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Pulaski Council rejects Savida drug treatment facility

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Despite a recommendation for approval by the town's Planning Commission, Pulaski Town Council on Tuesday rejected Savida Health's request for a Special Exception to zoning rules to allow for their outpatient counseling practice.

Savida Health's application to the town indicated that the facility – planned for 1042 East Main Street in Pulaski – would be an “outpatient appointment-based medical and counseling practice that treats opioid and alcohol addiction.”

An executive for Savida Health, Sylvia White, said the facility would see only 50 to 56 patients per day, all from the Pulaski County area.

She noted the provider has similar facilities in Southwest Virginia including in Wytheville, Abingdon, Claypool Hill,

Honaker, Lebanon, Big Stone Gap, Blacksburg and Clintwood with more planned in Buchanan County, Bristol and Coeburn. She said their clientele had grown in Southwest Virginia from 100 clients to around 1,200.

She said the facility would not dispense or keep medication on site and would be staffed by one medical provider and two counselors.

Clients would come from social services and drug courts referrals or by those seeking assistance on their own.

During a public hearing on the Savida request, one resident spoke in favor of approving the request, saying Pulaski is “overwhelmed with drugs.”

A second citizen, Sunshine Cope, said while the Savida program “sounds wonderful,” the county's transient population “is huge,” noting one drug treatment

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Council awards PAT level funding

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

On a close 3-2 vote Tuesday, Pulaski Town Council indicated its support and intention to include in the town's next fiscal year budget \$70,000 in funding as requested by Pulaski Area Transit.

Councilmen Brooks Dawson, Jamie Radcliffe and Michael Reis voted for the funding, while Councilmen Greg East and Jeremy Clark voted against. Councilman Tyler Clontz was absent.

The vote ended a lengthy discussion on the transit, which – like all transit operations in Virginia – is trying to recover lost ridership following the COVID pandemic.

Transit Manager Monica Musick made the request for level
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Griffith, Worrell announce re-election bids in GOP

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff are seeking re-election this year.

In a joint statement released Tuesday, Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith and Sheriff Mike Worrell announced they will seek the Pulaski County Republican Party's nominations for their respective offices.

“Our agencies, the Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office have publicly expressed in the past that we believe our mutual respect and



See ELECTION, page A2 Mike Worrell



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funding from the town after explaining that a \$60,000 budget deficit PAT ended its year with in 2022 had been wiped out by additional funding from the state Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Musick said the department used some leftover CARES Act funds to eliminate the PAT's budget shortfall without any local match from Pulaski or Pulaski County, which both fund the transit along with state and federal funds.

Prior to making the level funding request, Musick gave an overview of how the transit – with the help of DRPT – has reached out to the public in an attempt to rebuild ridership post-COVID.

The outreach – dubbed Rediscover Transit – includes newspaper articles and ads, radio ads, social media posts, flyers and informational booths.

As in past discussions on transit funding, Councilman East

again brought up the rising cost of the transit service in the face of declining ridership. A cost he said works out to about \$28 per rider trip.

“When you do the math on this, even at roughly 2,000 riders per month – 24,000 per year – you’re looking at \$28 for every person or every trip, whether it’s the same person or not,” East said.

East wondered if state DRPT officials were concerned with the high cost per trip. Musick said she had not heard DRPT address that issue.

East said the \$70,000 contribution by the town represents a lot of money that is “in the interest of very few people.”

East praised the outreach effort to try and attract more riders, but noted, “the fact of the matter is if you have a service that’s just not being used, maybe that service needs to be re-thought.”

He added he is really interested in the “micro” transit program

with door-to-door service that Musick had described before.

“Seems to me that would be far more useful at \$28 a pop if an elderly person could call and you go to the door and pick them up,” he said.

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



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facility in Pulaski now draws in a lot of people from outside the area.

Cope wondered how many drug and alcohol treatment facilities would eventually be in the town, noting the recent debate over the Mainspring facility that had been seeking permission to establish a drug treatment facility beside LewisGale Hospital Pulaski.

“It’s not that I don’t want people to get help. I mean I do, I see it. But there is also a cost to the residents,” Cope said.

Councilman Greg East agreed with Cope.

“The fact of the matter is we do have to consider the residents of this town. Bottom line is those are the people who make this town work. I live two blocks from the municipal building. I walk the streets every night, and I have for almost 10 years now. There has been a significant increase in the

transient population in this town.

“In my opinion, that’s the main thing we need to consider – the taxpaying citizens of this town,” East said.

East said Cope raised a valid question on how many treatment facilities did the town need.

“Granted, their missions are different, it doesn’t change the fact that they attract people that have issues. I’m all about helping everybody we can, but at the same time we have an obligation to the people of this community,” East said.

Councilman Michael Reis offered a motion to approve the Special Exception to allow for Savida Health’s facility. However, it failed on a 3-2 vote with Councilmen East, Brooks Dawson and Jamie Radcliffe voting in opposition. Reis and Councilman Jeremy Clark voted in favor.

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the open lines of communication between our offices is one of the many positive attributes we can share with our county,” the statement reads.

“Together, we are announcing our intentions to seek the Pulaski County Republican Party nominations this year for our respective offices.

“We believe in a united pursuit of justice and we stand together in service to all of the citizens of Pulaski County. We are blessed to serve and look forward to the opportunity to continue to do so,” Griffith and Worrell said in their statement.

Worrell and Griffith made news this past summer when they announced they had renounced their membership in the Democratic Party and expressed their support for the principles of the Republican Party.

Griffith and Worrell attributed their move away from the Democratic Party to the early release of prison inmates by a Democratic controlled Parole Board. In addition, they expressed concern over Democratic legislators pursuing avenues to eliminate qualified immunity provisions for law enforcement officers acting in their official capacities.

Democrats, they said, had led calls to action regarding reductions and /or removal of School Resource Officers. And, they said, Democrats had sponsored legislation to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences.

Worrell first became sheriff on July 1, 2017 after being appointed by retiring Sheriff Jim Davis. He ran for election in 2017, defeating three other candidates. Then, in 2019, he ran unopposed for a full four-year term.

Griffith was appointed Commonwealth’s Attorney when Mike Fleenor gave up the post in 2020 to become a judge. Griffith was unopposed in a special election that year to finish out Fleenor’s term.

This year is a big year in local politics. All of Pulaski County’s Constitutional Offices are up for election, including Sheriff, Commonwealth’s Attorney, Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue and Clerk of Court.

Also, all seats on the Board of Supervisors and School Board are also up for election.

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Apr 8	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 15 – 16	Gandy Dancer/ Tygart Flyer	\$480
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Apr 17	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Sept 19 – 25	Mystery Tour...	\$1,830
Apr 22	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 23	Andy Griffith’s “Mayberry Days”	\$85
Apr 23- 26	VA Military Tattoo/ Mermaid Bash	\$1,315	Sept 23 – 24	Washington Nationals Baseball	\$585
Apr 24 – May 3	Texas “Lone Star State”	\$2,435	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Neptune Festival/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$685
May 6	Billy Graham Library/ Stowe Bontanical Gardens	\$90	Oct 1 – 5	Niagara Falls / Toronto	\$1,365
May 6 – 16	Tennessee Music Pathways	\$4,840	Oct 2 – 8	New England in the Fall	\$1,685
May 9 – 12	Tulip Festival/ Holland, MI	\$940	Oct 3 – 6	Rockin’ the Boardwalk/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$1,190
May 10	Andy Griffith “Mayberry” Mt. Airy , NC	\$85	Oct 5	Cass Railroad / Cass, WV	\$195
May 10 – 13	Creation Museum / Ark Encounter	\$865	Oct 6 – 7	“Moses” / PA Dutch/ Lancaster , PA	\$490
May 11 – 13	“Moses” / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735	Oct 6 – 8	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005
May 12 – 14	New York Springtime	\$1,200	Oct 7	Billy Graham Library / Stowe Botanical Gardens	\$90
May 13	North Carolina Zoo/ Asheboro, NC	\$90	Oct 7	Bushy Mountain Harvest Festival	\$75
May 15	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Oct 9	Cass Railroad / Cass, WV	\$195
May 20 – 21	Tangier Island	\$470	Oct 10 – 14	Haunted Halloween/ Boston & Salem	\$1,370
May 21 – 26	Oklahoma Oil/ Osage Nation/ Pawhuska, OK	\$1,405	Oct 11 – 17	Pioneer Women/ Magnolia Market	\$1,930
May 26 – 28	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Oct 14	New River Gorge Bridge Day/ Fayetteville, WV	\$100
May 27	Mitchie Tavern / Swannanoa Mansion	\$95	Oct 14	Carolina Balloon Festival / Statesville, NC	\$85
Jun 4 – 7	Resorts Casino & Hotel / Atlantic City, NJ	\$765	Oct 17 – 20	Oktoberfest in Helen, GA	\$1,290
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Jun 6 – 10	Two Stadiums/ Philadelphia/ Baltimore	\$1,480	Nov 3 – 5	Sunshine Tours/ Family Reunion	\$900
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July 21 - 23	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Dec 5 – 7	Blue Christmas at Graceland	\$1,460
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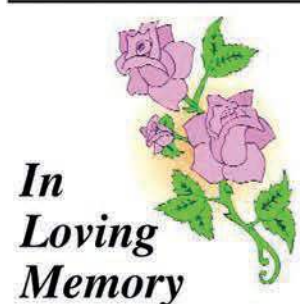
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JOHN HERMAN "TERRY" MANNS

John Herman "Terry" Manns, 79, of New River, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Garfield and Hattie Laconia Manns; and his siblings, James G. Manns, Jr., Christine M. Hopkins, Lillian Valentine, Andrew J. Manns, Betty M. Casey, Nenzerine M. Lewis, and Elizabeth Casey.

