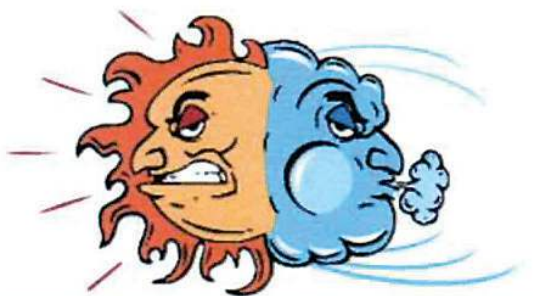




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Both murder victims' bodies recovered from New River

From Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

On Jan. 14, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office reported a male subject was recovered from the New River in the 4000 block of Clark's Ferry Road in the Delton area of Pulaski County. The body was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office in Roanoke.

On Jan. 19, the sheriff's office reported the body was identified as that of Johnny Raymond Thomas, age 52 of Pulaski, Virginia. The medical examiner determined the cause of death to be homicide due to gunshot wounds.

During the investigation the whereabouts of Jamie Leigh Frazier, age 25 of Dublin, Virginia, were also unknown. Thomas and Frazier were known boyfriend/girlfriend and evidence places the two together on the last date of contact for each, which was on December 14, 2022.

Through an extensive investigation it was learned the two were murdered by Mark David Weiss and the bodies disposed of in the

Four Charged In Case...



Mark David Weiss



Ashley Nichole Edwards



Terrence Wade Edwards



Nolan Michael Neil

river.

The sheriff's office later reported the female body that was recovered from the New River on Jan. 21, 2023 and was identified as that of Jamie Leigh Frazier, 25 of Dublin.

The medical examiner has determined her death to be a homicide due to gunshot wounds.

The following persons have been arrested and charged in connection with this case.

Mark David Weiss age 52 of Draper was arrested for the following, (2) Felony Warrants for Second Degree Murder, (1) Felony Warrant for Possession of a

Firearm by a Violent Convicted Felon, (2) Felony Warrants for Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, (1) Felony Warrant for Arson of Personal Property over \$1000 in Value, (2) Felony Warrants for Concealing a Dead Body, (1) Warrant for Felony Destruction of Evidence. Weiss is being held at the New River Valley Regional Jail without bond.

Ashley Nichole Edwards age 36 of Draper was arrested for the following, (2) Felony Warrants for Accessory to Murder After

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Pulaski County leaders issue One Bag Challenge to fight litter

From Pulaski County

Road Side Trash. This has been a hot topic recently for citizens and the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors share the same concerns regarding the trash that has accumulated on several of our County roads. Deliberate littering by individuals, as well as, debris from vehicles during transport have been the main culprits of this pressing issue.

The Board has been working with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and Pulaski County Community Corrections Department to utilize individuals who need to perform community service hours as restitution from the courts, but unfortunately the



availability has not been enough to keep up with the demand over the winter months.

The Board of Supervisors is very appreciative of recent efforts by the Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PSA) and County staff to provide extra aid in cleaning up the County's roadsides and Sheriff Mike Worrell and his staff are committed to continuing to issue citations to anyone caught

littering.

In an effort to further address this issue, the Board is issuing a "One Bag Challenge" to the Town of Pulaski and Dublin Councils, the Pulaski County School Board, as well as all of our citizens to help combat this issue and pick up at least one bag of trash (multiple bags are always welcome!) along a littered area or roadway throughout the County. Participants are asked to take a before and after photos along with your bag(s) and send it to Laura Walters, Chair, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, at lwalters@pulaskicounty.org. These photos will be posted on the County's website and so-

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the Fact and (1) Warrant for Felony Destruction of Evidence.

Terrence Wade Edwards age 57 of Draper was arrested for the following, (2) Felony Warrants for Accessory to Murder After the Fact, (1) Felony Warrant for Arson of Personal Property Over \$1000 in Value and (1) Warrant for Felony Destruction of Evidence.

Nolan Michael Neil age 18 of Draper was arrested for the following, (2) Felony Warrants for Concealing a Dead Body, (2) Felony Warrants for Accessory to Murder After the Fact, (1) Warrant for Felony Destruction of Evidence and (1) Felony Warrant for Arson of Personal Property Over \$1000 in Value.

This investigation is still ongoing and no further information will be released at this time. We would like to ask that you keep the family of the victims in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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cial media outlets in an effort to recognize those who are setting a great example by displaying their Pulaski County Pride in our community by helping to keep our roadsides clean.

For those who are interested in participating, reflective safety vests, gloves, trash pickers and trash bags are available at the County Administration Building, located at 143 Third Street N.W., in the town of Pulaski, or you may contact your respective Board of Supervisor member to get supplies.

All citizens who participate and submit photo proof will be eligible to win one of twenty \$100.00 VISA GIFT CARDS through a drawing. The gift card drawing will be held on May 22, 2023, at the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors monthly meeting (participants do not have to present to win).

Please remember littering is illegal and totally unnecessary. We want to keep the County we live in clean and welcoming.

Thank you in advance to citizens who participate in the "One Bag Challenge" or any future efforts to clean up the community. Also, keep in mind that safety is the first priority in this challenge, so please use caution when working around moving vehicles along the roadways.

Let the clean up begin!

Town of Pulaski gets good news on most recent audit

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Auditors have given the Town of Pulaski good news on its fiscal year 2022 audit, and the town is looking to replace one of its fire engines at a cost of nearly \$1 million.

During last Tuesday's meeting of Town Council, Emily Viers of the accounting firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates reported on the town's most recent audit.

Viers said the town had received the desired "clean unmodified opinion" following the audit.

"That means the numbers as reported in your financial statements are materially correct," Viers explained.

Viers also reported on the town's unassigned fund balance – generally known as its reserve fund.

"These are the funds that you all have not already set aside or committed in some way or that are not outside restricted. We compare that balance to your expenditures," Viers explained.

She reminded council that industry standards recommend the town have two months of reserves on hand, which she said works out for Pulaski to be about 17 percent.

The audit shows the town is now at 22 percent in reserve – a

Town to purchase new fire engine at nearly \$900,000

major improvement over the 6 percent in 2020.

"You have worked diligently to grow those fund balances and those reserve balances over the last couple of years," Viers told council.

She added she normally recommends a town to have more than 17 percent in reserve.

"You're a smaller locality, so you want to make sure that you've got reserves on hand, should something happen that you're really not prepared for in any given year," she said.

Councilmen Greg East and Jamie Radcliffe offered praise for Town Manager Darlene Burcham and town staff for the improved financial outlook.

East called the improvement "stellar," and Radcliffe said what a pleasure it is to sit on council and hear such good figures.

He noted that several years ago the town "struggled to make payroll."

He credited the improvement in "bringing in good staff, good management, hard cuts and hard work."

"The general public is not really understanding the whole picture. They see one little thing here, one little thing there. The whole picture is what makes this report [audit] and it's awful good to know that we are heading in the right direction. We've still got a lot of work to do, but we're better off than what we were," Radcliffe added.

Fire Engine Replacement

Council discussed the replacement of Pulaski Fire Department Engine 6-1, which Burcham said cannot be fixed.

"The model we currently have is no longer being constructed and there are no replacement parts," Burcham told council.

She noted the current estimated time for a replacement to be built and delivered is 2 to 2 ½ years.

Burcham added it is important

to get the order in now for a new truck as it is understood that a price increase could possibly come at the first of February.

She said the town would look at the possibility of obtaining a trade-in allowance on the old engine. She added the 2 ½ years before the truck is delivered gives the town time to look into options for paying for the new truck such as grants, low interest loans and zero interest loans.

"Right now, we are relying on the goodwill of the volunteer stations in the county. Currently we have on loan to us a piece of equipment – not the same as this engine – but something that will help us in our daily response," Burcham said.

She noted that the nearly \$900,000 cost of the engine's replacement was actually in the town's budget two years ago and was split between two fiscal years. However, it was moved out of the budget due to other pressing needs.

Burcham said the new engine is a "challenging proposition" partly because of the construction of the current fire station, which is over 100 years old.

"We have to have an engine that will fit in that building," she noted.

Council voted unanimously to authorize Burcham to place the order for the replacement engine and begin the work of obtaining financing for the project.

During council members' comments, Radcliffe re-visited the fire house issue.

"We've talked about this for years and years," Radcliffe said. "Our infrastructure is fire, rescue and police and everything else comes after that."

Radcliffe said council discussed a new fire house as far back as 10 years ago, and now the cost "is twice as high."

Radcliffe continued that he believes, while the town has Burcham as its town manager, that it makes a move toward a bond referendum on the subject.

"We've got to have it, it's got to be done," Radcliffe proclaimed,

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AG Miyares details ‘parole-granting frenzy’

BY MADISON HIRNEISEN

(The Center Square) – A report released Wednesday by Attorney General Jason Miyares asserts the Virginia Parole Board and former Chair Adrienne Bennett violated state law and board procedures when granting parole to dozens of inmates in the spring of 2020.

The results of a year-long investigation by the attorney general’s office, detailed in a 69-page report made public Wednesday, overviews actions taken by the Virginia Parole Board in March and April 2020, a time Attorney General Jason Miyares characterized as a “parole-granting frenzy that endangered public safety.”

Virginia Parole Board releases spiked to the highest level in March 2020, when it granted release to 95 offenders – the “highest number of releases in a single month ever,” according to Miyares. Of those 95 released, 4 were convicted of capital murder, 31 were convicted of first-degree murder, 11 were convicted of rape, and 33 were convicted of robbery, according to the attorney general’s report.

The increased rate of releases coincided with the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, which the parole board attributed as the reason for the “accelerated pace of parole grants,” according to the report. However, interviews with officials revealed the parole board was “not given authority to release offenders due to the COVID-19 situation,” according

Council

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adding council knows the town’s police department facility is too small as well.

“We’ve outgrown it.”

He said with the infrastructure work in downtown and the growth that will come from it means the police and fire departments will have to grow as well.

“There is no more room in these places,” he said.

to the report.

Miyares’ report accuses the parole board of violating Virginia law 83 times by failing to contact victims of crimes before making a parole decision about an offender. Existing Virginia law requires the parole board to “endeavor diligently” to contact victims before making a decision to release an inmate on discretionary parole. In March 2020 alone, 63 of the board’s 95 release decisions violated this requirement, according to the report.

Additionally, the report asserts the parole board failed to notify local attorneys in the commonwealth about release decisions within 21 days, as required by law, 66 times between March and April 2020.

“What happened here was wrong,” Miyares said Wednesday. “What happened here was a clear abuse of power. What happened here was the epitome of putting criminals first and victims last.”

The report also outlines several allegations against former parole board Chair Adrienne Bennett, who left the board in April 2020 to serve as a judge in the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

The report alleges Bennett violated parole board procedures and state code by granting early discharge from parole supervision to 137 offenders convicted of violent crimes, including those convicted of capital or first-degree murder – during her final days on the board.

The report also asserts Bennett “falsified” three parole discharge records, and accuses Bennett of

“unlawfully modifying” Virginia’s “three strikes” parole ineligibility statute, which states the punishment for three violent felony convictions is life in prison. According to the attorney general’s investigation, Bennett was alerted by former Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran that any changes to the “three strikes” policy would have to come through the legislature and be signed by the governor, but the report says she “still went on to apply her unauthorized ‘three strikes’ policy.”

The report states Bennett’s use of the modified and unauthorized “three strikes” policy “resulted in the freedom of five offenders who went on to commit new violent felonies against Virginians.”

Miyares told reporters Wednesday if a statute of limitations had not expired, Bennett could have been “charged criminally for falsifying official records and violating court orders.”

“Judge Bennett’s brazen abuse of her power put Virginians’ safety at risk so that she could promote the criminal first, victim last agenda without regard to the victims or their safety,” Miyares said.

In response to the attorney general’s report, Attorney Diane Toscano, who joined the legal defense of Bennett over the course of the investigation, issued a statement to The Center Square saying, Miyares “cherry picked a time period for scrutiny which happens to have taken place during a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic.”

“In all cases of parole, Judge

Proffitt named to Belmont Dean’s List

NASHVILLE, TN -- Belmont has announced the list of students recognized on the Dean’s List for the Fall 2022 semester.

Of the approximately 52 percent of Belmont’s 7,100 undergraduate students who qualified for the Dean’s List, Amanda Proffitt (Pulaski) was listed.

Eligibility is on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a GPA of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Bennett was but one vote of the board,” Toscano said. “This report grossly targeted her. Judge Bennett is a dedicated public servant who has served with distinction on the bench, on the parole board, and as a respected attorney in the Virginia Beach legal community for decades. No attempt to vilify her changes that.”

Report recommends legislative action, policy changes

Miyares’ report details a range of legislative and policy recommendations as a result of the investigation.

