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West Main waterline project to bring change to downtown

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The Town of Pulaski, in conjunction with Pulaski On Main cohosted an informational meeting at the town's train depot this past Tuesday. The purpose of the meeting was to answer questions regarding the upcoming West Main Waterline Project.

The Town of Pulaski is set to replace the waterline servicing buildings on West Main Street between Washington and Jefferson Avenues. The project is set to begin in mid-November of this year and is expected to take four months to complete. As a result, West Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic during the water line replacement project, which will mean West Main will likely be closed until mid-March of 2023.

West Main Street tenants and business owners, as well as their customers will have to find park-

ing elsewhere during this period of construction. In anticipation of this, the town leased the Central Gym parking lot from the county and has done away with the two-hour parking restriction there and at the Courthouse parking lot on the corner of 3rd Street and Washington Avenue.

"The waterline being replaced is old and small and has the potential for breakage," said Pulaski Town Engineer Bill Pedigo, who made the presentation at Tuesday's meeting. "Anytime we can replace an older line with a new line, we'd like to try to do that."

"We have a lot of interest in our town generally and specifically to the downtown for development," said Town Manager Darlene Burcham. "And we want to make that development as easy as possible on developers. We've had seven buildings purchased in the downtown in the past eight months that we know people want to develop."

The new waterline, made of 18-

inch diameter PVC, will replace the older 6-inch iron water lines under West Main Street.

"The existing main is so small in diameter that there can be pressure drops during peak events," said Matt Gross, the project's Chief Engineer. "The larger diameter pipe that we're replacing it with will minimize those drops, so that sprinkler systems can be more reliably designed."

Both Pedigo and Gross assured building owners on West Main Street that their water service would be minimally affected by the switch over to a new line, with the interruption likely lasting only a matter of a few minutes.

The sprinkler system required for mixed use buildings is a major aspect of this water line project, as is the Streetscape Project.

Subsequent to the completion of the West Main Water Line Project, the town will begin the

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CANDIDATE SURVEY RESULTS

Candidates In Cloyd, Robinson Districts Make Their Case To Voters

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Solar project planned for Shiloh rejected by board

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

A solar farm won't be built in Shiloh, following denial Monday night by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors of a Special Use Permit request.

The board's action put an end to months of meetings and back-and-forth between the county, property owners in the area and Helios Solar, LLC who was seeking the permit to allow for construction of a 11.45 MWac solar project on property owned by Lyom De Moraes off Lowman

Ferry Road.

Both county staff and the planning commission had earlier recommended approval by the Board of Supervisors.

However, the board rejected those recommendations primarily over concerns for possible water contamination from material used in the solar panels and issues with other projects developed by Heliose.

Massie Supervisor Andy McCready questioned a Heliose representative over environmental compliance and erosion control issues experienced by the com-

pany at projects developed previously in Wytheville and Buckingham County.

"It just seems like you've had some problems with that," McCready said.

The representative responded he was correct, noting that is why the company had changed its procedures and added staff who focuses on that specific aspect of construction.

During a public hearing on the issue, several adjoining landowners spoke in opposition to the

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Supervisors okay \$100,000 for Calfee School project

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Calfee Community and Cultural Center can move forward with its application for a \$1 million federal grant after the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Monday pledged \$100,000 in local matching money.

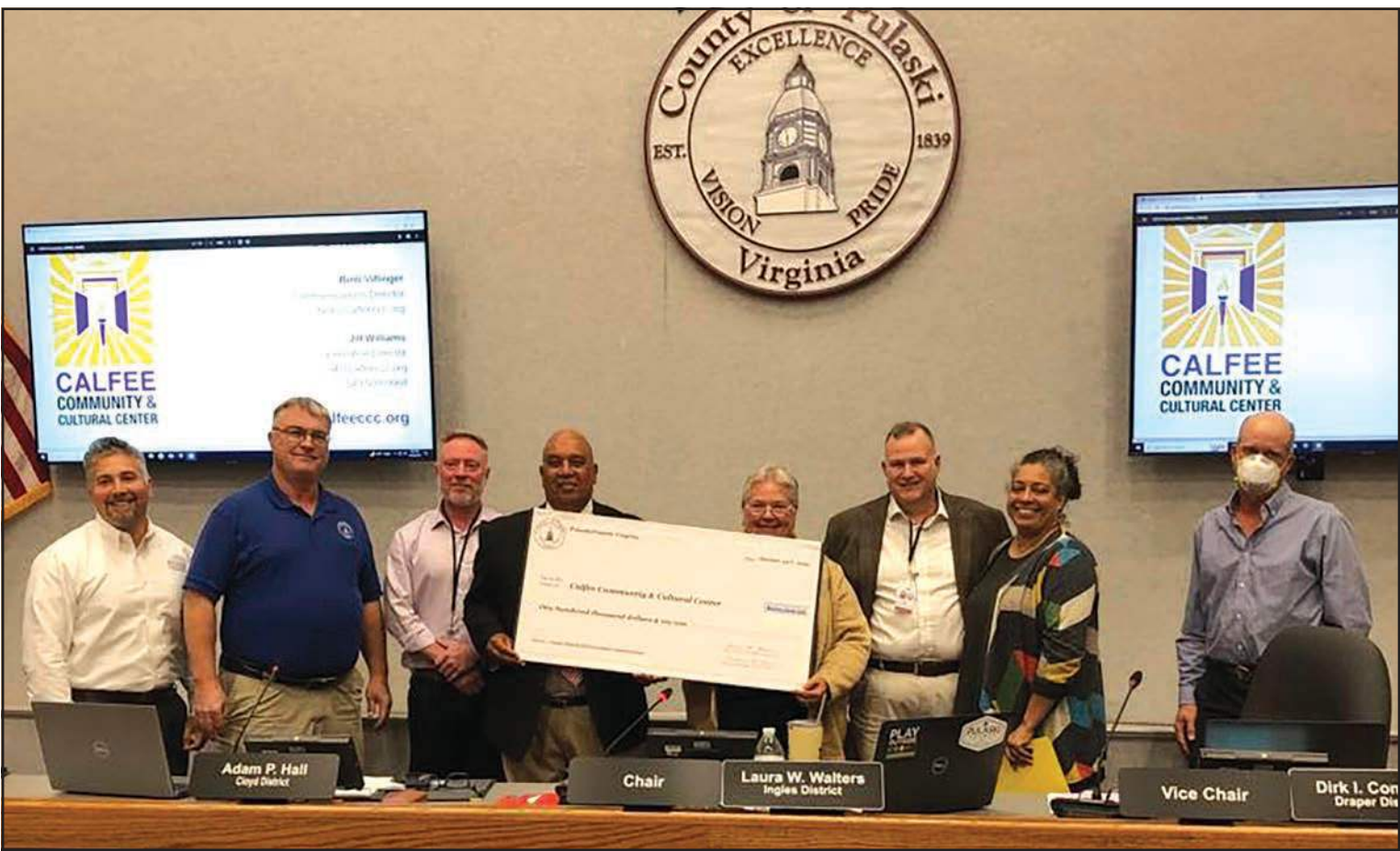
Monday's meeting of the board was the last for Massie District Supervisor Andy McCready. And the old county jail building now belongs to the county's Economic Development Authority.

The supervisors voted unanimously to approve a request by the Calfee project for \$100,000. The approval follows a similar action recently by the Pulaski Town Council to also pledge \$100,000 toward the match for a \$1 million federal grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

The need for the additional \$1 million became apparent after organizers received new construction cost estimates for the Calfee project, which increased significantly due to inflation-driven higher material and labor costs.

Dr. Mickey Hickman, President of the Calfee Board of Directors and Binti Villinger, Communications Director provided an update on the project to the supervisors.

Organizers of the project believed they had raised enough



Mike Williams/The Patriot
Board of Supervisors members pose with a symbolic check presented to the Calfee Project's Dr. Mickey Hickman and Binti Villinger.

money through grants, historic tax credits and private donations to get work on Calfee off the ground. They based that on the \$2.5 million price tag their architectural firm at the time, Thompson and Litton had provided for construction.

Then, Hickman said, COVID struck.

"We weren't prepared for that," Hickman told the supervisors.

He said organizers had to hire a new architectural firm and put bids out again. Balzer and Associates won the bidding.

"They immediately told us the old \$2.5 million figure would not work and it needed to be \$3.5 million. And counting furniture and equipment, it was going to

be closer to \$4 million," Hickman said.

"We were disappointed because we thought that we had

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Solar

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project, mostly because of those concerns over possible water contamination. Other concerns expressed dealt with tree coverage designed to block landowners' view of the project, and the developer's plan to only test for water contamination on an annual basis.

A company representative noted that any problems Heliose had had in earlier projects had been corrected, and that the solar panels used in their projects all meet Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

In an effort to address concerns expressed by adjoining landowners, Heliose had offered several detailed conditions to the project.

One of which included a donation to the county of \$100,000 toward the Smith Farm Park project in Fairlawn.

The company also offered testimony by an appraiser who said

he had consistently found in his 15 years of research in multiple states that solar projects have no impact on the values of adjoining properties, and that a number of university studies support his findings.

Eventually Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton offered a motion to deny the Special Use Permit request. His motion was seconded by Robinson Supervisor Jeff Reeves.

Before a final vote, McCready said, "I'm a strong believer in a person having the right to develop their property within reason. I believe solar farms have offered opportunities to farmers that they've never had before. The problem I'm having is it just appears there's a continual drip of problems."

The board voted unanimously to reject the SUP request.

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Ground broken for Sheffey Park in Fairlawn

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Friends of former Board of Supervisors Chairman Joe Sheffey gathered last Friday afternoon along Hazel Hollow Road in Fairlawn for a groundbreaking ceremony for Sheffey Park.

Located at 7422 Hazel Hollow Road next to the old railroad bridge across the New River near Radford, the park will feature a boat landing and a walking trail that will follow along the river under Memorial Bridge and all the way to the old Riverlawn Elementary School and Smith Farm

Project

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VDOT funded Streetscape Project, which will replace the sidewalks and gutters along this section of West Main Street.

Mixed use buildings are structures that generally have businesses on the bottom floor with residences above. To meet code, many of these structures will have sprinkler systems installed in the upper floor apartments. Since the Streetscape Project will replace the existing sidewalks anyway, it seemed an opportune time for the town to replace the existing waterlines. The West Main Waterline Project is being paid for using \$650,000 in American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Streetscape Project is funded by two VDOT grants totaling \$1,066,902.

If the Streetscape project were not to take place, the owners of these mixed use buildings would have to break through the sidewalks to access the waterlines in order to upgrade their sprinkler systems. According to Town Manager Burcham, this would be a prohibitively costly process. Instead, the West Main Waterline Project will give building owners easy access to town water for any needed upgrades.

Though the sidewalks will be replaced, both Pedigo and Bur-

cham assured those present that no building entrances will be blocked during this process.

The water line replacement project will necessitate the repaving of West Main Street. Money to repave West Main will come from the town's VDOT maintenance funds, but there is currently no bid for that.

The Streetscape Project will begin once the water line project is completed and West Main Street will remain a gravel road until all sidewalks and gutters have been replaced. The new sidewalk will also include handicap ramps and a bus stop, though their locations are yet to be determined.

"There are safety issues with our current sidewalk," said Pedigo. "The sidewalk has misaligned joints and the trees are overgrown. The trees will be removed and the grates will be replaced with stormwater friendly grates that take stormwater from the road and keep it in the tree well."

West Main Street will remain a one-way street until it can be repaved after the Streetscape sidewalk replacement is completed. Third Street, which is also set to become a two-way street, will remain a one-way street until West Main is paved and both streets are set to handle two-way traffic.

Park, which is also currently under development in Fairlawn. Being that the parks are in his district, Cloyd District Supervisor Adam Hall opened the ceremony with praise for Sheffey.

"When I was appointed to the Board of Supervisors this past year, you were one of the first to call me to not only congratulate me, but to offer your assistance and help wherever you could, and I appreciate that," Hall said.

Hall said Sheffey is still serving the district and the county through his work on the Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board.

"Everything you do comes across to me as servitude and volunteerism even during your retirement," Hall added.

Next up, Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers said he couldn't say enough good about Sheffey and his wife, Jeanette, and what they have meant to him.

"We thank them for the impact they have had and continue to have in our community. This (Sheffey Park) is the least we could do to honor you. So, thank you for everything," Akers said.

Akers directed the attention of those gathered to a kiosk on the park property, built by the county's Bill Warden showing an overview of what the park will eventually look like.

Akers recognized representatives of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation who were in attendance. He said the foundation has provided funding for the Smith Farm Project and it will tie in together with Sheffey Park to "make an extremely phenomenal, great attraction for Pulaski County."

Akers said plans are to complete the Sheffey Park project next year.

Next, Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters said the board is "super excited" about Sheffey

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Joe Sheffey with Anthony Akers

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BARBARA ANN THOMAS HUTCHISON

Barbara Ann Thomas Hutchison, 80, of Dublin, passed away on Monday, October 24, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Elbert Thomas and Deanie Worrell Turner; and her daughter, Rita Ann Hall.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Allen and Sharon DeHart, and Robert "Bobby" Taylor; grandchildren, Cassandra DeHart, Ashley and Robert Rogers, Greg and Beth DeHart, Jacqueline Taylor, Danielle Taylor, and Dallen Taylor; 12 great-grandchildren; canine companion, Petey; a sister, Mary Thomas Gravely; sister-in-law, Barbara Thomas; special nieces, Kathy Tomas and Gail Thomas White; a special nephew, Curt Thomas; and many other relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2022, at Trinity Baptist Church on Robinson Tract Road in Pulaski. Memorial services will follow.

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



HAZEL MEREDITH RIGNEY

Hazel Meredith Rigney passed away October 21, 2022 at Lewis Gale Hospital in Pulaski, VA at age 89. She was born October 12, 1933.

Hazel retired from The Red Carpet Inn in Draper, VA where she worked for 32 years as the night auditor. She volunteered at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum, and was a member of The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in Newbern Virginia. Hazel was an animal lover, and was concerned about local and historical environmental issues.

She is preceded in death by her husband Albert Eules Rigney of Pulaski, her mother and father Nettie Ivalee Teague Rigney and Paul William Meredith, and her 2 brothers, Paul and James Meredith.

She is survived by two daughters: Joyce Crowder of Dublin, and Shirley Rigney of Pulaski:

Granddaughter; India Akers and her husband Corey Akers in San Francisco, CA.

Her loving niece Patricia Wood of DE and her friend of 59 years, Louise Fitzgerald of Dublin, VA.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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

RICHARD GENE HEDGE, JR.

Richard Gene Hedge, Jr., age 45 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the Radford Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born February 24, 1977 in Radford he was the son of Patsy Jean Wright Hedge and the late Richard Gene Hedge.

Richard is survived by his Son – Kolton Wayne Hedge Mother – Patsy Jean Wright Hedge

Sister – Tammie & Randy Smith

Uncle – Fred (Jackie) Wright Nieces – Autumn Lawson and Randi Jean Palmer

Special Friends – Drew and Patty Collins

The family will be having private funeral services for Richard. To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



MARGARET "JUDY" CROUSE GRAHAM

Margaret "Judy" Crouse Graham, 78, of Radford, passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eldridge and Margaret Crouse; and her brother, Douglas Crouse.

