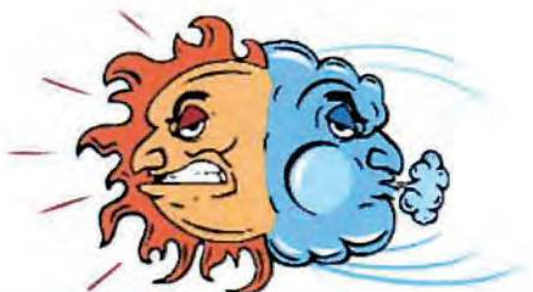




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NRV Airport unveils its master plan for next 20 yrs.

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

This week, officials at the New River Valley Airport unveiled the Master Airport Plan, which specifies several improvements to the facility, which are set to occur over the next 20 years.

As can be seen in the accompanying diagram, improvements and new construction listed in the Airport Master Plan are divided into four separate stages, which are color coded. Green sections on the map are improvements that are expected to happen in the next five years, whereas areas marked in blue are considered long term goals. Items marked in gray are structure that currently exist at the NRV Airport.

Blacksburg based Eden and Associates is the engineering firm that produced the diagram and will oversee future construction.

According to Paul Brown of Eden and Associates, the first project to likely be completed is redirecting and then repaving the taxiway, which runs alongside the runway. The taxiway



is a paved surface that provides airplanes access to and from the airport's runway.

When the taxiway was constructed in the 1960's, it met the standards of the time. These days, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires newly built taxiways to run parallel to the runway. The taxiway at the NRV airport runs at an angle before joining the runway, which according to the FAA, makes it less safe than it would be otherwise. The route of the newly planned taxiway is highlighted in yellow on the diagram.

Since it is seen as a safety concern, Airport Manager Aaron Brummitt believes the FAA will very likely approve the rework-

ing of the taxiway in short order.

Another safety priority involves the removal of trees and power poles located Southwest of the airport, that could potentially be hazardous to airplanes as they approach the runway.

Money to complete safety-oriented improvements such as these typically comes from the Federal Government, which generally provides 90 percent of the funds, with 8 percent coming from the state and 2 percent provided by the airport. Grants are also available from the state, which generally provides 80 percent of the funds for a project, but require matching funds of 20 percent from the airport.

Other projects that are expected to be completed in the next five years include the construction of three new hangers on the airport grounds, which are marked in green by the numbers 16, 17 and 22.

"Some of the plan is based on past needs, some of it is based on what the needs will be in the next 20 years," said

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Business community gathers to celebrate Chamber's 70th year

There is a lot to celebrate this year in Pulaski County. Recently, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce (PCCC) celebrated the business community as well as the organization's 70th anniversary with this year's theme being "Building on a Legacy."

"Over the past 70 years the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce leadership has adapted and expanded Chamber offerings to suite the changing business needs. We continue that philosophy today," said PCCC President and master of ceremonies for the evening, Bill Cunningham.

Delegate Jason Ballard offered the first presentation of the eve-

ning as he presented the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee with a Commendation from the General Assembly of Virginia, Delegate Jason Ballard, and Senator Travis Hackworth. The commendation was in recognition of the organization's 70th anniversary.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet could not be in attendance for this year's Annual event, but joined via Zoom from Brussels to give an entertaining, State of the County address. He shared the great accomplishments of the County as a whole, highlighting the many ribbon cuttings that signify growth in our communi-

ty. Sweet also shared upcoming County projects including the expansion of broadband in Pulaski and the new Sheffey Park coming to Fairlawn.

Each year PCCC recognizes the accomplishments of member businesses and organizations through the presentation of five awards. These awards were presented by members of the PCCC Executive Committee. Congratulations to:

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Choir students selected for All-District

Pulaski County Public Schools

The Pulaski County High School Choral Department saw a large number of students successfully audition recently for the Virginia Choral Directors Association District 7 All-District Chorus.

The Virginia Choral Directors Association is broken down into 16 Districts with high school and college groups from throughout the Commonwealth involved. District 7 includes Pulaski County, Bland, Bluefield College, Bristol, Buchanan County, Carroll County, Clinch Valley College, Dickenson County, Emory and Henry College, Fries,

Galax, Giles County, Lee County, Mountain Empire District Community College, Norton, Russell County, Southwest Virginia Community College, Scott County, Smyth County, Tazewell County, UVA-Wise, Virginia Highlands Community College, Virginia Intermont College, Washington County, Wise County, and Wythe County.

After the auditions were complete, 18 PCHS students were selected in two different groups to represent Pulaski County at the February District performance.

In the Mixed Chorus, which includes all four voice parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass), six students were recognized. Those



Pulaski County Public Schools

Seen here are the PCHS Choral students selected to the All-District 7 Chorus. They are (front, from left) Kalee Hodges, Carlie Keller, Brittany Back, Addisyn Slaughter, Erica Lutz, Leigha Dunford and Jada Huffman. Middle: Clark Mount, Bruce Keller, Colin Hall and James Johnson. Back: Kaydence Conner, Alexis Moran, Enzo Huss, Kaya Akers, Lainey Peake and Kristy Hodges. Not Pictured: Eliza Morgan

students are freshman Leigha Dunford, sophomore Colin Hall, and seniors Alexis Moran, James Johnson, Clark Mount, and Bruce Keller.

Twelve students were selected to be a part of the Treble Chorus, which includes treble voices only (Soprano and Alto). Those students are freshmen Enzo Huss, Jada Huffman, and Kalee Hodges; sophomores Carlie Keller, Ad-

disyn Slaughter, and Kaydence Conner; junior Kristy Hodges; and seniors Brittany Back, Eliza Morgan, Erica Lutz, Lainey Peake, and Kaya Akers.

During the auditions, students were required to sing an art song entitled, "Whither Must I Wander" by Ralph Vaughn Williams and perform a sight-reading exercise. Unlike years before covid, students now record a video audition rather than traveling and auditioning in person.

"I am proud of the way our students have adapted to this new style of 'post covid' auditions," Angela Talbert, PCHS Choral Director said. "It shows their resilience as they continue to move forward. I am so happy that musicians of this caliber will be representing PCHS at District Chorus."

Students will now begin preparing for the All-District event, which will take place February 11-12, 2023, at the Higher Education Center in Abingdon.

Elks to host annual Memorial Service

Exalted Ruler Mike Sink of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elk Pulaski Lodge #1067 cordially invites the public to attend and participate in the 115th annual Memorial Service, Sunday Dec. 4, 2022 at 2 PM.

The open Lodge Ceremony honors the names of departed Elks and re-dedicating of the tablets of Love and Memory. The 2022 memorial is on behalf of Lodge Brother William Morgan Miller Sr. who served in the Lodge for 75 years

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2022 Stuff the Bus effort deemed huge success

Pulaski County Public Schools

The Pulaski County Public Schools Transportation Department, paras and office staff members recently held a “Stuff the Bus” event to help support local families during Thanksgiving. Once again, the event was a huge success.

Stuff the Bus began many years ago, with the intention of helping provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal to families who may not otherwise be able to enjoy one. Families receive a turkey, canned fruits and vegetables, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, biscuit mixes, boxed stuffing, instant macaroni and cheese, cakes mixes, and paper products, along with other items.

“This is a voluntary, community project that our bus drivers, paras, and office staff truly love,” Tina O’Dell of the PCPS Transportation Department said. O’Dell, along with Gracia Nipper, helped spearhead the campaign. “It is a way for us to help ensure that families who are experiencing hardships will receive a turkey and other food items for Thanksgiving. We asked the local school counselors and administrators to develop a list of those families that would need

this service this year. After that, we went to work gathering what all we needed.”

While the event allowed individuals the opportunity to help out, several local organizations and businesses also stepped up.

“Food Lion and Food City in Pulaski, along with Kroger in Fairlawn have always been really great about helping us make this event a success,” O’Dell said. “They have always been very helpful and courteous, and are always willing to help support our children and community in need. There were also several local churches and individuals who made donations, but asked to remain anonymous.”

Donations were taken, either in food items or financial contributions, until November 16 this year. The families were notified and came to pick up their packages Saturday, November 19. This year, the effort was able to provide 200 families with a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

“We just want to thank everyone who helped us make Thanksgiving special for all of these children and their families,” O’Dell said. “It was a community effort and another great example of how we take care of our own.”



Pulaski County Public Schools

Volunteers help fill bags for the annual Stuff the Bus Thanksgiving campaign.

Holiday wreath laying events scheduled for Saturday, December 17

(Richmond) The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and community partners will hold holiday wreath laying events on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Virginia’s three state veterans cemeteries: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, and the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk.

At the Virginia Veterans Cemetery (Amelia), the annual wreath laying ceremony is scheduled for 12 p.m. in partnership with the Virginia Veterans Cemetery Wreath Committee, other community partners, and Wreaths Across America. There will be a special program featuring speakers and patriotic music. At the conclusion of the program, volunteers will place a wreath on each gravesite. Some parking is available at the cemetery – as many vehicles will be accommodated as possible. Attendees are strongly encouraged to carpool. The cemetery is located at 10300 Pridesville Road, Amelia Court House VA 23002.

At the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery (Dublin), the annual wreath laying ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. in partnership with the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers and other community partners. There will be a special program with speakers and patriotic music. At the conclusion of the program, volunteers will place a wreath on each gravesite. Parking is at the Dublin Lions Club (100 Lions Club Road, Dublin VA 24084) with shuttle bus service to the cemetery. Shuttle bus service begins at 12 p.m. There is no parking at the cemetery unless authorized in advance. Additional information available at www.swvavcv.org. The cemetery is located at 5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin VA 24084.

At the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery (Suffolk), the annual wreath laying ceremony is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in partnership with the Horton Wreath Society and other community partners. There will be a special program with speakers and patriotic music. At the conclusion of the program, volunteers will place a wreath on each gravesite. Parking is at Kings Fork High School (351 Kings Fork Road, Suffolk VA 23434) with shuttle bus service to the cemetery. Shuttle service begins at 7 a.m. There is no parking at the cemetery unless authorized in advance. Additional information is available at www.hortonwreathsociety.org. The cemetery is located at 5310 Milners Road, Suffolk VA 23434.

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“The Commonwealth’s three state veterans cemeteries are beautiful and fitting final resting places for thousands of Virginia’s veterans. We invite all of our fellow citizens to visit the cemetery nearest to their home, participate in our wreath laying programs, and pay respect to all our veterans – many of whom may be family members and friends,” said Virginia Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Daniel Gade. “We especially appreciate the dedication and hard work of the hundreds of wreath committee members and other volunteers who raise the funds to purchase the wreaths and place them at each grave each year in December.”

The holiday wreaths will remain in place through early January. For more information, please visit <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/cemeteries/cemetery-information> or contact the offices of any of the three cemeteries.

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MELISSA KAY FINN CHOATE

Melissa Kay Finn Choate, age 45 of Galax passed away Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Born December 14, 1976 in Radford she was the daughter of Rome Garland Finn, Jr. & Connie Jean Flinchum Kegley. She was preceded in death by her brother, Timothy Garland Finn, grandfathers, Archie Flinchum, Rome Garland Finn, Sr., stepfather, Walter Kegley and aunt, Loretta Witt.

Melissa is survived by her Husband – Mark Anthony Choate – Galax

Children – Jacob Wright – Pulaski, Sarah Wright – Galax, Kayla Wright – Pulaski, Leah Choate – Galax

Stepdaughter – Jasmine Choate – Galax

Father & Stepmother – Rome Garland (Lesley) Finn, Jr.

Mother – Connie Jean Flinchum Kegley – Pulaski

Grandmothers – Virginia Finn, Beulah Flinchum

Grandchildren – James, Hunter, Maddie, Jayden and Anthony

Sister – Sharon Renee (Daniel) Timberlake – Missouri

Stepbrothers – Lance, Josh and DJ Akers – Pulaski

Special Nieces and Nephews Christian and Conner, Landon and Journey

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM – Friday, December 2, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Carson Linkous and Alfred Reed officiating. Interment will follow at the Flinchum Cemetery, Hiwassee.

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

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

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



ALMA ILENE RAINES MARTIN

Alma Ilene Raines Martin, age 94 of Pulaski passed away Monday, November 28, 2022 at the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born March 2, 1928 in Rock Camp, West Virginia she was the daughter of the late Ira Homer Raines and Virgie Beatrice Main Raines. Alma was also preceded in death by her husband, Claude Lesslie Martin, daughters, Vivian Green, Betty Steele and grandsons, Tim Martin, Danny Martin, Jr. (Little Danny).

She is survived by her Children

Norma (Charles) Martin – Radford

Gordon (Barbara) Martin – Bland

Bonnie Gravley – Pulaski

Carol (Sophia) Martin – Draper

Rickey Martin – Pulaski

Danny Martin – Hiwassee

15 Grandchildren 18 Great Grandchildren

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Beatrice Williams – Christiansburg, VA

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 1, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Don Jones officiating. The family held a private interment at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Special thanks to the staff at Pulaski Health and Rehab for their loving care, especially Regan and Melinda.

