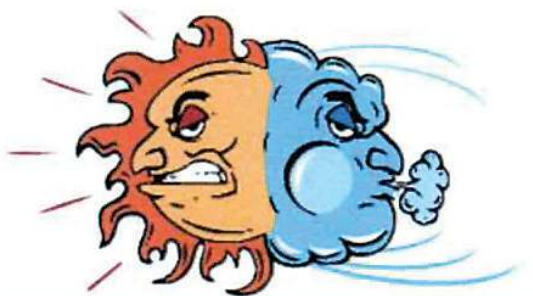




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Town, county part ways on Pulaski trash pickup

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Big changes are coming next year concerning garbage collection in Pulaski, following action this week by both Pulaski County and the Town of Pulaski.

On Monday night, the county Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to endorse the Public Service Authority's decision to terminate an agreement with the Town of Pulaski dating back to 1986 to provide garbage pickup in the town.

On Tuesday night, Pulaski Town Council – which provided billing services in the town on be-

half of the PSA – followed suit by also voting to cancel the existing agreement.

The effective date of both actions is Dec. 31, 2022.

Vice Mayor Brooks Dawson read a statement at Tuesday's town council meeting which provided a timeline on the town's actions as well as announcing plans moving forward for garbage collection in Pulaski.

The statement said that, starting in November 2021, council and town staff have communicated to the PSA their concerns regarding service to town residents – particularly the long delays in removal

of bulk items and customer complaint calls.

"These service issues and the town having to respond to these issues led the town manager to notify the PSA in January 2022 that the town would discontinue billing for PSA trash collection on June 1, 2022, making it clear to residents the agency responsible for trash collection," the statement read.

"Prior to this," Dawson said, "in December 2021 the town manager suggested that the upcoming town budget include resources for bulk trash removal

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Robinson Tract area water project irks some residents

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Several unhappy residents of the Robinson Tract community approached the Board of Supervisors Monday night about a water line project in their area.

Paul Hamblin was first to speak, addressing his comments to Robinson District Supervisor Jeff Reeves. Hamblin expressed the most concern about why residents who choose not to hook up to the county water service would be charged a non-user fee.

"If you have good water, and you don't hook up to it, it's not justice if you don't want the ser-

vice and it (non-user fee) is imposed on you regardless of what you want. That's not fair," Hamblin said.

"That's the countywide policy," Reeves said.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet explained the water line issue is a matter governed by the county's Public Service Authority and urged citizens to address their comments to the PSA board.

Hamblin said he found out about the water line project last week. He said it appeared the project is being pushed upon citizens in the area. "It's what the county wants, not what the people want," he said.

Hamblin, who said he lives outside Hilton Village Loop on the main road, noted one of his neighbors has a petition with "many names on it."

"We don't want the water run there," he stated.

Chairman Laura Walters told Hamblin he would be given information on contacting the PSA.

Another resident of the area said she hasn't had problems with her well and she had talked with others who have also had no problems.

"We don't want the water," she stated. "I don't think it's fair

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Garbage

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since the PSA service was not timely.”

Dawson said staff met with PSA officials in late January to discuss their concerns regarding losing billing services and the town shared its specific concerns.

“But this meeting did not yield any proposed change in service and the town reaffirmed its original decision on Jan. 19,” Dawson said, adding that the PSA Director and a member of the PSA board attended a council meeting in February, citing the challenges the termination of billing posed for the PSA. He said they indicated that servicing the town would be troublesome if billing services ceased and not profitable otherwise.

Dawson said this prompted the town to initiate an RFP (Request For Proposal) process in May

2022 to determine if there was an acceptable alternative to the contractual arrangement with the PSA.

“County officials had encouraged the town to do its ‘due diligence’ in evaluating options potentially available,” Dawson said.

He said three responses to the RFP were received on June 1, 2022, which triggered an “exhausting analysis” of the proposals, including one from the PSA.

“Council identified as its three priorities for trash services customer service, regular bulk pickup, collection and operation of a convenience center,” Dawson continued, adding that meetings with potential providers focused on these priorities as well as cost.

“In the final analysis, a private hauler – GFL (Green For Life) was selected,” Dawson announced.

“Their proposal provides improved service at the same cost and will include providing a 95-gallon container to each res-

idence and business currently receiving curbside collection, weekly collection of trash, bulk collection once a month, upgraded convenience center equipment, fewer holiday service changes and a dedicated customer service hotline,” Dawson said.

GFL will begin servicing town residents on January 1, 2023.

Dawson said details on transitioning to GFL will follow in the months ahead.

He noted that at the end of the 5-year contract with GFL, a new RFP will be issued to ensure that town residents continue to have the most efficient and effective service.

“The PSA has had, since 1986, the exclusive right to perform trash services to all residential, commercial and industrial customers within the town limits. That exclusivity will end with termination of the existing contract on Dec. 31, 2022. While the town continues to consider whether it

should grant exclusive rights for these businesses to be serviced in the future, businesses will be free to choose their trash provider for the immediate future,” Dawson said.

At Monday’s meeting of the Board of Supervisors, County Attorney Tim Kirtner told the supervisors that there seemed to be – in the PSA’s view – some agreement with the town that the 1986 agreement “really is much outdated and doesn’t track what’s actually being done at this time.”

He said the PSA had determined they intend to terminate that agreement effective Dec. 31, 2022. He said that is the same date the town has told the PSA it plans to terminate the billing service they have previously been providing to the PSA.

Kirtner said the PSA had notified the town in July of its intentions to cancel the 1986 agree-

ment.

Near the end of Tuesday’s council meeting, Dawson expressed excitement over GFL’s future service to the town.

“I think the increased level of bulk pickup every single month, 12 times a year is something that’s going to really have the potential of improving the look of our town and probably reduce some code violations at the same time. And I think having the entire town equipped with a uniform trash can is going to be a very attractive look for our town,” Dawson said.

He added it is unfortunate that the best agreement was not “with our neighbors in the county,” but that the town will look forward to going through the RFP process again in five years and make sure it is doing the best thing for the citizens.

Taxpayers to get break on personal property taxes

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Local officials took action Monday to lessen the blow on taxpayers in the county who would have to pay more in personal property taxes for their vehicles at the end of the year due to current economic conditions.

Nearly everyone is aware that record high inflation, global supply chain issues and other factors are combining to distort the market for used vehicles in the U.S. These factors are driving the value of used vehicles to extraordinarily and unrealistically high amounts.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said Monday the Board of Supervisors, Commissioner of Revenue Kim Matthews and Treasurer Melinda Worrell desire to “mitigate some of what we would consider unprecedented values of appreciation” for vehicles during the 2022 tax year versus what everyone has been accustomed to.

Sweet said his entire life when

you drove a vehicle off the car lot it depreciated in value.

“We’ve seen the opposite occur today in some cases,” he said.

He said several communities across Virginia have considered doing something to relieve citizens of this “unusual tax increase.”


When personal property tax bills are figured, the unusually high value of vehicles will drive the amount owed up.

County Attorney Tim Kirtner explained that Matthews looks at the NADA Blue Book for vehicle values when personal property tax bills are calculated.

With the action Monday – passage of a resolution to allow Matthews to use a ratio less than 100 percent when figuring vehicle values – the effect of inflation will be lessened.

Sweet said applying a 97 percent ratio would effectively return a quarter of a million dollars back to taxpayers in the county through smaller personal property

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Driving in downtown will be different soon

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Expect driving in downtown Pulaski to become a very different experience in the not-too-distant future.

With a pending water line replacement project downtown coming in the fall, West Main Street will be torn up for the work. That will necessitate two-way traffic at least temporarily on Third Street.

That water line replacement will bring with it new Main Street paving, striping and sidewalks.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham told council previously the project will present an opportunity for them to make changes downtown – specifically returning to two-way traffic on Main and Third if they desire. It will also give council an opportunity to explore changing parking downtown – going from parking as it is now or changing to angled parking such as is found in Wytheville.

Burcham to remain as town manager through end of 2023

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Darlene Burcham will continue on as Pulaski’s Town Manager through the end of 2023, it was announced Tuesday.

Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins read a statement at the end of Tuesday’s meeting of Town Council making the announcement.

“The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pulaski are pleased to announce that Darlene Burcham has agreed to extend her contract as Town Manager until the end of 2023,” Collins said.

“Over the last two years Burcham has overseen the Town of Pulaski through the challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic along with significant changes to the senior leadership of the town’s departments, and the Town Council has complete confidence in her leadership,” the mayor continued.

He said setting a budget is one of the Town Council’s most important functions, and through Ms. Burcham’s leadership, the budget has led to an improved financial position and increased fund balance (reserves).

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ty tax bills.

Robinson District Supervisor Jeff Reeves recommended the county pass the resolution using a 93 percent ratio, which he said Matthews initially proposed.

Cloyd District Supervisor Adam Hall seconded the motion.

Sweet said using the 93 percent ratio would mean reducing personal property tax bills by

Burcham has also suggested in the past the signal lights in downtown likely are not necessary now, considering the amount of traffic downtown. She has expressed the opinion that four-way stops at downtown intersections that currently have traffic signals might work better and actually be safer.

With all this in mind, the town contracted with Ramey Kemp Associates and McGill and Associates on both a speed study and a two-way traffic conversion analysis.

Mike Norris of McGill and Joe Wallace of Ramey Kemp presented the results of those studies to town council on Tuesday.

The speed study was to evaluate the existing travel speeds of drivers on East Main Street (Route 99), Washington Avenue (Route 11) and Route 611 (Bob White Boulevard) to determine if speed limit modifications are appropriate.

Traffic speed and volume data was collected for seven days in May of this year while schools

were in session at six locations:

- East Main Street between Union Avenue and Newbern Road
- East Main Street east of Xaloy Way
- Washington Avenue south of Main Street
- Route 11 north of Windsor Avenue
- Bob White Boulevard between Monte Vista Drive and Medallion Drive
- Bob White Boulevard between Hedgerow Lane and Longview Road

The study concluded that generally, as drivers approach the downtown portion of Pulaski, there is reasonable compliance with the posted speed limits.

However, the study recommended that a transitional speed limit of 45 mph be placed on Route 99 in the area of the new mountain bike park at the Dora Highway intersection.

Currently, traffic coming into town on that route goes from 55 to 35 at the base of the hill just before the traffic light at the intersection of Bob White Boulevard.

ing significant raises for all of our hardworking staff members, as well as a pay for performance plan starting this year.”

He also credited Burcham with the modification of space in the municipal building to better align available space with the needs of the staff, including the reopening of the drive-through window in the finance department.

Collins said Burcham had focused on addressing the town’s buildings and infrastructure, restarted the rental inspection program to ensure residents are living in safe housing conditions.

“Ms. Burcham has overseen the starting of the ARS (Acquire, Rehabilitate, Sell) program through the state to provide much needed additional quality housing for

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Burcham said there has also been talk among staff of the need to post a town-wide 35 mph limit.

The two-way traffic study involved determining the feasibility of converting Third Street and Second Street (Main Street) from one-way traffic to two-way between Jefferson Avenue and Duncan Avenue. As part of the study, the existing traffic control was also evaluated.

The study found that converting traffic to two-way on Third and Main is operationally feasible. The study also found that converting the signalized intersections downtown to all-way stop controlled intersections could decrease the overall intersection delays and improve traffic flow.

The study also found that the

intersection of East Main, Third and Duncan – known by locals as the “Y” – could operate at favorable levels of service as a two-way stop-controlled intersection or as a roundabout intersection.

The study results noted installing a roundabout at the intersection may require additional right-of-way from adjacent properties.

Council will take up the speed and two-way traffic issues at its next meeting on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. She said staff would make sure council is prepared to hold a discussion on the issues at the meeting and would prepare a draft of plans for council to view prior to

Burcham urged council in the meantime to let her know of any questions or ideas on traffic before the meeting.

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**WILLIAM EUGENE
“BILL” COOK**

William Eugene “Bill” Cook, 77, passed away on August 21, 2022 at the Veteran’s Care Center in Roanoke, VA after a lengthy illness.

Bill was born on 4/14/1945, to William Cook Jr. and Faith “Faye” Constance Hamilton Cook Love. He was the oldest of 6 children. He was a devoted father and brother; but his favorite role, by far, was being a doting grandfather. He was funny, generous, quick with a witty comment or a story, and rarely met a person he didn’t like.

Bill was a veteran of the US Marine Corps 1963-1968 where he served 2.5 tours in Vietnam. He later went on to serve in the Marine Corps reserves, the Army reserve and the Air Force reserves; he retired from Dept of the Defense (ALTESS) in 2008 after 25 years of service.

Bill was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Texas; Baytown Lodge #1357. He was raised to Master Mason in June 1981, going on to complete the Scottish Rite (Sept.1981) and York Rite in Houston TX. Ten years later in 1991 he achieved his goal of becoming a Shriner at the Kazim Temple in Roanoke, VA. In 2003, he became a lifetime endowed member of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

He was active in the community: He was one of the founding members of the Marine Corps League of the New River Valley, a regular volunteer during USMC yearly Toys for Tots campaign, and he was an adult leader with both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Bill was also instrumental in founding the National Anglico Association

and served as its first president.

