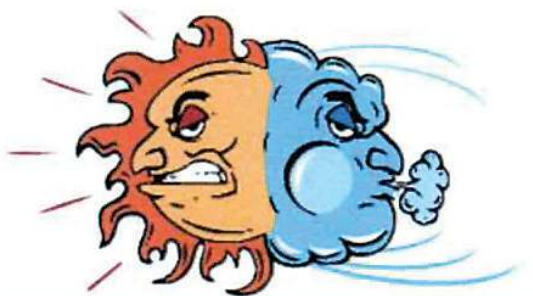




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Health clinic at PCHS said to be a 'done deal'

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Plans to establish a school-based health clinic at Pulaski County High School are a done deal, according to school board chairman Dr. Paige Cash.

That news did not sit well with one parent at Tuesday's school board meeting, who said others in the community also are not pleased with plans for a school-based health clinic.

The idea of establishing a clinic at PCHS first surfaced in March when the school board heard a presentation from officials of the Community Health Center of the New River Valley, which had previously spearheaded the establishment of a clinic at Giles High

School and would operate the one planned at PCHS.

Michelle Brauns, Chief Executive Officer for the Community Health Center, headquartered in Christiansburg, said in March all four of its clinics – including the one at Giles High – provide family medical care, dental care and behavioral health services.

The PCHS clinic would provide the same, and – like Giles High – treat students and staff.

Prescription drugs are prescribed to a pharmacy and would not be given to patients at the PCHS clinic. However, drugs such as Tylenol and Ibuprofen will be available.

Following another presentation Tuesday on the clinic at PCHS by Community Health Center offi-

cials, Cash asked, "You did say that if a student shows up at the clinic and does not have the parental consent paperwork on file, you will contact the parent."

The health center official responded, "Absolutely!"

"You will not treat a student who does not have parental consent," Cash asked.

"Right," responded the health center official.

"I think that's been a hang-up among some members of the community, is that they are afraid that we're going to be handing out puberty blockers and birth control pills to students – anybody who wants one at this clinic. But if they come to the door and they don't have this (parental consent)

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Long-awaited Fazoli's set to open Tuesday in Dublin

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Renovation, upgrade coming to Jackson Park Inn

The Jackson Park Inn (JPI) in Pulaski today announced plans to renovate and upgrade its hotel facilities.

JPI opened in 2015 as an independent boutique hotel, an artful renovation of an historic building located at 68 First Street NW in downtown Pulaski. Locally known as the Dunnivant Building and originally constructed in the 1920's, the building was originally a cannery and grocery warehouse.

The hotel currently has 32 rooms and suites located on the second and third floors of the building, with the first floor housing the lobby area, restaurant and meeting areas.

In 2021, JPI joined the Choice Hotels franchise family as part of the Ascend Hotel Collection. As the luxury segment of the Choice brands (which include Comfort

Inn, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, Clarion and MainStay Suites), Ascend members are hotels of historic or local distinction with unique character and architecture, but still able to participate in the popular Choice Rewards and other franchise programs to promote local gem hotels as part of a national chain.

Recognized for its massive interior beams and exposed brick walls, Jackson Park Inn was an ideal fit for the Ascend Collection. Booking demand has been overwhelming since joining the Choice chain in November, leading hotel ownership to look at new ways to improve the hotel's offerings.

"With limited space and no area to expand the building's overall footprint, the tough decision has been made to shrink restaurant operations and dedicate much of



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Renovation of the Jackson Park Inn will have an impact on AI's on First restaurant.

the building's first floor to additional hotel rooms" announced Shelor Companies' CFO Missy Gentry.

"There has always been some conflict operating a busy restaurant and a hotel in the same small space. We found ourselves always making some sort of compromise ... primarily limiting the restaurant's hours and events to control the noise level for the rooms above. As the hotel has

become much busier, with most guests checking in around the dinner hour, parking has become a real problem too. Unfortunately it is simply time to choose which part of the operations to prioritize and the hotel wins out. We feel it is important for every town to have a quality hotel for both corporate and leisure travel, and we want to be the most unique and outstanding hotel in the New River Valley region. Earlier this summer the restaurant operated for a limited time in the front bar/lounge area and the experiment went very well. We were able to serve our hotel guests and still accommodate a lot of local traffic for dinner. We will make this the permanent arrangement, with the same great food and beverage

quality we have provided since 2015 just a smaller version."

Management does not intend to eliminate any jobs, instead will likely expand its workforce as the hotel continues to grow in popularity.

Full details of the renovation will be shared upon completion of the architectural plans, but the scope of work includes an expanded lobby, modern breakfast service area, fitness center, outdoor lounge area and potentially a swimming pool. Existing rooms are also slated for a facelift with new floorcoverings, furnishings and décor.

Changes to the restaurant format will take place immediately, with building renovations scheduled to begin later this year.

Fazoli's

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cer of CCKKY, LLC to open Fazoli's highly anticipated location.

"We're excited to bring Fazoli's tasty Italian cuisine and famous breadsticks to Dublin," Young said. "We look forward to our grand opening and can't wait for the community to stop by and indulge in our signature pastas and famous breadsticks. We know

Fazoli's will be everyone's new favorite go-to for delicious Italian!"

Dublin's new Fazoli's will be open Sunday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For more information on this location, visit fazolis.com.



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Clinic

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paperwork on file, you won't see them."

"Right," the health center official responded.

However, the medical director of the clinic spoke up and noted there are four instances allowed by state law in which a minor shall be deemed an adult and receive care without parental consent.

According to the Code of Virginia, "a minor shall be deemed an adult for the purpose of consenting to:

- 1-Medical or health services needed to determine the presence of or to treat venereal disease or any infectious or contagious disease that the State Board of Health requires to be reported;
- 2-Medical or health services required in case of birth control, pregnancy or family planning except for the purposes of sexual sterilization;
- 3-Medical or health services needed in the case of outpatient care, treatment or rehabilitation for substance abuse as defined in Code section 37.2-100; or
- 4-Medical or health services needed in the case of outpatient care, treatment or rehabilitation for mental illness or emotional disturbance.

He said in these four instances, state law requires that minors can be treated without parental consent, and they also determine who gets information after treatment.

"These come from the Commonwealth and are not negotiable," he stated.

Cash continued, "So at this particular clinic (PCHS), if a parent has not filed the papers giving consent, then that takes the student getting any information out of the equation ... at this clinic, but they can go to another clinic under Virginia law and get that information."

The health director responded, "There are different tiers of control - what the state says, and the parameters established from the school system."

"If you deny them (minor students) they will get it somewhere

else - virtually any other pediatric clinic or the health department."

Board member Penny Golden added, "That was what we were told in March, that we can say no contraceptives - none of that, and direct them to where they can get that."

The health director responded, "That's right."

"You said that's never happened in Giles," Cash said, and he responded, "No, it hasn't."

Community Health Center officials plan to hold an open house at the PCHS clinic, being constructed now in the CTE building on campus, for the school board and parents of students.

Cash followed up with another question, whether taxpayers in Pulaski County will pay for the clinic.

Brauns responded, "Short answer - no."

Draper resident Billy Williams addressed the board on the clinic plans.

"I wish this meeting had happened in April [following the first mention of the clinic in March] and not so close to school starting. It almost sounds like - with the construction - that this is almost a done deal," Williams said.

He noted he had spoke with board member Timmy Hurst and relayed to him some of the issues parents have concerns with. Williams, too, then addressed the State Code section that allows for minor children to be treated without parental consent in four instancea.

"Pulaski County is in the business of education, we're not in the business of diagnosing, treating or prescribing medicines. Even a letter of understanding between Pulaski County and Community Health by this board will not stop them from doing it. They can say they will, but they're not going to break the law of Virginia in order to satisfy this," Williams stated.

"As far as how the facility has come along, is it a done deal," Williams asked.

"Yes," responded Cash.

"If a parent does not want their child to be seen at the clinic, all they have to do is not fill out the paperwork," Cash said.

"Not according to the law," Williams stated.

"No, they don't fill out the pa-

perwork. This is different from that law. They (students) can go to another clinic without parental consent and get those services. But at our clinic there is an extensive amount of paperwork, and they (students) cannot be seen without that paperwork being filled out," Cash said.

The Health Center's medical director agreed.

In a discussion between Williams and the medical director, Williams said discussions about birth control should be held between the parent and child.

"This right here (State Code provisions) are circumventing the parent, which has happened so much in the last year," Williams stated. "And that's what the parents' concern are, it has nothing to do with health care. Everything [the health center officials] have mentioned they will do is already available for free through the different clinics in the community."

"If a parent is afraid their child is going to get birth control at this clinic, do not fill out the paperwork," Cash stated.

"We just covered the paperwork doesn't matter," Williams replied.

"No, it matters," Cash responded. "This is a health clinic and paperwork matters."

"All it's going to take is one student being told 'no,' [they can't get birth control at the clinic]," added board member Becki Cox.

Cash told Williams the place where students will get the most information on birth control is their phone or their friends.

"They're not going to get it from this clinic," Cash told Williams.

"Put your concerns to rest. In a year when we have treated all these other students for dental care and health care and nobody has gotten birth control, I'll be happy to have you back," Cash said.

"Parents are not very happy about this," Williams said.

"Then I hope they will contact us, and they will come to our meetings because we want to hear from them," Cash replied.

According to School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers, hopes are for construction of the clinic to be completed by early October.

Back to School movie night on tap Saturday

Pulaski County Parks & Recreation will be hosting a back to school movie night on Saturday, August 13th at Randolph Park starting at 8:30PM. This free event will screen the movie "Space Jam" sponsored by Hodge Insurance & Martins Pharmacy. Bring your blanket, chair, and favorite snack and enjoy the movie on the multipurpose field. A refreshment stand will also be open selling popcorn, candy, and soda. Seating for the event starts at 7:30PM.