On the legislative side, the report recommends the General Assembly amend existing law to address a range of issues. The report recommends amendments

to existing law to provide public access to parole hearings, require the parole board to seek and consider victim input before casting any vote to release an offender, and increase the number of the parole board’s full-time voting members.

The report also recommends myriad changes to parole board policy, including that the board require each appointed member to adhere to a uniform code of ethics, update its administrative produce to clearly define “endeavor diligently,” and implement administrative procedure requiring the board to make efforts to obtain current victim contact information when an offender first becomes eligible for discretionary parole.

PC School Nutrition Program passes the test

Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers was officially notified Wednesday, January 25, that after a thorough review of two county schools during the months of November and October, the School Nutrition Programs at both were found with zero deficiencies or negative findings.

“The PCPS school nutrition staff are second to none in the state of Virginia,” Dr. Siers said. “They do an incredible job of making sure that our students are well fed every day and it’s no surprise that they would receive excellent ratings across the board when audited. We are very proud of our breakfast, lunch, and dinner programs at each school.”

The inspections and reviews are required by federal law under Section 207 of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act 2010, amended section 22 of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769c). It requires the Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs (VDOE SNP), to report the final results of the



Ethelene Sadler
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EDDIE SAUNDERS MARTIN

Eddie Saunders Martin, 65, of Barren Springs, passed away with his family by his bedside, after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, January 23, 2023, at Highland Ridge Health & Rehab. Eddie enjoyed spending time at River Junction and Canoeing with family and friends. He also enjoyed hunting, kayaking the New River, and fishing. Eddie loved nature, the outdoors, and his family. He was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Ann Hollifield Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Stella Melton; step-son and his wife, David and Erin Melton; step-daughter and her husband, Sandra and Kevin Allen; special great-grandchildren, Jaxon and Remy Keith; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; father and his wife, Buford (Sonny) and Bonnie Martin; sister and brother-in-law, Lu Ann Martin and Gino Chico; step-sisters, Gina W. Clodfelter, and Donna and Bobby Brendle; sisters-in-law, Doris (Jenny) Worrell, and Margaret (Hope) Burton; brothers-in-law, Johnny Bowman and Tommy Bowman; aunts and uncles, Ralph and Pat Hollifield, and Bill and Ramona Burke; niece and her family, Brandi and Kenny Latham, children Ethan and Lillian; best friends, Buddy, Pat and Richard Eller, Kevin Parnell, The Barnes Family, and Bill Gardner; beloved fur babies he adored and loved, Reno, Luna, and Jasper; and many other family members and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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



REBECCA LYNN COLBIRD

Rebecca Lynn Colbird, age 38 of Charleston, died Monday, January 16, 2023. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



HOWARD RUDOLPH "RUDY" MURPHY

Howard Rudolph "Rudy" Murphy, 84, of Vinton, Virginia went home to glory on Friday, January 20, 2023 surrounded by his family.

Born April 30, 1938 in a log cabin in the foothills of Pulaski, Virginia. He attended Pulaski High School where he met and married his childhood sweetheart, Janie Anderson Murphy to whom he was married for 61 years.

Rudy is survived by his two younger siblings, Thomas Murphy (Nancy) and Connie Thornton (Allen); sister-in-law, Rita Anderson White; his four children, Reatha Sanburn and her husband Wayne (their two children and two grandchildren), Jeff Murphy and his wife, Carol (their three sons and eleven grandchildren), Randy Murphy and his wife, Robin (their two children and three grandchildren), and Teri Richardson (and her three children); and countless other family and friends.

His lifelong ambition was to be the man spoken of in Ezekiel 22:30 : "And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap... To the ones that knew and loved him, he was that man."

Services will be private.

BRENDA FAY MCPEAK COX

Brenda Fay McPeak Cox, age 73 of Dublin passed away Friday, January 20, 2023 at the New River Medical Center. Born November 24, 1949 in Radford she was the daughter of the late Paul Jackson McPeak, Sr. & Lillie Virginia Scott McPeak Tolbert. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Whitt, sisters, Mary Bolt, Ruth Lester and brother, Paul McPeak, Jr.

Brenda is survived by her Daughters Missy (Brian) Alls - Wake Forest, NC

Crystal (Joe) Greer - Dublin Son-in-law - Craig Whitt - Dublin

Grandchildren Brady Alls, Carter Alls, Logan Cox, Zoey Greer, Christian Whitt & fiancée, Breanna Bentley

Twin Sister - Linda Mae McPeak - Pulaski

Special Cousin - Sally Bolt

Several nieces, nephews

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Ronnie Duncan officiating. Interment fol-



LILLIAN "CAROL" HANKINS

Lillian "Carol" Hankins, age 73 of Mt. Airy, North Carolina passed away Friday, January 20, 2023 at her home. Born September 16, 1949 in West Virginia she was the daughter of the late Paul Thomas Hankins & Catherine Cornwell Hankins. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Terry and James Hankins, sister, Sarah Hankins and grandson, Larry "Bubba" Hoback, Jr.

Carol is survived by her Son - Justin Hopson - Roanoke Daughters - Candi Hopson - GA, Teresa Sutphin Bryant - FL Grandchildren - Jayden Hopson, Dillon Harris, Jase Hopson, Rayland Bower, Nancy Hoback, Melony Hopson, & Makayla Harris

3 Great Grandchildren Very Special Friend and Caregiver - James "Bo" Bowman - Mt. Airy, NC

Funeral services will be Friday, January 27, 2023 11:00 a.m. at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Birchlawn Memorial Park, Pearisburg.

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

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lowed at the Newbern Cemetery, Dublin.

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CORA LOUISE SNAVELY LINKOUS

Cora Louise Snavely Linkous, age 74 of Christiansburg, formerly of Pulaski, died Monday, January 23, 2023 at her residence. She was born in Pulaski on May 21, 1948, and was the daughter of the late Alma Chrisley Snavely and the late Benjamin Snavely. Cora was a graduating member of the Pulaski High School class of 1967. After high school, she became a Certified Nursing Assistant, and worked for many years.

In addition to her loving parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Doug Sayers, and Eddie Sayers; a sister; JoAnn Snavely. She is survived by her devoted son: Travis Adair Stuart, Jr. of Pulaski: a brother; Glen Sayers of Pulaski: a sister; Wanda Lawson of Pulaski.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 26, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home, with Pastor Mable Caudell officiating. Disposition was private.

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



WILLIAM "WILLIE" L. JONES

William "Willie" L. Jones, 62 of Charleston, W. Va., and formerly of Pulaski, died Wednesday, January 18, 2023 in Charleston. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

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MARY ANN SCOFIELD WALL

Mary Ann Scofield Wall, age 77 of Pulaski passed away Friday morning January 20, 2023 at her home. Born January 22, 1945 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late James Louis Scofield & Oretta Maude Southern Rice. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Leroy James Scofield, sister, Betty Hess and grandson, James Andrew Wall III.

She is survived by her

Husband - James Andrew Wall, Sr. - Pulaski Children

Reva (Danny) Robertson - Pembroke

Lois Lynn Wall (George) Johnson - FL

James Andrew Wall, Jr. - Dublin

Walter Neal (Patricia) Wall, Sr. - NC

James Patrick Fauver - Pulaski Many Grandchildren

Several Great Grandchildren Brother - Lenard Scofield - Dublin

Sisters Jami (Andrew) Miller - NC

Bonnie (Neal) Bass - NC

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 26, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Sherman Buckner officiating.

Interment followed at the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery, Draper.

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

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



DONNA ELLEN SHEPPARD

Donna Ellen Sheppard, age 57 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital with her daughters by her side. Born August 14, 1965 in Roanoke she was the daughter of the late

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JOHNNY RAYMOND THOMAS
Johnny Raymond Thomas, 52, of Pulaski, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Neal and Lucille Taylor Thomas.

Survivors include his sons, Neal and Aryan Thomas; sisters and brother-in-law, Ramona and Jim Palmer, and Pamela Maxwell; nephews and their spouses, Allen and Donna Bullion, and Kevin and Judy Mottesheard; nieces, Sheila Shirah, and Tami and David Bird; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Highland Park Community Church, 6144 Wright Avenue (State Rd 1085), Dublin, Va. Services will begin at 3 p.m. with Pastor Philip Madison officiating.

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

Deaths

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Junior Lindberg Sheppard and Edna Marie Akers Sheppard. She was also preceded in death by her son, Brian Abbott and sisters, Cindy Clark and Karen Sheppard.

She is survived by her Fiancé – Gary Bowling – Pulaski
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Heather Abbott – Dublin
Jennifer (Justin) Barrett – Bluefield, VA
Erica Pagan – Pulaski
Stepson – Jesse Pagan – Pulaski
Grandchildren
Brianna Metz, Devin Metz, Akeelah Metz, Matthew Barrett
Sisters
Amy Sheppard – Dublin
Pam Akers – IL
Debbie Hirth – WV
Janet Davidson – Pulaski
Brother
David Clark – Pulaski
Granddogs
Copper, Maze, Precious and Bella
Her Furbabies
BJ, Pebble and Daisy Mae
Many nieces and nephews
Memorial services were held Monday, January 23, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Scooter Breisch officiating.

The church hosted a Celebration of Life, Monday, January 23, 2023 at the Dublin Christian Church, 5605 Dunlap Road, Dublin.

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

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

Nutrition

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laski County Public Schools Director of Nutrition Services Mrs. Ethelene Sadler said. “VDOE does a good job preparing schools for reviews like this by providing training webinars. School divisions are required to complete pre-review documents through the VDOE/School Nutrition website. The process for completing the pre-site review is very time consuming and requires answers to many in-depth questions regarding practices and procedures that are in place to verify federal requirements are being met.”

During the review, several areas are inspected and reviewed. Program access and reimbursement verifies the programs certifications and benefit issuance, verification, and meal counting and claiming. Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality reviews Meal Components and Quantities, Offer versus Serve, and Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis. School Nutrition Environment reviews Food Safety, Local Wellness Policy, and Smart Snacks and Competitive Foods.

“Considering the size of our school division, we had two review schools this year ... Pulaski County High School and Dublin Elementary,” Mrs. Sadler said. “Our reviewer spent a day at each site to ensure the regulations, procedures and practices were followed as noted in the documentation. I’m proud to say both schools were very prepared and as I often say, ‘always do your job as if someone was looking over your shoulder, and you have nothing to worry about.’ Personally, when we have any type of State or Federal review, my expectation is for the reviewer to be very thorough, if there’s a problem, we want to know about it and correct it.”

Sadler was also quick to give credit where credit is due.

“The success of the FPAR and our everyday operations is because of a dedicated School Nutrition team that cares about the students that are served and doing things as if their signature is written on every task,” she said.

“Our School Nutrition Program is staffed by a group of very dedicated and caring individuals,” School Board Chair Beckie Cox said. “They take a great amount of pride in what they do and the service they provide to our students. The time they put into ensuring that every student has access to safe, quality, and nutritious food throughout the day shows in their work. This review only validates what we already knew about their performance each and every day.”

SNHU Announces Fall 2022 President's List

MANCHESTER, NH -- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2022 President's List.

Jeffrey Viers of Pulaski
Jessica Dalton of Pulaski

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Bill to establish permanent daylight saving time defeated

By Madison Hirneisen

(The Center Square) – After discussing the measure at length, lawmakers in the state Senate voted to kill a bill seeking to establish permanent Daylight Saving Time in Virginia.

Following debate and discussion that at times prompted laughter in the chamber, lawmakers ultimately voted down Senate Bill 1017, which proposed ending the practice of changing the clocks twice a year, and would keep Virginia on daylight saving time.

The bill's chief patron, Sen. Richard Stuart, R-King George, said he introduced the bill because he's “just really tired of changing the clock twice a year.”

“It takes about a month for us to recover every time we change the time, and I just am really not sure why we put ourselves through it,” Stuart told lawmakers Tuesday.

Even if lawmakers had voted to advance the bill, Virginia would not have been able to enact it until Congress passes a law giving the

state the authority to do so. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, there have been at least 450 bills introduced in recent years to establish year-round daylight saving time as soon as federal law allows it.

Discussion of the topic at the federal level occurred last March when the U.S. Senate advanced a bill to make Daylight Saving Time permanent. The U.S. House of Representatives, however, did not take up the measure.

Lawmakers in opposition to the measure cited a range of reasons Tuesday, with many voicing concern over whether Virginia would be in a different time zone than neighboring states.

Sen. Richard Saslaw, D-Fairfax, argued the bill would cause a “nightmare of unimaginable proportions” for individuals flying out of airports in the DMV area, while newly sworn-in Sen. Aaron Rouse, D-Virginia Beach, joked Virginia Tech's Thursday night football games would become “Thursday day” football games if

the bill was enacted.

Sen. Chapman Petersen, D-Fairfax, who is an attorney, raised concerns about keeping track of hearing times across Virginia, Washington D.C. and Maryland.