Bill is survived his siblings Charles Lee Cook (Maureen), Connie Faye Love Sparks, and Mark Richard Love (Kelly). His daughters: Rebecca Overpeck (Nathaniel), Roberta Pease (partner William Summitt), and Renee Cook. An honorary son, Eric Keith McConaughey (Nan-chu). Six grandchildren: William Samual “Sammy” Cook, Amber Rose Shupe (Joshua), Autumn Rose Cook, Nathaniel Joseph “Joey” Overpeck, Collin Thomas Overpeck, Ryan Patrick Overpeck and honorary grandson Eric Keith “Junior” McConaughey Jr. Two great grandchildren, Madilyn Rae Cook and Michael James Cook. Nephews Charles Cook Jr. (Alexis), Christopher Cook (Tina), Milton Sparks Jr., Franklin Sparks, Mark Love Jr., and Matthew Love. Nieces April Cook, Melissa Lacy Freitag (Jerald), Amanda Sparks DeLong (Darrell), Octavia Boyd (Tony), and Michele Spearman (Matthew). As well as an abundance of great (and great-great) nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father William Cook Jr (1948), his mother Faith “Faye” Hamilton Cook Love (1977), sister-in-law Marilyn Lee Norris Cook (2001), nephew Robert Thomas Cook Jr. (2010), brother Samuel Joseph Love (2016), brother Robert Thomas Cook Sr. (2016), and great niece Carrie Faye Griffin (2021).

Funeral services for Bill will be held at Bower Funeral Home on Bob White Blvd in Pulaski on Monday, August 29th. Family will receive visitors from 12:30 to 1:10, followed by a short Masonic Ceremony. Funeral services will begin at 1:30, followed by burial with military honors at SW Virginia Veteran’s Cemetery in Dublin, VA at 3pm. There will be a Wake held in Bill’s honor immediately following the graveside service at the Thornspring Golf and Country Club in Pulaski.

To sign Bill’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



**BARBARA KATHLEEN
KING PRINCE**

Barbara Kathleen King Prince, age 84 of Draper passed away Friday, August 19, 2022 at the Radford Health and Rehab Center.

Born May 25, 1938 in Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Oscar King and Lucille Hale King. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles Lawrence Prince and one brother, Elwood “Woody” King.

She was a member of the Max Creek Baptist Church in Draper, Virginia. She was a graduate of Berea College in Berea, Kentucky and received her double master’s degree at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Mrs. Prince was a retired school-teacher with Atholton Elementary in Howard County, Maryland.

She is survived by

Son
Terry Charles (Sara Margaret) Prince – Draper

Daughter
Tammy Teresa Osborn –

Mooresville, NC

Grandchildren
Charles Lawrence Prince, II,

and Vann Tyler Prince

Sisters
Dorothy Sutton, Sylvia Long

and Wanda Ulmer

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, 12:00 noon., August 27, 2022 at the Max Creek Baptist Church, Draper.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 11:00 am until the service begins at 12:00 noon.

Interment will follow in the Max Creek Church Cemetery, Draper.

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

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

BETTY JEAN NUNN COX

Betty Jean Nunn Cox, age 86 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, August 21, 2022 at the Skyline Nursing Home in Floyd, Virginia. Born September 19, 1935 in Corinne, West Virginia she was the daughter of the late Roatan Jackson Nunn & Mary Elizabeth Elliott Nunn. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Matthew Cox and grandsons, Justin Cox and Benjamin Cox and a number of sisters and brothers.

Betty is survived by her Children

Arnold (Lee) Cox, Jr. – Pulaski

Freddie (Margaret) Cox – Cox’s Hollow

Jackie Cox & Brenda Chrisley – Cox’s Hollow

Jeffrey (TJ) Cox – Cox’s Hollow

Grandchildren

Joseph Cox, Sara Cox, Kevin Cox, Travis Cox, Lucas Cox and Joseph Burcham

3 Great Grandchildren

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Sisters – Eileen Schoolcraft,

Brenda Paris, Marie Scott and Lucy Jones

Brother – Robert E. Nunn

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, August 26, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home, Chapel- Pulaski with Rev. Bill Akers.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home. Interment will be private at the Cox Family Cemetery, Cox’s Hollow Road-Pulaski.

Special thanks to staff and nurse Sabrina @ Skyline Health & Rehab Center in Floyd for their loving care.

To sign Betty’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

**RAYMOND RANDALL
RICE, JR.**

On Friday, August 12, 2022, Raymond Randall Rice, Jr., age 71, of Pulaski, VA died peacefully at his cabin with family at his bedside. Born on July 19, 1951, in Radford, VA, he was the only son of the late Raymond R. Rice Sr., and Virginia Wallner Rice of Pulaski. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Martha Rice-Shelton and his brother-in-law, Allen Mott.

A 1969 graduate of Pulaski High School, he also studied history in college. Crunch dearly loved (and was loved by) his family and friends. He was friendly, thoughtful, and had a great sense of humor. When his mother, Virginia, developed Alzheimer’s disease, Crunch served as her primary caregiver. They laughed a lot, enjoyed visiting friends, and sometimes engaged in drag-racing. Despite claiming to dislike children (except for French children for whom he made an exception), he was an astonishingly good uncle and granduncle.

Crunch was a voracious reader, a history buff, and a great cook; he loved to entertain his family and friends at the cabin. He was also the only person in the world who knew how to correctly load a dishwasher. He was unassuming, always himself. Though he maintained a gruff exterior, he was an excellent friend; he gave what he could, and he did what he could for others.

The genuinely thoughtful kindnesses of this wonderful man, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend will be greatly missed. Left to cherish his memory are his many friends and his sisters, Suzanne (Suzi) Rice Mott of Naples, FL, Roberta (Bobbi) Rice Sullivan (John) of Asheville, NC; his cousins Cathy (Terry) Coble of Pulaski and Ashley Nackle of Livermore, CA as well as his nephews, Andrew (Andy) Holland of Somerset, PA, Sean Sullivan (Laura) of Asheville, NC and Thomas (Tom) A. Mott of Naples, FL and his nieces Regan Shelton of Pulaski and Molly Sullivan Reeves (Michael) of Asheville, NC; several great & great-great nephews nieces and cousins; and a special friend, Suzette Carter.

It was his wish to have no services. Seagle’s is handling arrangements. Because none of us can agree on a common charity, we ask that you commemorate Crunch by sharing a good meal, some jokes, and a beverage of your choice with friends and family. Just know that he’s judging you as you load the dishwasher.

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Burcham

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“Ms. Burcham prioritized the use of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to rehabilitate our water tanks (for the first time ever), overhaul our water filtration plant, and provide additional outdoor recreation spaces such as our new skate park, mountain bike park and soon all new playground equipment,” Collins said.

He added that under her leadership, a new meals tax incentive was adopted to encourage new restaurants to locate in downtown, and “we have multiple

construction projects on long-vacant downtown buildings.”

“As Darlene would be the first to say, none of this could be done without the hard work and dedication of all of our town employees. The Town Council and Mayor look forward to working with both Darlene and Town staff to continue this positive momentum including major water and sewer infrastructure projects over the next year,” Collins said.

Burcham was named interim town manager in June 2020 following the resignation of former town manager Shawn Utt.

At the time, the town contracted with The Berkley Group to provide town manager assistance. Burcham left the town manager’s post in Clifton Forge to join Berkley’s Executive Management Team and began working for Pulaski on July 1, 2020.

In December of that year, council voted unanimously to hire Burcham as the town’s next full-time town manager, approving a two-year employment contract with her.

Prior to coming to Pulaski, Burcham held positions in Norfolk as its deputy city manager

and as Roanoke’s city manager for ten years prior to moving on to Clifton Forge.

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they’re going to force us to pay a fee for something we don’t want.” She added that residents of the area need information. “No one has told us anything. There have been people out there the last three weeks surveying, but nobody will tell us anything.” Reeves said he had been told two weeks ago by the PSA that it planned to send out a letter to the residents. “I assume it hasn’t got there yet,” Reeves asked. “No,” exclaimed Hamblin. One citizen asked when the PSA board meets and Ashley Edmonds, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors responded they meet the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. “In the morning,” someone replied? “How’s someone supposed to get off work [to attend the meeting]?” Walters suggested calling the PSA or sending an email to express concerns over the project. Contacted Tuesday by The Patriot, Jared Linkous, PSA Director, said there had been several requests from the Robinson Tract area in the last few years for water service, including from a church. Linkous explained that some years ago, the local Extension office offered voluntary water testing at a reduced price. Residents countywide could bring water

samples in for testing. He noted that the tests showed problems with the water samples for a couple of residents in the Hilton Village Loop area. Linkous explained that many of the lots in the area are half-acre in size, but that rules now require nearly an acre of land to provide enough room for a septic system, space for a reserve area should problems occur and the proper distances between wells, homes and septic systems. He said for lots like that, if the well should someday fail, there won’t be enough room for a reserve area. Linkous also said it is a well-known fact that we live in an area with karst topography, with underground caves and sinkholes. He explained in such an area, if a septic system should fail, there would be a high possibility for contamination of wells. He said whenever people come to the PSA seeking water service, “we try to get water to them” out of concern for health and safety. He said the PSA has not had any calls from citizens who didn’t want the water, and that the Robinson Tract area is at the top or near the top of the areas to be served according to the PSA’s master plan. He added the project is “pretty early on,” with surveyors out to begin working on a layout for the system, which will help determine construction costs. Linkous explained the PSA has arrived at a good funding package for the project through the Health

Department. Because, he said, Pulaski County is not considered a disadvantaged community, it doesn’t always qualify for some grants or low-interest loans for such projects. But this time it did qualify, Linkous said, because the PSA proposed combining the water project with another involving two private wells that had failed. Health officials agreed and the PSA will receive nearly \$1.5 million in a principal forgiveness grant and a 30-year loan at only 1.8 percent final rate financing with expedited closing. “We worked hard to get that kind of financing offer for the community,” Linkous said. “I hope we can have a conversation

on it. If not, we probably won’t get financing like that again.” Concerning the non-user fee, Linkous explained that even at 0 percent financing, the PSA takes on some sort of debt on water projects such as the one proposed in Robinson Tract. “The non-user fee is like a base rate. If you are a non-user, you pay a fee, an availability fee. But for those who use the service they pay per 1,000-gallons of use,” Linkous said. He explained that should the well belonging to a non-user goes out or becomes contaminated, they could immediately hook onto the county water. “That ability has value to it,” he said. He said it actually takes about

five years from start to finish to complete a water project such as the one proposed for Robinson Tract, considering all the planning, surveying, design, reports, applications and permitting that must be completed. “If someone’s well goes out, they don’t have five years,” Linkous explained. Plus, he said, typically when county water is available to a property owner, it causes the value of their property to increase. “I feel like it is a pretty good service we’re trying to provide,” Linkous said. He added that people often say they have good well water and don’t need county water. “But you can’t see or taste bacteria,” he said. “Have it tested.”

Introduction to Digital Photography course at NRCC offered this fall

New River Community College is offering an evening digital photography course this fall. Introduction to Digital Photography (PHT 164) teaches the fundamentals of photography including camera function, composition, and image production as they apply to digital imagery. This course is open for those who want to learn how to use any camera they own, including phones, who want to learn basic Photoshop skills with photos, and who may be interested in marketing their own small business. Current NRCC students may register for classes online by visiting their student accounts. New students or those who may need additional support to register can reach out to an advisor by emailing advising@nr.edu or calling (540) 674-3609. Prospective NRCC students may visit www.nr.edu/registernow for enrollment information.

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Energy Warnings From Europe

On the eve of the United Kingdom’s entry into World War I, Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey remarked as he observed lamplighters at work in the dusk, “The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.”

Amid another war on the European continent in the present, the lamps may be literally going out across



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Europe – and the air conditioning, and the hot water, and more. They may only be turned on again when governments

give their approval, the unfortunate but unsurprising result of unrealistic and short-sighted energy policies.

An August 10 Wall Street Journal article with a Berlin dateline began:

Lights illuminating many of the German capital’s monuments are going dark. Officials here and in the Netherlands have urged residents to take shorter showers. The Spanish prime minister suggested ditching ties to cope with the summer heat. New limits on air conditioning in Spain are going into effect there this week.

The long-term cause of Europe’s energy crunch is its choice to depend increasingly on unreliable power sources like wind and wind.

Nuclear power and coal, among the most dependable of energy sources, were phased out while solar and wind, intermittent and insecure sources, were encouraged. Europe’s natural gas consumption grew but its own production declined. The European Union (EU) even launched a “European Green Deal” in 2020.

To meet demand for natural gas, many European countries turned to Russia. The EU imported 40% of its natural gas from Russia in 2021. Germany was Europe’s leading importer of Russian gas and in recent years supported construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline to facilitate the supply.

That dependence on Russian gas could create difficulties was no surprise. President Trump warned in 2018, “Germany will become totally dependent on Russian energy if it does not immediately change course,” and his Administration sought to block Nord Stream 2. The Biden Administration, however, lifted sanctions on the project after taking office. Discussion about energy in Europe focused on arbitrary carbon emissions reduction targets instead of providing reliable and affordable fuel supplies.

So in February 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine, Europe found itself in a predicament. Vladimir Putin’s regime is propped up by the money it makes off oil and gas exports, so the energy Europe bought from Russia supported his aggression in Ukraine. European opposition to his war opened the continent to retaliation from Russia without an immediate way to make up a potential shortfall in energy supplies.

The Biden Administration must be considered an accomplice in exposing Europe to Russian energy blackmail. Its agenda to curtail domestic energy production by cancelling projects and delaying permitting has not only limited American options; it reduced our ability to export energy sources to our allies. Europe looked too late for other energy suppliers than Russia, but the United States had less to offer when that time came than we could have.

The EU now plans to end its dependence on Russian fossil fuels by 2027, but the problems of reliance on Putin are occurring now. He has sharply reduced the flow of gas through pipelines to Europe, sending the price for natural gas soaring and threatening the continent’s broader economy. Europe is left to watch uneasily as Putin plots his next move.

Ironically, one of the few immediate steps Europe can take is to return to the fuel sources it previously shunned. Its coal imports are up, and coal-fired power plants have been kept online. Germany has reportedly opted to extend the life of three nuclear power plants it had previously planned to close at the end of this year.