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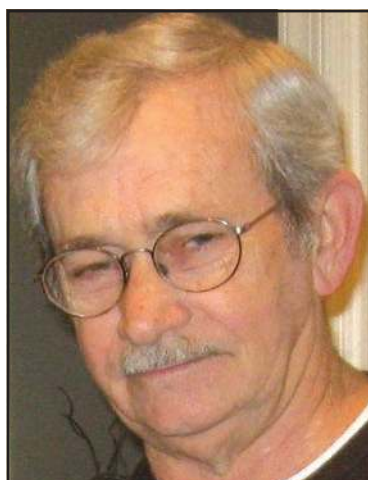
Janet LaVone Moore, 70, of Dublin, passed away on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alonzo Mathew Moore and Edith Hamilton Mills; brother, Tony Mills; and her stepfather, Rob Mills.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Jennifer Roop; daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Alan Surface; grandchildren, Brandon, Paige, Brett, and Annabel; brothers and sisters-in-law, Danny Hamilton, Randy Moore, Stanley and Ernestine Moore, and Robert and Pam Mills; sister, Candace Mills; special aunt, Nancy Miano; best friend until the end, Nancy Hardyman; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Brad and Tammy would like to specially thank Janet's neighbors for their love and support during this time.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 12 noon with Pastor Joe Collins officiating. Burial will follow in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

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



HARVEY ALBERT RIDDLE

Harvey Albert Riddle, age 79 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at his home.

Born November 4, 1942 in Giles County he was the son of the late Benjamin Tobias Riddle & Mammie Blanch Lindsey Riddle. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Lewis, Charlie, Roy, Bob Riddle and sisters, Edith Riddle Hetherington and Ethel Riddle.

Harvey is survived by his Wife of 59 years – Ella Riddle Daughters & Sons-in-law – Tonya & Sandy Collins, Susan Riddle & JimBob Spencer, Angel & Chris McCormick

Grandchildren – Gage & wife, Katie Collins, Zayne Albert Linkous, Scott McCormick

Great Grandchildren – Bentley, Colton, Brielle Collins

Several nieces and nephews

The family will receive friends from 3:00-5:00 PM – Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that memorials be sent to the American Parkinson Disease Foundation @ www.apdaparkinson.org or call toll free 1 (800) 223-2732.

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

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



MICHAEL DAVID JONES

Michael David Jones, 68, of Dublin, passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. He was an avid trout fisherman who loved all things involving the outdoors. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Mack and Lou Emma Jones.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Ben Jones Phillips and Tiffany; daughter and son-in-law, Michelle Jones Watts and Steve; grandchildren, Charlie, Oliver, Catalina, and Isabella; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Nellie Jones, and Gary and Jeanne Jones; sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Benny Hudson; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

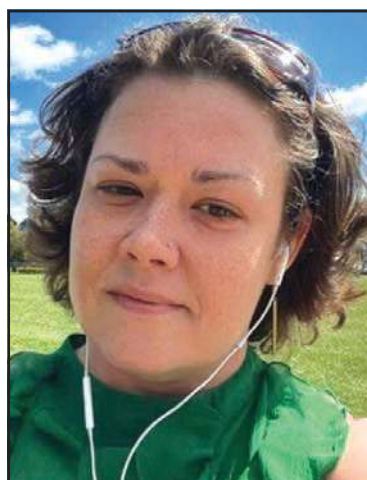
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For more information please contact Shay Dunnigan at sdunnigan@pulaskicounty.org or call 540-674-1513.



LEEANN AMBER HAUN

LeeAnn Amber Haun (formerly LeeAnn Anderson) departed from this world on June 22, 2022, in Roanoke, Virginia. She leaves behind numerous family members and friends to cherish her memory. She is survived by her father John Haun, his wife Rosemary, and their son Christopher, of Tazewell; her sisters, Crystal Haun and Tabitha Justice; her brother J.T. Haun; and two beloved daughters, Hailey Anderson and Jordan Anderson, whom she missed deeply and thought of often. She was preceded in death by her mother, Doris Ann Money, and her grandparents, Frances Holiway, Rita Haun, and Daniel Nelson Haun. LeeAnn was born September 17, 1984, and raised in McDowell County, WV. She spent her childhood learning to fend for herself, she sometimes said. She was the second middle child and often found herself on the fringes of activity, until she blossomed into a vivacious social butterfly, endearing herself to the hearts of many. She treasured meeting new people and being able to care for others. Her memories were her greatest treasures, however. Her favorite memories were of her daughters, and of her paternal grandmother's love for

her. She was Granny Rita's "little China doll," and Amber took up a family gauntlet by learning to make her homemade butter-milk biscuits. LeeAnn Amber played one final game of sibling Monopoly as a complete set with her sisters and brother in the wake of their mother's death in 2007. She spent the last few years of her life searching for self-fulfillment and healing, and found much brokenness and heartache along the way. Nevertheless, she touched the lives of many people throughout her life, and her desire for adventure took her across the United States.

Amber knew she was a sinner and knew Christ is the only Savior. Over the course of her life, she was reminded often of the love of the One, True God of Creation, who sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to fulfill all the righteousness humanity has forsaken, even submitting Himself in our place to suffer the wrath we deserve. Justice was satisfied through His self-sacrificial, substitutionary death, so mercy can be extended to sinners seeking peace with Him. Christ died and overcame even death, so that all who turn from a life of selfishness to seek God's will in all humility can receive forgiveness and healing for their souls. His appeal still stands, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

A memorial service will be held for LeeAnn at Pure in Heart Ministries, in Tazewell, VA, on Saturday, August 13, at 12:00 pm.

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

Pulaski County receives VACO Achievement Award

PULASKI COUNTY, VA – Pulaski County is pleased to announce its 2022 Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) Achievement Award in the Communications Category.

VACO recognizes excellence in local government programs. VACO received over 100 submissions for the Achievement Awards. Winning entries focused on addressing issues of the pandemic, connecting citizens, and other challenges that counties face daily.

Pulaski County received an Achievement Award for a mixed-media communications campaign to help with employee recruitment and retention.

"I am pleased that Pulaski County was recognized statewide for its strategic efforts in

problem-solving through a best practice award from our state association", said Pulaski County Administrator, Jonathan Sweet. "This award was made possible through creative collaborations between our Tourism and HR departments and a concerted focus from our leadership to attract and retain the best talent to the Pulas-

ki County Team."

Pulaski County, like most of the nation in both the private and public sectors during COVID-19, faced an employment crisis in critical departments: PSA, Emergency Services, Waste and Water Management, and Maintenance Management. These vacancies affected the functionality of the departments, compounded the workload of existing staff and created a decline in team morale.

"We took a creative and strategic marketing approach to attract personale," said Pulaski County Tourism Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Shelby Vandergriff. "By utilizing personal testimonials from employee ambassadors on social media, radio and print media, we were able to attract the right people for the specified areas of need."

The heartfelt testimonies of the employees resonated with the target audience and served as the inspiration for the campaign tagline – "Work Where Your Job Makes a Real Difference."

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Why eat leafy green veggies

By SHARON RICE,
FCS Extension Agent

Leafy green vegetables are an essential part of a healthy diet. They're packed with vitamins, minerals, and fiber but low in calories. Salad greens, kale, and spinach are rich in vitamins A, C, E, and K. These vegetables contain carotenoids- antioxidants that protect cells and may be one of the best cancer-preventing foods. Studies have shown that eating 2 to 3 servings of green leafy vegetables per week may lower the risk of developing certain cancers.

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Sheriff's Office donates 100 pairs of cleats to Rec Dept.

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday donated 100 pairs of sports cleats to the Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Department to allow all county youths a fair start in the sport of their choice.

"With the rising costs we are all experiencing, the strains on a household budget may be a deciding factor in youths not playing sports or potentially playing without the appropriate equipment," said Sheriff Mike Worrell. "With the help of Dick's Sporting Goods in Christiansburg and a recent change in the Asset Forfeiture Permissible Use Policy we are able to help alleviate the strain this would place on some families in Pulaski County."

Worrell explained that Asset Forfeiture Funds are funds seized from illegal drug activity investigated by the office's Patrol Division as well as the Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force. The funds seized during these arrests are many times awarded back to the agency/agencies who investigated, arrested and prosecuted the offenders.

As of July 1, funds that typically had to be used for law enforcement related purposes only, can now be used to strengthen relationships between the community and law enforcement.

Funds from asset seizures are not a budgeted line item for the Sheriff's Office due to the infrequent nature of the funds and the length of time it takes for the funds to be awarded by the courts.

"It is our hope that by using a portion of these funds for causes such as this, it encourages the youth to play a sport and it takes some of the burden off of families who struggle with the expenses involved," Worrell said.

"We appreciate the sheriff's office thinking of the parks and recreation department and the youth in the county," said Shay Dunnigan, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, noting the donation is much needed in the community.

Worrell commended the legislative changes that provided his department the opportunity to "give back to the community."

"It's an awesome opportunity," said Worrell to build relationships between the department and the community.



Members of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Mike Worrell present 100 pairs of sports cleats to the Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Department. Sheriff's Office personnel (behind the shoe boxes) are – from left – Captain Lucas Nester, Investigator Rose Ellis, Sergeant Josh Bowden, Deputy David Cressell, Major Danny Johnson, Lieutenant Paul Akers and Sheriff Worrell. From the Rec Department are C.J. Burgis (front left), Shay Dunnigan and Tyler Holman.

Mike Williams/The Patriot

Award

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efforts, Pulaski County created an appreciation event and referral program for all current and new employees.

"The Pulaski County Human Resources Department is truly invested in our employees and attracting talent", said Pulaski County Human Resources Director, Tammy Nichols. "As part of the campaign, we re-evaluated our hiring processes and revamped our onboarding system."

Pulaski County Human Resources now provides a faster means for employees to complete paperwork electronically, assigns mentors for new hires and provides welcome packets to new employees joining the Pulaski County Team as result of this effort.

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So-called Inflation Reduction Act Taxes and Spends

Like a horror movie monster seemingly finished off at the end returning for a sequel, the Democrat tax-and-spend reconciliation bill that once appeared dead has returned in the summer of 2022.