“Would you not agree that this is going to drive administrative people crazy trying to coordinate different time zones in different states that neighbor each other,” Chapman asked.

“Whatever we do we have to standardize with our sister states or otherwise for those of us that are in interstate business, it is going to be an ever-loving nightmare trying to keep track of this,” Chapman later added.

Other Senators noted that the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine support a move to permanent Standard Time – not daylight saving time.

Experts argue year-round standard time “aligns best with

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WOTUS is Baaack!!!

On January 18th, the Federal Register officially published the Biden Administration's final Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule. The rule was immediately met with heavy pushback from Republicans, like me. States and industry groups everywhere who saw the harm this new policy will have on Americans wasted no time filing lawsuits to stop the implementation of the rule. Texas filed a lawsuit on the same day the rule was published.

A variety of agriculture groups, such as the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association have also filed lawsuits attempting to overturn the rule.

I know this issue is a top priority for constituents in agriculture and related industries. Everyone from the



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

newly added to the 9th Bedford County, to Washington County has brought concerns to my attention. One of the first meetings I had

in Bedford was about agricultural issues, including WOTUS. As soon as the Cattlemen announced their lawsuit, I heard from Gene Copenhaver of Washington County, who serves as their Policy Division Vice Chair.

With the passage of the Clean Water Act of 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Army Corps) were given authority to define what constitutes the "waters of the United States." Due to the 2006 U.S. Supreme Court case *Rapanos v. United States*, which challenged federal jurisdiction to regulate isolated wetlands under the Clean Water Act, the "significant nexus" test was created. The test used vague and expansive language that encouraged regulators to interpret the definition of WOTUS as increasingly broad.

In 2015, under the Obama Administration, the EPA and Army Corps issued their Clean Water Rule, incorporating the "significant nexus" test from *Rapanos*. The two agencies took a sweeping approach to determine which waters fell within the definition. I criticized the rule at the time because it created regulatory uncertainty for too many folks – farmers, ranchers, small businesses, landowners, including homeowners, etc. – whose private land was unnecessarily burdened by this federal overreach.

Criticism of the Clean Water Rule was bipartisan. In May 2015, just after the Obama Administration announced their WOTUS rule, I joined 230 Members of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, in urging the EPA and the Army Corps to withdraw their rule. I also supported the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act, as did 24 House Democrats, requiring the EPA to withdraw the rule.

In 2020, the Trump Administration thankfully replaced the 2015 rule, issuing the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR), removing unneeded red tape for millions of Americans across the country. The rule did away with the "significant nexus" test and provided more clarity for property owners.

Unfortunately, this victory was short lived. With the new Biden Administration, came new regulations.

In December of 2021, the EPA and the Army Corps issued their proposed WOTUS rule, repealing the NWPR, and replacing it with what they characterized as a "pre-2015 rule definition". Many immediately voiced their criticism of the Administration's new proposal – it stripped provisions of the NWPR, removing needed certainty for many individuals and businesses.

It also established significant criminal and civil penalties for violations to the Clean Water Act, which were extremely concerning. These new penalties meant jail time and thousands of dollars in fines a day, once again placing an undue burden on Americans who have had to keep up with ever-changing rules.

Further, just after the proposed rule was released, the Supreme Court agreed to take up *Sackett v. EPA*, a case challenging the "significant nexus" test used in WOTUS.

I, along with 200 other Members of the House of Representatives, urged the EPA and Army Corps to wait until the Supreme Court issued their opinion before releasing another final WOTUS rule.

Unfortunately, the EPA and Army Corps ignored this common-sense request, issuing their final rule on December 30th.

By doing so, the EPA and Army Corps discounted the Supreme Court's pending decision, which will likely impact their action.

Throughout this process, I've listened closely to the concerns of constituents and I am looking for opportunities in Congress to oppose this flawed policy.

Also, before writing this column, I agreed to join a letter with other Members of Congress to urge the EPA and Army Corps to rescind the rule and postpone any subsequent agency action until the *Sackett* decision is announced by the Supreme Court.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgan-griffith.house.gov.

'She-Merchants:' Colonial Women of Enterprise

Ever since the Biblical account in Proverbs 31, women have found a way to own their own businesses and provide for their families. Our Colonial fore-mothers were no different. In fact, despite socially imposed mores and local laws, many of these entrepreneurial women thrived. It is estimated that over four hundred women in the colonial ports of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia pursued commerce from 1740 until 1775. Some information for this article came from: "She merchants" of Colonial America: Women and commerce on the eve of the Revolution. Cleary, Patricia A., Ph.D. Northwestern University, 1989

An ancient practice called coverture (the legal doctrine that decreed that, upon marriage, a woman's property passed into the control of her husband) made it difficult for a married woman to own and run a

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

business without her husband's consent. However, widows and sometimes single women could receive a license and become business owners in Colonial America. These business women became known as "she-merchants." Most she-merchants ran small retail shops or taverns but some managed to break through that era's glass ceiling.

For example, Mary Provoost Alexan-

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

No, You Can't Believe 'The Science'

No, You Can't Believe 'The Science'

Copernicus surely had no idea when he got the Scientific Revolution underway in the 16th century that an unintended effect would be empowering agenda-driven bullies and fanatics.

Of course, science is a pillar of modern life for which we should be deeply grateful. It has given us longer and healthier lives, incredible material abundance, and abilities that were unfathomable a few generations ago.

It is "science" -- science used as a rhetorical tactic and ideological weapon -- that is a blight on 21st-century American life.

This faux science is not dispassionate but fired by a great moral certainty. It is not open to counter arguments and different interpretations but insists on only one answer to complicated or ambiguous questions. It is not rigorously neutral but aims to achieve cherished political goals.

The debate over gas stoves illustrates perfectly the faux scientific method.

First, researchers conduct flawed studies reaching alarming conclusions. Second, the media generates headlines about the findings that don't note the methodological inadequacies. Third, advocates agitate for changes to public policy based on what has magically become "the science."

A new study, for instance, concluded that a suspiciously precise 12.7% of childhood asthma cases are attributable to gas stoves.

The study relied on findings from other papers that, as economist Emily Oster points out, arrived at widely divergent outcomes, didn't account for other factors in households using gas stoves that might contribute to respiratory problems, and sometimes produced results that weren't even internally consistent.

All of this would have counseled caution that was notably missing in the media coverage. A headline in *The Washington Post* read, "Gas stove pollution causes 12.7% of childhood asthma, study finds." *Yahoo News*: "Gas stoves have given 650,000 U.S. children asthma, study finds." And so on.

Yes, the headlines include the caveat of "study finds," but the phrase brings with it the presumed authority of scientific rigor and detachment.

It is similar to the phrase "scientists say" so often used in stories about climate change and its potential harms.

A report in *The Washington Post* on the gas stove controversy was a classic in this genre. It related, "Scientists say the world needs to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels, including replacing gas appliances with cleaner versions that emit no pollution, such as electric and induction cooktops." And then added, "Scientists say a growing

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Scandal? What Scandal?

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

In our relativistic age in which everyone has his or her own "truth" and none is to be preferred over another so long as the individual feels good about it, why should anything be considered scandalous? If truth is subjective rather than objective, who is to say what is right and what is wrong? And if one does make such a claim, is that not an affirmation that a standard exists by which truth and falsehood, scandalous and honorable behavior can be measured?

The White House is caught in an ethical bind. On the one hand they claim classified documents found when FBI warrant was executed at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort are scandalous, while simultaneously claiming that classified documents found at President Biden's home and at in an old office suite are not a big deal because Biden instructed his lawyers to go get them and inform the National Archives.

This is akin to admitting to doing something wrong before you have been discovered. If it is wrong in one instance to keep classified documents after leaving office, then why is it also not wrong in the other instance?

Quoting a source, CBS News has reported: "Representatives for Mr. Biden signed a form outlining the parameters of the search, including which areas in the president's home could be swept for papers. ... A Justice Department attorney was present at the residence Friday."

So the one being investigated gets to tell authorities which places can be searched and which are off limits? C'mon, man, as the president likes to say. That will come as a surprise to people who have been awakened by SWAT teams before dawn and treated like criminals while every room in their house is searched. And I'm not just talking about Roger Stone. Too much of this is occurring among far lesser known Americans.

The CBS report continued: "Justice Department officials are also considering the possibility of conducting other consensual searches at locations linked to Mr. Biden, said the source familiar with the investigation."

Keep in mind the documents were found last November but only this month

was the discovery made public. I'm sure the delay had nothing to do with the November election, right?

Appearing on Sunday talk shows, two Senate Democrats were critical of the president. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill) said the president should be "embarrassed by the situation." He added that Biden had ceded the moral high ground on an issue that Democrats have been using against former president Trump. Durbin went on to say such discoveries "diminishes the stature of any person in possession of it because it's not supposed to happen ... the elected official bears ultimate responsibility."

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va) said Biden "should have a lot of regrets. ... You just might as well say, 'Listen, it's irresponsible.'"

Sounding like the Frank Sinatra song "My Way," the president has said he has "no regrets," about the documents, apparently not even too few to mention.

Could this document scandal be the excuse some Democrats are quietly looking and hoping for to persuade Biden not to run for re-election and nominate a younger and more vibrant candidate?

Now we learn a dozen classified documents have been found at former Vice President Mike Pence's home. Pence's lawyer immediately alerted the National Archives, who in turn informed the Justice Department. FBI agents have since retrieved the documents.

The top secret documents Trump walked out of the White House with could also be a legal problem for him depending on what the special prosecutor and Attorney General Merrick Garland decide to do. Their problem is that if they move ahead with legal proceedings for one (Trump) they would be hard-pressed to credibly explain to a cynical public why the other (Biden) should get a legal free pass.

In another America where laws were once supposed to be equally enforced (the exception being the rule) and truth was not personal, this would likely not have been a problem.

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).



Dublin Council okays temporary use of landfill by Patrick Co.

By DAVID QUESENBERRY
The Patriot

At its meeting Thursday, Jan. 19, Dublin Town Council began the New Year by considering requests from outside agencies and reviewing the current status of the Town budget.

Dublin Police Chief Dennis Lambert introduced Council to Officer Emily Doney who had recently joined the department. A Dublin native, Mrs. Doney graduated from the academy and is beginning her in-field training with the department.

After brief committee reports, Town Council considered a resolution giving the Town’s authori-

zation for the New River Resource Authority (NRRA) to enter into an agreement with Patrick County to allow that locality to temporarily deposit non-hazardous solid waste on an emergency basis in the Cloyd’s Mountain landfill.

Town Attorney Sam Campbell reviewed the proposed agreement for Council. The agreement initially provided for a near six-month term of use by Patrick County ending June 30,,2023, with automatic renewal on a year-to-year basis subject to either parties’ notification to discontinue the agreement with 30 days notice. Cost of transporting the non-hazardous waste would be borne by Patrick County.

a very skilled upholsterer and seamstress.

After marrying John Ross, the couple started their own upholstery business in Philadelphia but three years later at age 24, she became a widow. She continued in the upholstery business working on uniforms, tents and flags for the Continental Army. In the summer of 1776 she was visited at her shop by George Washington and Robert Morris. As members of the Continental Congress, they were commissioned to develop an American flag, which Betsy Ross helped design and then constructed it. Ross continued to work in her shop until retirement at age 76.

Although not from the Colonial era, I thought it would be fun to include this enterprise located in Freeport, PA. It’s called “Rent The Chicken,” which a clever entrepreneurial Colonial woman might have established in 1776. The husband and wife co-founders are Homestead Phil & Jenn Tompkins. With the skyrocketing price of a dozen, many people are looking at raising their own. Rent The Chicken takes the guess work out of hatching your own fresh eggs by offering a portable chicken coop, the food and supplies and the egg laying hens.

For a chuckle and an egg-ceptional experience, “chick” it out at <http://www.rentthechicken.com/>

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der was an active partner in her husband’s New York City retail business and upon his death, continued the business herself. She managed the importation and sale of goods from around the world. In 1760, at the time of her death, her net worth in today’s dollars would make her a millionaire.

Mary Katherine Goddard is another successful member of the she-merchants. In 1757, after the death of her father, she and her mother and brother opened the first print shop in the colony of Providence, R.I Mary Katherine worked as a typesetter, printer, and journalist, while her brother William opened another newspaper in Philadelphia in 1765. The Goddard women established a popular printing and publishing business at a time when newspapers exerted great political influence.

A few years later, the women joined William in Philadelphia and helped run the Philadelphia Chronicle and Universal Advertiser. Mary Katherine was given the honor of printing the first copy of the Declaration of Independence that included the signers’ names.

Another familiar name in early American history is Elizabeth Griscom, although we know her as Betsy Ross. She was an apprentice to John Webster, an upholsterer, where she became

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body of research shows that gas stoves pose a threat to the planet and public health.”