Europe never had to find itself in this crisis if it had chosen more reliable and practical energy strategies. The United States shouldn’t find itself in the same situation in the future if we heed these painful lessons from across the Atlantic now. A diverse energy mix that relies on domestic production, not hostile foreign powers, and encourages innovation to produce cleaner energy can meet our energy needs, reduce carbon emissions, and create jobs here.

As the lamps go out in Europe, let’s make the right choices to keep them on in America.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

Who Should be Our Leaders?

The Rev. Matthew Henry wrote in 1726, “Good rulers are in pain when their subject are in tears.”

Most Americans would agree that our nation is deeply divided in our social and political opinions.

We’ve struggled through COVID restrictions and jabs which many believe were un-Constitutional mandates. Hard working American citizens lost their jobs, security, retirement benefits and faith in their government.

Churches, restaurants and small businesses were closed down but big-box stores and liquor stores remained open. These patriots believe their First Amendment rights were trampled on and are concerned that the current administration is choosing which parts of our Constitution to respect.

Our southern border is being invaded daily by people from every nation in the world. There are few if any health checks, a lack of vetting for potential terrorists, horrendous treatment of migrants by traffickers and an explosion of drug smuggling. The influx of illegal immigrants since March has topped 200,000 monthly and almost 70% of those

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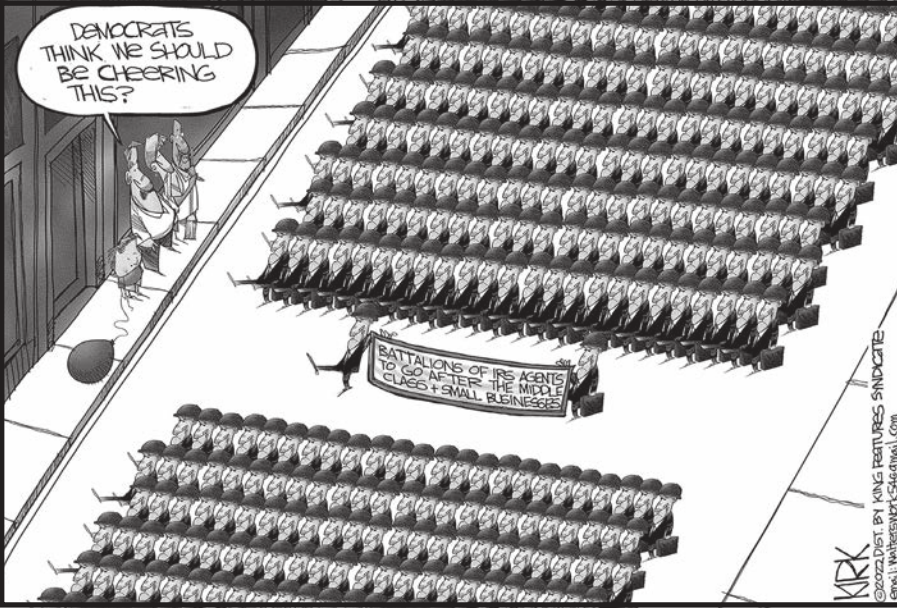
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are single adults. See <https://www.cbpc.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

We are floundering in a sea of national debt; but while trying to regain our financial stability, decisions are being made at the highest level which compound more debt onto the American taxpayers.

Inflation, high gas prices and escalating food prices are taking a huge chunk out of people’s income. It is costing the average American family an extra \$341.00 a month in expenses over last year; and the consumer price index has jumped to 9-percent. People are having to make decisions about whether to buy food or fill their gas

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Revisiting the flat tax

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

The next time Republicans control all three branches of government they may wish to visit an old idea - the flat tax. When magazine publisher and Republican Steve Forbes ran for president in 1996, the flat tax was at the heart of his campaign.

Forbes lost the nomination to Bob Dole, who lost the election to Bill Clinton. Coupled with a serious reduction in wasteful and unnecessary spending, a flat tax could revive the economy for decades to come.

Forbes proposed a 17 percent flat tax with generous exemptions of \$13,000 for each adult and \$5,000 for each child. He proposed eliminating “unfair double taxation of personal savings, Social Security, pensions, capital gains, and dividend income (effectively turning) all savings and investment accounts into Roth IRAs: You deposit after-tax income, let your money multiply in value with compound interest, and then withdraw your money tax-free.”

Forbes also wanted to erase the “The unfair alternative minimum tax and ‘death’ taxes, calling them “regressive taxes that hurt working families, small business owners and especially farmers who want to pass their farms on to their children.”

There was much more, including necessary reforms in Social Security and Medicare, but the flat tax was key.

Democrats, especially, have benefited politically from the graduated income tax. Though the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates 57 percent of U.S. households paid no federal taxes in 2021, up substantially from the 44 percent before the pandemic, Democrats have repeatedly made political hay out of denouncing “the rich” and “big corporations” for not paying their “fair share.” The flat tax would eliminate the class envy argument, abolish the hated Internal Revenue Service, and put more money in the pockets of people who earn it, instead of sending greater amounts to the government which only knows how

to spend and misspend it. Read more about the original Forbes flat tax and notice how it shifts the economic power from Washington to us.

I emailed Forbes requesting an update and he responded: “The flat tax is simple, comprehensible, and fair. The only deductions would be for yourself, your spouse and your children. It would also be simple for businesses -- deduct from revenue the actual costs of doing business such as labor and materials; investments would also be instantly expensed. ... With the flat tax, the country would blossom and the politics would be less polluted (no more neverending lobbying for special interest tax breaks and credits).”

Forbes also spoke of its “moral dimension”: “The IRS has estimated that we spend over 6 billion hours a year filling out tax forms. Experts also calculate that we spend the equivalent of between \$200 to \$400 billion a year complying with this currently corrupt monstrosity.”

The Tax Code is a foreign language to many. As of 2018, it comprised 60 thousand pages in 54 volumes. According to The Tax Foundation, the nation’s leading independent tax policy 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the U.S. ranks 21st out of 37 nations in tax simplicity. Estonia has been first for eight straight years. Maybe we could learn from them.

Look at states with no state taxes to see their prosperity. It is a major reason so many Americans are moving from high tax states to those with lower, or no state taxes. Unfortunately, one cannot escape the long arm of the IRS.

A flat tax and the elimination of the IRS might help reduce the anger many people have about Washington and big spending politicians, but that would mean Democrat politicians could no longer have the issue and having the issue serves their political interests.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Garland on a path to the Abyss

Does Attorney General Merrick Garland know that he is investigating the man most likely to be the opponent of the president he serves? Does he realize that the intense political pressure campaign that he’s under to indict that man has been plainly visible to everyone? Does he care?

If we can’t know where Garland is ultimately heading in his probe of Jan. 6 and the documents seized from Mar-a-Lago, all indications are that he is preparing the ground for an indictment of Donald J. Trump.

The former president is inflammatory and mendacious as a matter of course, but in this case, it is the mild-mannered former judge who came within a hair’s breadth of a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court who is rehearsing for the role of arsonist.

An indictment of Trump would be one of the most consequential acts by the Justice Department in decades, and Garland has a flagrant conflict of interest and is likely to have to use an adventurous legal theory to try to nail Trump -- at the same time, the legitimacy of his institution is increasingly in doubt.

This is not a promising formula. An attorney general shouldn’t consider the prospect of reaping the whirlwind and think, “Bring it on.”

The Jan. 6 committee, elected Democrats, and the media have been braying for Garland to move against Trump. President Biden himself has reportedly told aides in private that Garland should indict Trump. “Garland Faces Growing Pressure as Jan. 6 Investigation Widens,” The New York Times reported earlier this year.

It would take truly cursed independence and enormous moral and political courage not to take the path of least resistance and give in to these voices. Garland appears to be bending, presumably on his way to breaking.

It is amazing that he’s gotten this far without feeling a prick of conscience about his own status. I have no use for special counsels as a general matter, but how can an attorney general make highly sensitive determinations that will quite probably affect the state of play of the next presidential election without realizing he has a profound conflict of interest?

It’d be one thing if Trump had shot someone on Fifth Avenue -- a clean, no-doubt crime that wouldn’t require any novel theories or difficult-to-probe contentions about his state of mind to prosecute.

In contrast, Trump’s Jan. 6 offenses involve alleged crimes, like obstructing Congress or defrauding the U.S., that are going to involve tricky questions about his motives and where the legitimate exercise of his powers ends and the supposed criminality begins.

Needless to say, the country is not prepared to adjudicate such questions in a calm, high-minded manner. It will be the O.J. Simpson trial meets the Hiss-Chambers case, with a presidential race not in the background, but very much in the foreground.

The fact of the matter is that while Trump’s moral blameworthiness for Jan. 6 is not in doubt, his legal culpability is. It’s easy to write an op-ed or say on cable TV

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Pickle What?

As many of you have enjoyed recently, the County has been focused on a variety of quality of life investments, primarily the improvement of outdoor recreation assets. We have made many advancements in our 17 local parks and other recreation amenities.

One of the major upgrades we have and continue to invest in all over the county, both indoor and outdoor, are newly popular pickleball courts.

I know what you are thinking, what’s pickleball(?). Well, pickleball is one of the fastest growing participation sports in America. In 1965, a Washington State businessman and a World War II U.S. Army veteran by the name of Joel Pritchard stumbled onto the invention of pickleball when he was inspired into fashioning a makeshift game to entertain his children on a badminton court with only ping-pong paddles and a wiffle ball.

He and a buddy by the name of Barney McCallum later

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tank so they can get to work each day.

Evidence has come forward showing that our public school systems have been hijacked by the woke culture. Instead of teaching our students to appreciate the blessings of being citizens of this great nation, they are being enticed to believe our Founders and founding principles are evil.

Social media has declared war on conservative ideas and frequently silence the opposition by locking them out of the mainstream avenues of discussion. Again, an infringement of our First Amendment rights against American citizens.

The list goes on but these are enough to cause freedom-loving Americans (and our Founders, if they knew this was happening) to break down in tears!

Now I ask you, do we see the elite governing class in pain while “We The People” are in tears? They continue to fly their personal jets while scolding us for our environmental footprint, they throw lavish parties, sometimes at the taxpayers’ expense, ignore the COVID rules that they are inflicting on the average citizen, and employ fear tactics to control parents who are concerned about their children’s education.

In the early days of our country, pastors taught from the pulpit what type of individual deserved to be a ruler in this blessed nation. Ministers would encourage their flock to vote responsibly. They gave sermons to help their parishioners determine which candidates were worthy of their sacred vote. They understood that the moral character and political character of our

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that Trump incited an insurrection. As a legal matter, though, Trump didn’t come close to crossing the line to incitement, which has very specific and high standards under law.

Even his infamous Georgia phone call looks different on the close reading it would get as part of any court case -- by the end of the call, his lawyers were only asking that the secretary of state’s office tell them why their count of suspected fraudulent votes was off.



Patriot's Post

Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co. Administrator

created the rules to what is now known as Pickleball.

According to USA Pickleball, the sport combines many of the elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong into one competitive game.

The County has successfully modified our tennis courts and both our indoor and outdoor basketball and volleyball courts to also be universally used for pickleball. You will find our citizens routinely engaging in pickleball outside at Randolph Park (2 courts), Old Riverlawn (6 courts in progress), and indoors at the Pulaski Community Youth Center (2 courts), and in Central

Gym (2 courts).

Several of our Pulaski County citizens have been long-time pickleball enthusiasts and avid participants of this burgeoning sport. Familiar local names such as Mickey Hickman, Mike and Kathy Waller, Jared Smith, and John and Lisa Buckner have been familiar faces on our courts.

It is because of folks like these and their interest in this community fostering sport, that Pulaski County leadership and our Parks and Recreation department continues to find opportunities to make pickleball more accessible.

The County is currently looking at the potential to develop an adult competitive pickleball

league for Pulaski County citizens with proof of residency.

We want to hear from you and gauge your interest in potentially starting this league. And if you haven’t tried the sport yet, I encourage you to come out and give it a swing.

Pulaski County is...In the Kitchen



Photo courtesy of Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office

Pulaski County Sheriff Mike Worrell and officers from his department present School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers and other school personnel a cache of donated school supplies.

Asset Forfeiture Funds used to provide school supplies to teachers

On Aug. 19, 2022, the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office donated a cache of school supplies to the Pulaski County Public Schools in an effort to assist the many teachers who educate our children throughout the year.

Due to a variety of reasons, there are many teachers who spend their own money buying supplies to make sure every student has the same opportunity to learn and reach their fullest potential before advancing to the next grade. It is our hope that all Pulaski County teachers know how much they are valued and appreciated for the excellent jobs they do each day. After speaking with several teachers within our schools, we obtained a list of many items teachers pur-

chase for their classrooms and we would like to share a small token of our support by offering these items funded by our department’s Asset Forfeiture Program.

Asset Forfeiture Funds are funds seized from illegal drug activity investigated by our 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, 2022, 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.

Like all Pulaski County parents, we too value what our teachers give of themselves each day and are thankful they have chosen Pulaski County to teach our children for a better tomorrow.

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Pulaski Co. Republican Women celebrate 65 years

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Local Republicans gathered Friday evening in Dublin to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Pulaski County Republican Women's group.

Ninth District Congressman Morgan Griffith was the keynote speaker for the evening and led a group of current and former Republican state officeholders in attendance including Delegates Jason Ballard and Marie March, State Senator Travis Hackworth and former delegates Nick Rush and Annie B. Crockett-Stark.

Jake Petzold represented Gov. Glenn Youngkin at the event.

Sabrina Smith Cox presided over the event as president of the Pulaski County Republican Women.