Survivors include his sons, James Erwin Manns and John Manns; granddaughter, Sophea; sisters, Flossie Brown, and Ava Pope; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Caroline Manns; best friend, Theodo Saunders; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, January 23, 2023, from 12 until 1 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist in New River, 7318 Manns Dr, New River, VA 24129. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Monte Brown officiating. Burial with full military honors will take place in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin at 3 p.m. following the service.

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



SALLIE WALL RIDDLE

Sallie Wall Riddle, 74, of the Little Creek Community of Dublin, VA, passed away Friday, January 13, 2023 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born January 24, 1948 in Pulaski, VA, the daughter of the late William McKinley & Ossie Mae King Wall.

Sallie loved sewing and quilting and made all of her grandchildren a quilt last Christmas. She was a member of the Little Creek Apostolic Tabernacle for many years.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by all of her siblings, her brothers, Virgil Wall, Lester Wall and Marvell Wall and her sisters, Frances Tate, Shirley Ramsey and Betty Akers, and her granddaughter, Chelsea Deanne Riddle.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 56 years, Lewis W. Riddle; her daughters & sons-in-law, Tammy & Robbie Miller, of Dublin and Crystal & Rosco Gunter, WV; her son, Terry Riddle, of Dublin; her grandchildren, who she loved dearly, Shane & Angela Miller, of Pulaski, Ashlyn Riddle and Katelyn & Timmy Smith, all of WV. And Madelyn Crigger, of Narrows, and Braden Crigger, of WV; her very special great-grandson, Junior ("Buster") Smith and two more great-grandchildren on the way; her nieces, Alma Warden, of Narrows and Rebekah Taylor, of Pulaski; her nephew, Cleve Tate, of Narrows; and many great nieces, nephews, extended family and friends, too many to list.

Graveside services were held Monday, January 16, 2023 at the

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PATRICIA "PATTY" SEMONES KANODE

Patricia "Patty" Semones Kanode, age 79 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born September 28, 1943 in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of the late Tracy Harry Semones & Alta Elizabeth Stilwell Sullivan. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jackie L. Kanode, significant other, Samuel Coakley, sister, Daisy Darlene Semones, brothers, MacArthur Semones, Chester Semones, Roy Semones and granddaughter, Makayla Wolfe.

Patty is survived by her Daughters – Lynn (Tim) Jones – Draper, Jackie "Lee" (Mike) Wolfe – Pulaski

Extended Family – David (Cindy) Coakley, Teresa Coakley – LA Sisters – Peggy White – Pulaski, Nancy (David) Armstrong – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Stacy Jones, Michael Wolfe, Matthew Wolfe 6 Step-Grandchildren

Special Extended Family – Marie Rorrer, Clara Willard & family Several nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Monday, January 16, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Kathy Warden officiating.

Family graveside services were Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital @ www.st-jude.org, or the Pulaski Christian Church, 4351 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA.

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



DOROTHY ELLER SOWERS

Dorothy Eller Sowers, 86, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2023, at her home in Dublin, VA. Dorothy was born in Purlear, NC on January 29, 1936, to the late Gilbert Clayton & Fannie Elizabeth Eller.

Dorothy retired from American University in Washington, DC. After retiring, Dot lived her life to the fullest. She loved to travel, especially to her late daughter's home in Florida and she also loved going to watch her Great Nephews' basketball games that were up & down the East Coast. She enjoyed going to visit her friends, going out to eat and at times shopping.

Dot was a volunteer at Highland Ridge Rehab Center for over 25 years. She said she loved to make others smile & she would spend several hours daily, playing bingo, talking to the residents and bringing them lots of magazines, costume jewelry & whatever they ask her for. Dot made forever friends but when COVID hit, and she was unable to volunteer she missed the residents terribly.

Dot loved her Dublin High School class of 54 classmates, and they all stayed in touch through the years.

Dot never met a stranger. Dot loved meeting new people and sharing stories with them about her family, her friends or just life in general.

Dot was a spunky lady, she loved being the center of attention, especially with her blue & purple hair, & she loved to dress up & put on all her "Bling bling". Dot was a classy, one-of-a-kind woman & once you met her...You would definitely never forget her!

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Gilbert & Fannie Eller, her late husband Paul Sowers, her Daughter, Sherry E. Showalter, sisters Billie McNeil, Joan Rickey, Betty Hix and Linda McDonald, her brothers Doyle, Frank, Bud & JT Eller & her Nephew Todd Gilbert Loy

Dorothy is survived by her niece, Angela D. Loy who had been her caregiver for the last few years, her Daughter-in-Law Dorothy Brown, Nephews Tony & Jerry Rickey, Niece Cindy Lou Murphy, Niece Brenda O'Neal, Great Nephews D'Vante Todd & Kamryn Elijah Edwards & her Great Great Nephew Kullen Todd Edwards. Dot is also survived by numerous Cousins and a very Special Friend Inez Tracy. Angela would like to thank Intrepid

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BRENDA AKERS CALLAHAN

Brenda Akers Callahan, age 73 of Pulaski passed away Friday, January 13, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born April 10, 1949 in Radford she was the daughter of the late Carl & Mary Akers. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Danny A Callahan.

She was retired from Verizon with over 20 years of service.

Brenda is survived by her Sons

Daniel Shane & wife, Vanessa Callahan – Fredericksburg, VA

Jason Christopher Callahan – Englewood, CO

Granddaughters Layla Grace Callahan Emily Louise Callahan

Sister Judy Epperly – Montgomery County

A visitation was held Thursday, January 19, 2023 at Bower Funeral Chapel, Pulaski.

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

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

VANESSA LORRAINE ALBERT YOPP

Vanessa Lorraine Albert Yopp, 65, passed away at her home in Radford on Monday, January 16, 2023. She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Eugene Albert, Sr.

Survivors include her daughter, Crystal Miller; mother, Sylvia Caldwell Spradlin; granddaughters, Vanessa Jane Branscome and Nellie Sue Miller; 1 great grandson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth E. Albert, Jr. and Debor, and Dexter Albert and Rhonda; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 2 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A graveside will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin with Rev. Dr. Paul Lane officiating.

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

MELISSA (MISSY) JEAN JOHNSTON

Our dearly beloved Melissa (Missy) Jean Johnston, 49, departed this earth to be with our heavenly father on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. She was loved by everyone she met.

Preceding her in death, is her father Roger Lee Johnston.

She is survived by her mother Patricia Gaye Damron and stepfather, Mike Bahr. Her brothers, Roger Lee Johnston Jr. and wife Sharon and Jassen Dean Johnston and Jessica. Her sister Nancy (Dee Dee) Crawford and husband Kevin. She has many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and dear friends that she loved dearly.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday, January 16, 2023, in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Services located at 815

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Card Of Thanks

The family of Harry Linwood Surface, who passed away January 7, 2023, would like to express their gratitude for all expressions of sympathy including food, flowers, donations, and visits from all of his friends. Terrie Sternberg provided such a meaningful and comforting message, and personal family support. The memories shared by Mike Payne and Sherry Boone were so special - he would have been so proud. We would also give a special thanks to Traci Delap his caregiver, Regina Edwards and Jimmy Brunner who have done so much for them for years, Asa Burchett, Cheryl Underwood and Ann King for all of the regular visits.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Seagle's Funeral Home for the donation of "Plant a Tree" and special granite remembrance plaque. We appreciated the excellent care they provided which exceeded all of our expectations. Seagles were great with their assistance with all of the arrangements for the service and the Military ceremony at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery. A special thanks to Matt Stevens for visits, special care and guidance. We would also like to recognize the American Legion for their participation in the ceremony.

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LINDA MARIE UMBERGER DALTON

Linda Marie Umberger Dalton, 74 of Pulaski died on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at the Lewis Gale, Pulaski Hospital. A very loving, compassionate woman who adored her family and friends and enjoyed sharing life with them all.

Preceded in death by her parents, Philip Walter and Beulah McPeak Umberger and a brother, Philip Wayne Umberger.

Surviving are her daughters, Tammy (Carl) Lundy and Christina Dalton both of Pulaski and sons, Larry Wayne Dalton of Pulaski, and Matthew Kelly Rodriguez (Benedictos) of Richmond.

Linda simply loved her three grandchildren, Hailey Dalton, Jake Lundy and Paige Lundy and a great grandchild, Emma Payne.

A celebration of her life was shared with her brother, Philip Wayne Umberger on Sunday, January 15, 2023 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

The family is in the care of Norris Stevens Funeral Services. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com Floral gifts may be ordered by visiting www.pulaskiflowers.com

PHILIP WAYNE UMBERGER

Philip Wayne Umberger of Pulaski passed away unexpectedly at his home shortly after celebrating the New Years. Born on July 2, 1947 to Philip Walter Umberger and Beulah McPeak Umberger who preceded him death.

Left to honor his legacy are his nieces Tammy (Carl) Lundy and Christina Dalton both of Pulaski and nephews, Larry Wayne Dalton of Pulaski, and Matthew Kelly Rodriguez (Benedictos) of Richmond.

A celebration of his life was shared with his sister, Linda Umberger Dalton on Sunday, January 15, 2023 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

The family is in the care of Norris Stevens Funeral Services. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com Floral gifts may be ordered by visiting www.pulaskiflowers.com

Riddle

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Hunter's Cemetery with Rev. Tommy Ramsey and Asst. Pastor Larry Woodyard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in Sallie's honor directly to A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, 2508 Walkers Creek Valley Rd., Pearisburg, VA 24134, to help with funeral expenses.

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Community leaders, staff and Chamber of Commerce members gathered to Cut the Ribbon Celebrating the Pulaski County YMCA's Grand Re-Opening.

Pulaski County YMCA celebrates grand re-opening

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce (PCCC) staged a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Pulaski County YMCA last Thursday, January 12 to celebrate the completion of major renovations at the facility.

After those in attendance gathered in the YMCA gym for the ceremony, Bill Cunningham, President of the PCCC, began the proceedings by welcoming several community leaders by name, including Pulaski Police Chief Jill Niece, Chairwoman of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Laura Walters, County Administrator Jonathan Sweet, Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers, Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith, Director of Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Shay Dunnigan and Josh Hess from Morgan Griffith's office.

