

Delegate C. Todd Gilbert, the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, has appointed two new members to serve on the Virginia Board of Veterans Services (BVS):

- Newly appointed are:
- Delegate Jason S. Ballard of Pearisburg (12th District)
- Delegate Mike A. Cherry of Colonial Heights (66th District)

Delegate Ballard is a U.S. Army veteran and currently serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

PULSE

July 21

Radford Photo Club Meeting

Landscape Photography at the July 21 meeting of the Radford Photo Club. The meeting is at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. It will be followed by an outing to a nearby park to practice landscape photography. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Learn more about the club by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook.

Oct. 14

PHS Class of 1967 Reunion

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

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.

Radford Clothing Bank

The Radford Clothing Bank is open by appointment only. To qualify for free clothing, you must receive Medicaid or SNAP (Food Stamps). Call the Clothing Bank at 633-5050, Monday – Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. to make an appointment. Hours for shopping are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12

a.m. and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Clothing Bank is located at 2000 West St., Radford, Va. Donations of clothing, shoes, purses, and linens are being accepted.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

Donations Needed

The Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member that is buried in this cemetery and would like to make a donation you may mail your contribution to Peggy Cregger PO Box 164, Hiwassee, VA 24347.

Lifestyles Changes

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Commerce Street Flea Market

The Commerce Street Flea Market in Pulaski will run every Saturday from May 7 to Sept. 24, except for those Saturdays when the Town of Pulaski is using the street for another event. Setup for vendors begins at 6:30 a.m. and customers can attend from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the market closes. Contact person for the market is Nick Glenn at 230-2794.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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