Ballard and Hackworth presented certificates of recognition to several longtime leaders within the women's group and to the group itself on its 65th anniversary.

Those recognized included Cox, Sybil Atkinson, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters, Elinore Farmer, Faye Henegar, Angie Hall, Mickey Weikle, Alice Buford, Barbara Layman, Pat Smith, Sarah Drummond and Dot Lancaster.

"Truly, I believe without some of the women in this room, the governor would not be governor today," Petzold said.

He read a letter from Governor Glenn Youngkin, honoring the Pulaski County Republican Women.

“Since 1957, the Pulaski County Republican Women have been



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Gov. Glenn Youngkin's representative Jake Petzold presents gifts from the governor to recognize three members of the Pulaski County Republican Women for their contributions to Virginia. (From left) Laura Walters, Sabrina Smith Cox and Angie Hall.

instrumental in helping conservative candidates across Southwest Virginia,” Petzold read. “Notably, your club worked tirelessly for former Governor John Dalton’s campaign to become the Commonwealth’s 63rd governor and supported former Delegate Annie B. Crockett-Stark’s run for the General Assembly. And it was through your resolute actions that Laura Walters was the

first female elected to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, and now the first female chair of the board.”

The governor's letter also recognized the work of the group to help support the election of Kim Matthews as the county's Commissioner of Revenue.

"I cannot thank you enough for the support and enthusiasm you gave to my campaign last year."

the letter continued.

“As one of the oldest Republican Women’s Clubs in Virginia, you have made the Commonwealth a better place to live, work and raise a family. Virginia is blessed by the tremendous commitment and advocacy you have shown to elect

conservative candidates. Thank you for strengthening the spirit of Virginia," the governor's letter continued.

Petzold presented certificates of recognition on behalf of the governor to Atkinson, Pat Smith, Layman, Lancaster, Weikle, Henegar, Farmer, Matthews and Crockett-Stark.

Crockett-Stark called all those recognized “unsung heroes,” and said others in the room were also deserving.

Petzold also had special recognitions for three of the group's members – Hall, Walters and Cox – who served as co-chairs of the local Youngkin for Governor effort.

Each received one of a very limited number of charcuterie boards the Governor and First Lady made for the inauguration along with Challenge Coins for each.

Griffith, who was first elected as Representative of the Ninth Congressional District in 2010, formerly served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and was the first Republican in Virginia history to serve as House Majority Leader.

Griffith said he is excited about this year's election for Congress, and that he is not taking anything for granted.

Also during the evening, Ballard presented former delegate Nick Rush with a commendation approved by the Virginia General Assembly for his decade of service to the New River Valley.

The Pulaski County Republican Women is affiliated with the Virginia and National Federation of Republican Women.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Former Delegate Nick Rush gives current Delegate Jason Ballard a thumbs up after Ballard presented Rush with a certificate of commendation from the Virginia General Assembly in recognition of Rush's years of service to the New River Valley.



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Incumbent Rep. Morgan Griffith was keynote speaker for last Friday's celebration.

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County tourism effort brings home awards

Pulaski County Tourism received a total of five awards at the annual Southwest Virginia Tourism Awards held in Wytheville, VA on August 22, 2022. These awards, presented by the Friends of Southwest Virginia, recognize the region's tourism and marketing efforts.

The judges panel included professionals from outside of the Southwest Virginia region. The judges were Daniel Cook, the Director of Marketing and Communications for Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Maryland; Meagan Jolley, Senior Manager of Public Relations and Social Media at See Rock City Inc.; Hayley Musson, a communications and marketing professional who had worked globally; and Jill Thompson, who is the Executive Director at Greater Knoxville Hospitality Association.

In the "Excellence in Tourism Marketing" category, Pulaski County won awards for Best New Website and Best Social Media Campaign. When Pulaski County Tourism became an official department in January of 2021, they began working with 5 Points Creative, a creative marketing agency based in Roanoke, to strategically create a brand that would accurately represent tourism in Pulaski County. Through these efforts, the tourism website, visitpulaskiva.org, had over 5,000 visitors from May 2021 to January 2022, and Pulaski Tourism social media accounts saw a 70% increase in average engagement.

"We've worked so hard this year," said Pulaski County Tourism Director, Peggy White. "The challenge was not finding things in Pulaski County to market—we



Pulaski County photos

Pulaski County brought home 5 Awards at Southwest Virginia's Reignite Tourism Summit.

already have a multitude of activities for visitors to enjoy. The challenge was finding the best way to market all that Pulaski County has to offer."

Thee Draper Village received the award for "Outstanding Tourism Partner of the Year". The "Play Outside" design, which was created by The Village's marketing team, became a staple part of the Pulaski County Tourism brand. Thee Draper Village sold shirts, mugs, bags, and stickers that included the "Play Outside" design and donated 50% of the profits from those items to Pulaski County Tourism.

ki County Tourism.

"I am grateful to be doing business in a county that has the foresight to see the benefits and opportunities that tourism brings to a community," said Debbie Gardner, owner of Thee Draper

Mercantile. "It makes all of the investment dollars we've made and endless hours over the years feel appreciated. We're proud to be part of Pulaski County and will continue doing what we can to support this area."

Pulaski County Administrator, Jonathan Sweet, won the Shining Star Award for Tourism Ex-

ecutive of the Year. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Sweet saw an opportunity to create Pulaski County's Tourism Department. Since the start of the department on January 1, 2021, Sweet has continued to be a key supporter and encourager for tourism efforts in Pulaski County.

"I am genuinely honored to have received such a prestigious recognition amongst so many worthy executives across this half of the Commonwealth, and moreover to share the stage with Thee Draper Village and our Tourism Team", said Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator. "I am simply encouraged that we made the sound business decision to advance tourism in Pulaski County to the next level. It was the Board who invested in this strategic focus and the talents of Peggy White and Shelby Vandergriff that worked with our world-class business community to elevate tourism and generate the impressive returns on our investments."

In addition, Pulaski County Tourism also received the "Outstanding One-Day Event of the Year" award for the Winterfest festival. The first Winterfest, held in December of 2021, attracted over 3,000 attendees consisting of locals, visitors, businesses, and industry. Various toys were donated by Phoenix Packaging and

Lowe's Fairlawn Woodworking Workshop, which were a highlight for the kids attending. Pulaski County High School Students, Pulaski County Parks and Recreation, and others helped bring the community closer together by participating in Winterfest.

Pulaski County Tourism is excited to continue to work closely with members of the community and local leaders to promote the area to visitors. Check out the award-winning website at: visitpulaskiva.org or follow along on social media @visitpulaskiva

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Draper's KannabioLife specializes in hemp products

WILLIAM PAINE
For The Patriot

As one walks into the KannabioLife facility in Draper, a pungent almost skunk-like odor of marijuana becomes immediately noticeable.

Except it isn't marijuana and neither are the green buds, laced with sticky crystalline hairs (trichomes) that Robert (Bob) Huttick keeps in glass jars on his desk.

Bob Huttick and his wife Tami O'Dell are the proprietors of KannabioLife, which specializes in growing, processing and packaging hemp products in their Wysor Road facility.

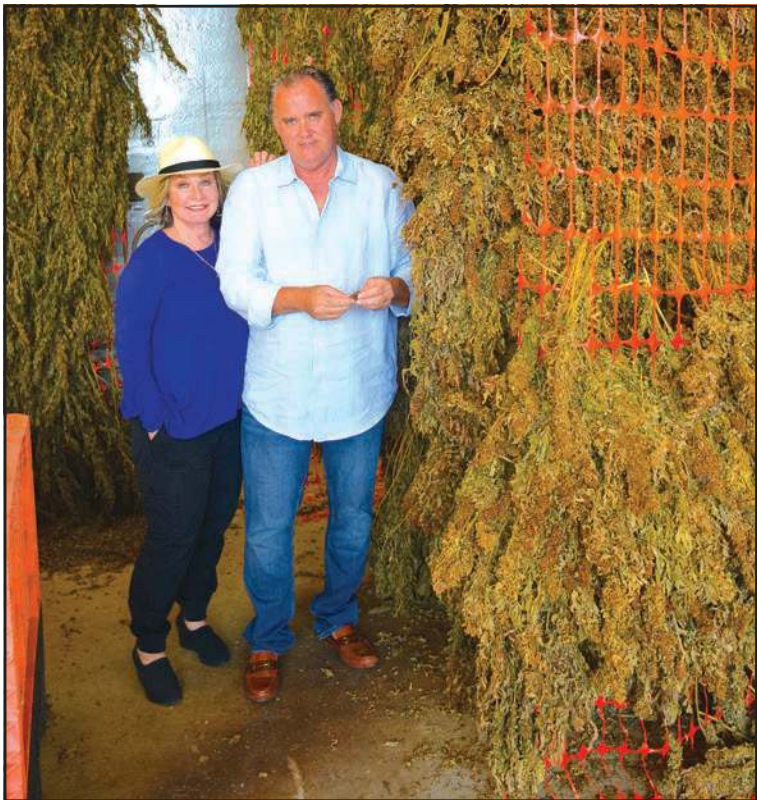
It wasn't long ago that such an operation in Virginia, or anywhere in the U.S., would have been impossible due to long-standing law but as Huttick explained, everything changed in 2018.

"The legality of the industry started in 2018 with the Farm Bill," said Huttick. "The Farm Bill made hemp and all derivatives from the hemp legal. In all fairness, legislatures, government officials, probably even Congress didn't exactly know all the things that were possible with hemp."

It turns out there are a lot of possibilities with hemp, as it can be processed chemically to produce new compounds with slightly different molecular structures than the hemp plant itself.

The hemp plant, which was historically used for a variety of purposes before becoming illegal to produce, is closely related to marijuana but contains significantly less THC and significantly greater amounts of Phyto Cannabinoid Cannabidiol (CBD).

CBD is now widely accepted as having significant medicinal benefits for epilepsy related seizures, chronic pain, insomnia and inflammation in general. It is this recognition of the medical usefulness of CBD that led to the



Robert Huttick and Tami O'Dell in Drying Room.

William Paine photo

2018 Farm Bill.

Another derivative of this same plant contains CBG, which is also said to offer health benefits.

"Some genetics guys, they came up with a CBG seed," Huttick recounted. "Look at CBD as the world's best anti-inflammatory. Removing inflammation is the main thing that it does. CBG is the same thing but in the nervous system."

In order to produce a better yield, scientists genetically fused the industrial hemp plant, which resembles a bamboo stalk, and the marijuana plant with its greater flowering potential. The result is a plant that looks and smells like marijuana but contains a low level of THC and a very high level of CBD or CBG.

This hemp hybrid contains less than 0.3% THC. According to federal law, cannabis plants with a greater percentage of THC are categorized as marijuana. The

small amount of THC produced by these hemp plants is referred to as THC Delta 8. Marijuana produces the similar, though not identical, THC Delta 9.

The tinctures, lotions, salves containing CBD contain nothing that could make an individual "high" but Delta 8, which is also inherent in the hemp plant, does produce a subtle high and sense of calm to the user.

Through chemical processes, the Delta 8 THC found in hemp can be isolated and its strength fortified, so that Delta 8 can be infused in edibles and smokable versions that are currently on sale at smoke shops throughout the state.

"Through chemistry, we're able to make a lot of products through the hemp," Huttick explained. "So, we grow hemp plants and we take those buds and when we extract those oils and we turn that into Delta 8 THC. Marijuana, which contains Delta 9 THC, is a psychedelic high. Half a molecule down the line, we have Delta 8 THC, which is more of a psychotropic high. We can take that THC Delta 8 and we can synthesize that molecule to get to THC 0. THC 0 basically is THC Delta 8 but about five or eight times stronger than regular Delta 8. Then you can change that molecule to HHC. You can change that to THC P. And you're really just changing the molecule a little bit but each time you do it, it has a little bit of a different effect."



KannabioLife Buds



Vacuum extraction ovens

The lack of stringent regulation on these hemp products has caused concern in the Virginia Legislature and in the last session, the state banned Delta 8 infused gummies with colorful packaging and forms that were thought to be too appealing for children.

But then the current gubernatorial administration in Virginia has endeavored to crack down on the sale of Delta 8 and other "synthetically derived" products coming from the hemp plant through a clause in the state budget.

Virginia's Department of Agriculture issued an order stating: "any chemically synthesized cannabinoid is a food adulterant and any person who manufactures, sells, or offers for sale a chemically synthesized cannabinoid, including delta-8 THC, as a food or beverage is in violation of the Virginia Food and Drink Law ... When VDACS identifies the production or sale of a food containing an adulterant, it will encourage voluntary compliance by asking the business to discontinue the practice. If voluntary compliance is not achieved, VDACS will utilize various escalating enforcement tools to achieve compliance, with the highest penalty prescribed under Virginia law a Class 1 misdemeanor."

"So where are we?" Huttick asked. "There's really not a law. There's kind of an order. So now jump to Kentucky, Kansas and Arkansas. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture did the same thing. They issued an order saying it was a schedule 1 drug. Don't sell it anymore. Then the state police got on the bandwagon and they started going to stores, seizing money, seizing products and in some cases arresting store owners."

"A lot of store owners are scared because they don't want what happened in other states to happen to them," Bob continued. "So, if they were to issue this order tomorrow, we're out of business."

As of this writing, no action has

been taken to curtail the sale of hemp products and that may be due in some part to the legal ambiguities between state and federal laws. Shops selling tobacco and CBD products continue to offer Delta 8 and other derivatives of the hemp/cannabis plant.

"About a month and a half ago, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, just below the US Supreme Court, issued an opinion that overturned Kentucky's ban and declared it's federally legal. West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina all have through the same process that we're doing and have affirmed that it's legal and the governors have signed it. If they were to ban this, all people are going to do is jump over the border to West Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee to buy all that product and take all that money with them. Or online, which is legal ... which is what I put into the letter."

