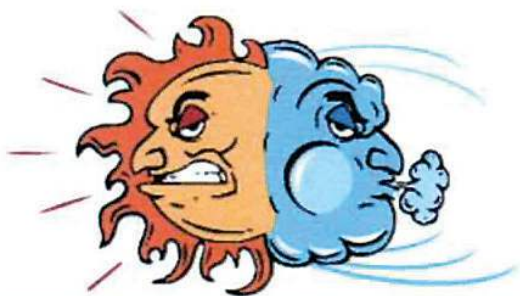




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Pulaski Area Transit ends year with \$60,000 deficit

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski Area Transit ended its 2022 fiscal September 30 with a \$60,715 budget deficit, according to the transit's manager.

Monica Music, PAT Manager, told Pulaski Town Council most of that deficit was due to increases in fuel costs, insurance, radio communications and maintenance on vehicles including the cost of tires.

She said this marks the third time in the transit's history it has ended its year in a deficit.

Musick said she is seeking assistance from the state's Department of Rail and Public Transportation to deal with the deficit amount. She explained when other transit agencies have funds left over at the end of the year, they must turn those back over to DRPT. The agency then assists other transits who end the year in a deficit.

Musick told council that Pulaski Area Transit provided 27,366 one-way trips during 2022 and logged a total of 221,948 miles. She noted that of the total number of trips, 79 percent – or 21,529 – were provided to town residents.



She told council that transit ridership continues to be down across the Commonwealth.

"DRPT continues to help us come up with creative way to promote transit ridership," Music said.

She added that the current economy with its price increases is a contributing factor to the drop in ridership, and that COVID is still a factor in decreased ridership – especially among those with health issues.

Councilman Greg East queried Musick over the cost of the transit operation and the number of riders

served.

"Here's my concern," East said. "You have 21,529 town riders and your total budget is \$667,000. You do the math on that, the cost per rider is ridiculous."

East said he didn't mean that comment as a reflection on anybody.

"But I do think it shows that a complete re-think on PAT is probably a good idea," East said, noting taxpayers are largely funding the transit.

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Pulaski Town Council commits \$100,000 for Calfee project

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Town of Pulaski has formally committed \$100,000 requested by organizers of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center as local matching funds for a \$1 million federal grant to help pay for unanticipated higher construction costs.

Vice Mayor Brooks Dawson offered a motion during Tuesday's town council meeting to commit the funds, contingent on Calfee officials securing another \$100,000 in needed local matching funds to obtain the federal grant.

Calfee project organizers plan to seek a similar \$100,000 amount from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors at the board's monthly meeting Monday night.

The local governments' contributions would create the 20 percent in matching local funds required to land the \$1 million U.S. Economic Development Administration grant.

Calfee CCC Executive Director Jill Williams made the request for the donation during a meeting of Pulaski Town Council last month.

Williams said the need for further funding for the project became evident earlier this year.

"We really thought we had

raised just about all the money we needed for this project," Williams told council.

She said in July of 2020, cost estimates for the project included \$200,000 for architect and engineering design fees; a little over \$2 million for construction and about \$1 million for furniture, fixtures and equipment along with startup costs.

In April of this year, however, Williams said a revised estimate put construction costs at just under \$4 million – \$2 million more than first thought.

"Now we have to raise the bet-

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“I think long-term that’s hard to justify,” he added.

East said he was glad to hear Musick and DRPT are exploring different avenues of service to make the transit operation more cost efficient.

Earlier in her presentation, Musick noted that DRPT is considering opening grant cycles for micro-transit programs in Virginia.

According to DRPT, Micro-transit is a service delivery model for rural on-demand transit service. The micro-transit technology allows customers to book trips on demand or in advance via an app or call-in number. It also allows efficient real-time routing, trip sharing, mobile payment and flexible scheduling within a defined service zone.

East said he sees PAT buses driving around and most are empty.

“That’s no fault of the drivers, obviously, but it’s certainly a problem with the structure of the business,” East said.

“The goal for me when I look at this and going forward with funding is going to be that our citizens and our taxpayers are getting the best for their money and for their contribution and that we’re serving as many people in the town and county as possible.”

East noted also that while the transit recorded over 21,000 one-way trips, that figure could actually represent only 6,000 to 8,000

people.

“If you look at that as a percentage of the community, that money is going to a very small percentage of residents,” he said.

Musick described several plans for promoting PAT within the community in an effort to increase ridership, such as newspaper ads, flyers, promotional material within utility billings, etc.

“I don’t mean any disrespect to your plan, but just because you have a business, it doesn’t mean people necessarily need that service. You can reach out and make sure everybody knows that its available, but is there really a need,” East asked.

He said that even if ridership numbers quadrupled, the cost per ride numbers would “still look horrible.”

Musick said she anticipates the PAT budget for its next fiscal year (2024) at \$741,092, with the budget increase due to higher fuel, insurance, radio communication, tire and maintenance costs.

The budget must be submitted by Feb. 1 of next year and Musick asked council to consider the town’s local match amount of \$70,000 – the same as this year.

She is also hoping to receive up to three new replacement vehicles through DRPT for her 11-vehicle fleet. Local match for up to three vehicles would add \$4,200 more to the town’s contribution.

During the public comment portion of Tuesday’s meeting, several PAT riders addressed council on how important the transit is to their day-to-day life, and asked council to continue to support the transit.

Pulaski County Jaycees set to celebrate 75 years on Nov. 12

The Pulaski County Jaycees are celebrating 75 years of serving the community.

To commemorate, they are hosting a banquet on Saturday, November 12, at the Volvo Local 2069 Union Hall in Dublin.

A reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30.

Anyone who is a past member of the Pulaski County Jaycees, or has been involved closely with

the chapter, especially an Outstanding Young Virginian recipient, or was a member of any of the surrounding Jaycee chapters (Dublin, Christiansburg, Blacksburg, Hillsville, Wytheville, etc.) is invited.

Awards will be presented to several former members of the organization, and many members will be recognized for their service with the chapter. There will

also be time set aside to reminisce and tell tall tales as we venture down Memory Lane.

For more information, please contact Lin Martin at 540-577-1197, Bryant Blankenship at 540-449-3853, or Lee Wolfe at 540-239-3524.

Dinner is \$40 per person, and a registration form is available; deadline to register is Friday, November 4.

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ter part of \$2 million,” Williams said, noting “there is a pathway to get there.”

In addition to historic tax credits, Williams said Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine have worked to get \$500,000 into the Senate version of the budget proposal for the National Parks Service for the project.

“They feel very confident this will happen,” Williams told council.

Much of the rest needed would come from the federal EDA grant.

Williams added that Calfee is not just going to government sources for funding. As of the beginning of September, organizers had raised just over \$650,000 from private sources. Included in

that, she said, are eight private foundation grants and one donor of over \$100,000 – that being Shelor Motor Mile and David Hagan and Larry Shelor.

Williams said the \$100,000 contribution from the town would be contingent on three things:

- Successful application for the \$1 million EDA grant.
- Pulaski County providing \$100,000 in matching local funds.
- The Calfee CCC raising the rest of the funds needed to complete the project.

In her presentation last month, Williams outlined details about the Calfee project and the needs it will address.

She said the project will draw attention to the “amazing history” of the Calfee Training School and the local fight for civil rights that many around the country and even locally know nothing about.

computer skills.

The center will include a museum in addition to the kitchen, a “donate what you can café” and a childcare facility for 100 children. Williams said the center will partner with Headstart, the YMCA and Pulaski County Schools on childcare.

It will also have natural outdoor play spaces, a digital learning lab that will address and provide literacy opportunities, workforce development classes – all the way up to some digital editing and more advanced computer skills aimed at helping people of all ages be able to go to work.

There will also be an event hall and office spaces for rent, as well as a nature walk and playground space that will be open to the public.

Another need it will address is the “childcare desert” the community finds itself in.

“Only about eight and a half percent of children below preschool age have licensed childcare spots. That is a problem that harms people across the income spectrum. One in four residents in the Town of Pulaski live below the poverty line. Local employers have told us that high levels of absenteeism due to a lack of childcare is one of the biggest problems they have with retaining employees,” she said.

The center will provide a health department-certified community kitchen for food-based business entrepreneurs, internet access for some of the 30 percent of Pulaski County residents who currently lack internet access, and basic

Williams said 18 full-time jobs will be created at the community center, 64 local full-time jobs will be retained with 36 of those for low to moderate income individuals in the county because of childcare and food services at the center, and three food-based businesses will be either started or scaled up in the space in the first year of operation.

Williams said the project is in the capital campaign portion now along with getting final construction designs prepared and reviewed by the Department of Historic Resources.

They hope to hire a contractor toward the end of this year or early next year, construction during 2023 and opening the doors by mid-2024.

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Class deals with school-based emergency incidents

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Last Friday, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors hosted an eight-hour course focusing on crisis management for school-based emergency incidents. The class was attended by Pulaski County school administrators, law enforcement, school resource officers and emergency management professionals with the goal of learning about enhancing student safety and emergency response preparedness.

The class was sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security in collaboration with the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium. All costs for this class were covered by these organizations. As part of this consortium, the University of Findley in northern Ohio specializes in dealing with critical incidents that involve injury or death of students and school staff. Findlay University's Michael Webber gave the presentation.

"We talk about prevention and planning for critical events," said Webber. "So, we talk about what their emergency operating plan looks like and how to handle different events at your school. We talk about doing a vulnerability assessment. It's an all-hazards approach to critical events. So, we talk about response to a tornado, earthquake or a shooter. We talk about what to do if you have to make an evacuation of your school, then make a reunification with the parents after an event and what that's going to look like. We also talk about the recovery segment and how we're going to help people find that new normal."

Though it is an "all hazards approach" to emergency situations, Webber admits that demand for the class skyrocketed after the school shootings in Uvalde, Texas. Webber has traveled all around the country giving these classes.

"If you look at any type of shooting, there's always red flags that come out afterwards," said Webber. "There are always peo-



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Pulaski County School Administrators and law enforcement attend a crisis management class dealing with school-based emergency incidents.

ple coming out saying, 'I knew that was going to happen,' but they never came forward. So, a big focus with this program is to talk to your students and talk to your staff about what those warning flags look like. It's also focused on saying something to the school. For example, if a student has a friend that's into cutting or if they're moving toward a sui-

cide, they need to let the school know. When we're talking about threat assessment, it's about identifying the red flags that that person usually generates prior to the incident and finding a way of interdicting with that student and taking them off that pathway to violence. Then getting them, in many cases, the help that they need."

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JODY RAY LYONS

Jody Ray Lyons, age 52 of Pulaski passed away Friday, October 14, 2022 at his home.

Born December 2, 1970 in Radford, he was the son of the Donald Ray Lyons and

Bobbie Havens Lyons. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Randy Lyons and two sisters.

He is survived by

His wife - Charlotte Ann Martin Lyons - Pulaski

Daughter - Ashley Lyons - Richmond

Per his request, he will be cremated and services will be private.

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

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



DONALD JAMES BAYLOR "DJ"

Donald James Baylor "DJ", age 49 of Radford passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at the NRV Medical Center, Radford. Born March 7, 1973 in Flint, Michigan he was the son of Shelia Baylor Mosley and stepdad, Lee Mosley.

DJ is survived by his

Wife-Crystal Brown Baylor-Radford

Children - Donald Baylor, Jr. - Radford, Jarel Baylor - Radford, Marcell Baylor - Radford, Jaylan Baylor - Pearisburg

Granddaughter - Lailynn Baylor

Mother & Stepdad - Shelia Baylor & husband, Lee Mosley - Flint, MI

Brothers - Reggie Baylor - MI, Terrance Baylor - Michigan, Reggie Spraggins - Dublin

Sisters - Loree, Twyla, Marcella and Felicia

Mother-in-law - Barbara Brown - Dublin

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Hiawatha Spraggins officiating. Interment followed at the Pinehurst Cemetery.

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DR. SUSAN ELLEN (DUNN) DUNCAN, PH.D.

