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Supervisors approve list of legislative priorities to pursue

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday voted unanimously to “generally” support a list of legislative priorities the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) will lobby for when the General Assembly opens next week.

The upcoming “short” session of the legislature opens Wednesday in Richmond and is scheduled to adjourn on Feb. 25.

The legislative priorities of VACo are included in a 25-page position paper assembled by the organization, which County Administrator Jonathan Sweet noted includes many positions the county’s supervisors will agree with, but some they won’t.

“They [VACo] do a really good job of representing the localities and 93 counties in Virginia,” Sweet told the supervisors.

“There could be some things

in there you want to strike, there could be some things in there you’re really excited about supporting and promoting,” he added.

The VACo position paper forms the bulk of the county Board of Supervisors’ list of legislative priorities for the new year, but that list also includes two additional items concerning I-81 and tobacco.

One item, according to Sweet, is referred to currently as the Aid to Interstate Localities Legislation.

“Chairman (Laura) Walters has been a huge proponent of codifying aid to localities that are on I-81,” Sweet said.

“The aid would include state funding to support all of the first responder services that counties like Pulaski provide Virginia’s travelers and quite frankly the nation’s travelers as they traverse Pulaski County,” Sweet ex-

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Laura Walters

Walters to lead board again in ‘23

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Laura Walters has been named to a second term as Chairman of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

She was selected unanimously Wednesday night during the annual organizational meeting of the board.

It was during the 2022 orga-

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Town issues statement on garbage, tree pickup

This has been a challenging week for everyone, with the beginning of a new year and a new trash service for residents of the Town. It has been a learning experience for all of us as something new always is, and not everything happened as was planned. GFL has worked hard to put the appropriate containers in the correct locations, but it was not always executed correctly the first time. This has meant that some containers were delivered after the original planned service day.

To make sure all trash is collected, GFL has agreed to use Friday of this week, January 6, to go throughout the Town one last time to ensure that all containers have been serviced. Please leave



your trash containers out until they are emptied. Christmas trees will be picked up in a special run by the Town of Pulaski’s Public Works Department on next Tuesday, January 10, so please place those at the curb or street edge that morning.

If you need to purchase additional cans, please contact the Town of Pulaski’s Finance Office and we will arrange for their de-

livery.

Also, if you were not previously aware of the assisted service that is available to elderly and disabled, please contact Finance and provide the necessary documentation as this service is something that we clearly want to provide as needed.

Please keep in mind that there also is the new Convenience Center for Town residents, located at 100 Sheriff FR Conner drive, behind the Sheriff’s department. The site accepts household trash, recycling, metal, tires, appliances, Electronics, batteries, as well as brush.

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Virginia America 250 Commission

Pulaski County photo

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters signs a resolution in support of the Virginia America 250 Commission. The resolution was approved during the board’s December meeting. The Commission was created in 2020 by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia’s participation in American independence. Observing the signing are (from left) County Administrator Jonathan Sweet and Supervisors Dirk Compton (Draper), Mike Mooney (Massie), Jeff Reeves (Robinson) and Chris Stafford (Cloyd).

Walters

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nizational meeting last January when Walters was first selected as chairman – thus becoming the first woman chairman in the county’s history.

She was selected as chairman that night following the announcement by former chairman Joe Guthrie that he would be leaving the board to accept a position in newly-elected Gov.

Glenn Youngkin’s administration.

Walters’ name was placed in nomination by Robinson Supervisor Jeff Reeves. The nomination was seconded by Massie Supervisor Mike Mooney.

Reeves and Mooney also offered the motions to give Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton his second term as Vice Chairman.

Both Walters’ and Compton’s terms are for one year.

In other action Wednesday, the board again selected Ashley Edmonds as Clerk of the Board and Markie Saunders as Deputy Clerk.

County Attorney Tim Kirtner was again selected as the board’s Parliamentarian.

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plained.

Walters said in her research on the issue she found that most Emergency Medical Service calls to run interstate rescue calls is reimbursed by insurance companies, but most of the calls run by fire departments is not.

“Getting those six to eight people and equipment out there cost us an estimated \$206,672 a year,” Walters said.

“That would be a nice little chunk of money we could use for something else,” she added.

Sweet noted he could see VACo supporting that initiative and a joint resolution among participating localities along I-81, I-77 and the other interstates in Virginia.

On tobacco, the supervisors will lobby for Pulaski County’s inclusion into the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

According to its website, “the commission’s service area includes 40 tobacco-dependent localities in Southern and Southwest Virginia. Local governments and nonprofits serving those localities are eligible to apply to the Commission’s grant and loan programs for projects that will enhance the economic growth and development of the region.”

The region currently includes all counties and cities south and west of Pulaski County.