Originally dubbed "Build Back Better," this monster bill now goes by the "Inflation Reduction Act." The text, however, shows that it does no such thing.

Instead, it seeks to implement provisions of the Green New Deal, impose socialist price controls,



raise taxes, and empower the Internal Revenue Service.

Analysts have already dispensed with the idea that the so-

called Inflation Reduction Act would meaningfully reduce inflation. According to the Penn Wharton Budget Model, "The impact on inflation is statistically indistinguishable from zero." In fact, the model finds that the bill would continue to push inflation upward until 2024.

So the bill does not do what its title says it does, rendering it an example of George Orwell's Double-speak. But what do its authors and supporters say it will do?

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) tweeted: "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 will be the largest package on climate change ever passed by Congress."

The text of the bill supports this contention of Senator Schumer more than it supports the idea of inflation reduction. But the provisions he has in mind will hurt Americans already struggling to cope with soaring costs and unreliable energy while providing negligible benefits to the environment.

Shelling out billions of dollars to subsidize solar and wind power will not make those power sources more reliable. At the same time, the bill targets reliable and affordable fossil fuels with more taxes. More power plants using fossil fuels will close, but wind and solar will not be able to meet the resulting demand. Handing out billions of dollars in "environmental justice" grants will be little comfort to Americans who cannot be sure their power will stay on.

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), one of the bill's negotiators, argues that these provisions are balanced out by a commitment from Senator Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and President Biden to pass permitting reform separately, apparently including accelerating completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). There is reason to doubt, however, that these reforms will get enough support from his side of the aisle to become law. Further, many Virginians I know who live in the path of the MVP are opposed to its completion. Progressives may be happy to take what Senator Manchin offers them now and object to his permitting reforms later.

Another major Democrat priority included in this bill is price controls on prescription drugs. I agree that drug prices are too high and have worked on legislation with Democrats and Republicans to address the problem. The approach to drug prices taken in this bill, however, threatens to harm medical innovation without actually solving the price problem.

The bill's authors call the price controls "negotiations," but the negotiations take the form of telling drug companies that they have to come to terms or else be subject to punitive tax rates. When Democrats pushed similar legislation in the House of Representatives, I noted that this provision would run afoul of the Constitution's takings clause prohibiting the taking of private property for public use without just compensation. After I made that point, the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service agreed with my analysis that this provision was unconstitutional.

In addition to their unconstitutionality, these price controls would lead to less investment in medical innovation, reducing the number of treatments and cures available to patients. That outcomes counts as a significant cost to taxpayers.

To pay for these schemes, Democrats opted to raise taxes and expand the Internal Revenue Service. The bill would spend \$80 billion for the IRS to hire 87,000 new agents to go through the returns of ordinary Americans. A corporate minimum tax would fall heaviest on manufacturing and producing industries such as coal.

President Biden pledged not to raise taxes on Americans making under \$400,000, but citizens of all income levels would feel the hand of government falling heavier upon them.

Reducing inflation should be a priority of the Biden Administration and congressional Democrats. After all, they did so much to cause the problem. But bringing back the same old agenda and calling it inflation reduction is an insult to the Americans now pressured by surging costs and shrinking real wages.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671.

OPEN FORUM

Don't add LED lighting

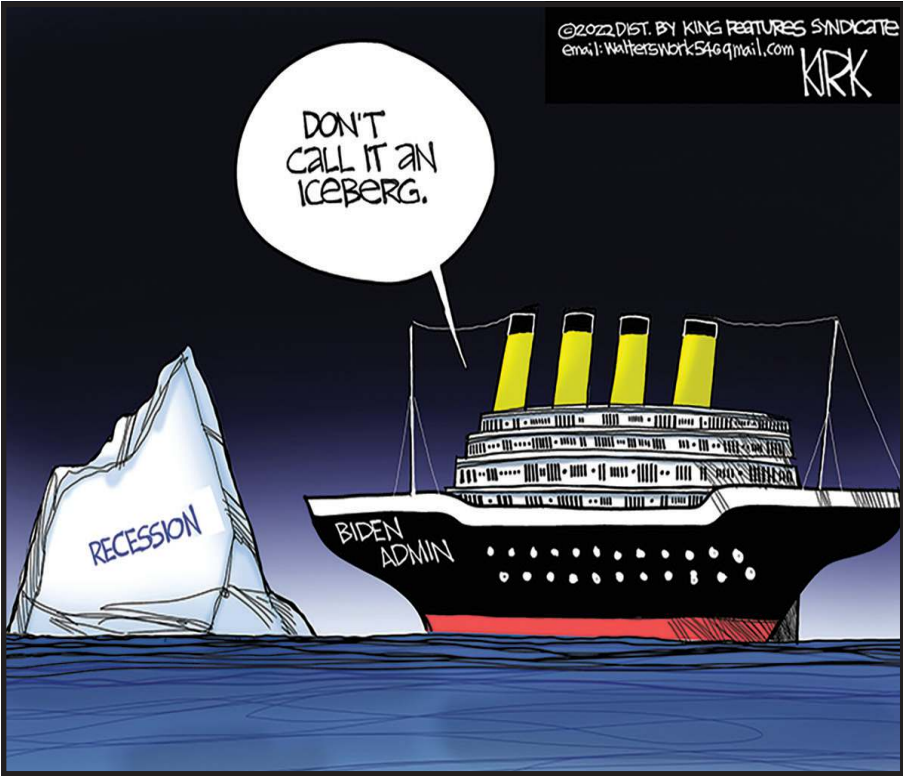
To the Editor,

Recently, I read in The Patriot that there has been a discussion among town council members concerning the town lighting. I understood that there was concern that we don't have enough light, and that the town should be better lighted. However, let us think this through very clearly as to the effects of such new lighting.

Currently, we have maintained the peaceful and cozy "ancient" light poles. These antique light poles, which have been there since my childhood and before (or are copies of the same) make our town what it is at night, a softly-glowing, welcome place full of light and shadows. I have taken many photos of our downtown at night, in summer and in the snow. It is a beautiful sight.

Contrast that in your mind's eye with street lights of bright-white LED quality. All photographic delight would be gone. There would be no color contrast, no softness, no shadows – just super-bright glaring, artificial, harsh, "small town trying to look modern" brilliance. Think of what Jackson Park would look like at night at Christmastime. All the beauty of the lighted trees and fountain which have graced us in the last few years would be overwhelmed with ugly, blazing white LED light. Frankly, I love the orange glow of the street lights on our residential street, too. It lights our bedrooms at night, yes, but the light is soft and does not disturb one's sleep. If white LED lights replace these, none of us will sleep; those with apartments downtown will find it even

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Back to School 2022

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

As parents prepare to send their children back to school, many will have made decisions about their child's education that will not only put them on a different trajectory, but also impact the public education system, which is being used in too many districts to indoctrinate more than educate.

Stories about drag queens in kindergarten, forcing students to use preferred pronouns, biological boys who say they are transgender using locker rooms and showers once reserved for girls, along with the pandemic which convinced growing numbers of parents that home schooling worked better - all of these are prompting an exodus of parents and now teachers from public schools.

The New York Times recently chronicled the trend: "In New York City, the nation's largest school district has lost some 50,000 students over the past two years. In Michigan, enrollment remains more than 50,000 below pre-pandemic levels from big cities to the rural Upper Peninsula.

"In the suburbs of Orange County, California, where families have moved for generations to be part of the public school system, enrollment slid for the second consecutive year; statewide, more than a quarter-million public school students have dropped from California's rolls since 2019."

Not only kids are abandoning public schools. Many teachers have also checked out. The Washington Post reports: "The teacher shortage in America has hit crisis levels -- and school officials everywhere are scrambling to ensure that, as students return to classrooms, someone will be there to educate them."

Speaking about the shortage of teachers, Dan Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendent Association, told the Post: "I have never seen it this bad."

The question is: what kind of classroom will public school kids return to? Will it be like classrooms in Portland, Oregon, where children as young as five will be taught transgender ideolo-

gy, sexual orientation and, reports The Washington Times, "the role of 'white colonizers' in marginalizing LGBTQ people"?"

Darla Romfo, president of The Children's Scholarship Fund which offers scholarships to students in poorly performing inner-city schools, responds to this sweeping woke-ism in an email: "When more than half of students can't even read proficiently and the pandemic only exacerbated this learning loss, especially for our most vulnerable students, why do schools insist on diverting time and resources into non-academic, controversial subjects that are confusing at best and don't align with many families values? Parents are tired of it and rightly so. And my advice is if your school doesn't respond to your concerns, find another school that will. There are no do-overs when it comes to your child's education."

U.S. students continue to lag behind other countries in reading, math and science. We appear to be number one in costs, though, averaging \$16,268 per student annually, well above the global average of \$10,759.

Parents have a right to ask if the cost equals the benefit, since it's their tax dollars.

With the proliferation of private schools, more readily available resources for home schooling and school choice in growing numbers of states, more parents are withdrawing their children from public schools.

The public school system, increasingly dominated by left-wing political and social ideology, has long been in need of reform, or burial. The trend seems to be headed in the burial direction, like previous aging monopolies.

President Biden has declared a "public health emergency" because of monkey pox. There is a vaccine to protect against monkey pox. The only protection from the public school intellectual and moral "infection" of children is to remove them.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcae-ditors@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

Joe Manchin's Travesty

Congress has never cared much about truth-in-labeling, but even by its standards, "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" is laughably absurd.

The deal reached by West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin and Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is getting puffed up by the media as a presidency-revitalizing achievement for President Joe Biden, when in reality it is the detritus of his stymied legislative agenda hastily thrown together in an incoherent muddle, under a deceptive name.

A signature of Biden's legislative strategy has been pursuing sweeping legislation that has nothing to do with the actual concerns of voters. Worried about inflation? Don't worry, we have a partisan, enormously ambitious voting rights bill, police reform bill, or new multi-trillion-dollar spending bill just for you.