Dr. Susan Ellen (Dunn) Duncan, Ph.D., of Hiwassee passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at her home. Born in Mansfield, Ohio she was the daughter of Robert Dunn & Jean Mallarnee Dunn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Robert Duncan, Jr. and her sister-in-law, Jan Duncan Bourke. She is survived by her daughter Taylor Duncan (Nick) Alley of Blacksburg, VA. She is also survived by her parents Robert and Jean Dunn of Henderson, NC, sister Barbara (Tim) Wiggins of Youngsville, NC, brother David (Christine) Dunn of Richmond, TX, father- and mother-in-law Robert Duncan, Sr. and Georgianne Stivanson Duncan of Georgetown, TX, sister- and brother-in-law Diane Duncan (Ron) Mattox of Westerville, OH, brother-in-law Mike Bourke of Columbus, OH, and numerous nieces and nephews.

As a loving mother, sister, daughter, and friend, Sue's love of serving others was readily apparent throughout her life. She was heavily involved at her church, Dublin Baptist Church, where she served on numerous committees, singing in the choir and, her favorite, as Sunday School leader. Her love of Christ led her to appreciate many aspects of creation and a desire to share those with others. Visiting America's National Parks with her daughter, sister, and extended family was a constant source of joy for her. Often called the "Bead, Read, and Feed" tours, vacations centered around viewing God's creation across the country, enjoying time with family, and eating good food. Gardening was a favorite pastime during the spring and summer, enjoying the warm weather in the company of her dog, Noah, and cat, Berlioz, and she consistently shared the fruits of her labors (mainly basil) with her friends and family.

Sue was a well-respected leader, professor, and researcher in the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for more than 32 years. After finishing her Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee, she started her career at Virginia Tech in 1990 when she was the first woman hired as an assistant professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology. After her promotion to the rank of professor, she was named the associate director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. She also served as the director of the Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture with her trademark enthusiasm,

See DUNCAN, page A5



DEE ANN LINDSEY

Dee Ann Lindsey, age 64, better known as Dee, of Pulaski, died Monday, October 17, 2022 at her residence. Dee was born on June 19, 1958 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Dorothy Maxwell Lindsey and the late Charles Ralph Lindsey. Dee, was a graduate of Radford University, and was known for at least 20 years, as a top rate reporter for the Southwest Times Newspaper. She then went back to college and achieved her teaching degree and certificate to teach public schools. For quite some time, she was a special education teacher in Carroll County, and later transferred her talents to Pulaski County High School, where she was still working at the time of her death.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister: Sarah Kathryn Lindsey: niece; Erica Lynn Farris: uncles; John Maxwell, and Houston Maxwell: aunts; Daisy McPeak, Mary Headley, and Katie Lindsey, Edward Maxwell: grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey of Indiana, and Henry and Annie Maxwell.

She is survived by her niece: Silvia Kathryn "Carlie" Gonzales of Pulaski County: a nephew; Brandon Tyler Farris of Pulaski County. Aunts: Jane Boleman of CO, and Janie Howlett Maxwell of Pulaski: uncles; George (Wanda) Maxwell of FL, and Raymond "Chuck" (Karen) Maxwell of Pulaski. Also survived by two very special friends: Christina Tickle and Wayne Quesenberry and many cousins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Seagle Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Keith Lindsey officiating. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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

HELEN SMITH GRAHAM

Helen Smith Graham, age 91 of Dublin, died Saturday, October 15, 2022 at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

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SAMMY DAVID MCNEELY

Sammy David McNeely, age 55, of Barren Springs, VA passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2022. He was born April 18, 1967 in Pulaski, VA, son of the late William Elijah McNeely and Kathleen Hawkins McNeely. He was preceded in death by his step-mother, Marie Elizabeth McNeely; brothers, William Jackie McNeely, Jimmie Lee McNeely and his infant twin brother Ray, infant twin sisters.

Survivors include his step-brothers, Dale and Joann Quesenberry, David and Lora Quesenberry all of Barren Springs; several aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at Riverview Church of God with the Reverend Eddie Dalton officiating. Burial followed in Webb/Martin Cemetery.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.highlandfuneralservice.com

Reese Funeral Home, Austinville, VA is serving the family.

Alma "Kaye" Taylor Huff, age 81 of Pulaski passed away Monday, October 17, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Salem. Born November 6, 1940 in Draper, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Lacy & Alma Rigney Taylor. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, George, Glenn, Robert, Ralph and Jerry Taylor.

Kaye is survived by her

Husband - Maurice Cargile Huff - Pulaski

Sons - Daniel Huff - Pulaski, Robert G. (Lisa) Huff - Pulaski, Mike (Trish) Huff - Pulaski

Grandchildren - Will, Paige, Kara and Amy

Great Grandchildren - Alex and Leo

Sister - Mildred Trail and daughters, Debbie, Connie, Dana - Pulaski

Numerous step grandchildren

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Friday, October 21, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Teresa Tolbert officiating. A private family interment will be at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

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

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



VELMA FRANCIS TABOR MELTON

Velma Francis Tabor Melton, 74, went home to rest with her eternal Lord and Savior on Saturday, October 15th, 2022. Born on July 4th, 1948, Velma was a devoted Christian who was born and raised in Pulaski County. She is preceded in death by her mother, Mae Kathleen Tabor and father, Samuel Gilbert Tabor; former spouse, Fredrick Lee Melton; as well as her sister, Doris Collins; brothers, Junior Martin, Alfred Martin, Gilbert Tabor, Harry Tabor, Billy Tabor, Bobby Tabor, Oakie Tabor, James Clyde Tabor, and Dannie Wayne Tabor; and grandson, Jordan Blake Melton.

She is survived by her sister, Kathy Mathena; sister-in-law, Virginia Tabor; children, Dreama and Wink Covey of Snowville, Lisa and Wayne Edwards of Pulaski, Larry Melton of Christiansburg, and Michael Melton of Hillsville. She is also survived by grandchildren Little Wink Covey, Cherish Covey Stone, Jessica Branch, Jason Branch, Josh Branch, Krista Branch, Erin Graham, Amanda Edwards, Teresa Annie Kinard, Courtney Melton, Alysha Melton, and Cole Melton; 16 great grandchildren, who brought her tremendous joy; and many other relatives and friends.

Velma "Granny Melton" held a special place in her heart for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had a unique way to see the world through their eyes and always greeted them with open arms. They will be forever grateful for her unconditional love and generosity. Velma will be remembered as a resilient, bright, and shining light who always kept her sense of humor throughout even the most difficult situations.

Funeral services will be held at the IPCC Church on Valley Road in Pulaski on Saturday, October 29th, 2022, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Mary Morris and Pastor Nancy Lane officiating. Interment will follow in Brewer's Cemetery on Mt. Olivet Road in Pulaski.

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

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RONALD HEYWOOD HINES

Ronald Heywood Hines, age 72 of Johnson City, TN, formerly of Pulaski County, died Friday, October 7, 2022 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Ron was born in Pulaski County on November 28, 1949, and was the son of the late Edith L. Coleman Hines, and the late Robert Heywood Hines. He was a lifetime member of the Belspring Presbyterian Church, and retired as a private business consultant.

Survivors include his wife; Shirley Sparks Hines of Johnson City, TN; his daughter and son-in-law; Virginia H. and Chris Pfeifer of Johnson City, TN; his

son and daughter-in-law; Richard and Logan Hines of Johnson City, TN; Sister: Jean Wilmouth of Lynchburg; his grandchildren; August Pfeifer, Eva Pfeifer, Maeve Pfeifer, Rowan Hines, and Wilfred Hines. Also survived by a niece; Rachel Wilmouth and her son Michael Workman of Salem.

Per Ron's request, he is being cremated. The family will have a private celebration of Ron's life. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to the Belspring Presbyterian Church 7545 Belspring Road, Belspring, Virginia 24058 or to the Wounded Warriors Project P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

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

BILLY WAYNE WILSON

Billy Wayne Wilson passed away at his home in Franklin County on Friday, October 7th. Born on April 14th, 1958, he was 64 years old. He was a resident of Franklin County for over 40 years, living on the same land his entire adult life. He was a 3rd generation railroad worker at the East End shops at Norfolk

Southern in Roanoke from 1979-1988. Although Billy was a deeply flawed, complex individual, he was incredibly passionate and deeply valued the subtle beauty in nature. He was an avid hunter, specifically Spring Gobbler. The walls of his house are littered with trophy beards and spurs, as he took 112 longbeards in 43 years of hunting. He also bow-killed two black bears. Notebook after notebook tell of his lifetime in the woods, spent in the quietude of a brisk Spring morning. Honestly, nothing made him happier. He also loved watching any, and all sports, loved going to rock concerts, and reading fantasy books. He was also an accomplished billiards player, as he finished 1st in the Roanoke Valley 8-Ball league in 1999. He wanted to give special thanks to dear friends and neighbors: Ms Kitty, Ed Howard, Derrick Amos, Matt Foster, and Donnie Jones. He is preceded in death by his ex-wife, Janet Otey, his brother Greg Wilson, his father Bill Wilson, and his mother Marion Griffin Wilson.

Surviving are his four children- Joshua Wilson, Brandy Moore, Jessica Mangold, and Zachariah Wilson, numerous grandchildren, as well as his brother Mike, and sisters, Lisa, and Robin.

*"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:
That Soul that rises with us, our life's Star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And Cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come..."*

-William Wordsworth

Dad- I hope you find some peace at last. I know over the last fifteen years you lived a simple, lonely life. I know you never found forgiveness, nor did you make amends. Despite everything, you were a great father to me, and I loved you very much. You lived in your own small world, but you will be missed. And as you so wish, I'll let the wind carry your memory, and the Earth shall be your final embrace.

No formal ceremony or memorial will be held. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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Dorothy May Newsome was born October 6, 1928 and died November 10, 2019.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Franklin Newsome Jr. , and her son Thomas Franklin Newsome III, and her grandson, Jesse C. Crawford.

A graveside memorial will be held on Wednesday, October 26, Noon, at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, VA., on the interment of her cremains.

She is survived by her daughters, Jenny and Tracee Newsome and Kathleen Hannoosh, as well as, 6 grandchildren, Nathan, Erin , Sean, Mary, Rachael and Sam, and 12 great grandchildren.

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Duncan

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drive, and intellect. During her time as a graduate advisor, she became affectionately known as "The Dairy Queen" among her students, countless of whom she shepherded through their academic careers. Her intense focus coupled with her warm, supportive mentoring style made a permanent impression upon them.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 25th at 11am at the Dublin Baptist Church with Rev. Allen Mahan officiating. The family will receive friends Monday, October 24th from 6 to 8pm at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the National Park Foundation (<https://www.nationalparks.org>) or the Bob Duncan Memorial Scholarship by sending checks made out to the Virginia Tech Foundation and identifying the contribution in support of

the Bob Duncan Memorial Diagnostic Veterinary Pathology Scholarship Fund. Checks can be mailed to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Advancement Office, 225 Duck Pond Drive, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061.

To sign Susan's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com. Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

Baylor

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and talk about you.*

*Little Michael just turned 4.
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Economic development in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District is a priority for me as its congressman. The votes we take in the House often impact the economy broadly. When I consider how to vote on taxes or regulation, for example, I prioritize their impacts on Ninth District businesses, but they are usually being set at the national level.

One program I have been able to bring to Southwest Virginia during my time in the U.S. House of Representa-



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

tives, however, uniquely addresses the challenges faced by the areas of our region that previously mined coal.

The Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program, previously known as the AML Pilot Program, is a federal program that provides funding for reclaiming and repurposing old mine sites for economic development purposes.

In its original form, the program applied to sites in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Through the legislative process in the House, I successfully expanded it to Virginia as well as to Ohio and Alabama, two other states with a significant coal mining legacy.

Since fiscal year 2017, Virginia has received \$10 million annually in AMLER funding. In the Commonwealth, the program is administered by Virginia Energy, formerly known as the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.

Each year, projects are welcome to apply for funding. Applicants must indicate how they would qualify for a grant, how they would spend it, and how their project would serve the needs of our region.

The projects that have been funded through AMLER since it came to Southwest Virginia have varied in their size and aim, but all have promoted economic growth and opportunity for our residents.