Huttick sent his letter to Virginia's Secretary of Agriculture who had formed a roundtable to discuss regulation of the hemp industry. This roundtable discussion occurred at the same time as our interview.

That same morning Huttick had spoken to Joe Guthrie, Commissioner at Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, about his proposals. Guthrie, former chairman of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, was in attendance at the meeting.

Huttick had been asked to speak at the roundtable discussion, but serious health problems prevented him from attending. Instead, Huttick wrote a detailed letter offering several suggestions on regulation of the hemp industry, many of which he talked about in the interview.

For hemp extracts that are consumed orally, Huttick stated that there should be in licenses issued based on inspections similar to those involving restaurant cer-

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Pulaski County property transfers for June

Pulaski County property transfers for June 2022 as recorded by the Circuit Court Clerk's Office:

Secretary of HUD to Jason Grubb, property at 1215 Frederick Avenue, Pulaski, \$85,000.

Christopher T. Lewis to Benjamin Harris Eads, property at 4476 Quail Ridge Lane, Dublin, \$75,000.

Gary M. Millar to Daniel Clafey, property at 6568 Kent Farm Road, Dublin, \$389,900.

John W. Thompson, Jr., to Todd Nunnally, property at 1004 Morehead Lane, Pulaski, \$380,000.

Pulaski Development, LLC to Pyramid Healthcare, Inc., old Saint Albans property in Fairlawn, \$4,310,417.

Executor, Estate of Kathy Harless to Jonathan D. Spence, property at 135 S. Washington Avenue, Pulaski, \$45,000.

Janet E. Caddy to Thomas W. Farmer, property at 1351 Trail Hollow Road, Hiwassee,

KannabioLife

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tifications. He wants manufacturers of hemp products to earn Certificates of Authenticity, so that all amounts and percentages of THC levels are easily accessible. To assure accuracy and purity of product, Huttick believes third party testing should be required for all hemp production facilities.

For smokable hemp products Huttick insists that Propylene Glycol, the same active ingredient in antifreeze, should be banned from all vaping devices (vape carts).

"In order to make a vape cart vappable, the hemp oil needs to be thinned," Huttick explained. "The industry uses Propylene Glycol to make the oil in the cart less viscous because it runs \$6 a gallon. When we make vape carts, we use pure 190 Proof ethyl alcohol, which is 36 dollars a gallon, but you use such a small amount to do it, there's no reason to put that in your body."

Huttick also insists that hemp processors should be given precedence over Chinese vape products. Currently, over 80% of all vape cartridges and disposables being sold in Virginia are manufactured, packaged, and made in China with little or no regulation.

Bob Huttick and Tami O'Dell are both true believers regarding the health benefits of CBD and of all of the hemp derivatives they produce in their Draper facility. As they toured me around the facility, Huttick went into great detail about the precautions and safety practices he employs when making the numerous items produced by KannabioLife.

"Nobody ever overdosed and died of anything in the marijuana world," said Huttick. "It just doesn't happen. But when you introduce those solvents, to make the different products, that's when people get sick. You got to be able to have vacuum ovens to remove residual solvents and you have to have some form of testing in house."

Huttick uses these vacuum ovens and myriad other devises to produce KannabioLife hemp-based products.

\$35,000.

James R. Thornton to Richard Mitchell, property at 6813 Cherry Branch Road, Hiwassee, \$250,000.

Leslie L. Brubaker to Destinee Landreth, property at 521 Winfield Circle, Pulaski, \$95,000.

Thomas S. Reed to Justin M. Dalton, property at 2964 Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, \$184,900.

Phillip D. Wade to John D. Haley, property at 322 Walnut Avenue, Pulaski, \$134,000.

Ernest D. Lee to Carol Hicks, property at 220 Lexington Avenue, Pulaski, \$35,000.

Natalie C. Feaster to Travis Andrew Wylie, property at 6912 Depot Road, Belspring, \$143,000.

Thomas S. Reed to Joseph Hoff, property near Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, \$80,000.

Michael Wilson to Adrian T. Garland, property at 4319 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, \$120,000.

Linda D. Collins to Susan Wells, property off Raspberry

According to Huttick, KannabioLife has roughly \$600,000 in ready to sale goods, made, packaged and labeled and more than \$3million invested in the company and as of today, the future of his business is uncertain.

"If they said you can't make it or sell it here, then we have millions to risk, which is a little troubling for me," Huttick admitted. "When they spent all these years building this industry up and go, go, go, go and then overnight, they can put me out of business holding the bag for millions of dollars with no time to get rid of our inventory or do anything ... we'll have to see what they do."

So, the will hemp derivatives be banned by law in the near future? It's not certain but by 2024, unless the law changes, recreational marijuana will be legal in Virginia.

"It's just a big mess that boils down to Big Pharma and politics," Huttick opined. "Let's say they ban all derivatives from D-8 tomorrow. What they don't understand is, as soon as January of 2024 comes along when marijuana is legal recreationally, every piece of equipment, every solvent, every procedure that we turn hemp THC into, is the same way they have to do it with marijuana. So, if they're worried about the solvents and the toxicology of what the hemp industry is doing, anything in the marijuana world that isn't just a bud ... a gummy, brownie, anything is basically made the same way and there's no regulations for any residual solvents to be tested in that industry."

"You have to be able to pivot right now because at any time we don't know what they're gonna make legal and what they're not going to sanction," said Tami O'Dell. "That's why we made the decision to focus here because Virginia was a lot more conducive and more open to what we were doing."

More about the Bob and Tami and their KanabioLife facility in part II of this story.

Their store, which sells all of KannabioLife hemp products, is open from 10 till 4 every Saturday.

Lane, Pulaski, \$285,000.

Joseph Hoff to Tyler C. Bentley, property at 5216 Colonial Drive, Dublin, \$185,600.

J. D. Rental Properties, LLC, to Breanna J. Hollins, property at 5801 Williams Drive, Dublin, \$170,000.

Randal T. Vaughn to Earl W. Hagee, property off Peak Creek Road, Pulaski, \$30,000.

Lloyd Randal Harris to Gary D. Mullins, property off Appalachian Road, Snowville, \$115,000.

Mark H. Coleman to Shah Development, LLC, property at 25 7th Street, NW, Pulaski, \$100,000.

Morehead Resale, LLC, to William Jeffrey Roberts, property at 4380 Clarks Ferry Road, Draper, \$114,900.

Kimani J. Parker to Richard Brandon McCroskey, property at 3063 Little Creek Road, Dublin, \$173,500.

Rebecca M. Leeper to Joseph Hoff, property at 1241 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$94,900.

Phillip L. Browning to NRV Growth, LLC, property at 6890 Depot Road, Belspring, \$70,000.

Michael E. Wirt to Holly McCoy Smith, property off Crossbow Drive, Pulaski, \$35,900.

Robert Lee Wright to Larry M. Doss, Sr., property off Bentley Hollow Road, Pulaski, \$4,000.

Rachid Hammou to Ginger D. Aeschlimann, property off Shep-

ard Drive, Dublin, \$230,000.

Donald D. Helms to Randy E. Helms, property off Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, \$17,000.

Pulaski Medical Arts, LLC, to Ebenezer Property Management, property at 101 First Street, NW, Pulaski, \$975,000.

Ronald Lee Gravely to Crystal Marie Burton, property at 5447 Vaughan Avenue, Dublin, \$200,000.

Perry L. Duncan to Theodore W. Sondgeroth, property at 4679 Wolfe Lane, Pulaski, \$126,000.

Deborah Lawson Rupe to Damon Fowlkes, property at 203 Pine Street, SE, Pulaski, \$175,000.

Martin Willis Rogers to Victoria McCoy, property at 3090 Schrader Hill Road, Pulaski, \$100,000.

Douglas I. Pompey to Catherine Ann Hensley, property at 406 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$239,500.

Town of Dublin, Virginia to Roger W. Bain, property off Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, \$45,000.

RAS Properties of VA, LLC, to B.V.H. Management, LLC, property at 921 Craig Street, Pulaski, \$256,000.

Economic Development Authority to Thee Draper Village, LLC, property at 3165 Greenbriar Road, Draper, \$150,000.

Samantha C. Sheppard to Frank S. Leighton, Jr., property at 5131 Wildwood Drive, Dublin,

\$170,000.

Morehead Resale, LLC to Bradley W. Finch, property off Clarks Ferry Road, Draper, \$160,000.

William Paxton Graham to Austin Cox, property off Graham Morris Lane, Pulaski, \$209,000.

Pioneer Community Bank to Lonesome Pine Holdings, LLC, property off Bob White Boulevard, Pulaski, \$225,000.

William Paxton Graham to Robert Wayne Thompson, Jr., property off Graham Morris Lane, Pulaski, \$181,500.

Heath E. Wilson to Angela D. Harless, property at 303 4th Street, SE, Pulaski, \$104,000.

Andrew F. Stanaland to James Graham, property off Graham Morris Lane, Pulaski, \$121,000.

Matthew Lee Hearp to James G. Graham, property at Graham Morris Lane, Pulaski, \$297,000.

William Paxton Graham to Gerald A. Sauter, property at Graham Morris Lane, Pulaski, \$253,000.

Phillip Shrewsberry to Richard Wright, property at 1961 Snider Lane, Pulaski, \$120,000.

Zachary T. Vanblaricom to Isaac Farmer, property at 1225 Collins Drive, Pulaski, \$325,000.

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Wayne Hartley, Sr., property at 165 Oak Lane, Pulaski, \$145,000.

Danny P. McClure to Simpson Hospitality, LLC, property at 5315 Newbern Road, Dublin, \$295,000.

Vesta P. May to Kennette Jones, property at 3331 Pine Run Road, Draper, \$173,000.

Anthony Jenkins to Cartus Financial Corporation, property at 2013 Travis Lane, Pulaski, \$276,500.

Cartus Financial Corporation to Dean Love, property at 2013 Travis Lane, Pulaski, \$276,500.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society to Roofos Holdings, LLC, property at 315 Lake Street, Pulaski, \$70,000.

Joe Parrish Evans to Joseph W. Wall, property off Draper Valley Road, Draper, \$58,500.

Michael Jones to John R. Heaster, property at 1024 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$139,900.

Brenda Livesay to Pulaski North, LLC, property at 113 15th St. NW, Pulaski, \$100,000.

Jeffrey D. King to Joseph W. Rasschaert, property at 3764 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$95,700.

Michael Thorne to Juan Bermudez Perez, property off Staff Village Drive, Dublin, \$36,500.

Brian E. Chinnault to Donald L. Lawson, property at 2249 Wysor Road, Draper, \$80,000.

Ted J. Viers Trustee to Timothy L. Hancock, property near Old Route 100 Road, Draper, \$60,000.

Robert W. Osborne to Andrew Osborne, property at 3225 Lavender Road, Pulaski, \$325,000.

Shirley Huffman Phillips to Jesse Jones, Jr., property at 3439 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, \$150,000.

Meredith Jordan Mitchell to Tyler A. Cardwell, property at 637 Maple Street, Dublin, \$222,000.

Austin D. Cox to Molly Katalin Gardner, property at 4861 Ebb Hall Road, Dublin, \$325,000.

Martha B. Hatfield to Tommy Lee Bray, property at 5521 Staff Village Drive, Dublin,

\$285,000.

Charles Damon Chandler, to Mark S. Linkous, property at 1704 Lowmoor Avenue, Pulaski, \$36,000.

Shah Development, LLC, to RMH, LLC, property off E. Main Street, Pulaski, \$257,000.

Douglas D. Linkous to Thomas Burton, property at 2221 Julia Simpkins Road, Hiwassee, \$100,000.

Ralph A. Sheffey, Jr., to David L. Flanagan, Jr., property at 7260 Falling Branch Road, New River, \$15,900.

Savannah Lebel Cizl to Phoenix Properties, LLC, property at 1216 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$46,000.

Panuco Properties, LLC to Kristin N. Short, property at 701 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$115,000.

Neil David Peter Hunwick to Danica N. Rogel, property at 5100 Lizzie Gunn Road, Pulaski, \$150,000.

Arleta L. Boyd to Christopher T. Cruz, property at 7809 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, \$251,000.

Brian Wayne Mann to William Henderson, property off Raspberry Lane, Pulaski, \$275,000.

Irene S. Papadopoulos, Trustee to Matthew F. Louvet, property at 7031 Waterview Lane, Hiwassee, \$64,000.

Robert J. Smith to Lina Zhou, property at 8322 River Course Drive, Fairlawn, \$528,000.

Fred Franklin to Brian Keith Lambert, property off Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee, \$110,000.

Michael E. Thompson to Scott Daren Shaffer, property at 6931 Lee Highway, Fairlawn, \$7,210.

Charles Andrew Millar to Bobby W. Stuart, property off Cabin Lake Drive, Snowville, \$39,000.

Hash Investments, LLC, to RAS Properties of VA, LLC, property at 6832 Lee Highway, Fairlawn, \$607,500.

Hubert L. Watson to Common Ground Properties, LLC, property at 6684 Bradley Road, Fairlawn, \$360,000.

Jeep, LLC to Hubert L. Watson, property at 8473 Whistling Straits Drive, Fairlawn, \$408,625.

W. Graham, Claytor, III, to RDL Solutions, LLC, property at 4220 Byrd Lodge Road, Snowville, \$379,000.

Allen Duncan to James G. McCroskey, property off Baptist Hollow Road, Hiwassee, \$82,000.

Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., to McMor, LLC, property at 8316 River Course Road, Fairlawn, \$60,000.

Melissa S. Baker to Madeline A. Williams, property at 7238 MeadowView Drive, Fairlawn, \$220,000.