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

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



HAZEL BOWMAN ALLEY

Hazel Bowman Alley, age 99 of Pulaski, died Saturday, November 26, 2022 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Carroll County on April 19, 1923, and was the daughter of the late Viola Vass Bowman and the late William Ernest Bowman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: James H. Alley; a son: James W. Alley; sisters; Helen Bowman Alley, Lottie Bowman Marshall, Rene Bowman; brothers; Burl M. Bowman and William A. Bowman, and a grandson; David Alley. Hazel is survived by a son: Everett "Sonny" (Jolene) Alley of Fairlawn; Daughter in Law: Lois "Elaine" Alley of Pulaski; Sisters; Mary Bowman Burton of Dublin, and Rose Bowman Murphy of Mississippi. She is also survived by grandchildren; James A (Stephanie) Alley of Fairlawn, Sabrina (Tony) Conner of Dublin: great-grandchildren; Bryce (April) Alley of Dublin, Reese Alley of Fairlawn, Lucas (Amy) Conner of Covington, Jennifer (Mark) Reynolds of Christiansburg; great-great-grandchildren; David, James and Anna Conner, Madison and Morgan Capehart, and Hayden Reynolds.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Seagle Funeral Home with Burl Bowman officiating. A private burial was held on Thursday at the Appalachian Conference Pentecostal Holiness Cemetery in Dublin.

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



MARY KATHLEEN HALL RATCLIFF

Mary Kathleen Hall Ratcliff, age 102, flew away in the arms of angels on November 23, 2022. Mama was born in Newbern, Va., and grew up in Pulaski, Va. She received her high school diploma, which she was so proud of. Mama lived a wonderful life, always taking care of everyone, especially her family. Her family was everything to her. After Daddy died, she came to live with her daughter, Sue and her husband... and Sue's mother-in-law came soon afterward, and they had the best time together for the next 12 years. We lost Ruth due to Covid on Valentine's Day and then Mama started transitioning. November 20, at 9:30 p.m., which was a very important day in her life, and we lost her the day before Thanksgiving, losing both our mom's the same year. Mama waited for that call, text or visit, since November 2019, and just could not hold on any longer. Always had an open door for visits and phone calls from her loved ones, especially driving by the road to our house every day. Mama is now with her beloved Walter, whom she loved to the moon and back. In the last few months of her life, she started calling me her "Mama", and for that I feel so blessed.

Mama is survived by her only daughter, Sue Ratcliff Blackwell and husband Gary, and lil' Buttons whom she loved so much. Oh, we had our bad days just like any normal family, but nothing that would keep us from each other. Mama and Daddy had my heart and soul, and they loved me the same. I would have given my last breath for them. My greatest accomplishment was being the caregiver for both of our dads, and then our moms. They depended on me 24/7, and I know how much they appreciated everything I did for them, no matter what came up.... Their motto was "Sue can do it". She has been with me my whole life and I don't know how I will be able to live without her.

Mama is predeceased by her loving husband of 81 years, John Walter Ratcliff, her mother and father, Ezra D. and Mollie Susan Altizer Hall, brothers, Marvin Hall and Cecil Hall, and Sister, Audrey Irene Hall. She has several nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

I would like to thank Nobel Senior Living and all the girls there that gave mom so much love and attention, Medi Home Hospice, Nurse Marcia and Chaplain Mike,



BEA CARMINES PAINE

Bea Carmines Paine passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, November 20th, 2022 at the age of 96. Bea was born in Poquoson, Virginia on August 18, 1926, the daughter of William Lisle Carmines and Homer Virginia Firman Carmines.

Bea was the second child of eight and truly adored her brothers and sisters. Her beloved mother tended to the home, while her father worked as a waterman taking his boat out most every morning to harvest crabs or oysters. The Carmines were a happy if not wealthy family who together withstood the hurricane of 1933 that nearly floated their little home off its foundations.

Bea graduated from High School in 1943 and the next year, along with her sister Ann, joined the Cadet Nurse Corps. Bea attended the Richmond Professional Institute and graduated from the Stuart Circle Hospital Nursing School of Richmond. With the war over, Bea began working as an operating room nurse in Richmond at the Medical College of Virginia. This is where she met her future husband Dr. Jim Paine in the summer 1949. Bea and Jim married on December 10th of that same year. When Jim finished his residency in Richmond, the two moved briefly to Charleston, West Virginia before settling in Bluefield in 1950. Tragically, sister Ann passed away from cancer in 1954, a devastating blow to Bea, but they are now reunited in heaven, as are others of Bea's brothers and sisters who have already passed from time into eternity.

Initially, the growing Paine family lived on Bluefield's Shady Avenue but in 1964 they relocated to their newly built house on Mountain View Avenue. Bea and Jim became deeply involved in the greater Bluefield community, with Jim initially doing surgery at the Sanitarium and then Bluefield Regional Medical Center with Bea acting as manager for his medical office on North Street.

In 1977, Bea became the first woman ever elected to the Bluefield City Board, a position she would hold for 16 years. For 8 of those years, she served as the city's Vice Mayor.

Her priority as a newly elected city board member was to save the old Bluefield City Hall building from demolition, as had been planned. In the second year of her term, Bea formed a nonprofit

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JEFFREY TODD CONNER

Jeffrey Todd Conner, born February 16, 1963, left this earth in the early morning hours of November 24, 2022. Todd was loved by many who enjoyed his jovial spirit and caring nature. Todd's door was always open to anyone in need and he was known for hosting many family gatherings and holiday dinners over the years. Although we all rejoice that he is in the embrace of Jesus Christ and pain free, Todd will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. Todd is preceded in death by his father, William Conner; son, Brandon Conner; and nephew, Darin Conner.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Sue Conner; former wife and friend, Brenda Conner; son and daughter-in-law, Christopher Conner (Crystal); sisters and brother-in-law, Wendy Roope (Charlie), and Tami Conner; brother and sister-in-law, Mathew Conner (Sandy); grandsons, Nicholas Conner, Gavin Roseberry and Keyton Warden; granddaughter, Evelyn Conner; and many nieces and nephews.

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As per mom's request, her services were private.

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VIRGINIA ELIZABETH "LIBBY" MARTIN SAUL
Virginia Elizabeth "Libby" Martin Saul, 82, of Radford, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Corbett "Corby" Lester and Mary Edith Martin; and her son, Wendell Lee Hypes.

Survivors include her loving husband of 39 years, David Saul; brother and sister-in-law, John and Karen Martin; special niece, Donna Hager; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

RONOLD S. GRIMES

Ronold S. Grimes, 59 of Pulaski died Nov. 23, 2022.

Born May 21, 1953 he was preceded in death by his father, John Grimes, and brothers, Ray Grimes and Gary Grimes.

He is survived by his mother, Maxine Grimes; brother, Mike Grimes; wife, Melissa Grimes; son, Jason Grimes; nephews, Dillon Grimes and Cody Grimes; niece, Lakey Grimes.



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Crystal Eugenia Forbes was born on May 24th 1962 in Radford, VA to the late Carl Edwards Forbes and the late Julie Hodge (McCoy). Crystal met her husband Steven Crapps and settled in Dublin, VA. They eventually moved to Chesapeake, VA. Crystal battled a tedious long-term illness which she succumbed to on November 22, 2022.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father. Survivors include: her loving husband Steven Crapps of Chesapeake, VA. Her stepchildren Brandon (Amy) Beecher of Dublin, VA, Patrick (Amanda) Beecher of Dublin, VA and Ashlee Vesey of Norfolk, VA. Her grandchildren Emily Beecher, Joseph Beecher, Andrew Beecher and Madilynn Beecher of Dublin, VA and grandchildren David Vesey, Madison Vesey and Katelyn Vesey of Norfolk, VA. Sisters Carol Johnston (Dublin, VA), Julie Stover (Dublin, VA), Wendy Minnick (Pulaski, VA) and Stormie Kidd (Pulaski, VA). Brothers Shakie Forbes (Laurel Fork, VA) and Jim Price (Wytheville, VA). Crystal has numerous nieces and nephews in which she loved dearly.

At this time, no services are planned. Crystal was a loving wife and mother as well as a wonderful grandmother. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She is now flying high with Tweety Bird.

Dublin Yule Parade set 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.

Conner

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The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Pulaski. Memorial services will begin at 12 Noon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Trinity Lutheran Of Pulaski Social Ministry Fund, 2 5th St., NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

The Conner family is in the care of Mullins's Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia.

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Book signing by local author this Saturday

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Local entrepreneur and author Yvetta Gueste is holding a book signing at 1 p.m. this Saturday, December 3 at Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin. The book is titled, "You Are Set Up To Win" and focuses on Yvetta and several other women who have become successful businesses owners.

Gueste and her husband, Walter, moved to the New River Valley from the Chicago area many years ago. Walter came to work for Kollmorgen in Radford, while Yvetta spent several years working in administration at New River Community College.

When the pandemic hit, Yvetta began having a change of heart regarding her career.

"We started teleworking from home in March 2020," said Yvetta. "Once I punched off the clock at 4 p.m., I would work on my business. I did that from March 2020 to February 2021. So, I retired from corporate America in February 2021 and decided to work full time on my own business, Paparazzi Jewelry."

These days, Yvetta sells her jewelry on Spotify and regularly does live video presentations on her Facebook page promoting her wares. A room in her Radford home serves as her office and warehouse for her jewelry business.

"When you make a decision, you have to work the numbers and make goals," Yvetta related. "So, when I saw that I could do this and when I saw the numbers coming in, it was that much easier to go full steam ahead."

Yvetta admittedly loves jewelry and shoes, but that hasn't always been the case ... at least the jewelry part.

"When I was growing up I was a Tomboy," Yvetta recounted. "My ears weren't pierced and I didn't wear any type of jewelry. I played basketball and wore Chuck

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REMINDER

Town of Pulaski Real Estate tax bills for the 2nd half of 2022 have been mailed. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

This Tax must be paid on or before December 5, 2022 by 5:00 pm to avoid penalty or interest being added.

Payments should be address to the Town of Pulaski Finance Dept. PO Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301

Notice is hereby given that the Finance Office for the Town of Pulaski will be open Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00, except for holidays to receive payments for Real Estate Taxes. The Town of Pulaski Office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st St. NW Pulaski VA 24301. For the convenience of the taxpayer there is a night drop located at the rear of the building. Payments can also be made online at www.officalpayments.com – locality # is 6210 or pay by phone @ 1-800-272-9829.

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Biden’s misplaced emphasis on one gun

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

We now know at least one of the priorities of the Biden administration during the remaining weeks Democrats control the House of Representatives. The president says he would try to “get rid of assault weapons.” Speaking to reporters at his Nantucket, Massachusetts, holiday house, Biden said: “The idea [that] we still allow semi-automatic weapons to be purchased is sick. Just sick. It has no, no social redeeming value. Zero. None. Not a single solitary rationale for it except profit for the gun manufacturers.”

His statement followed a shooting at a gay nightclub in Colorado Springs. The gunman used an AR-15-style semi-automatic weapon. He also had a handgun which a hero used to beat and subdue him.

Another shooting at a Walmart in Chesapeake, Virginia, involved a handgun. The killer murdered six people and then killed himself. Did laws already on the books deter these men from murdering others? How would more laws achieve compliance?

Then there is the unsolved murder of four college students in Moscow, Idaho, in which a knife was used. No one is calling for knives to be banned. Someone intent on murder will find a way to kill no matter how many laws are passed.

Banning a so-called “assault weapon” (which neither the president nor few other gun control advocates have defined), would not have deterred the Virginia and Colorado shooters. Laws against murder did not stop the Idaho stabber.

What has been missing in the continuing debate about guns is a focus on the declining value of our culture places on life, as well as any notion of personal responsibility and accountability for one’s actions. From the continued advocacy by some for no restrictions on abortion, to states that have passed assisted-suicide legislation, the value on human life “endowed by our Creator” has eroded like sand at the seashore. Perhaps this is in part due to the increasing number of us who no longer listen to the Creator’s voice, choosing instead to live as we please. If we see ourselves only as evolutionary accidents in a meaningless universe, then some will believe they can live with no restraints, even to the point of killing fellow humans. This also helps explain the crime wave and disregard for human lives in some of our major cities where people now fear going out at night.

What difference might it make if instead of imposing the latest fads and trends in our schools and universities, students were taught what matters most - honor, integrity, a moral code that has been accepted by most Americans for generations, along with the previously mentioned personal responsibility and accountability for one’s actions? But don’t people have different views on such things? One might ask how those different views are working out and advise a return to the values that once promoted the general welfare.

The buzzwords “diversity,” “inclusion” and “equity” have replaced right and wrong and we are suffering the consequences.

C.S. Lewis had it right when he wrote on moral values: “Really great moral teachers never do introduce new moralities: it is quacks and cranks who do that. ... The real job of every moral teacher is to keep on bringing us back, time after time, to the old simple principles which we are all so anxious not to see; like bringing a horse back and back to the fence it has refused to jump or bringing a child back and back to the bit in its lesson that it wants to shirk.”

Instead of focusing on passing more gun laws, when those on the books haven’t worked, perhaps President Biden should spend some time reading Lewis.

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Avoiding Holiday Shopping Scams

It’s that time of year again when we do holiday shopping, much of it online. It’s also the time when more scammers come out.

And what is it scammers want most? They want your personal information so they can turn it into cash and fraudulent purchases.

Here are a few ways to avoid getting scammed online this holiday season:

Beware sales emails that include links, even if the email is from a store you usually use. Thieves are very good at making their scam pages look genuine. Instead of clicking a link, open a web browser and go directly to the website itself. Sometimes the email will request that you update your account information. Instead, call the store and ask if they’ve sent out that request.