Project Reclaim in Russell County shows one way. This grant recipient is a 160-acre industrial site with access to rail lines, electricity, water, and natural gas. AMLER supported the removal of old structures from earlier coal mine-related operations as well as the removal of a coal fines pond, which was an environmental hazard. These actions made way for possible future development. Progress on Project Reclaim can lead to new employers locating in the region and boosting the local economy.

Similarly, Project Intersection in Norton received AMLER money to remove a mining highwall where two major highways meet in an effort to make a 200-acre site ready for industrial development. Project Intersection will produce a great asset not only for the City of Norton but the Counties of Lee, Wise, and Scott as well.

As we seek to redevelop sites that once provided energy resources, it is appropriate that some AMLER projects support new energy development. Project Junction in Wise County, which was recommended for funding this year, aims to bring innovative energy assets to the site. It could lead to groundbreaking work that will someday power our future. Southwest Virginia's extensive association with energy looks to continue in the years to come.

One of the earliest projects in the Commonwealth to receive funding was recently completed, and I enjoyed the chance to visit earlier this year and see the difference made by AMLER funding. The Pocahontas Exhibition Mine in Tazewell County is a unique tourist location showcasing our area's heritage. AMLER funding added features to the site and helped make it more accessible to visitors, increasing its draw and expanding its economic impact. In fact, Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares and former Governor George Allen recently numbered among its visitors.

The Pocahontas Exhibition Mine represents another way AMLER funding can be used. Bringing visitors to our region capitalizes on our heritage and natural beauty to support jobs and businesses. Other tourism and recreation projects receiving AMLER money include the Devil's Bathtub in Scott County, where grants improved trails and parking, and Ecotourism in Nature's Wonderland in Buchanan County, where improving mine land allows for the reintroduction of elk and other game species for viewing and hunting.

AMLER is already producing results in our region, and more money is slated for projects. You can learn more about the program and what it does at energy.virginia.gov. Creative ideas that draw on Southwest Virginia's mining heritage to create new economic opportunities are welcome.

I am proud of what the AMLER Program has accomplished so far and excited about its possibilities for the future. Working with the state, local officials, and the private and nonprofit sectors, we are investing in innovation, renewal, and opportunity.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861.

OPEN FORUM

Hall dedicated to county

To the editor,

We had the privilege to meet Adam and his family when we first moved to Fairlawn two years ago. In that time, we have gotten to know him and his family through church and other social events. They are good people. Adam not only works hard for the Arsenal, but he has dedicated hours to Pulaski County and its people. Adam has been working to balance the budget and make sure our tax dollars are used productively and conservatively. We need more people in office with his integrity and concern about how the money is spent. Keeping Adam on the Board of Supervisors will benefit our community. That is why we will be voting for Adam Hall for Board of Supervisors - Cloyd District on November 8th.

Major (Ret) John and Krista Marinaro

Backing Stafford

To the editor,

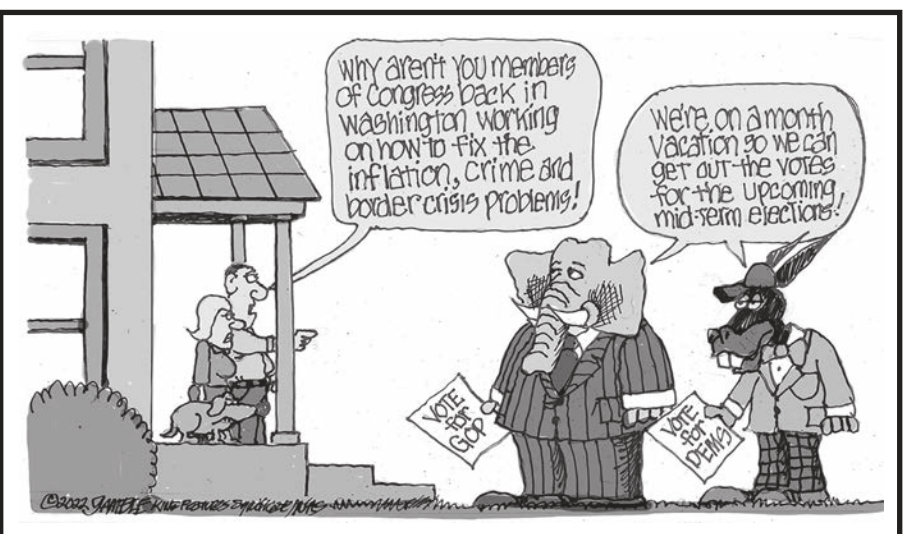
To all the Cloyd District voters in Pulaski County I would like for each of you to come out and vote for Chris Stafford for

Election Letter Policy

The Patriot will accept Open Forum letters on this fall's election through Monday, Oct. 24. No letters pertaining to the election will be published after Friday, Oct. 28. All letters must include the writer's name, address, phone number or email address. As our normal letter policy states, all letter writers are limited to one letter per 30 days. All letters are subject to editing and letters will be published as space is available. No guarantee is made that all letters will be published.

Board of Supervisor. He has been a lifelong resident of Pulaski County and takes pride in our county and our district. Chris is the current Director of Finance and Assistant Superintendent for our schools in Pulaski County and will be an asset to our current board. Chris has substantial financial experience, and I am confident he will utilize this experience to actively work to reduce and eliminate unnec-

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Biden's cynical new border policy

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - After refusing to do anything substantive about stopping the flood of migrants entering the country illegally, President Biden has acted, sort of. Only a cynic would say his order to deport certain Venezuelans, but not migrants from 40 other nations, is timed to influence the November election.

Call me a cynic. The administration plans to invoke Title 42, a rule created during the Trump administration and one Biden denounced for inflicting "cruelty and exclusion" on those fleeing the government of Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro. The new/old policy is intended to block single adult male Venezuelans from entering when they claim asylum.

That won't stop them or anyone else from crossing the Rio Grande River and other points. Suppose the "single adult male" claims to be married? What if he is carrying a baby he claims is his? Most immigrants crossing our southern border lack documentation so how will any of their statements be validated?

Customs and Border Protection says it encountered nearly 204,000 people at the border last month and more than 2 million in all of fiscal 2022. This doesn't count the "got away," estimated by Border Patrol to be nearly 600,000.

George Rodriguez is an American of Mexican descent who lives in San Antonio and regularly visits local migrant centers. He also worked in the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations on community relations and immigration outreach.

Rodriguez, who vehemently opposes the "open border" policy of the Biden administration, thinks his fellow Americans should look beyond the crisis to the future impact of massive migration. These include, he says, a continuing disrespect for the law; the burden on the public school system, students and taxpayers; the need for special education and Spanish-speaking teachers for immigrant children;

welfare, disability payments and health and medical services.

Rodriguez worries that many of those who have entered the country illegally will not be fully assimilated. He fears that should Republicans regain power in Congress and the presidency they may not finish the border wall and deport those who broke the law to get here for fear of the media calling them "racists" and "inhumane."

He is also critical of two major Spanish-speaking television networks - Telemundo and Univision - which, he says, defend those coming across the border and influence migrants already here.

Won't massive deportation - if it occurs - be seen as cruel by many Americans, because that is the way the media is likely to frame it? Rodriguez is adamant: "Anytime you excuse illegal activity, you get more of it." He thinks deporting those who broke the law to get to America - regardless of how long they have been here and even if their children were born here - is the best deterrent.

Rodriguez has other questions he thinks must be addressed. These include whether law enforcement will be allowed to track alien criminals? Will the cartels be designated terrorist organizations because of the fentanyl pouring into the country killing young Americans? Will some district attorneys continue to put "social justice" ahead of public safety? Will unskilled, unemployed migrants turn to crime like the Salvadoran gangs of the 1980s?

All of these - and more - are good questions. Will Republicans answer them in ways that in the words of the Constitution "provide for the common defense (and) promote the general welfare"?

President Biden's cynical response to the border crisis by ordering out single male Venezuelans will not stop migrants coming from 40 other countries.

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

High-speed Rail Is a Progressive Fantasy

California progressives tried to build a European-style high-speed rail network and alienated the French in the process.

A big New York Times piece on the rail project reports that the French, who wanted to work with California, decided the state was simply too dysfunctional and departed to help complete a high-speed line in Morocco instead.

The ongoing unraveling of California's rail plan is an object lesson in how infrastructure as eschatology is a bad idea. If transportation is conceived as a way to save the planet and fulfill a deep-seated, quasi-religious fixation rather than a means to move people around more efficiently, it is bound to fail. Throw on top California's politicized decision-making and regulatory and legal obstacles to building, and it's a formula for a boondoggle for the ages.

No matter how high California has estimated the cost of the project, it hasn't been enough, even as almost nothing has been built. It started out at \$33 billion in 2008. Now, it's \$113 billion, with no one knowing where the funding is going to come from.

Not that the California experience will diminish the progressive ardor for high-speed rail. As far as its enthusiasts are concerned, it is like socialism -- never failed, just never truly tried.

President Barack Obama proposed an 8,600-mile high-speed rail system, and Transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg wants the U.S. to be the "global leader" in high-speed rail. Progressives think of bullet trains like windmills on rails, a symbol of enlightenment and modernity, a way to free ourselves from the selfish, small-minded tyranny of the automobile and adopt a sleeker, greener, more virtuous future.

Then, the wheel meets the rail. In California, it might have sounded appealing to build a high-speed rail link between Los Angeles and San Francisco -- if you abstracted the project from all the topographical and other difficulties. For political reasons, a less direct, less economical route between the cities was selected. And the decision was made to start building between the two megalopolises, in the Central Valley, creating the possibility that California may end up with a bullet train to and from nowhere.

Of course, we already have cheap, high-speed transport between population centers. It is called air travel.

As Randal O'Toole of the Cato Institute points out, planes cruise at roughly 500 miles per hour. The Amtrak Acela, on the other hand, has a top speed of 150 miles per hour. Yes, airplanes need infrastructure, but not expensive, complex new infrastructure all along their routes.

O'Toole notes that Japan's high-speed trains seemed like the future in the 1960's, when air travel was more expensive than rail. Also, Japan's high-

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OBITUARIES

ALMA “KAYE” TAYLOR HUFF

Alma “Kaye” Taylor Huff, age 81 of Pulaski passed away Monday, October 17, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Salem. Born November 6, 1940 in Draper, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Lacy & Alma Rigney Taylor. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, George, Glenn, Robert, Ralph and Jerry Taylor.

Kaye is survived by her Husband – Maurice Cargile Huff – Pulaski

Sons – Daniel Huff – Pulaski, Robert G. (Lisa) Huff – Pulaski, Mike (Trish) Huff – Pulaski Grandchildren – Will, Paige, Kara and Amy Great Grandchildren – Alex and Leo

Sister – Mildred Trail and daughters, Debbie, Connie, Dana – Pulaski

Numerous step grandchildren Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, October 21,



2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Teresa Tolbert officiating. A private family interment will be at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Kaye’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

Radford City Schools gets \$370,344 to boost school safety

The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a grant of \$370,344 to the Radford City School District to improve school safety. Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) issued the following statement:

“Keeping our children safe while they learn in the classroom is critical. The U.S. Department of Justice’s award of \$370,344 to the Radford City School District will help. The grant money can be used for training to prevent school violence or technology that provides improvements in school security and safety.”

Lowry

Continued from Page A6 speed trains had a ready-made customer base in the substantial proportion of the country’s population that already traveled by train.

In the U.S. today, in contrast, the average cost per mile of traveling by air is cheaper than traveling by rail, and a minuscule 0.1% of all passenger travel is via Amtrak.

If we built the Interstate Highway System, why can’t we build a comparable high-speed network? As O’Toole observes, the highway system basically paid for itself and accounts for a substantial 20% of the country’s passenger-miles and a roughly comparable proportion of freight ton-miles.

High-speed rail could never be

a match. Even if you put aside the endemic cost overruns, the inevitable construction delays, and the considerable maintainable costs, it can only carry passengers, not freight.