New River Valley Development to Economic Development Authority, property at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Fairlawn, \$1,866,006.18.

RFS, LLC to RJF Enterprises, LLC, property at 7379 Lee Highway, Fairlawn, \$525,000.

Man found deceased in Parrot fire is identified

According to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, the next of kin for the person found deceased in last Thursday's (Aug. 18, 2022) Virgil Lane fire has been located.

The fire occurred at 6511 Virgil Lane in Parrot and the name of the deceased is Michael Francis McCleese, who resided at that location and was 60 years of age at the time of death.

On August 18, 2022 at approximately 10:30 pm the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to the 6000 block of Virgil Lane in reference to a structure fire.

Once the fire was extinguished a body was located inside of the residence. The body was transported to the Medical Examiners Office and the incident is currently being investigated.

No further information will be released at this time.

We would like to thank Twin Community Fire Department, Fairlawn Fire Department, Newbern Fire Department and Pulaski County Public Safety for their assistance.

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Game One: Cougars host old rival, Northside

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

The scrimmages are over, the preseason has come and gone, and the regular season is now upon us. Every game from here on is a must win. It gets real this week.

Our first game of the year is a very familiar foe. We will welcome the Northside Vikings to Dobson Stadium. We've faced off with the green and gold team from Peters Creek Road thirty-six times now. It's almost always a great game when the Cougars and Vikings play. Expect a good game Friday night, like many good ones between the two on Fridays. Both teams have unforgiving schedules, so getting the year off to a good start will be paramount.

History

The history of the rivalry also stems back to before PCHS opened, but not in the way you may think. In the last years of the Dukled and Pulaski days, the Vikings were led by Dave Brown, and the Orioles were led by Jim Hickam. When the time came to choose the football coach, PCHS decided to go with Brown. And considering everything, I can understand why. Brown had been the head coach at Dublin since 1959 (fifteen seasons) and had won 100 games in that span, which was very impressive considering that playoffs were a rare occasion. Hickam did good at Pulaski, but had only gotten there in 1966 and hadn't had time to build what Brown had going on at Dublin High. So, the Cougars went with Brown. Hickam looked to blaze his own trail, and he wound up at Northside High School.

Months later, Brown and Hickam would face off for the first time in the PCHS and Northside matchup. The Cougars, led by James McClanahan, Tony Carden and Ricky Casey, got off to a good start, but were unable to put four quarters together, and the Vikings defeated the Cougars 26-15 in the first-ever matchup between the two. The next season, the Cougars did all they could, but in the worst season in program history, the Vikings beat PCHS 16-6. That was one of just two games in the 1975



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pulaski County's Taner Mace and Radford's Marcell Baylor go up high for the ball during last week's Benefit Game at PCHS.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Head Coach Cam Akers and his Cougars on the sidelines watch as Nathan Pratt's 34-yard field goal sails through the uprights for three points.

game took place in 1984 between the two with a 12-7 win.

The streak over Northside ended in 1985. Despite one of the finest passing performances in Cougar history to this day by Randy Meredith (12/17 passing, 197 yards, 2 touchdowns, no interceptions) and a great receiving performance by Robert Akers (8 catches, 98 yards, 2 touchdowns), the Cougars fell 21-14. This ended a 24-game win

See COUGARS, page B4

Introducing Ticket Spicket for PCHS athletic events

Pulaski County High School is introducing a new athletic ticket sales platform, Ticket Spicket will be our online athletic ticket sales provider for the 22 - 23 school year.

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season the Cougars got within 10 points of the opposition.

In 1976, the Vikings were probably the best team in the Roanoke Valley District, but we shocked many people by how well we played. We still came up short, but considering that some people thought we'd lose by 32-60 points (according to the Southwest Times article), a 13-12 loss isn't too shabby. 1977 saw a tough 14-7 loss for the Cougars, then another 26-12 loss in 1978. Brown got the better of Hickam in the Dublin and Pulaski days, but Hickam got the last laugh, sweeping Brown in their five matchups after the merger.

Things changed after Hicks came to town. In 1979, the Cougars finally got the first win over

the Vikings, winning 8-7 in a defensive struggle. In 1980, the Cougars faced a humongous team from Northside and lost 38-26. The Cougars allowed 417 rushing yards in that game, the most a Hicks-led team ever allowed on the ground. King Harvey did the best he could, but it wasn't enough.

The 1981 game against NHS was probably the best defensive performance in school history for the Cougars. The Cougars allowed just one first down all game, and won a slugfest 7-3. The 1982 team had one of their school-record five shutouts in a 17-0 win. And in the first ever Monday night Cougar football game in 1983, the Cougars prevailed 10-7. Another very close

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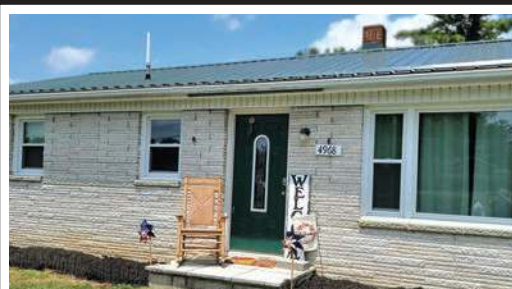
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Akers officially named Head Coach

From Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools is pleased to announce the decision to remove the Interim Head Coach title from Cam Akers, naming him the official Head Coach of the Cougar football program.

Coach Akers is a product of Pulaski County Public Schools, graduating with the PCHS Class of 2008. Coach Akers was a standout player for the Cougars under former Head Coach Jack Turner during his time as a student, where he was known as a tough and tenacious defender and a team player.

He went on to follow his dream of becoming a college football player at Virginia Tech, where he impressed legendary former Head Coach Frank Beamer with his heart and effort. Eventually he transitioned to the crew team, where he excelled as a rower.

After college, he returned to Pulaski County as an assistant football and track coach. He eventually moved to Floyd County as an assistant, and then to Floyd County under longtime Head Coach Winfred Beale, who is currently starting his 42nd season there.

Coach Akers took over the Auburn High School football program in 2016. At the time, he was the youngest head coach in the area. After several seasons, he returned home to Pulaski County as an assistant coach under former Head Coach Mark Dixon, who recently retired. Akers finished his time at Auburn with a record of

20-30, despite having a limited number of players.

“We’re pleased to have Coach Akers as our new Head Coach and look forward to watching him continue to move our football program in the right direction,” Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools said. “He’s already shown himself to be a strong motivator and organizer. He’s proven to be an effective leader since moving into the interim position and has continued to build strong relationships with the players and assistant coaches. His goal of creating program continuity with the middle school and recreation league teams sets us up to see a lot of Cougar football wins in the future.”

Coach Akers and his wife, Ashlan, have two daughters, Camden, six, and Blake, one.

“We are excited to have Cam Akers as our new Head Football Coach at Pulaski County High School,” PCHS AD Scott Vest said. “Coach Akers has a passion and enthusiasm for Cougar Football that is contagious and we look forward to his leadership of our student athletes. Cam knows the winning is important and understands what the expectations that come with being the head coach at Pulaski County. PCHS is excited about the future of Cougar Football.”

“I’m humbled and honored by this opportunity,” Coach Akers said. “To come back home to the community and the program that gave me my start, and to be able to help move it forward into the

future is a dream come true. I promise that I will do everything in my power to make the most of this opportunity. I’m proud to be from Pulaski County and will do all I can to make sure we represent it well.”

“Coach Akers has been a great fit for us since he moved into his new role,” senior Cougar football

player Diego Turner said. “He’s a great coach and has made some changes that we’ve really liked so far. Our locker room attitude is really positive and upbeat. He cares about us not just as players but also as students and it shows. I think he’ll do a great job and he’s a great choice for our new head coach.”

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From: James Hardie	\$225,000.00
To : James Hardie Direct Injection Project	\$225,000.00

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

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2021 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the application(s) for zoning variance as listed below:

- Petition by Randall & Kathy Allison, for a variance to Article 4.3.C (Building Setback Agriculture Zone District) Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Property is located at 855 Farris Mines Road, Tax Map# 128-001-0000-0057, Ingles District.

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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It is ORDERED that DANIEL S. MASSEY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before SEPTEMBER 27, 2022.

JULY 29, 2022 **Maetta Crewe, Clerk**

LEGAL NOTICES



Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing, in accordance with the Code of Virginia 15.2-2232 H. The Planning Commission will host a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 13, 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) 15.2-2232 H. Substantial Accord Review with the Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan for SUP Application for Helios Solar, located at 3063 Lomans Ferry Road, Draper District.

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Melinda L. Worrell, Treasurer of Pulaski County

Cougars

Continued from Page B1
streak against RVD teams. Mick-
ey Thomas’ three field goals led to
a 9-7 win in 1986, and 1987 saw
another 17-0 win over the Vikings.
At this point, Pulaski County and
Northside were tied in the series at
7 apiece.

The Cougars took the series lead
in 1988 with a 10-7 win. Then in
1989, the Cougars got the biggest
win by either team in the series by
far, a 44-6 beatdown. Despite a
down season in 1990, PC still won
23-6, and this made it 10-7 in the
series.

The 1991 team scored a se-
ries-high 49 points in a 49-21 win.
In 1992, Pulaski County won 21-0,
their second of eight straight wins
in route to a state championship.
1993 was a bloodbath for the Vi-
kings, as the fifteenth ranked team
in the nation (at the time) Cougars
ruthlessly beat Northside 63-21.
This set a new school record for
points. Carl Lewis scored a then
school-record with four touch-
downs in the game.

This marked the end of an era
in the rivalry. With the Vikings
moving over to the Blue Ridge
District, the series went dormant
starting in 1994. Not until 2001
did we play them again. When we
did, we came in at a perfect 9-0
mark, looking to complete our
fourth ever perfect regular season
against the 3-5 Vikings. But we
were upset by Hickam’s Vikings
in a 34-24 setback. The next year,
ironically the Vikings came in 9-0
and we came in 5-4, but they again
defeated us by a score of 26-7. This
left us at 5-5 that year, and it was
Coach Hicks’ final game.

They also happened to be Coach
Turner’s first opponent as coach.
We won 35-0 on the day, getting
the Turner era off to a great start.
The 2004 meeting happened to
have the same exact score, 35-0.
Kevin Crouse got his amazing
two-year stretch underway that
game.

After a two-year break, the
teams met up again in 2007. Look-
ing to rebound from a very tough
2006 year, the Cougars got a much
needed 21-19 win over Northside.
In 2008, a season I remember viv-



Brett Jones (15) and Hunter Hill lead the way on the ground for Trevor Burton to gain yardage last week against the Radford Bobcat defense.

idly, we won 27-7 over Northside.
But the Vikings got us back and
won for the first time in seven years
over us with a 33-20 win, enroute to
their first ever state championship.
They had amazing speed that sea-
son. They beat us soundly 27-7 in
2010 in Todd Jones’ second game.
Then in 2011, a very rare part-Fri-
day part-Saturday game (it was
pushed back to the next morning
due to lightning), resulted in a 17-9
loss for the Cougars. I remember
being in sixth grade when that
happened. Then in 2012, Marcus
Johnston led PC to a thrilling 21-20
win at Jim Hickam Field in over-
time. That remains the most recent
overtime game in Cougar football
history.

Another two years off, and we
pulled off a surprising upset 22-20
in 2015. 2016 was a tough year for
Northside, in the wake of some fall-
out of what were shady times there,
and we dominated accordingly, a
44-6 win in Tyler Brown’s only
season at NHS. Then in 2017, they
surprised us with a 38-28 win. They
beat us in a heartbreaking 29-28
thriller in 2018. Our vaunted 2019
defense shut out the Vikings 14-0,
and after the 2020 game being can-
celled, John Lyman’s 130 scrim-

mage yards and 2 touchdowns led
us to a 20-17 win.

Fifteen of the thirty-six meetings
have been within one possession.
Four have been one-point games,
three have been decided by two
points, and four by three points.
The point is that it’s usually a great
game when the two link up.

Northside Preview

The head coach for the Vikings
is Scott Fisher, who currently is 30-
23 in five seasons there. He took
over a struggling program and has
brought much needed stability. He
went 5-7 his first season, then had
his best year in 2018, an 11-2 season
led by Jalen Jackson at quarterback,
including a 61-26 win over eventual
state champion Heritage, a 35-
27 win in Salem Stadium against
Salem, before losing in the region
championship to Lord Botetourt.
The next year, they went 9-4, again
falling to Lord Botetourt in the re-
gion final. This is an impressive
coaching job by Fisher considering
his team was led by a freshman
quarterback in Sidney Webb. The
2020-2021 spring season was hard
on Northside, getting to play just
four games as their program was
hit hard by COVID, and they went

1-3. Last year they had an uncharac-
teristic 4-7 campaign. They look to
rebound this year.

But they will have a new quar-
terback for the first time in a while.
Sidney Webb had been starting
behind center for NHS since his
freshman season, but he transferred
to Patrick Henry before the season,
leaving a hole at the position. What
the Vikings get out of this position
will certainly have a big impact on
their success.

Northside will run a spread of-
fense similar to Radford’s. They
usually have some very good ath-
letes and speed, and want to get
those guys into space and let them
make plays. This means a lot of four
wide receiver sets. In their presea-
son action they appear to have a lot
of size up front as well. Their roster
was hard to find online, but their
running back appears to be their
most dangerous player, at least in
the scrimmages

Their defense appears to be a
4-3, so they will have four defen-
sive linemen rushing on most plays.
Of course, this very well could and
most likely will change when they
play against the flexbone offense
that Pulaski County is running. The
Vikings tend to be solid defensively

and physical.