That’s a lot of sayin’ by a mass of mostly unidentified scientists.

A more strictly accurate phrase in stories like this would be “some scientists contend,” and a less tendentious formulation would be “some scientists say, but others aren’t so sure.” This would ruin the point, though, which is to imply that research -- and facts and rationality -- all point one way.

If it can be asserted that “science” has arrived at a conclusion -- that gas stoves are a major health hazard, that climate change is responsible for extreme weather, that young kids must wear masks during the pandemic -- then any dissenters or doubters can be marginalized for not “believing the science.”

This means that they aren’t just wrong or misguided, but dangerous and contemptible. As such,

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Campbell recommended that Council approve the resolution giving the Town’s consent to the NRRA entering the temporary disposal agreement with Patrick County.

Following a reading of the resolution itself, Mayor Benny Skeens expressed concern that, given the length of time required for licensing a new landfill, the extensions in the agreement could “go on for quite while” since Patrick County has no landfill. While wanting to give assistance, Mayor Skeens did not want the length of the licensing process used as an excuse to continue the agreement to the point that it resulted in more expense for original Authority members. He asked if a term limit on the number of automatic renewals was necessary and was there a process for that.

Campbell responded that there was an indirect process since action could be taken by the Town’s NRRA Board member to bring the issue before the entire NRRA Board to request the agreement be terminated, if landfill deposits by Patrick County became excessive. He also noted the expense to Patrick County of shipping solid-waste to the NRRA landfill and did not see it as offering them a practical long-term solution.

Mayor Skeens said that when the NRRA was set up, it was organized so that the unanimous consent of current members was required to admit a new member. A “no” vote by any single member would stop the application. He felt that if there were continuous renewals of the agreement resulting in excessive dumping, there

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human circadian biology” and reduces the health risks that come with daylight saving time. Studies have revealed the transition from standard time to daylight saving time is associated with higher rates of cardiovascular morbidity.

Senators in support of the bill argued the bill would be good for businesses. Sen. David Suetterlein, R-Roanoke County, said he hears from “so many small businesses, especially small retailers that want more hours in the evening to be open.”

States neighboring Virginia have made attempts in recent years to enact legislation establishing year-round daylight saving time. North Carolina lawmakers tried in 2019 and 2021 to pass legislation making daylight saving time permanent, but the bills failed to pass. Similar attempts in Maryland also failed during the 2022 session.

should be a way to stop it.

Town Manager Ty Kirkner said that during discussions on the proposed agreement, it was acknowledged that each individual member of the NRRA had the ability to stop the agreement in any given year.

Mayor Skeens said he was glad to know that there was an avenue to end the agreement if needed and that the ability to end such agreements should not “go out of our hands.” Since Dublin was the closest jurisdiction to the landfill, he felt it was only right that the Town have a say in taking outside trash into the landfill and hoped that it would keep that ability as a member of the Authority.

Council eventually approved unanimously the resolution authorizing the New River Resource Authority to enter an agreement with Patrick County for emergency use of the landfill under the stipulated terms as discussed.

Following a closed session, Council received the report of the Town Manager on the current state of the Town’s budget.

Kirkner said that as of December 31st halfway through the fiscal year, revenues in the General Fund were strong at 51 percent. Expenditures were running at 40 percent, some 10 percent below anticipated levels. The Enterprise Fund, which included \$1.34 million in ARPA funds, showed \$4.7 million in revenues and expenditures of \$3.27 million. Due to the inclusion of ARPA funds, revenues were running at 69 percent of expected levels which he described as “wonderful.” Expendi-

tures were running at 33 percent of projected expenditures.

Following the budget presentation, Mayor Skeens complemented the staff and thanked them personally for their hard work on the Christmas parade which generated many favorable comments. He also expressed appreciation for the hard work done on the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Kirkner also thanked the Police Department for working extra duty for the events. He also complemented employees Kim Dalton and Randy Olverson for their hard work and dedication to their respective duties. Mayor Skeens also complemented Kirkner for his work for the Town.

The final issue considered was a Memorandum of Understanding proposed between the Town and Pulaski County School Board.

Campbell explained that the School Board was undertaking a program known as “Handle with Care,” and had requested approval of a memorandum of understanding between the local police agencies and the School Board.

The memorandum proposed that in the case a student was involved in a “traumatic event or exposed trauma” involving a police agency, that agency would notify the School Board of the student’s involvement with, witnessing of, or presence at a traumatic event. The School Board could then make an assessment if the student needed further services.

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Sweet outlines county successes during 2022

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet presented his End of the Year Report for 2022 during Monday night's meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

Sweet touched on dozens of achievements by the county and its staff, as well as by county administration and the Board of Supervisors.

Board of Supervisors and Administration

- Ms. Walters was nominated and voted in as the first female in Pulaski County's history to serve as Chair of the Board of Supervisors; and, re-elected again for 2023
- Adopted, pursuant to Section 24.2-304.1(B) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, (as amended) an amended 2021 Redistricting Ordinance (the Boundaries for Pulaski County Election Districts and Precincts, effective May 15, 2022)
- Declared the week of April 10-16, 2022, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Pulaski County
- Recognized May 2 – May 6, 2022, as Teacher Appreciation Week
- Held Second Annual Adopt A Spot Campaign
- Acknowledged National Safe Boating Week (May 21 – May 27, 2022)
- Adopted Resolution for the Naming of Route 625, “Morgan Farm Road”, from the entrance off of “Highland Road” to the intersection of “Hickman Cemetery Road” in Pulaski County as the “Captain John “Greg” Gregory Blankenship Memorial Roadway”
- Adopted the Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, Amending the Animal Control Ordinance
- Adopted the Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, Virginia, Amending the Noise Ordinance
- Approved by resolution the additions of Pulaski County Public Schools' roads within the Secondary System (Route 9001 Beth Nelson Drive at Riverlawn Elementary, and Route 9201 Medal of Honor Way at Pulaski County Middle School)
- The Board approved a County Employee Mental Health Gesture to be observed on July 1, 2022
- Approved a Moral Obligation Support Agreement for the Economic Development Authority for Acquisition of the Pulaski County Innovation Center
- Approved request regarding thirty-first annual Wilderness Road Ride held on May 28, 2022
- Recognized and congratulated Miss Gwendolyn Puckett – our 2022 Lead Through Service Scholarship Recipient
- Approved the lease between Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority, The Pulaski County Public Service Authority and the County of Pulaski (RE: FAIR-LAWN CONVENIENCE CENTER)
- Supported the Seventh Annual GO Pulaski County, held on September 24, 2022
- Absolved the original Industrial Development Authority loan appropriation
- Recognized and congratulated by Resolution the Pulaski County High School 2022 Cougars Boys Outdoor Track Team for their State Championship achievements
- Adopted the Resolution Concurring with Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue in Application of an Assessment Ratio to the Values of Certain Automobiles and Trucks for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2022 for the purpose of reducing the tax burden to citizen during unprecedented times of inflation
- Approved a request for a ‘Watch for Children’ sign at 5400 Highland Road
- Adopted Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Support Agreement Providing for Pulaski County's Moral Obligation to Make Certain Appropriations with Respect to A Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revenue Bond of the Pulaski County Public Service Authority to extend and improve public utilities
- Approved request for the Newbern Festival to be held on October 8, 2022
- Supported Calfee Community & Cultural Center's request for a \$100,000 appropriation to leverage more than \$1,000,000 in federal EDA funding for renovations and construction
- Strategically transferred former jail property at 86 East Main Street to the Economic Development Authority
- Adopted 2022 Amended Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance
- Consented to the New River Resource Authority Entering into Temporary Disposal Agreements with Patrick and Smyth Counties
- Warmly welcomed Dr. Bret Danilowicz, as Radford University new President
- Approved Emergency Medical Technician Education Services Agreement
- Adopted Resolution for the Sup-

port of the Virginia America 250 Commission, designated local contacts and appointed local committee members

In conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and many other community partners, the County attend and/or participated in 24 Ribbon Cuttings in CY-2022

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ReMax Cavaliers
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Woodstock Shop
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Town's new Playground
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Strawberry Moon
Starbucks
Web Weaver
Humane Society of the NRV
2nd Hand Lines
Patton Logistics
Sheffey Riverside Park
The Mason Jar
PCHS CTE Welding Lab

Building Department

- Last year we processed an astronomical and record breaking 927 total permits with an aggregate Valuation of \$485,548,442 and collected \$117,827 in Permit Fees. This year we processed a new record-breaking number of 987 total permits (60 more than last year) with an aggregate Valuation of \$85,807,320.00 and collected \$192,204.97 in Permit Fees.
- Last year we had 53 New Single-Family Residential Units; 1 New Commercial Unit; and, 28 New Manufactured Units. This year we had 58 New Single-Family Residential Units; 4 New Commercial Unit; and, 32 New Manufactured Units, exceeding all of last year's numbers.

2022 Certifications:

Scott Macdonald obtained his: Residential Energy Inspector, Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner, Plumbing Plans Examiner, Plumbing Code Specialist, Commercial Energy Inspector, Fire Plans Examiner, and Master Code Professional. (Note: The Master Code Professional certification is only obtained by the top 1% of all certified individuals. Currently, there is just over nine hundred (900) in the world.) Total certifications: 26

Jeremy Carr obtained his: Residential Plans Examiner - Total certifications: 11

Tonya Crigger obtained her: Permit Technician certification

Economic Development

- Tekni-Plex/Phoenix added \$20 million in equipment invested in 2022
- Xaloy reached their target of 35 new FT jobs and invested in new equipment totaling more than \$4 million in cap-ex
- Pulaski County was recognized by the International Trade Council as the top Workforce Development Program
- Trova has graduated out of the Pulaski County Innovation Center and has transitioned into their new research and development facility within the recently renovated former Newbern Elementary School
- Our Economic Development Department has engaged over 25 BRE visits with existing companies
- Watson town Trucking began construction on their \$25 million trucking terminal project within the Commerce Park
- The NRV Commerce Park received a \$300,000 grant for site development and improvements to increase the site readiness and marketability of the park
- The EDA sold 7 acres next to the former Riverlawn Elementary; the developer plans to expediently build (eighteen) 18 new homes
- In partnership with Pulaski County Small Business Solutions and the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, the Pulaski Industrial Council was formed

Code Enforcement

- In 2022, the number of complaints increased to 65 over last year's total of 51. I am pleased to report that all 65 have been successfully addressed. Please note that there were numerous phone calls and citizen visits for potential violations that were timely and professionally handled at the administrative level and are not reflected on the enforcement report.

Emergency Management

- In 2022 the Board contracted with Gannon Emergency Solutions to conduct a private third-party comprehensive Fire & EMS study of the County to gauge and ultimately address the challenges and opportunities related to fire and EMS response
- The Board also initiated a comprehensive Fire & EMS study through the VA Department of Fire Programs' Fire Board, to parallel the private analysis and ensure a thorough review and analysis has been achieved. To be completed in February 2023
- Hosted an eight (8) person Amer-



Jonathan Sweet County Administrator

iCorps Team for a month to conduct wildfire mitigation work

- Secured grant funding to employee a 6-person wildfire mitigation crew during the spring burn season
- Partnered with Feeding Southwest Virginia to conducted 2 food box giveaway events

- Represented the County at the Annual Wildland Urban Interface Conference to showcase our wildfire mitigation program
- Awarded grant funding from the National Fire Protection Agency to conduct a Wildfire Preparedness Day event in May 2022
- Established Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training
- Deployed to Sevier County, TN for 8 days as part of a National Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) in response to wildfire emergency
- Conducted 2 Draper Mountain Overlook trails workdays
- Deployed to Buchanan County, VA for 3 days in response to flash flooding as Team Leader for the Southwest VA All Hazards Incident Management Team
- Hosted a Virginia Prescribed Fire Council Learn and Burn event at Randolph Park with 30 landowners from across VA
- Hosted a Crisis Management for School Based Incidents course for first responders and school system employees

- Accepted delivery of a large mobile generator purchased with Department of Homeland Security grant funds to be installed in County Administration
- Completed CIP upgrades to Dublin Fire Dept. Rescue Engines light tower and the County air & light truck
- 1,514 wildfire mitigation hours logged with 85 acres treated, protecting 17 structures including homes, E911 Communication sites, park facilities and municipal water facilities

General Services

General Services, specifically General Properties, fulfilled 1,453 work order requests for Pulaski County, EDA, and PSA owned buildings in 2022. Garage personnel had 2,770 vehicle work orders, and the Grounds crew mowed 150 acres per week with the addition of the former Middle Schools. During this time, the General Services Department completed or assisted with the following special projects:

- Assisted with the rebuilding of the PSA pre-crusher compactor at Phoenix Packaging
- Conducted a chainsaw safety/tree falling course at Randolph Park
- Cleaned up and removed trash from dump sites on Hazel Hollow Road
- Completed initial phase of Old Riverlawn trail construction
- Started Sheffey Riverside Park construction
- Installed storm water drainage tanks at the Administration Building
- Sealed and repaired foundation leak at the Administration Building
- Repaired and remodeled mold damage at the Extension Office
- Graded and paved the Garage Complex, Draper Fire Department, Station 1 EMS, and Old Riverlawn School
- Re-keyed Stone Courthouse
- Installed new HVAC at Peak's Knob Radio Building, Pulaski Library, and the PSA Water and Sewer Building
- Installed back-up generators at the Snowville and Hiwassee communication tower sites
- Repaired parking lot at the Dublin Lions Field
- Repaired parking lots across from Brick Courthouse and Dublin Library
- Repaired, sealed, and painted windows at Dublin Library and as the Stone Courthouse
- Pressure washed exterior of both Courthouses
- Graded and installed drainage pipe for Randolph Park baseball fields
- Painted exterior trim at the Administration Building
- Graded and seeded Draper Park
- Removed brush and trees at Odell Park
- Cleaned out old Sheriff's Office and former Jail to make ready for its sale
- Installed construction fence around old PMS for the redevelopment project

Human Resources

- Processed 50 FMLA Applications (compared to 63 last year)
- Composed and advertised 52 positions (compared to 63 last year)
- Conducted 163 new hire orientations (compared to 151 last year)
- Processed 68 terminations, resig-

nations and retirements (Compared to 72 last year)

- Processed 33 Workers Compensation/Company Nurse claims
- Filled 8 temp positions through Luttrell Services
- Participated in three job fairs
- HR Director - Completed IP-MA-HR Senior Certified Professional Course, passed required exam and received certification
- HR Assistant – Completed IM-PA-HR Certified Professional Course, passed required exam and received certification
- New for 2022 is the Monthly Employee Newsletter
- Implemented a comprehensive Organizational Renewal Project
- Developed a new hire welcome packet
- We are now offering Legal Shield and Identity Shield to employees through payroll deduction

HR Goals for 2023

- Continue work on a Well-Being initiative (wellness programs, behavioral and mental health, substance abuse assistance, etc.)
- Work with Parks & Recreation Department on Emergency Daycare Program for County employees as well as physical fitness programs
- Continue work Organizational Renewal Initiative by offering trainings and information to promote a more positive and productive work culture
- Host the first ever benefits fair for employees

Information Technology

- Completed 2,121 Helpdesk tickets in the year 2022 (more than one an hour for an entire year)
- Developed and implemented an in-house test environment network to test off production network technologies and to utilize for the training of our IT staff.
- Sheriff's Office Domain/File server replacement
- Mapping system upgrade for E-911, all of our law enforcement agencies and EMS
- Migrated DNS servers to new County servers
- Installed multiple new Cameras and Servers throughout County
- County Wireless Upgrade
- Voter Registrar elections upgrades
- Assisted with the relocation of REMSI to new building

For the Town of Pulaski

- New infrastructure to gain network and camera access for the Pulaski Train Station

For the Town of Dublin

- New infrastructure to gain network and cameras access to the towns remodeled maintenance building
- New server installation

Joint 9-1- Communications Center

2022 Staff Activities

For the 2022 calendar year, 9-1-1 Center staff entered 78,709 calls for service into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, which was 24% higher than in 2021. Staff answered 20,592 9-1-1 calls and 61,849 administrative line calls, for a total of 82,441 phone calls.

Staff entered 5,189 criminal charges into the Records Management System (RMS) under warrants. Many of the criminal warrants required entry, update, and removal of warrants in the Federal / State Crime Information Network (NCIC/VCIN) as well.

Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) is planned to go live by the end of Q1 2023. 9-1-1 staff currently provide T-CPR instructions for callers reporting a possible cardiac arrest.

Department staff completed 691 hours of course/continuing education during 2022. Continuing education is required for all 9-1-1 staff to maintain their APCO certifications. APCO/DCJS certified instructors within the department provided 104 hours of instruction for in-house APCO certification courses and the annual Entry Level Dispatch course at the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy.

The Radio Service Unit continued

installing a new public safety radio system, including installing a new microwave data backhaul between infrastructure sites. 36 new analog/digital repeaters were installed, configured, and tested. Staff performed numerous improvements to 6 facilities, including radio towers and water tanks, to support the new radio system. These improvements included removing and replacing old antennas, cabling, power systems, amplifiers, and other associated equipment.

At the 9-1-1 Center, staff performed improvements to support the new radio system, including upgrades of the radio dispatch consoles, control radio equipment, master audio logger, and mapping system.

In addition, mobile and portable radio equipment was procured and will be provided to all law enforcement, EMS, Fire, and PSA departments and supported by the 9-1-1 Center Radio Service Unit. The new public safety radio system is currently planned to go online by the end of the 2023

Due to a variety of variables, 2022 was a challenging time for the 9-1-1 Center and our staff. It goes without saying that our staff are true professionals who continuously step up to meet those challenges. Day in and day out, twenty-four hours a day, our staff provided exemplary public safety services for the citizens and visitors of Pulaski County and our first responders. We are proud to have such dedicated professionals working in a highly challenging, critical, and often thankless role serving as the first line of first responders for our citizens during their time of need.

Parks and Recreation

- We substantially restructured the P&R Department to now operate under a traditional departmental org-chart (7 Full Time Staff Members, 1 Program & Activities Manager, 2 Recreation Coordinators, 1 Facilities Supervisor, and 2 Field Technician Maintenance)
- Created our first ever Parks & Recreation Instagram page to better communicate with the community and all those coming to Pulaski County for our parks and recreation (We have now begun dual-posting a minimum 2 post per week via both Instagram and Facebook)
- Updated our P&R website
- We hosted once again in Partnership with the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce our 4th Annual Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular (We estimated to have over 3.5k children and parents in attendance)
- Once again hosted in Partnership with Pulaski County Tourism, the 2nd Annual Winterfest at Randolph Park.
- Hosted in Partnership with Emergency Management a Controlled Burn Event @ Randolph Park.
- We once again hosted the DAK Lights - Light Show for 2022
- Initiated a special needs population - work internships at Randolph Park
- Initiated partnership with the County and CTE's new EMT program to recruit and train lifeguards for the summer staffing of Randolph Park
- Began Club Teasers via Social Media. (We have identified 13 clubs we are looking to launch in 2023)
- We successfully hosted 11 Travel Bat & Ball Tournaments. We conservatively estimate these tournaments to have a \$889,701.00 economic impact for Pulaski County
- Hosted the first ever Cal Ripken 12U 60's State Baseball Tournament at Randolph Park (the winner of this tournament qualified for Nationals)
- Hosted a Feeding SWVA event at Randolph Park Held a qualifying disc golf tournament at Smith Farm Park – Looking to embark on Phase 2 in 2023
- Phase 1 of Smith Farm – Paving of ORES, Tennis/Basketball Courts
- Hosted 2 PCHS High School Region Cross Country Meets
- Held 2 Movie Nights in The Park at Randolph Park
- Hosted (5) PC Elementary Schools

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back to School Swim Nights

- Received Healthy Cities \$30K Grant for outdoor fitness
- Hosted National Night Out @ Randolph Park
- Facilitating partnership with Radford University for Internships within P&R department
- Under Facilities we:
 - o Installed the new turf batting cage at Randolph Park
 - o Finished/completed both the home and visitor bleachers at Randolph Park multipurpose field
 - o Installed foul ball netting throughout Randolph Park Complex
 - o We broke ground at Riverside Sheffey Park
 - o We poured the concrete pad for new shelter & restrooms at Draper Park

Planning & Zoning

- Planning and Zoning Department
- Continued to work with developers on the Pulaski Lofts project to advance the redevelopment of the former Pulaski Middle School into 100 new rental housing units
- Processed 195 Zoning Permits and reviewed 98 Subdivision Plats
- Processed 1 Special Use Permit for an overnight rental business with cottages at The Cottages at Pine Run
- Processed 1 Special Use Permit for a 100-acre, 11.45MW Solar Farm through Helios Solar
- Processed 1 No Wake Buoy application that was forwarded to the Department of Wildlife Resources for final approval
- Reviewed the Site Plans for the following projects:
 - Dollar Tree store
 - Chipotle restaurant
- Brillheart subdivision development: 58 Single Family Lots
- Highbridge, LLC subdivision development: 63 Single Family Lots, 43 Home Villa Lots, and 46 Townhome Lots near Heron’s Landing
- The Quarters at Heron’s Landing: 5 Townhouse Lots in Heron’s Landing
- Fazoli’s restaurant
- The Rocks Townhomes: 9 Townhome Lots
- Countryside Landings Phase 2 development: 253 Single Family Homes Lots
- New River Community College Solar Farm

Dublin

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Campbell recommended conditional approval of the document for signature by Chief Lambert after his further review. There was no additional liability exposure noted for the Town or members of the Police Department.

Chief Lambert said the school system would train the officers and that they did not want to know any details of any incident. He did not see any problem with executing the document once Campbell’s review was complete.

Mayor Skeens asked if the department was required to notify the student’s family before notifying the school. Chief Lambert responded that the police only had to notify the parents if they had to talk to the student.

- New River Valley Airport Corporate Hangar
- Patton Logistics Warehouse expansion
- Processed 8 Additional Rezones and 4 Variance Requests
- With the help of the Friends of Claytor Lake, we completed 5-year review and made edits for the Claytor Lake Shoreline Management program that was presented to Appalachian Power. (The department also put together a map of the derelict structures on Claytor Lake for review by AEP.)
- Continued to partner with the Fairview Home Board and the New River Regional Commission, Parks and Rec and General Properties on the project to develop a new neighborhood pocket park
- Ordered signs for the Draper Historic District historic sign project that will be given out during an event planned for 2023
- Drafted and approved text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance for a fee schedule increase, and changes to Sections 4, 7, and 11

Updated GIS maps for the following departments and projects:

- Registrar/Electoral Board
- Fire Services
- EMS coverage and coordination maps
- Zoning

Community Development Department worked to secure the following grants for various projects:

- VBAF Part 2: \$50,000 for the Pulaski Lofts Project
- IRF Part 1: \$31,000 for the Pulaski Lofts Project
- IRF Part 2: \$54,750 for the Pulaski Lofts Project
- Virginia Housing Community Impact Grant: \$19,800 for the Pulaski Lofts Project
- 2023 Healthy Cities Campaign Grant: \$30,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department

Public Safety

- Staff responded to over 6,200 emergency calls
- Established EMS medication pharmacy; under the guidance of our Medical Director, this will enable the department to start offering more advanced medical care protocols
- Replaced a 13-year old ambulance; the new ambulance features modern technology to improve patient and employee safety
- Opened a new EMS Station serving the Pulaski area; this station re-

placed a 50+ year old facility and offers a safe, comfortable and modern work environment for staff

- Various projects to improve working conditions at the Dublin and Fairlawn EMS stations were completed
- Purchased updated protective clothing for staff that significantly improves employees’ safety when operating in hazardous situations
- Established National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) Training Center - department will be the first site in the western part of the state to offer the new community paramedicine educational series
- Established American Heart Association Training site. Note: The department is now offering many educational programs to be taught within Pulaski County for EMS staff.

Small Business Solutions

- Pulaski County Small Business Solutions worked with 82 recurring small business clients and offered 159 one-on-one advising sessions in 2022.
- Small Business Solutions formally established three internal grant programs: The Main Street Small Business Grant, the Pulaski County Agribusiness Grant, and the Pulaski County Small Business Incentive Program. The Main Street Small Business Grant has been a collaborative effort between the EDA and the Town of Pulaski, which has included weekly visits to the Main Street business community during the waterline project.
- Small Business Solutions became a Certified GrowthWheel Partner, with complete access to the GrowthWheel business planning curriculum and online software to support, foster and grow our small businesses.
- Small Business Solutions partnered with the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce to establish the Empower and Engage mentorship program. We subsequently partnered with Pulaski on Main to revamp Pulaski County Young Professionals. These developmental programs will continue in 2023.
- Small Business Solutions supported Bimmerworld Properties LLC through the purchase of the Memorial Square shopping center in the Town of Pulaski and actively assisted (and continues to assist) with the recruitment of tenant businesses. These efforts have help lead to 3 new businesses having opened in Memorial Square over the last 6 months.