Thankfully, Manchin significantly bid down what Biden and the rest of the party initially wanted to spend on so-called "Build Back Better." Otherwise, the new deal is as much of a non sequitur as ever. At a time of inflation, it offers hundreds of billions of new spending. As the economy dips into a recession or close to one, it offers hundreds of billions in new taxes. And its main element is more green energy spending, when the climate is far down the priority list for voters.

TITLE: None of this makes much sense. According to the estimate of the Penn Wharton Budget Model, the act would very slightly increase inflation in the near-term, when inflation is a problem, and very slightly decrease it after 2024, when -- one hopes -- it will already have fallen.

That's just some random model, you say? Well, Manchin used to rely on it.

Manchin brags about the \$300 billion in deficit reduction over 10 years, which is supposed to be one of the bill's counterinflationary bragging points. Just a week or so ago, though, the senator voted for the Senate's \$280 billion "Chips and Science" bill. What the West Virginia solon giveth with one hand, he taketh away with another.

Surely, Democrats will keep the new spending coming to the extent they can.

Manchin deserves credit for sounding the alarm about inflation when Democrats were still in denial. TITLE: Nonetheless, his own record isn't exactly sterling. Last year, he voted for the \$1.9 billion "rescue plan" that had some role in worsening inflation. Now, he claims to be tackling this inflation via fiscal rectitude while he freely spends more money.

In short, Manchin is an arsonist who shows up to put out the fire with a leaky hose.

The tax piece isn't any better. The 15% corporate income tax will hit manufacturers particularly hard, including the semiconductor manufacturers that Manchin and the Senate just went out of their way to subsidize. Again, which is it -- do those companies deserve to be

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OPEN FORUM

Planning, Zoning Director responds to Delegate’s letter

To the editor,

I have seen many opinions lately regarding how the County runs its operations. There have been claims of not enough transparency and trying to use political games to bully its citizens. The County’s Planning and Zoning Department would like to address some of these claims, specifically those that were made against the County based on a letter requesting that the Big Red Barn obtain a Special Use Permit to continue operations.

I would like to begin by stating that this letter did not come from County Administration, it in fact came from the Planning and Zoning Department, on behalf of the County Attorney, after many citizens have expressed concerns that the entrance to that property is a concern for citizen welfare, and after months of working with that property owner to bring the property into compliance with nothing being done.

Unlike previous opinion pieces that have been published recently, I, on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Department of Pulaski County, am not here to point fingers, but instead to provide the facts of the situation and allow the rest of the citizens of the County to have transparency on the matter.

When Ms. March took over the Big Red Barn property, County staff took the time to meet with Ms. March on site on March 15, 2022 to discuss the future uses of the property and what would be needed at the County level in order to comply. Over the last five months most of the requests have not been completed and most all of the issues are still prevalent. There have been months of email correspondence between the property owner and County staff, including staff of the Planning and Zoning department. Staff was always cordial and informative while trying to be helpful, which can be seen in the emails attached, but multiple requests for compliance have been ignored.

In order to operate a business in Pulaski County, every business owner must get a license filed with the Commissioner of Revenue’s office and file for a zoning permit that is required any time a property or existing building changes its use or occupancy. This is not a tremendous ask, and the zoning permit only costs \$25. While this property has received a business license, a zoning permit has never been filed. In conjunction with the zoning permit, a property owner must also state what types of business the property will be used for in order to ensure that the zoning of the property matches those

uses. The County has a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which states the different uses for each type of zoning, whether it be a permitted use, a conditional use, requiring a Special Use Permit, or not allowable.

Based on the types of uses that the Big Red Barn itself has marketed its property, there are several requirements that must be met to operate a legal business there. For example, in order to operate as a wedding venue in an Agriculture zoning district, which is a conditional use, the property must be at least five acres; provide proof of adequate parking, ingress and egress from the Virginia Department of Transportation; and there must be restroom facilities available. In order to continue operating as Agritourism, which is a conditional use, a “Notice of Warning” must be posted regarding the risk of injury and liability; a buffer area of at least 20 feet in width shall be provided along any property line that is adjacent to a residential use; and the hours of operation shall not exceed the period of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., when agritourism activity is located within 500 feet of an off-premise residence. In order to operate as a Union Hall / Social Club / Event Center, a Special Use Permit (SUP) must be obtained. The SUP can be applied for through the

Planning and Zoning Office for \$150 and goes before the Planning Commission for approval. All of these types of uses have been marketed by the Big Red Barn owners and staff.

These asks do not put a major strain on property owners and are in place to make sure that every business is safe for the users and the citizens surrounding the property. These are asks that are made of every business in the County, not just certain ones. Our goal is to treat everyone the same with respect and kindness, regardless of their title. That is why, after months of citizen complaints at the Board of Supervisors meetings and through calls to the Planning and Zoning office concerned about citizens turning into that property off of a busy road, I as the new Planning and Zoning Director for the County, drafted a letter to provide all of this information again to Ms. March so that we could ensure transparency and compliance of all businesses within the County. This letter was sent to Ms. March on July 25, 2022, which is also included here, and was a potential notice of violation that provided all of the necessary information needed to bring the property into compliance.

A response to the letter was never received, nor was the requested information. Instead, an

opinion piece was placed in the local paper calling the County bullies playing political games. I assure you that with the letter that was sent, that was not the intent. I am new to this position, and while there may be more of these cases throughout the County, given the nature of citizen complaints, this is where I am starting. I want to make sure that citizens can operate their businesses in Pulaski County, but do so in a safe and compliant way. I welcome any questions in regard to our ordinance that can help us with future planning and having more informed citizens. My ultimate goal is not to tell property owners “no” for new opportunities, but instead help the property owner get to a “yes,” while still upholding our ordinance.

As we have communicated multiple times, we would still welcome the opportunity to work with Ms. March on bringing her property into compliance.

Pulaski County is ... Open for Business.

Sincerely,
Ashlyn Shrewsbury
Pulaski County Planning and Zoning Director
Editor’s note: Shrewsbury submitted her letter along with copies of all correspondence between Pulaski County and Del. March.

Planners recommend approval of solar project

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Planning Commission voted 4-2 Tuesday to recommend approval of a Special Use Permit application by Helios Solar, LLC to develop an 11.45-megawatt solar project in the Shiloh area of the county.

The application now goes to the Board of Supervisors which has scheduled a public hearing on the matter for 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the County Administration Building in Pulaski.

Energix, the developer and long-term owner of Helios Solar, is based in Arlington and bills itself as one of the leading solar energy companies in Virginia with eight operational projects, six more under construction this year and more in development.

The project, which Energix proposes to be developed on nearly 100 acres in Shiloh on property owned by Lyom De Moraes at 3063 Lowmans Ferry Road, would provide enough electricity to power 2,000 homes, according to the company.



Energix says the project will contribute approximately \$2.7 million to Pulaski County in economic and tax benefits over the life of the project through primarily machinery and tools taxes.

It is estimated the project will create approximately 70 “well-paying” construction jobs and stimulate local hospitality businesses during construction.

Energix says the useful lifespan

of the project is 35 years, after which the project will be decommissioned, with removal of all above- and below-ground equipment and seeding the soil with local grass mixes.

A surety bond will be posted to

guarantee decommissioning.

“Adding more renewable energy resources in Pulaski County will increase the potential for sustainability-conscious businesses and industries to set up their operations in the county, bringing in more revenue, jobs and other economic opportunities,” the company’s literature on the project states.

The project as proposed would be located on farmland located along Lowman’s Ferry Road, just after and behind Lake Ridge Road and its residential community.

Tuesday’s meeting of the planning commission was the second on the solar project. It was discussed last month by the commission, then tabled until this week.

Since that first meeting, the developer put conditions on the development in an effort to work with nearby property owners – including fencing, adding vegetation to

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Lights

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worse, since the whole town will be filled with blinding LED lighting.

The peach-colored lights currently there at our town’s entry off of I-81 are quite sufficient as to their lighting quality. They illuminate the entire road so that one could turn off their headlights and still see perfectly. Why do we need to replace these with harsh white LED’s? We have what we need right now.

In other words, our whole town will be changed negatively! I implore those making this decision to consider its consequences in the loss of beauty and hard-to-find antiquity, not to mention the cost of such a change. If more lighting is added, which I’m sure is needed in various places, let it be in accord with the beauty which we already have in our town.

Respectfully,
Pat Guthrie

Lowry

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subsidized more, or taxed more? Manchin implausibly denies the tax increase is a tax increase. He calls it closing a loophole, a classic Beltway euphemism for a tax hike.

Also, he further denies that the bill increases taxes on those making less than \$200,000 a year, despite the Joint Committee on Taxation finding exactly that. The committee estimates that people making between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would see a .8% increase next year.

Then there’s the issue that the additional corporate tax is a disincentive to business investment when more of it is desperately needed. Inflation results from demand outstripping supply, so

it is imperative that government get out of the way of business creating more supply.

Finally, Manchin said in 2010, “I don’t think, during the time of recession, you mess with any of the taxes or increase any taxes.” He has apparently suspended that rule until further notice.

At the end of the day, all of this is a counterproductive waste, but it could have been much worse. The bill isn’t going to remake Biden’s foundering presidency, but it will make Democratic activists feel a little better -- Joe Manchin’s contribution to the republic.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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The portion of Lafayette Street leading from East Main Street, Pulaski to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office has now become Sheriff Frank R. Conner Drive following a naming ceremony last Friday morning. Conner's widow, Glorina is shown at right uncovering the new sign during the ceremony while being assisted by son Mike (left), grandson Chris (center), Mayor Shannon Collins and Pulaski Town Councilman Jamie Radcliffe who first proposed the street be named after the former sheriff. Sheriff Frank R. Conner Drive leads to the sheriff's office and the Town of Pulaski's brush site, which is appropriate given Conner was sheriff and also served on the New River Resource Authority Board of Directors. Members of the local government and law enforcement communities attended the ceremony this morning, including members of Pulaski Town Council (below) who voted unanimously to approve the name change during a recent council meeting. Conner served as sheriff for 13 years and passed away at the age of 86 on April 1, 2021.