While progressives swoon over high-speed rail as the shiny future, some other genuinely futuristic technology is likely to emerge. If the age of self-driving cars ever arrives, people will be able to experience a car more like a personal train, except unlimited by rails.

California hasn’t created a railroad to the future but a warning to the rest of the country to avoid its delusion and folly.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Jonathan Trumbull’s Legacy of Godly Service

Even before the American Revolution began, colonial pastors preached sermons on topics such as: the purpose of government was to secure citizens’ God-given rights, freedom of speech, freedom to assemble, freedom of the press, the right of citizens to self-defense and to possess and bear arms, trial by jury of their peers, and equality before the law.

Many of these colonial pastors were patriots, serving as political leaders as well as clergy during the Revolution. One such man was Connecticut’s 16th Governor Jonathan Trumbull who served from 1769 – 1776. Although Trumbull had been appointed governor by British King George III, he was the only one of the 13 colonial governors who was courageous enough to support the Revolution.

Jonathan Trumbull was born October 12, 1710 and grew up in Lebanon, CT. His father was a merchant and businessman who could afford to send his 13-year-old son, Jonathan, to Harvard. Jonathan studied to be a licensed minister and upon graduation, accepted a position with a congregation in Colchester. However, a family tragedy in 1731 called him back to his hometown to help run the family business.

The next few years were filled with activity. In 1735, he married Faith Robinson, whose father was also a minister. The couple had six children and two of their sons, Jonathan Jr. and David later served as Governors of Connecticut. Their third son, John Trumbull is known as the “Painter of the American Revolution” and his first commissioned painting depicts the presentation of (a draft of) the Declaration of Independence in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. This famous 12-foot by 18-foot oil on canvas hangs in the US Capitol Rotunda, along with three of his other paintings.

Between the years of 1736 to

Letters

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Supports Hall in Cloyd

To the editor,

As a life-long resident of the Fairlawn area of the Cloyd District for over 60 years I encourage voters to do their research and vote for incumbent Adam Hall for Supervisor on November 8th. Adam Hall has been serving as our supervisor for the past nine months. He will not need any on-the-job training.

I have had three VDOT issues and two other issues with trash dumping in these past few months in my neighborhood. Each time Adam has responded promptly and has come out, looked at each problem, contacted the appropriate agency and the problems have been solved

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

1740, Trumbull was elected to Connecticut’s House of Representatives and became Speaker of the House. He was elected deputy-governor in 1766, and governor in 1769; but by 1775, this Governor was supporting patriot causes.

Trumbull was a friend of General George Washington and was frequently called upon to help supply the troops. “During the Revolutionary War, Governor Trumbull worked tirelessly to ensure Connecticut could provide supplies such as food, lumber, clothing, and livestock, to the Continental Army and the Connecticut Militia. Between 1775 and 1783, he held over 1,000 meetings at his store in Lebanon. This store became known as the War Office.”

As Governor, Trumbull was open in his faith and trusted in Jesus Christ as his provider. On October 12, 1770 Governor Trumbull gave a Proclamation stating in part, “Pray that God would graciously pour out His Spirit upon us and make the blessed Gospel in His hand effectual to a thorough reformation and general revival of the holy and peaceful religion of Jesus Christ.”

In another Proclamation he stated over the State of Connecticut: “And I do hereby call upon the people. ... [to] offer to our Almighty and all-gracious God, through our Great Mediator, our sincere and solemn prayers for His Divine assistance and the influences of His Holy Spirit.”

As the Revolutionary War became apparent, Governor Trumbull issued an April 19, 1775 Proclamation for a Day of Fasting and Prayer for the Connecticut Colony that “God would graciously pour out His Holy Spirit on us to bring us to a thorough Repentance and effectual Refor-

a particular party. I look forward to the opportunity Chris will provide to the voters of the Cloyd District.

Regards,
Terri Nicewander-Hager

very quickly. He has proven his desire to serve the entire Cloyd District which he represents. Adam has also knocked on my door and asked not only myself but my entire family for our support and votes. Adam takes nothing for granted, he is a genuine person who will not only continue to work hard to serve his constituents in the Cloyd District, but will also represent Pulaski County. Full disclosure, I am not related to Adam and have only known he and his lovely family for two years. I encourage everyone to turn out and vote on November 8th.

Angie Hall
Fairlawn

mation that our iniquities may not be our ruin; that He would restore, preserve and secure the Liberties of this and all the other British American colonies, and make the Land a mountain of Holiness, and Habitation of Righteousness forever.”

On July 13, 1775, Governor Trumbull wrote to General George Washington who was the newly appointed commander of the Continental Army: “The Honorable Congress have proclaimed a Fast to be observed by the inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this continent, to stand before the Lord in one day, with public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, to deplore our many sins, to offer up our joint supplications to God, for forgiveness, and for his merciful interposition for us in this day of unnatural darkness and distress. They have, with one united voice, appointed you to the high station you possess. The Supreme Director of all events hath caused a wonderful union of hearts and counsels to subsist among us. Now therefore, be strong and very courageous.”

He continued, “May the God of the armies of Israel shower down the blessings of his Divine Providence on you, give you wisdom and fortitude, cover your head in the day of battle and danger, add success, convince our enemies of their mistaken measures, and that all their attempts to deprive these Colonies of their inestimable constitutional rights and liberties are injurious and vain.”

In August of 1776, after receiving a desperate plea from General Washington, Trumbull called forth for recruits by ending with: “May the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, be your Captain, your Leader, your Conductor, and Saviour.”

Governor Jonathan Trumbull is an example of how a man’s Christian faith and reliance on God’s Word can result in a lasting legacy that benefits his family, community and ultimately “We the People”.

America could use more leaders like Jonathan Trumbull who openly acknowledge their reliance on God, His guidance and His protection. Maybe the elections of 2022 will be the year we see a return to a legacy of Godly service.



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Radford Council candidates respond to survey

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The upcoming November 8 election will likely have a significant impact on the makeup of the Radford City Council.

There are four vacant seats on the Radford City Council, as council members Onassis Burress resigned from his position on the Council on Halloween of last year and Forrest Hite gave his seat up on July 9 of this year.

The top two vote getters in the upcoming election will win four-year terms on the council, while the 3rd and 4th top vote getters will fill the vacant seats left by Burris and Hite and will serve out the rest of their remaining 2-year terms.

Radford Mayor David Horton

is also running for reelection but he is unopposed.

There are seven candidates listed on the ballot. They are Seth Gillespie, Naomi Huntington, Jessie Foster, Kellie Banks Artrip, Bobby Davis Jr., Janiele Hamden and Chad McClanahan.

Foster and Huntington are both incumbents, but Huntington has formally withdrawn from the race. Even so, if Huntington wins enough votes to place her as one of the top four vote getters, she will be offered a seat on the council. If she declines, then that seat will not go to the candidate receiving the fifth biggest vote total, but instead will remain vacant until council appoints another individual to fill that seat on an interim basis. In that case, a special election will be called for a permanent replacement in 2024.

Charley Cosmato is an interim council member who was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Forrest Hite in July. Cosmato will not be on the ballot, but is now running a write-in campaign for a seat on the Radford City Council.

To better acquaint the voters of Radford with those seeking political office, The Patriot asked candidates for the City Council to answer three key questions and inquired about their political affiliation.

The first question posed to the candidates: If elected, what will be your top priorities as a city council member?

Gillespie is running as an Independent but has been endorsed by the Radford Republicans.

If Gillespie is elected to council, his top priority will be economic development.

“Working to recruit new businesses and striving to retain current ones is important to me. Working with other council members, city staff and citizens to make Radford an even better place to live, work, educate, and raise a family is my top priority.”

Upon taking his seat on Radford’s City Council, Davis, who is a registered Republican, says he would make sure the city government is financially viable by first addressing the city’s “needs” and then discussing the city’s “wants.”

Davis would also make reducing crime a priority along with improving the morale of the city’s police department by asking, “Why are police leaving?”

Davis also stressed the importance of transparency in city government.

City Council incumbent Foster, said this:

“My top priorities, if re-elected to City Council, will be to continue to ensure our downtown is viable for businesses to remain successful. We have a major initiative currently that will significantly improve our downtown and create a space for shopping and gathering. It is our hope that this

will continue to support existing businesses while also encouraging further investment in our vacant store fronts so they too can be profitable.”

Foster went on to say she supported ongoing infrastructure projects including improvements in roads, sidewalks and city parks, noting that a new skatepark would be completed by November.

Foster is a registered Democrat but says, “If someone is running on a party platform they will quickly be disillusioned on council. In the last 4 years, it has been rare that anything specific to a political party’s agenda has needed our attention.”

Artrip, who considers herself to be “on the conservative side,” said her top priorities in city government would be, “accountability and transparency. If elected I would like to focus on ensuring hard-earned tax dollars are being used for the benefit of the citizens and the city’s future.”

Hamden is running as an independent because claims to not subscribe to any party affiliation, saying, “Personally, I find myself with both conservative and progressive postures dependent upon the topic. For me, despite societal pressure to conform, classification will always take a back seat to Humanity.”

“My priority list for Radford is centered in building a healthy community, which begins with governmental transparency and accountability,” Hamden continued. “I’m incredibly passionate about diversity and inclusion, equal rights and equitable opportunity, trickle up economics, community investment and ownership, social programming, preventive/responsive problem solving and planning and servant leadership.”

McClanahan, who considers himself to be a moderate Democrat answered, “If elected one of my top priorities would be to make use of the property that used to be Lynchburg foundry and

New River castings. I would also like to see the “Beautification of Radford to include Downtown Radford.”

Cosmato is running as an Independent but has been endorsed by the Radford City Democrats. When asked about his priorities he responded as follows.

“I commit to mentoring any new members to the workings of council. Processes for considering issues, order of council actions, background briefings on historical and continuing projects and initiatives, to name a few. New members must be ready day one, and we are in an unprecedented local situation where we may not have a lot of prior experience on council. Regardless of politics, we need to keep the wheels turning, so our Council can do its work. I want us to immediately look at our bylaws for City Council. We can make sure we never face another situation where all four seats are potentially replaced at the same time.”

Cosmato went on to say that he wants to continue to work with the New River Regional Planning Commission and that he wants to bolster citizen participation in city governance.

Mayor Horton, who is running unopposed and claims independent status, stated that his top priority would be to “continue to help Radford become the very best community we can be. Enhanced quality of life, economic development, investment in our citizens.”

The second query sent to candidates for Radford City Hall, asked what steps could be taken to improve the New River City.

Gillespie gave this answer.

“I believe the city can responsibly invest in our infrastructure while partnering with citizens, business owners and neighboring communities to further economic development and opportunity in Radford. I think it is critical we work closely with our school system to budget for current expenses and future projects to ensure we are providing the best education we can for our children while being financially responsible.”

Davis would concentrate on staffing and raising the morale of the police department, adding “Put our Citizens First and if you want to know what’s wrong, they’ll tell you!”

Foster stated that: “It has been an ongoing goal of council to make sure we are a community where one wants to raise a family, work, play and eventually retire. There has been a lot of emphasis on housing, as we know that remains a challenge ... There have been ongoing efforts in the recruitment of new businesses to our city while supporting our current businesses.”

Foster went on to say supporting the local school system and collaborating with RU were also top priorities.

Artrip stated that improving the city’s infrastructure is key to stability and growth.

“I would like to ensure law enforcement and community programs have the resources they need to protect our citizens and provide them with every opportunity to prosper. I also want to support existing local businesses and welcome new businesses to the area that will provide much needed revenue and jobs to the area.”

Hamden gave this answer.

“Radford is the Heart of the New River for a reason. We are Strong, we are Courageous, and we are Passionate. We are Pioneers, we are Lovers, and we are Game Changers. Showcasing ALL of our Community as such by empowering, supporting, and highlighting marginalized populations as well as those we’ve historically recognized, will make Radford even better and bring its self-actualization to fruition.”

McClanahan said that, “One way is giving its youth ways and places and opportunities to spend time after school and during the summer.

Cosmato gave the following answer as to how to improve the New River City.