Beware the tracking emails you get with updates about packages that you’re expecting. Remember that genuine FedEx and UPS emails won’t ask for any personal information from you. Don’t click links. Go directly to the website.

Be careful where you shop online. Check reviews to see what others have to say. Avoid those with few or low ratings.

Consider using Amazon for most of your online purchases and having a Prime membership. Amazon is good at protecting customers when it comes to you receiving damaged items or not receiving

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by Matilda Charles

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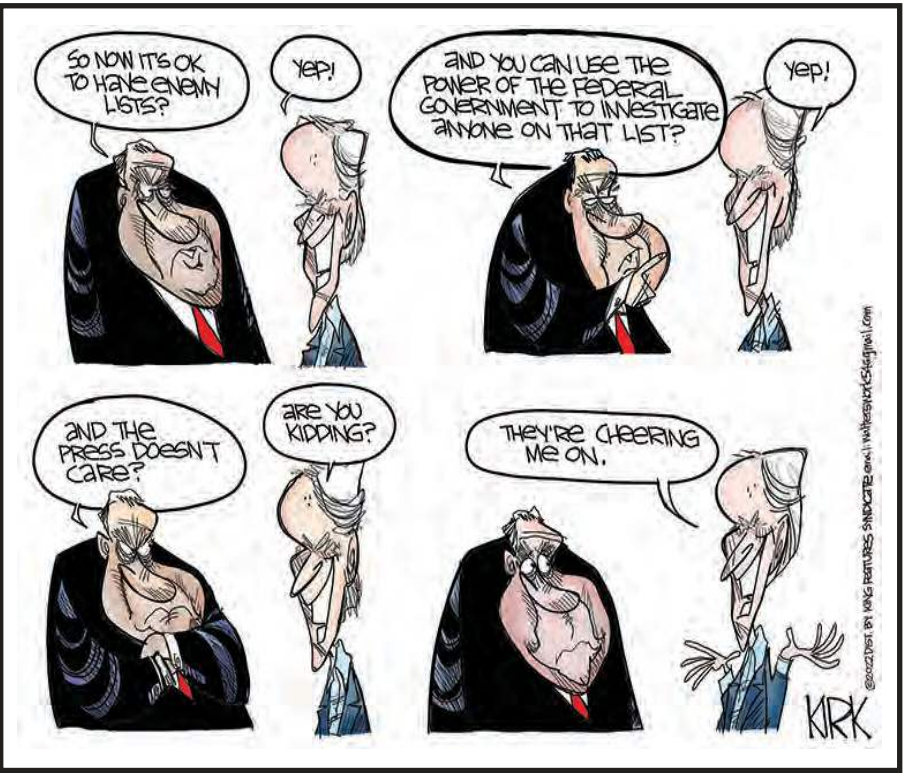
If you are scammed, report it. Call your bank and the police, and then notify the Elder Fraud Hotline at 833-372-8311.

A goal for 2023: Go inside your bank to do your transaction now and then. Yes, it’s easier to just use the drive-up window for deposits and cash withdrawals, but there is a lot to be said for letting them put a face to a name. Once they know you and your banking habits, they’re more able to quickly identify anything that might be wrong.

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On Turning 80

BY CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

“Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures (Psalm 90:10) A TV ad for a dietary supplement features a woman who says, “Age is just a number and mine is unlisted.”

Mine is not unlisted and a simple internet search can reveal it, so I will admit it. I was born Dec. 2, 1942, which makes me 80 years old on Thursday. President Biden and I now have something in common.

In some cultures, wisdom is thought to have been attained by people who reach such an age. Not so much in contemporary America as youth is worshiped and wisdom is thought to be whatever one reads online.

When I was one, my Dad was drafted into World War II as were many other men. He was gone for two years, but a community of neighbors became like family to many in similar situations. He and his brothers came back. Not everyone did.

I and my fellow high school classmates, who have also turned 80 this year, are fortunate to have grown up at a time when families mostly stayed together, when right and wrong were taught at home and in schools and when you were responsible for whatever choices you made.

In my years in journalism, first as a reporter and now a columnist, I have met every president of the United States since John F. Kennedy. The current one I recall meeting when he was a senator. As a reporter for NBC News and a network affiliate in Houston, I was privileged to meet and work with people I still regard as great journalists. Their signed pictures hang on my office wall to remind me of what real journalism once looked like.

I treasure another picture. It is of my mother (age 11), grandmother and great-grandmother standing next to President Warren Harding in the White House driveway. They were regular visitors to the White House because my ma-

ternal grandfather and Grace Coolidge, wife of the 30th president, were first cousins and frequent companions.

That picture reminds me of something else; that while presidents and politicians change, none can make your life better. That’s your job and mine. Coolidge shared the same belief and expressed it in the way he lived and spoke and in his policies which reflected his view that the government should tax less so the people might have more.

In my columns over the last nearly 39 years (more than 4,000 of them), I have sought to remind readers of those old values, which became old because they worked for most people who embraced them.

Among the many privileges from a career in journalism are the many talented and intelligent people I have been fortunate to meet. No other job of which I am aware allows you to associate with such a diverse group, from presidents and prime ministers, to astronauts, singers, composers, actors and physicians, especially the One known as the Great Physician, who has shaped my thinking and my life.

I’ve been asked when I will retire, but I can’t think of anything that matches or exceeds expressing my opinions and getting paid for them. If good health continues, and with the approval of editors around the country, I shall press on, annoying liberals for as long as I am able.

In this, my examples include the British journalist, William Rees-Mogg, who was still writing in his 80s and Tom Wolfe, who lived to be 88 and wrote until near the end of his life. I humbly admit I am not in their league, but I shall keep working at it as long as strength endures.

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Kevin McCarthy’s Task

Kevin McCarthy may now have the hardest job in Washington.

Assuming that he becomes speaker of the House, which will require the near-unanimous support of his caucus and isn’t necessarily a foregone conclusion, he’s signing up for the most miserable experience of any congressional leader since John Boehner barely controlled a Republican House majority in the Obama years.

Boehner presided over a caucus infused with new tea party members who expected to do great things, when the leverage a congressional majority has over a president of the opposite party is inherently limited.

The mismatch between their hopes and their power led to continual frustration, which was taken out on Boehner. By the time he resigned, the Ohio Republican could be forgiven for wondering if his dog was going to turn against him.

Now, House Republicans will have a microscopic majority in a Washington still arrayed against them. It will be hard enough to pass anything consequential or controversial out of the House before it runs into a brick wall in the Democratic-controlled Senate. House Republicans presumably won’t be able to get their handiwork within hailing distance of President Joe Biden’s veto pen.

In light of this, the first priority for House Republicans should be tempering expectations. Their most important achievement has already occurred -- namely ensuring that Nancy Pelosi will no longer be speaker with all that that entails for Biden’s agenda.

Making the most of their opportunity otherwise will require some realism, subtlety and creativity.

Deadline-driven fights loom over the debt limit and budget next year. Republicans will want to extract their pound of flesh but shouldn’t overestimate their influence. They aren’t going to reform entitlements or put the U.S. on a fundamentally different fiscal path in a dramatic, down-to-the wire confrontation over the debt limit or a possible government shutdown. Usually, the aggressors in such fights lose, and it’ll be hard to maintain GOP unity with more cautious Republican senators hesitant to go down this path.

Republicans would be well-served to choose a few plausible policy objectives at the outset of these fights -- say, revoking the new Biden IRS agents -- rather than coming up with large, superficially attractive demands that inevitably have to be abandoned.

Then, there are the investigations. Here, Republicans don’t have to worry about the balancing act involved in getting to 2018 votes. The House Oversight Committee can simply get busy. There are still pitfalls to avoid, though.

The Hunter Biden investigation obviously needs to focus on the public corruption and the question of the president’s involvement more than Hunter’s lurid personal life. Republicans should steer clear

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- Small Business of the Year, presented by Shelia Smith: Mountain 2 Island.

- Business Excellence of the Year, presented by Sean Pressman: SERVPRO of Montgomery and Pulaski Counties.

- Business Executive of the Year, presented by Dr. John Knarr: Anthony Smith of Service Contracting of Virginia.

The final award of the night was the Community Champion Award recognizing a business or organization that makes significant contributions to the well-being, economic growth, or make other strides to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Pulaski. This award went to New River Valley Community Services for their PCPC program of work as they focus on the health and wellbeing of our citizens, offering programs that assist in addiction treatment and mental health. The award was presented by 2021 recipient Dr. William Hale with Martin's Pharmacy, and Shay Dunnigan and Lisa Webb who are not only Executive Committee members, but also a part of PCPC.

Bill Cunningham concluded the program by recapping 2022 and sharing some of the events and programs in store for 2023. "The new members total for this year is a record high 45 new members. We will continue our referral program in the coming year. Thank you to our members, to the Towns of Dublin and Pulaski, and the County of Pulaski for assisting us in building our membership base and strengthening our network," said Bill Cunningham.

In celebration of 70 years, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce partnered with promotional member businesses to bring advertising to members. Thank you to those partners: New River Radio, **The Patriot**, Positive Radio, Sign Systems, and Southwest Times. Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce would also like to thank the sponsors for this event: First Onward Visuals – Video Sponsor, Bank and Trust Company, National Bank of Blacksburg – Reception Sponsor, SERVPRO of Montgomery and Pulaski Counties – Presenting Sponsor, and Truliant Federal Credit Union – the Event Sponsor.

Lowery

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of any counterprogramming on January 6, especially given what the midterms showed about the political costs of any association with “Stop the Steal.” And impeaching Biden without even a majority in the Senate would be an exercise in futility.

Otherwise, the field is wide open for probes that could be substantively important and politically useful, whether on the origins of COVID-19, how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other government entities responded to the pandemic, the Afghan withdrawal, and government pressure on social media companies.

Finally, House Republicans should pass legislation, not in the hopes of getting any of it signed, but to show that the party has a solution-oriented agenda. This was an element of the party's message that was woefully lacking in the run-up to the midterms. They should pass bills to address inflation, support families, control the border, move toward a more merit-based legal immigration system, push back against the "woke" education bureaucracy, reduce college costs, and point in a more sensible direction on crime.

The party should demonstrate that it's pro-family and pro-law and order, while trying to sell itself to the middle again as serious and competent.

This will be no small task with a very narrow, fractious majority, but no one said Kevin McCarthy's job would be easy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



Delegate Jason Ballard presents members of the chamber's Executive Committee with a General Assembly Commendation.



SERVPRO of Montgomery and Pulaski Counties won the Business Excellence of the Year Award.



Small Business of the Year Award was won by Mountain 2 Island.



Calfee Community and Cultural Center was awarded the Non-Profit Excellence Award.



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Paine

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corporation dedicated to saving the building and had it placed on the National Historic Register. In 1981, the historic old City Hall building was rededicated as the Bluefield Arts and Science Center and has served the citizenry in this capacity ever since. A large room on the 1st floor was named the Paine Gallery in Bea's honor.

In addition, as a Bluefield City Board member, Bea started one of the first city-based recycling services in the region, initiated the "Sister City" program with Lithgow Australia, established a Flea Market at the city's parking building, started Project Graduation in Bluefield along with Herb Simms, organized much of the city's Centennial celebrations and was instrumental in bringing the Ridge Runner railroad from the top of East River Mountain to its current home in the Bluefield City Park. Bea also established a Fitness Trail at the same city park.

Bea Paine was also chairwoman for the Mercer County Board of Health, President of the Mercer County Medical Society Auxiliary, a member of the board of directors for the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia and the Pocahontas Centennial Commission and President of the Bluefield Centennial Commission. She also served as Community Coordinator for the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce.

Bea was named the 1991 Honoree for the Bluefield Quota Club because of "her many accomplishments in the community." Bea was an active member of the Bluefield Rotary Club, where she became President of the Bluefield Chapter and was subsequently elected Governor of District 7550 in the year 2000. During her time in Rotary, Bea established an exchange student program and welcomed many of these foreign students into her own home.

Always deeply involved in her children's lives, for many years Bea hosted an annual social gathering for local schoolteachers, which filled the house with the delicious scent of spiced tea. Bea was also instrumental in establishing the first Bluefield High School Soccer team, with one son playing (Patrick) and another son helping to coach the team (John).

Bea, along with her husband Jim, pursued a variety of interests ... like flying. Bea took flight instruction from veteran

pilot Wilson Dunn and earned her pilot's license in 1971.

Keeping physically fit was always a top priority and Bea made a habit of running five miles around the track at Bluefield High School at the start of every day. Bea was a regular at the tennis courts in the 70's and 80's and when wintertime came, she and the rest of the family would go snow skiing. Bea skied in New England, the Rockies and Europe but mostly at Snowshoe WV, where she and Jim built a Geodesic Dome for weekend escapes.

Bea Paine was truly a multifaceted person but the influence of her faith in Christ should not be underestimated. The Paine family have been long time members of Christ Episcopal Church, where Bea sung in the choir and became the first woman to serve on the church Vestry as well as the first female Senior Warden. Bea also served as President of the Episcopal Church Women of WV.

Her dinner blessings always ended with the phrase, 'And may we be ever mindful of the needs of others,' which is truly emblematic for how Bea lived her life.