Survivors include her loving husband of 58 years, Windell L. Graham; daughters, Amanda H. Graham and Judith Spangler; granddaughters, Emma Graham and Kayla Peterson; brother, Mac Allen Crouse; and many other relatives, and friends.

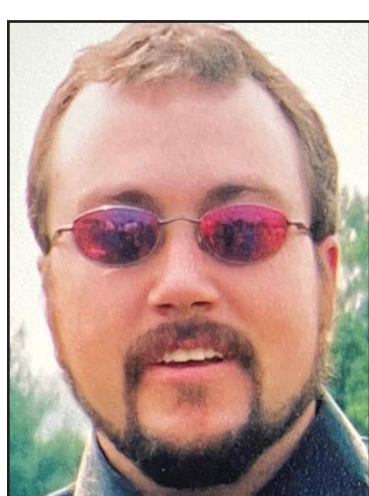
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to either Fairlawn United Methodist Church or to the Children's Miracle Network.

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

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RONALD DAVID NUCKOLLS

Ronald David Nuckolls, age 68 of Draper passed away Friday, October 21, 2022. Born February 13, 1954 in Wythe County he was the son of the late Haswell Marco Nuckolls and Vasil Burnett Nuckolls. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Alan Nuckolls.

Ronald was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during Vietnam.

He is survived by his

Wife – Ruby Carol Nuckolls – Draper

Children

Paula Kay (Stephen) Shumate – Stokesdale, NC

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Haswell (Becky) Nuckolls, Jr.

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Funeral services were held Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Ronald's guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



BETTY JEAN SCHEFF KING

Betty Jean Scheff King, age 92 of Pulaski, died Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Carrington Place in Wytheville. She was born Betty Jean Scheff in Lynchburg Virginia on February 7, 1930 to the late Arthur "Art" James Scheff and Marguerite "Marge" Dowdy Scheff.

In the first 16 years of her life, she lived in 14 different places including Lynchburg VA, Elkhart IN, Kingston, NY, and many places in between due to World War II. This fostered a love of travel that she kept all of her life. She finally ended up in Pulaski VA, where she lived for the remainder of her life. In Elkhart at the age of nine, Betty won first place in the Miss Gladiola Festival, a feat she was most proud of. In her teens and twenties, numerous sponsors asked her to enter various pageants including the 1950 Miss Claytor Lake pageant where she placed third. Betty was even asked to do some department store modeling. Betty participated in the Girl Scouts, and to add to her long list of talents she studied equestrian riding and ballet. She graduated from Pulaski High School in 1946 at the age of 16 and attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. After returning to Pulaski, Betty worked for the YMCA.

Betty married the late Edward O. "Eddie" King Jr. on March 27, 1954 and they resided in Pulaski. She worked with her husband as a bookkeeper for E. O. King & Son Real Estate and also for King Breedlove. After her children were grown, she worked for

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MARY KATE GREENE KIDD

Mary Kate Greene Kidd, 78, died October 22, 2022, at her home in Fairlawn, Pulaski County, where she was a lifelong resident. She was surrounded by family, following an extended illness related to COVID.

Mary Kate was a charter member of the Fairlawn Church of God. She served in numerous roles at the church, including youth and senior adult ministries. She was a second mother to many in her family and church family. She worked as a lab assistant in the Biochemistry Dept. at Virginia Tech and a phlebotomist at several local medical practices. Mary Kate loved to travel, regularly sharing vacations with her family. She also enjoyed attending auctions, where she collected antiques and fine china.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Don Kidd; her children, Autumn (Kirk) Heflin, of Fredericksburg, Va., and Burke (Deeann) Kidd of Kernersville, N.C.; her grandchildren, Joseph (Landon) Kidd, Abigail (Rob) Rodgers, Sarah Kate Heflin, and Elizabeth Heflin; and a great-grandson, Dawson Kidd. She is also survived by two brothers, Tony Long and William (Betty) Greene, along with many special nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tudor and Mary Burke Greene.

The family would like to thank all who visited, called, and contacted them over the last few months as her illness progressed. The family received friends Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at the Fairlawn Church of God. Memorial services followed with Rev. Marcus Harrison officiating.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the Missions Fund of the Fairlawn Church of God.

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

Habitat to host trunk or treat at ReStore

Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley is hosting their First Annual Trunk or Treat Event at the ReStore, Saturday, October 29th. Trick-or-treating begins at 3PM in the parking lot located at 1675 N. Franklin St.

The event will kick off at 2PM with music and crafts inside the ReStore. Vendors Countryman Jamaican Grill and Aloha Eddie Shaved Ice will be on site as well.

This event is free and open to the public.

“We are excited to try something new this year” said Tori Dunagan, Marketing & Event Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of the NRV.



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

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the C.E. Richardson Benevolent Foundation for 32 years until her retirement at the age 82. This job afforded her the chance to do the things she loved; meeting, talking with people, and traveling. Gifted and being very artistic, Betty could draw, bake, and decorate beautiful cakes for family and friends. She even designed the home that she and her husband built and in which they raised their family. Betty was also an enthusiastic sports fan. Her fondness for baseball spanned from the 1940s Pulaski Counts to the 2010s Pulaski Marlins. She cheered for “Dandy” Don Meredith and the Dallas Cowboys throughout the 60s into the early 70s. And, from the mid-70s through the late nineties she and her mother, Margy, attended most of her beloved Cougars football games, both home and away. Since the age of 14 Betty was a member of First Baptist Church in Pulaski where she was known for her constant smile and friendliness. She served as a Sunday School teacher, an arts and crafts teacher for Vacation Bible School, and also on many different committees. She was very dedicated to her two boys and was able to balance family and work in that era. She was in the PTA, Band Boosters serving as treasurer, and chaperoned many band and school events. She was a member of the Junior Women’s Club, Garden Club, and several bridge clubs. For many years Betty and Margy helped organize the flower show at the NRV Fair.

She is survived by her sons – Edward O. “Chip” King III (Janie) – Pulaski, and Corey S. King (Lynn Rice) – Pulaski, grandchildren – Corey S. “Cody” King – Pulaski, Victoria Alexis “Lexi” King – Cincinnati, Ohio, Step grandson, Travis Cecil of Pulaski.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home with Dr. Henry Fiske officiating. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday, November, 3 2022 at the funeral home from 1pm to 2pm.

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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 were held Friday, October 21, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Teresa Tolbert officiating. A private family interment was held at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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MARY ELLA “JANE” EPPERLEY

Mary Ella “Jane” Epperley, age 101 of Dublin passed away Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin. Born October 19, 1921 in Talcott, West Virginia she was the daughter of the late Davis Woodrum & Myrtle Marie Churchfield Woodrum. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Major Hensel Epperley, granddaughter, Ida Denise Handy, brothers, Pete (Peggy) Woodrum, Leo (Lilly) Woodrum, Leonard “Hickory” Woodrum, Robin “Woody” Woodrum, John (Tean) Woodrum, sisters, Carol Kirby (Harrison) and Bunny (Sterley) Clayton.

Jane is survived by her Daughter – Ella “Jane” (Bill) Handy – Dublin

Grandchildren – Sarah (Barry) Foutz – Pulaski, Phillip (Michelle) Long – Dublin

8 Great Grandchildren
6 Great Great Grandchildren

Sister – Reba Emerson – Wisconsin

Sister-in-law – Katherine (Burman) Morris – Dublin

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 PM – Tuesday November 1, 2022 evening at the Funeral Home.

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

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Big Tech Needs Accountability

With great power comes great responsibility. It's an adage that cuts to the heart of how we believe influential people or organizations ought to behave. Even if popularized by the Spider-Man comic books and movies, its merits are widely recognizable even for those who do not consider themselves fans of superhero stories.

As Big Tech exercises powers scarcely dreamed of by the heads of state or business tycoons of the past, however, Americans rightly wonder whether it is doing so responsibly.

Take censorship. Mass censorship is at odds with our country's tradition of free speech, yet some tech



companies seem willing to indulge their ability to silence speech. Even worse, they do so without clear standards for what they consider impermissible. Terms like "misinformation" or "disinformation" have too often equated to political opinions the companies do not like, and offenses are punished arbitrarily and without a sense of process.

The social media giants are the most obvious offenders in this regard, but they are not the only ones. Recently, the financial tech company PayPal unveiled a user agreement that would prohibit transactions that "involve the sending, posting or publication of any messages, content, or materials" deemed objectionable, including for "misinformation," at "PayPal's sole discretion." Offenders would face a \$2,500 fine.

The steep penalty, opaque standards, and apparent restrictions on speech all provoked significant concern about the new policy. PayPal later retracted the user agreement as an incorrect one sent out in error and said it would not fine people for misinformation.

Further explanation for how such a policy could be apparently adopted ought to be forthcoming. The House Energy and Commerce Committee on which I serve has jurisdiction over telecommunications. As the Republican Leader of its Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, I joined a letter with leaders of Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Financial Services requesting more information on how this policy was developed and how it would work.

As Big Tech too often threatens to suppress voices merely for offering different opinions, it has also failed to crack down sufficiently on conduct that actually threatens safety.

Drug overdose deaths in the United States have topped 100,000 annually. Contributing to the enormity of the crisis is the ready availability of illicit and deadly substances on social media apps. Drug dealers sell to users, including young people, via the apps. Sometimes the pills bought and sold on the apps are counterfeit. Sadly, sometimes the counterfeits contain deadly fentanyl or fentanyl-related substances.

Tech companies have taken some steps to prevent illicit drug sales on their platforms, but considering that 71,000 people in the United States died of fentanyl or fentanyl-related substances last year, it is clear that more must be done.

To that end, I sent a letter, again with my colleagues leading the Energy and Commerce Committee, to TikTok, Snapchat, and Instagram urging them to take more proactive measures to protect their users from illicit substances. The sheer scale of the drug overdose crisis requires them to rise to the occasion.

Another threat to public safety enabled in part by social media is the ongoing crisis at the southern border. The Wall Street Journal reported on October 19 how smugglers post on apps offering cash for drivers. It quoted the top Border Patrol agent in the Tucson Sector saying, "About 90% of the...drivers that we are seeing, in post-arrest interviews, are admitting that they were recruited through social media."

Many of us enjoy the benefits Big Tech companies provide and find that their products bring convenience or fun. But the dominating presence of these companies in our society and the great power they can exercise over individuals call for safeguards.

I urge Big Tech to step up its responsibility as it exercises great power. More focus on policing its platforms for criminal conduct and less focus on policing speech would be a good start.

If Big Tech doesn't step up, Congress will!

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

OPEN FORUM

School Official / Supervisor

To the editor,

In Mr. Stafford's ads in the paper, he says that he has integrity. It has been my experience that when someone has to say they have integrity, they really have none at all.

By offering himself as a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Stafford – the Assistant Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools (Dr. Siers' right-hand man) – is basically making the claim he can serve in that position with the schools AND be a supervisor.

Most likely, if he is elected, there will be potential for situations in which his "supervisor self" comes into conflict with his "school administrator self."

With that in mind we wonder how he would have handled certain situations that have occurred during recent months within the school system.

Take the recently approved health clinic at PCHS as an example.

If he had been a supervisor prior to the school board's approval of the clinic, would he have had the integrity to stand up and affirm that the health clinic is a private business, and therefore violates the school system's policy against private businesses

using school buildings?

The school system also has specific policies against spending taxpayer funds to support a private business. But, the school system will provide electricity, heating and cooling, and custodial services to this private business, at no cost. As a school administrator and a supervisor, would Mr. Stafford choose to ignore his ethics, his integrity, the rules and I believe Virginia procurement law by not speaking out against the clinic?

Mr. Stafford knows that state law – approved during the Northam administration by a liberal-controlled legislature – requires the health clinic to provide certain services to students WITHOUT PARENTS CONSENT! Services like treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, birth control supplies, and abortion information. Parents, do you want your children to receive these services WITHOUT your knowledge?

We wonder how Mr. Stafford feels about that.

Given his political contributions we think we know.

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Cheating the Children

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

While President Biden is trying to win a court victory for his student debt forgiveness proposal, he should be focusing instead on the latest dreadful report by the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP).

In what is called the nation's report card, NAEP has released its latest findings on the performance of fourth- and eighth-graders in such critical subjects as math and reading. It makes for unpleasant reading.

As The New York Times reports, the NAEP says students in most states and significantly across all demographic groups have experienced troubling setbacks in these subjects, representing the deepest declines recorded since the organization began compiling data in 1990.

While some blame the pandemic, which led to the closing of many schools and a shift to remote learning, the NAEP says the numbers were declining before the pandemic struck.

Interestingly, the NAEP conducted a study of public vs. private schools in 2005 and concluded "Students at grades 4, 8, and 12 in all categories of private schools had higher average scores in reading, mathematics, science, and writing than their counterparts in public schools. In addition, higher percentages of students in private schools performed at or above Proficient compared to those in public schools."

That is one more argument favoring school choice.

Former Gov. Jeb Bush (R-FLA), who promoted school choice that has now been implemented in some form in more than three dozen states, wrote an op-ed for The Wall Street Journal. Bush's response to the NAEP is a list of what he called "simple solutions" (imagine that) to the decline in especially math and reading proficiency.

Bush writes that parents - or any other trusted adult -- "(who) were called on to step up when COVID-19 kept kids at

home" can help close the learning gaps. Bush proposes a regimen of reading at least 20 minutes per day: "In addition, research has found that 30 minutes a week of extra math work can help students who are struggling or behind."

People who are not math whizzes - like me - can find numerous helpful and easy to understand resources online.

Bush might have added that reducing the power of teachers unions to dictate educational content would also help, as would banning the teaching of subjects that advance a secular progressive agenda and have nothing to do with empowering children so they might someday find good paying jobs and be able to support themselves.

Other nations are faring much better than the United States in educating their children in critical academic subjects. A 2017 report by the Pew Research Center "placed the U.S. an unimpressive 38th out of 71 countries in math and 24th in science. Among the 35 members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which sponsors the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) initiative, the U.S. ranked 30th in math and 19th in science." The latest NAEP report shows nothing has changed since then and, in fact, has gotten worse.

There is no excuse for this. Robbing a child of a good education is a form of abuse. It also deprives a nation of its future and ability to compete on the world economic and intellectual stage. As Jeb Bush notes, the solutions are simple. The problem is and almost always has been that too many in the education and political establishments prefer the status quo, because for many it serves their interests more than the interests of the nation's children.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Biden deserves what he'll get on economy

The S&P 500 is down more than 5% since Joe Biden's inauguration, and the Dow Jones Industrial more than 4%.

The Federal Reserve is ratcheting up interest rates, raising borrowing costs across the board.

And one of the most respected bankers in the country is warning of a recession, telling a conference that "this is serious stuff."

Yet, there was President Biden enjoying an ice-cream cone in Portland, Oregon, saying that "our economy is strong as hell."

Inflation? It doesn't worry him, at least not if the rest of the world could get its act together.

"Inflation is worldwide," he said. "It's worse off than it is in the United States. So the problem is the lack of economic growth and sound policy in other countries, not so much ours."

As polls show the economy growing in importance for the midterms -- the latest New York Times poll has 44% of voters saying it's their top concern, up from 36% in July -- Biden's overall performance on the issue matters even more, to his detriment and that of his party.

There are deft political maneuverers who react to circumstances as necessary, and then blinkered and mulish politicians who can't or won't acknowledge reality.

There are policymakers whose worldviews line up with basic economic laws, and then those always bound to be confounded by their ideological fixations.