"The image of the YMCA has completely changed," declared Cunningham. "Since June, they have remodeled 80 percent of the facility. They started remodeling the childcare facility. After that, the board made a decision to continue renovations throughout the entire facility. The YMCA offers many wellness programs, childcare and the YMCA is the only place in the county with three indoor pickleball courts!"

Pulaski Police Chief Jill Niece next addressed those assembled.

"It's probably odd the Chief of Police is here to talk about the YMCA, but actually the Town Manager asked me to come speak to you guys because I'm a mem-

ber here. I actually remember coming to the YMCA when I was very young, and they did tumbling and gymnastics in what the cardio

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AEP Raised Rates for Customers Again. Why?

This winter, heating bills across the country are expected to increase by 17% – the highest cost in more than a decade. According to the Energy Information Administration, those who use natural gas to heat their home this winter will see a cost increase of 28%.

As readers know, unfortunately, southwest Virginia has also experienced these rising energy costs. In November of last year, folks in my district saw their utility bills increase, due to a petition filed by American Electric Power (AEP), which



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

operates Appalachian Power Company (APCo). In September, AEP/APCo petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) to increase its fuel factor – the money necessary to recoup their costs for fuel, etc. The company said they would need to raise rates to recover approximately \$279 million in revenue over a two-year period. According to AEP/APCo, the proposed rate change would result in a Virginia residential customer, who uses 1,000 kWh/month, to experience an average of \$20.17 increase to their bill. That's a whopping 15.8%.

The SCC granted AEP/APCo a temporary rate increase on November 1, 2022, stating they would review the increase and make a final decision in early 2023. Common-sense tells us that for the winter months, when bills tend to be higher due to more energy usage, southwest Virginia residents will see increases way above \$20. And that's exactly what happened. In December, the SCC heard from AEP/APCo customers, who voiced concerns about their higher electricity bills through public comment. One customer stated, "We cannot afford to heat our home this winter because our bill is over \$250, and we keep our heat at 58 degrees in the winter."

Another customer's public comment indicated they were going to have to turn to batteries and lanterns in order to cut their energy bill because it was so unaffordable.

For many families on tight budgets, including those who live in my district, these higher prices inevitably mean having to choose between what bills they can afford to pay. Some families won't be able to pay them all and will have to choose between feeding their children, buying needed medicine, or keeping their house warm at night.

In a letter sent by the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association to Senate and House leadership in September, the association stated, "About 29% of Americans who were surveyed had to reduce or forego expenses for basic household necessities to pay an energy bill in the last year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Pulse Survey."

This is unacceptable. Why have we seen heating bills increase an exorbitant amount this winter? The reason is clear: bad energy and economic policies have caused energy prices to rise.

Two years into the Biden Administration and the effects of their energy policies are on full display. On his very first day in office, President Biden signed an executive order revoking the presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have transported fuel from Canada into the United States. Not long after, he signed an executive order suspending all new oil and gas leases on federal lands and waters. Both actions were designed to be anti-fossil fuel, hampering domestic oil and gas production from the start.

And it's not just Biden. During the last two years, we saw a \$10 trillion increase in spending thanks to legislation passed by the Democratic-controlled House and Senate. This astronomical increase in spending led to the highest inflation the U.S. has seen in 40 years, peaking at 9.1% in June 2022. American families faced increasing costs across the board, everything from food to fertilizer to fuel. In December, year-over-year, fuel oil was up 41.5%, while electricity was up 14.3%.

Here in Washington, Republicans are focused on bringing down costs for Americans. During our second week back, I participated in a Republican House Energy and Commerce Committee roundtable, where we discussed these high energy prices, the burden it is putting on families and small business owners across the country, and what we can do here in Washington to help.

It's time to bring down the cost of energy for Americans by enacting common-sense energy policies that encourage domestic energy development and incentivize increased production. In Congress, it's up to us – the new Republican majority in the House – to rein in spending and put forth responsible economic policies that work toward tapering inflation.

Avoid Entangling Foreign Alliances

On September 19, 1796, George Washington's "LETTER to FRIENDS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS" (Farewell Address) declaring his intention not to run for re-election, appeared in the Philadelphia Daily American Advertiser. Later, it would be published in newspapers around the Country.

Notice to whom the letter is directed: to Friends and Fellow-Citizens. During the early years of the Republic, citizens served in the government of the United States of America – not unelected bureaucrats. These citizen-servants were people chosen from their communities to represent the needs of their families, friends, business owners, farmers, etc.

Washington incorporated his core beliefs, political philosophy and love for his country in his Farewell Address from drafts he directed and had penned by James Madison in 1792, and included later drafts by Alexander Hamilton. His statements reflect his belief in America's political purpose and the hope that the

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Constitution would unify the country and continue to provide independence and stability for the new nation.

"The unity of government which constitutes you one people is also now dear to you. It is justly so; for it is a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquility at home, your peace abroad, of your safety, of your prosperity, of that very liberty which you so highly prize."

Washington had much to say about governing and wanted to leave wise counsel for those future leaders. His

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Not All Conspiracy Theories Are Equal

The same people who pride themselves on rigorously insisting on the facts -- ideally, explained in the dulcet tones of an NPR anchor -- are happy to embrace conspiracy theories supportive of their own worldview.

This is why the idea that Russian disinformation on social media influenced or even decided the 2016 election has gained such purchase, even though a new study finds, unsurprisingly, no evidence for it.

The overwhelming focus on the Russian influence operation in the wake of 2016 was classic conspiratorial thinking -- an unusual or unwelcome event, namely Trump's shocking victory, was attributed to the machinations of a small, shadowy group of malefactors.

This fevered notion fueled Democratic 2016 election denialism; catalyzed a federal investigation into Trump that was senseless and disruptive; created a cottage industry of supposed disinformation experts; pushed social media companies into exercising rank political censorship in the name of fact-based content moderation; led to the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story; and distorted the work of the FBI, which made itself an adjunct of the progressive crusade against such supposedly pervasive and incredibly consequential disinformation.

The effects of all of this are still with us today. The panic over disinformation is the backdrop to many of the "Twitter Files" releases, which will be followed up with hearings by House Republicans.

It always seemed unlikely that a challenge beyond the grasp of American politicians with endless resources and extensive knowledge of our political system -- namely, swaying an election based on some random, not-very-good social media posts -- would be easily within reach of clueless Russians wielding a bunch of bots.

The new report published by Nature Communications (affiliated with the famous journal Nature) is the product of a yearslong research project led by New York University's Center for Social Media and Politics. For technical reasons, the study focuses on Twitter, although surely its findings are more generally applicable.

It found that even though the scale of the Russian efforts sounds vast (an estimated 32 million Twitter users exposed to Russia-sponsored posts -- egads!), its reach and measurable effect were negligible.

The report relied on a detailed survey of a subset of Twitter users, finding 1% of people on Twitter accounted for 70% of exposure to Russian tweets, and 10% for 98% of exposure.

In other words, this was not a widespread phenomenon. Indeed, the median exposure to Russian accounts the last

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The other side of fame

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

"I'm gonna live forever, baby, remember my name" - (from "Fame") The death at age 54 of Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of Elvis, got me thinking again about the two-edged sword that is fame.

Poems, books, even movies have addressed fame, how some people even lust after it and how it seems to ruin more lives than it helps. Once you have attained fame you can never live as normal people do. Strangers want to approach you, some with good motives, some bad. The famous need security, locked gates, unlisted telephone numbers and people around to protect them and feed their egos. Such was the fate of country boy Elvis, as depicted in the current biopic about him. And now it has become the fate of his only child.

Lisa Marie never asked to be famous. It was thrust on her. True, she had a short career as a singer, but was always known first as Elvis' daughter. As with Frank Sinatra Jr., lineage can be a curse.

Neither Lisa Marie nor her father handled fame well. She was married four times, including to singer Michael Jackson. Her son committed suicide. She struggled with drugs, as did Elvis, who died of an overdose. Elvis' relationships with other women were legion. According to legal documents obtained by The Blast, Lisa Marie was spending "\$92 thousand a month before her death and owed the IRS \$1million after squandering the \$100 million fortune she inherited from Elvis."

People handle fame in different ways. Pat Boone, who was born in 1934, seven months before Elvis, also had a head start on the "king," recording three smash hit songs before Elvis scored his first.

Boone has told me and others that Elvis was a Beverly Hills neighbor during his movie-making days. Boone says Elvis would often walk the one block to his home and seemed envious of Boone's family. When Boone's four girls heard Elvis was there they sometimes jumped

from the backyard swimming pool and sat on his lap. Boone said he felt Elvis wished for a family of his own. He eventually had one with wife Priscilla and their daughter, but fame's dark side got to him. His wife and daughter were also fame's targets and eventually became its victims.

Boone has said he thinks Elvis might have lived to a ripe old age, instead of dying at 42, had Tom Parker not been his manager and driven him as he did for the 50 percent of Elvis' profits that Parker frittered away on his gambling addiction.

Boone's years of fame included movies and a network TV show on NBC, and he handled his fame much better. There were no "other women," and no drugs. He credits his strong Christian faith and loving wife for protecting him, but Boone never indulged himself in his lower nature. He wasn't surrounded by "yes men" who told him what he wanted to hear.

Some mocked Boone's clean-cut appearance, but given how he turned out (he is now 88, as Elvis would have been had he lived), his lifestyle looks better every day.

Everyone wants to believe his or her life matters. Some find meaning in externals that can lead to dark and deadly places. Others find it in the spiritual realm, which has led many to light and a happy place.

Another song conveys a lesson to all who seek fame as an end in and of itself: "Fame if you win it, comes and goes in a minute. Where's the real stuff in life to cling to?"

Lisa Marie's father loved her, so far as he seemingly understood love. He just never appeared to grasp its full meaning. This was his tragedy. Because of the fame he bequeathed to her, it became Lisa Marie's tragedy as well.