Especially in her later years, Bea practiced a morning devotional where she read passages from the Bible and inspirational books followed by periods of prayer. Ever mindful of the needy, Bea and Jim sponsored children from impoverished areas throughout the world. Bea kept their pictures and letters displayed on a kitchen cabinet.

Often writing down quotes from her Bible in her daily notebook, Bea recently picked out a few verses from Paul's epistles to the Corinthians: "Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." Continuing, "Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So - faith, hope, and love abide; these three - but the greatest of these is love."

Bea is survived by Doctor Albert James Paine Sr., her husband of 73 years and her six children Teresa Paine, Pamela Abada (Mordechai), Jim Paine, John Paine, William Patrick Paine (Gina) and Rick Parsons (Rachael). Bea is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren who all called her "BB."

The grandchildren include Ann Fernandez (Jason), William Czarnik, Shanley Hypes (Stephen), Kelsey Paine (Case Scheifer), Katie Paine, Grace Campbell Gooding Paine, Jordan Abada, Jonathan Abada (Katherine), Juliana Valentine Paine and James Paine. Bea's great grandchildren

include Benjamin and Kathryn Bea Fernandez, Owen and Tucker Hypes and Gianna Bea Abada.

She is also survived by her sisters Fran Corey and Brenda Beckelic. Her siblings Ann Payne, Ede Nelson, Lelia Romo, George Carmines and Bill Carmines predeceased her.

Bea leaves behind many bereaved friends and relatives, each of whom is a better person to have known her. At the end of her life Bea was able to be home surrounded by those who loved her.

The whole Paine family thanks you for your warmest well-wishes. Bea C. Paine's funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on January 7th at Christ Episcopal Church in Bluefield. A church reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Christ Episcopal Church Rector's Discretionary Fund at 200 Duhring Street in Bluefield or the Union Mission of Bluefield West Virginia at 2203 Bluefield Avenue in Bluefield WV.

Gueste

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Taylor All Star Sneakers ... I had them in every color. As I got older and entered into corporate America, I realized I had to take on a different look and it was then when I started wearing jewelry and I have ever since."

Yvetta is one of a group of 10 lady entrepreneurs who call themselves the "Ebony All-Stars," and it was them, along with a publisher friend of Yvetta's, who came up with the idea of writing, "You Are Set Up To Win." Each of these ladies, including Yvetta, wrote one chapter in the book.

"Owning your own business is better," said Yvetta. "You're making your own hours. Calling the shots and managing your own time is much better than working for someone else."

Yvetta will be at Valley Harvest Ministries this Saturday at 1 p.m., to sign copies of her new book.

"What God put in you, is in you to be the winner he created you to be," Yvetta related. "So everything you need is already in you. You're already set up to win. So many people are afraid to venture out and do something different, you've just got to take that initial step."



Snowville Lodge No. 159 photo

50 Years Of Continuous Masonic Service

Snowville Masonic Lodge No. 159 recently held its annual Awards Dinner at the Snowville Ruritan Building. Pictured here, Right Worshipful David H. McPeak is shown presenting Bro. Rodney Lee Scott with his certificate and gold pin honoring him for 50 years of continuous Masonic service. It should be noted that Bro. Scott served the citizens of Pulaski County as a Deputy Sheriff and retired after a long and distinguished career.



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Pulaski PD Adds UTV

The Pulaski Police Department has a new crime fighting / community assist vehicle in the form of a UTV (utility task vehicle). According to the department's Facebook posting, the UTV was funded solely by grant monies awarded to the department. The UTV will be housed at the Police Department and will be used for the following: Community policing and town events such as parades and exhibitions; Patrolling the New River Trail beginning at the Pulaski Train Station; Patrolling rough terrain areas for criminal activity; Patrolling large off-road areas not accessible to patrol vehicles, such as Draper Mountain Trails and Search and rescue operations.

About RSV infection

Laura Reasor
Associate Family and Consumer Science Agent, Pulaski/Giles

Respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Although most people recover in a week or two, RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults. RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children younger than 1 year of age in the United States.

Individuals infected with RSV usually show symptoms within 4 to 6 days after becoming infected. Symptoms include: runny nose, decrease in appetite, coughing, sneezing, fever, and wheezing.

These symptoms appear in stages, and often not all at once. In very young infants, the only symptoms may be irritability, decreased activity, and breathing difficulties. RSV spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes, when the virus droplets from a cough or sneeze comes into your eyes, nose, or mouth, when you have direct contact with the virus (like kissing), and when you touch a surface that has the virus on it. Those infected with RSV are usually contagious for 3 to 8 days and may be contagious a day or two before signs of symptoms. Anyone with a weakened immune system, such as

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Pre-registration is now underway for the Big Christmas Celebration through Monday Dec. 5th at Emanuel Book Store, The Patriot Newspaper, Cougar Express and at Taking It To The Streets Ministries 276-620-4293.

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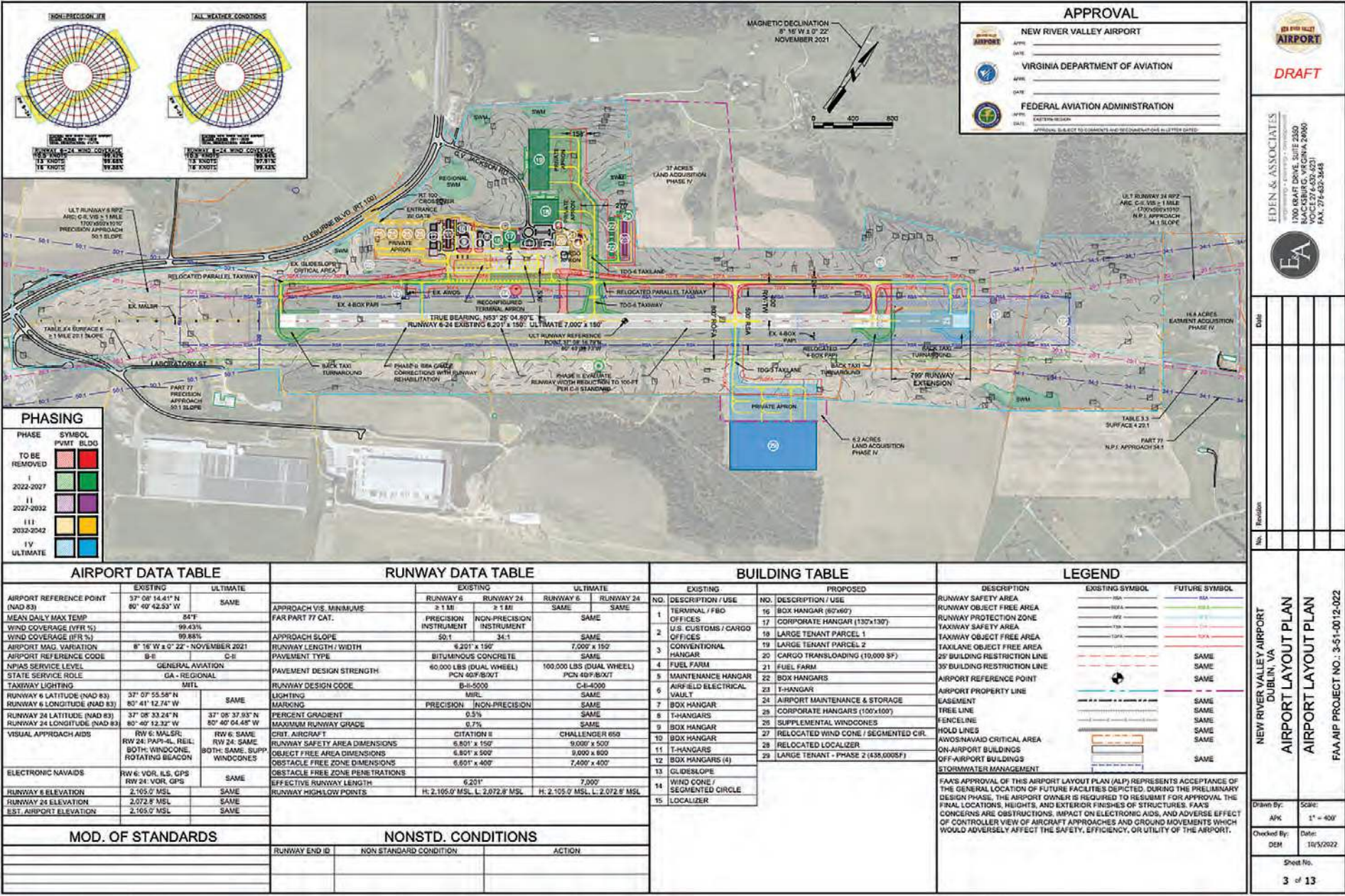


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Airport

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Brummitt. “Hanger space is a perfect example for that. All of our hangars are completely full. “We’ve got a waiting list that is a mile long. It’s a regional issue in Southwest Virginia where all the airports are completely full and have hangar waiting lists.”

“A parallel taxiway is a safety related project, so that would be funded with Federal Money,” said Andrew Kratzer of Eden and Associates. “Other developments could be completely

private. The state would pay for sitework for the hanger, but they wouldn’t pay for the building.”

The green blocks marked 18 and 19 are “tenant parcels” that could serve airport related private businesses or simply businesses that want to take advantage of close proximity to the airport.

“The larger buildings are for a larger aeronautical user, like a major repair or overhaul or a painting shop,” said Brummitt. “Something like that that would paint a larger sized aircraft like a Boeing 7 series. This airport is uniquely designed in that there is a lot of commercial property

right next to the airport. Most airports in Virginia don’t have this much space. So, it’s very much geared towards large aeronautical usage.”

Retention ponds marked SWM on the diagram will have to be constructed to control the runoff from the impermeable surfaces created by these new buildings and their parking lots.

“These projects will likely occur in the next five years” said Brummitt. “Hangers will be based on demand but will most likely happen in five years, but if you don’t have these on the plan, then you can’t build it. If the FAA approves of the plan, you

don’t have to jump through any hoops to get this done because it’s already been approved.”

There are no plans to resume passenger service, as when Piedmont flew regular flights into Pulaski County several years ago.

“If passenger service were to resume, we have a baggage check and an office available for the TSA, but there’s no huge demand now,” said Brummitt. “I think it’s a combination of the interstate highway system making car travel more efficient and the rising expense of air travel.”

Though the NRV Airport is unlikely to see passenger service anytime soon, shipments of

freight are expected to continue and even grow well into the future.

“Volvo makes the majority of our freight,” said Brummitt. “We’ve actually got Volvo freight on the ramp right now. Parts that end up at Volvo probably make 60 to 70 percent of our commercial traffic. The rest of it would be commuter traffic, private charters, things of that nature.”

Other long-term goals for the NRV Airport include extending the 6,201 foot runway to 7,000 feet in length, as well as acquiring more land adjacent to the airport for future expansion.

New statewide database gives victims’ families hope

By DARLENE JOHNSON
Capital News Service

RICHMOND, Va. — William H. “Bozo” Winston Jr. was athletic and family oriented up until the day of his murder in 1986. He was 23 years old.

“We played football, basketball — whatever — together,” said Taras Winston Sr., William’s brother and youngest of four siblings. “When he had a chance, he would always pick me, put me on his team.”

William played football at

Armstrong High School and basketball at the Powhatan Community Center in Richmond, his brother said. He also played baseball and was a lifeguard.

Taras Winston had a good relationship with his brother until William started selling drugs, he said.

“He just got involved with the wrong gang and it cost him his life,” said brother Darryl Winston.

On the morning of March 12, 1986, Taras Winston told William he loved him and would see him after school. William was not

there when he returned home.

Taras Winston was home alone that night when Henrico County police rang the doorbell. Police held William’s ID. Taras Winston thought William was in trouble with the law, but police eventually told him William was found dead near a creek.

William was shot in the head and multiple times all over his body. He was the first murder victim in the county that year, according to a video about the case made by Henrico County. His case remains unsolved almost four decades later.

Virginia State Police partnered

this year with enforcement agencies across the state to create a database of unsolved, or “cold” cases. The database, launched in June, includes unsolved homicides and unidentified and missing people cases. The Winston family hopes the database could surface more leads to find William’s killer.

Tragedy struck the Winston family again almost a year later when they lost their cousin Judson Calvin to gun violence. The Winston brothers think Calvin’s murder was connected to William’s murder. They believe Calvin, whose case also remains

unsolved, may have been murdered for what he knew about William’s murder.

Del. Danica Roem, D-Manassas, had unanimous support from both chambers for her 2020 measure to create the statewide database. She introduced the bill in 2018, but it was killed in appropriations. Lawmakers appropriated over \$100,000 to create the database and fund a full-time employee to maintain the website. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, budget spending was put on pause because of economic uncertainty, Roem

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RSV

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bies and older adults, can continue to spread the virus even after they stop showing symptoms, for as long as 4 weeks.

To relieve symptoms, manage fever and pain with over-the-counter fever reducers and pain relievers. Be sure to drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration, and talk to your healthcare provider before giving children any nonprescription cold medicines.

The best ways to reduce the

spread of RSV include: cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, not your hands, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid close contact with others, and clean frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, handles, and mobile devices.

More information about RSV can be found online at www.cdc.gov.