There are master communicators who can make anyone feel better about anything, and then there are stumblebums whose evasions and lapses in logic are painfully obvious.

Joe Biden is emphatically the latter on every count.

He likes to say fighting inflation is his foremost priority, but it's hard to identify any major initiative of his that would be any different if the annual inflation rate were under 2% rather than over 8%.

He came into office promising to spend \$11 trillion over the next 10 years, according to the estimate of Brian Riedl of the Manhattan Institute, and has spent as much of it as he could. When Congress wouldn't assent, he spent hundreds of billions more by abusing his executive authority. The most significant nod he made to inflation was to call one tranche of this spending the Inflation Reduction Act, as if the name of the bill were more important than its substance.

Otherwise, Biden and his officials have relied on bad predictions, dubious math and premature celebrations to try to get them through.

In June 2021, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said inflation would be elevated through the rest of the year, "maybe around 3%," but this represented "transitory factors."

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Significance of October 31 – Reformation Day

This month, millions of Americans are preparing to celebrate Halloween on October 31st. Kids are planning what costumes to wear, and scoping out the neighborhoods that hand out the best candy. Over the years, there has been a lot of discussion about this holiday. Some believe it is a pagan holiday celebrating the demonic where people decorate their yards and homes with witches, ghosts and skeletons. Others see it as pure fun. This year, parents are getting more concerned about the safety of allowing their kids to knock on doors and accept candy from strangers. But, I'm wondering how many of us know about another holiday that is celebrated on October 31st? A little bit of church history explains the importance of this holiday. The pagan Celts held a festival to celebrate the new year and the harvest. When they were Christianized, the celebration was held on November 1st. Pope Gregory designated November 1st as a day to remember and to honor the saints. Eventually November 1st became All Saints' Day; and the evening before that became known as All-Hallows Eve, aka

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Based on those contributions, we know Mr. Stafford was a supporter of both Joe Biden and Terry McAuliffe. That's the same McAuliffe who said parents have no say in the education of their children. The same McAuliffe that three-quarters of the county's voters rejected in the last election for Governor.

Removing parents from the education and health care of their children is a great extension of Mr.

His picks in Radford

To the editor,

As a young man I joined the Army. I signed on the dotted line. I did what my county asked of me to defend our country from foreign and domestic enemies. I fought in a war. Now at home I am sick of the way this country I fought for is going. Democrats are tearing this country apart. How many thousands of lives have been destroyed in the past two years? From 3- to 5-year-old children to every day working people like you and me ... largely due to Democratic policies. How can anyone with a sound mind think de-funding the police is in anyone's best interest? You have seen the school systems in our own state. Sex and pornography do not belong in any educational system. Democrats in some districts have even allowed drag queen shows or story time in schools. We must demand that elected

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Halloween.October31.

In the 1517, the November 1st All Saints' Day was a widely attended religious event. Churches were packed full of worshippers which made October 31st the perfect time for the Catholic Monk, Martin Luther, to post his 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther was a prominent theologian, and although he held a doctorate degree, he questioned many of the tenants of the Roman Catholic church. His 95 Theses were basically a challenge to the church's doctrine; and invitation to review and discuss practices such as selling indulgences to get dead people out of purgatory. Martin Luther's act sparked the great Protestant Reformation which brought the world out of darkness into the light of Truth. It rests on these tenants: Sola Gratia – Salvation is by Grace alone; Sola Fide – through Faith alone; Solus Christus – in Christ alone; Sola Scriptura – on the

Stafford's extreme liberal political philosophy. That is a philosophy that is definitely not shared by the vast majority of Pulaski Countians. The residents of the Cloyd District should keep Adam Hall as their representative on the Board of Supervisors. He is by far more in tune with the majority of folks that live in the Cloyd District.

Brittany Lambert, Dublin

authority of the Scriptures alone; Soli Deo Gloria – for the glory of God alone!

Up until this time, church services were in Latin – a language the common person could not read or understand. "The only people allowed to read and study the Bible were those educated in the monasteries. The only thing the common people knew about God, Jesus Christ, and the way of salvation was that which was taught to them from the pulpit. They had no way of discovering if what they heard was the true Gospel, a fractured version of the Gospel, or a complete fabrication. They were taught salvation came through the ordinances of the church; baptism, communion, and the confession-al."

Martin Luther was eventually excommunicated from the Catholic Church but his quest for Truth sparked the great Protestant Reformation and the following debates birthed the creation of Protestant denominations. Among these are the Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians. The Presbyterian clergy were greatly responsible for encouraging the American Colonists to fight for freedom during the American Revolution.

According to Wikipedia: The Protestant Reformation in Europe indirectly spurred the early settlement of Colonial America. The Reformation created geopolitical, social, and religious forces that pushed English explorers, colonists, and migrants toward North America.

In 1717, the date of October 31 was established as the official Reformation Day Celebration. This was a day set aside to remember what Martin Luther, and so many martyrs before him, sacrificed as they followed their conviction to stand for the accurate teaching of God's word and is celebrated around the world.

If you want to celebrate Reformation Day, here are some ways you can. Have a Reformation Feast and rejoice before the Lord. Sing some of the hymns that Martin Luther wrote such as "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and "By Grace Alone."

For laughs, click the following link and sing along to the "Reformation Polka," a fun song about Martin Luther set to the tune of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

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Hecate's Pulaski Solar Project making headway

**By JAY POOLE
Spokesman for the
Pulaski Solar Project**

Hecate Energy's Pulaski Solar Project is now in the final phase of the approval process. Based upon the recommendation of the Pulaski Planning Commission in 2021, the Pulaski Board of Supervisors approved the issuance a Special Use Permit (SUP) to Hecate Energy (which was revised in 2022 to include acreage more suitable for solar development) that would allow for construction of this facility.

The County's approval of the Pulaski Solar Project SUP was the initial required step in the regulatory process that governs the siting of solar generation facilities in Virginia. Hecate then accelerated discussions with PJM, the regional electrical transmission organization which coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in parts of 13 states including Virginia, to assure the Pulaski Solar Project met required guidelines for solar energy generation. For example, one aspect of PJM's oversight into the process requires that PJM approve the location of new power lines which will carry the captured electricity from the project's solar panels.

Simultaneously on the state level, Hecate submitted the formal application for a Permit by Rule (PBR) with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which will ultimately allow for construction of the facility. DEQ consideration is on-going.

The PBR process requires that an open community forum be held, with company officials

available to discuss details contained within the project submission with interested citizens. This meeting was conducted in Pulaski last Tuesday, October 18. In addition, a comment period that allows interested parties an opportunity to offer comments and ask questions (in writing) regarding the project is open for approximately one more week.

Once the comment period is closed, Hecate will finalize its application for a Permit by Rule to the Department of Environmental Quality. DEQ has 90 days to review the application, and on-going communication between Hecate and DEQ officials occurs frequently during this aspect of the approval process. Any public input/comment received will also be reviewed by DEQ during this period.

This lengthy approval process assures that every aspect of the Pulaski Solar Project is reviewed extensively to assure that the project meets all state and federal guidelines and requirements.

Hecate Energy is confident that all due diligence has been applied before and during the formal request process and we look forward to DEQ approval of the Pulaski Solar Facility project application by the end of this year, or early in 2023.

Once formal approval of the Permit by Rule application is issued by the Department of Environmental Quality, Hecate will then initiate a separate and new process to begin actual construction of the facility itself. It is Hecate's hope to begin construction on the Pulaski Solar Facility

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A month later, Biden himself said inflation would be "temporary." Of course, it was on a path to 40-year highs.

It's one thing to spike the football in the end zone; it's another, as Biden keeps doing, to spike the football when it's third and long at midfield and getting repeatedly penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Last week, he said inflation over the past three months averaged 2% on an annual basis, a new way of counting meant to obscure that the real annual rate was 8.2%.

This was reminiscent of his insistence that the inflation rate this past July was 0% because inflation was flat from June.

He similarly declared victory on gas prices, when they have

been rising again, and has portrayed himself as scourge of the budget deficit despite his binge of further deficit spending.

If Biden is offering poor explanations for poor results, at the end of the day, it doesn't matter what he says. No presidential statement can compete with declining real wages and steeply increasing food costs.

The voters seem to be working themselves up to administer what is the only appropriate reaction to such heedless mismanagement and transparent spin on an essential matter affecting their daily lives, which is to make their discontent unmistakable at the polls in November.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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ANDREW JUSTIN DONES
Andrew Justin Dones, age 29 of Fairlawn, died Thursday, October 20, 2022 at his residence. He was born on December 7, 1992 in the Bronx, NY, and is the son of Annette Serrano-Sarver and Charles Dones.

He is preceded in death by his step-grandmother, Nona Sarver.

He is survived by his mother, Annette (Andrew) Serrano-Sarver of Fairlawn; father, Charles Dones of the Bronx, NY; step-grandfather, Charlie Sarver of Fairlawn; three brothers: Zachary C. Dones of Fairlawn, Josiah C. Dones of Radford, and Jose E. Padilla Jr. of FL; two sisters: Stefanie A. Dones of Radford and Jessica (Travis) DeGrandi of Radford; niece, Yulianna DeGrandi of Radford; nephew, Greyson DeGrandi of Radford; step-sister, Hayley Sarver of Riner; aunt, Daisy (Michael) Stevenson of Tobeyhanna, PA; cousins: Diane Stevenson of Tobyhanna, PA and Max Stevenson of the Bronx, NY; step-aunt, Amy (Matthew) Pietrykowski of Bowie, MD; and step-cousins: Emma Pietrykowski of Bowie, MD and James Pietrykowski of Bowie, MD. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Bubbles.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 23, 2022 at Seagle Funeral Home. Pastor Derek Burton officiating. Interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Zachary Dones, Josiah Dones, Travis DeGrandi, Kyle Hall, James Pietrykowski, and {yet to

be named}

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Seagle Funer-

**CLARA BELLE
QUESENBERRY**

Clara Belle Quesenberry, 87, of Pulaski, passed away on Thursday, October 20, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilford Wisely Gallimore and Nannie Elizabeth Chinault. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Earl Leon Quesenberry, and 10 siblings, along with numerous friends she made throughout her life.

Left to cherish Clara's memory are her children: Judy Simpkins (Allen), David Quesenberry (Tonya), and Alan Quesenberry (Becky). She is also survived by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to extend a sincere Thank You to the staff at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center for the love and care during her time spent at the facility.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 1:00 PM at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM prior to the service. Interment will be at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, Virginia.

The Quesenberry family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. Online Condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneral-homepulaski.com



HELEN L. SMITH GRAHAM

Helen L. Smith Graham, age 91 of Dublin, died Saturday, October 15, 2022 at her residence. She was born in Pulaski County on February 7, 1931, and was the daughter of the late Mattielee Philippi Smith and the late George Raymond Smith.

Helen was a long-time member of the Dublin Presbyterian Church, and retired as a secretary at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband: Alfred Curtis Graham.

She is survived by: Son, Robert Curtis Graham and wife Jaime. Her daughter Sandra Myers and husband Keith Myers, Grandsons Gregory Graham Myers and wife Emily, Scott Jeffrey Myers and wife Sara. She is survived by 4 great-grandchildren, Aidan, Cavin and Madison and Gabriel Myers. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was a voracious reader, avid bingo player and skilled bridge player. She enjoyed being with her family and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 27, 2022 at Dublin Presbyterian Church with Mary Ann Armbrister officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pulaski Co. Humane Society, P.O.Box 1046, Dublin, Va. 24084.



KATHLEEN ANITA BOYD

Kathleen Anita Boyd, age 76 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born January 7, 1946 in Martinsville, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Robert Elmer Boyd & Okie Blanche Boyd. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Troy Lee "PawPaw" Boyd, son, Dale Windle, brothers, Donnie, Pete, Calvin and Roy Edgar Boyd.

Kathleen is survived by her Daughters - Cheryl Boyd - Pulaski, Whitney Boyd - Pulaski

Sons- David Boyd & Leigh Blankenship - Pulaski, Mark (Lori) Windle - Pulaski

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Katie and Brayden Boyd, David Higgins, Brandi, Xoie and Emeilia Dunagan, Sierra, Sommer, Ty, Alyssa and Jacob Windle, Misti Tingler, Ronald Norris III, Maezly Windle-Underwood

Sister - Ann Taylor - Pulaski

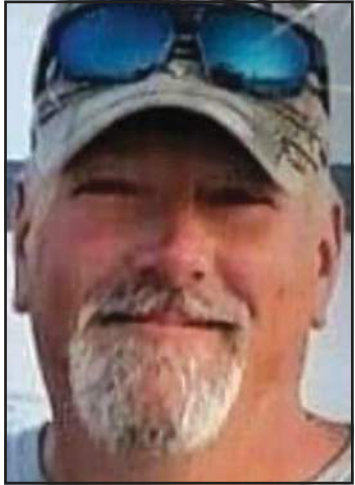
Sisters-in-law - Brenda Hooper - Pulaski, Patty Boyd - Pulaski, Dorothy Foard - MD

Many children she helped raised

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Becky Wheeler officiating. Interment followed at the Shiloh Cemetery.

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

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



**SCOTT NEAL MADISON
REYNOLDS**

Scott Neal Madison Reynolds, age 51 of Salem, Virginia passed away Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at his home. Born April 8, 1971 in Radford, he was the son of Beverly Sutphin Reynolds and the late James Madison "Mat" Reynolds.

Scott is survived by his Wife - Sherry Elizabeth Humphreys Reynolds - Salem

Children - Katrina Reynolds, Joseph (Shyan) Reynolds, Andrew Myers, Sam (Pam) Myers, Becky (Austin) Keith

Grandchildren - Austin, Keith, Katie, Joseph, Jr., Chloe and Wyatt

Mother - Beverly Sutphin Reynolds - Pulaski

Memorial services for Scott will be held at a later date. To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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ty by the end of the 2nd quarter, 2023, or the beginning of the 3rd quarter. More information regarding that aspect of the project will be available upon anticipated project approval by DEQ.

The Pulaski Solar Project represents one of the largest private capital investments in any project in Southwest Virginia - approximately \$350-400 million. Once completed, the project will create 250 Megawatts of renewable electricity, making it one of the largest solar projects in Virginia and on the East Coast

and will enhance Pulaski County's decades-long reputation as a leader in the production of renewable energy. This positions the county well as a future destination for companies who share Pulaski's commitment to renewable energy.

Recent legislation enacted by the Virginia General Assembly will also have an additional positive impact on Pulaski County and its citizens. When the facility is fully operational, a new annual stream of revenue will be generated for the County through a fee assessed on each Megawatt of energy produced by the Pulaski Solar Project. Alone, this fee will generate millions of dollars in new tax revenue for the County.

Renewable energy, including energy generated by the Pulaski Solar Project, plays a vital role in the bi-partisan business imperative to expand Virginia's electrical capacity. Virginia's future as one of the nation's business leaders depends on our success in this effort. We are grateful to Pulaski County and its citizens for their willingness to be partners in this significant undertaking.

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Calfee

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raised that money, so we set to work to go for the \$4 million,” Hickman stated.

Hickman said partisan politics cost the project some funding sources at the state and federal levels and ate up valuable time. “We had to go back to the drawing board,” Hickman said, noting that Jill Williams, Consultant and Acting Executive Director for the project came up with another potential funding source – the federal EDA grant.