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opportunity to bring our community together with the shared identity of The New River City. That slogan has effectively served as our brand for some time, but people don't immediately identify as participants in the New River Life. We can build that identity together and make it a point of pride and shared prosperity. It works. San Antonio did it with their River Walk identity many years ago, and that is merely a drainage ditch in comparison to our New River."

For his part, Mayor Horton emphasized ongoing efforts to improve the city including, "cleaning up areas, enhancing our parks and river access, working to help our citizens have better lives and more opportunity, and attracting 21st century jobs."

Finally, we asked the candidates what their thoughts are on the concept of Equity, a term frequently used by both state and national politicians.

Gillespie responded by saying, "Everyone regardless of race, color, sexual orientation, religion, or socioeconomic status should be treated with respect and dignity."

As far as the topic of Equity goes, Davis simply stated that, "Every decision should be made based on the facts and discussed with fellow council members."

Foster defined Equity as the "Quality of being fair and impartial," and went on to say that "It would be my hope that those that have come in contact with me as a school board member, city council member, friend, family, or business associate would be able to say that I conducted myself in this manner."

Artrip had this to say on Equity.

"My thoughts on this topic are simple; we may not all be the same but we are all equal. We should strive to continue that thought as we make decisions for ourselves and our city. I am striving for a world where we listen more and work together."

Hamlin had this to say.

"My thoughts on Equity are relatively simplistic and straightforward - my fight is and will always be for ALL People. While we advocate and demonstrate actionable resolve for populations that have been ignored, discriminated against, silenced, and devalued; alternately, we must be cautious to not tip the scales of justice in the opposite direction - Our collective goal should always be balance."

"My thoughts on Equity is that no one person or race or even Political Affiliation is better than the other," stated McClanahan. "We are all Citizens of the United States of America and we all should be treated as equals to make these United States even GREATER."

Write-in candidate Cosmato wrote the following.

"We can build and repair our sidewalks along Main Street all the way from East to West and that would go a long way towards providing the whole City equal pedestrian access to Main Street. However, we also can add curb cuts along the route to ensure that the very elderly, those with limited mobility and wheelchair users can actually use the sidewalk. An equity mindset means that we don't stop at equal; we take a realistic view of everyone we serve and make sure all are beneficiaries of our work."

Mayor Horton had this to say about equity.

"Our role in the community is to provide opportunity for all. One of the challenges we have is that throughout the course of history, there have been some people who've been unfairly advantage and others who've been unfairly disadvantaged. I don't know that you can fix that all at one time. But I think what you can do as a society is, try your best to make sure that everybody has opportunity and the ability to do the work for the life they want to lead."

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Charges filed, arrests made in Wurno Road shooting incident

At approximately 12:30 am on Sunday, October 16, 2022, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to a multiple shots fired call at a residence in the 4600 block of Wurno Road.

Upon arrival, deputy's found multiple shell casings in the area and upon speaking with witnesses learned a dispute between the homeowners and another male subject may have led to the incident.

Antione Maurice Meadows of Hiwassee and Eric Lamont Hunter of Pulaski have been arrested and held at the New River Valley Regional Jail. Meadows has been charged with Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon and Hunter was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

As the investigation continued, on Monday October 17, 2022 additional warrants were obtained and served on Antione Maurice Meadows for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Dominique Marice Hoback of Pulaski for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

On Wednesday October 19, 2022 additional warrants were obtained on Eric Lamont Hunter for Reckless Handling of a Firearm,

Shooting at an Occupied Dwelling, Shooting from a Motor Vehicle, Attempted First Degree Murder of Dominique Marice Hoback and Attempted First Degree Murder of Antione Maurice Meadows.

As noted, all of the above individuals are being held at the New River Valley Regional Jail without bond. This incident is still under investigation and additional charges pending.



Public Notice

Town Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancies on the Planning Commission, Pulaski Redevelopment Housing Authority, and Boarding of Zoning Appeals (BZA)



The Town of Pulaski is seeking qualified residents to serve on the Town's Planning Commission. The Planning Commission oversees development in the Town according to the Zoning Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. Its prime function is to review and make recommendations to the Town Council on applications for zoning requests from citizens and to review and amend the Zoning Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. Commission members are appointed by the Town Council for four (4) year terms.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is a quasi-judicial board that meets on demand to hear appeals from the Zoning Administrator's decisions. Terms for the appointments will last for five years. If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Olivia C. Hale, Clerk of Council for a volunteer application form at 540-994-8602, by email at ohale@pulaskitown.org or online at pulaskitown.org. Application forms may be returned either electronically or to the following mailing address:

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Pulaski County Public Schools

Employee of Month for October

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County Middle School are pleased to recognize Charity Warden as the Employee of the Month. Ms. Warden serves as the Office Assistant in the main office at the middle school. She has worked for Pulaski County Public Schools for the past six years. In the past she has served as a Paraprofessional and Guidance Office Assistant. When asked what she likes most about working for Pulaski County Public Schools, she shared that she likes working with the staff and loves interacting with students. In the front office she wears many hats and supports the work of others in the office and around the school. In addition to managing the front office, she also volunteers on the PTO and the Social Committee. She goes out of her way to make everyone feel supported and appreciated by doing special projects such as providing a candy bar, taco bar and more, just for staff. One of the teachers that nominated her said “She is always helping students get to where they need to be and is the one person who I know I can go and ask a question and she most likely knows the answer.”



Pulaski County Public Schools


Citizenship Awards

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County Middle School are proud to recognize Tavares “TJ” Moye-Scott and Todd Schoolfield as Students of the Month. Both students were selected by the eighth-grade team to be recognized at the October Board Meeting. These two young men were selected because they exemplify good character, citizenship and academic achievement.

TJ Moye-Scott’s favorite subject in school is science because he loves hands-on activities. But he feels that he is best at math in school. He plays defensive end on the football team. When he is not in school, he loves to train in the fitness room at the high school and play video games with friends. He loves his teachers in eighth grade and is looking forward to meeting more good teachers at the high school. He has not yet decided his future plans but hopes to make that decision once he is in high school.

Todd Schoolfield’s favorite subject in school is math and he is currently taking Algebra I. He also enjoys the Retro Game Club on Club Day at school and says he is pretty good at Mario. Outside of school he likes to play soccer at home and video games with friends. For high school he is most looking forward to making new friends. His future plan is to become a Special Education teacher and hopes to teach math.





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Senior of Month for October

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County High School are pleased to recognize Bruce Keller as Senior of the Month for October. Bruce is the son of Barry and Molly Keller of Fairlawn. Bruce’s nominator stated “Bruce Keller is one of the hardest working students I have ever met. He is a member of the PCHS Advanced Concert Choir, Symphonic Band and Golden Cougar Marching Band. While being involved in these performing groups, he also takes dual enrollment classes and carries a heavy academic load. He is a focused young man who is exemplary in all areas of his life. He has strong character and provides leadership in the fine arts department. He truly cares about others and does his best to be a good listener, a good team member and a role model. In his quiet and reserved manner, Bruce sets a great example for other students to follow.” Upon graduation Bruce plans to attend New River Community College for two years through the ACCE program. In talking with Bruce, you quickly realize his passion is music. He hopes to have a full-time job in music but he will settle for part time if possible. In his free time, Bruce enjoys listening to music, books, mountain biking and coin collecting.



Pulaski County Public Schools

School Board, Superintendent Honored

Virginia School Board Association awards are presented to the Pulaski County School Board Members and Superintendent for their commitment to effective school board governance. The following awards were presented to the members: William Benson - Award of Honor; Dr. Paige Cash - Award of Distinction; Beckie Cox - Award of Distinction; Penny Golden - Award of Excellence; Timothy Hurst - Award of Distinction, and Dr. Kevin Siers - Award of Distinction.



Stay Warm this Fall with Butternut Squash

**By Andrea Haubner,
Family and Consumer Science
Extension Agent**

From soup to salad to macaroni and cheese, butternut squash seems to be this fall’s trendy vegetable!

Perhaps you have seen the bright orange veggie popping up on your social media and are unsure if its really good for you or how to prepare it. Butternut squash is a very convenient vegetable to stock up on as it keeps for several months when stored in a cool spot.

On average, there are about 80 calories in one cup of cooked butternut squash, 22 grams carbohydrates, and 4 grams of sugar.

It is also a great source of Vitamin A with 1 cup providing 127% of your daily value. Vitamin A is important for overall growth, vision, reproduction, and immunity .

Importantly, butternut squash

contains the antioxidant beta-carotene which is important for vision. Additionally, new research shows a reduction in breast cancer and lower memory loss for older adults who include beta-carotene in their diet. One serving contains more potassium than a banana and is a great source of fiber.

Have we convinced you to add butternut squash to your diet but you’re still unsure how to prepare it? Here’s a couple preparation tips”

- Thoroughly wash your butternut squash under warm, running water and pat dry.
- Slice about one quarter-inch from each end and then cut crosswise.
- At this point, you can remove

the skin with a vegetable peeler or leave it on.

- Use a spoon to scoop out the seeds. You can actually save the seeds and prepare them similar to pumpkin seeds!
- After this, you can cut into cubes to roast or roast both halves in the oven, depending on what you want to do with it.
- You can also prepare the squash in the microwave by piercing it with a fork, put it on a baking dish with a small amount of water, and cook for 5 minutes on high or until soft.

Your squash can be roasted and put on a salad, in a grain bowl, or even pureed into a soup or for macaroni and cheese!



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William Paine/The Patriot
From left: Pulaski County Director of Emergency Services Brad Wright, Vladimir Tamashiro-Loma of Team Rubicon, Lara Reeves, Co-chair of UAW local 2069’s Community Services Committee and Matthew Blondino UAW 2069 President.

UAW 2069 donates to Team Rubicon for Hurricane Ian recovery effort

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

On September 28, one of the most devastating hurricanes to make landfall in recent times brought destruction on a grand scale to Florida’s west coast. Knowing that residents in the area could use all the help that they could find, Brad Wright, Director of Pulaski County Emergency Services, coordinated a donation drive to assist with recovery from the storm’s aftermath.

“Because of Hurricane Ian that struck Florida, I put out an outreach to any organization that would like to donate to an agency that was going to be on the ground,” said Wright.

Soon after making this request known, Lara Reeves, Co-chair of UAW Local 2069’s Community Services Committee, reached out to Wright and asked how the union could help.

Wright replied that a cash donation from the union at Volvo Trucks would be the best way to assist in the recovery effort. The UAW 2069 then agreed to donate \$1,500 toward the cleanup effort of Hurricane Ian.

To carry out the recovery effort, Wright chose a veteran-led nonprofit organization known as Team Rubicon, as the group has worked in Pulaski County on previous occasions carrying out “wildlife mitigation work.”

Team Rubicon came to Florida in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Ian and has remained there since. The initial focus of

Team Rubicon was to clear the mountains of debris that the storm had deposited throughout the region. This was done primarily through chainsaw operations.

Team Rubicon’s other focus is making storm ravaged residences fit for habitation, until permanent repairs can be made. This in-

volves clearing flooded structures of mud and debris and affixing tarps to damaged roofs until long-term repairs can be made.

The presentation of a \$1,500 check from UAW 2069 to Team Rubicon took place last Friday, Oct. 14 at the Pulaski County Administration Building.

DMV: Talk to kids about safe driving

RICHMOND – As part of National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 16-22, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) encourages teen drivers and their parents or guardians to start candid conversations about safe driving habits.

“Teen Driver Safety Week is an excellent time to start a conversation with the teens in your life about safe driving,” said Acting DMV Commissioner Linda Ford, the Governor’s Highway Safety Representative. “Parents and guardians are the best line of defense a teen driver has to encourage safe driving behaviors. Setting an example through actions and words is more of an influence than one might think.”

Forty-two teen drivers were killed in crashes last year in Virginia, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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by Freddy Groves

Suicide rates are down

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently released its 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. Suicide numbers are down, they say, for the second year in a row.

At the same time, they announced the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants, a program that gives money to community organizations to create suicide prevention programs, and authorized \$174 million to be handed out over the course of three years to provide those services.