TOWN OF DUBLIN TAX NOTICE

2022 2ND HALF REAL ESTATE & 2022 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE BY DECEMBER 5TH, 2022

The Town of Dublin Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of additional penalty and interest charges that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment by December 5th, 2022. Taxes must be paid or postmarked on or before December 5th, 2022 to avoid penalty and interest.

The Dublin Municipal Building, located at 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding holidays, to receive payments. For your convenience there is a drop-box outside the municipal building for payments. Payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 1066 Dublin, VA 24084 or online payments can be made at www.dublintown.org

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Meetings, closing in Pulaski County in December

• Tuesday, December 13, 2022, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Tuesday, December 13, 2022, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

• Monday, December 19, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County

Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, December 20, 2022, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

• Tuesday, December 20, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration

Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

• Friday, December 23, 2022, Pulaski County Offices will be closed and reopen on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, in observance of Christmas. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2022,

and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, in observance of Christmas. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be closed on Saturday, December 24, and Sunday, December 25, 2022, in observance of Christmas. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will reopen on Monday, December 26, 2022. Garbage will be collected on regular schedule Monday, December 26, through Friday, December 30, 2022.

• The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be closed on Saturday, Decem-

ber 31, 2022, and Sunday, January 1, 2023, in observance of the New Year. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2023. Garbage collection for Public Service Authority (PSA) customers will be regular schedule Monday, January 2, through Friday, January 6, 2023.

• Monday, January 2, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of the New Year. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of the New Year.

Hope

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said. Virginia State Police began designing the website based on unsolved case databases in other states, such as Connecticut and Florida.

“We put this [the bill] in because other states have existing precedence or other cases being solved because other states have cold case databases,” Roem said.

The database could bring closure, accountability and justice to unsolved crimes, Roem said. It was also important that the public knows about unsolved cases, she said, to make this information accessible while maintaining “government transparency and government accountability.”

The database has expanded to over 100 cases and more will be added over time. There have been over 100 clicks to the website since its launch in July, stated Corinne Geller, Virginia State Police public relations director, in an October email reply.

News coverage, along with promotion from law enforcement, state prosecutors and courts will help garner attention to the database and cases, Roem believes.

Darryl and Taras Winston said news, media and digital billboards should be utilized to raise awareness for unsolved cases.

The state police's goal is to “keep increasing awareness of the cold case website and its reach among the public,” Geller stated.

“Just because the murders haven't [been] solved doesn't mean they're not still relevant,” Roem said.

Darryl and Taras Winston hope to see Williams's case put into the database. Henrico County, where William was murdered, is not one of the 15 law enforcement offices listed on the site as database contributors.

The discussion of Henrico

County police joining the state database is ongoing, Lt. Matthew Pecka stated in an email. Spreading information about these cases is important to generate leads and new discussions, he stated.

“We're looking for something to be done about it,” Taras Winston said. “Any help that we can get at solving my brother's case, we'll greatly appreciate that ... the smallest thing might be the thing that breaks the case open.”

Key witnesses sometimes wait “years later” until they feel safe to speak to law enforcement, or sometimes suspects make a “deathbed confession,” Geller stated.

“Sometimes a person's conscience gets the better of them and prompts them to turn themselves in,” Geller stated.

Darryl Winston believes witnesses may have been worried about their own encounters with law enforcement. He hopes people will be more comfortable coming forward now since 36 years have passed.

People can contribute tips — even anonymous tips — through the website, or contact the lead law enforcement agency investigating a case.

An unsolved homicide case dating back to 2003 received new leads thanks to the database, according to a report from The Roanoke Times.

“It's effective and it works,” Roem said, “but it will only be effective and it will only work if the public knows about it and if the public engages with it.”

Other cold cases out of Henrico County currently not in the database are the violent murders of Mike Margaret and Donna Hall in August 1984. Margaret, 21, and Hall, 18, were found stabbed to death with their throats cut in a wooded area that is now a suburban landscape. The narcotic sedative Demerol was found in their blood, police said. There has long been speculation they knew their attackers and that the couple were dabbling in drug use with possible interest to purchase a larger quantity.

Police have never unearthed any clear motive for the gruesome murder. Investigators had limited access to DNA from the crime scene, due to heavy rains between

when the murders likely took place and when the bodies were found by a dog walker.

Scott Margaret, Mike's brother, is satisfied with police work on the case “in a lot of ways,” but he thinks “too much red tape” gets in the way of solving the crime. Some agencies might not want to work together because they want to solve the cases on their own, he said.

“The quicker you get outside help in some of these cases, the quicker you will be able to solve a lot of them,” Margaret said.

To raise more awareness for unsolved cases and the database, Margaret suggested ads on local news stations, pop-up ads online and information on interstate billboards.

Margaret will request his brother and Hall's case be added to the unsolved case database.

Roem recommends citizens visit the website at least once, to see if they recognize a case or have a tip to contribute.

“Don't just see this as a nice gesture from the state,” Roem said. “There is potential for positive outcomes as awareness of the database grows.”

Cases are displayed on the homepage at random to ensure all victims are highlighted equally, according to state police. Cases are also spotlighted on associated anniversary days.

“Enhancing the website to include additional features is a goal of ours we hope to achieve over time,” Geller stated in an email.

Citizens can search cases by name, date, location, reporting agency and type of case — and case pages can be shared. People can request a case to be included in the database by contacting the lead agency of the case. People can leave questions or comments on the website, and choose to remain anonymous. There is also an option to be emailed back.

“The stories are screaming out silently right now and they're waiting to be retold,” Roem said.

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The Dublin Lion Club is located at 100 Lion's Club Way in Dublin VA. The club serves Pulaski County & and around the world, and they give back to the community, some examples are the backpack program for the kids, they also do free screening for Glasses and, they help people with hearing Aides, you can obtain the applications for both online, on our website.

The Dublin Lions Club also holds the New River Valley Flea Markets, and volunteers at the Daily Bread located in Pulaski VA.

This is just a handful of what the Dublin Lions Club does, come join us the 3rd Thursday of every month to see what else we do! Also you can join us for a community Breakfast every Wednesday morning at 8:30.

Last week Lion Carolyn Hager the president of the Dublin Lion's Club, & Lion Donna Settle, Vice President of the Dublin Lion's Club hand distributed each check personally.

Pictured here are Lion Carolyn & Lion Donna with the nurses from Pulaski Elementary, Critzer Elementary, Dublin Elementary, River Lawn Elementary & Snow Ville Elementary.



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ACC, SEC announce basketball challenges

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) — The Atlantic Coast Conference, Southeastern Conference and ESPN today announced the formation of the ACC/SEC Challenge for men's and women's basketball, which will begin as part of the 2023-24 season.

ACC and SEC teams will square off as part of the annual Challenge — one in men's basketball and one in women's basketball. Each one of the 28 games (30 starting in 2025-26) will be carried on an ESPN platform and each conference will host an equal number of home games. Matchups and game times will be announced at a later date.

“The future ACC/SEC Men's and Women's Basketball Challenges will be outstanding events for our student-athletes, member institutions and fans,” said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. “The SEC, led by Greg Sankey, and our partners at ESPN have been terrific, and there's great excitement for the first annual ACC/SEC Challenge next season. As part of this announcement, we'd like to acknowledge the Big Ten for its partnership on the ACC/BIG Challenge that spanned more than 20 years.”

“We look forward to showcasing the talented men's and women's programs throughout the ACC and SEC in the years ahead through this exciting new collaboration with both conferences,” said Nick Dawson, ESPN Vice President, Programming. “Since establishing the very first inter-conference challenge in 1999, these events have been a staple of our college basketball schedule for more than two decades. We thank both the Big Ten and Big 12 for their partnership in the final year of our existing events and look forward to finding more ways to creatively partner with both conferences in 2023-24 and beyond.”

The creation of the ACC/SEC Challenge marks the end of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, which ESPN established with the two conferences in 1999 as a first-of-its-kind event. The final installment of the 23-year-old event, and the 15th edition of the ACC/Big Ten Women's Challenge, will take place this week.

HOOPS SEASON TIPS OFF!



Cougar Girls Battle, But Fall In Opener

Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pulaski County's Hannah Keefer outreaches her Carroll County opponent as the girls high school basketball season began Wednesday night in Hillsville. Pulaski County came up short against the Cavaliers, falling 64-58. The two teams play again Dec. 10 at PCHS. The Cougars return to action Friday (Dec. 2) at home vs. Radford. The junior varsity game tips off at 5:30 and the varsity follows at 7 p.m.

Burton named 2nd Team All-Region

Five Cougars named All-River Ridge

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County senior Trevor Burton has been named to the Second Team All Region Four D football team.

Earlier, it was announced the Pulaski County Cougars placed five players on the All-River Ridge District team in football, led by Burton who was First Team All-District.

Three Cougars made Second Team. They are offensive lineman Diego Turner, offensive lineman Evan Alger who also was named as a defensive end, and inside line backer Tyler Underwood.

Nathan Pratt was named honorable mention at punter.

VHSL Football Playoffs

Virginia High School League Football Playoffs

Area Results
Class 1
George Wythe 48, Grayson Co. 28

Class 2
Appomattox 38, Glenvar 34

Class 3
Heritage 22, Liberty Christian 17

Christiansburg 34, Lord Botetourt 7

Class 4
E.C. Glass 35, Salem 21

State Semi-Finals
All Games Saturday
Class 1
George Wythe at Grundy, 1 p.m.

Class 2
Appomattox at Graham, 2 p.m.

Class 3
Heritage at Christiansburg, 12 p.m.

Class 4
Kettle Run at E.C. Glass, 5 p.m.

Clemson, UNC to face off for ACC football title

From the ACC

Saturday, Dec. 3, Time, TV, SiriusXM, App/Web
No. 9 Clemson (10-2, 8-0) vs. No. 23 North Carolina (9-3, 6-2), 8 p.m., ABC, 80, 80
Series: Clemson leads 38-19-1; Last Meeting: Clemson 21, North Carolina 20 (2019)

Broadcast Information
ABC: Sean McDonough (play-by-play), Todd Blackledge (analyst), Molly McGrath (sideline)
ESPN Radio: Sean Kelley (play-by-play), Tom Ramsey (analyst), Kelsey Riggs (sideline)

ACC Notes
• No. 9 Clemson and No. 23 North Carolina meet in the 2022 Subway ACC Football Championship Game on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. on ABC. For the 12th time in the 18-year history of the event, the ACC title game

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ACC

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will be played in Charlotte’s Bank of America Stadium, home of the Carolina Panthers.

• North Carolina clinched the Coastal Division with a 36-34 win at Wake Forest (Nov. 12), while Clemson earned the Atlantic Division crown on Nov. 5. This was the earliest the matchup was known since 2017 when Miami and Clemson clinched on Nov. 11.

•Including shared titles, Clemson has earned nine Atlantic Division titles – 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Clemson also earned an ACC Championship Berth in a 2020 when the league competed without divisions. Clemson has won 20 ACC titles, including six in a row from 2015-2020.

•North Carolina won the Coastal Division for the second time. In 2015, the No. 8 Tar Heels earned the Coastal Division title and faced No. 1 Clemson in the championship game, falling 45-37. Carolina has won five ACC titles, but the last came in 1980.

•The 2022 Subway Atlantic Coast Conference Football Championship Game is the final title game between division champions. A new football scheduling model will go into effect beginning with the 2023 season that eliminates divisions. The new model is based on a 3-5-5 structure whereby each team will play three primary opponents annually and face the other 10 league teams twice during the four-year cycle, once at home and once on the road. The schedule allows for each team to face all 13 conference opponents home and away at least once during the four-year cycle.

•This is the 13th time in the last 14 years that the game will be held in prime time, and 12 different teams have competed in the game since it began in 2005. Last season, No. 15 Pitt, behind the play of ACC Player of the Year Kenny Pickett, captured its first ACC football title with a 46-21 victory over No. 16 Wake Forest.

•Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL’s Carolina Panthers, has been the site of 11 of the last 12 ACC Football Championship Games. In 2018, the ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation reached an agreement to keep the game in Charlotte through 2030. Not including the 2020 game, which had limited attendance due to the pandemic, ACC Football Championship Games played at Bank of America Stadium have had an average attendance of nearly 70,000 fans. The ACC has the second-highest average attendance of any Power 5 conference championship game since 2010.

•Atlantic Division vs. Coastal Division Notes:

•537 – Atlantic Division owns a .537 winning percentage over the Coastal Division all-time, the closest record between Power 5 divisions.

•Atlantic Division has won 11 of the 16 ACC Championship Games

•All seven Coastal Division teams have reached the ACC Championship Game, and four Atlantic Division schools played in the game.

•Nine ACC teams – Clemson (10-2), Duke (8-4), Florida State (9-3), Louisville (7-5), North Carolina (9-3), NC State (8-4), Pitt (8-4), Syracuse (7-5) and Wake Forest (7-5) – are bowl eligible this season. The ACC has earned at least six bowl bids in 22 consecutive seasons. Not including the pandemic-affected 2020 season, the ACC has sent at least 10 teams to a bowl every year since 2016. Since

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2013, the ACC is second among all conferences with 91 postseason appearances.

•Four ACC teams are ranked in the CFP Top 25 rankings, released Tuesday, Nov. 29 - No. 9 Clemson, No. 13 Florida State, No. 23 North Carolina and No. 25 NC State.