“We have a chance to get \$1 million, but there is a stipulation,” Hickman said. “We have to match \$200,000 locally, and so we went to Pulaski Town Council who recently agreed to fund \$100,000 of that.”

Hickman expressed appreciation to the supervisors for helping the project in the past, including some \$45,000 in loans over the last three years, additional money from the CARES Act and other initiatives.

He said all funds related to the federal grant would go to construction costs only.

Hickman told the supervisors that Calfee organizers have come to the realization that “we might not can fund all our purposes.”

“We’re not going to give up on that, but know this, the childcare center and the community kitchen will happen if we get this grant,” he said, noting Calfee will create and work on the other plans when and where it can.

The 100-child childcare center – dubbed the Harmon Learning Center – along with the Huckstep Community Kitchen are but two of the planned features of the Calfee project. Others include the Calfee Training School Museum, Broadneaux – Baker Hall and office spaces, Venable Digital Learning Lab and natural outdoor playspaces including the Walter “Jingles” White Sankofa Walk.

In her presentation, Villinger said the Calfee project supports and aligns with several items in the county’s comprehensive plan.

She noted the project has received some \$651,949 in private sector donations. She said the

timeline for the project includes contractor procurement in the fall / winter of 2022-2023 with construction beginning next year followed by completion and opening of the project in 2024.

Robinson District Supervisor Jeff Reeves said the \$100,000 request “is a big ask,” but added, “it is the county’s policy that if we can leverage funds we have to bring in funds we don’t have otherwise, unless there’s strings attached, we need to try and do that. I don’t see any strings attached to this we can’t agree with.”

Reeves said if the county can gain \$800,000 more to renovate an historic structure that is blighted right now that has national and state historical significance, “I think it is in our best interests to do so.”

Hickman interjected that he also thought the grant would bring \$800,000 plus the \$200,000 from the town and county, when actually the amount gained with the grant and local match would bring in \$1.2 million.

Reeves then offered a motion to approve the \$100,000 for the project with several conditions, including that the funds can only be used for renovation and construction of the Calfee project and not for salaries, payroll, contract labor, reimbursements, etc.

A final condition states the Calfee project organizers must agree in writing that no further funding requests will be made of the county for a period of six years.

“This is a way to help you and it won’t break up the county either ... \$100,000 is a big ask,” said Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton. “You guys have really produced. If it was anybody else ...”

“Well, it fits in with our goals, our comprehensive plan and our ‘40 by 30’ as well,” said Board Chairman Laura Walters.

Old County Jail

Also, during Monday’s meeting, supervisors voted unanimously to transfer ownership of the old county jail on East Main Street in Pulaski to the county’s Economic Development Authority.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said transferring ownership of the property to the EDA is the best means to find the best use or disposition of the property to get

it back on the tax rolls.

The old jail has come under scrutiny of late after complaints from the Town of Pulaski that its present condition represents a code violation in the town.

McCready’s Last Meeting

Monday’s meeting was the final one for McCready who is serving in Massie District following the resignation earlier of former supervisor John Travis.

Travis resigned his seat on the board after moving from the Massie District.

McCready’s time as a supervisor will end with the Nov. 8 election of Mike Mooney as the new supervisor. Mooney is the only candidate for the seat on the ballot. Mooney officially becomes the new Massie representative on the board the day after the election.

During the supervisor comment period at the end of Monday’s meeting, McCready expressed concern over what he called “serious concerns” over water and sewer matters in the Town of Pulaski.

“We continue to have in the Town of Pulaski, serious sewer problems and a serious odor problem because of those serious sewer problems. I noticed just this week there were 40 or so comments [on Facebook] about the odor coming out of the Critzer pump station, which is operated by the Town of Pulaski. It’s been a problem for years,” he said.

McCready then brought up water problems, and what he termed “serious water line breaks.”

“These county offices had to be closed one-half day due to the lack of drinking water. We had a situation on Saturday, where a major break of a water line in the Town of Pulaski caused Pulaski Fire Department to place all the other fire departments in this county on standby to bring their tankers to the town if they had any kind of fire,” McCready said, adding that there could potentially not have been enough water available to extinguish a fire.

“That is a serious problem,” he stated. “Repeatedly having breaks in the water system, the water system is telling you it’s tired, it’s worn out.

“The town supplies drinking water and fire protection to this

whole section of the county here, and I am very much concerned that action needs to be taken. We simply cannot have our citizens having to deal with boil water notices.”

McCready said he still has a number of concerns over how the county’s school system is being operated, “And I will continue to work with folks to try and make a difference in that.”

He wished both Cloyd Supervisor Adam Hall and Reeves well in their election efforts, along with Mooney.

“Pulaski County is a great place to live, to work, to recreate, to invest and I intend to continue to invest my money right here in Pulaski County. The decision I made almost 40 years ago is the right decision today, and I encourage other businesses to take a hard look at Pulaski. We’re on the move to make improvements all the time. This is a great community to live in and I’m proud to be a resident.”

Dublin Christmas Parade on tap for Dec. 17

Town of Dublin Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 17th at 11:00 am.

Any group, organization or business that would like to participate please call Deana Marshall at 674-4778.

Felty one of RU presenters

Sierra Felty of Draper, is among the student Research Fellows who presented at Radford University’s 10th Annual Summer Research Celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, in Kyle Hall, Room 340.

Felty presented in the Interdisciplinary Poster Session I about their summer research project, “Seeing What Floats: Comparing Fecal Diagnostic Techniques for the Detection of Zoonotic Cestode Eggs”.

Last summer, 24 student-faculty collaborative projects were funded through the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program.

Pulaski leaf collection begins Nov. 7

The Town of Pulaski Department of Public Works will begin leaf collection on Monday November 7, 2022 and will continue throughout November and into the first week of December (as needed) weather permitting.

Routinely leaf collection begins on the North side of town for two weeks. This will be from November 7 through November 18. Crews will then pick up on the South side of town during the week of November 21 through November 23. The final pick up week will be from November 28 through December 2.

The Town Pulaski requests of the following:

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2. Please do not place any other debris or trimmings in with the leaves
- 3 Please bring leaves to the edge of the right of way and do not block ditch lines or cover storm drains
4. Please DO NOT place leaves in alleys for pick up.

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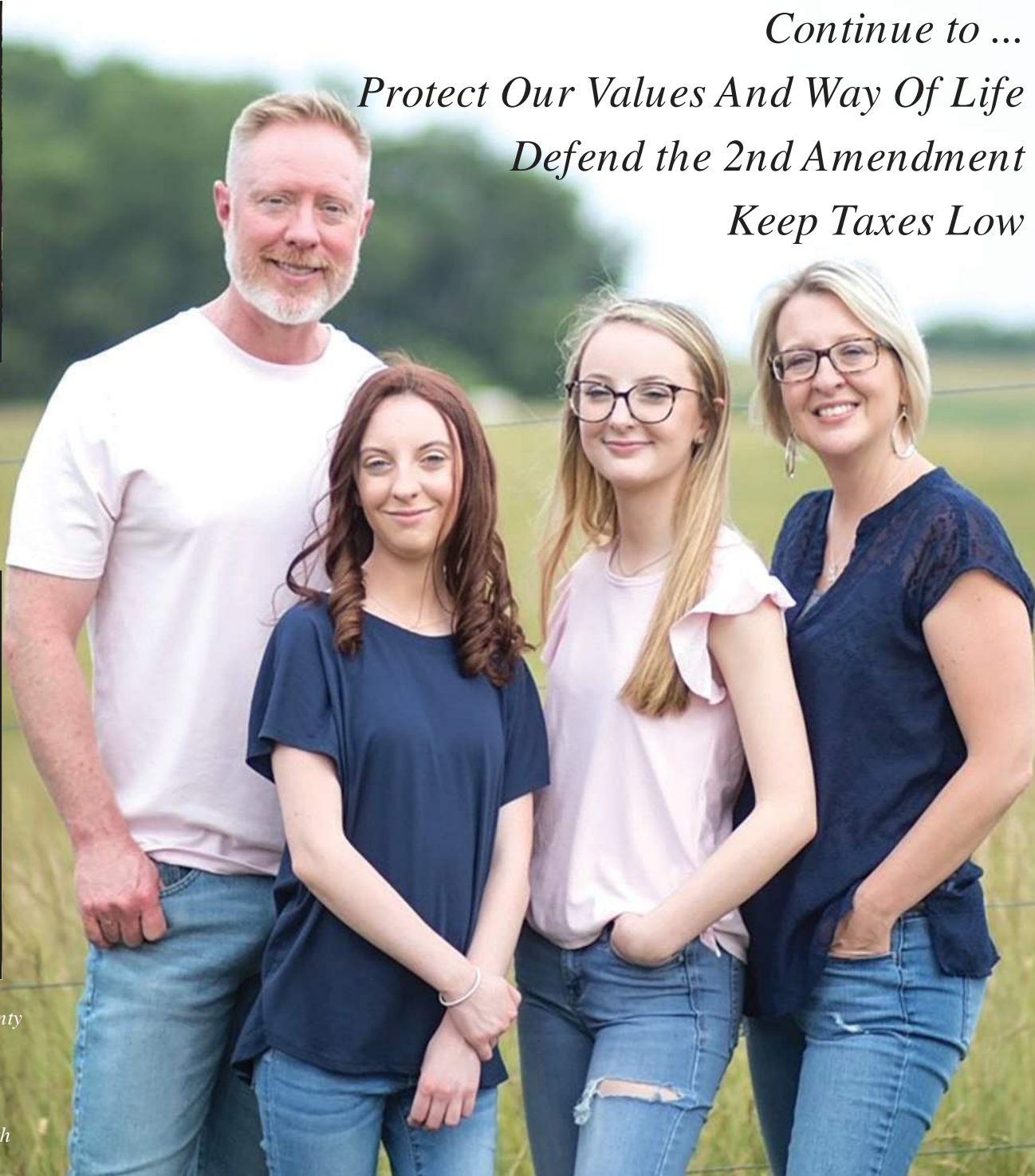
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Delegate Jason Ballard:
I am happy to endorse Adam Hall for the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors representing the Cloyd District. He currently serves on the Board of Supervisors and continues to demonstrate responsiveness and care for his community. Adam is a man of integrity and shares our conservative values. I look forward to working with Adam on the Board of Supervisors.



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CLOYD DISTRICT

Chris Stafford

1 - Tell our readers about yourself (include information on things such as your employment, family, education, church, community involvement, interests, etc.)

I am a lifelong resident of Pulaski County, and I am running as an independent candidate for Board of Supervisors in the Cloyd District. I grew up on Carden Drive in Fairlawn and I am proud to be the son of the late Donald and Lois Stafford. I attended old Riverlawn Elementary, Dublin Middle School, and graduated from Pulaski County High School. I graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelors in Accounting and I have an MBA from Radford University. I am a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve, having served in the Seabees with Amphibious Construction Battalion 2 based in Little Creek, VA. I have worked in finance all my career starting as a bank manager in Dublin, then as a business manager for the New River Health District, and the last 15 years for Pulaski County Public Schools. I started in 2007 as the Director of Finance for the school system and then in 2016 was promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. In 2017, I became a Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations by the Association of School Business Officials International. I call Fairlawn my home where I live with my wonderful and supportive wife of 29 years, Kim. We are members of Dublin United Methodist Church which is the church where we were married. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Western Virginia EMS Council, the Board of Directors of NRV Leading Lights, and the Randolph House Foundation Board of Directors. In my spare time, I enjoy following Pulaski County High School athletics and Virginia Tech sports.

2 - Provide our readers with the reason(s) why you are seeking election to the Board of Supervisors.

I believe that my entire life, both professionally and personally, has centered around public service, and so I feel that serving as a member of the Board of Supervisors is another way that I can serve the citizens of Pulaski County. For many years, I have considered running for public office, but I felt that this is the right time for me to offer my service to the citizens of the Cloyd District as their elected county representative. Unfortunately, our nation is as divided as I have ever seen it and bitter partisan politics is the blame. Bitter partisan politics do not serve the best interest of the citizens and I will not represent the citizens of the Cloyd District based on partisan politics. In my 15 years of service with Pulaski County Public Schools, I have been fortunate to work with many former and current Board of Supervisors members from both political parties. The best members that I ever worked with had these core traits in common - they were independent-minded and were focused on serving the needs of the citizens and the county, not their political party. I know that I can successfully follow in the footsteps of these great members and be a voice for all citizens regardless of their political persuasion.

3 - Describe what particular strength(s) you believe you would bring to the Board of Supervisors.

I feel that the strengths that I bring to the Board of Supervisors would be my financial and budgeting experience and my overall experience in working with local government. In my role with the school system, I have years of successful experience as the chief financial officer of the second largest employer in Pulaski County and I will share what I feel is my greatest accomplishment. During my tenure, our student enrollment dropped by over 1,000 students due to changing demographics and the aging of our population. Since state funding is tied to student enrollment, this enrollment loss caused many consecutive years of declining state revenues to manage while also providing pay raises and paying for increases in the cost of benefits. I was able to successfully manage this annual budgeting challenge by cutting unnecessary costs, eliminating positions through attrition where appropriate, and making long-term strategic decisions to save money in the future. All of this was accomplished with a minimal amount of tax burden on the county's citizens and without any large reductions in force to our teachers and staff.

4 - Tell us what you believe is the greatest challenge facing Pulaski County and how you believe it should be addressed.

As Pulaski County's substantial amount of federal pandemic funding runs out very soon, we need to be able to "live within our means" and to look at the budget with a critical eye to verify that every dollar is spent wisely. We need to ensure that we are planning and implementing infrastructure improvements that will not only meet our current needs, but also our needs 5, 10, 15 years into the future. There are already new projects in the planning stages that will affect our budget for years to come. Given these future financial obligations, we need board members who will be fiscally responsible and focus on investing in the core services of local government – public safety, economic development, and education, among others – rather than increasing the size of county administration. And we must operate core functions of local government, like financial management, efficiently and in the most cost-effective manner. Like many other citizens, I have been concerned about the recent financial audits of the county and the many audit findings and comments concerning its financial operations. The Board of Supervisors has a fiduciary responsibility entrusted to them by the county's citizens to ensure that the taxpayers' funds are handled in a fiscally responsible manner. If I am elected, I will recommend that the Board of Supervisors begin receiving financial reports on a regular basis prepared by the County finance staff so that our elected officials will have firsthand knowledge of the county's financial condition. Also, I will recommend that a finance sub-committee of the Board of Supervisors be created to receive direct communication from the county's auditors on financial issues.

5 - And finally, describe what you believe sets you apart from your opponent.

I believe that my experience, particularly in finance and budgeting, makes me well qualified to serve on the Board of Supervisors. I am an independent thinker and will not be afraid to ask questions or hold those in leadership positions accountable. I am not simply a "yes" person. By being an independent board member, I will not be influenced by political affiliation nor be concerned with casting votes that may go against whatever party is in power. I feel that I have the qualities of a strong leader, having been mentored by many role models in my life, starting with my parents. I have a long history of community service in church and civic organizations and also my service in the U.S. Navy Reserve. I have a deep and lasting dedication to serving this county and its citizens. In my career, I had many opportunities presented to me to leave Pulaski County for higher paying jobs, but this is my home. Finally, I feel that the quality that describes me best is my integrity and if elected, I will serve the citizens of the Cloyd District with that same strong sense of integrity.