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Street Named For Conner

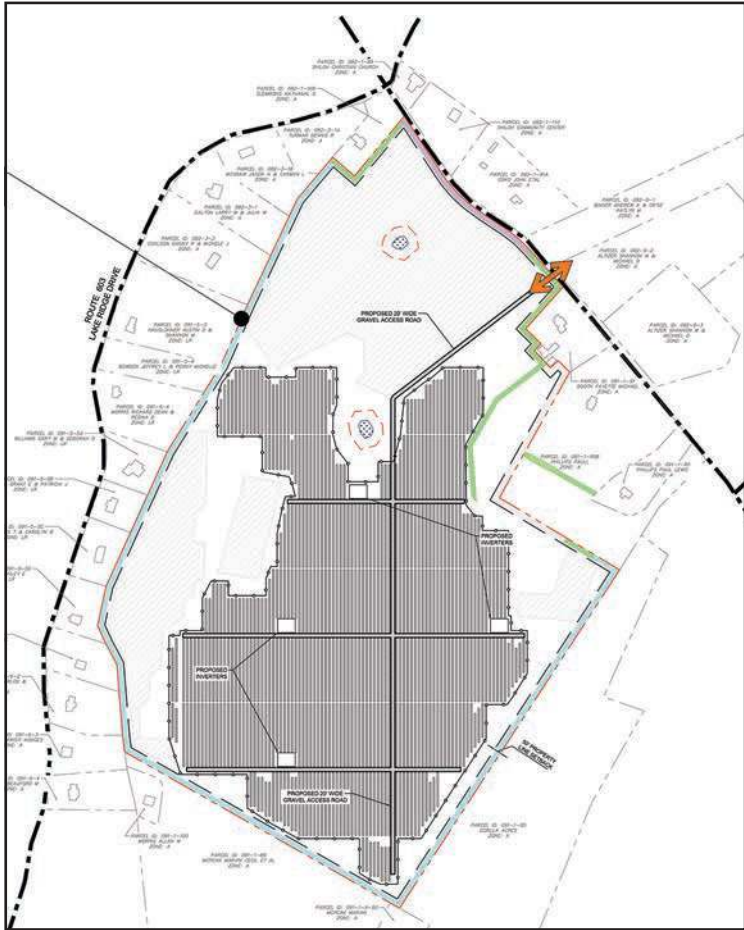


Staffing issues lead to Randolph Park Pool closing for remainder of season

Due to a limited number of staff members, Randolph Park Pool will be closed for the remainder of the season. The "weekends only" schedule that starts once Pulaski County Schools open will not be possible this year. Our main priority is to operate the pool safely, and this cannot be achieved with limited staff. Please understand that we will not compromise our high safety standards for any reason. We would like to thank the public for their understanding, and we hope to see you back at the pool next summer.

Thank you,
Shay Dunnigan

Pulaski County Parks & Recreation Director



Layout of the solar project proposed in the Shiloh section of Pulaski County.

Solar

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buffer the project from view and changing the planned position of solar panels on the northeast corner of the project away from two adjoining properties. Additional vegetative plantings to block the view of the project by Lake Ridge residents is also planned.

During a public hearing at Tuesday's meeting, one nearby property owner - Wayne Burchett - expressed concerns about his "viewshed," and his being able to see the project from his property once fall arrives and trees lose their leaves.

Burchett said his brother - a Realtor in Roanoke - said the values of adjoining properties would be adversely affected by the solar project.

Burchett asked commissioners if they would want such a project near their properties.

Other citizens expressed concerns about water runoff from the project, viewshed concerns, insects and the need for county officials charged with making a decision to pay close attention to details of the project.

Some citizens and members of the commission expressed concern over a solar project in Wythe

County, which is also owned by Energix and which there were reported issues during construction.

A representative for Energix at Tuesday's meeting said sequencing errors were made during the construction process by a hired contractor. She said Energix assumed full responsibility for the errors and has worked diligently with both the Town of Wytheville and the state Department of Environmental Quality to ensure all issues are addressed.

Following the public hearing, commissioner Al Smith offered a motion to recommend denial of the application to supervisors. Commissioner Malcolm Booth seconded the motion.

The motion was defeated on a 4-2 vote.

Next, commissioner Andy McCready - the Board of Supervisors' representative on the planning commission - offered a motion to recommend approval of the application with the conditions offered by the developer. Commissioner David Hill seconded the motion.

It was approved on a 4-2 vote.

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The Pulaski Redevelopment and Housing Authority is responsible for assisting with residential and commercial development of new and existing structures, improving the quality of residential and commercial areas, and increasing the town's overall tax base. Authority members are appointed by the Town Council for four (4) year terms.

If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Olivia C. Hale, Clerk of Council for a volunteer application form at 540-994-8602, by email at ohale@pulaskitown.org or online at pulaskitown.org. Application forms may be returned either electronically or to the following mailing address:

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet our long-term cat resident Mavis! Mavis came into the shelter with her 4 kittens in March 2022 and has since called the shelter her home. While she has been here all 4 of her kittens have



been adopted out and she is the only to remain. Mavis is an adult spayed female, grey and brown in color with a lot of love to give. She enjoys napping in the sun, light petting sessions, and loads of treats!

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School Board addresses school safety, security

Pulaski County Public Schools

The Pulaski County School Board has just completed a series of meetings designed to assess and revise school policies and procedures as they pertain to student safety and school security. The School Board first met with school administrators during a work session on August 2, 2022 and followed that with a policy discussion at their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Provided below is a list of topics that have been addressed:

- Board members reviewed school security audits, that were conducted by the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and Virginia State Police in 2018, to determine which of the remaining large ticket items might be addressed with available school capital funding.

- Board members reviewed with building principals their individual school's discipline data to include specific incidents that were reported to law enforcement. Discussions were held about the types of consequences that were handed down for major disciplinary infractions and whether or not additional resources might be helpful.

- Each principal presented School Board Members with copies of their school's safety plan, which had been developed last month with input from local law enforcement, fire departments, and other first responders. The School Board approved all of these plans in open session during the meeting on August 2, 2022.

- Central office administrators reviewed School Board policies pertaining to the student code of conduct, discipline for special education students, relations with local law en-

forcement, and guidelines for suspension & expulsion from school.

PCPS superintendent, Dr. Kevin Siers, stated "The safety of our students and staff is always our top priority going into each school year. We are fortunate to be in a community that shares this priority which allowed us to be one of the first school divisions in the state to put a resource officer at each school. Thanks to a great working relationship with local law enforcement, our faculty and staff members are some of the best trained educators around and we will continue to work to make sure that our schools are as safe as possible."

"Pulaski County Public schools had state and local law enforcement complete a security audit of all county schools in the spring of 2018 and began making safety and security improvements immediately thereafter," stated PCPS School Board Chairwoman, Dr. Paige Cash. "Working with the sheriff's department, we were also able to place a school resource officer in every school in the county. With the cooperation of stakeholders in the community, we will continue to make our county schools as safe as they can possibly be."

PCPS will begin addressing some of the safety related school capital projects as they prepare for the 2023-2024 budget year.

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Starbucks, Chipotle Coming to Fairlawn

Construction of a new Starbucks is just about complete on Lee Highway in Fairlawn on the former Burger King site. Work has been ongoing for several months on the facility. Up the street, in the former location of Wendy's, construction is underway on a new Chipotle Mexican Grill. The Wendy's spot on Lee Highway became available when Wendy's moved to Peppers Ferry Boulevard in 2020. The 8,639-square-foot restaurant is expected to open in October.

18 students named to summer 2022 President's and Dean's Lists at NRCC

At New River Community College, 18 students were recently named to the President's List and Dean's List in recognition of their academic excellence during the summer 2022 session. Certificates will be mailed to the recipients in the coming weeks.

To be placed on the President's List, a student must have taken 12 college-level semester hours or more, attained a grade point average of 3.5 for any one semester, and earned a minimum of 20 semester hours at New River Community College.

A Dean's List student is one who has taken 12 college-level semester hours of credit or more and

attained a grade point average of 3.2 for any one semester.

Those named to the President's List are: Kaylee Bishop, Yoonwoo Chon, Kaitlyn Collis, Teresa Eggers, Alexis Farmer, April Housel, Rebecca Linkous, Ryan Schultz, Hannah Sifford, and Erika Webb.

Those named to the Dean's List are: Ivan Bates, Andrew Bond, Caleb Carter, Seungyoung Lee, Ahtumn Rains, Cancan Ren, Leda Stubbs, and Jordanne Tickle.

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Gateway Private School opens in Dublin

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting Wednesday in Dublin at Gateway Private School's Dublin campus.

Located at 5th Street in Dublin at the former Dublin Elementary School.

"I am honored to be here with you all today to celebrate the official full-year opening of the Gateway Private School's Dublin campus," said Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters.

"The Board of Supervisors have been long-committed to investing in and supporting the highest level of education, educational facilities and educational opportunities for our children. We have also been committed to working with the Economic Development Authority to repurpose our former schools throughout the County. From the Calfee School, Old River Lawn, Newbern Elementary, Pulaski Middle, the Jefferson School, Claremont to now - the former Dublin Elementary School.

"Of all our recent and ongoing projects, perhaps this one has the most meaningful repurposing. Taking an old school through a lot of hard work and creativity, and turning it into a new school that will now serve a beautiful and special population of children, is this facility's highest and greatest reuse. The bones of this building has found its new purpose, but it's the teachers, faculty and staff that will truly bring this property back to life and effectively change the lives of those who enter.

"I want to thank my fellow Board of Supervisors for their



Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photo

Principal Ryan Dean and Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters cut a ribbon Wednesday to officially open Gateway Private School. The school, located on 5th Street in Dublin, is a private day school for students with disabilities.

strong dedication and commitment to education; the Economic Development Authority, Jonathan Sweet, Anthony Akers, Michael Solomon and the entire County Team for their ingenuity and efforts to find new beginnings for so many of our former schools; to

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community and serve the special needs of our precious children right here where our families live.