•Alberto Riveron has been named the ACC’s new Supervisor of Football Officials. Riveron, who served as the NFL’s Senior Vice President of Officiating from 2017-20 and currently works as an NFL Rules analyst, has compiled a distinguished 30-year career as both an on-field official and an officiating administrator in the NCAA and NFL.


•North Carolina wide receiver Tylee Craft has been named the recipient of the 2022 Disney Spirit Award just eight months after nearly losing his life to lung cancer.

•In 2022, NC State place-kicker Christopher Dunn became the ACC career record-holder with 93 field goals. Dunn also has the ACC career record for points (479), surpassing Clemson running back Travis Etienne’s previous mark of 468 points.

•Clemson place-kicker B.T. Potter holds the ACC career record with 230 extra points made. Earlier this year, he moved past Clemson kicker Greg Huegel who made 218 from 2015-18.

•Wake Forest QB Sam Hartman is tied with former Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd (2010-13) for the ACC career record for touchdown passes with 107. Hartman and Boyd are the only two ACC players with more than 100 career touchdown passes.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice

Pulaski County

Board of Zoning Appeals


Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2021 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the application(s) for zoning variance as listed below:

- Petition by Jay Smart, for a variance to Article 4.9.C (Building Setback in High Density Residential Zone District) Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Property is located at 6828 Pulaski Ave, Tax Map# 039-008-0011-0022, Cloyd District.
- Petition by Bert Milburn, for a variance to Article 4.4.C (Minimum Lot Size in Conservation Zone District) Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Property is located at 8168, 8170 Parrott River Road, Tax Map # 012-001-0000-0143, 144, Cloyd District.

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES



Public Notice

Pulaski County

Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider a change to the Pulaski County Zoning Map. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

- 1. Rezone Application submitted by Derek & Amy Holmes to rezone Tax Map 082-001-0000-085K from Commercial (CM) to Agriculture (A) located at 3199 Old Route 100 Road, Draper District.

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

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Virginia Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2023 Inductees

Former Pulaski sportswriter, Ratcliffe one of the inductees

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA – Gridiron legends. National champions. Industry icons. Olympic gold medalist. World Series Champion. These are just some of the titles that have been used to describe the members of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame’s Class of 2023 and Distinguished Virginian Award recipient. The class, as selected by the Hall of Fame’s Board of Directors and Honors Court Committee, features athletes, coaches, and contributors that have enjoyed success at all levels of sport.

• DeAngelo Hall, out of Deep Creek High School in Chesapeake, VA became a 1st team All-American at defensive back for Virginia Tech Football in the early 2000s. Drafted by the Atlanta Falcons with the 8th overall pick in the 1st round of the 2004 NFL Draft, Hall would go on to play 14 NFL seasons with Atlanta, the Oakland Raiders, and the Washington Commanders franchises. A three-time Pro Bowl selection, Hall would record 43 interceptions, force 11 fumbles, and score 10 defensive touchdowns over the course of his career. He has previously been inducted into the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame and has been recognized as

one of the Commanders 90 Greatest Players of All-Time.

• Jimmye Laycock, originally from Hamilton, VA in Loudoun County, attended Loudoun Valley High School earning 12 varsity letters, before heading to the William & Mary where he would quarterback the Tribe football team in the late 1960’s. Following a decade as an assistant coach, Laycock returned to Williamsburg in 1980, and would lead the football program for the next 39 seasons, amassing 249 wins, 7 conference championships, and 10 NCAA FCS playoff appearances. Laycock has previously been inducted into the Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame.


• Francena McCorory, out of Hampton, VA and Bethel High School, starred on the indoor and outdoor tracks, where she

set numerous VHSL indoor and outdoor track and field records. Running for her hometown Hampton University Pirates, McCorory would win three NCAA Championships in the 400-meter dash, and be named a four time NCAA All-American. Following college her success continued on the international level where she would represent her country in the 2012 and 2016 Summer Olympic Games, bringing home the gold both years as a member of the 4x400 meter relay teams.

• Shawn Moore, a Martinsville, VA native attended Martinsville High School before committing to play football collegiately for the University of Virginia. During his three seasons under center for the Cavaliers, Moore would rewrite the

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing

Board of


Zoning Appeals

The Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on December 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following requests:

1. A request by J. Hoff for a variance from Section 4.7.3, Site Development Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia for property located at 45 Fifth Street NE [tax parcel(s) 072-51-35-34] in the R-O Residential Office District. Section 4.7.3 requires minimum setbacks of 25’ from the front, 10’ from the side, 25’ from all public streets, and 25’ from the rear. The applicant requests a variance to deviate from the required side setback to construct a residential dwelling with a side setback of 9’ on the side adjacent to 49 Fifth Street NW.
2. A request from Strickler’s Funeral Homes, Inc. for a variance from section 4.9.3, Site Development Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia for property located at 1631 Bobwhite Blvd [tax parcel(s) 073-1-10] in the B-2 General Business District. Section 4.9.3 limits a maximum height of accessory structures at 10’. The Applicant requests a variance to deviate from the required height maximum with a height of 14’.

Comments and/or questions can be sent ahead of the hearing via email to Caroline Smith, Planner, csmith@pulaskitown.org, or via phone at 540-994-8624; or in the form of written comments to Caroline Smith (42 First Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia) until the date of the hearing. Copies of the variance application, site plans, and corresponding ordinances may be reviewed at the Pulaski Municipal Building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing

Town of Pulaski

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A proposed zoning amendment to section 4.4.2-2.9 (f) Commercial and Civic Uses, to add “Daycares” as a Special Exception in the R-3, Multi-Family Residential District.
2. A request from Savida Health for a Special Exception at property located at 1042 E. Main Street, [tax parcel(s) 072-140-109G] in the B-2, General Business District, for hospital or health centers, which includes, “alcohol, substance abuse and drug treatment centers”. The application indicates that the facility is an outpatient appointment based medical and counseling practice that treats opioid and alcohol addiction.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to csmith@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Hall

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offensive record books. Moore finished his career in 1990 holding 41 school, ACC, and NCAA individual records. His 83 total touchdowns still stands as a school record to this day. The 1990 ACC Player of the Year, led the Cavaliers program to its first ever national No. 1 ranking, and finished fourth in the Heisman voting in 1990. Moore's career statistics include 6,629 passing yards and 55 touchdowns, and 1,268 rushing yards to go along with 28 touchdowns.

• Jerry Ratcliffe, has been a media fixture covering sports in Central Virginia, with a focus on UVA athletics. Over four decades at the Daily Progress, Ratcliffe was selected as Virginia Sports-writer of the Year four times, and received numerous other recognitions from the Associated Press Sports Editors Association, the Virginia Press Association, the Football Writers of America, and the United States Basketball Writers of America. Ratcliffe has also been recognized for his golf coverage with the prestigious Earle Hellen Sports Media Award by the Middle Atlantic Section of the PGA of America. Since 2018, he has managed and provided content on UVA Athletics through his website, JerryRatcliffe.com

• Bob Rotanz, came to Roanoke College in the mid 70's and immediately enhanced the Maroons rich lacrosse tradition. A three time All-American during his time at Roanoke, Rotanz is one of just two players in school history to earn National Player of the Year honors, doing so in 1978. In the same year, Rotanz also took home National Defensive Player of the Year, and helped lead Roanoke College to the NCAA Championship, by scoring the winning goal in the title game. Rotanz is also a 2022 recipient of the Roanoke College

medal, the highest honor awarded by the institution.

•Sheila Trice-Myers, from Louisa County High School in Mineral, VA would rewrite the Christopher Newport University and NCAA record books. During her four years on the Peninsula, Trice would become one of the most decorated athletes in NCAA Track and Field history, finishing her career with 32 All- American honors and 15 national championships. Her first national title came in 1987 as part of CNU's winning 4x100m relay team. From that point on Trice would set the track on fire, winning four more national titles in 1988, six in 1989, and four in 1990. She remains the NCAA Division III record holder in the 55- meter indoor hurdles.

•Ryan Zimmerman, from Virginia Beach, found success at all levels of baseball. The University of Virginia Baseball Hall of Fame inductee ranks in the top 10 in multiple offensive categories in Cavaliers history. A 2005 All-ACC and All- American selection, Zimmerman became the first draft pick in Washington Nationals history when the franchise selected him 4th overall in the 2005 MLB entry draft. Over the next 16 seasons, Zimmerman would compile a career that would see him retire as the franchise leader in hits (1,846), home runs (284), RBI (1,061), and games played (1,799). Nicknamed "Mr. National", the two time National League All-Star, would help lead the Nationals to their first World Series title in 2019, and his no. 11 jersey has been retired by the club.

Additionally, the Hall of Fame will present William & Mary football legend, Joe Montgomery with the Hall of Fame's Distinguished Virginian Award. The award is presented to an individual who, by personal example, exemplifies the best ideals and purposes of sport exhibiting superior leadership qualities in education, athletics, business and in the community.

• Joe Montgomery, from Brookville High School in Lynch-



burg, VA, was a standout center for William & Mary football in the 1970's. The 1973 All- American, and 1985 William & Mary Athletics Hall of Fame inductee has experienced success both on and off the field. His commitment to his alma mater and greater community has seen him appointed to the William & Mary Board of Visitors, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees among others. In 2017 Montgomery was honored by the Rimington Trophy as the Gerald R. Ford Legends Award recipient. The award is presented to a former collegiate or professional center that, in addition to a standout football career, has also made significant contributions to the football and/or business communities, or through philanthropic endeavors.

The Hall of Fame resumed normal voting procedures this year after voting on a modified Class of 2022, which joined the Class of 2020 in being inducted this past April. This year's vote was the first full vote since 2019.

"What excites me most about this class is how it truly represents all of Virginia," says Will Driscoll, Executive Director of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. "You have the Hampton Roads, Central, Northern, Southwest, and Southside regions all with representation among this year's honorees. It truly is a class worthy of our 50th Induction events."

2023 Induction events will include a Sponsor Welcome Reception on Friday, April 21, Breakfast with Champions the morning of Saturday, April 22, and the VIP Reception & Induction Ceremony later that evening. 2023 Induction Weekend is presented by Priority Automotive Group and Priority Toyota Chesapeake, and additional partners include The Beck Foundation, Atlantic Union Bank, Hamilton's

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Tickets, sponsorship, and advertising opportunities are available now. Event and ticket information can be found at the Hall of Fame's website, www.vasportshof.com.

Any questions regarding the Induction Weekend events can be directed to Will Driscoll, driscollw@VaSportsHOF.com

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Justyn Mutts lays up a shot against Minnesota.

Hokies dominate boards in 67-57 win over Minnesota

Basile, Mutts and Pedulla highlight well-rounded Tech performance

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BLACKSBURG – Using a strong performance in the paint and on the boards, Virginia Tech picked up its fifth home win of the season with a 67-57 triumph over Minnesota in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The Hokies had two players score in double figures, led by Sean Pedulla, who had 17 points. Justyn Mutts added 16 points, nine rebounds, two steals and three blocks and Grant Basile added nine points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

Led by Mutts' three offensive rebounds, Virginia Tech did a great job crashing the offensive glass, pulling down 11 boards that resulted in 13 second chance points.

The Virginia Tech defense held Minnesota shooters to only 36.7 percent from the field, including 26.1 percent from three-point range. The Golden Gophers did not get many second opportunities on the offensive end, as they grabbed only eight offensive rebounds and scored eight second chance points while Virginia Tech pulled down 31 defensive rebounds.

How It Happened

After playing to a 22-22 tie, Virginia Tech went on a 13-0 run with 6:22 left in the first half, culminating in a bucket from Pedulla, to take a 35-22 lead. The Hokies then lost some of that lead, but still entered halftime with a 39-27 advantage. Virginia Tech did most of its first half damage in the paint, scoring 20 of its 39 points close to the basket.

Following intermission, Virginia Tech kept widening that lead, expanding it to 49-36 before going on a 5-0 run, finished off by Mutts' jumper, to grow the lead

to 54-36 with 11:40 to go in the contest. The Golden Gophers narrowed the margin somewhat before the game was over, but the Hokies still cruised the rest of the way for the 67-57 win. Virginia Tech took care of business in the paint, recording 20 of its 28 points in the lane.

Game Notes

» The Hokies tied a season high with 42 rebounds.

» Tech recorded 40 points in the paint, marking the fourth-straight game of 40+ points in the paint.

» Virginia Tech's plus-15 rebound margin is the third largest against a high-major opponent in the Mike Young era.

» The Hokies had eight blocks, tied for the third most in the Mike Young era.

» Sean Pedulla led the Hokies in scoring for the fifth time this season.

» Virginia Tech was led in rebounds by Justyn Mutts seventh time this season.

MBB: ACC/Big Ten Challenge vs. Minnesota

Next Up: The Hokies return to Cassell Coliseum on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. to face No. 18 North Carolina in Tech's ACC opener.

UNC's Maye Selected ACC Player of Year

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – North Carolina redshirt freshman quarterback Drake Maye, who leads the nation in total offense and keyed the Tar Heels to the Coastal Division title, has been voted the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference Football Player of the Year.

Pitt junior defensive tackle Calijah Kancey was selected as the ACC Defensive Player of the Year in voting by a 65-member voting panel consisting of 51 selected media and the conference's 14 head coaches.