Adam Hall

1 - Tell our readers about yourself (include information on things such as your employment, family, education, church, community involvement, interests, etc.)

I am a lifelong resident of Pulaski County and continue to raise my family in the area in which I grew up. I graduated from Pulaski County High School and was very active in the band. After graduation, I earned a degree in engineering at Virginia Tech and have worked at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant for 25-years. Watching my family grow and spending time with them is one of the major joys of my life. My wife and I have been married for over 20-years. I love seeing our daughters discover their interests; that are developing into their passions in life. I enjoy playing music in the community and in my church, as well as enjoy running, woodworking, and golf.

2 - Provide our readers with the reason(s) why you are seeking election to the Board of Supervisors.

I currently serve on the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors for the Cloyd District and won the Republican nomination in August. Being on the board has given me the unique and great opportunity to obtain experience with the annual county budgeting process, to serve the community as the Cloyd District representative, and to respond to various citizen concerns. I want to see Pulaski County continue to thrive and want to continue to make positive impacts in our county. My approach is to promote Pulaski County and the abundance of great things that we have to offer, keeping our county affordable, and supporting our first responders and county employees.

3 - Describe what particular strength(s) you believe you would bring to the Board of Supervisors.

My strengths include experience, demonstrated care and responsiveness, and a desire for Pulaski County to continue to succeed.

Both, my work as an engineer for 25-years and my work on the Board of Supervisors, have allowed me the privilege to work to resolve needs. I've worked with numerous residents to address various issues including road conditions and safety concerns. With my background in engineering and project management, I understand working with budgets and metrics to meet objectives. This year, the board and I approved a county budget that minimized the adverse effects of inflation while still being able to meet the needs of the county.

I'm also on the boards of the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley, the Fairlawn Sewer Authority, the Pulaski Community Youth Center, and the Leading Through Service Scholarship Application Review Committee. Participation on these boards and committees has allowed me to be part of teams that are bringing events to the community, showcasing local talent, improving infrastructure, and providing services that support our children and families.

My family and I see the importance of volunteering and have participated in several service projects from landscaping, to home improvement, and facility maintenance through our church and GoPulaski.

4 - Tell us what you believe is the greatest challenge facing Pulaski County and how you believe it should be addressed.

Minimizing the effects of high inflation is a challenge that impacts all of us, but can be addressed through strategic efforts and continuing positive momentum from recent successes within the county. Supporting our "40 by 30" goal helps to keep our individual taxes low while addressing the needs of the county by increasing our tax base. Supporting the ACCE program provides a great benefit to our graduating seniors by attending community college without the cost of tuition and promotes community service. Other recent accomplishments that we've seen in the county that create positive exciting and positive momentum include new retail businesses opening like Starbucks, Fazoli's, and Roma's; the acquisition of the Innovation Center in Fairlawn; the opening of the EMS Station #5; and the opening of the Humane Society in Dublin. Efforts and accomplishments like these continue to build a stronger, affordable, and attractive county.

5 - And finally, describe what you believe sets you apart from your opponent.

My current experience on the Board of Supervisors as well as my demonstrated care and responsiveness set me apart. My approach as the Republican candidate includes being fiscally conservative, keeping our taxes low, working in a balanced budget, and supporting our 2nd Amendment rights. I want Pulaski County to continue to be a vibrant, affordable, and safe place now and into the future. I am excited about the progress Pulaski County is making and want to continue making a positive impact as part of the county leadership team on the Board of Supervisors. I will continue to promote Pulaski County as the place to live, work, and play and respectfully ask for your vote on November 8th. Thank you!

Foundation opens scholarship application

Through the generosity of many donors, the Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) will give out more than \$100,000 in scholarships in 2023 to New River Valley students. From now until January 30, 2023, the CFNRV's scholarship application is open to students planning to pursue a degree or currently in school at 2- or 4-year colleges or universities as well as trade or technical schools.

Since issuing its first scholarship in 2002, the foundation has awarded \$1,190,000 to 939 students. While there are dozens of CFNRV funds set up to fund scholarships each year, applicants only

need to submit a single application to the foundation and indicate the scholarships for which they would like to be considered. Many funds are set up specifically with financial need in mind. In 2022, 40% of scholarship recipients were from lower-income backgrounds.

Students may review scholarship requirements and access the application at [cfnrv.org/scholarships]cfnrv.org/scholarships. Any questions about the application may directed to Laura Pynn at cfnrv@cfnrv.org or 540-381-8999. The application is due Monday, January 30, 2023, at 5 p.m. EST.

New merchant code concerns gun rights advocates in state

By Gabriela de Camargo
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Capital News Service

RICHMOND, Va. -- Gun rights advocates fear a new merchant code for firearm purchases is an unnecessary attack on their civil liberties, while gun safety advocates say the code just levels the playing field.

The International Standards Organization approved last month a petition from New York-based Amalgamated Bank for a new merchant code. The ISO is Geneva-based nonprofit with global members who establish best practices across a range of subjects, ac-

cording to its website.

The new code categorizes gun sales at gun and ammunition stores, which will allow banks to report suspicious activity and illegal gun sales, according to a press release from Priscilla Sims Brown, president and CEO of Amalgamated Bank.

Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit cards plan to adopt the new code, according to multiple reports, though it is unclear how widespread implementation will work.

"This action answers the call of millions of Americans who want safety from gun violence and we are proud to have led the broad co-

alition of advocates, shareholders, and elected officials that achieved this historic outcome," Brown stated.

Credit card providers categorize purchases under merchant category codes, or MCCs, that classify businesses by their predominant business activity, according to the IRS. Categories cover many industries, including many types of building contractors, travel and leisure services, entertainment and recreation, and even escort services.

A Mastercard reference booklet from 2020 listed firearms under the MCC "durable goods — not else-

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ROBINSON DISTRICT

Colette Hash

1 - Tell our readers about yourself (include information on things such as your employment, family, education, church, community involvement, interests, etc.)
I'm Colette Hairston Hash, I have been a resident of Robinson District community for 41+ years. My husband Pastor Gary Hash is a native of Pulaski County. We raised our family here. We raised our 2 natural sons; Tyrone & Gary Lewis and 2 nephews; Andrae & Mitchell. Tyrone (Megan), Gary Lewis (Meghan) and Mitchell & Brittany moved back to raise their families here in Pulaski County. They attended Pulaski County Schools and now their children attend Pulaski County Schools. I attended and graduated from Christiansburg High School in 1978. I took General Studies and Business at Virginia Commonwealth University and New River Community College. I have a Bachelor and Masters Degree from the University of Christian Ministry & Leadership. I retired after 20 years as Office Manager from the Virginia Indigent Commission (Public Defender Office) in 2012. Our office represented Pulaski, Wythe, Bland Counties & the City of Radford in the court system. I worked with 4 Clerk's offices, 4 Commonwealth Attorney's Office & 4 Court's in each jurisdiction. I now serve as Church Administrator at Jubilee Christiansburg Center in Fairlawn, VA. I work alongside my husband, who is the Senior Pastor. We launched JCC in 2006 at Best Western. We then purchased the former Heilig Meyers building and renovated it for our church property and built/created an event center business; Omni Place Event Center. We have now grown into a very diverse & fruitful congregation that is impacting our local community and the world beyond. I help oversee our JCC community outreaches. Which includes our community baby shower's, coat drives, alms to our community, Christmas store, Roanoke Rescue Mission. I'm also the V. President on the Board of Directors for Calfee Community Cultural Center and Community Conversation & Start Strong. I love traveling; bowling, long rides on the car and most of all time with family.

2 - Provide our readers with the reason(s) why you are seeking election to the Board of Supervisors.

My strongest desire is, to be a voice for the people of Robinson District community. To accomplish this, I need to be a bridge builder between the people and local government. I want to see strong educational experience for all our students and parents know we have safe schools. I would like to see a greater connection with our students, farmland, manufacturing & college. We need to continue creation of strong small businesses in our downtown area. Give assistance/training to the businesses already there and help the 40/30 concept come to pass. Have a strong and qualified Police and Sheriff's Departments.

3 - Describe what particular strength(s) you believe you would bring to the Board of Supervisors.

I'm a thinker and a doer. I ask questions and want answers. I would work to find the right solutions for our citizens. I'm a great listener and communicator. I'm honest, trustworthy and a hard worker. I will be transparent and whatever I do will create an environment of transparency. I will take your concerns before the Board of Supervisors with conviction. All citizens deserve to be heard no matter your political party association or if you don't have one.

4 - Tell us what you believe is the greatest challenge facing Pulaski County and how you believe it should be addressed.

Our greatest challenge is listening to the citizens we represent. This is who we work for. When talking with local citizens they say "we are not heard and things are done behind closed doors with no disclosure". There are times we may not agree but we must not become polarized in our individual ideas. It slows down our progress in moving forward. We must get our local government on the same page. Board of Supervisors, Town of Pulaski & the School Board must work together so our citizens have their best life now.

Together, we can improve jobs, educational experiences, neighborhoods, crime management, illiteracy, road maintenance our children's safety and our farmland prospering.

As an elected official I promise to learn and become more knowledgeable so I can make a more informed decision. I will be a voice for Robinson District and the rest of the county. I will be transparent and a communicator with our citizens. I will work for all of our citizens.

5 - And finally, describe what you believe sets you apart from your opponent.

I can only talk about who I am so I will not talk about my opponent being good or bad. I have a strong ability to communicate with people from all walks of life and be their voice. I'm hardworking, honest, caring and true to the cause. My parents are from WV and my father was a former coal miner. We were taught to see the best in everyone and never to talk down to people. Everyone deserves to be heard and I'm the one that will listen and work for you. The Robinson District is a beautiful community. It is home to a very diverse component of this county. From Robinson Tract' farmland to manufacturing, skilled laborers, professionals, teachers, young students and commuting college students. I promise to keep you in the center of my thinking and decision making. My desire to be part of the answer to keep Pulaski County moving forward. We want our children to have opportunities here for a healthy life here. And for our retirees to live comfortable and safe life here in Pulaski County. November 8th cast your vote for me. You will be glad you did. I would to thank the Patriot for this opportunity to share with you about me.

Jeff Reeves

1 - Tell our readers about yourself (include information on things such as your employment, family, education, church, community involvement, interests, etc.)
My name is Jeff Reeves and I am currently serving as the Robinson District supervisor in place of Mr. Charles Bopp who retired in January. I have lived and farmed in the Back Creek community for 32 years. I grew up on a farm in Augusta County where both of my parents were public school teachers. I went to Virginia Tech where I met my wife Ann Kegley and received my Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics. We married in 1990 and came back to her home here in Pulaski to live and raise our family. My wife Ann has been a math teacher for 20 years and we have three children, Emma, Ella, and Eli who all graduated from Pulaski High School and went on to Virginia Tech. Our oldest daughter Emma and her husband Derek Brown blessed us with our first grandchild Colby in December. We are active members of New Dublin Presbyterian Church and enjoy horseback riding and skiing when we have the chance.

2 - Provide our readers with the reason(s) why you are seeking election to the Board of Supervisors.

I have been encouraged over the years by friends and neighbors to run for the Robinson District seat. Now that my wife and I are empty nesters (except for our husky Nala), I felt it was time to serve the community that has been a wonderful place to live and raise our children. I want to help Pulaski County grow in ways that provide all citizens the opportunities and amenities to have fulfilling lives right here and make Pulaski a place our children want to raise their families. Through managed growth we can expand our tax base, keep taxes low for our citizens, and at the same time maintain the rural atmosphere that makes Pulaski special. Having benefited from parents who stressed education, I want to ensure that all students have the education they need to reach their full potential. I feel being on the Board of Supervisors is the best way that I can help Pulaski County accomplish these goals.

3 - Describe what particular strength(s) you believe you would bring to the Board of Supervisors.

As a business owner with an economics background, I have 32 years of experience solving problems and finding solutions on a daily basis. As the son of two teachers and the husband of another, I have an entire lifetime of exposure to the challenges involved in providing a quality education in our public schools. As a father and grandfather, I have a vested interest in continuing the progress Pulaski County has made in recent years.

4 - Tell us what you believe is the greatest challenge facing Pulaski County and how you believe it should be addressed.

I believe Pulaski County has two pressing challenges that are intertwined. Obtaining the funds needed to provide a quality education to our children and provide the services and amenities our citizens need without increasing the tax burden on citizens requires economic growth. Attracting new businesses and industries requires a positive image and a quality workforce. The opioid crisis that is occurring in our locality and others across the state drains resources that could be used elsewhere, creates a poor image to outside businesses, and decreases the quality of our workforce. Wise use of settlement funds from opioid manufactures will provide Pulaski with an opportunity to address this issue through prevention and recovery programs. Continuing to improve Pulaski's image with modern schools, amenities like Randolph Park, and marketing of our tourism opportunities will draw more economic activity to our county.

5 - And finally, describe what you believe sets you apart from your opponent.

I am a lifelong conservative both in faith and finances. I am willing to listen to all perspectives without judgement and pursue common sense solutions without resorting to political gamesmanship. I have worked hard my entire life at everything I have attempted and have and will continue to apply that same work ethic to my role as Robinson District Supervisor.

Water testing available in November

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Sheffey

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Park.
“I guess I’ve known Joe for as long as anybody,” Walters said, adding she first met Sheffey in 1985 through their work with the community college system.
“Joe has been my co-worker, a colleague, a board member, and I’m really proud to call him a friend. I’m really proud to follow in his footsteps [as board chairman], although I can’t fill those footsteps,” Walters said.
She continued that Sheffey was the first African-American to be elected to the board and the first minority board chair. He served longer than any other supervisor in county history – for 28 years, before retiring from the board in 2015.

Sheffey served as vice chairman from 1992 to 1995 before becoming chairman.

Walters noted Sheffey has served on over 40 local boards and organizations in addition to the Board of Supervisors and continues to serve on some of those still today.

“He has received so many awards,” Walters said, noting Sheffey had been recognized as Executive of the Year by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce in 2002, the Community College Hall of Fame in 2003 and received the Legacy Award from the chamber in 2015. That year he also won the New River Valley Planning District Com-



Mike Williams/The Patriot
County staff and Board of Supervisors members along with Joe Sheffey break ground for Sheffey Park off Hazel Hollow Road.

mission’s Champion of the Valley recognition.

“Joe started out at New River Community College. They just couldn’t get rid of him I guess and he came back to go to work there,” Walters joked. “But then he went on to Virginia Tech and got his bachelor’s and then to Radford for his master’s. He had 36 years in Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs as coordinator for New River Community College.

“Highlights of Joe’s board career include sound planning

through adoption and updating of the county’s comprehensive plan and our county-wide zoning, creation of a long-term plan for school building improvements, improving education by renovating and expanding Snowville, Critzer and Dublin elementary schools, constructing Pulaski and Riverlawn elementaries, improving the HVAC system and access at Pulaski County High School, restoration of the old courthouse following the fire in 1989 as well as expansion and modernization

of the court and jail facilities,” Walters said.

“Additionally, he fostered our economic development by expanding our industrial parks, extending strong support to existing business and industry and the construction and acquisition of several additional economic development buildings for businesses.

“Joe was also instrumental in improving recreation for the county, both with the acquisition

and improvement of Dehaven Park, the restoration of the Draper Mountain Overlook, which we’re still pursuing today, acquisition and improvement of Loving Field and the big one – construction of Randolph Park. So, it is so appropriate that this park is dedicated to Joe.”