Pulaski County Innovation Center

- The Pulaski County Innovation Center remained at 100% occupancy for the duration of 2022. We currently have 40 unique tenants.
- The Pulaski County Innovation Center welcomed the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce into the facility in 2022 as a tenant, and the synergy we have enjoyed has been tremendous in supporting our small businesses housed there.
- The Pulaski County EDA successfully refinanced the Pulaski County Innovation Center at the right time and has designated funds for a complete overhaul of the aged HVAC system and for kitchen renovations.
- All onsite renovations, indoor and outdoor signage, and parking lot repairs were completed.
- The Pulaski County Innovation Center was represented at the International Conference on Business Incubation in Atlanta, GA.
- Trova CV, a three-year tenant of the Innovation Center, completed their incubation phase at the Innovation Center and has now expanded into the recently renovated Newbern School facility.

Tourism:

Building on the strong foundation that was laid in 2021 through brand development, strategized marketing efforts, partnerships and grants, 2022 became a stellar year for Pulaski County Tourism bringing statewide recognition though eight awards. The Tourism website, visitpulaskiva.org, received three awards: SWVA Award for Best Website, Communicator Award, and a Roanoke Addy Award (beating out both Virginia Tech and Carilion!). Tourism also received four more awards from SWVA in the categories of Best Social Media Campaign, Outstanding Tourism Partner – (Draper Mercantile and Trading Company), Excellence in Tourism Leadership’s Shining Star Award – (Jonathan Sweet), Outstanding One Day Event – (Winterfest) and a 2022 Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) award for Communications. These awards cemented Pulaski County as a serious tourism contender and partner in Virginia’s \$25.2 billion tourism industry. In 2023, we will continue to build on our successes by establishing unique and original concepts such as “Pulaski County Guiderys” in every sector of the community which allow

us to pay homage to our past and embrace our future in this new post-pandemic world.

Closing Remarks:


As you heard throughout the report, 2022 was an extra-ordinarily busy year for our Team, with the fruits of our 2020 and 2021 labors having paid exceptional dividends. The Board of Supervisors, the County Team and our community partners have and continue to be exceptionally strategic in our efforts to advance our 40-by-30 goal of 40,000 people calling Pulaski County their home by 2030. Our County Team has worked tirelessly on the Board’s agenda to advance numerous projects, programs and initiatives that will further position us to achieve the goals set forth in our Comprehensive Plan, in turn making us more competitive today and ready to better compete tomorrow in the highly competitive marketplace and everchanging post-COVID world.

I want to commend the exceptional men and women who do the hard work day-in and day-out and make the successes of the County possible. They have unselfishly chosen to employ their talents, skills and passions to better Pulaski County and to willingly take the bad that often comes with the good in their service to the community. Many of these folks are true community heroes and I will forever appreciate and admire their dedication and commitment to public service.

Lastly, I would like to share my sincere appreciation for the leadership, direction and support from the Board of Supervisors. Your commitment to Pulaski County, your vision for the future and the priority you have placed on serving our citizens will inevitably be the key ingredients in our community’s recipe for success. The impressive list of accomplishments I shared tonight is not exclusively the results of the hard work of the County Team, but it is also a direct reflection of the Board of Supervisors’ - vision, excellence and pride.

I want to again thank you for the continued honor to serve this Board, to serve alongside our dedicated County staff, and to proudly serve the fine citizens of Pulaski County.

Thank you and may God continue to bless Pulaski County in 2023 and beyond.”




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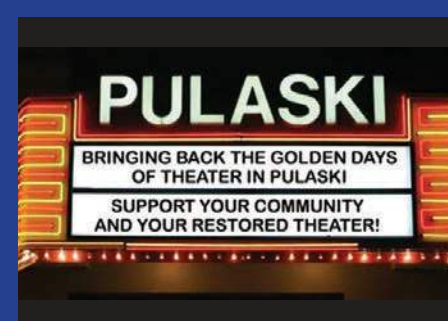
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Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Marcus Reed takes aim at the basket for Pulaski County. Reed had 13 points in the Cougars' win over Blacksburg, and added 4 in the loss vs. Patrick Henry.

Patrick Henry thumps Cougars

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

Sometimes a team just has better players, better athletes and a better team. This was the case Tuesday as the visiting Patrick Henry Patriots thumped the Pulaski County Cougars, 78-48.

The Patriots (16-2) and ranked in the top five of Class 5 in the state was led by Brooks Dery with 22 points. He knocked down six three's as he once again proved he's a sharp shooter from downtown.

Abu Yarmah scored 14 and point guard Leron Lipford chipped in with 12. All nine of the dressed Patriot players got into the scoring column.

The Cougars got 16 points

from senior Kyle O'Neal and 10 from Lane Nester.

Patrick Henry jumped on the Cougars early, leading 20-6 after the first quarter. They would stretch that advantage in the second quarter to take a commanding 46-15 lead into intermission.

The second half actually saw the Cougars outscore the Patriots 33-32 with a running clock for all the second half.

O'Neal scored nine of his points in the second half, while Nester scored eight of his 10 points in the half.

"Patrick Henry is really, really good," said Cougar head coach Tyler Cannoy. "They have athletes that can play basketball and

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Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Pulaski County's Hannah Keefer dribbles around a Patrick Henry defender during the Lady Cougars' win this week in Roanoke.

Lady Cougars improve to 14-1

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's Lady Cougars girls basketball team continued its winning ways this week, beating Patrick Henry, 46-35.

The win upped the Lady Cougars' overall record to 14-3 on

the season.

Pulaski County could add to that record twice more this week, as they were scheduled to host Princeton on Thursday night in the Cougar Den, and then again on Friday when they host Hidden Valley.

Against Patrick Henry, the Lady Cougars were led by Keshlyn Secrist's 19 points. Paige Huff added 13. Other scorers included Hannah Keefer, 6; Kenzee Jones, 4; Andi Ratcliff, 2, and Jayden Lawson and Morgan Vest, 1 each.

Radford tangles with Carroll twice - Bobcats win 'em both

Patriot Staff Report

Two of the area's better boys basketball teams went at it this week, first in Hillsville and then back in Radford.

Wednesday night, Radford overcame a cold shooting first quarter to edge a Carroll County, 50-44.

It was the second win of the week for Rick Cormany's Bobcats over Anthony Barnes' Cavaliers who fell in Hillsville Monday night, 64-55.

Carroll led Radford 11-5 at the end of the first quarter as Radford could only hit two shots.

The Bobcats recovered in the second quarter, however, outscoring

Carroll, 14-11 to trail at the half, 22-19.

Radford completed its comeback in the third quarter, outscoring the Cavs by five and taking a 30-28 lead into the final quarter.

Radford closed out the scoring strong with 20 points to Carroll's 16 for the 50-44 final.

Elijah Kelly led Radford with 28 points, while Gavin Cormany added 10 and Luke Woodard chipped in 8.

Carroll County was led by Elijah Cox with 12 points. Bryce Smoot added 11 and Mario Campbell chipped in 8.

In Monday's battle, Carroll again

got off to a strong start to lead at the end of the first stanza, 17-11.

But Radford came roaring back in the second quarter with a 20-6 run to lead at the half, 33-23.

Radford took the third quarter, 20-15 and held off a strong Carroll County rally in the fourth for the 64-55 final score as four trouble hampered the Cavs' comeback.

Radford double-teamed Carroll's leader, Elijah Cox and held the Hillsville star to just four points on the night.

However, that somewhat freed up Bryce Smoot and Bryce Reitzel to have one of their better games. Smoot finished with 23 and Reitzel added 20 in the losing effort.

Other Cavalier scoring was Ethan Richardson with 5 and Brayden Smoot with 3.

Elijah Kelly led the Bobcats with 26 points. Gavin Cormany added 19 and Luke Woodard had 10.

Other Bobcat scorers were Parker Prioleau with 7, Sinaere Taylor and Max Kanipe 1 each.

Radford comes away from the battles against Carroll County with an overall record of 13-1, while Carroll drops to 12-7.

Prior to the battles with Carroll County, last week Radford humbled Alleghany at home, 51-33.

The Bobcats jumped out early to a 16-6 lead and never looked back.

Elijah Kelly had 21 points to lead the effort for Radford, with Gavin Cormany collecting 9 points and Luke Woodard adding 8.

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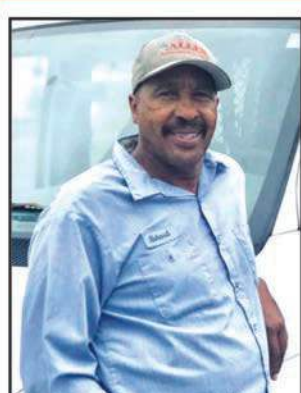
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VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000540-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

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

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Notice, proceedings will be commenced under the authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels of land located in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia for the purpose of collecting all delinquent real estate taxes on such property. Property owners have 30 days to contact our office to make arrangements for payment of the amount owed.

Property Owner	Tax Map Number
Russel Adams	072-026-0204-0012
Clarence Adams	081-007-0190-0003
Donald Boysaw	072-032-0001-0059
Robert Easter & Terri Brown	072-032-0008-0010
Shawn Cook	081-018-0000-009A
Timothy Cowan	072-098-0002-011C
Heirs of Michael Dalton	072-098-0002-0009
Margaret Dean	063-014-0000-0005
Margaret Dean	072-032-0001-0035
Margaret Dean	072-140-0000-0179
Regina Dobbins	072-032-0000-0027
E & H Land Co. LLC	072-051-0041-002A
E & H Land Co. LLC	072-051-0041-0002
E & H Land Co. LLC	072-051-0041-0008
Cynthia Edmonds	072-140-0000-0002
Executive Car Wash	072-140-A000-0115
Wanda Haskins	072-017-0100-0012
Heirs of Cordelia Hardy	072-034-0000-0005
Stephanie Hernandez	072-098-0002-011A
Stephanie Hernandez	072-098-0002-0011
Stephanie Hernandez	072-098-0002-0010
Erika Holmes	072-055-0001-0005
Burnham & Diana Jackson	081-002-0104-0019
William Jarvis	072-100-0000-0019
Mildred, Frank & Jeffrey Jones	072-032-0074-0015
Brandon Koert	072-032-0000-002A
Ralph & Selena Lucado	072-026-0176-0002
Heirs of Ricardo Massie	072-051-0228-0019
Roger Odham c/o James Odham	081-001-0000-0071
Charles Phillips	081-007-0134-0008
Laura Powers	072-001-0000-0048
Pulaski Properties	063-042-0000-0001
Gary Redd	081-002-0119-0019
Gary Redd	081-002-0119-0021
Heirs of Mabel Reed	072-107-000D-0017
Sabrina R. Simpson	072-032-000E-041D
Arthur Stoots	072-048-0000-0028
James Sutherland	072-089-0000-038A
Donald Taylor	072-026-0198-0015
Donald Taylor	072-026-0198-0016
Heirs of Geraldine Trompeter	072-022-0137-0003
Brian C. & Heather Weatherington	072-051-0042-0028
Embrace Home Loans	072-048-0000-030A

The owner of any property listed may redeem the property at any time before the date of sale by paying all accumulated taxes, penalties, interest, attorney fees and costs, thereon, including the pro rata cost of publication hereunder. Payment must be made in full. Partial payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, fees or costs shall not be sufficient to redeem the property and shall not operate to suspend, invalidate, or make moot any action for judicial sale of the subject property. Sums due to the Town of Pulaski should be made payable to “Sands Anderson PC” and mailed to the attention of Kimberly A. Cregger, at P.O. Box 2009, Christiansburg, Virginia 24068.
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LEGAL NOTICES




Public Hearing Regarding Sale of Property

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski VA will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street NW to consider selling property located at 124 Pierce Street for the purpose of construction of a single-family residence.

All persons desiring to speak appear at the above stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council (540) 994-8602 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 7 1 1 for assistance in reaching the Town.

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.

2023 NASCAR Cup Series Race/Broadcast Schedule *Cougars*

Date	Race / Track	Network	Start Time (ET)	Radio
Sunday, February 5	Clash (L.A. Memorial Coliseum)	FOX	8:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Thursday, February 16	Duel at Daytona	FS1	7:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, February 19	DAYTONA 500	FOX	2:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, February 26	Auto Club	FOX	3:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, March 5	Las Vegas	FOX	3:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, March 12	Phoenix	FOX	3:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, March 19	Atlanta	FOX	3:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, March 26	COTA	FOX	3:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, April 2	Richmond	FS1	3:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, April 9	Bristol Dirt	FOX	7:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, April 16	Martinsville	FS1	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, April 23	Talladega	FOX	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, April 30	Dover	FS1	2:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, May 7	Kansas	FS1	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, May 14	Darlington	FS1	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, May 21	NASCAR All-Star Race (North Wilkesboro)	FS1	8:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, May 28	Charlotte	FOX	6:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, June 4	World Wide Technology Raceway	FS1	3:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, June 11	Sonoma	FOX	3:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, June 25	Nashville Superspeedway	NBC	7:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, July 2	Chicago Street Race	NBC	5:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, July 9	Atlanta	USA	7:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, July 16	New Hampshire	USA	2:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, July 23	Pocono	USA	2:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, July 30	Richmond	USA	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, August 6	Michigan	USA	2:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, August 13	Indianapolis Road Course	NBC	2:30 p.m.	IMS/SiriusXM
Sunday, August 20	Watkins Glen	USA	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Saturday, August 26	Daytona	NBC	7:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, September 3	Darlington	USA	6:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, September 10	Kansas	USA	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Saturday, September 16	Bristol	USA	7:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, September 24	Texas	USA	3:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, October 1	Talladega	NBC	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, October 8	Charlotte Roval	NBC	2:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, October 15	Las Vegas	NBC	2:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, October 22	Homestead-Miami	NBC	2:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, October 29	Martinsville	NBC	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sunday, November 5	Phoenix	NBC	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM

Collins’ late bucket lifts Hokies past Duke

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BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech broke through in a big way on Monday night, as MJ Collins hit a jumper with 13 seconds to go to lift the Hokies to a 78-75 victory. Grant Basile paced the Hokies in scoring with a 24-point performance.