Maye, who hails from Huntersville, North Carolina, has thrown for 3,847 yards and 35 touchdowns to go along with 629 yards rushing and six more TDs.

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4-H, Extension thank sponsors of food basket project

By CHRIS LICHTY
Pulaski County Extension

Pulaski County 4-H and the Pulaski Extension Office, would like to say THANK YOU to all those that became sponsors for the 2022 4-H Thanksgiving Dinner Food Basket Service Project. We met our goal and then some.

With community support, we were able to feed 39 families this Thanksgiving, exceeding our goal of serving 30 families. The generosity the community has shown is so appreciated and so needed for the families receiving. And in the past 14 years, we have reached 148 families and counting.

We are also very thankful for the partnerships we have with New River Valley Community Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Pulaski County Department of Social Services, the T. G. Howard Center, all big supporters and key to identify families, with children, to benefit from this wonderful giving.

Thanks also to the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce for helping us reach further into the community, having a greater impact.

Last but not least, we thank our core group of 4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders who worked diligently behind the scenes over the last month, and with Kroger Fairlawn, to put everything together. This has been a true community effort, "To Make the Best Better."

We'd like to give a special thank you to this year's sponsors.

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Dublin Lions support elementary backpack programs



Dublin Lions Support Elementary Backpack Programs

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they have nutritious foods to take home every weekend.

The Dublin Lions Club has been serving the needs of people in Pulaski County and abroad since their inception in 1953. They provide firsthand service, eyeglass and hearing aid assistance and participate in fundraising. They are known for the icon-

ic Lion Dog, their signature entre served annually at the NRV Fair and at their two large seasonal flea markets. More information about them can be found at dublinlions.org.

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Farmer Named Senior of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County High School are pleased to announce Morgan Leigh Farmer as Senior of the Month. Morgan is the daughter of Terry and Melissa Farmer of Pulaski. Morgan’s nominating teachers stated that Morgan demonstrates excellent leadership and mentoring skills while serving as co-captain on the football sideline cheer team and senior editor of the 2023 Pulaski County High School Yearbook. Morgan helps organize team meals for both home and away games. She also volunteers to help judge winter cheer squad tryouts. Morgan has stayed after school, comes in during her days off and has sacrificed her weekends and evenings to practice cheer, cover events and games as well as help edit and build the yearbook. In addition to excelling in her extracurricular commitments and responsibilities, Morgan has achieved high marks in her academics and has perfect attendance. Morgan has at least a 100% average in each of her classes and has enrolled in an advanced Calculus class through New River Community College. If Morgan isn’t asked to do something, she will either ask what she can do to help or find something to organize, clean or work on. She is more than willing to help out in any area! Morgan has a positive outlook, kind heart and helpful attitude. She represents the Cougar student body very well and is COUGAR PRIDE! During her very limited free time, Morgan enjoys reading and playing with her dog. Upon graduation, she plans to attend Virginia Tech to get a master’s degree in Biochemistry. She would then like to attend the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine to become a doctor.

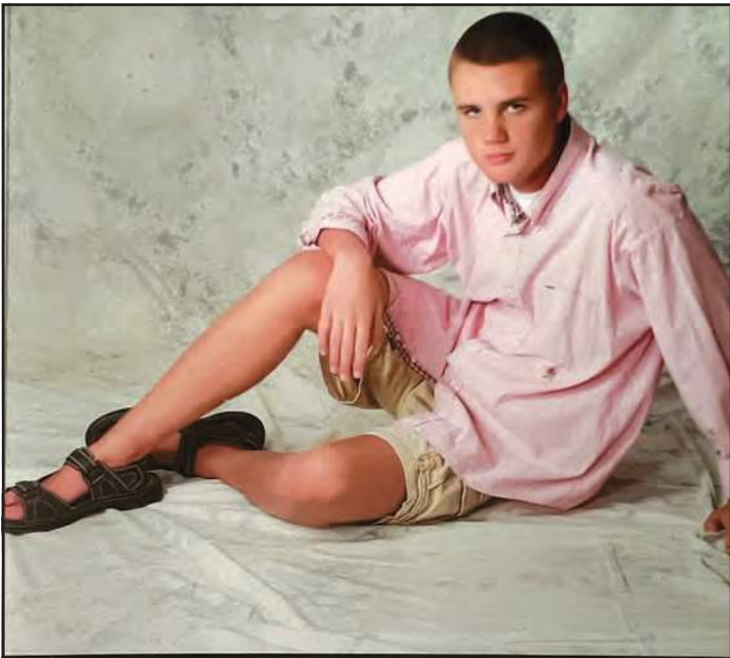
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Nu Chapter Hears Guest Speaker, Hanks


Nu Chapter, New River Coordinating Council, VA STATE, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, met in the Pulaski Library Meeting Room November 17, 2022. DKG is a society of key women educators who support Education worldwide. Nu Chapter President, Christy Dishon, introduced our guest speaker, Keaton Hanks. Keaton is a Pulaski native who shared his own personal journey with Autism. He has already written one book with his paternal grandmother Faye Hanks and has a book for children coming out within the next year. He has a most enlightening life story and is willing to share with any group/s who may invite him. He answered many questions that these educators had prepared for him in a most comfortable and easy-going manner. We all thank Keaton for sharing so easily with us in our Nu Chapter meeting at the Pulaski Library Meeting Room. Following Keaton’s delightful presentation Nu Chapter shared member concerns, as well as business and educational committee reports. Our next meeting will be December 15 at Highland Ridge Rehab Center in Dublin as we share gifts with the residents and sing carols throughout the halls! We are hoping to give some holiday cheer to others!



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For more information contact Charlie Barbettini (276) 620-4293



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Attend Day of Gratitude

Radford University celebrated its Day of Gratitude with a luncheon Friday, November 11. Former local presidents, Cheryl Williams (right) and Ruth Ann Whitener, of Nu Chapter, New River Coordinating Council, Virginia State, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International attended this function representing the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship from the local Nu Chapter.

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Hospital receives Performance Leadership Award

LewisGale Hospital Pulaski announced it has been recognized with a 2022 Performance Leadership Award for excellence in Quality. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, the Performance Leadership Awards honor top quartile performance (e.g., 75th percentile or above) among rural hospitals in Quality, Outcomes, and Patient Perspective.

“This recognition confirms the dedication of our staff and physicians to our patients for quality and excellence in care,” said Tabatha Norman, Lewis-Gale Hospital Pulaski Quality Director. “This award recognizes our commitment to the care and improvement of human life.”

The Performance Leadership Awards are based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™, the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. INDEX data is trusted and relied upon by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health across the country to measure and monitor performance across several areas impacting hospital operations and finance.



LewisGale Hospital Pulaski Administration and Quality team

“Although the last two years have placed unprecedented pressure on the rural health safety net, the dedication to serving the community that we’re so accustomed to seeing from rural hospitals across the country hasn’t wavered,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “Let us celebrate the power of rural on National Rural Health Day and honor the facilities working tirelessly to provide access to high quality healthcare services to their communities.”

Damaging 2022 Atlantic hurricane season draws to a close

From NOAA.gov

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season officially ends on November 30, but the impact of Hurricanes Ian, Nicole and Fiona — which brought extensive damage to Florida’s coast and Puerto Rico, respectively — will continue to be felt long after the season is over.

In total, this hurricane season produced 14 named storms (winds of 39 mph or greater), of which eight became hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or greater) and two intensified to major hurricanes with winds reaching 111 mph or greater. An average hurricane season has 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

The 2022 season saw three hur-

ricane landfalls along the coast of the U.S. mainland. Hurricane Ian made landfall first as a Category 4 storm in Cayo Costa, Florida, and again as a Category 1 in Georgetown, South Carolina. As a Category 4 with 150 mph maximum sustained winds, Hurricane Ian tied for the fifth-strongest hurricane ever to make landfall in the U.S. Hurricane Nicole made landfall as a Category 1 in north Hutchinson Island, Florida.

Hurricane Fiona made landfall outside of the mainland U.S. as a Category 1 near Punta Tocon, Puerto Rico.

“I commend NOAA’s dedicated scientists, hurricane hunter pilots and forecasters who worked diligently to help American communi-

ties become hurricane resilient and Climate-Ready for the impacts of this hurricane season and the years to come,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.

This unique season was defined by a rare mid-season pause in storms that scientists preliminarily believe was caused by increased wind shear and suppressed atmospheric moisture high over the Atlantic Ocean. After a quiet period in August, activity ramped up in September with seven named storms, including the two major hurricanes — Fiona and Ian — seen this season. The season also included a rare late-season storm with Hurricane Nicole making landfall on November 10 along the east coast of Florida.

“Forecasters at NOAA’s National Weather Service and its National Hurricane Center issued earlier forecasts with increasing accuracy this season,” said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad, Ph.D. “These improved forecasts coupled with critical NOAA data and services undoubtedly led to the better protection of life and property.”

National Hurricane Center forecasts were aided by the experimental peak storm surge graphic, which allowed forecasters to more accurately communicate the severity of expected storm surge levels produced by landfalling storms, such as Hurricane Ian. Additionally, NOAA’s intensity forecasts showed Hurricane Ian as a major

hurricane impacting the coast of Florida from the initial advisory on September 23 through landfall five days later. This advanced lead time gave those in threatened areas more time to prepare and respond.

“The 2022 seasonal activity fell within NOAA’s predicted ranges for named storms and hurricanes in both our pre-season outlook and updated outlook,” said Matthew Rosencrans, lead hurricane forecaster at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center. “La Niña conditions remained robust throughout the season while the West African Monsoon was only slightly above normal, which both largely aligned with conditions anticipated by the team at NOAA.”

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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

The Message of the Cross

Jesus died on the cross to purchase our salvation. Corinth was, in the days of Paul, a large Greek city. Most people who lived there were steeped in idolatry. Corinth could have rightly been called, Sin City since most knew little or nothing about Jehovah God. The Apostle Paul spend a lot of time there preaching the gospel. Why did he go to such an immoral place? Because the sick are the ones who have need of a Physician! One may wonder what chance a preacher of the gospel would have of winning souls in such a wicked city. And would God even want the gospel preached in a sinful place like that? The answer is found right in the Bible.”Where sin abounds, God’s grace does that much more abound.” Paul won many converts to Christ in and around Corinth. He was, in a way, like the shoe salesman who was sent to a third world country where no one wore shoes. One other salesman who went with him, called his boss and asked for passage back home. He said I can’t sell shoes here because no one wears shoes. But the other salesman has a much more positive attitude. He asked his company to send him a ship-load of shoes because everyone who lived there needed shoes. In Corinth, everyone needed to hear the gospel. And in truth, everyone needs to hear it today also. While Paul in Corinth he sometimes stayed with Priscilla and Aquila, two devout Christians. Paul worked on the side, making tents, to support himself. And the Church today has many Pastors who have to work at another job to make a decent living. It would be better for them and for the Church if the Church could financially support them full time, but some congregations are so small it isn’t possible. I believe a workman is worthy of his hire and that Pastors should be supported 100% by their Church congregation, if at all possible. Pastoring a Church is a tremendous job and is difficult to do part times. I don’t believe in starving the Pastor. He should be making at least what the members of his congregation are making. Paul started out preaching to the Jews, but when he was harassed, persecuted, and even taken to task by them, he began a very active ministry to the Gentiles. I read where a Christian Church was built right next door to the Jewish Synagogue, and that may have been one reason tension existed between the two groups. To make a point, we have churches all over America. Christians are all supposed to be brothers and sisters in the Lord because we all belong to the family of God; however, sad to say, tensions often exist between church organizations. Denominations have done more to separate the body of Christ than any other thing. I have good friends in other denominations who are just as much my brothers and sisters in the Lord as those in my own church organization. After all, we are serving the same God and we’re going to the same heaven to spend eternity together. Blood washed, born again believers should be able to get along with one another in this life. We shouldn’t even need for anyone to have to preach unity to the Church. We should already be united in Christ. We are of like precious faith. Members of the same family, the body of Christ. Joined together in the bonds of Christian love. Division has no place in the

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
Pastor Allen Mahan, II
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.
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 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.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church
995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Michael S. Jones
Sunday
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
(540) 980-4731
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Delton Church of God of Prophecy
4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
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Pastor Mike Pierce
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
Facebook.com/
HeritageChurchDublinVA

First Missionary Baptist Church
7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
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Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
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2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

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

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540-980-5433
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Dublin Christian Church
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P. O. Box 1330
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Greg "Scooter" Breisch
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Youth and Children's
Meetings 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and
Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)
5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am

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

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

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

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,
(540) 250-2974
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

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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.

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

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

Grace Episcopal Church
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639-3494
Rev. Deacon William Yagel
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
Email: office@graceradford.org
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Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church
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KidsZone 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
www.fwcpulaski.church

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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

New Hope Church
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
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Amazing Grace Ministries
4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
(540) 250-3741
tgarwood674@gmail.com

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

First Christian Church of Pulaski
524 N Jefferson Ave
Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
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www.firstchristianpulaski.org
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Men's Sunday School: 10 am
Worship: 11 am

Aldersgate United Methodist
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Pulaski, VA 24301
(540) 980-1349
Pastor Jim Goddard
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
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Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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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
325 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, Va.
Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske
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fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 22:1-2

My **God**, my God, why **have** you **forsaken** me? **Why** **are** you so **far** from **saving** me, so far **from** my **cries** of **anguish**? My God, I **cry out** by **day**, but **you** do **not answer**, by **night**, **but** I **find** no **rest**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
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Continued from Page B8 Church.