"Thank you to James Montgomery, our principal Ryan Dean,

to the teachers, staff and the entire Gateway Family for bringing this important educational offering to Pulaski County and for what your efforts will mean for the future of our children," said Walters.

African American Literature course at NRCC offered this fall

New River Community College is offering a new English course in African American Literature this fall.

African American Literature (ENG 258) explores the stories African American authors tell about themselves, their communities, and the world. Students will also examine common and diverging themes within African American literary traditions through the study of diverse authors, genres, and literary movements from a variety of time periods.

The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in person at NRCC's campus in Dublin, with the first day of class on Tuesday, August 23. Susan Lazear, assistant professor of English at NRCC, will be teaching the 14-week course.

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Pulaski County Boys 10U Team

The Pulaski County boys 10U team finished 0-2 in the district tournament held recently in Christiansburg. The squad did, however, capture the Sportsmanship Award. Pictured front (L-R), Gavin Mines, Brenton Burgis, Macayan Farmer, Maklin Perkins; row 2 (L-R), Bruce McPhearson, Aviston Akers, Carter Rupe, Ryan Gore, Eli Adams, Justice Easter, Colin Wright, Austin Thomas. Back row (L-R), District 10 commissioner Chris Frazier, coaches Andrew Gore, Dwayne Thomas, Anthony Akers, and a Cal Ripken representative.

Wells leaves WDBJ for post at Virginia Tech

Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG — Travis Wells, a two-time Virginia Sportscaster of the Year, has been named assistant athletics director for strategic communications at Virginia Tech, director of athletics, Whit Babcock an-

nounced Monday. In his new role, Wells will serve as the primary communications contact for Virginia Tech Football, among other duties.

"Travis will be a great addition to our team," Babcock said. "He has a wealth of knowledge and experiences from nearly three

decades in local media that will serve our department well. Travis has an array of skills that will make him a valuable asset to Virginia Tech. I'm extremely grateful for the time and effort our search committee devoted to identifying Travis. I look forward to welcoming him and his family to Blacks-

burg."

Wells arrives in Blacksburg following a lengthy career in local sports television that spans parts of three decades. His career includes stops at TV stations in Charlottesville, Bristol, and for

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The title is Kingsport's eighth Appy League crown in team history.

Kingsport's Ryan Murphy pitched five innings and allowed only two hits and one run to get the win and was selected as the Championship game's Most Valuable Player.

Wake's Hartman out with non-football medical issue

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- Redshirt junior quarterback Sam Hartman, one of the nation's top returning players, is out indefinitely following a medical evaluation that took place on Tuesday afternoon at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

•Statement from Wake Forest Athletics:

"Following a workout on Tuesday, Aug. 9, redshirt junior quarterback Sam Hartman sought medical attention for a non-football related condition. The results of those tests and subsequent treatment will remove Sam from team activities indefinitely. The timeline for his return to competition is uncertain. In respect for Sam's privacy and in compliance with HIPAA, no additional details will be shared at this time. Wake Forest Athletics medical and athletics training staff are providing Sam and his family with constant support. More updates will be shared when appropriate.

"Wake Forest Athletics encourages well-wishers to send notes of support to Sam and his family via email at wfsports@wfu.edu."

•Statement from Head Football Coach Dave Clawson:

"Sam Hartman is the true embodiment of a leader and is one of the finest young men I have ever had the pleasure to coach. As a two-time captain and coming off record-setting seasons in 2020 and 2021, Sam was intensely-focused on the betterment of his teammates throughout the entire offseason and helping our program continue to achieve great things on the field. Additionally, he is an incredible person in the community and in the classroom. We'll look forward to having Sam back on the field as soon as he can and in the meantime Sam and his family have the full support of our coaching staff and program in his recovery."

•Statement from Director of Athletics John Currie

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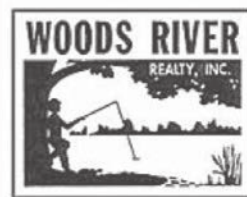
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The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22 ,2022 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

A) SUP Permit Application submitted by Helios Solar, LLC to allow a Solar Farm located at Tax Map 091-001-0000-0092 at 3063 Lomans Ferry Road, Draper District.

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

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

JOBS



Public Service Authority Sanitation Worker

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Sanitation Worker I with the Pulaski County Public Service Authority. Applicants must have the ability to perform continuous heavy manual work in the collection and loading of residential solid waste. Ability to lift a minimum of 25 pounds to a maximum of 75 pounds on a daily basis. Ability to step on and off back of refuse truck numerous times daily and the ability to routinely walk a minimum of two miles. Applicants must also pass a drug and alcohol and background check.


The salary scale for this position is \$27,040 - \$42,054 and is commensurate on education and experience. This is a full-time position that includes benefits such as health, dental, vision and life insurance, VRS retirement program, optional 457b retirement program, sick and vacation leave, paid holidays and much more.

Interested individuals can apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

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JOBS



Job Opening Friends of Claytor Lake Clean-up Crew

Asst. Forman/Asst. Boat Operator
Seasonal Position
Pulaski County

Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL) is seeking a Clean-up Crew Assistant Foreman/Assistant Boat Operator that will be responsible for supporting the FOCL mission, vision, strategic plan, goals and management decisions by working with Pulaski County property owners, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department and the Pulaski County PSA to clean Claytor Lake of floating debris in the form of wood and trash.

Applicant must be have completed the DGIF boater safety course and provide such certificate as well as hold a valid Virginia Driver's License. Employee must also successfully pass a drug and alcohol screening as well as a background and driving record check to be considered for employment.

The anticipated hourly rate will be \$14.50 per hour; however, this rate is commensurate upon education and experience.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org. A complete job description is also available on the County website.

Position will be open until filled with reviews beginning immediately.

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Mooney wins GOP's Massie primary

On Saturday, August 6, 2022, the Pulaski County Republican Committee hosted a Party Canvass for the Republican nomination for the Special Election for a one year term to the Pulaski

County Board of Supervisors on November 8, 2022.

Chairman Sayers would like to report that a total of 149 ballots were cast with a total 94 votes for Mike Mooney and 55 votes for

Andy McCready.

As such, Mike Mooney won and has been declared the Republican nominee for the special election on November 8th.

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Mike Mooney

Hartman

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"Our number one priority at Wake Forest is always the health and safety of our student-athletes. As we rally around Sam and his family, we are grateful for the expert care and attention provided by our entire sports medicine team led by head physician Dr. Chris Miles, and head trainer/associate athletics director Niles Fleet. Sam Hartman represents everything right about intercollegiate athletics and the unparalleled team culture Coach Claw-

son has built at Wake Forest. We know all of Deacon Nation is in his corner."

•Statement from Redshirt Junior Quarterback Sam Hartman:

"Tuesday was a frustrating day, but I am extremely grateful for our medical staff and for Dr. Chris Miles and Niles Fleet for staying with me throughout this process. I look forward to attacking this rehabilitation process and I am so appreciative of the support I have received from my family, teammates and coaches."

Wells

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the last 20 years at WDBJ in Roanoke, where he has served as the sports director since 2008.

During his time at WDBJ, Wells helped produce Virginia Tech Sports Today for 10 years, in conjunction with LEARFIELD, the university's media rights partner.

Wells spearheaded the station's multi-faceted coverage of ACC football and basketball, and anchored WDBJ's popular high school football program – Friday Football Extra – for nearly 15 years. He was named Virginia Sportscaster of the Year in 2015 and 2016 by the National Sports Media Association.

In addition to his on-air duties, Wells filmed and edited video for broadcasts and posted content to wdbj7.com, as well as the station's social media platforms. Wells has emceed numerous events over his tenure and has fully embedded himself within the greater Roanoke and New River Valley areas.

"I'm honored to join the Virginia Tech athletics department, and I am looking forward to being a part of the Virginia Tech community," Wells said. "I have a deep understanding of and appreciation for the rich history and tradition of Virginia Tech Athletics. The university's strong academic reputation, along with its record of sustained athletic success, were among the many factors that made this opportunity appealing



Travis Wells

to me."

Wells is a Roanoke native and a 1995 graduate of Radford University where he played basketball and earned a degree in communications and media studies.

"There is no one better equipped to tell the Virginia Tech story than Travis," Babcock pointed out. "He has built and maintained relationships with student-athletes, coaches and administrators throughout his media career. His track record of service and leadership will serve him well in this role."

Wells, and his wife, Chandra, are the proud parents of Meredith and Brayden. Their family resides in Daleville, Va.

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4-H Livestock Club, Cloverbuds win big at NRV Fair

If you attended the New River Valley Fair you likely saw members of the Pulaski County 4-H Livestock Club and countless 4-H Cloverbuds in and among the barns tending to their livestock, even taking time out to participate in the Stockman's Contest.

These 4-H'ers could be seen washing calves, combing out tail switches, blow drying, washing sheep, shearing, watering, feeding and tidying up the area that was "home" for the week. These kids have been working with their livestock for months in preparation for the livestock shows that are a big part of the 2022 New River Valley Fair.

Their accomplishments and placings are too numerous to put in an article! Their story can best be told with pictures ... here's to Dylan Sowers, Blu Cullip, Gatlin Cullip, Carlie Hamblin, Carson Hamblin, Lily Cullip, Addy Cullip, Harper Cullip, Eli Akers, Alicia Blackburn, Brayden Blackburn, Kelsi Pack.



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Follow in Christ's Footsteps

Christ Jesus has shown us how to live and how to die, and it is pleasing to God when we follow his good example.

Trials are as sure as shooting for the child of God. And Simon Peter whose writings we are using for a text, knew what it was to suffer through trials, persecutions, loss and suffering. And yet, as an Apostle of Christ's, he met the trials of his faith and triumphed over them.

When Jesus called him to follow Him and to become one of His Disciples, Peter gave up everything to follow Jesus. He left his home, his fishing business, his security, and everything else that was familiar to him, to follow Christ.