Basile’s scoring performance was the third highest scoring effort from the Wright State transfer in his time in Blacksburg. He complemented his offensive output with eight rebounds.
Duke (14-6, 5-4 ACC) started hot, opening the game with a 7-0 run, before foul trouble burdened

its momentum. The Blue Devils found themselves with six team fouls by the 11-minute mark in the first half.
The backcourt duo of Hunter Cattoor and Sean Pedulla returned to previous form, combining for 31 points in Cattoor’s third
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Don't make any sudden decisions. Whether you've been enriched by an inheritance, a boom in business, the lottery, or something else, take your time before making big decisions you may later regret. For example, don't quit your job or make large purchases without thinking through the consequences and looking at the big picture. Instead, study your options so you can feel confident about your next steps.

Build your emergency fund. Your windfall is an opportunity to shore up financial security. For that reason, a portion of your new-found wealth belongs in an emergency fund, particularly if yours has been underfunded. Experts recommend setting aside six months to one year of expenses to prepare for a downturn in financial circumstances. Hold this money in an account that's liquid so you can readily access it. And, keep emergency funds separate from your regular checking account to avoid the temptation to dip into them.

Tackle debt. Debt is often the greatest threat to financial stability. If you've racked up unpaid balances, your windfall represents a great opportunity to reduce or eliminate them. The first order of business is to pay down your credit card or other high-interest debt. Doing so can drastically reduce your monthly expenses and improve your credit score in the process. Paying down low-interest mortgage debt may not be as high a priority, especially if you can offset mortgage interest with investment gains.

Invest in your future. Put your windfall to work to create financial stability now and in the future. Fund your retirement plan with a balanced portfolio aligned



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to your risk tolerance and time horizon. Diversify your holdings with a range of stocks and bonds. You might also consider alternative tangible assets such as property.

Plan your estate. A sudden windfall is a reminder that life can change in a heartbeat. Take this opportunity to create or update your will. Assign beneficiaries to your assets, including your life insurance policy. Consider creating a trust to pass your wealth to the next generation.

Spend wisely. Don't let your good fortune cloud your judgment. Be discerning in your expenditures. A large infusion of cash may permit you to make long-desired purchases, change careers, or help family and friends, but perhaps not all at once. Ideally you will continue to maintain a household budget to prevent overspending.

Share your good fortune. If your changed financial status allows it, be generous with the people and organizations you care about. Philanthropy and charitable deeds contribute to health and well-being while also strengthening communities.

Talk to a tax professional. Unexpected cash can affect your tax bill. There may be strategies you can employ to lessen your tax liability. For example, you may be able to fund an individual retirement account (IRA) or a health savings account (HSA) to reduce taxable income for the year. Make sure you're taking advantage of available deductions and credits that lower your tax bill.

Get guidance from a financial advisor. An experienced financial professional can help you in the happy circumstance of a financial windfall. Consult an advisor for advice on how to manage your good fortune for optimal results.

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Volleyball Champs

The Tar Heels captured the Pulaski County recreation girls 11-13 volleyball league for the second straight season. The team finished a perfect 8-0 this season and successfully defended its title from a year ago, when the squad also finished 8-0 in the program's first season. Pictured front (l-r), Indri Dearaujo and Madison Akers; second row (l-r), Ryleigh Dean, Jayden Brown, Ainsley Vaughan, Kaya Harriman; third row (l-r), Kyrsten Keith, Ambria Armes, Jagger Davis, Natalie Kinder; back row (l-r), coaches Jan Harris, Allie Phillips, Kim Nelson, and Aubrey Vaughan.

Hokies

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game since returning from injury.

Cattoor responded to Duke's hot start with 12 points in a matter of 14 minutes of play, shooting on pace for much more than his 15 point total early on. He secured a 36-27 lead for the Hokies (12-8, 2-7) at 7:01 in the first half, splashing his fourth 3-pointer in the process.

He capped the evening being the only player to run all 40 minutes on the floor, going 5-of-10 from beyond the arc.

Sean Pedulla's 39 minutes were a close second, putting up 16 points in a 3-of-5 night from 3-point land himself. He had five assists to his credit as well.

The Hokies' offensive success came with plenty of fight-back from the visiting Blue Devils. Duke came out of the tunnel on a 7-0 start from half time, shrinking down a nine point lead for Virginia Tech quickly. The Blue Devils simply took better care of the ball early on in the matchup, as Virginia Tech finished the night with 11 turnovers to Duke's 7.

Duke finished the game with three players with three personal fouls, as starters Mark Mitchell, Ryan Young, and Kyle Filipowski padded the fouls column early.

Freshman forward Kyle Filipowski led all players on the floor with 29 points on the evening. Dariq Whitehead and Tyrese Proctor added 10 points each to Filipowski's performance.

These scoring efforts earned Duke a tied score with as little as 38 seconds to go, but with White-

head leaving the game moments before after an apparent left ankle injury, the wheels fell off rapidly.

Both squads were below par from the free throw line, as Duke went 8-for-12, and Virginia Tech went 12-for-19. Justyn Mutts' 1-for-5 day from the charity stripe was most of note.

Junior forward Lynn Kidd earned his fifth start of the season. He put in a productive 20 minutes of work, avoiding foul trouble in a four point, four rebound display.

The most memorable performance of the night came from Virginia Tech freshman guard MJ

Collins, who hit the game-winning field goal with 12 seconds to go.

Cattoor stole Duke's inbound in the final seconds to seal the win.

Game Notes

» The Hokies made over half of their attempts from three point range, knocking down 10 of 19 shots.

» Grant Basile led the Hokies with 24 points.

Up Next

» The Hokies will play host to Syracuse (13-7, 6-3) at 7 p.m. ET on Saturday on ACC Network.



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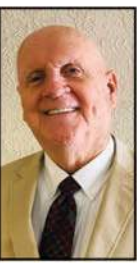
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Amos
Prophecies
Destruction
of Northern
Israel

Amos was a prophet from the southern kingdom of Judah but his preaching was to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Amos was active during the reign of King Jeroboam II. Amos was a herdsman and a sycamore fig farmer before he became a true prophet of God.

Amos has long been admired for the purity of his language, his beauty of diction, and his poetic style.

Amos 7:1. “Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me; and behold, He formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth and, lo, it was the latter growth after the King’s mowings.”

When he referenced grasshoppers here, he was speaking of locusts which are short horned flying Grasshoppers. His first vision was a vision about a locust plague that God was going to send against the Northern Kingdom of Israel. But when Amos prayed, God held back the judgment, because of the prayers of Amos. We should pray for everyone and not just for those we know and agree with. Everyone needs intercessory prayer.

Many times, I’ll read later that God answered prayer for a certain individual I prayed for and I’ll thank God for answered prayer. It may not have been my prayer that brought their healing, but then again, it very well could have been. Our prayers coupled with the prayers of other believers can only work to a greater advantage of touching the heart of God and receiving a positive answer to our combined prayers.

The shooting up of the latter growth was speaking of the second mowing. The first mowing of the hay fields was always claimed by the King since it was usually the best growth. So since the second mowing belonged to the people, and they needed it to survive, the locust plague would have ruined their chances for survival.

Verse 4. Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

His second vision was that God was going to consume the land by fire, and Amos prayed, and again God withdrew the fiery judgment.

This shows us that prayer changes things. It shows us that there is great power in prayer. God’s help is only a prayer away.

At one time, if you’ll remember, God was going to destroy the whole nation of rebellious Israelites and Moses prayed for them and God let them live.

Sometimes we may wonder if our prayer can possibly change things since we are only one person praying. But in truth, it only takes one prayer to touch the heart of God. And the combined prayers of God’s people can certainly touch the heart of God.

Through the prayers of one praying man, in this instance, God’s judgment was averted. Amos’ prayers prevailed. The plague of locusts did not come, a famine was avoided, and the land was not destroyed by fire. Someone said, the tears of Amos coupled with his prayers, put out the fire.

Christians need to be men and women of fervent prayer. Martin Luther said, “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

Verse 7-9. “Thus He showed

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McCraw

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me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said: “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore. The high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste. I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam.” God was saying here, I will not delay their punishment again. I will spare them no longer. I will no longer overlook their sins. I will no longer pass by their sins or their persons without taking notice of them, so as to afflict and punish them for their iniquities:

A plumb line is a measure that tells, for one thing, if a wall or a structure is standing straight.

God holds this measure against Israel, to see if they are “straight.” Or if they are abiding by His holy standards. And they failed God’s plumb line test. The lives of the people of Israel were out of line with the standards that God set forth for them to abide by.

After Israel was measured by God’s plumb line and found to be leaning in the wrong direction and not straight, God basically said I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam: Because Israel is chronically “crooked” against the plumb line of God, Israel and her leadership shall be judged with the sword. God is constantly measuring our lives to see how straight we are. If He sees that we are out of plumb, or crooked, He’ll usually chastise us in one way or another to straighten us back out.

God sometimes has to discipline us, so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

So every once in a while, we all need to check ourselves, to make sure that our lives are still lining up with God’s standard, which is the word of God. If we will judge ourselves, we will not end up being judged by God. In other words, if we’ll judge ourselves and see flaws that needs to be corrected, and correct the flaws in our lives, we can avoid being judged by God.

And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate – Amos prophesied that their total destruction was at hand.

Amos recorded FIVE VISIONS in which God showed him the details of the devastation that He would send upon the land.

Amos knew that their sin was what was bringing God’s judgment upon them and therefore he prayed intercessory prayer for them and interceded for them with God to pardon them. He was able to delay the judgment but finally the judgment came because the Israelites would not turn away from their idols and turn back to God.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Nahum (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Leviticus 19:25, the fruit of a newly planted tree must not be eaten until which year? 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
3. What was Bathsheba doing on the roof when David first saw her? Bathing, Praying, Singing, Hiding
4. Samson’s strength was correlated with what part of his body? Heart, Chest, Hair, Legs
5. Job suffered from what physical affliction? Deafness, Boils, Blindness, Coughs
6. Who was the mate of Esther? Jehu, Darius, Xerxes, Abner

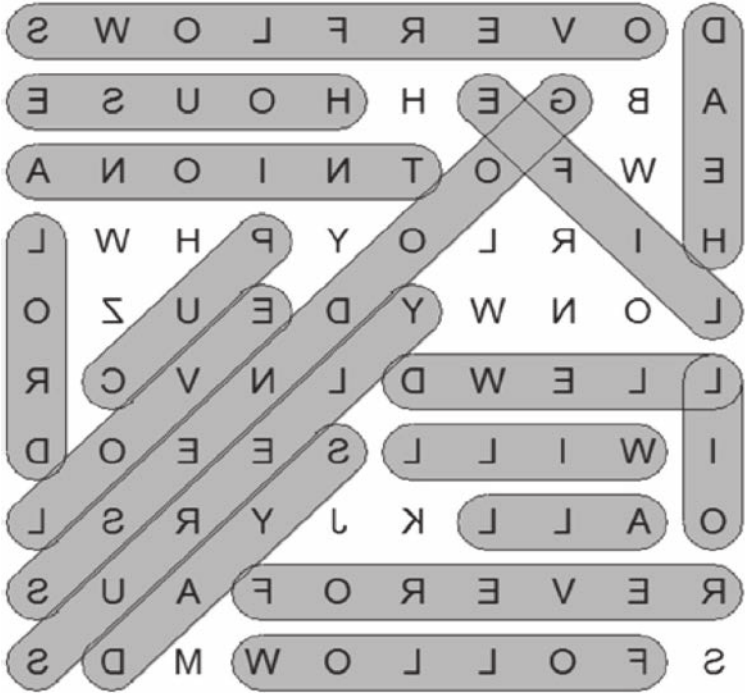
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Believe

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Talk of “claim it and receive it” disturbs me deeply, particularly when I see the young generation believing that they are owed whatever they want. Where does this deceiving spirit come from? - C.R.