Paul's teachings were to correct some wrongs that were going on in the infant Church at Corinth and to answer questions from Corinthian Christians.

The early Disciples of Christ they were all with one accord. The bible says of the Early Church in Acts, they were of one heart and one soul. And the Church grew at a phenomenal rate. And that is what happens when the Church is united in Christ, like it is supposed to be.

There should be no schism at all in the body of Christ, just as there is no schism in our human bodies. Schism is defined as division, separation, disharmony and discord.

Our right hand washes the left hand and vice versa. With our legs we go to the table, and with our hands we lift the spoon, fork, bread and drink to feed ourselves so that our whole body receives nourishment. When one member of our body hurts, the other members feel the pain, because we are connected.

The Church is likened in the bible to a body. It is actually called the body of Christ. No part of the body should be jealous of any other part of the body, because every part of the body is important and has a function to make the body complete.

The sin of pride is the one of the chief causes of division in the Church. And we as Christians, shouldn't have pride residing in our sanctified hearts, much less let it control our actions and cause us to be contentious.

Let me state some examples of how problems can arise and fester in the Church. A disagreement pops up because we are all different we have differences of opinions. Instead of settling the disagreement in a Christian way, some insist on having their own way, so the argument is not resolved and division is the result of it.

Someone don't like the way someone else is doing their job in the Church, and they pout. Someone didn't speak to someone, and feelings were hurt. Someone says something harsh about someone else and a root of bitterness springs up and spoils relationships. These antics have no rightful place in the Church.

If we would follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, and live our lives by the Book, the Word of God, there would be no schism in the Church. Love would flow freely and where love is flowing freely, it draws and captures the attention of many. Love reaches out and draws people to Christ. Whereas, strife and contentions drive people away.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Issachar in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What bread component did Jesus compare with the kingdom of heaven? Yeast, Crust, Gluten, Wheat
3. Which of the 12 tribes of Israel wasn't allotted any land? Simeon, Dan, Asher, Levi
4. Who removed a thorn from the lion's foot? Benjamin, Job, Naphtali, Androcles
5. How many books of the Bible (KJV) are credited to Moses? 3, 4, 5, 6
6. What was first to be released from Noah's Ark? Gull, Dove, Raven, Serpent

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Yeast, 3) Levi, 4) Androcles, 5) Five, 6) Raven

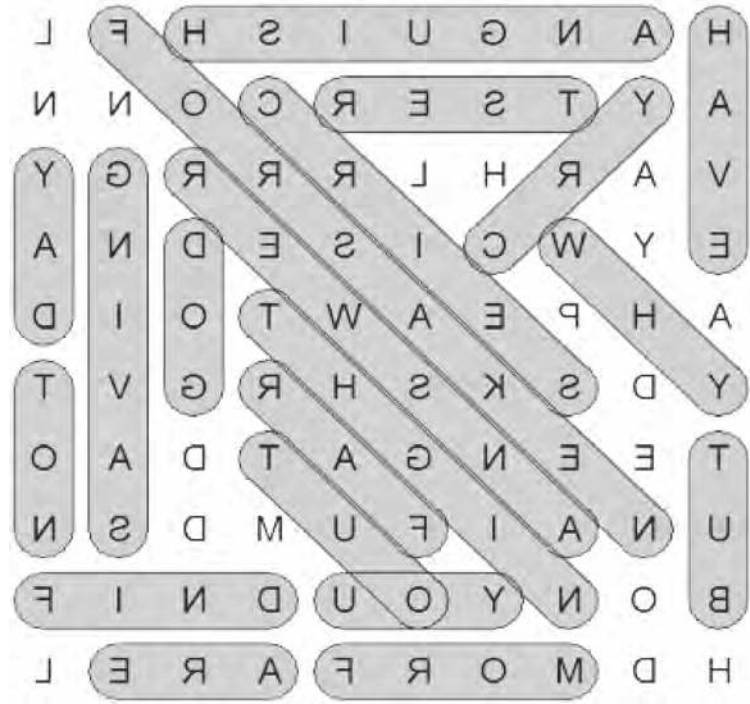
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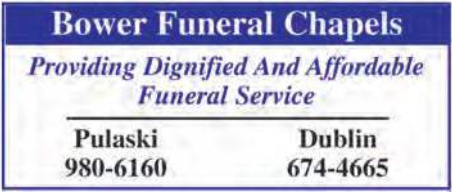
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Envy Destroys

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My daughter is struggling with pride and defeat. I want to help her but I'm not sure how because I don't blame her for envying her friends that seem to always have good success. - C.M.

A: Envy destroys a person from the inside out. Evil can slip in so easily. When we belong to God, we can ask Him to reveal sin in our lives and give us power to overcome jealousy and every other sin.

In ancient Greece, the citizens of a certain city erected a statue of a celebrated champion in the public games. But his rival was so envious that he vowed to destroy that statue. Every night he went after dark and chiseled away at its base in an effort to undermine its foundation and make it fall. At last, he succeeded. It did fall -- but it fell on him. The jealous athlete died, a victim of his own envy.

Envy destroys our spiritual health, and it takes the joy out of living. Envy isolates us from both God and other human beings. No



My
Answer

Billy Graham

wonder God ranks envy on the same level as sexual immorality, idolatry, and drunkenness (see Galatians 5:19-21). We must recognize this devastating poison and get rid of it by confessing our sin to God and renouncing it. God intends for us to have vic-

tory over sin, and when we don't, it's not because God's power has failed. By His Holy Spirit, He is able to give us the power to live in obedience to Christ. But we need to do our part and, by prayer, depend on the Holy Spirit's power. We also need to flee these things that God has labeled wrong. This is accomplished by the power of God. We must not depend on our own ability to fight sin, but ask God to fill us with His Spirit and truth.

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

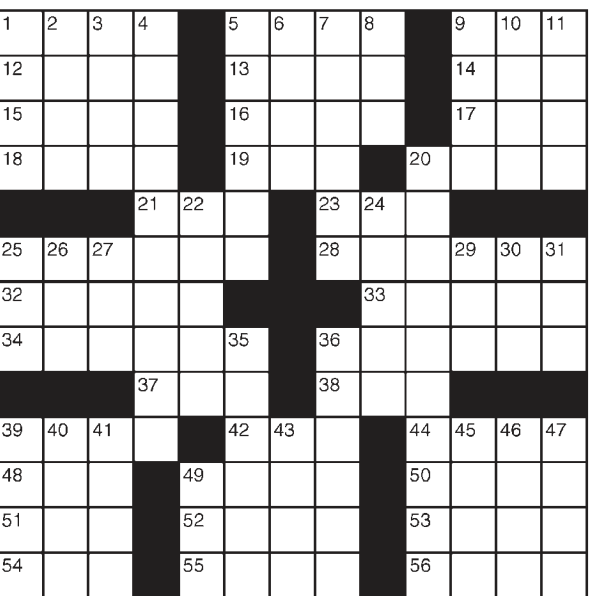
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Asian desert
- 5 Weep loudly
- 9 Swiss peak
- 12 Mideast gulf
- 13 "Night" author Wiesel
- 14 Life story
- 15 Pantheon members
- 16 Quest
- 17 Director Howard
- 18 Region
- 19 Texter's "Wow!"
- 20 Full house, e.g.
- 21 Dolphins' org.
- 23 Here (Fr.)
- 25 Used a hoe
- 28 Put a price on
- 32 Dole out
- 33 Stage
- 34 Show bad posture
- 36 Creatures
- 37 Your
- 38 Ornate vase
- 39 Corn castoffs
- 42 Tavern
- 44 Party pooper
- 48 Small battery
- 49 Ireland
- 50 Theater box
- 51 Norm (Abbr.)
- 52 Swampy terrain
- 53 Portent



- 54 That lady
- 55 River to the Baltic
- 56 Get one's feet wet?
- 7 Improve
- 8 Allow
- 9 Start of a spell
- 10 King of the jungle
- 11 Frogs' hang-out
- 20 Everywhere
- 22 Command to Fido
- 24 Prank
- 25 "Now, where — I?"
- 26 Right angle
- 27 "Xanadu" band
- 29 Cooking fuel
- 30 Ballpark fig.
- 31 — Moines
- 35 Cross
- 36 Stovetop feature
- 39 Mama — Elliot
- 40 Swearword
- 41 Commanded
- 43 Suffix for billion
- 45 "Arrivederci —"
- 46 On in years
- 47 Actor Hackman
- 49 Punk-rock subgenre

DOWN

- 1 Quite enthusiastic
- 2 Bloodhound's clue
- 3 Eliot's "Adam —"
- 4 Important details
- 5 Observe
- 6 Grad

top 10 Best States for Doctors

1. Iowa
2. Minnesota
3. Idaho
4. Wisconsin
5. Kansas
6. South Dakota
7. Montana
8. Mississippi
9. Alabama
10. Tennessee

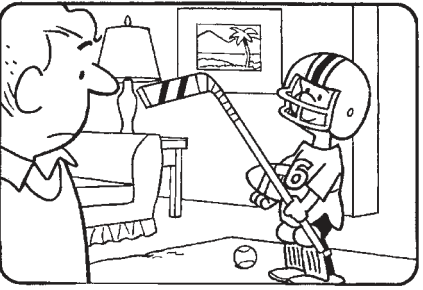
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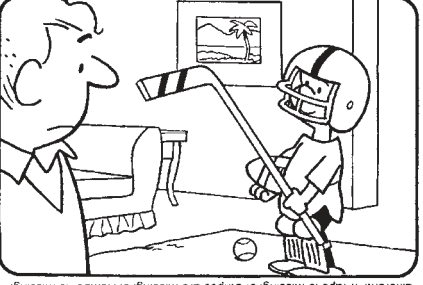
1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is the most forested in the world?
2. HISTORY: When were tanks first introduced in war?
3. TELEVISION: What is the name of the Netflix sequel to the "Karate Kid" movies?
4. MUSIC: Which music prodigy was signed to a record deal at age 11?
5. ASTRONOMY: In which year will Halley's Comet reappear?
6. LAW: Which justice served on the Supreme Court for the longest?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of dogs did President Obama's family have in the White House?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Where did the first White Castle restaurant open?
9. ANATOMY: What is the rarest human blood type?
10. LITERATURE: What is Harry Potter's middle name?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Neckline is different. 2. Lamp is missing. 3. Table leg is different. 4. Tape is missing. 5. Stripes are missing. 6. Number is missing.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word SPOUSE

1. Bounce 2. Smoke 3. Plead; 4. Split

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Z equals S

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Cryptoquip answer When shtaggy Tibetan beasts get together and talk nonstop, I would say they're yacking it up.

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

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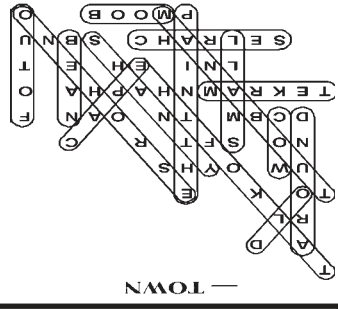
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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WZ DGNL XGWEPI OD PNOXD
CWDG CN VOQZPL IOZB.
— IOMN COZZL

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Both of your socks should always be the same color, or they should at least both be fairly dark.
— Dave Barry



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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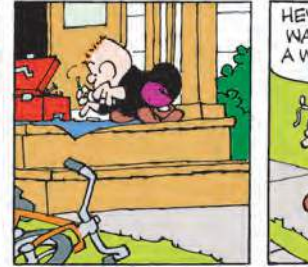
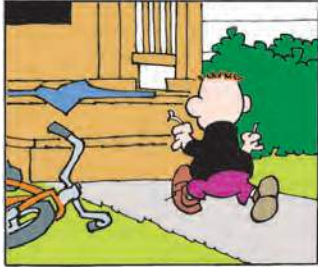


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Wendy

Dear Wendy,
I don't know who this "someone" is, but they're a lousy financial advisor. The firm of Someone, They Said, and I Heard? That's a financial planning company you don't want to work with.
A debit card has the exact same protections for fraud that a credit card has. It does come out of your checking account, but the bank has to put it back once you dispute the charge and prove your dispute. It may take a day or two, but they'll get it done.
I've used a debit card for decades, and I haven't owned a credit card since way back in my



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

dumb-with-money days. I've never had any problems using a debit card, and I'm not going to make the mistake of playing around with debt ever again.
I hope you won't either!

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," 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 of Ramsey Solutions.

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Dec. 3

Christmas Bazaar
Christmas Bazaar, December 3, 2022 From 8 a.m.-2 p.m. This event is 1749 Newbern Road at the Pulaski First Church of the Brethren. We are located one block behind the DMV. We will have all types of Crafts, Baked Goods and Breakfast and Lunch will be sold. You can eat in, carry out or we can deliver to you. The church number is 540-980-3798.
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Dec. 13

Sons of Confederate Veterans to meet
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to the meeting. If Montgomery County Public 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.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group
Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds
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Lifestyles Changes
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Celebrate Recovery
Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program where people gain freedom, healing and accountability for life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food
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