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

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language indicates that the person to be elected to ‘administer the executive government’ should be chosen from the citizenry. Washington directed his fellow-citizens to carefully consider who would be “clothed with that important trust.”

So important was Washington’s Farewell Address that it was actually incorporated as a text book in schools until the mid-1900’s.

There were three major warnings in Washington’s Farewell Address. He warned that the forces of geographical sectionalism, political factionalism and interference by foreign powers in America’s domestic affairs would threaten the stability of our Republic.

Washington also strongly warned against all permanent alliances with foreign nations, stating instead that America should form temporary alliances with foreign nations only in extraordinary emergencies.

Interestingly, America’s third President, Thomas Jefferson, used similar language in his first inaugural address in 1801, calling for a cautious foreign policy to avoid entangling foreign alliances.

In 1862, during the Civil War, the citizens of Philadelphia petitioned Congress to have Washington’s address read in one of the Houses of Congress in commemoration of the 130th anniversary of President Washington’s birth.

In response to this petition, the House and Senate met in a joint session on February 22, 1862 for the “reading of Washington’s Farewell Address” by Secretary of the Senate, John W. Forney.

The following excerpt is taken from Senate.gov. You can read an expanded version of the tradition of reading Washington’s Farewell Address at: <https://www.senate.gov › washingtons-farewell-address>

“The Senate tradition of reading the address aloud in the Chamber began on February 22, 1862, as a morale-boosting gesture during the darkest days of the Civil War. Citizens of Philadelphia had petitioned Congress to commemorate the forthcoming 130th anniversary of Washington’s birth by reading the address at a joint session of both houses. On that day, members of the Senate proceeded through the Capitol to the House Chamber to

hear the address read by Secretary of the Senate John W. Forney. Early in 1888—the centennial year of the Constitution’s ratification—the Senate recalled the ceremony of 1862 and had its presiding officer read the address on February 22.

Every year since 1896, the Senate has observed Washington’s birthday by selecting one of its members, alternating parties, to read the 7,641-word statement in legislative session.

At the conclusion of each reading, the appointed senator inscribes his or her name and brief remarks in a black, leather-bound book maintained by the secretary of the Senate. The book’s first entry, dated February 22, 1900, bears the signature of Ohio Republican Joseph Foraker. In 1956 Minnesota senator Hubert Humphrey wrote that every American should study this memorable message. ‘It gives one a renewed sense of pride in our Republic,’ he wrote. “It arouses the wholesome and creative emotions of patriotism and love of country.”

Wouldn’t it be much more productive if all our current government leaders read and took to heart the warnings of George Washington? Maybe they wouldn’t be meeting this week with the climate-change elitists at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in the Alpine resort of Davos, Switzerland; making alliances with countries who don’t have America’s best interest in mind.

John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, has a solution: “What was most needed, Kerry said, was ‘money, money, money, money, money, money, money.’”

Can you imagine what Washington and Jefferson would say about these alliances with foreign nations? Perhaps they would agree with what Greenpeace campaigner Klara Maria Schenk said in a statement regarding the 2023 WEF meeting: “Meanwhile, the rich and powerful flock to Davos in ultra-polluting, socially inequitable private jets to discuss climate and inequality behind closed doors... Davos has a perfectly adequate railway station, still these people can’t even be bothered to take the train for a trip as short as 21 [kilometers]...Do we really believe that these are the people to solve the problems the world faces?”

Maybe the next WEF meeting could be held in Pulaski County, so they can share the wealth with us. We’ll probably have to check with our airport to ascertain if they can accommodate the 1,000 jets which were flown into Davos.

Lowery

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month of the election was zero because overall exposure was so tiny.

As one might expect, the Russian accounts were “overshadowed -- by at least an order of magnitude -- by content from ordinary domestic political news media and U.S. political candidates.”

Was the Russian disinformation carefully targeted for political effect? No. It turns out that the Internet Research Agency, the outfit in charge of the bots, didn’t know how to target American swing voters (maybe they are better at this when trying to influence by-elections in Vladivostok).

The Russian accounts were disproportionately seen by strong Republicans. These weren’t people sitting on the fence, who then saw some crude anti-Hillary meme on social media and thought, “That clinches it -- now I can’t vote for the Democrat I’ve disdained

literally for decades.”

The study found, naturally, “The relationship between the number of posts from Russian foreign influence accounts that users are exposed to and voting for Donald Trump is near zero.” Nor did Russian posts influence attitudes toward the issues or drive increased polarization.

It turns out that random drivels produced by foreigners and thrown into the enormous, all-consuming maw of American social media doesn’t have much effect.

If the report’s findings were more politically convenient, they would by spread far and wide by traditional media outlets urging everyone to accept its conclusions as “science.”

In the end, it turns out, the biggest success of the Russian operation was driving a segment of American political opinion completely mad.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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room is now. It's been a staple of this community for as long as I can remember."

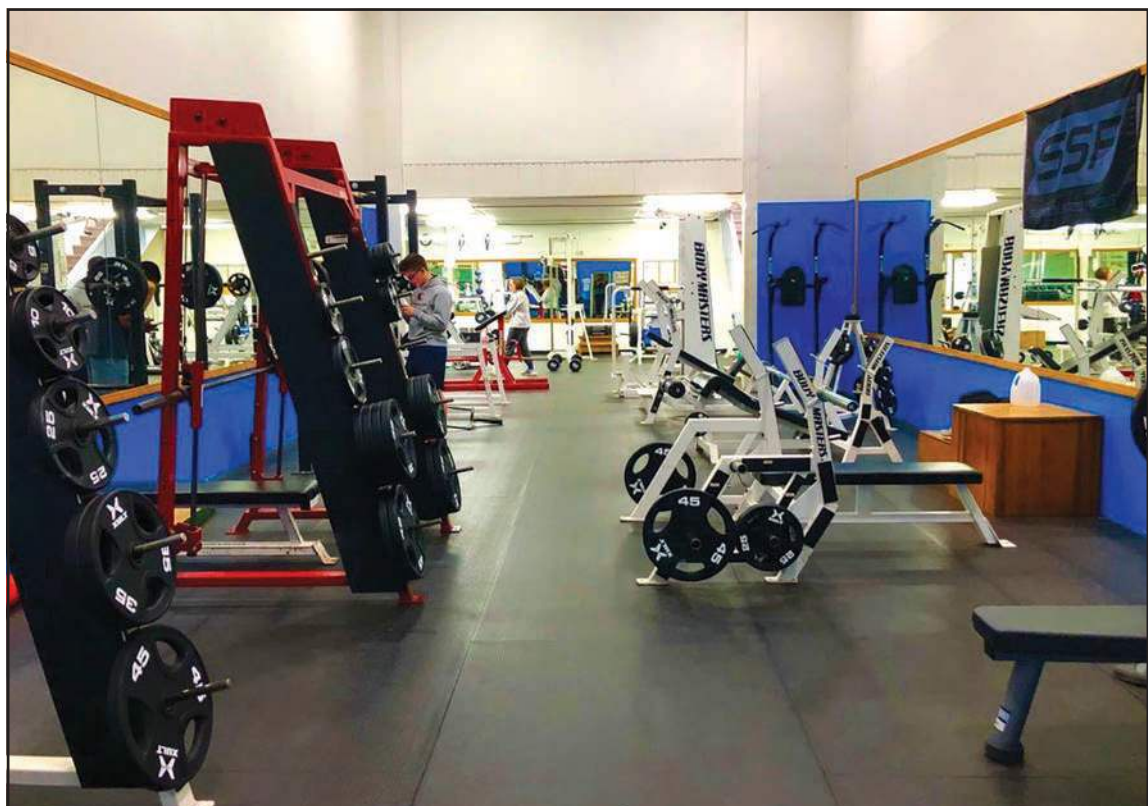
Chief Volunteer Officer and President of the YMCA Dr. Paige Cash was the last to address those present.

"I can't stop smiling, but I might cry," declared Cash. "Because what we have accomplished in six months ... it's like a different place. I want to thank first of all the YMCA staff because they have been in here every day. They've made this grand re-opening possible."

Among those Cash thanked by name were Child Care Director Meghan Hash, "for her Grace and compassion," Business Manager/Bookkeeper Holly Whip, "who trained herself for this job," and Maintenance Director Randy Akers, "the only person I've ever met who can fix anything."

Cash emphasized the role of Interim CEO Chris Ayers in the renovation effort.

"Chris, our interim CEO is the man with the plan," said Cash. "Chris came out of retirement last summer to serve as our interim CEO and we thank him.



New weights were provided as part of the renovation efforts at the Pulaski County YMCA.

He's got vision. He's got energy and he has been relentless about helping us turn the corner."

Ayers, interim CEO of the Pulaski County YMCA, retired four years ago as Director of the YMCA in Bristol, Virginia.

"I've had 35 years with the Y and they needed someone with some experience to make some of the tough decisions that needed to be made and try to put together a vision for this Y for a path forward," Ayers explained.

Ayers came to the Pulaski YMCA last June when membership levels were alarmingly low.

"When COVID hit it just devastated," said Ayers. "Back in August I convinced the board to use some of those COVID monies. A lot of the COVID money was to help organizations survive those times and re-invest and that's what we've done with those dollars. We've re-invested to hopefully get the community to re-invest in this as well. We've made about a quarter million dollars in renovations through those funds.

"I'd say there are 100 YMCAs in this country that are struggling financially," Ayers continued.

"They were all built in the late 60s, early 70s and facilities have aged and very little has been put back into the Y. So, what we're doing with our new flooring, new lighting, new painting and new equipment is to re-engage and get people back into the Y to stay."

Ayers expects to remain as the Interim CEO for the next several months so as to continue to develop the staff and make the tough, sometimes unpopular decisions.