I always liked that account in the bible where Peter walked on the water. Peter was out on the boat with some of the other disciples obeying Jesus' instructions to sail to the other side. While they were sailing, Jesus was praying. He prayed nearly all night long. Often Jesus would arise early in the morning and start His day off with prayer. Which by the way, it a good thing for us to do also. Jesus set a good example with His prayer life showing us that we should spend a sizable amount of time in prayer if we're going to be like Him.

As the Disciples sailed across the Sea of Galilee, a tremendous storm came up, and it was frightening. And if you've never been out to sea in the midst of a life threatening storm, you wouldn't know how scary it is to be there.

Most of the disciples on the boat were fishermen and were used to going out in a boat, but what they weren't used to doing was being out to sea in the midst of a storm. Most Fishermen have too much sense to go out on a boat in the midst of a storm. So to combat the storm, they battened down the hatches. They found buckets and began to bail out water. They rowed until they had the strength to row no more. And then to top it all off, they spied what they thought was a Spirit or a Ghost coming towards them, walking on the water.

Peter must have had excellent eyesight for he recognized before anyone else did that it was not a ghost at all but it was Jesus, walking on the water. And he shouted out to Jesus and said, "Lord, if that is you, bid me to come to you on the water." And Jesus said "come." And Peter jumped over the side of the boat and into the stormy sea, and for a few steps, Peter actually walked on the water as Jesus was doing.

But suddenly he looked down at the boisterous waves and his faith wavered. That happened when he took his eyes off of Jesus and looked down at the stormy sea. When he took his focus off of Jesus and focused on the stormy sea, he began to sink. And in desperation, He cried out to Jesus to save him, and Jesus reached out and caught him and brought him to safety aboard the boat.

Jesus said unto Peter, Why didn't thou doubt? And when Jesus went aboard the boat, the sea calmed down and became calm.

Jesus had sent them out in a boat to sail across the Sea of Galilee to the other side. Sometimes the will of God takes us into a storm. But if we'll trust in the Lord, He will help us to weather the storms of our lives.

It was in the fourth watch of the night when this happened Between 3AM and 7AM. The

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Church Directory

<p>Draper Valley Baptist Church 3200 Lee Highway Draper, Va. 24324 Pastor: Alan Pearce Service Times: Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening, 5 p.m. email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com www.drapervalleybaptist.org</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Grace Baptist Church 552 E. Main Street Dublin, Va. 24084 Pastor: Doug Testerman 674-1762 Primary Services: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday worship Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m. Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study</p>	<p>Delton Church of God of Prophecy 4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324 Pastor Vickie Lee Viars deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191 Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.</p>
<p>Open Door Baptist Church 4576 Miller Lane Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday Night, 7 p.m. Phone: 980-2046</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA) 2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324 Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Phone - 540-994-9015 e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org website - www.dvpca.org Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)</p>
<p>Jordan's Chapel UMC Pastor: Ginny Tompkins Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA 2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski 540-980-3624 trinitypulaski@gmail.com Sunday Worship 11 a.m. (Sept. - May) Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (June - Aug.) Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30 www.trinitypulaski.org</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Trinity United Methodist Pastor: Judy Yonce Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m. 528 5th Street, S.E. Pulaski, Va. Phone - 980-0820</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy 1021 Macgill Street Pulaski, VA 24301 Church: 540-980-2118 Cell: 276-233-8083 Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485 www.pulaskigracemin.com Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com Pastor Mike Williams Children's Ministry Aaron & Becky Sampson Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Ages 5-12 Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Faith Bible Church 110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Jim Linkous Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox 540-980-5433 www.facebook/faithbiblechurch Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m. Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 220 Magazine Street Pulaski, VA 24301 540-980-3336 Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com 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.</p>
<p>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 e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org website: www.fumcpulask.org FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00 am</p>	<p>Dora Highway Baptist Church 321 Dora Highway Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Harry Gunter Worship Service: 11 a.m. Phone: (540) 320-0738</p>
<p>Belspring Baptist Church 6887 Depot Street Belspring, VA 24058 Pastor Darrell Linkous Service Times: Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Group: 7 p.m. Darrell Linkous: 353-0081 belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>First Christian Church of Pulaski 524 N Jefferson Ave Pulaski, VA 24301-4618 (540) 980-7144 www.firstchristianpulaski.org Pastor: Timothy Moore Men's Sunday School:10 am Worship: 11 am</p>	<p>Grace Episcopal Church 210 4th Street, Radford, 24141 639-3494 Service: 10:30AM Sundays Email: office@graceradford.org http://www.graceradford.org Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church</p>

<p>Dublin Christian Church 5605 Dunlap Road P.O. Box 1330 Dublin, VA 24084 (540) 674-8434 www.dublinchristianchurch.com Richard R. Goad, Jr. Senior Minister Greg "Scooter" Breisch 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.</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church 408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski Interim Pastor: Rev. Graham Mitchell (540) 980-2132 Email: firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com Sunday Service: 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ) 5436 Lead Mine Rd. Hiwassee, VA 24347 Pastor: Jerry King Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook) Office: 540-633-3761 Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"</p>
<p>Dublin United Methodist Church P.O. Box 577 424 East Main Street Dublin, VA 24084 Pastor: Rev. Don Shelor 540.674.5128 email: dublinumc@gmail.com Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Pulaski Christian Church, Inc. 4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301 www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/ Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor, (540) 250-2974 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Monday Bible Study 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>

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540-315-2317
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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

First Baptist Church
325 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, Va.
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.
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Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
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first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
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McCraw

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Fourth Watch represents those times of hopelessness and helplessness we all feel from time to time.

The Disciples on the storm-ravaged Sea that night, during the fourth watch of the night, were exhausted. They had been rowing for hours and hours, and making little or no headway.

You know, trials of our faith are allowed to come to us so we can prove that our faith is real. They prove our character and our faith. And they will come a lot of times when we are exhausted. We’ve been fighting a devil on one side and before we can get him whipped, we have to turn around a fight another devil on the other side. We’ve prayed so much we don’t think we can pray another word, waiting on God to answer our prayers, and still our fiery trial rages on. But Listen to this. Child of God, as the song says, “If you’ll just hold on, your God will show up, and He’ll take you through the fire again.”

Maybe there’s someone reading this message today and you’re in the fourth watch of your life, waiting for help from God and you’re so exhausted in dealing with your problems, that you’ve all but given up. And you’re thinking, if one more bad thing comes my way, I’ll not be able to handle it.

But Listen. Never give up on God. He never gives up on you. God HAS heard your prayer and your answer is already on the way. We must learn to trust God and wait upon Him for our deliverance. “Wait, I say, wait upon the Lord.” God has never failed anyone yet who called on Him in faith believing. And He’ll take care of your storm, and it’ll be just in time. Because He’s an on time God.

Don’t allow your faith to waiver, as Peter did. Get your focus off of your problem and focus on Jesus.

Focus on the only One who is able to solve your problem. And He will help you to weather your storm and speak peace to your troubled soul.

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Psalm 19:14

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

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Answers

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Barnabas in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Psalms 2:4, 37:13 and 59:8 are the only verses that mention God doing what? Mourning, Dancing, Laughing, Fishing
 3. Shechem, Hananeel, Babel and Siloam are perhaps best described as? Temples, Towers, Wells, Harlots
 4. From 2 Corinthians 7:10, what does the sorrow of the world produce? Salvation, Truth, Anger, Death
 5. Which prophet had a son named Shearjashub? Isaiah, Elijah, Nathan, Ahijah
 6. What moved Noah to prepare the ark? Repentance, Godly fear, Stubbornness, An Angel
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Laughing, 3) Towers, 4) Death, 5) Isaiah, 6) Godly fear
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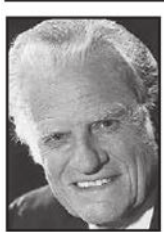
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Q: I watched a documentary in school about the “tales” of the Bible and the afterlife. The one that bothered me the most was the lie about there being many roads to Heaven and that because Hell is a fictional place, there are no roads to this awful place. Most of the students believed the documentary over the Bible. Didn’t Jesus speak of Hell often? - T.R.

A: Many answers about life after death are deceiving and will lead people right into Hell;

the very place they are told does not exist. Some people counsel that perhaps the Hell-bound will eventually be annihilated, put out of the misery of having to face the fact that they took the wrong road. “Hell,” some say, “is what Christians have used to scare people into converting to Christ.” But is this really true? Did Jesus use scare tactics? No. Every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God is truth. Jesus spoke the truth because of His deep love for us. When the truth scares people, it may be a guilty conscience reacting to God’s truth.



My Answer
Billy Graham

Hell is one of the most daunting and repeated topics seen in art, read in literature, debated among educators, and heard in music. The world wonders about Hell every day. David Clayton-Thomas of the 1970s rock band Blood, Sweat & Tears famously sang that Heaven

didn’t exist, but still he prayed there wasn’t a Hell. That’s a futile prayer.

Jesus spoke of two roads to eternity. One leads to Heaven, the other to Hell. It’s unbelief in the Lord Jesus Christ that shuts the door to Heaven and opens it to Hell. It’s unbelief that rejects the Word of God and refuses Christ as Savior. Those who receive Him as Savior in this life will spend the afterlife in the glorious presence of God.

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

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Amber Waves

Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Characters: Mom, Boy. Dialogue: Mom: MOM, THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO HIT THE ROAD. Boy: FEEL FREE TO CRY BUT YOUR BOY IS ALL GROWN. Mom: I'M NOW A SUPER TOUGH SELF-CONTAINED UNIT. Boy: SURE ARE BIG WORDS FOR SOMEONE WHO STILL NEEDS THE CRUST CUT OFF.

Out on a Limb

Comic strip by Gary Kopervas. Characters: Two men. Dialogue: Man 1: NICE CAR, DARYL... Man 2: IT'S WORTH EVERY PENNY I CAN'T AFFORD TO SPEND...

R.F.D.