“To see this to be developed, you know, this is something that we have talked about many, many times, but to see it happen like this, it’s remarkable,” Sheffey said.

Guns

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where classified.” Other items in the same MCC include wood chips and musical instruments. Firearms and ammunition stores also appear in the same booklet under the MCC “miscellaneous and specialty retail stores,” along with sunglasses shops, magic stores and beauty supply stores.

The new code allows for the separate categorization of firearm purchases.

The Virginia Citizens Defense League lobbies the General Assembly for “good gun rights” and to stop gun control measures, ac-

cording to Philip Van Cleave, the organization’s president.

“Gun owners are not in the mood for anything that — in any way, shape or form — implies that we’re being monitored, or our rights are attempted to be curtailed,” Van Cleave said.

The code will not be useful for gun control, Van Cleave said.

Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares joined 23 other attorneys general from across the country in a letter against the new merchant category. Miyares is against the collection and tracking of private

data by “big government and big businesses,” his office stated in an email comment.

“This new policy will do little more than put Virginians’ privacy at risk,” Miyares stated, “and discourage law-abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional right to purchase a firearm.”

The purchase of firearms should be “no one’s business but their own,” Miyares stated.

“To reduce gun violence, we need to get violent, repeat offenders off our streets instead of tracking lawful purchases at Bass Pro

Shop,” Miyares stated.

The Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, an organization that works to prevent gun violence through legislation, offered research to Amalgamated Bank in the development of the category code. There shouldn’t be “special treatment” for gun stores since the same rules already apply to other businesses, according to Adam Skaggs, chief council and policy director at the Giffords Law Center.

This code won’t necessarily lead to any new laws, rather it levels the playing field, Skaggs said. Howev-

er, it could help detect illegal activities like gun trafficking, according to Skaggs.

Gun rights advocates worry the code may flag, or not be able to distinguish, high-dollar purchases from stores that sell firearms. Van Cleave used the example of a boat purchased from a store that also sells firearms, and voiced concern over the possibility of unnecessary scrutiny.

The code is for gun stores and stores that sell firearms and ammunition.

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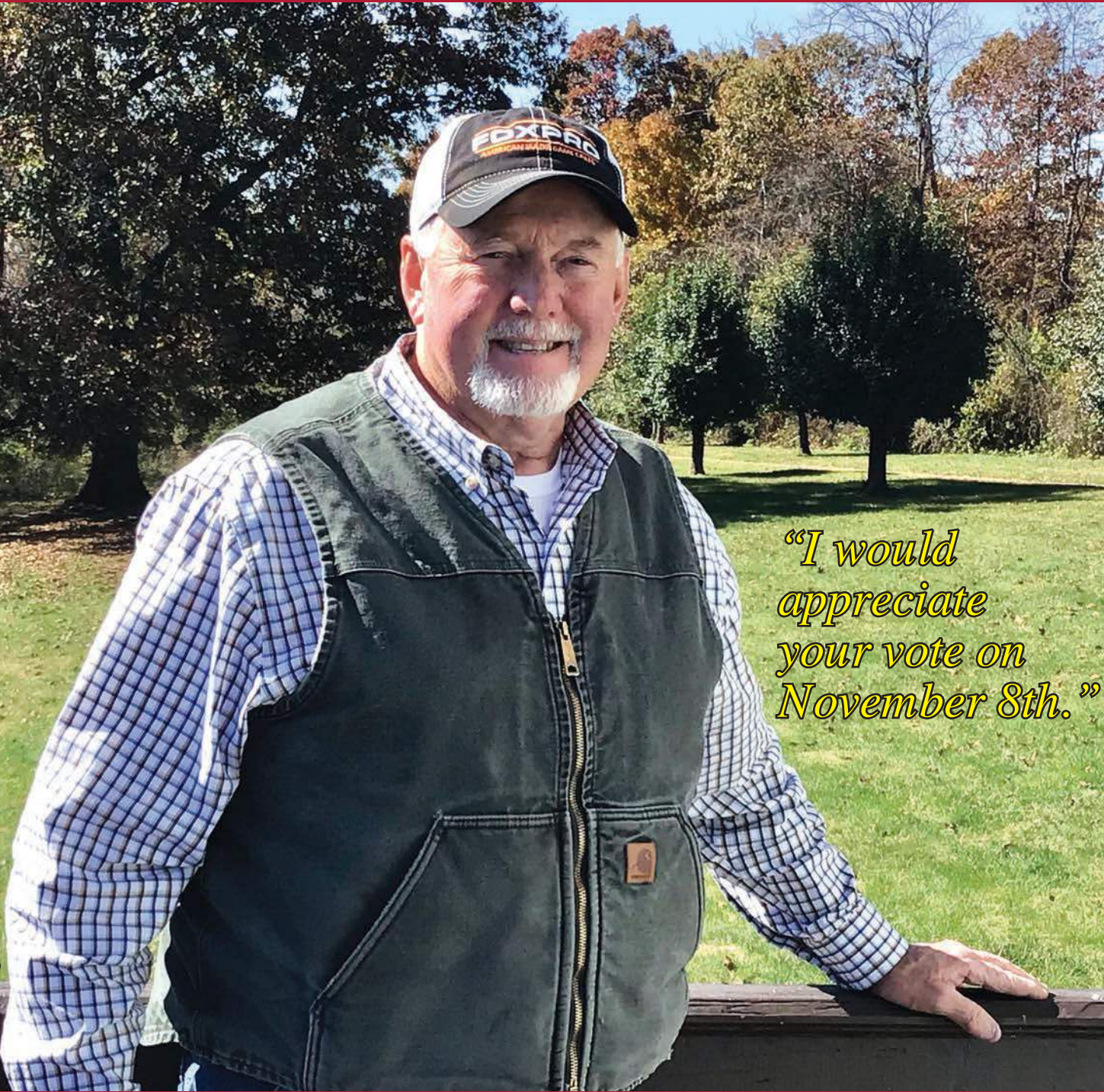
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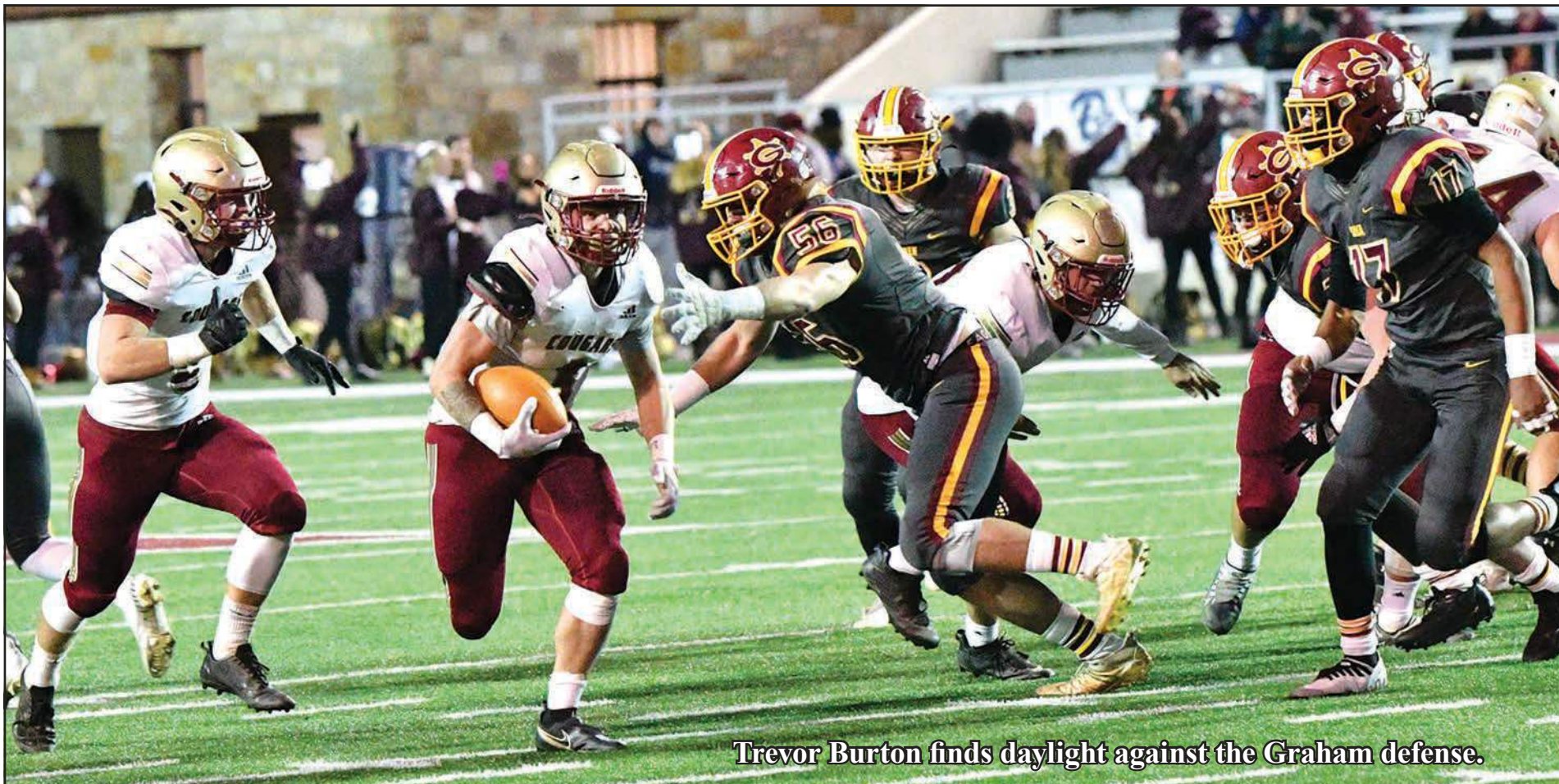
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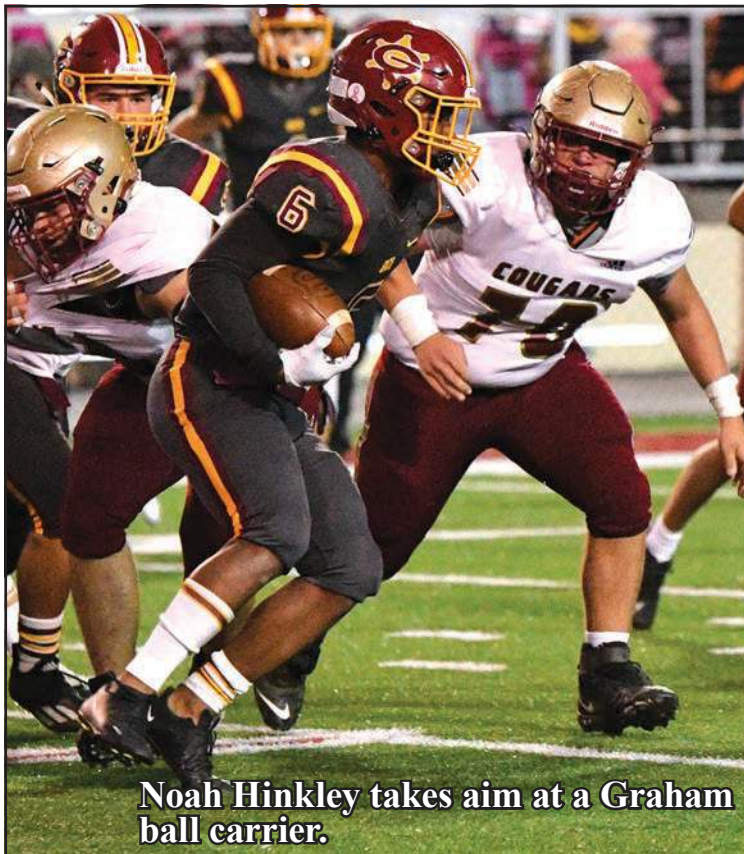
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Trevor Burton finds daylight against the Graham defense.



Chris Gallimore gains yardage.



Noah Hinkley takes aim at a Graham ball carrier.

Cougars Fall To Graham, Prepare For PH

Antonio Nottingham photos

Pulaski County fell to the Graham G-Men last Thursday night, 41-14 at Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield. On the night, Trevor Burton rushed 21 times for 119 yards and scored two touchdowns. Chris Gallimore added 61 yards on nine carries in the losing effort. The loss dropped the Cougars to 4-4 on the season and dropped Pulaski County to ninth in the region. The top eight teams qualify for the VHSL playoffs. The Cougars have to win at least one of their final two games to be playoff bound. This week it's Senior Night for football and all fall sports at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium. It is the final home game of the 2022 season. The Cougars will be facing the 6-2 Group 5A power Patrick Henry at 7 p.m. Friday night. Let's pack Dobson Stadium in this final regular season home game. Go Cougars!

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Floyd fails on 2-point try and Radford wins, 28-27

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

After a week off, the undefeated Radford Bobcats traveled down Route 8 to take on Floyd County. Floyd County's only loss came against Christiansburg in their first game of the season. The winner would take the lead in the race for the Three Rivers District Championship.

Floyd kicked the opening kick-off out of bounds and Radford

took over at their own 40 yard line. The Bobcats wasted no time taking to the air. Landen Clark hit Max Kanipe at the 35 yard line and Kanipe turned up the sideline into the end zone but referees marked it out of bounds at the 9 yard line. On the next snap Clark ran up the middle to score, just 58 seconds into the game.

Floyd County would take to the ground with a drive that took 16 plays and over 10 minutes off the clock before scoring. Trev-

or Miller got most of the carries in the drive. QB Rylan Swortzel connected with his brother Kaiden for an important third down conversion and then again from 17 yards out to even the score with 57 seconds left in the first quarter.

Radford wasted little time in scoring again after another Floyd County kick went out of bounds. David Woodward gained 16 yards on his first carry. Then Clark hit Woodward in the flats where he took it 35 yards to the 14 yard line. A Floyd County unsportsmanlike penalty moved it to the 7. Clark then hit a wide open Marcell Baylor across the middle to put Radford ahead 14-7 just 5 seconds into the second quarter.

On their next possession, the Buffaloes only took 9 plays to score. Again, Miller took most of the carries in this drive. On 4th and 2, Swortzel kept the ball on a quarterback draw and ram-bled 29 yards to even the game at 14 points a piece. After another kickoff that went out of bounds, the Bobcats started a 9 play drive of their own to take back the lead. Clark finished the drive after hitting Parker Prie-leau who made a great move to score from 13 yards out. The Bobcats led 21-14 with 4:53 left in the half.

The Bobcats quickly got a chance to extend the lead. Swortzel's option pitch went over the head of Miller and Radford's Isiah Austin pounced on

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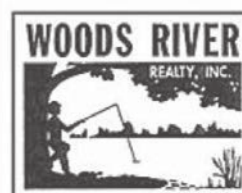
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Radford

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the ball giving Radford the ball at the Buffalo 36 yard line. Floyd County's defense held, forcing the Bobcats to punt. Both defenses were starting to figure out how to stop the other offense. The half ended with Radford ahead 21-14.

Floyd received the opening kickoff and started another long drive. The Bobcats finally stopped the Buffaloes drive when Andrew Moore forced a fumble and Zeb Martin recovered at their own 19 yard line. Radford gained one first down but after three incomplete passes, they punted back to Floyd. Radford then held Floyd and forced them to punt. The punt ended up at the Radford 6 yard line but the Buffaloes were flagged for holding and were forced to punt again. This time the snap went through the punter's legs and rolled all the way to the 14 where Radford took over. On the first play Clark ran up the middle and got close to the end zone before fumbling into the endzone where Floyd recovered for a touchdown – an opportunity lost for Radford.