"For example, we closed our pool back in October and it was a very hard decision and it wasn't because we didn't want the pool open," said Ayers. "I mean, we'd love to get things back open but we're trying to find that path forward financially for this YMCA to be sustainable in the future and a big part of that was renovating the building and getting people back into the Y. Just by closing the pool down, we're saving \$3,000 or \$4,000 a month just on utilities. So, we've formed a committee and we'll be reaching out to the community in the next four to six weeks to find sponsors to help us reopen the pool."

Business Manager/Bookkeeper Holly Whip was also enthusiastic of the future of the Pulaski County YMCA.


"We finally got all the renovations done inside and then the equipment replaced and the place is looking really good. We re-did all the floors, we painted the whole facility and we've added fitness on demand. There are hundreds of classes and we've got three locations in the building where you can do that on your own. There are scheduled classes as well. Since we launched our new programs and everybody's hit their New Year's Resolution, our membership has grown significantly. Sixty people joined at the first of the year."

"The YMCA has been a community resource for health and fitness, athletics, childcare, and it's also a social gathering place for people of all ages," said Cash, as she finished addressing the small crowd. "We plan to be here for at least another 70 years."

Following the remarks, the PCCC's Shannon Ainsley provided Cash the oversized scissors to cut the ribbon, which marked the Grand Re-Opening of the YMCA.

"As Paige said, this Y will sustain itself hopefully for at least the next 70 years, so it is very appropriate that the Chambers' first ribbon cutting of 2023 is for the YMCA," said PCCC President Bill Cunningham.

Cash summed up the event saying, "I'm absolutely thrilled. It's been a long road. I think the Y is better than ever and if you have not seen the Y recently, you have not seen the Y."



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Glencoe Mansion to unveil exhibit on slavery

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery will host a panel discussion on slavery in Appalachia as part of its new exhibit of the same topic, "Slavery in Appalachia," on Friday, January 27. The exhibit, which explores this incredibly important and all too often under-represented history, has been made possible through a grant from the Virginia Humanities.

The evening will begin at 5:30 PM with a Panel Discussion at the City Council Chambers, adjacent to the Glencoe Mansion location. The panel consists of five historians and members of the community who have explored the history of slavery in the region and its effects. The panelists are Dr. Theresa Burriss, Director of Appalachian Studies at Radford University; Sarah Carter, community historian and Glencoe Mansion Board Member; Howard Eaves, Sr., President of the Wake Forest Community Action Club; Dr. Michael Hickman, President of the Board of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center; and Dr. Daniel Thorp, Associate Professor of History at Virginia Tech.

Sarah Carter is a lifelong resident of Radford whose family has been in the region since 1792 because of slavery. Carter has been researching the history of her family, enslaved ancestors and local history since 1983. She serves on the Glencoe Mansion Board of Directors and is the Gift Shop and Events Committee Chair.

Dr. Theresa Burriss, Associate Professor, serves as the Director of Appalachian Studies and the Appalachian Regional & Rural Studies Center at Radford University. She was born and raised in Bristol, TN, focused her doctoral dissertation on the Afrilachian Writers and has published numerous articles and book chapters on the Afrilachians. She was tapped as an Honorary Afrilachian in 2006.

Howard Eaves, Sr. was born and spent his early years in the community of Wake Forest and attended Christiansburg Institute. An Air Force Veteran, Eaves is the President of the Wake Forest Community Action Club and serves as overseer of the Slave Monument located on Kentland Farms (now owned by Virginia Tech). As a team, he and his wife serve as curators of the Museum, which houses artifacts related to the Wake Forest community.

Dr. Michael (Mickey) Hickman is the president of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center Board



Pulaski's Dr. Mickey Hickman to be panelist.

of Directors and chair of its museum and history committee. After attending Calfee Training School and Christiansburg Institute, he graduated from Pulaski High School, Wytheville Community College, Virginia Tech, and Radford University. He retired after 42 years with Pulaski County Public Schools where he worked as a principal, high school history teacher and coach.

Dr. Daniel Thorp is an associate professor of history at Virginia Tech. He is the author of four books and nearly two dozen articles on a range of topics in 18th and 19th-century American history. His most recent works -- Facing Freedom and In the True Blue's Wake -- have focused on the history of African Americans in Montgomery County during and after the era of slavery.

The topic of slavery in Appalachia is a subject that is not well known. Many falsely believe that it did not exist in the mountains. However, from the earliest years of European settlement, slavery has been part of the fabric of the region. The New River Valley was no exception, especially as the number of enslaved people in the area grew tremendously in the decade leading up to the Civil War. The exhibit and panel discussion will explore the complicated history of slavery from its beginning until its abolition.

Following the Panel Discussion will be the unveiling of the exhibit itself at Glencoe Mansion at 6:45 PM, which will be accompanied by an opening reception. Both events are open to the public, and there is no admission charge. The exhibit will be on permanent display at the Glencoe Mansion. During the month of February, it will be on display on Level One (Gallery Level) of the museum.

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Glencoe Mansion photo

An enslaved Virginia family.

Man charged in Wythe Co. murder

From Wythe County Sheriff's Office

On January 13, 2023, at approximately 3:47 a.m. first responders received a call of a fire at 403 Saint Paul Church Road in the Rural Retreat community. When first responders arrived on the scene they found a vehicle on fire at this residence. Inside the vehicle, deputies found a deceased body.

After conducting interviews and

collecting evidence deputies identified the suspect as Calvin Junior Duncan II DOB 4/10/1989. At 7:58 a.m. deputies found Calvin Junior Duncan II, whose residence is the same as the scene of the crime, on Saint Paul Church Road. He was taken into custody without incident.

Calvin Junior Duncan II was charged with the following.

1. First Degree Murder
2. Arson
3. Possession of a firearm by a

convicted Felon

4. Use of a firearm in the commission of a Felony

5. Dispose of a dead body on private property

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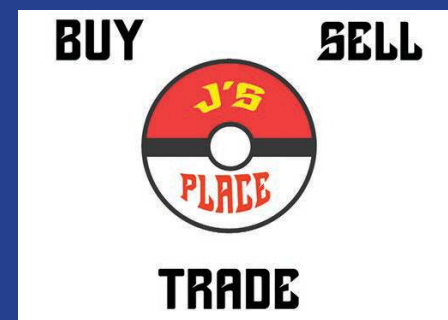
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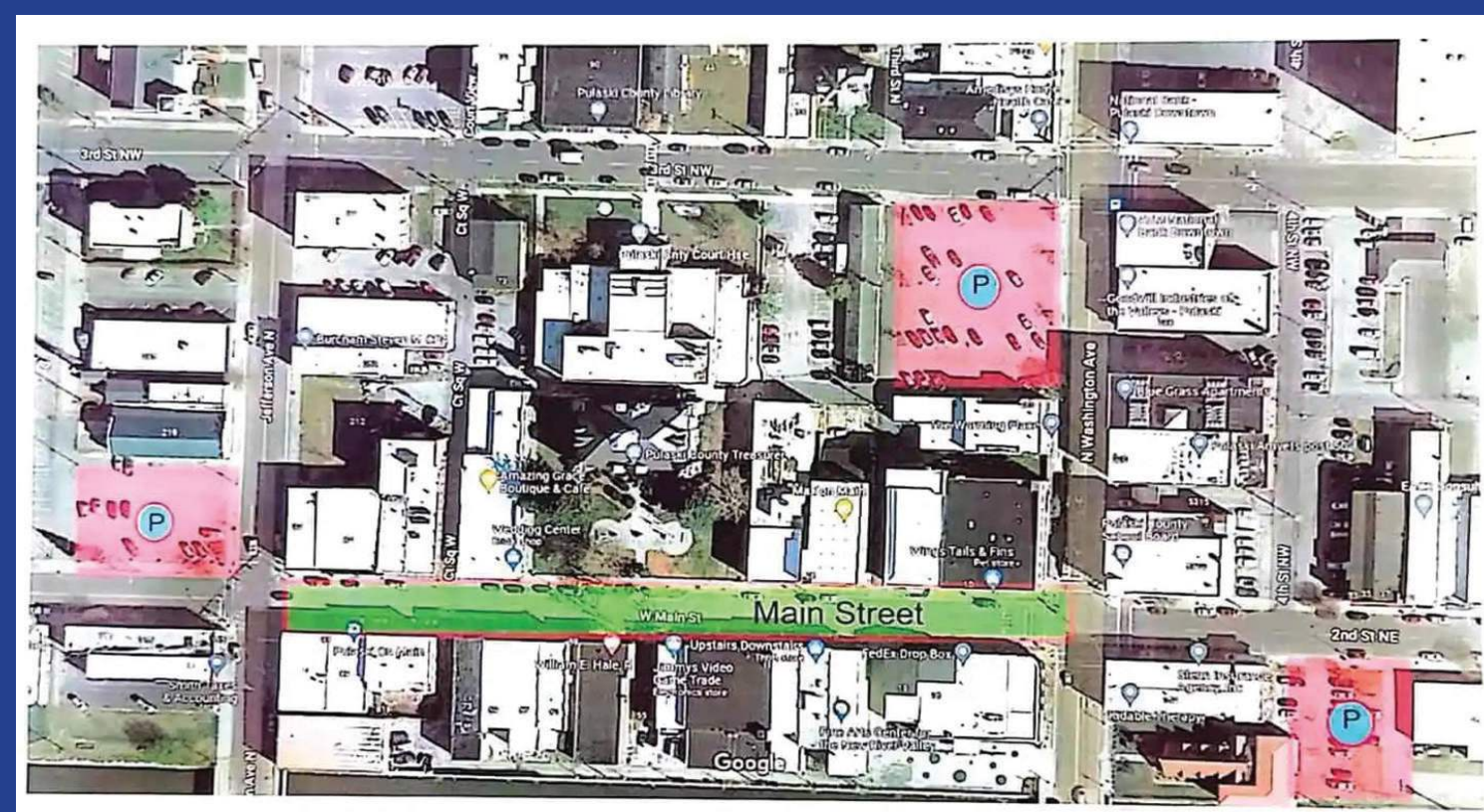
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Cougars get hard fought win over Christiansburg

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

It wasn't the prettiest played game, but it was a hard fought win for the Pulaski County Cougars as they defeated Christiansburg, 65-61.