The list of groups that received the grants is impressive, with most receiving the maximum amount of \$750,000. But it’s the groups that received lesser amounts that arouse curiosity. War Horses for Veterans received one-third the maximum amount, yet they’re very hands-on, matching horses with veterans and first responders under stress to help them recover from trauma. United States

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DHS 60th Class Reunion

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Town giving drivers more time to get used to new speeds

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Drivers in the Town of Pulaski are getting used to new speed limits at the entrances to the town. They'll get a little more time to do so before town police begin cracking down on speeders.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham told council Tuesday town staff has placed flags on some of the new speed limit signs on Route 99 and Route 11 in an effort to draw drivers' attention to the new speeds.

Burcham told council the town will eventually start issuing speeding tickets to those who don't abide by the new reduced speeds.

"We will advise people when that is going to happen," Burcham said. "Right now, they (police) are issuing warnings, and we'll probably go to warning tickets. Our goal is not to make money off this. Our goal is to have our people safe and drive safely."

Burcham and members of council noted the number of comments received from the public on the new speeds, and how many of them have not been complimentary.

Mayor Shannon Collins passed along a comment on the reduced speed on Route 11 in the area of LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, and the idea of raising the speed in that area back to 45 mph.

Burcham said she had heard the same comments.

"But, I think we need to give time for people to get used to the 35 miles per hour," Burcham said. "And I think once they get used to it they will see its value and I believe we will have fewer accidents in our town, and I think our town will be better received by the public. But we have to kind of bear with this initial reaction that everybody has to change."

She mentioned that people are now saying they like the four-way stop at the intersection of Randolph Avenue and Main Street because they have gotten used to it.

"So, just everyone be patient for just a little bit longer and let us see if this doesn't in the long run serve our community well," Burcham asked.

On another issue, Burcham told council of an idea she had involving potholes – something else that usually brings in comments from citizens.

It's being called the "Fall Fill-In," and involves filling potholes

around the town. Town citizens may, through Monday, Oct. 24, identify or "adopt" a pothole in the town by responding to the town's website or its Facebook page.

On Oct. 25, crews will begin going out to fill the potholes.

Burcham said the work needs to be done soon before asphalt plants close in mid-November.

Suicides

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Veterans Initiative provides job assistance, rental assistance and much more, but they received only a small grant. Community Building Art Works received a similarly small grant to provide writing and art workshops for veterans and family members in all counties of three states. Legal Aid Society got half the largest amount to handle legal assistance for the whole state of Kentucky.

Declining suicide numbers are no guarantee that veterans are under less stress. In 2020, there were 6,146 veteran suicides. That year had the lowest number since 2006, but we need to look at overall rates to see what it really means. While veteran suicide numbers fell by 9.7% between 2018 and 2020, the civilian numbers fell by 5.5%.

And just so you know, Staff Sgt. Parker Gordon Fox, for whom the grant is named, was a sniper instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, when he died in 2020 of suicide at age 25. Fox, a talented musician, left his parents and many relatives, as well as his dog, Willie Nelson Fox, and a 1962 Gibson guitar.

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Cougars win big over Blacksburg

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

It was Homecoming night in Dublin, always a fun night when many former Cougars return to the school they once called home. And the Cougar football team didn't disappoint, as they dominated a struggling Blacksburg football team by a score of 48-7. They now move to 4-3 on the year with a tough three-game stretch looming to close out the regular season.

The Cougars found pay dirt quickly. After solid chunks of yards on the drive, it was a familiar play reaching the end zone first, with Trevor Burton scoring a thirteen-yard touchdown less than two minutes in. The Bruins moved the football a little bit on their first possession, but it wouldn't produce any points. After a Cougar turnover on their second possession, the Cougar defense would get it right back when Zach Parker came up with an interception to set up the Cougar offense in Bruin territory. Burton then found the end zone for a second time, this one from 27 yards, and the Cougs led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was when the flood gates opened for the Cougars. The bruins got his third score of the night with about nine minutes left in the half. After Taner Mace recovered a Bruin fumble, Burton suddenly had four touchdowns on the night, and it was up to 28-0.

The Cougar defense would keep Blacksburg out of the end zone in the first half. Then after running the football hard all evening, Gallimore dropped back to pass and launched it deep to junior Marcus Reed, who hauled it in for his first touchdown on the season for a 39-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was no good, but no harm done on this night with the lead being 34-0.

Burton would get one more score in before intermission, giving him his twenty-first of the season as he continues on his quest for 28 which would set a new school record. He will tie with six more scores and would break it with seven more. Time will tell, but what a great accomplishment that would be for Burton.

The score at the half was 41-0



Trevor Burton heads for the endzone for the Cougars. (Hunter Bishop photo)



Cougar defenders crunch this Bruin ballcarrier. (Hunter Bishop photo)

'Heels picked No. 1 in ACC

UVa tapped No. 3; Hokies at No. 7

GREENSBORO, N.C. (theACC.com) – North Carolina was voted the preseason favorite to win the 2022-23 Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Basketball Championship, following a vote of media members at the 2022 ACC Tipoff. Also ranked No. 1 nationally in the preseason Associated Press poll, the Tar Heels are the preseason ACC favorites for the first time since the 2015-16 season.

North Carolina received 90 of the 101 first-place votes and piled up 1,504 total points. Duke picked up two first-place votes and totaled 1,339 points to finish second in the poll, while Virginia racked up six first-place votes and 1,310 points to take third. Miami received a pair of first-place votes and 1,138 points for fourth place, while Florida State totaled 1,064 points for fifth place.

Notre Dame (971) was sixth in the poll, while reigning ACC champion Virginia Tech (921) picked up the final first-place vote and was seventh. Syracuse, Wake Forest, NC State, Clemson, Louisville, Boston College, Pitt and Georgia Tech comprised eighth through 15th, respectively.

In addition, the media voters selected North Carolina's Armando Bacot as the ACC Preseason Player of the Year, while Duke's Dereck Lively II received the nod as ACC Preseason Rookie of the Year.

A first-team All-ACC honoree last season, Bacot led North Carolina in scoring (16.3), rebounding (13.1), field goal percentage (.569) and blocked shots (65) in 2021-22, becoming the first Tar Heel ever to lead the team in those categories in consecutive seasons. The 6-11 senior forward/center from Richmond, Virginia, was the first player in college basketball history to record six double-doubles in one NCAA Tournament, as he led UNC on a run to the national championship game. Bacot earned All-NCAA Tournament honors in both the Final Four and East Regional, where he was also the Most Outstanding Player. He is averaging 13.0 points and 10.0 rebounds in 100 career games and has 1,300 points, 1,001 rebounds and 127 blocks in three seasons.

A 7-1 center from Philadelphia, Lively II was a five-star recruit who was rated as the No. 1 overall player in ESPN 100's rankings for the class of 2022. He also was ranked No. 1 at his position and No. 1 in the state of Pennsylvania by ESPN. Lively II played for Team Final on the Nike EYBL circuit during the summer of 2021, helping them to a Peach Jam title and leading the EYBL with 3.7 blocked shots per game in 15 contests while adding 8.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

The 70th season of ACC men's basketball begins on Monday, Nov. 7. League play starts Friday, Dec. 2.

The ACC's current 15 member schools have captured three of the last seven NCAA Championships, with 92 NCAA Tournament wins in that seven-year span. Current ACC schools have won eight NCAA titles in the last 21 years and own 17 national championships overall. Current ACC member schools have combined for 66 Men's Final Four appearances and a national-best 657 NCAA Tournament wins. Duke and North Carolina advanced to the Final Four last year with UNC making the championship game.

The ACC posted a 14-5 record (.737) in the 2022 NCAA Tournament – the most wins and best winning percentage of any multi-bid conference – and has the highest all-time NCAA Tournament

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Cougars. Of course, the anticipated announcing of the royalty for Homecoming came. Blaine Reedy won king, Olivia Viers won queen. Then Khalib Horton won prince and Eliza Morgan was named princess. And James Johnson was the duke while Tori Vest was the duchess. Congratulations to all of these seniors!

The Cougars came out and continued to pitch a shutout. Sophomore Taner Mace got his first career touchdown, making it 48-0. The Bruins would find the end zone in the early fourth. Lots of young players got a lot of time on the field, and this will likely be needed down the stretch of the season. With the festivities going on and the big win, it was a good

night all around.

Burton finished with 22 attempts for 183 yards and 5 touchdowns. Chris Gallimore ran 8 times for 53 yards. Taner Mace continued to run the ball well for the second straight week with 5 attempts for 46 yards and a score. Brett Jones ran once for 15, freshman Kaden Hatch got his first carry for 12 yards, Tyler Underwood ran 3 times for 8, and Zach Parker ran 3 times for three yards. That gives the Cougs 41 attempts for 342 yards, about 8.3 yards per attempt. Gallimore had maybe his best night passing, going 3 of 4 for 68 yards and a touchdown pass, the first of the year.

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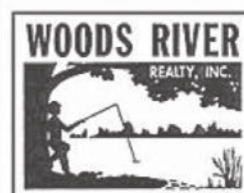
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- A) Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Article 3 Table 3.1 Application Fee Table, Fee Increase.
- B) No Wake Buoy Application, Code of Virginia 29.1-744: submitted by Nickolas Clark Tax Map #067-007-0000-0022, 7157 Island View Way, 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, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

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Town Council Public Hearing

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A request from Aggregate Capital LLC for a Comprehensive Plan zoning map amendment for property located at 0 First Street NW and 34 First Street NW [tax parcel(s) 072-140-0000-0156, 072-140-0000-0157] from Industrial to Commercial.
2. A request from Aggregate Capital LLC to rezone property located at 0 First Street NW and 34 First Street NW [tax parcel(s) 072-140-0000-0156, 072-140-0000-0157] from I-2 Industrial to B-3 Central Business.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to csmith@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Zoning Administrator's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors


The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, October 24, 2022, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

- Transfer of the former Jail property, located at 86 East Main Street (Tax Parcel 072-051-0031-0001) from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority.

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

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Public Hearing On Proposed Zoning Amendment

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:


1. A proposed zoning amendment to Section 11.2 Definitions, adding the definition: "Houses of Worship" as defined as "An institution that people regularly attend to participate in or hold religious services, and shall include buildings in which the religious services of any denomination are held. a) As an accessory use, emergency warming stations are permitted, as defined by the building code and subject to meeting applicable building code and fire code requirements."

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

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1. SUP Permit Application submitted by Helios Solar, LLC to allow a Solar Farm located at Tax Map 091-001-0000-0092 at 3063 Lomans Ferry Road, Draper District.
2. 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.
3. Rezone Application submitted by Virginia Fence Builders rezone a newly revised portion of Tax Map 036-001-0000-0011 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Industrial (I) located at 5916 Cleburne Blvd Dublin, VA, Cloyd District.

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2022 ACC Preseason Poll (101 total votes)

1. North Carolina (90), 1504
2. Duke (2), 1339
3. Virginia (6), 1310
4. Miami (2), 1138
5. Florida State, 1064
6. Notre Dame, 971
7. Virginia Tech (1), 921
8. Syracuse, 700
9. Wake Forest, 672
10. NC State, 548
11. Clemson, 528
12. Louisville, 477
13. Boston College, 368
14. Pitt, 320
15. Georgia Tech, 260

First-place votes in parentheses

Preseason All-ACC

First Team

Name, School, Votes
Armando Bacot, North Carolina, 100
Isaiah Wong, Miami, 81
Caleb Love, North Carolina, 58
Terquavion Smith, NC State, 46
Jeremy Roach, Duke, 35

Second Team

Jayden Gardner, Virginia, 32
Derek Lively II, Duke, 19
Justyn Mutts, Virginia Tech, 18
PJ Hall, Clemson, 17
RJ Davis, North Carolina, 14

Preseason Player of the Year

Armando Bacot, N. Carolina, 82
Isaiah Wong, Miami, 5
Caleb Love, North Carolina, 4
Jeremy Roach, Duke, 3
PJ Hall, Clemson, 2
RJ Davis, North Carolina, 2
Terquavion Smith, NC State, 1
Hunter Cattoor, Virginia Tech, 1
Dariq Whitehead, Duke, 1

Preseason Rookie of the Year

Derek Lively II, Duke, 57
Dariq Whitehead, Duke, 25
Tyrese Proctor, Duke, 5
Mark Mitchell, Duke, 3
Tyler Nickel, North Carolina, 2
Jalen Washington, N. Carolina, 2
JJ Starling, Notre Dame, 2
Kyle Filipowski, Duke, 2
Prince Aligbe, Boston College, 1
Isaac McKneely, Virginia, 1
Seth Trimble, North Carolina, 1

Elizabeth Kitley picked as ACC's preseason Player of the Year

The Atlantic Coast Conference announced its preseason awards Wednesday afternoon with Virginia Tech seniors Elizabeth Kitley and Ashley Owusu and graduate student Taylor Soule earning accolades. Kitley was chosen to repeat as ACC Player of the Year, while Owusu and Soule each were included on the All-ACC Team. Owusu is also on the Newcomer Watch List.