Comic strip by Mike Marland. Characters: Farmer, Customer. Dialogue: Farmer: I'LL HAVE A SMALL SQUASH, THREE MEDIUM CUKES AND A LARGE ORDER OF RADISHES! Customer: YOU WANT SOME POTATOES FOR FRIES WITH THAT? Menu: Old McDonald's Farm DRIVE THRU. Items: Radishes \$1, Cukes 50c, Lettuce 75c, Corn \$4 doz, Carrots \$2, Peppers 75c, Tomatoes 50c, Zucchini 50c, Potatoes \$5, Beets 50c, Peas \$1, Spinach 75c, Turnip 50c, Squash 50c, Onions \$1, Garlic 75c ea, Eggplant 75c, Celery 50c.

The Spats

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Characters: Two men. Dialogue: Man 1: THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM! Man 2: THEN I'M NEVER GOING TO GET UP EARLY AGAIN... Man 1: I'LL SLEEP IN AND WAIT FOR PANCAKES.

Comic strip by Randy McMillan. Characters: Popeye, King. Dialogue: Popeye: THERE IS SUCH A BEAUTY ABOUT THE OCEAN. IT'S LIKE A DREAM. King: LIMITLESS, ENDLESS, FULL OF POSSIBILITIES. Popeye: I KEEPS TELLIN' YA, VER DEETS DONT VANISH ONCE YA HITS INNERNATIONAL WATERS. King: AND LIKE ALL DREAMS, REALITY COMES ALONG AND RUINS IT. Popeye: WELCOME T' THE KINGDOM OF WASTELVANIA, WIMPY. King: THE LAND HAS SEEN BETTER DAYS, I FEAR. Popeye: THE KING DONT SEEM TBE HURTIN'. King: NAW, IT'S TH WEIRDESK COUPLE A REQUESTS I EVER GOTSK. Popeye: DID YOU EVER LEARN THE PURPOSE BEHIND THESE TWO STRANGE DELIVERIES? King: I CANNOT EXPECT ONE SO COMMON TO UNDERSTAND... Popeye: THE PEOPLE NEED ME TO LEAD. TO DO SO, I MUST BE HAPPY. King: THEIR POVERTY IS A SACRIFICE THEY ARE PLEASED TO MAKE KNOWING IT KEEPS OUR KINGDOM PROSPEROUS. Popeye: VER PEOPLE IS IMPOVERISHED! HOW CAN YA JUSTIFY BUYIN THIS? King: ANY OF YK'S ORDER A WHOLE MESS A TORCHES AN PITCHFORKS? Popeye: AHoy! ANY OF YK'S ORDER A WHOLE MESS A TORCHES AN PITCHFORKS? King: JUST IN TIME FOR TEA! TEN MILLION DOLLARS WELL SPENT!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Characters: Dog, Pizza. Dialogue: Dog: YOU ASSURED ME THE PIZZA FROM THIS NUTRITION STORE IS THE SAME. THE ONLY SIMILARITY IS THAT IT'S ROUND.

Comic strip by FIVE. Characters: Police, Whistler's Mother-in-Law. Dialogue: Police: "This is a small museum. We couldn't afford his mother".

SCRAMBLERS. Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag! Words: MAILED, PLEASE, ONTRAY, BRAID. TODAY'S WORD: [Blank].

King Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Mimics, 5 Satchel, 8 Blue hue, 12 Tibetan monk, 13 Crew tool, 14 Galoots, 15 Spring flower, 17 Marathon fraction, 18 Vagrant, 19 Nearsighted, 21 Pie-in-the-face sound, 24 Blueprint, 25 San — Obispo, CA, 26 Lose weight, 30 Web address, 31 April forecasts, 32 Pi follower, 33 Pained expressions, 35 Egyptian deity, 36 911 responders, 37 Garden statuette, 38 Shrimp recipe, 41 Gloomy guy, 42 Horseback game, 43 Record holder?, 48 Sharif of "Funny Girl", 49 Melody, 50 Long tale, 51 Theater award, 52 Texter's chuckle, 53 Yon folks. DOWN: 1 Jungfrau, for one, 2 Standard, 3 Brit. record label, 4 Brazilian dances, 5 Prosperous period, 6 Small batteries, 7 Glitch makers, 8 Candy bar nut, 9 Witticism, 10 Wrinkled fruit, 11 In — (shortly), 16 Trench, 20 Orange veggies, 21 Punch, 22 Kitten's sound, 23 Leslie Caron film, 24 Snoops, 26 Strategic words, 27 Guesser's, 28 Caprice, 29 Proboscis, 31 Wheelchair access, 34 "Cats" show-stopper, 35 Demand, 37 Wrigley product, 38 Espy, 39 Lake of Lombardy, 40 Arkin or Alda, 41 Lass, 44 2016 Olympics city, 45 "Unh-unh", 46 Census stat, 47 Non-clerical.

top ten Most Popular Girl Baby Names. 1. Olivia, 2. Emma, 3. Charlotte, 4. Amelia, 5. Ava, 6. Sophia, 7. Isabella, 8. Mia, 9. Evelyn, 10. Harper. Source: TheBump.com.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only vowel on a computer keyboard's middle row of letters? 2. LANGUAGE: What is the diacritical mark used over the first "a" in "cha-teau"? 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Czech Republic? 4. MOVIES: Where was the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy filmed? 5. MEASUREMENTS: What is 4 ounces of liquid equal to in cups? 6. U.S. STATES: Which is the only American state that begins with the letter P? 7. LANGUAGE: What is the word that stands for the letter Y in the international radio alphabet? 8. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element zinc? 9. TELEVISION: What is Kramer's first name in the sitcom "Seinfeld"? 10. MUSIC: Which country is home to the rock group AC/DC?

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF. Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Hair is different, 2. Sleeve is shorter, 3. Bow is missing, 4. Bat is added, 5. Cap is reversed, 6. Shirt is shorter.

Answers to Trivia test. 1. A, 2. Circumflex, 3. Prague, 4. New Zealand, 5. 1/2 cup, 6. Pennsylvania, 7. Yankee, 8. Zn, 9. Cosmo, 10. Australia.

Americanisms. "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." — Tim Notke.

CryptoQuip. When you pack tons of flurry ship, I guess that's down-loading.

SCRAMBLERS. Today's Word: PARENTS. Clue: F equals H. 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. CFRM AEO VNLB SEMH EK KJOKKA ZOLB KRNSFRXH EMSE N SXNMHVXS HFQV, Q IORHH SFNS'H ZECC-JENZQMI.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: MARTIN LUTHER —

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AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

N B D G D I X D D T T H B D T V N X N ' G D
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H T W X I N D B W Z . — D K N T N R X H P

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old friends. — Emilia Fox
got a book; they're like
I never feel lonely if I've
answer
CryptoQuote

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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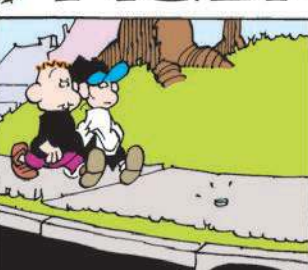


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Pay off the mortgages?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are retired. I receive a small pension, and we are both on Medicare and Social Security. We have about \$25,000 left to pay on our mortgage, along with a second mortgage of \$18,000. These are our only debts. We also have a nest egg of \$30,000 set aside, and a small annuity that's worth about \$20,000. Would you recommend paying off our mortgages with our savings?

Jane

Dear Jane,

If you know me at all, you understand how much I'd love to see everyone in control of their finances and living debt-free. But being broke, even in a house that's paid for, isn't a good idea. Believe me, I understand. The idea of paying off the house and everything is awfully tempting. But if you two did that, you'd be left with very little. To me, that's a scary thought when your small pension—along with Social Insecurity and Medicare—are all you have coming in.

No offense, but your nest egg is kind of small to begin with, so I don't think I'd be raiding it right now. On the other hand, if you'd told me you had \$400,000 or \$500,000 saved up, I'd tell you pay off the house and second mortgage today.

If you're not doing this already, I'd advise you two to start making and living on a regular monthly budget. Give every dollar a name on paper before the month begins, because if you don't, your money will control you instead of you

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Dave Ramsey

controlling it. Make sure you're living on less than what's coming in, and hopefully you can devise a plan to have the house and other debt paid off in a few years.

God bless you two!

— 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.

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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.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Aug. 13

DHS Class of 1972

The Dublin High School Class of 1972 will hold their 50th reunion on Saturday, August 13, 2022. The class wishes to invite all alumni and teachers from DHS to join them on Saturday afternoon at the Dublin High School Alumni Shelter at Randolph Park from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm for a time to meet and greet. and at the former Dublin High School building for an open house from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Call Gwen Shepherd Hughes at 540-639-5693 with any questions.

Aug. 14

70th Anniversary Service

Trinity Baptist Church, Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski celebrates its 70th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 14 with a program of inspirational music buy "Beckon Call" of Roanoke. Our guest speaker will be Andy Barnes, Field Strategist with the Baptist General Association of Virginia. All services begin at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish lunch will follow. All are welcome to our celebration.

Homecoming

Davis Methodist Church will celebrate its homecoming Sunday on Aug.14. The church is located in the Little Creek section of Bland County. The Pioneers from Randleman, N.C. will be singing at 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Our pastor will deliver the message at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy good singing, good preaching, good fellowship and a great blessing from God.

August 25

Radford Photo Club

Adi Ben Senior of Radford will present his photo exhibit, "The Human Side of Trees," at the Radford Photo Club's meeting Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Trees are one of Ben Senior's most well-known subjects in a lifetime of photo projects. In 2016, he was asked to participate in a fundraising exhibit for the Syrian refugees who were coming to Europe. His photos of trees represent humans and

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their moments in life. 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.

Sept. 2

GO PULASKI COUNTY

GO PULASKI COUNTY - county-wide service day will be held on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 8:30am. Volunteers are wanted! Registration is open now through September 2 - go to www.gopulaskicounty.org/volunteer to sign up. Contact us at info@gopulaskicounty.org for more information.

Sept. 17

Cruise In

Cruise in at Draper Valley PH Church, Saturday, Sept. 17 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available. 5662 East Lee Highway, Max Meadows, Va. off Interstate 81

South, Exit 86.

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.

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