The Cougars, with the game all tied-up at 59 with 1:04 left in the game, got a big bucket from point guard Tootie O'Dell with 44 seconds showing on the clock. And after a missed shot the Cougars (4-11, 2-4) would then get fouled sending Lane Nester to the charity stripe with 30 seconds to go. Nester calmly sank both free throws to up the Cougars' margin to 63-59.

The Blue Demons would get fouled and Drake Gandee hit both freebies to cut the Cougars back to two at 63-61 with 14 seconds remaining.

The Blue Demons would then foul sending O'Dell to the foul line with 5.3 seconds to go.

O'Dell would swish both for the 65-61 win.

"It wasn't the prettiest game but it's a win," said Cougar head coach Tyler Cannoy.

Cannoy, who had missed the last two games due to sickness, felt even better after the win.

"We seem like we take one step forward and then two steps back. This team needs to mature and sometimes we look better then we don't. I thought Nester (Lane) and Hollins (Chandler) played well, but we got to rebound better."

Nester scored a game-high 21 points and Hollins came off the bench to contribute 11. Senior Kyle O'Neal pitched in with 12 points and O'Dell finished with nine.

Christiansburg got 16 points from Richard McCrae and 15 from Kaleb Robinson – the one-two punch for the Blue Demons. Drake Gandee chipped in with 10.

The Cougar junior varsity

improved their record to 11-3 hanging on for a 56-52 victory over the Blue Demons.

Jalere Harlow scored 24 big points. Justus Hash had eight and Silas Sweet had seven. Both Johnny Anderson and Sammy Carrasco both had six points each. Christiansburg was led in scoring by Gavin Dow with 13.

Pulaski Co. - 11 - 22 - 13 - 19 = 65
Christiansburg - 14- 17-15- 15 = 61

PC - Nester 21, O'Neal 12, Hollins 11, O'Dell 9, Turner 4, Reed 4, Horton 4, C- Burg - McCrae 16, Robinson 15, Gandee 10. Conley 2, Blount 4, Velickovic 4, Calloway 3, Mills 7

3-PT. Goals - PC - 7 (Nester 2, Hollins 2, O'Neal 2, O'Dell) , C-burg - 2 (Mills, Gandee)

FTS - PC - 12-19, C-burg - 9-16

Total FGs - PC - 23, C-burg - 25

Total Fouls - PC - 16, C-burg - 18

Technicals – None

The Cougars hosted Blacksburg Thursday (Jan. 19) in the Cougar Den.

Salem 59, Pulaski County 52

The Salem Spartans would outscore Pulaski County by seven points in the fourth quarter and that was the difference last Friday at PCHS.

Kyle O'Neal led the Cougars with 16 points. Khalib Horton added 10 points. Other scoring included: Lane Nester, 9; Marcus Reed, 6; Jeremiah Turner, 5; Tootie O'Dell, 4, and Chandler Hollins, 2.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Andi Ratcliff puts up a shot this week against Christiansburg. Ratcliff chipped in five points as the Lady Cougars rolled over Christiansburg.

Lady Cougars get wins over C'burg, Salem

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars jumped out to a 31-2 lead after one quarter of play at Christiansburg on Tuesday, and went on to hammer the Lady Demons, 76-27.

Nearly half the Lady Cougars' points came on three-point shots as Pulaski County hit 10 treys on the night.

Keslyn Secrist led Pulaski County with 19 points and Paige Huff added 17. Tori Vest and Hannah Keefer added 10 each in the win.

Other scoring for the Lady Cougars included Kenzlee Jones with 6, Jayden Lawson and Andi Ratcliff with 5 each and Morgan Vest with 4.

The win gives the Lady Cougars a 13-3 record this season and

keeps them undefeated (7-0) in the River Ridge District.

Pulaski County travels to Roanoke on Tuesday to face Patrick Henry.

Pulaski County 57, Salem 44

The Lady Cougars got their 12th win of the season last Friday, beating rival Salem, 57-44 in the Cougar Den.

Hannah Keefer led the Lady Cougars with 17 points. Other scoring was: Keslyn Secrist, 12; Paige Huff, 11; Jayden Lawson, 8; Tori Vest, 5; Morgan Vest, 2 and Kenzlee Jones, 2.

Radford blitzes Glenvar

Patriot Staff Report

This game was over early.

Radford blitzed Glenvar, 22-4 in the first quarter and never looked back Tuesday in a 49-29 win at RHS.

The Bobcats ended the first half up, 39-8 paving the way for Radford's reserves to play most of the second half.

Gavin Corman and Elijah Kelly both scored 16 points to lead Radford. Cormany hit four three-point shots on the night.

Luke Woodard added 6 for the Bobcats.

Aidan Hylton led Glenvar with 11 points while Elijah Carter added 7. Glenvar's leading scorer, Brody Dawyot, was held scoreless in the game.

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NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On or subsequent to February 21, 2023, proceedings will be commenced under authority of §§58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the real estate titled of record to EDWARD JERMAINE McCLANAHAN located at 5889 Mines Road, Pulaski, Pulaski County, Virginia, currently bearing tax map/parcel # 044-2-3, tax account # 8526, for non-payment of Pulaski County real estate taxes.

As owner of the subject property, Edward Jermaine McClanahan may redeem his property at any time before the date of sale by paying all accumulated taxes, penalties, interest, and costs owed against same, including the costs of publication. However, if the delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid prior to filing of suit, then the property owner will be further liable for litigation costs and attorney's fees incurred.

Melinda L. Worrell, Treasurer of Pulaski County

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3063 OLD ROUTE 100 ROAD, PULASKI, PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to an Order of sale entered by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County on January 12, 2023 in the case of *County of Pulaski, Virginia v. El Concept, LLC*, case # 2022-479, Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner, shall offer the following real property for sale at public auction on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the front of the Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse, 45 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia:

3.0078 acre parcel of improved land located at 3063 Old Route 100 Road, Pulaski, Pulaski County, Virginia, bearing tax map/parcel # 82-1-85D, tax account # 13809.

Terms of Sale: Cash deposit of 20% of the selling price (highest bid) on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in collected funds (no personal checks) within 10 calendar days after the date of entry of an Order of confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in “AS IS” condition, in all respects and aspects, and title will be transferred by special commissioner’s deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations of record affecting the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Notice is hereby given that the title owner of record of the above-identified property, El Concept, LLC, may redeem its property prior to 4:30 p.m. on February 2, 2023 by paying in full to the Treasurer of Pulaski County all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and publication and litigation costs, pursuant to Virginia Code §§58.1-3965 et seq.

Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice for Asset Forfeitures

The following individuals are required to contact the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office on or before April 3, 2023 to assert their interests in the forfeiture of certain assets. Failure to respond by April 3, 2023, will result in default judgement and any assets will be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

- Commonwealth v. Aaron Anderson CL01-120- IN RE: \$354.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Robert Bennett CL09.139- IN RE: \$1,311.87 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. James Carr CL04.130- IN RE: \$213.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Josiah Clark CL 00.253-IN RE: 1990 Geo Tracker VIN:2CNBJ18UXL6225 1 95
- Commonwealth v. Dominick Coleman CL06.94- IN RE: \$758.94 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Carlos Coward CL06.12- IN RE: \$829.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Sean Farmer CL08.218- IN RE: \$50.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Kareem Farrior CL06.265- IN RE: 1999 Mitsubishi VIN:4A3AA46G0XE048637
- Commonwealth v. Wanda Gamer CL00.196- IN RE: 1989 Ford Escort VIN:1FAPP9598KT151052
- Commonwealth v. Richard Gravley CL10.534- IN RE: \$313.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Jerry Gregory, Jr. CL04.99- IN RE: \$43.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Gilbert Hadden CL06.95- IN RE: \$1217.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Pete Petty CL03.248- IN RE: \$1,180.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Shannon Patrick CL4.171 IN RE: \$312.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Dustyn Presgraves CLI 1.697 IN RE: \$202.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Andrew Samuelson CL14.709 IN RE: \$90.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Rex Douglas Shelton, Jr. CL09.626 IN RE: \$600 U.S. Currency, CL09792 IN RE: \$540.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Donyelle Simmons CL06.11 IN RE: \$110.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. James Stone CL07.523 IN RE: \$147.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Cobey Webb CL04.245 IN RE \$1,240.00 U.S. Currency
- Commonwealth v. Louie James West CL01.178 IN RE: 1988 Ford Econo Van VIN: 1FDEE14N-3JHC00694

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000540-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

STEVEN RICHARD AYDELOTTE v. SHALANE NICOLE AYDELOTTE

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that SHALANE NICOLE AYDELOTTE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m..

JANUARY 13, 2023 Maetta Crewe, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE



Town Council Public Hearing

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A request from Memorial Baptist Church for a Special Exception for property located at 995 Peppers Ferry Road, [tax parcel(s) 072-61-1] in the R-3, Multi-Family Residential District, for “Schools, Colleges, Universities, Pre-Schools or Daycare Center”.
2. A proposed Zoning Amendment to Section 11.2, Definitions, Houses of Worship, “As an accessory use, emergency warming stations are permitted, as defined by the building code and subject to meeting applicable building code and fire code requirements”, amending the definition to provide the conditions that the emergency warming stations can “Only permit Pulaski County residents” and “Can only operate from 6 pm to 7 am”.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 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. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager’s Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider an applications for the Month of January. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following application;

1. Vacation of second Public Utility Easement located at 6682 Teeth of the Dog Drive Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 040-4-3434 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, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

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



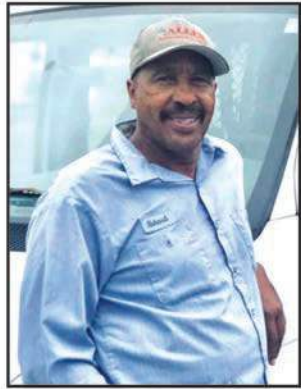
Former Lady Cougars In Action at Concord

Former Cougars Maddie Ratcliff (left), Ally Fleenor (middle) and Alexis Phillips faced off this week on the hardwoods at Concord. Ratcliff and Phillips, playing for Concord, while Fleenor plays for UVa-Wise. UVa-Wise beat Concord, 71-55.