This marks the first time that VT has placed three athletes on the preseason All-ACC team.

Virginia Tech is ranked 13th in the nation in the AP Preseason Poll announced Tuesday.

Kitley was amongst the league leaders in scoring (18.1), rebounds (9.8), blocks (2.4) and FG% (.551) throughout the season. Her 15 double-doubles led the conference as did her 13 games of 20 or more points. She scored 34 twice and finished the year with a 42-point performance in the NCAA Tournament, the second-most ever scored in the opening round of the competition. She ranks ninth all-time at VT in scoring (1,410), fifth in rebounds (800) and third in blocks (187).

Owusu, who transferred from Maryland, scored over 1,200 points in three seasons with the Terrapins. For her career, Owusu averages 14.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 5.0 assists per game and also shoots 76% from the free throw line. In 2021-22, Owusu averaged 14.3 points per game, 3.1 rebounds and 3.6 assists while shooting 42% from the field.

Soule competed for the past four seasons at Boston College where she recorded 1,500 points and earned All-ACC honors in each of the past three years, including a Second Team nod in 2021-22 after averaging 16 points and 5.5 rebounds in 32 minutes of action per contest for the Eagles.



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Tech's 6-6 senior center Elizabeth Kitley returns for the Lady Hokies.

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Cougars

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6'4" junior Marcus Reed, who is continuing to emerge as a very reliable and consistent option at receiver, caught all three passes. For the Cougar offense, that is 45 plays for 410 yards, over 9 per play, along with 22 first downs. Not bad at all.

Blacksburg got six first downs, ran 28 times for 102 yards, and was 3/9 passing for 6 yards with an interception, the first of the season for the Cougars. That's 37 plays for 108 yards, less than three per play.

With the sun, the Cougars are now 4-3. They will look to get their first win over a team with a winning record when they travel on Thursday to Bluefield to play 7-0 Graham.



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A Pulaski County defender goes up to try and block this Blacksbiurg pass play.

Hokies picked to finish 2nd in ACC

GREENSBORO, N.C. (theACC.com) – Coming off a Final Four appearance, Louisville is the 2022-23 Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Basketball preseason favorite, according to the league's Blue Ribbon Panel comprised of the ACC's 15 head coaches and a select voting panel.

The Cardinals, who were slotted No. 7 nationally in Tuesday's Preseason AP Poll, received 31 of 60 first-place votes in the ACC balloting with a total of 1,069 points.

After earning its highest preseason ranking in the AP Poll (13th), Virginia Tech earned its highest-ever preseason ranking in the ACC predicted order of finish at the No. 2 position. The Hokies picked up 17 first-place votes and 984 points. Three-time defending ACC champion NC State closely followed at No. 3 with eight first-place votes and 963 points.

Notre Dame earned the final four first-place votes and 942 points, while North Carolina rounded out the top-5 with 895 points. Miami placed sixth with 674 points, while Duke landed seventh at 627 points.

Georgia Tech (623 points) followed in eighth with Florida State (553) and Syracuse (370) rounding out the top-10, respectively. Virginia (303), Clemson (275), Boston College (271), Wake Forest (256) and Pitt (187) close out this year's predicted order of finish.

After being named the Blue Ribbon Panel's ACC Player of the Year after the 2021-22 regular season, Virginia Tech senior Elizabeth Kitley has been selected as the Preseason Player of the Year with 49 of 60 first-place votes. The Summerfield, North Carolina, native ranked second in the



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Virginia Tech women's head coach Kenny Brooks.

ACC in scoring with 18.1 points per game and in rebounding with 9.8 boards per contest last season. Her 55.1 shooting percentage from the field paced the conference, and she ranked second in blocks with a 2.4 clip.

Louisville's duo of Hailey Van Lith (seven first-place votes) and Morgan Jones (one) and Notre Dame's Olivia Miles (three) all received first-place votes from the Panel and joined Kitley on the Preseason All-ACC team. Also earning the honor were North Carolina's Deja Kelly, NC State tandem Diamond Johnson and Jakia Brown-Turner, Wake Forest's Jewel Spear and Virginia Tech duo Ashley Owusu and Taylor Soule.

Owusu also earned a spot on the Blue Ribbon Panel Newcomer Watch List. Owusu was joined by

NC State's Saniya Rivers, Syracuse's Dyaisha Fair, Florida State's Ta'Niya Latson, Miami's Haley Cavinder and Clemson's Ruby Whitehorn. Cavinder and Whitehorn tied for the final spot on the Watch List.

Points are determined by the Blue Ribbon Panel ranking, with the votes from the league's head coaches counting twice.

Five ACC teams earned spots in the Preseason Associated Press Poll – Louisville (No. 7), Notre Dame (No. 9), NC State (No. 10), North Carolina (No. 12) and Virginia Tech (No. 13). The ACC was the only conference to land five or more teams in the top-15.

Conference play starts on Sunday, Nov. 13 with Wake Forest playing at Virginia on ACC Network. The first full day of league games is Thursday, Dec. 29 with seven scheduled contests.

The 2023 ACC Women's Basketball Tournament will be held March 1-5 at the Greensboro Coli-

High School Football Scores - Week 8

Amelia County 28, Cumberland 0
Amherst County 35, Rustburg 34
Appomattox 34, Nelson County 6
Bassett 50, Tunstall 14
Battlefield 23, Unity Reed 7
Bayside 70, Kellam 25
Bluefield, W.Va. 46, Tazewell 20
Brentsville 55, William Monroe 14
Briar Woods 21, Independence 12
Broadway 20, Harrisonburg 6
Brookville 62, Liberty-Bedford 13
Brunswick 46, Franklin 14
Buckingham County 49, Nottoway 0
Caroline 36, Courtland 22
Cave Spring 34, Patrick Henry-Roanoke 28
Chatham 42, William Campbell 34
Christiansburg 43, Hidden Valley 17
Clarke County 41, Meridian 0
Colgan 38, C.D. Hylton 0
Col. Richardson, Md. 27, Nandua 12
Colonial Forge 12, Mountain View 8
Colonial Heights 44, Meadowbrook 8
Cosby 49, Huguenot 0
Dan River 35, Gretna 14
Dinwiddie 42, Petersburg 0
E.C. Glass 55, Jefferson Forest 6
East Rockingham 35, Luray 14
Essex 66, Colonial Beach 12
Fairfax 78, W.T. Woodson 0
Falls Church 33, Justice 23
Forest Park 23, Gar-Field 9
Frank Cox 24, Landstown 7
Franklin County 35, William Byrd 23
Freedom (South Riding) 15, Osbourn Park 0
Freedom (W) 68, Woodbridge 6
GW-Danville 24, Halifax County 21
Gate City 35, Lee High 21
George Wythe-Wytheville 20, Galax 7
Glenvar 31, Alleghany 6
Goochland 42, Monticello 14
Graham 49, Virginia High 21

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PCHS Player Of The Week

Wide Receiver
Marcus Reed

Marcus caught the first Cougar TD pass of the season last week against Blacksburg, and finished with a season-high 68 yards in receptions - averaging 22.7 yards per catch.

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Mountain Bike Park Open in Pulaski

Town of Pulaski officials were joined by representatives of Pulaski County government and businesses to officially open the town's new Mountain Bike Park on Wednesday, October 12th. After several weather and supplier related delays, the bike park is finally open so riders can begin enjoying the trails and features. The Mountain Bike Park will be open from Dawn until Dark, 7 days a week. The trails will be closed when raining or wet (standing water). Here, Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins cuts a ribbon officially opening the park.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photo

Scores

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Grassfield 21, Great Bridge 0
Grayson County 34, Giles 14
Green Run 63, Ocean Lakes 0
Grundy 68, J.I. Burton 26
Hayfield 45, Annandale 14
Heritage (Leesburg) 45, Dominion 8
Hermitage 28, Douglas Freeman 14
Herndon 41, Washington-Liberty 20
Highland Springs 55, Hanover 7
Holston 34, Northwood 0
Honaker 41, Hurley 20
James Madison 21, Centreville 18
James Monroe 17, Culpeper 15
Kempsville 14, Salem-Va. Beach 10
Kettle Run 52, Millbrook 32
King George 68, Chancellor 6
Lafayette 35, King William 0
Lake Braddock 35, James Robinson 20
Langley 62, Wakefield 6
Lebanon 54, Castlewood 6
Liberty-Beaeton 49, James Wood 20
Liberty Christian 14, Heritage-Lynchburg 6
Lord Botetourt 41, William Fleming 27
Loudoun County 27, Lightridge 7
Loudoun Valley 27, Broad Run 21
Louisa 56, Western Albemarle 0
Magna Vista 28, Martinsville 16
Manchester 31, Midlothian 30, 20T
Matoaca 35, Prince George 0
Mechanicsville 12, Henrico 7
Mills Godwin 35, Deep Run 0
Narrows 44, Covington 38
North Stafford 21, Stafford 14
Norview 27, Granby 10
Orange County 42, Fluvanna 7
Oscar Smith 52, King's Fork 21
Patrick Henry-Ashland 28, Armstrong 12
Patriot 35, Osbourn 14
Petersburg, W.Va. 49, Mountain View (Q) 0
Portsmouth Christian 36, Northampton 0
Potomac 20, Glen Allen 7
Powhatan 35, Clover Hill 0
Pulaski County 48, Blacksburg 7
Richlands 34, Marion 13
Ridgeview 42, John Battle 6
Riverheads 41, Wilson Memorial 21
Rural Retreat 32, Chilhowie 0
Sherando 50, John Handley 29
South County 35, West Springfield 28
South Lakes 23, Chantilly 17
Southampton 24, Greenville County 16
Staunton River 34, Northside 0
Strasburg 42, Madison County 14
Stuarts Draft 17, Buffalo Gap 12
Tabb 21, Smithfield 14
Thomas Dale 41, Hopewell 12
Turner Ashby 35, Spotswood 28
Tuscarora 55, Rock Ridge 6
Twin Springs 44, Eastside 7
Union 28, Central - Wise 21
Warhill 21, Poquoson 14
Warwick 21, Heritage-Newport News 10
Waynesboro 24, Rockbridge Co. 7
West Potomac 33, Alexandria City 7
Western Branch 56, Hickory 3
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Gov. Youngkin unveils Operation Bold Blue Line

RICHMOND, VA — Governor Glenn Youngkin today stood with Attorney General Jason Miyares, Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears, and mayors, police chiefs, and sheriffs from across Virginia to announce Operation Bold Blue Line, a series of concrete actions to reduce homicides, shootings, and violent crime.

“Across Virginia, people wake up and turn on the morning news to hear story after story of violence in their communities: homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults,” said Governor Glenn Youngkin. “With a nearly 40% law enforcement vacancy rate in some cities in Virginia, with too few prosecutors actually prosecuting, and with diminished community engagement and witnesses less willing to come forward, Virginia’s blue line is getting far too thin.

“Today, I am announcing Operation Bold Blue Line, a sustained effort to comprehensively address the challenge we see happening across all our communities. Building on the common themes from the 14 meetings of our Violent Crimes Task Force across Virginia, together, we are taking clear, actionable steps to make our communities safer.”