The Buffaloes were able to gain one first down but the Bobcat defense held to force a punt. The Bobcats took over at their own 36 yard line. Clark hit Kanipe for an 11 yard gain. Then Woodward ran for 16 yards. Clark hit Baylor in the flats and he made several defenders miss

to score from 37 yards out to extend the Radford lead to 28-14 with 59 seconds left in the third quarter.

Radford got another chance to extend the lead after Prioleau blocked the Floyd punt. The Bobcats took over at the Floyd 42 yard line. The drive got to the red zone but stalled after a couple of penalties forced a fourth and long where Clark's pass fell incomplete forcing a turnover on downs.

Floyd seized the momentum and drove the ball down the field. Runs by Miller and Emery Chaffin got the ball past midfield. The Buffaloes finished the drive when QB Swortzel hit Kaiden Swortzel for an 11 yard touchdown with 4:45 left in the game. Floyd attempted an onside kick and recovered it after the ball bounced off a Radford player at the 49 yard line. With momentum on their side, Floyd started handing the ball off to Miller who got the ball to the red zone seven plays into the drive. Time started to become a factor. Another Miller run got the ball to the 11 yard line with 40 seconds left. On fourth and seven, the Swortzels connected again to the 7 yard line giving Floyd first and goal with 29 seconds left. A Miller run got to the 6 yard line with 24 seconds left. Floyd scored when the Swortzels connected yet again to make the score 28-27 with 14 seconds left. Momentum on their side, Floyd decided to go for 2 to win the game. QB Swortzel kept the ball on a power run to the left but was stopped short when Sam Khan-



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#8 Marcell Baylor and #7 Landen Clark with a celebratory jump after Marcell caught the pass for a TD in the game.

dan-Barani and David Woodward broke through and brought Swortzel to the ground.

Floyd still had one shot to recover another onside kick. This time the loose ball was recovered by Radford's Kanipe to seal the Radford victory and remain undefeated. Clark passed 13 for 23 for 205 yards and 3 TDs. He

needed just 107 yards to break the full season yardage record held by Ken Alderman from the 1972 season. Clark also rushed for 87 yards on 6 carries and 1 TD. Woodward ran for 49 yards on 12 carries. He also caught 3 passes for 57 yards. Kanipe had 4 receptions for 76 yards. Baylor finished with 3 catches for 43 yards

and 2 TDs.

Radford (8-0) will return home to play Glenvar on Friday, October 28th at Bobcat Stadium. This night will be Sandlot night to celebrate the youth football teams. There also will be a 50th anniversary celebration of the 1972 undefeated State Champion Bobcat team.

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Senior rec football season halted

Patriot Staff Report

Due to what Pulaski County Parks and Recreation officials call "breeches of conduct," the remainder of the county recreation department's Senior football season has been canceled.

"This is disappointing for the Parks & Recreation department, as well as the youth and adults involved with the league," Parks and Rec officials said in a statement posted Tuesday to the department's Facebook page.

"It is unfortunate that our youth in the senior league have to suffer as a result of these circumstances,"

the statement continues.

"The Parks & Recreation department was forced to make this difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the season. Inappropriate conduct by parents, coaches or fans will not be tolerated in any youth sports programs in our county."

The Facebook posting received several comments – most of which criticized or questioned the decision due to its impact on the children who now won't get to play out the rest of the season.

Many who commented said

Parks and Rec officials should have allowed the children to play, and remove problem adults from the game – or even entire seasons if necessary.

Senior league playoff games for the top four teams in the league were scheduled for this week, with the Eddie Sutphin Superbowl championship game originally scheduled for this Saturday.

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(From left) Gloria Boyd, Kellie Artrip, Jason Ballard, Ed Dickenson, Bobby Davis, Seth Gillespie and Chris Calfee.

Ballard rallies Radford GOP, candidates

On Wednesday, October 19, 12th District Delegate Jason Ballard spoke to the Radford City Republican Committee and endorsed the same candidates for local office that the committee endorsed weeks earlier. Those individuals are, for City Council: Kellie Artrip, Bobby Davis, and Seth Gillespie and for School Board Gloria Boyd, Chris Calfee, and Ed Dickenson.

Ballard said all six were “great folks” and “would bring common sense conservative values back to the city government and school system.” He praised the group for their willingness to serve and their hard work to improve Radford.

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New River Community College will host a book signing on November 6 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the NRCC Library. Author Salley Chinn and illustrators Harriet Anderson, Cindy Moore, and Carolyn Turner will all be available to present their children’s book “Seth and the Secret of the Butterfly.” The book describes imagining what it would be like to meet a talking butterfly who whispers a life-changing secret. The story tells of five special needs children who meet a magical butterfly named Lily, who teaches the children how to turn sadness into joy and challenges into dreams. “Seth and the Secret of the Butterfly” inspires all children to celebrate who they are and to dream of what they might become.

The event will include cookies, hot cider, and tea. The NRCC Library is located in Martin Hall on NRCC’s campus in Dublin.

For more information about the event, contact Sandy Smith in the NRCC Library at ssmith@nr.edu or (540)674-3600, ext. 4345.

PET OF THE WEEK

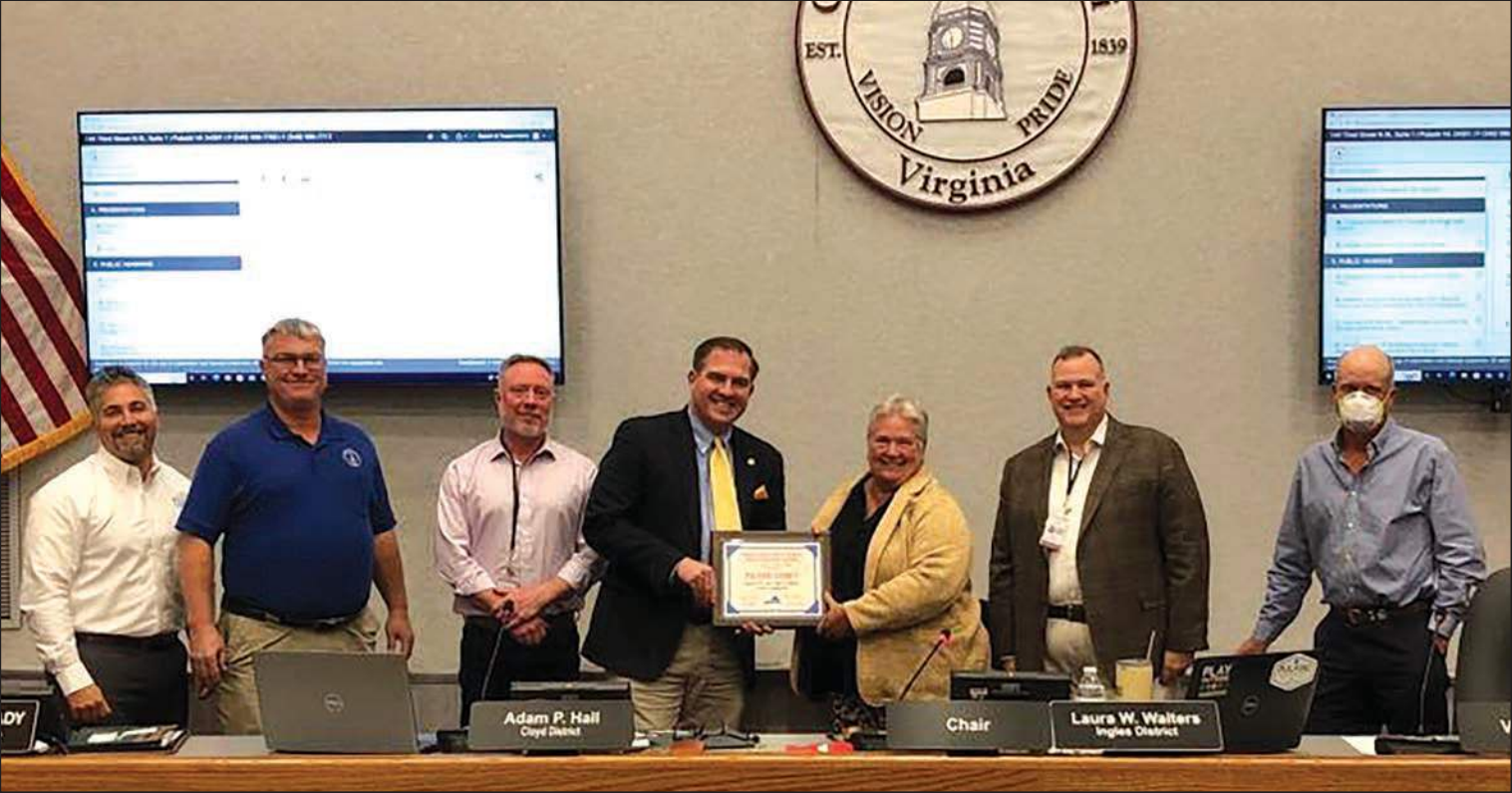
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Once approved, you can spend some time with them in our meet & greet room.

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Pulaski County Recognized By VACo

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Jeremy Bennett, Director of Inter-government Affairs for the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) presents the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors with an Achievement Award it won this past summer. Bennett said Pulaski County was one of 21 counties winning a total of 29 awards this year out of a total of 100 entries. The award is the second for the county – it won its first award from VACo in 2014. This year’s award was for the county’s promotional campaign addressing the human capital shortage through recruitment and retention. The campaign made use of employee testimonials featuring the message, “Work where your job makes a real difference.”

‘Function or Form’ opens at FAC

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley recently held an opening for its latest exhibit entitled Function or Form.

“This particular show is an invitational fine art craft exhibit,” said FAC Director Becky Lattuca to those gathered for the occasion. “The idea with this show is that the works created are either functional or inspired by functional items.”

Six artists are featured in this exhibit, two of whom, Carrie Hodge and Frank Leonetti, were present at the opening.

Carrie Hodge, a Pulaski County native, displayed some unique looking clothing articles for her first ever art show exhibit.

“I thrive on live music and art in all its incarnations,” said Carrie. “I grew up on multiple acres and painted with my dad’s left-over paint and it just became part of my identity.”

On the wall her Camo Jeans artwork hung next to another art piece called Brown Bustle.

“I scrunched this up and laid ice cubes over top of the whole piece,” she said of Camo Jeans. “Then I sprinkled Persian dye over top of it and I allowed the



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Carrie Hodge displays her textile-based art at the Function or Form art exhibit at the FAC for the NRV.

melting to do the dyeing.”

The Brown Bustle piece is made from a utility belt with var-

ious pieces of clothing attached, one of which was worn by her late grandmother on her deathbed.

Leonetti, who recently moved to Pulaski County from his native New York, has several intricately carved wood pieces on display.

“My dad was a cabinet maker for his whole life,” said Leonetti, who is also a member of the FAC board. “I helped him on many, many projects in our basement. Our house always smelled of Oak or Pine or something being cut. As far as art pieces go, I try new things and see what happens. Sometimes it doesn’t work out ... most of the time it does, though.”

During the opening for Function or Form, Lattuca presented artist Chris Bolduc with the People’s Choice Award for his artwork in the preceding exhibit entitled, “Menagerie.”

Function or Form will be on display at the FAC through Satur-



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Answers to fundamental retirement questions

Most hardworking Americans dream about retirement, but the path to get there can be less than clear. For those relatively new to the workforce, the idea of retiring may feel distant and abstract. And they’re not the only ones with questions. Even people who are only a few years from retirement are often perplexed by the decisions they face. While everyone’s journey is different, I know from my years of experience as a financial advisor that there are common themes when it comes to questions about retirement.

For example, those who just started their careers and have decades before retirement may wonder:

- “With all my current financial priorities, why should I worry about saving money for retirement?”

The sooner you start saving for retirement, the greater the opportunity for your money to grow. If you are in your twenties or thirties, you may not have as many assets as those who have been in the workforce for decades. What you do have is time, and that can be a powerful ally. Time allows you to take full advantage of the opportunity to compound growth in your investments. Even modest investment amounts that have years to potentially grow can make a significant difference in your retirement savings.

- “How much of my paycheck should I save for retirement?”

A reasonable goal is to save 10 percent of your pre-tax income in retirement savings vehicles. If you have the option, strongly consider directing a portion from your paycheck to a 401(k) or another workplace savings plan. If your employer offers a matching contribution, even better. That’s essentially “free money” that you don’t want to miss out on. If you have additional discretionary income beyond that, you may want to save it in a Roth IRA, which could help you build retirement savings with after-tax dollars and create potentially tax-free income in the future.

On the other hand, if retirement is in your near future, you may be pondering these questions:

- “Should I pay off my home mortgage early?”

Paying off your mortgage may seem like a great idea, and if you’re like a lot of near retirees, the prospect of eliminating debt and reducing your monthly expenses may be appealing. That said, there are a variety of factors to consider. One of the

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Boy Scouts sponsor flag retirement ceremony

Citizens of Pulaski County are invited to attend an American Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled for Veterans Day Friday, November 11.

The event will be hosted at the large pavilion within Randolph Park beginning at 7:30 PM

Smith

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biggest is the cost and potential tax consequences of moving a large sum of money out of an existing investment in order to pay off the balance of your mortgage. If the interest rate you pay on your mortgage is low, you may want to keep that money invested and continue making mortgage payments.

Also, holding a mortgage is key to many Americans' tax strategy because the interest paid could potentially be tax deductible. If mortgage interest is part of your tax strategy, consult with your tax professional before making the decision to own your home outright.

• "How will I know if I saved enough money to last?"

The answer to this question will depend on your retirement dreams and current financial situation. The variables that come into play include the amount of money you'll need to pay to cover your expenses each year and other sources of income you have (such as a pension or Social Security). The biggest unknown is how long your retirement will last, but most people should be prepared to spend several decades in retirement. A financial plan can help you test different assumptions based on an appropriate retirement date.

• "Will Medicare cover my health care costs in retirement?"

Health care is one of the largest expenses most retirees incur in their later years, and Medicare only covers a portion of health care expenses. It is broken up into different parts. Part A is offered at no cost, but mainly covers only expenses related to hospitalization. Part B requires a monthly premium, but makes medical services such as care from a doctor or tests more affordable. Part C is an alternative type of Medicare coverage provided through private insurers, at a cost. Part D is a prescription program that helps reduce the price of drugs. Medicare Supplement coverage is another form of coverage that charges a premium, but helps reduce out-of-pocket medical expenses.

• "At what age should I begin to collect Social Security?"

This varies by person. The earliest you can qualify to begin collecting Social Security retirement benefits is age 62. The longer you wait, the larger your benefit will be. The highest monthly benefit you can earn occurs when you reach age 70. If you continue to work, it may

Boy Scout Troop 249 from Pulaski will be the host for the event and they will officially retire the flags following all military regulations and traditions.

According to Boy Scout project chairperson Damion Ledbetter, it is important that all old and/

or damaged flags are retired with dignity and respect.

Flags to be retired may be dropped off at ACE Hardware in Dublin prior to November 10 or by calling Dan Grubb at 540-320-9224 to coordinate a pickup.