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Man’s body found Saturday in New River in Delton area

From Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office

On Saturday, Jan. 14, a male subject was recovered from the New River in the 4000 block of Clark’s Ferry Road in the Delton area of Draper in Pulaski Coun-

ty. The body was transported to the Medical Examiner’s Office in Roanoke. The investigation into this incident is ongoing, and no further information will be released at this time.

Murder suspect apprehended Thursday in Bland County

From Virginia State Police

A North Carolina man is now behind bars after being apprehended in Bland County Thursday morning (Jan. 19, 2023). Virginia State Police has charged Brandon A. Amos-Dixon, 25, of Spring Lake, N.C., with one felony count of being a fugitive from justice, one felony count of assault on a police officer, one felony count of eluding police, and for reckless driving. He is being held without bond at the New River Valley Regional Jail. Shortly before 6 a.m. Thursday, the Virginia State Police and Bland County Sheriff’s Office were alerted to a homicide suspect parked at the north-bound Rest Area on Interstate 77 in Bland County. As state troopers and a sheriff’s deputy approached Amos-Dixon’s pickup truck in the Rest Area park-

ing lot, the pickup sped out of the parking lot and continued north on I-77. A pursuit was initiated, during which Amos-Dixon intentionally rammed a state police vehicle. The suspect vehicle exited I-77 at Exit 64 and continued west on Route 61 before crashing in the 1000 block of Clear Fork Creek Rd. Amos-Dixon then fled the scene on foot. A search perimeter was immediately established and local residents advised to shelter in place and call 911 if they saw anyone suspicious. State police and the Bland County Sheriff’s Office deployed multiple resources to the area for the search. At approximately 11:39 a.m. Thursday, Amos-Dixon was located near Laurel Fork Rd in Bland County. He is wanted out of Harnett County, NC. The trooper was not injured when his vehicle was rammed.

CFNRV scholarship application closing soon

Students are encouraged to apply to scholarships through the Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) before its scholarship application closes on January 30. This year, the CFNRV will give out more than \$100,000 to New River Valley students, with each scholarship award ranging from \$500 - \$4,000. Students on a variety of educational paths are eligible to apply, whether they are planning to pursue a degree or currently in school at a 2- or 4-year college or university, trade, or technical school. Many funds are set up specifically with financial need in mind. In 2022, 40% of scholarship recipients were from lower-income backgrounds. Since issuing its first scholarship in 2002, the foundation has awarded \$1,190,000 to 939 students. While there are dozens of CFNRV funds set up to fund

scholarships each year, applicants only need to submit a single application to the foundation and indicate the scholarships for which they would like to be considered. “I am so grateful to the Community Foundation for supporting me in my endeavors to further my education,” said Tali O’Neil. “It is another step in me being able to fulfill my potential.” O’Neil, who attends New River Community College, received a scholarship from the Wings Fund, created by donors David and Marilyn Hutchins. The foundation’s scholarships support a wide variety of students, whether a student is a high school senior, currently attending college or school, or someone returning to school later in life. Recipients may continue to apply for scholarships each year, with many students getting funds annually throughout their schooling to help offset the costs of attending school.



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Student of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski Elementary are proud to announce Matthew Walk as our Student of the Month. Matthew is the son of Jody and Kim Walk. When talking about Matthew, everyone has nothing but good things to say. Matthew is always there to help or assist, and has one of the nicest personalities you will ever encounter. He always has a smile of his face. Matthew is a Panther Patrol member, assisting faculty, staff, and students on a regular basis. He excels in every subject, and has a genuine desire to learn. In his spare time, he loves playing games, drawing, doing crafts, and he loves to travel. He wants to be a doctor for his future profession.

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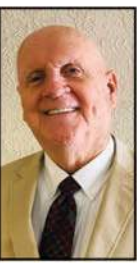
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A Church Congregation built a brand new Church Building. The Pastor announced that the next Sunday, they would be meeting in the New Church Building. The building official came by and told the Pastor that he couldn't open because of a city ordinance that required that they have a certain amount of land set aside for parking. Which they didn't. The new building had taken up almost all of the usable land.

They had plenty of land in the rear but it was much too steep to be used for parking. So they were faced with a dilemma. They had a new Church building with no parking. And the city wouldn't allow it to be opened until they had the parking required for the size and capacity of the building.

So the Pastor called a Prayer Meeting, and the Church Congregation came together and prayed, in faith believing, that God would make a way for them to open the New Church Building. How many know that God is a Waymaker? And God heard their prayers. The next day a Contractor just happened to come by who was looking for fill dirt for a project he was working on near-by. He asked the Pastor if he could dig out the mountain-side land behind the Church? He promised that if they gave him the dirt, he would bring the mountainside land down to level ground and not only that, but he would pave it so they would have a large, level, paved parking lot. This is a great example of how faith moved a mountain.

Jesus, speaking of a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, said "If you have the faith of a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, be thou removed and cast into the sea and it will obey you.

When a mustard seed germinates, it grows into a large tree that can grow to a height of from 20 to 30 feet.

Faith is so powerful that it doesn't take but a small amount of it to move a mountain.

Jesus didn't say if you have faith the size of a mountain, you can move a mustard seed, but He said, "If you have faith the size of a small mustard seed, you can move a mountain with it."

A dad brought his one and only son to Jesus. His son was possessed by a demonic spirit. The father said, I brought my son to your Disciples and they couldn't heal him. He said "Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which is lunatic and has a dumb spirit." The demonic spirit had taken his mind away. Not only could the boy neither speak nor hear, but the demonic spirit had taken over his mind and body and caused him to fall down foaming at the mouth, gnashing his teeth. His dad told Jesus, When he gets near water, this evil spirit casts him into the water, and when he gets near a fire, it casts him into the fire. This demonic spirit was literally trying to destroy this young boy.

Jesus said to the boy's dad. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believes."

And father of the child cried out, and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Which is what WE can do when we feel that our faith is inadequate to receive a miracle. God wants us to have more faith so when we ask for more, God will give it to us.

Jesus rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, "Thou deaf and dumb spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him."

And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; inasmuch that many said, He IS dead. But Jesus took him by the hand,

Church Directory

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Pastor: Alan Pearce
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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
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Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
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11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
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4576 Miller Lane
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Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046

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Draper, VA 24324
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Dublin Baptist Church
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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
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Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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First United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
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Hispanic Service: 3 p.m.
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e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org
website: www.fumcpulask.org
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
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Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church
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Aaron & Becky Sampson
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Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
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www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Sunday Services
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Pastor: Harry Gunter
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11 a.m. Sunday Service

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1749 Newbern Road
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Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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New Hope Church
3050 Lee Highway
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Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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Dublin, VA 24084
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

First Baptist Church
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Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
4008 Robinson Tract Road
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Telephone: 980-8186
Pastor Johnny Howlett
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
Group - 7 p.m.

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
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Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 23:4-5a

Even though I **walk through** the **darkest valley**, I will **fear** no **evil**, for **you** are **with** me; your **rod** and your **staff**, they **comfort** me. You **prepare** a **table before** me in the **presence** of my **enemies**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
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and lifted him up; and he arose.
And His disciples asked Him
privately, Why could not we cast
him out? And Jesus said unto
them, This kind can come forth
by nothing, but by prayer and
fasting.
So one way we can increase
our faith is through prayer and
fasting. If we'll pray and fast, it
will increase our faith. In fact,
I believe that prayer and fasting
was invented to bring us closer to
God and to increase our faith.
Jesus fasted for 40 days in
the wilderness. And He often
prayed. On one occasion the bible
said that Jesus prayed all night
long. And then the next morning
his faith was so strong that he
walked on the water and came to
His Disciples who were laboring
through a violent storm at sea,
that was about to sink the ship.
When Jesus came aboard, He
calmed the stormy sea. So Faith
is stronger than the power of the
strongest storm.

I want us today to see how
great the power of faith is.
The bible says, Faith is the
substance of things hoped for, the
evidence of things not seen.
Faith is when we believe a thing
is so, even before we see it with
our own eyes.

Faith brings the very power of
God into manifestation. Faith is
when we call those things which
are not, as though they were.”
Faith that works is not blind
faith, but faith in God, with
Whom nothing is impossible.
Faith in faith will not blow the
fuzz off of a peanut, but faith in
God can do anything and every-
thing.

Where does Faith come from?
It comes from God. To every man
is dealt a measure of faith. We
can take the measure of Faith that
God has endowed us with and
build on it.