Operation Bold Blue Line will work to recruit the finest officers from Virginia and across the Nation, as well. To do this, a \$30 million nationwide and homegrown recruitment effort will be launched in tandem with a new 8-week fast-tracked lateral training academy to expeditiously certify law enforcement in Virginia.

- Operation Bold Blue Line:**
1. Supporting existing law enforcement by finally fixing pay and wage compression.
 2. Supporting new law enforcement with a comprehensive recruiting effort to attract law enforcement from other states and develop homegrown talent.
 3. Providing more support for all law enforcement, including more training and equipment.
 4. Ensuring law enforcement is backed up by prosecutors that can and will put and keep violent offenders behind bars.
 5. Providing additional resources to victims and witnesses, and funding community partnerships to help stop violent crime before it happens.

Background:

Virginia is leading the way by adopting innovative strategies to fight violent crime. A major investment of \$13 million over the next two years in new group violence intervention efforts is underway with the combination of comprehensive law enforcement, prosecutorial, and community-based initiatives.

To execute violent crime reduction strategies, Virginia will make additional investments to recruit, train, and support more LEOs in key departments.

With some cities facing vacancy rates approaching 40%, the Virginia State Police still have more than 250 unfilled positions, and the Virginia Sheriff’s Association estimates vacancy rates nearing 20% in their departments.

To combat this, Governor Youngkin announced a comprehensive plan to fix wage compression issues and increase funding for partnering community police. Working with the General Assembly to increase funding to cities and counties with community policing and violence reduction tactics, this plan includes provisions to prohibit partnering localities from “defunding” their police departments.



William Paine/The Patriot

Newbern Fall Festival

There was something for everyone at the recent Newbern Fall Festival, hosted by the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department. There was delicious food, arts and crafts, music, fellowship and more at the annual event. Organizers say to mark your calendars for next year’s event on the second weekend of October.



Are Dogs Growing More Anxious?

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: My small mixed-breed dog, Tara, has terrible anxiety, especially when I leave the house or during thunderstorms. I have to either put a cone on her or socks on her paws so she doesn’t chew them bloody during these episodes. I hear from other friends that their dogs have anxiety issues as well. Is this problem on the rise? -- Sherri L., Kansas City, Mo.

DEAR SHERRI: Evidence isn’t clear that anxiety in dogs is rising, but there is a rise in the understanding and diagnosis of anxiety in pets by veterinarians. This has led to an increase in diagnosis and treatment for pet anxiety.

While that is good for pets, there is no “magic bullet” to quickly cure a dog of an anxiety disorder. Tara’s vet can diagnose the problem, and can help you determine different ways to treat her.

Medication can be a big help in easing anxiety symptoms, but you also want to look for causes of Tara’s anxiety, and trigger points that set off her paw-chewing. Thunderstorms are one trigger; your leaving the house is another.

There are a number of different techniques, both training or interaction, to turn off those triggers. While there’s not room in this column to list them, do some quick research and look for dog training manuals that stress positive reinforcement. Ask the vet and your friends about local dog trainers or specialists who treat pet anxiety issues.

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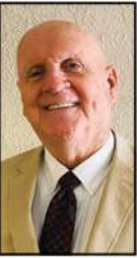
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Easter Sunday in approaching and we are reminded of when Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried and then arose from the dead and is alive forevermore.

John, in the first chapter of his first epistle, chapter 5, sums up what he has written before. He starts out by reminding us that we, as Christians, are born of God.

Let’s begin our reading with 1 John 5:1. “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat, loveth Him also that is begotten of Him.”

The most important thing that anyone can ever do is to accept the full and free salvation that comes from God comes through His Son, and only through his Son. “We only need to believe in our hearts and accept the vicarious death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary to purchase our Salvation. That He is the Son of God. That faith in His shed blood saves us from our sins. He who hath the Son hath life and he who hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

There are two ways set before each and every person. One way leads to an eternal death and the other way leads to life in all of its positive forms. Spiritual Life; Abundant Life; and Eternal Life.

And yet, many are choosing the wrong way, and they’re walking across the blood of Jesus to get there. God help us to choose Jesus over the world. To choose life over death. To choose the straight and narrow way that leads to life, instead of the broad way that leads to destruction.

Jesus told Nicodemus, three times. “Ye MUST be born again.” Not that you can be born again. Not that ye should be born again. But in no uncertain terms, Jesus said, “Ye MUST be born again.” It’s a requirement for entering into the Kingdom of God.

John 1:12 says. “But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe upon His Name.”

The first birth we experience is when we are born of born of flesh and blood parents. In the new birth, we are born of God. The first birth is a natural birth. The new birth is a supernatural birth.

The first birth is of this world. The new birth is from above. The new birth is a gift from God, to those who believe in the name of Jesus enough to invite Him into their hearts as their personal Savior and to make Him the Lord of their lives.

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Sunday Services
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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Sunday Services
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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
Group - 7 p.m.

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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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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalm 21:3-4

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God. Our ticket to enter Heaven must be validated by the blood of our precious Lord.

Being born again of the Spirit is when God gives us a new heart, with a new song in it. When He puts His Spirit within us, and gives us the power to live the rest of our lives in faithful service to Him.

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And it is the Spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, (Jesus) and the Holy Ghost.

At the baptism of Jesus, God spoke from out of Heaven saying “This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased.” That was a witness or a testimony from God the Father, as to the authenticity of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit descended down from out of heaven and lighted on Jesus in the form of a dove. That was the witness of the Holy Spirit that Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus shed every drop of His blood for the redemption of humanity. It was a witness to the saving and redemptive power of the blood of Christ. Jesus shed His royal blood so that you and I and whosoever will, and accept it as being sufficient to wash away all of our sins.

When we are born again of the Spirit of God, we are filled with the presence of God and given divine power from God to resist temptation and sin. “For greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.”


“For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh this world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.” 1st John 5:4,5.

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Colossians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From Acts 20:3, how many months did Paul stay in Greece? 3, 5, 7, 9
- What is the shortest book in the New Testament (KJV)? Luke, Titus, 3 John, Jude
- Who was the only woman to rule over Judah? Deborah, Dorcas, Eunice, Athaliah
- Which of these appeared earliest in the Bible (KJV)? Jacob, Abraham, Samuel, Moses
- What does the biblical name of “Nabal” mean? First, Fool, Power, Face

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 3, 3) 3 John, 4) Athaliah, 5) Abraham, 6) Fool

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Intellectual acceptance of Christ is not enough

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Is converting to Christ a change of the mind or an emotional act, and does it change how a person lives life? - C.C.

A: Thousands of people speak of having some form of emotional experience that they refer to as conversion but who have never been truly converted to Christ. Christ demands a change in the way we live. If a life does not conform to the Word of God, then there are reasons to doubt possessing true salvation in Jesus Christ.


Certainly, there will be a change in the elements that make up emotion when a person receives Christ as Savior. Someone who has been converted begins to hate sin and love righteousness. Personal affections will undergo a revolutionary change and devotion to the Lord will know no bounds, and love and faithfulness begin to grow.

Intellectual acceptance of Christ or an emotional experience is not enough. There must be the conversion of the will! There must

be that determination to obey and follow Christ. Self must be nailed to the cross and the bend of the will toward the things of God.

Whether we are a new Christian or a person who has walked with the Lord many years, our main

desire must be to please Him. Possessing Christ is one of total commitment. When a person is convicted of sin, the Holy Spirit sheds His truth in the heart of man and the face of sin is dealt with as He empowers faith to believe that Christ died in our place. When mankind opens his heart, a miracle of the new birth takes place and a new creation replaces the old creation, bringing to each redeemed soul a new beginning. Believers partake of God’s own life and Jesus Christ, through the Spirit of God, takes up residence in the human heart.



My Answer

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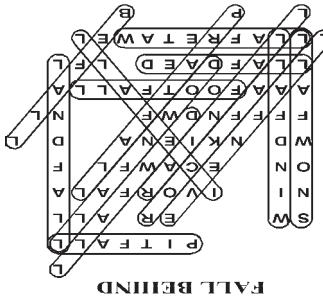
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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answer
Love yourself. It is
important to stay positive
because beauty comes from
the inside out.
— Jenn Proske



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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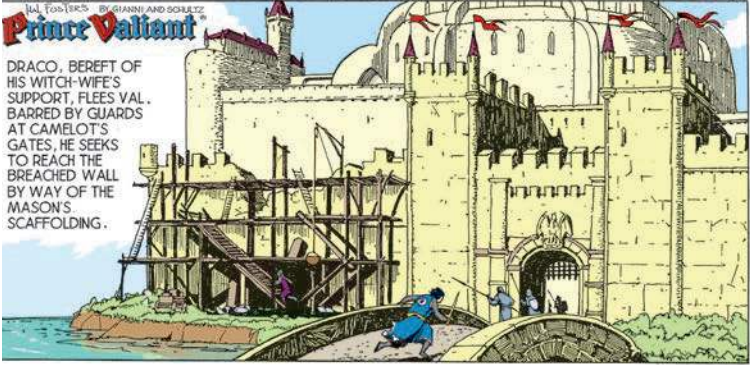
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Help! I'm Behind On Everything

Dear Dave,

I need help. I am way behind on my basic utilities and my taxes. I have tried to start the Baby Steps, but everything is so overwhelming right now that it is easy to get discouraged. I am 33, I live in Los Angeles, and I average around \$30,000 a year doing behind-the-scenes work in the entertainment industry. My total debt is about \$10,000. Can you give me some advice?

Cameron

Dear Cameron,

I know you're in a scary place right now, brother. But I'm glad you're getting on board and that you want to move in the right direction with your finances. Before you start the Baby Steps, you should get current on all your bills. Make a list of all the bills you're late on and how much it will take to get current on each one. Then, create a written, monthly budget. Once that's done, and all your expenses and income are accounted for, you're going to squeeze every penny you can from there and work your late list from smallest to largest until everything's current. You're going to feel a sense of relief—and accomplishment—every time you flip one of these bills. And believe it or not, the act of simply making a list will help reduce the stress you're feel, because just by doing that you've established the size of the dragon. This dragon must



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

die, and you are the knight who's going to kill it.

But listen, there are two sides to this equation—income and outgo. No offense, but \$30,000 a year as an income in Los Angeles stinks. You've got to do something to make more money. Hey, \$10,000 would literally change your life. Not everyone can say that. The bad news is, you've got \$10,000 worth of debt. The good news is, you've got only \$10,000 worth of debt. I'm not talking about some little minimum wage deal, either. I want you making some real money. Don't do anything illegal, or something that would compromise your morals, but get after making some good money.

And long term? Dude, you might want to think about taking a step up in your industry or even a full-blown career change. I mean, you don't want to be making \$30,000 a year and still working a side job when you're 50, right?

You could be debt-free, and have a much better life, in a year or less, Cameron. Go do this.

I want you to win!

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling 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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PULSE

Oct. 22

Fall Festival

Annual Fall Festival at River of Life Church, Route 100 Dublin, is planned for Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free.

Oct. 26

Halloween/Fall Party

Halloween/Fall Party Fun for all ages! October 26, 6:00 pm Winesett Christian Outreach Center First Christian Church of Pulaski 524 N Jefferson Ave Pizza, dessert, games and Trunk or Treat!

Oct. 29

Fall Harvest Treat Center

Come get your treat bag, and have your picture taken. Family Worship Center fellowship hall at 955 Memorial Drive (behind Walgreens) in Pulaski on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Oct. 30

Serving Women In Need

A ministry that is designed to equip and encourage women who are going through difficult seasons in their lives by teaching them how to apply the Word of God to their everyday lives and provide guidance through various obstacles. The first meeting is at 5:00 P.M. October 30th, Draper Valley PH Church Fellowship Hall. This is open to the public and is free.

Nov. 3

Legion to meet in Radford

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, November 3, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. In Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Nov. 8

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, November 8, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. If Montgomery County Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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.

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.

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.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Taking It To The Streets collecting coats for coat drive

Taking It To The Streets Ministries will be collecting coats for a coat drive to be held on Saturday, November 19 from 3 pm till 5 pm during our Annual Feed The Hungry Thanksgiving Meal.

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