Cougar Preview

For Pulaski County, it will be
paramount that they continue to
gel and improve. Junior Chris Gal-
limore will be under center. He
rushed 9 times for 36 yards and
completed 2 of his 4 passes for 26
yards against Radford. Trevor Bur-
ton will be the fullback/superback.
He ran for 61 yards Friday, each
and every one of them were hard-
earned. Zach Parker has been ex-
plosive at the a-back position with
a 29-yard score on the first series
against Radford. Expect him to be
there with Brett Jones and Taner
Mace also getting a lot of time on
the other side. The wideouts will
be Davis Neel (21-yard catch las
week), and Marcus Reed. The of-
fensive line from left to right will
be Evan Alger, Aiden Moore,
Nolan Dalton, Diego Turner, and
Hunter Hill.

Defensively, Alan Fernandez
will be the nose guard, with the
other two defensive linemen being
Jack Allen and Diego Turner. The
inside linebackers will be Tyler
Underwood and Evan Alger, and
the outside backers will be Nicho-
las Woolwine and Trevor Burton.
Taner Mace and Brett Jones will
be the safeties while Zach Park-
er will be the cornerback on one
side, with Kyle O’Neil and Trey
Landreth both out there with him
at times. This group will be chal-
lenged against a spread team like
Northside.

Nathan Pratt has done well kick-
ing thus far, showing improvement
from last season. He knocked
through a 34-yard field goal last
week. Taner Mace was back deep
for punts in the scrimmage, but
Parker and Burton could also be
returning kicks or punts too. In a
game that is so often close, special
teams just may decide the out-
come.



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Charlie Sumner - Dublin’s forgotten hero

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

I want to give one Pulaski County football legend, perhaps the most accomplished football player/coach in the history of our county, some due recognition. But today, his story, and even his name, is widely forgotten.

His name was Charlie Sumner. Sumner, who graduated in the spring of 1950, had been a do-it-all player for Dublin High School, and was the biggest reason why they were able to win 15 games the last two seasons mentioned.

After his time in the blue uniforms of Dublin High, Sumner took his talents to Williamsburg, where he would play for the William & Mary Indians (later changed to Tribe). From 1950 to 1953, Sumner was a jack-of-all-trades for the Indians and ended up being a standout quarterback.

He led the Southern Conference in total offense two times and was the best player on a team that beat notable teams such as Pennsylvania (Penn, nationally ranked at the time) and N.C. State.

He was selected by the Chicago Bears in the 1954 NFL Draft. He started as a rookie, and led the team with 7 interceptions, which he returned for 162 yards, a staggering average of 23 yards despite playing in just 10 of the 12 games. He was named the Bears Rookie of the Year after the season. He also got to play for legendary coach George Halas. If you’ve ever noticed the “GSH” on the side of the Bears’ jerseys, it is his initials.

After serving in the military for two years, he returned to the Bears in 1958 and again led the team interceptions with 6. He also recovered two fumbles and led the NFL in fumble return yards with 101 of them and a touchdown off one of them.

After four seasons in Chicago, he headed to Minnesota to play for the Vikings. He played there for two years, before he decided to hang up the cleats for a final time.

He finished his NFL career

having played in 73 games (keep in mind they only played twelve games a season back then), and intercepted 21 passes for 303 return yards, 8 fumble recoveries for 130 yards and a touchdown. He had a solid career and made his small town proud.

But this turned out to be just the beginning.

Shortly after retiring, he got a call from Al Davis of the Oakland Raiders. Before long, Sumner found himself roaming the sidelines, something he didn’t know much about doing. But that was because he was now a coach.

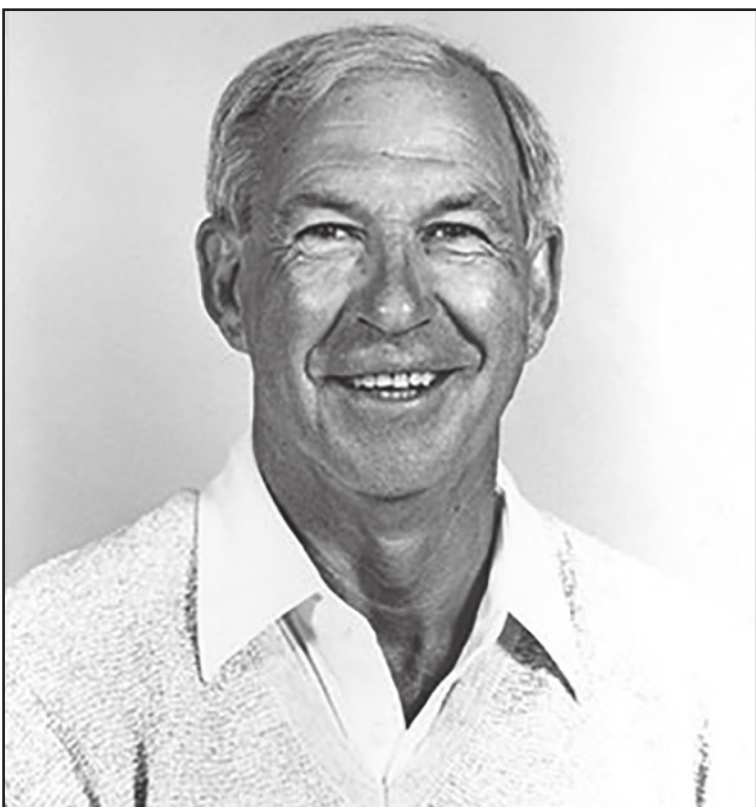
Davis, who is an infamous character in football history known for his antics, ego, personality, and building what many commonly refer to as the “Badasses” in the Raiders teams he had, offered Sumner a job to coach defensive backs for him, and Sumner took the job.

He stayed there for six seasons, until the end of the 1968 season, when he went to the Pittsburgh Steelers to coach defensive backs there. Sumner had joined a very bad team, going 1-13 that season. He came in the same year that legendary coach Chuck Noll came in, who would go on to lead Pittsburgh to four super bowls.

The first season for Sumner in Pittsburgh was also the first season for superstars “Mean” Joe Greene and L.C. Greenwood, as the rookies were at the start of legendary NFL careers. Sumner would stay with the team until after the 1972 season and played a huge role in building the “Steel Curtain” defenses. He helped build perhaps the greatest NFL dynasty ever.

In the spring of 1970, he must have been a happy man when his team selected Mel Blount in the third round of the draft. He would go on to a Hall of Fame career and would be coached by Sumner. Terry Bradshaw was also selected that year in the draft. They improved to 5-9. Then in 1971 they again got up, this time to 6-8, with Jack Ham being drafted by Pittsburgh in 1971. And then in 1972, his last season, Sumner saw a lot.

First, he saw his team make an-



Raiders photo
Charlie Sumner as an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Raiders.

other wise draft choice, choosing future Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris. Sumner helped coach the defense to an elite season and an outstanding 11-3 finish, and for the first time for him, a playoff appearance.

His opponent in his first playoff game, as fate would have it, would come against his former team in the Oakland Raiders. And boy was he in for a day.

That day, in frigid Pittsburgh, the most legendary, infamous, and controversial play in NFL history took place. With seconds remaining, Sumner must have been thinking it was over when his team trailed 7-6, and after having little to no offense that whole afternoon, it sure didn’t look good.

But then the impossible, or “immaculate” reception happened.

Star quarterback Terry Bradshaw dropped back to pass. He fired down the middle of the field while getting clobbered by relentless Raider defenders. He threw to John Fuqua, but he was speared by a Raider defensive back. But against all odds, the ball bounced

of one of or both Fuqua and the Raider defender (that remains hotly debated to this day). But Franco Harris somehow caught the ball just off the surface at Three Rivers Stadium (also hotly debated) and took it to the end zone to give the Steelers the improbable and unbelievable win.

A man who grew up in our little town of Dublin and played on Soldiers Field was now coaching in the NFL and was right in front of the game’s most famous play when it took place.

I can only imagine what Sumner was thinking on that chilly afternoon.

In 1973, he got his first shot as a defensive coordinator, returning to the Oakland Raiders where he got his first shot as a defensive coordinator. Much like his time in Pittsburgh, he was joining a bad team. This team was the New England Patriots. But just a few years after his arrival, he had built the Patriots into a top ten defense and played a huge role in taking them from a doormat to an 11-3 record. His final three years there,

his teams went a combined 31-13 and went to the playoffs twice. While that must have been cool to build the Patriots, I can’t help but to think he also had some “late night thoughts” as he watched the Pittsburgh Steelers rack up four Super Bowl rings in six years.

Sumner would then depart from New England to return to the Golden State to coach the Raiders again, this time getting the gig as defensive coordinator. In his second year as defensive coordinator, the Raiders jumped from 18th in total defense to tenth and made the playoffs at 11-5. They beat the Houston Oilers, Cleveland Browns and San Diego Chargers, and for the second time with the “silver and black,” Sumner found himself coaching on the sport’s biggest stage. He hoped that this time, however, he would find himself holding the Vince Lombardi Trophy. If that were to happen, his team would have to take down the Philadelphia Eagles.

His defense harassed Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski. The Raiders’ offense did plenty enough, and the silver and black conquered the NFL again, beating the Eagles in the New Orleans Superdome, 27-10. Sumner had won his first Super Bowl ring and had reached the game’s biggest stage. Sumner had done it. He had gone from the small town of Dublin to a Super Bowl champion.

A rough 1981 season came, but the Raiders got back into the thick of things with an 8-1 strike-shortened season in 1982. Sumner’s defense did okay, but they fell to the New York Jets in the divisional round.

But 1983 was “the year” for the silver and black. They went 12-4, and easily made the playoffs. They beat the Steelers and the Seahawks, and they headed to the Super Bowl again. Their opponent was the mighty Washington Redskins. The ‘Skins were 14-2, had set an NFL record for points in a single season, and

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were thought to be unstoppable. Sumner and his guys thought otherwise.

With Sumner's defensive mind, the Raiders shocked the football world. They dominated the Redskins' record-setting offense, holding them to a mere nine points. It is widely considered one of the greatest defensive performances in Super Bowl history, and paired with Marcus Allen's heroics, the Raiders won another Super Bowl, 38-9. Sumner now had multiple Super Bowl rings. Only a remote few can say that.

After another year as the DC in Oakland, he got his first head coaching opportunity. It was not the NFL, but it was professional football. The year was 1985, and the U.S.F.L. was up and running, and gaining popularity.

Sumner was called upon to try to get the Oakland Invaders to compete. Competing was not something the Invaders had done all that well, as they went 9-9 in 1983 and 7-11 in 1984. The franchise trusted Sumner to change that.

He did. The Invaders looked like a totally different team, going 13-4-1. In the playoffs, they took down the Tampa Bay Bandits and then the Memphis Showboats, and suddenly, Sumner had his squad playing for all the marbles in the USFL championship game, against the favored juggernaut, the Philadelphia Stars.

The Invaders left it all on the field, but they came up just short, 28-24, and Sumner was just short of his third ring.

Shortly after this, Sumner decided to end his coaching career, and ended up in the beautiful scenery of Maui, Hawai'i. Here, he enjoyed his retirement.

Charlie passed away in Maui on April 6th, 2015, at the age of 84 years old. Though his career as a football player began back in the mid-40's and ended about 30 years ago, that doesn't change his outstanding career accomplishments. Time has impacted his legacy, as many don't know who he is. Hopefully this changes that.

Cougar golfers shoot best team total

The Cougar golf team shot their best team total of the year at Auburn Hills in the first River Ridge tournament of the year.

Thatcher Singleton led the way with a personal best of 78 which put him in 7th place out of 42 players.

Others scoring for Cougars were Keaton Jones at 99, Jaxon Nolen at 104 and Cody Rorrer at 110.

Cougars fall to Bobcats, 28-17

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

On a sloppy field, Pulaski County welcomed Radford High to Dobson Stadium for this season's benefit game, the last action before the regular season begins. The Bobcats used a number of different players to stretch the field horizontally and that led to a solid win for the Bobcats, 28-17.

With that, the Cougars will now prepare for the Northside Vikings, while Radford gets ready for a trip to Wytheville to take on the George Wythe Maroons.

Things looked good for the Cougars early.

Starting from their 25-yard line (there were no kickoffs, just starting possession at your own 25 yard line), the Cougars put together a textbook flexbone drive, getting about 3-6 yards per play, a number of third down conversions and even a fourth down conversion, as Trevor Burton ran hard inside for much of the drive.

The drive culminated with senior Zach Parker getting the ball on a misdirection play and taking off down the right sideline, drawing first blood for the Cougars.

Nathan Pratt's PAT made it 7-0, Cougars.

The Bobcats weren't to be outdone early. Looking to respond, they went right to their best player, throwing a deep ball to Virginia Tech commit Marcell Baylor. The senior made a nice contested catch for a pickup of 42 yards on their first play from scrimmage. After a short run, they went back to him, and Baylor broke a tackle and went down the sideline to the end zone for the Bobcats' first points of the evening.

Hutson Walsh made the PAT for them, and it was 7 all.

The Cougars were unable to move the chains on the next possession and were forced to punt. The Bobcats would get the punt (the punts weren't live in this game, it was down wherever the returner caught it), at their own 42-yard line. They went to a bit of a "muddle-huddle"



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Radford's Marcell Baylor breaks free down the sideline for Radford's first score against the Cougars.

as many refer to it, and swung it out to junior Max Kanipe, who followed good blocks and tight-roped to the end zone for a 58-yard score to give Radford a lead they would never lose. The PAT made it 14-7.

The Cougars, now trailing, went back on offense. On a third-and-long situation, Chris Gallimore dropped back for a rare pass attempt, and was hit while throwing. The ball fell into the hands of David Woodward of the Bobcats, which set Radford up with prime field position for another score.