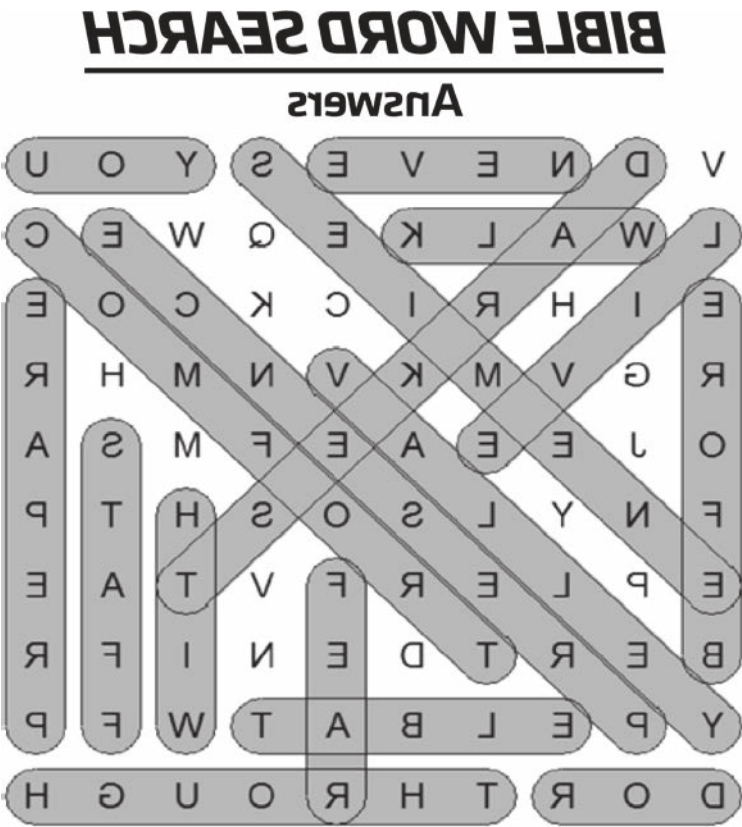
Naysayers will say how impos-
sible a thing is. But works done
in faith makes the impossible
possible. With God ALL things
are possible.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Joshua (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From John 3, who asked “How can a man be born who is old”? Stephen, Nicodemus, Paul, Thomas
 3. What notoriously wicked woman married King Ahab? Candace, Shiprah, Adah, Jezebel
 4. From Esther 5, who was the wife of Haman of Persia? Naaman, Zeresh, Not named, Delilah
 5. Where were Adam and Eve married? Heaven, Haran, Midian, Eden
 6. Who wrote the most of the Psalms? Solomon, Moses, David, Micah
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nicodemus, 3) Jezebel, 4) Zeresh, 5) Eden, 6) David
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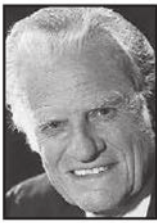
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From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham
Q: How troubling to hear talking points about social justice standards defined by identity, diversity, and social action. This is causing confusion in areas of education, public service, and even in churches, saying that all people are basically good and deserve to live as they like regardless if it hurts anyone else; and that preaching against sin is robbing people of their individual rights to live free from any imposed standard. Is there an answer? - T.S.
A: Many people who call

themselves Christians actually doubt the authority of the Scriptures, believing in a god of their own imagination, robbing Christ of His deity. Some prominent preachers suggest large passages of God's Word be eliminated. Beware! The truth of Jesus the Christ can be a disturbing thought. He came to show mankind our sin against Him. He came to take our place for the penalty of sin. What a Savior!
Scripture warns that multitudes will reject that message, and we see that happening today. There's a cost to being a Christian and for



My
Answer
Billy Graham

many, it's too great because they must forsake the lure of ungodly pleasures.
There's a sense in which Christ cannot be separated from anything that pertains to life, for He "is all and in all" (Colossians 3:11). True Christianity is depen-

dent on a personal relationship with God, not on externals. No pagan philosophy, no atheistic ideology, no deep sorrow can dislodge the joy of living as a true believer in Christ. He's big enough to cope with the gigantic social problems of the ages. In himself, man doesn't have the capacity to do this, but Christ provides all that we need to live in this sin-sick world with victory. When someone repents of sin and receives Jesus as Savior, they embark on a new pathway, with a new strength, and a new dimension of living.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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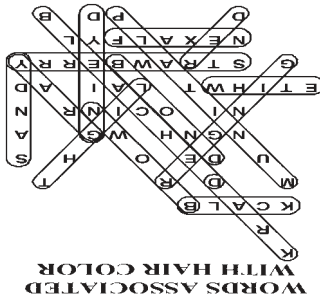
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A snowball in the face
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— Markus Zusak



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.

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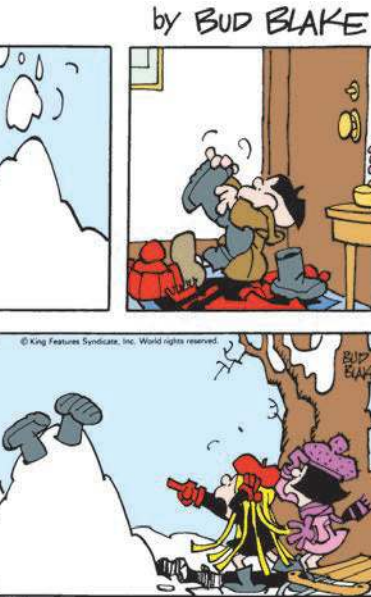
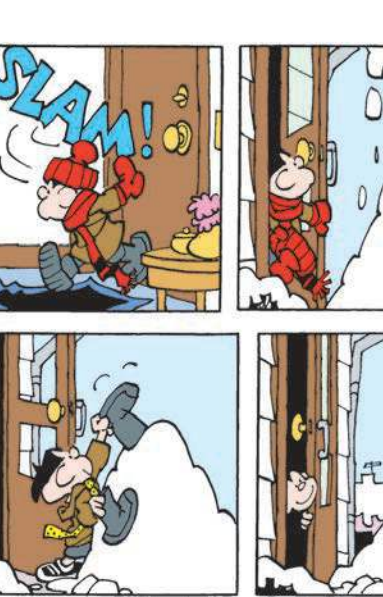
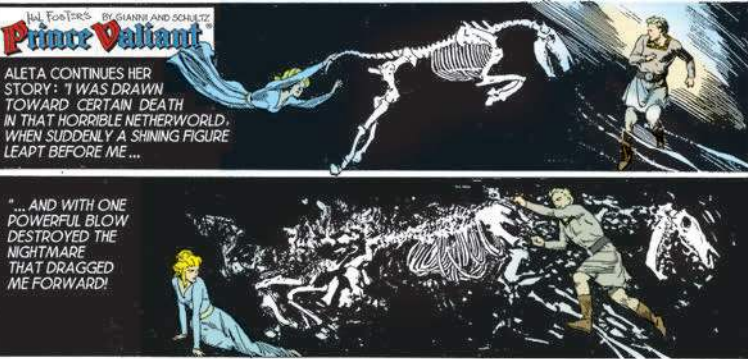
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I Know He's Your Dad, But It's His Responsibility – Not Yours

Dear Dave,
My husband and I just heard of your plan. We are excited to learn more about money, and we have already saved up \$1,000 for our beginner emergency fund. Right now, we have a problem. My father has never taken his finances seriously, and the other day he asked us for \$400 to pay his cell phone bill and overdraft fees at his bank. Even as an adult, he would go to his parents regularly before they died asking for money when he always had a good job. Giving him the money right now would make things really tight for our family, and we don't want to lose the ground we have gained where our finances are concerned. Do you have any advice?

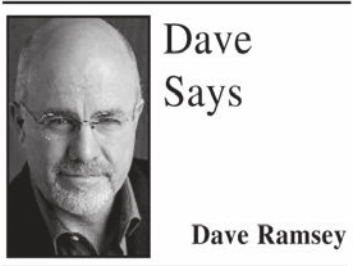
Brooke

Dear Brooke,
Way to go! It makes me to happy to hear folks so charged up and on fire to get control of their finances. You won't regret the decision.
I'm going to be straightforward with you, ok? You and you husband need do the right thing, no matter how dad reacts to this. And the right thing, right now, is taking care of your family first and not putting your finances in jeopardy. If I were in your situation, my answer to dad would be no.
I understand there's a feeling of obligation to help your father. But it sounds like dad needs to learn a lesson or two about life and money. When

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

you say your dad is irresponsible with money, handing him more of it won't help. It would be like giving a drunk a drink. On top of that, it will reinforce the idea he can continue being dumb with money and there will be no consequences.
Trust me, I understand the emotions involved in helping out a parent. If you feel this is a situation where there is literally no alternative, I'd suggest making the \$400 contingent on your dad beginning—and successfully completing—a good financial counseling course. Whatever you do, be gentle and respectful when you talk to him. And make sure he understands it hurts when you see him struggling.
But let him know, too, it's his responsibility to work through his bills and take care of his finances.

— Dave

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

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- Jan. 28**
The Annual Coy Hill Pancake Supper
Woodlawn P.H. Church will hold its Annual Coy Hill Pancake Supper at 4 p.m. The church is located at 3874 Oak Grove Rd. (I-77 exit 19). Donations will be accepted for the youth. For more information, Call: 276-728-2088.
- Taco and Potato Bar**
Jan. 28, From 4 to 7 p.m. a Taco and Potato Bar at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren. The church is located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. This is a free will offering event. We will have the fixings that goes with Taco's and Baked Potatoes. One may eat-in, carry out or we will deliver. Church number is 980-3798.
- Feb. 4**
Children's Valentine Activity Day
Feb. 4, From 12-2 p.m. is Children's Valentine Activity Day. We will have a station to make Valentine Cards, a station to make a craft, a station to decorate a sugar and a snack station. This is open to all of the children in the community. Come and have some fun making Valentine's.
- Feb. 9**
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Kristi Murray is a staff attorney with Southwest Virginia Legal Aid working on both housing and family law cases. Kristi has brought over a decade of experience to the SVLAS Christiansburg office and uses that knowledge to extensively vet the claims of landlords when seeking to evict clients from their housing. She has used her experience to help negotiate with landlords on behalf of her clients to help stop eviction proceedings from being heard by the court. She has also served many clients through negotiating settlements with landlords to preserve housing and HUD vouchers. If you need assistance in registering or have any questions, please contact Gary Cody, gcody@svlas.org, 276-783-8300, ext. 2011.
- On going:**
Alcohol Anonymous
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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**
The Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member that is buried in this cemetery and would like to make a donation you may mail your contribution to Peggy Cregger PO Box 164, Hiwassee, VA 24347.
- Lifestyles Changes**
Our Lifestyles Changes weight loss group meets every Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the Free Memorial Library on Giles Avenue in Dublin. For more information, call Bill at 813-1605.
- Celebrate Recovery**
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