A: There are many people who become wealthy or famous by using high-sounding words that seem like the epitome of scholarship and culture. They are intellectually clever and crafty ... adept at beguiling the human

race. The Bible tells us to be on the alert, “because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

Put simply, it is impossible to believe anything into existence. Try it. Who can simply “believe” that they can inherit a million dollars and it happens? Who can seriously say that they can believe a child into existence? People that make such claims are deceivers. Their motive is to draw others into believing lies. This is just what Satan did in the Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve fell prey.



My Answer

Billy Graham

Be on guard. The Bible says, “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own [house], his goods are in peace” (Luke 11:21). We must arm ourselves with the Word of God. It guides and protects. Believers are to test the various aspects and doctrines that abound,

including the theories of others. Most of all, we are to test them against the standard of the Word of God.

Putting total belief in the one true God is having assurance that we can receive all that He plans for us. We’re called to have faith in Him. He is the One who spoke into existence the sun, moon, and stars -- and yes, our very life. We must reject the pride of man and embrace the Man Jesus Christ.

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

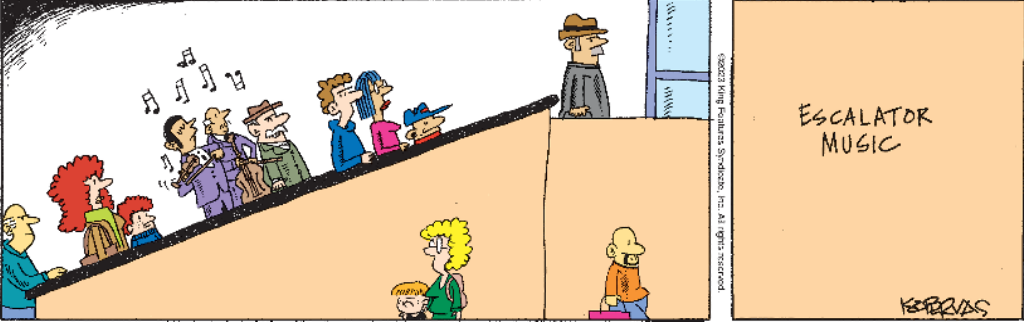
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OLIVE



SCRAMBLERS

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

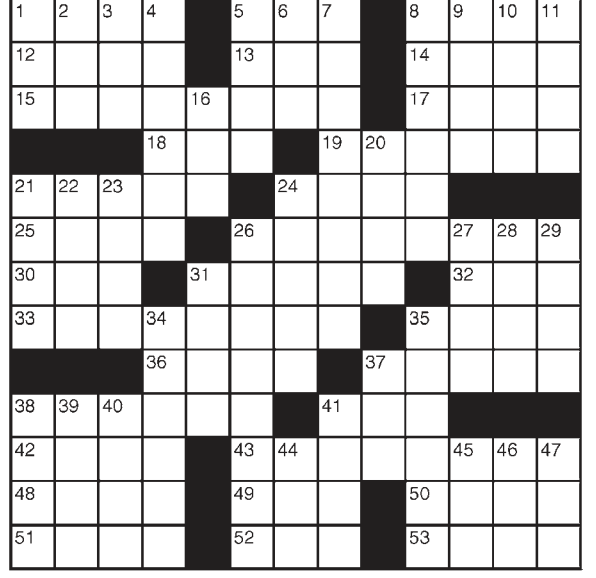
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Choir voice
- 5 Right angle
- 8 Dallas team, to fans
- 12 Check
- 13 Sheep call
- 14 Out of the storm
- 15 Rub with an emery board, perhaps
- 17 Speck
- 18 Author Fleming
- 19 T-shirt fabric
- 21 Primitive
- 24 Spartan queen
- 25 Hamilton-Burr showdown
- 26 Criticize again and again
- 30 Nabokov novel
- 31 Two-tone cookies
- 32 Ms. Thurman
- 33 Road marker
- 35 Help a crook
- 36 Temporary calm
- 37 Steinway product
- 38 "With any luck"
- 41 Fragrant tree
- 42 2004 on a cornerstone
- 43 Color akin to turquoise



- 48 French river
- 49 Wildebeest
- 50 Cold War initials
- 51 Getz of jazz
- 52 Kenny G's instrument
- 53 Litigates
- 7 Guinevere's lover
- 8 Rum cocktail
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Presidential power
- 11 Penn or Astin
- 16 Calendar box
- 20 Praiseful pieces
- 21 Dutch cheese
- 22 German car name
- 23 Authentic
- 24 "The Sound of Music" teenager
- 26 Drags out
- 27 Hefty horn
- 28 Portent
- 29 Peacekeeping org.
- 31 Piece of work
- 34 Football team
- 35 Boeing rival
- 37 Chart format
- 38 Med. plan options
- 39 Skip
- 40 Tower city
- 41 Change
- 44 — pickle
- 45 Baton Rouge sch.
- 46 Exploit
- 47 Hosp. parts

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top ten

Most-Searched People in the World: 2022

- 1. Johnny Depp
- 2. Will Smith
- 3. Amber Heard
- 4. Vladimir Putin
- 5. Chris Rock
- 6. Novak Djokovic
- 7. Anna Sorokin (Delvey)
- 8. Andrew Tate
- 9. Rishi Sunak
- 10. Simon Leviev

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MUSIC: Which band sang the theme song to TV's "Friends"?
- 2. ANATOMY: What is the only bone in the human body that isn't attached to another bone nearby?
- 3. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the "Anne of Green Gables" novel series?
- 4. TELEVISION: Who plays the lead role in the sitcom "Mr. Mayor"?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Spanish Steps located?
- 6. HISTORY: How long did the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, orbit the planet?
- 7. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advises customers to "eat fresh"?
- 8. SCIENCE: What is the only form of energy that can be seen with the human eye?
- 9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: With which animal do humans share 98.8% of their DNA?
- 10. MOVIES: Which movie features the famous line, "I see dead people"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mustache is missing. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Towel is missing. 4. Carrot is missing. 5. Club is different. 6. Ball is missing.

Answers

1. The Rembrandts ("I'll Be There for You").

2. The hyoid bone.

- 3. Prince Edward Island.
- 4. Ted Danson.
- 5. Rome, Italy.
- 6. 108 minutes.
- 7. Subway Restaurants.
- 8. Light.
- 9. Chimpanzee.
- 10. "The Sixth Sense" (1999).

Solution time: 23 mins.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Rumble 2. Install; 3. Busty; 4. Bristle

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: M equals S

JUC HOR AOVJRM, UVRM HZL
MQHLRM DVFFVZ YARFM YZ
ZVBRIM HZL FVBYRM?
AURC'OR QIVA LRBYDRM.

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Americanisms

"Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it I wash my mouth out with chocolate."

— Charles Schulz

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Weekly Sudoku

They're plot devices.

spades common items in answer

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DABYCTWIIIVATRISI
QPNMLAKIHC
LHFELE
ECBZOFBYLWCWVUS
SRQPNCITAMUARTM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: ADDING — TO INJURY

- Accidental
ACL
Ankle
Back

Combat
Eye
Fatal
Head

Personal
Serious
Slight
Stress

Traumatic
Whiplash
Work related
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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

VJNDSOLUNGL YTJS TS CUD
VNDWO TV ZCUWDCNE LCJNVD
ZJD CUD JDZW KTWO TV
ETHGDCNCNTS.
— BDLLD TADSL

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Friendships born on the
field of athletic strife
are the real gold of
competition. — Jesse Owens

CryptoQuote
answer

INJURY

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		5		3		6	
	9		5		1		
8				2			3
4				8		7	
	1		3		5		
		7		1	8		6
2				7			8
	4		8			1	
		3		6		2	4

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

Moderate

Challenging

HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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THE STRANGER RECOVERS:
"YOUR WHACK TO MY
MOGGIN CLEARED SOME
COBWEBS—THOUGH
I STILL CAN'T
REMEMBER MY
NAME..."

"... I DO, HOWEVER, RECALL MEETING THIS CHARMING
LADY." HE SMILES AT ALETA. "IT HAPPENED IN THE
SHADOWY PLACE WHERE I WAS BANISHED."

VAL STRUGGLES TO REMAIN THE GENTLEMAN: "AS I
TRUST MY WIFE'S MEMORY, IT SEEMS I OWE YOU
MY GRATITUDE. BUT BE AWARE THAT SHE IS A
QUEEN, AND SHALL BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.
MIND YOUR LANGUAGE."

...BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SHE WILL HAVE NONE OF THIS INHOSPITALITY.
"NONSENSE! THIS MAN
SAVED MY LIFE. HE IS
A FRIEND, AND WILL
BE SO TREATED.
COME ALONG IF YOU
LIKE, BUT I AM
TO SEE THAT HE IS
PROPERLY CLEANED,
CLOTHED AND
HOUSED!"

NEXT:
Court favorite

"FURTHERMORE, YOUR ACTIONS COMPEL ME TO
REVERSE MY EARLIER JUDGMENT—FOR THE
BEING, YOU MUST BE HELD IN STRICT CONFINEMENT."
VAL SHOULD KNOW HIS WIFE BETTER BY NOW...

WE HAVE TO
MAKE IT TO
THE CASTLE!
IT'S OUR ONLY
HOPE!

HURRY!
THEY'RE
GAINING!

MY NAME
IS SAPPHIRE
COME.

FLASH
GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE

PURSUED BY A PACK OF
WEREWOLVES, FLASH AND
THORNE SEEK REFUGE IN
A MYSTERIOUS CASTLE!

QUICK!
INSIDE!

THERE...THAT
SHOULD KEEP
THEM OUT!

KEEPE
1-22
BILTER

AND
YOU IN.

WHO...?

WHAT IS THIS
PLACE?

WHO CARES!
JUST BE
THANKFUL WE
FOUND IT.

YOU DIDN'T FIND
THIS CASTLE. YOU WERE
HERDED HERE LIKE THE
CATTLE YOU ARE!

WHAT?!

YOU HAVE DEFILED
OUR LAND LONG
ENOUGH.

IT ALL ENDS
...NOW!

NEXT:
THE CASTLE
OF HORROR.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HOW'BOUT HELPING
ME BUILD A SNOW-
MAN HERE, HUGO?

I WANNA BUILD OUR
SNOWMAN IN FRONT
OF MY HOUSE!

AT MY HOUSE
WOULD BE
BETTER

WHAT'S THE
ARGUMENT?

ABOUT WHERE
TO BUILD OUR
SNOWMAN

I KNOW
WHERE

RIGHT HERE
IS WHERE

MONDAY AT MY
HOUSE, TUESDAY
AT HUGOS -
WEDNESDAY
AT BONNIES

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Remember, you're a team

Dear Dave,
Earlier this month, my husband and I both were laid off from our jobs within a few days of each other. The layoffs were not our fault. The company is letting several people go as a cost-cutting measure. We cashed in an annuity because our finances have been tight, but the good news is he began training for a new job last week. We don't have children, so I am interviewing or filling out applications every day. Should we use the cash from the annuity to live on until things are stable again, or should we use it to pay off debt?

Anjanette

Dear Anjanette,
If you haven't done so already, contact your creditors and explain what happened. Let them know the layoffs weren't because either of you did anything wrong, and that you'll get current with them as soon as possible. This is a scary situation you're facing, so make sure you two keep the lines of communication wide open and encourage each other while you're solving this problem.

The good news, though, is it sounds like things may be looking up. Support your husband all you can as he takes on his new job, and make sure you continue looking for work, too. A little extra money never hurts, so temporarily taking on a part-time gig while you're looking for a permanent posi-

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

1	7	5	9	8	3	4	6	2
3	9	2	5	4	6	1	8	7
8	6	4	7	2	1	9	5	3
4	2	9	6	5	8	3	7	1
6	1	8	3	7	4	5	2	9
5	3	7	2	1	9	8	4	6
2	5	1	4	9	7	6	3	8
9	4	6	8	3	2	7	1	5
7	8	3	1	6	5	2	9	4



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

tion isn't a bad idea, either.
Of course, you need to be honorable and pay your debts if possible. But that may have to be put on hold for a while. Right now, the important thing is keeping food in the house and the lights and heat on. Hug on each other, stay determined and keep each other's spirits up. You're a team, and you'll get through this.
Always remember, too, that prayer's a good thing.

— 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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Taco and Potato Bar

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. 2

Radford Legion to Meet
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, February 2, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. If Radford City Public Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Feb. 4

Children's Valentine Activity Day
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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If you need assistance in registering or have any questions, please contact Gary Cody, gcody@svlas.org, 276-783-8300, ext. 2011.

Feb. 14

Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, February 14, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Mr. John Winebarger, SCV Virginia 6th Brigade Commander, will speak on "Confederate Surgeons". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous
Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group
Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every

Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

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

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