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Frank Leonetti displayed several of his carved wood pieces for the Function or Form invitational art show at the FAC.

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day December 3. The next show is entitled "No Place Like Home" and submissions for this show will be accepted through November 12.

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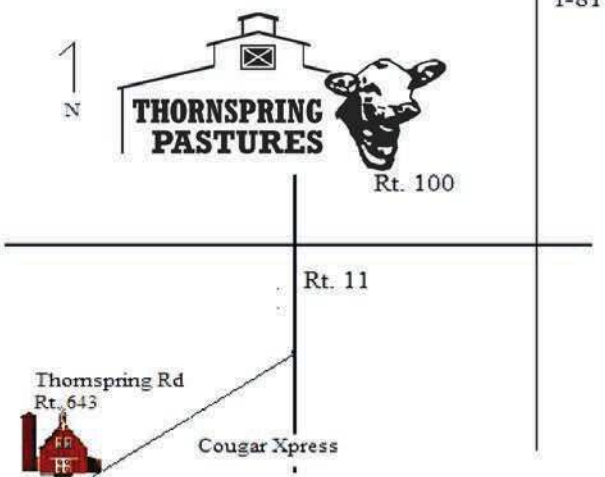
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

The Lost Sheep

Part I

Jesus was a Master Teacher of great Spiritual Truths. He often spoke in Parables. Parables are simple stories used to illustrate and express great moral or spiritual truths.

The first lost thing we want to think about today in this message is “The lost Sheep.” Luke 15: 1-7. “Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, “This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, “What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.”

The first thing I want us to see in this Parable is that the sheep was lost, it KNEW it was lost, but it didn’t know HOW to find it’s way back to the flock and to the Shepherd.

Sheep have a poor sense of direction. They often wander away from the flock in search of more grass to eat, and get so involved in munching on the tender shoots of grass that they lose track of which direction to travel in, to get back to the flock.

A lot of folks are like the lost sheep. They are lost, and they know they are lost. Satan has blinded them, so they can’t see or find the way to remedy their lost condition. Someone has to go out and find them, and show them how to get to God. Christ is the Shepherd and we, who are saved, and who have received the great commission, are to go out into the highways and hedges, and find lost sheep and lead them to Jesus, Who can and will save them.

There are many who were at one time, a part of the sheep of God’s pasture, but who for some reason, have lost their way. They are wandering around out in the sinful world and can’t seem to find their way back to the Shepherd.

A person who is lost, must be lovingly led to re-discover the way back to Jesus. They need to be lovingly shown that the same road that took them away from God will lead them back to Him.

“That same road will lead me back to Jesus, no matter how far these feet have trod; every road sign will I point me back to Calvary, it just seems longer when you’ve been so far from God.” (Dottie Rambo)

The sheep was lost. It knew it was lost, but it didn’t know how to get back to the flock. It needed to be found and led back home.

Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. As the good Shepherd, Jesus seeks out lost sheep, and finds them, and carries them lovingly to the sheepfold.

The Psalmist said, “I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.”

It was dangerous for a lost sheep to be out in the wilderness areas, unprotected. Wild beasts were always on the prowl, looking for easy prey.

Church Directory

Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
Primary Services:
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

Open Door Baptist Church

4576 Miller Lane
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)
Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Hispanic Service: 3 p.m.
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org
website: www.fumcpulask.org
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Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
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First Christian Church of Pulaski

524 N Jefferson Ave
Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
(540) 980-7144
www.firstchristianpulaski.org
Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men's Sunday School:10 am
Worship: 11 am

Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Michael S. Jones
Sunday
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
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(540) 674-9220
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Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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website - www.dvpca.org
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Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
(Sept. - May)
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Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

Pastor: Judy Yonce
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, Va.
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Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
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Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
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Classes: 7 p.m.

Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road
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Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
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Greg “Scooter” Breisch
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Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's
Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski
Interim Pastor: Rev. Graham Mitchell
(540) 980-2132
Email: firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

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

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

Pulaski Church of God

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

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1607 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

220 Magazine Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-3336
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dora Highway Baptist Church

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

New Hope Chapel

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

Grace Episcopal Church

210 4th Street, Radford, 24141
639-3494
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
Email: office@graceradford.org
http://www.graceradford.org
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church

Family Worship Center
First Pentecostal Holiness
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
540-980-7287
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
KidsZone 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
www.fwcpulaski.church

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren
1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

New Hope Church
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Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
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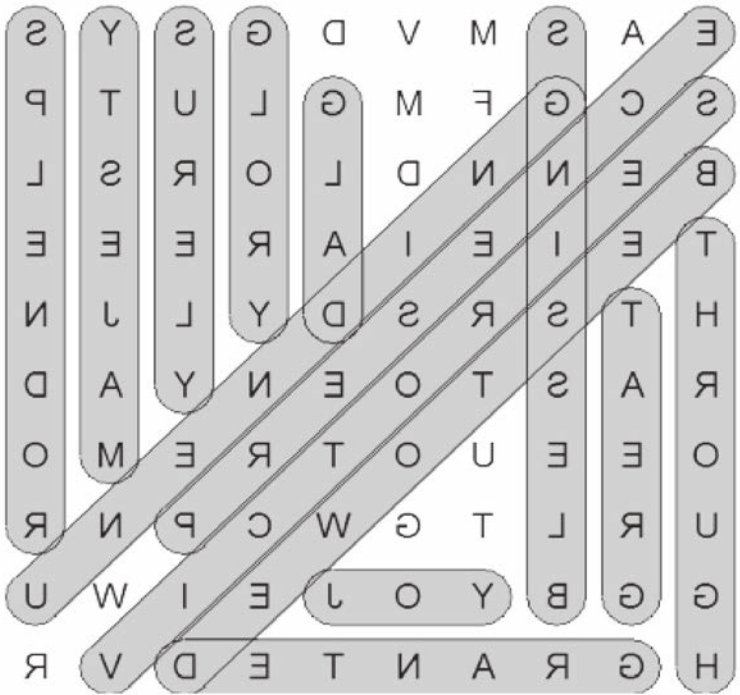
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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

Warriors for Christ II
Bishop Sherman Buckner
600 Skyline Circle
Pulaski, VA
540-315-2317
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

First Baptist Church
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH
by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 21:5-6

Through the victories you gave, his glory is great;
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Surely you have granted him unending blessings
and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

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For the most part, a sheep is helpless against their enemies. They have no defensive weapons. They move slowly, and can't run fast enough to outrun predators such as wolves, wild dogs, bears, lions and even certain vicious birds of prey. They are very apt to fall off of a cliff in the dark and perish. They are in danger of drowning, if they happen to fall into rushing water as they can't swim well, and their wool, soaked full of water, only serves to pull them down below the surface of the water. That is why sheep love still waters.

Sheep need a Shepherd who loves them. They need someone who cares for them, who will lead them into green pastures and beside the still waters, and who will protect them from evil. We all need Jesus!

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me besides the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou annointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23)


As witnesses for Christ Jesus, we must convince un-regenerated sinners of the saving grace of God and of the efficacy of the blood of Jesus to wash away every sin of their lives. We must tell them how much God loves them. We who are saved have a duty to lead them back to God.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Apollos in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which mountain is associated with King David capturing the Jebusite fortress? Zion, Nepal, Rahab, Carmel
3. In Colossians 4, who does Paul call "our dear friend, the doctor"? Jesus, Mark, Luke, Asa
4. Jesus was about how much younger than John the Baptist? 12 days, 6 months, 1 year, 3 years
5. From Mark 14, how long will poor people be around? Always, Sometimes, Never, 40 years
6. In Genesis 42, which Hebrew governed Egypt? Darius, Sisera, Cornelius, Joseph

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Zion, 3) Luke, 4) 6 months, 5) Always, 6) Joseph

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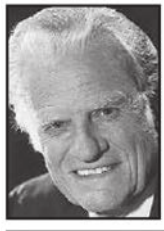
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I'm having doubts about my faith in God. I've just started college and was warned that many professors would begin to chisel away at my beliefs. Where can I turn for strength? - D.F.

A: Many young people face spiritual doubts when they begin college. Many intellectuals in the education system feel it's their duty to call into question a higher authority. Doubt begins to creep in and can easily overtake the mind. The Bible tells us to be on the lookout for such deceit; it comes from Satan. "Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

The devil wants to discourage every believer and divert us. He will seek to dilute our testimony; he will attempt anything to destroy our relationship to Christ and our influence on others. He is a master at making us question God's Word. He has manifested himself in every false ideology. It is his purpose to steal the seed of truth and send distracting thoughts. The greatest hindrance to Satan's

My Answer



Billy Graham

destructive efforts is when we stand strong in the knowledge and fear of the Lord. Christ gives His followers strength to choose right over wrong.

Nothing replaces spending time alone with God in prayer and reading and studying His Word. This is the way we get to know the Lord better and through this fellowship with Him He gives us strength and wisdom to overcome doubts. The Lord will give added courage to be a witness for Him whether in the classroom, at the workplace, or in the home.

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119, but in it there is a wonderful little verse that every Christian should memorize and repeat daily: "Strengthen me according to Your word" (Psalm 119:28).

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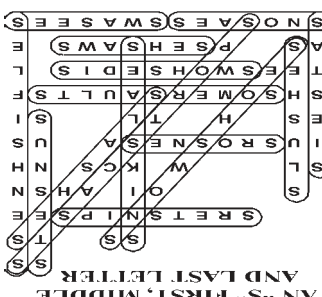
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bamboo is not a weed, it's
a flowering plant. Bambo
is a magnificent plant.
— Steve Lacy

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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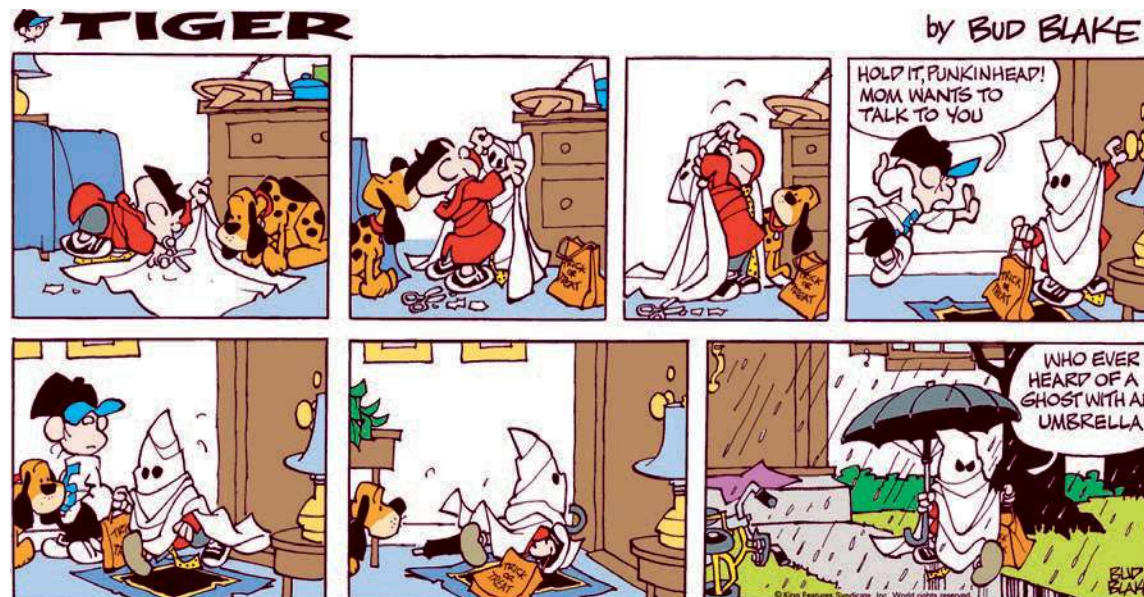
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Honesty is a necessity

Dear Dave,

After hearing you talk about financial infidelity, I have to admit that I hide money from my husband. I have been setting aside money for emergencies without his knowledge. He is not terrible with money, but he always seems to find something to spend it on. Before I started doing this, we never managed to save much money at all. But now I feel like I have been doing something wrong. What should I do?

Lana

Dear Lana,

I believe in saving up for emergencies. I mean, I'm the guy who tells people to have three to six months of expenses saved in an emergency fund, right? But deception is never a positive thing in a relationship—especially a marriage. You need to talk to your husband about this.

I know it won't be easy for you, so you have to make sure you tell him in the right way. Playing the blame game won't help. Basically, you've been deceiving him about this. Sure, it sounds like he has been immature when it comes to your household finances, but you made the decision to hide things. You chose to do this instead of talking to him about your concerns.

Let's start here. Tell your husband you need to talk to him about something important, and sit down together with no distractions. Explain what's been going on, and that you're



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

sorry for not being honest about things, but you also need to speak up and tell him why you were doing this secretly. If you were afraid to disagree with him, tell him that. Tell him why, too, and let him know you just want the two of you to have a successful financial future, and that you're committed to never hiding things again.

Managing money in a marriage isn't a "his" or "hers" thing. It's a "we" thing. You can fix this, but it's going to take some honesty, understanding and making an effort to work together toward the same goals—like saving or living on a written, monthly budget.

You each have a vote, but it also means you have to stand up and vote no, Lana, if he wants to blow money on silly stuff when you guys don't have your finances in order.

— Dave

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



Oct. 29

Fall Festival

Cowboy Church will hold its Fall Festival from 6 to 9 p.m., Oct. 29. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 29, from 3-5. Come to the parking lot of Pulaski First Church of the Brethren on 1749 Newbern Road. We are located one block behind the DMV. Come and have some FUN!

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.

Oct. 31

Kids Fall Festival, Trunk & Treat

Kids fall festival and trunk or treat at Fairlawn Church of God in Radford, October 31st at 6 PM. There will be a local chalk artist, food, and games for the kids.

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. 4

Church Women United to meet

Church Women United will meet on Friday, November 4, 11:00 am, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5th Street & N. Washington Avenue, Pulaski, for the World Community Day program, followed by a pot-luck luncheon. This program calls for women of all churches to come together to pray for peace and justice in the world and to recognize those who have worked to achieve this in our own community. The 2022 theme is "It's Up to You in 2022: A Call to Pray." All are welcome. For more information, contact Terrie Sternberg, 540/230-3139 or terrie.sternberg@gmail.com.

Nov. 5

Fall Festival and Bazaar at Jordan's Chapel

Annual Fall Festival and Bazaar at Jordan's Chapel 5095 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski, on Saturday, November 5. Starting at 8 a.m. Featuring several vendors of craft and vintage items, jewelry, hand painted furniture and cases, baked goods, fall and Christmas items and other wares. Full hot breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and hot soup lunch in the afternoon. All indoors. Cash only please. Come out and enjoy this lovely event. Bring a friend!

Chili Cook Off – Movie Night

Chili Cook Off and Movie Night November 5 4:00 until. Come and join us for an evening of Fun food and Movie. The event is at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren 1749 Newbern Road, located one block behind the DMV.

12th Annual One Stop Christmas Shoppe

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ers joining us. We can't wait to see everyone and hope you can come out and join us.

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.

Nov. 12

Worship, Prayer & Praise

November 12 From 6-8, First Dublin Presbyterian Church will host a Worship, Prayer and Praise Service to include Two Music groups performing. Light Refreshments will follow. Grab family and friends and come out and join us in this special event. 409 Church Street, Dublin.

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.

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.

Weekly SUDOKU

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