Just at the beginning of the second quarter, junior quarterback Landen Clark pulled the ball under for a scramble, which resulted in an easy touchdown. The PAT made it 21-7.

The Cougars needed a drive to stay in it, and they got it.

Burton continued to run hard inside, as well as Gallimore, Tanner Mace, Brett Jones and Parker. A few third down conversions and a good adjustment on an underthrown ball by senior Davis Neel kept the drive alive.

The Bobcats stiffened up in the red zone, however, and the Cougars opted for the field goal attempt. Pratt came in and knocked through a 34-yard field goal to make it 21-10.

The Bobcats responded again, however. This time, Clark again scrambled, cutting across the grain, getting a block and running down

the Bobcat sideline for a 76-yard touchdown just seconds removed from the Cougar score. The PAT made it 28-10. Radford would take this lead into the half.

The Bobcats and Cougars began substituting players in the second half, with the Bobcats getting the football first. After a nice stop, the Cougars went to work on their first possession of the second half.

Freshman quarterback Bryant Nottingham saw a lot of time in the second half. Junior Tyler Underwood capped the drive off with a 16-yard burst to the end zone. This cut the lead to 28-17 into the third.

Both defenses played pretty well from this point on. Neither team was able to score the rest of

the way. Freshmen Cole Boone, Nottingham and Kaden Hatch all had some good runs, but the Cougars could never quite find the end zone.

It is a sure thing to say it's better to make these mistakes in a scrimmage than a real game, and that a lot can be learned from Friday's contest. That's really the point of scrimmages to begin with.

At the same time, however, the Cougars have a lot of areas in which they need to improve, and not a lot of time to make those improvements. They have an always tough Northside team coming to Dublin next Friday night, before a very challenging remaining schedule.



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Radford Head Coach Michael Crist was his team closely.

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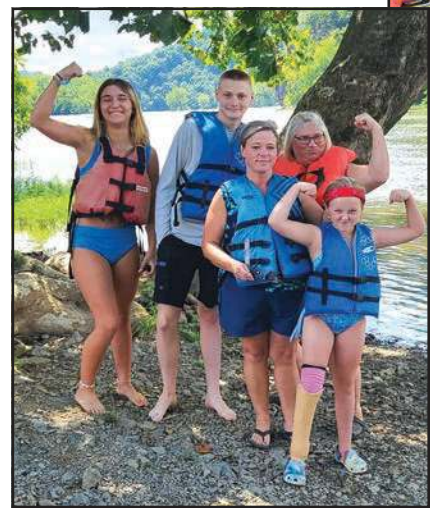
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River Junction Collector's Shop

River Junction owner Anthony Barnes has added something new and special to the property this year – an antique shop.

Open to everyone whether you are camping, canoeing or just visiting for the day – collectors won't want to miss the many special items in the small, but quaint shop.

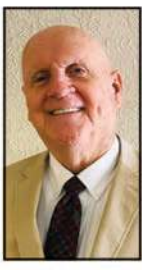
Barnes has been an avid collector of many things himself. He is offering many of his vintage and highly collectible lunch boxes for sale. Lassie, The Lone Ranger, Daniel Boone, Star Wars and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang just to name a few.

There's also Thermoses, zinc Ball jars, military license plates, antique traffic signs, antique model cars, a Coke fan with all working parts, an authentic signed Larry Byrd photograph (includes Magic Johnson's signature as well), oil lamps, an original Steve Austin (\$6 Million Dollar Man), vintage toys and more.

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1 Peter 1: 1-5. “Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. Elect, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied”

Simon Peter could say a whole lot in one sentence. He wrote this letter, or Epistle, not as a fisherman from Galilee, but as an Apostle of Jesus Christ, and as a man sent from God. He identified those who would read this letter as strangers. His reference was most likely to Jewish Christians who were not from Jerusalem but from countries outside of Israel.

These strangers were strangers to many, but not to God. They were known of God. He had chosen them and called them into the Kingdom of God.

Everyone who is truly saved has been chosen by God. He chooses us first, and then when we respond to His calling, and we choose Him. God offers full and free salvation to all. Jesus died for all. And many are called, but the bible says few are chosen.

This was said in an allusion to a man who was invited to a wedding feast, and came, improperly attired. The wedding was for the King’s son. He came dressed inappropriately for such a great and auspicious occasion.

Spurgeon said, “He came because he was invited, but he came only in appearance. The banquet was intended to honor the King’s Son, but this man meant nothing of the kind; he was willing to eat the good things set before him, but in his heart there was no love either for the King or his well-beloved Son.”

In order to become one of the chosen, a person who receives a calling to come to Christ Jesus and be saved, must choose to answer his or her calling and accept Jesus as their Savior. When and if they do, they become a part of the chosen of God. There are many who are invited to come to God to be saved, but who reject their calling, and reject Christ, and the result is they leave the place where they needed to submit to the calling of God to come to an altar of repentance and be saved, and they go away to continue on in sin, and therefore, do not become one of the chosen.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study and Children's
Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

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

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5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
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Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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1621 Bob White Boulevard
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Sunday Services
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220 Magazine Street
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540-980-3336
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor: Harry Gunter
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 320-0738

New Hope Chapel
1555 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
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Service Times
10 a.m. Sunday School
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1749 Newbern Road
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540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.



Aldersgate United Methodist
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Pastor Jim Goddard
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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

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

First Baptist Church
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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.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
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Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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PSALM 34:2-3

I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and
rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his
name together.

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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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ship with the Lord and with my
brothers and sisters in Christ.
Being saved is the most under-
rated thing in the world. If peo-
ple only know how wonderful it
is to be saved, everybody would
be saved.

The most important deci-
sion anyone can ever make is
to accept Jesus into their heart
and life and being saved. It's
when God sets us free from the
bondage of sin and gives us a
brand new life in Christ Jesus.
Do you know what I wish right
now? I wish somebody reading
this message today would get
saved. I wish somebody would
let Christ lead them out of
darkness and into His marvel-
ous light. If this would happen,
there would be shouting on the
hills of glory because the bible
says there is joy in the presence
of the Angels, over one sinner
who repents.

If you're not saved yet, you
are missing out on the greatest
and best thing that can ever hap-
pen to you. So think about that,
and make a decision for Christ
today, and today will become
the best day of your entire life.

Here Peter mentions being
sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
We are sanctified in three ways.
By the blood, by the Spirit of
God, and by the Word of God.

God the Father calls to lost
souls through the convicting,
convincing work of the Holy
Spirit, and we are cleansed from
sin by the shed blood of Jesus.
This is when we are born again
of the Spirit.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born
again." Not that you should
be born again physically but
spiritually. He said ye MUST be
born again in order to enter into
the Kingdom of God.

It is a requirement. It is
mandatory. You can't enter into
the family of God or into the
Kingdom of God without being
born again.

When we are born the first
time, we are born of our parents:
and born into the human race.
When we are born again spiri-
tually, we are born of God and
become the sons and daughters
of our heavenly Father.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or nei-
ther?
 2. From Luke 13, where was
the tower that killed 18 peo-
ple when it collapsed? Babel,
Shechem, Hananeel, Siloam
 3. Which biblical Philistine
city is often heard today with the
word "strip"? Sunset, Corinth,
Gaza, Derbe
 4. From 1 Samuel 16, how
many boys did Jesse have? 4, 8,
11, 14
 5. Which apostle did Satan en-
ter into? Judas, Thomas, James,
Peter
 6. Uriah had what occupation?
Servant, Carpenter, Shepherd,
Soldier
- ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Si-
loam, 3) Gaza, 4) 8, 5) Judas,
6) Soldier

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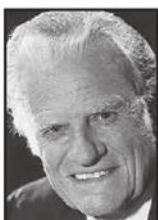
From the writings of the Rev.
Billy Graham

Q: It seems that secularism
would work out fine if it weren't
mixed with religion. Shouldn't
belief in Jesus be applied only
to the realm of spiritual things?
Surely faith in God should be kept
out of everything except religion
and let man handle the business
and scientific world. - K.J.

A: The risen Christ is big
enough to cope with the tyranny
of man over man. Not only can He
save the individual, but His power

has worldwide implications. Isaiah
9:6 says, "The government will
be upon His shoulder." He has not
abdicated His sovereignty in the
affairs of men. He is still the Lord
of history.

When He was crucified, the
Bible describes the inscription
written over Him in letters of
Greek, Latin, and Hebrew, "THIS
IS THE KING OF THE JEWS"
(Luke 23:38). He was then, and
still is, King and Lord over all.
One of our failures is not seeing
Christ as King of the physical and
material as well as the spiritual, of
the mind as well as the soul, of the



My
Answer

Billy Graham

government as well as the heart.

Christ cannot be separated from
anything that pertains to life, for
He "is all and in all" (Colossians
3:11). He is the master of our
business on Monday as well as our
religious life on Sunday. Secu-
larism grows when God is taken

out of the realms of economics,
politics, and science. We think
that the world's problems could be
solved by diplomacy, by scien-
tific advancement, by economic
progress.

The world today offers many
saviors, but none of them saves.
When Christ's forgiveness and
love dominate in the human heart,
peace and joy are victorious; and
when this material world comes to
a close, every knee will bow and
confess that Jesus is Lord. Make
the decision to follow Christ today
while there is still time to receive
His great salvation.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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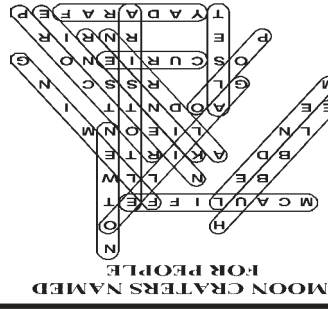
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is LONGFELLOW

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.

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DAO HM DAO, GH BMQSO
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CryptoQuote
If all the cars in the
United States were placed
end to end, it would
probably be Labor Day
weekend. — Doug Larson



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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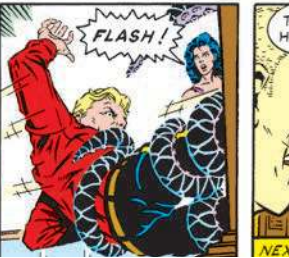
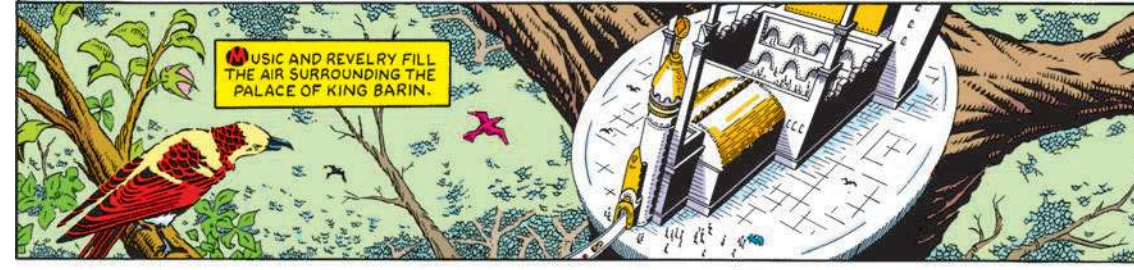
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Time to get Serious

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have always gotten by. We both make about \$40,000 a year, we each turned 50 last month, and we only have a little bit of debt. Recently, my mother-in-law moved in with us due to health issues. Since that time, we have been struggling financially due to the added expense of having her with us. We love her and want her to be here, but we are unsure how we will continue to make things work. Can you help?

Renaye

Dear Renaye,

It's completely understandable that your mother-in-law moving in tightened things up for you guys—to a point. What it has also done is trained a spotlight on the fact you and your husband need to start behaving better with your money. That means living on a written, monthly budget, and telling your money where to go instead of “getting by” and wondering where it all went.

That sound you hear is a phone ringing, and it's your wake-up call. If I were you, I'd pick up. That call's saying you two have been disorganized and a little sloppy with your finances in the past, but you've made just enough money to get away with it. Now, you're going to have to get serious and get organized, because you've chosen to take care of her. Don't get me wrong, it's an honorable decision you've made to bring her into your home. But it also means some changes have to be made in terms of the day-to-day finances around your place. You're going

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

to have to sit down with your husband and separate the wants from the needs.

The good news, Renaye, is that with a budget you can analyze, in detail, the need to cut expenses, generate extra income—or both. But for this thing to work, you've got to create a little margin. Because if you continue to just wander along without a plan, you're going to have a real mess on your hands.

God bless you folks.

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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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Sept. 1

Radford Legion to Meet

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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. 13

Meet and Greet

The Woman's Club of Radford will host a Meet and Greet on September 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Radford Public Library, 30 West Main St., Radford. Come and learn about the work of the Woman's Club in promoting children's literacy through Reading is Fundamental programs at Riverlawn, Snowville, and McHarg Elementary schools and the Babies into Books program at Carillion New River Valley Medical Center.

Group to Meet

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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.

Sept. 23

50th Year Reunion

Radford High School's 1972 Class of Champions will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24. Events include a tailgate at the King Center Friday, Sept. 23 followed by attendance at the high school football game. On Saturday, classmates will meet for a social at Preston's at the River Course. The committee is looking for "Lost" classmates. Class members who haven't received the registration information should contact Reunion Committee Members: Jenny-Doud@gmail.com or MartiHale@yahoo.com

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 birds67@gmail.com with your name identifying your address. No obligation for attending but a great way to keep up with the class. Your address will not be shared. Please respond ASAP. You may also join the FaceBook register of the class at "The birds of 67" to interact with our classmates.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Radford Clothing Bank

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

12 a.m. to make an appointment. Hours for shopping are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Clothing Bank is located at 2000 West St., Radford, Va. Donations of clothing, shoes, purses, and linens are being accepted.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

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

Lifestyles Changes

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Commerce Street Flea Market

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



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