In 1998, the Attorneys General of 46 states signed the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with the four largest tobacco companies in the United States to settle

state suits and recover billions of dollars in costs associated with treating smoking-related illnesses. A portion of the MSA proceeds funded the creation of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

It is Virginia’s portion of the money from this settlement that the commission uses to provide the grants and loans.

“We are the donut hole,” Sweet stated. “We feel we should be included. We’ve had some good [tobacco] history here just as much as some of the other localities that didn’t have the lion share of their agricultural stock in tobacco, but a significant amount to be included in the commission, which affords a variety of programming and funding opportunities.”

Sweet said throughout his career, working in Carroll County and Grayson County, the City of Danville and Bland County he had been a part of the commission until he arrived in Pulaski County.

“It was one of the things that surprised me when I got to Pulaski County, that I had lost that tool in the toolbox. So this is something I’ve wanted to see and we now have a representative willing to create legislation to advance that cause,” Sweet said.

Sweet noted the county may not be successful at gaining entrance into the commission on its first try, and it may take quite a bit of effort to gain success.

9th District Traveling Staff schedule

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of January.

Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 23 counties and five independent cities of the Ninth District.

In the event of inclement weather (heavy snow, sleet, icy rain, etc.), traveling office hours may be rescheduled to avoid putting constituents at risk. If a County’s or City’s schools are closed, then its office hours will be closed as well.

Please contact the Christiansburg Office at 540-381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at 276-525-1405 with any questions or to schedule

an appointment time in the event of office hour closure.


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Wythe County: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Wythe County Sheriff’s Office

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Pulaski County: 2:30 pm – 4:00pm
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NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert on Saturday, Jan. 14

From NRCC

The music of The Country Boys and Slate Mountain Ramblers will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., Jan. 14, 2023. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music throughout North Carolina and Virginia for over 40 years. The band originally formed in the late 1960s, with several lineup changes throughout the years. The present band is made up of Donald Clifton, Johnny Joyce, Hersie McMillian, Billy Hawks, Marsha Todd and Doug Joyce. The band cites the Country Gentleman and the Osborne Brothers as some of their musical influences.

The Slate Mountain Ramblers is a family old-time group from Mt. Airy, N.C. The members are Richard Bowman, Barbara Bowman, Marsha Bowman Todd and Randy Hiatt. The Slate Mountain Ramblers play for dances, shows, family and community gatherings, and benefits. The band has a winning tradition, placing at various fiddlers' conventions,

and the group has traveled as far as Gainsborough, England, to perform.

Corporate sponsors of the jambores include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCKY, LLC – Fazoli's, Dublin; Deanie Hall – State Farm Agent, Dublin; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski; Lee's Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; **Pulaski County Patriot**, Pulaski; SERV-PRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music events are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

For more information about the NRCC Concert Series, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/concerts.



Photos courtesy of NRCC

Slate Mountain Ramblers



The Country Boys

Town of Dublin announces office, garbage schedule



Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, January 16th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Garbage service for Monday, January 16th will be picked up on Tuesday, January 17th.

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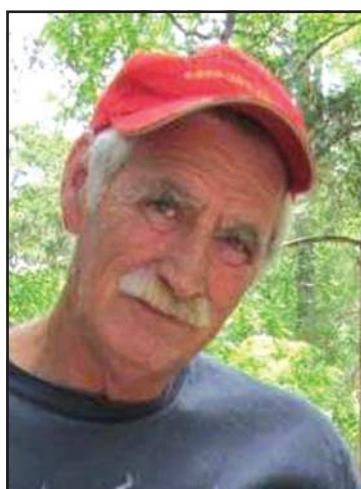
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Area Obituaries

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BILLY WAYNE JARRELLS
Billy Wayne Jarrells, age 72 of Hiwassee passed away Monday, January 2, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Salem. Born July 4, 1950 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Roy Leonard Jarrells & Mary Pearl Trail Jarrells. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Darlene Martin Jarrells, son-in-law, Rhondie Ousley, brothers, Ronnie and Jim Jarrells.

Billy is survived by his Children
Viva Ousley – Allisonia
Billy Leonard Jarrells & Violet Jarrells – Hiwassee
Tracy Williams & C J Williams – Draper
Nine Grandchildren
Fourteen Great Grandchildren
Sisters
Louise & Wayne Edwards – Max Meadows
Linda Joyce Jarrells – Hiwassee
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Chuck & Tracy Doss, TJ & Chelsea Morris

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, January 6, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Trail Family Cemetery, Hiwassee.

The family will receive friends between 5:00-7:00 PM – Thursday, January 5, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

Special thanks to Dr. James Witten of Lewis-Gale-Salem. Also, all the doctors and nurses at Lewis-Gale-Pulaski, Salem and Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

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

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

VICTOR RANDALL FRAZIER, JR.

Victor Randall Frazier, Jr., 76 of Barren Springs died on Saturday, December 6, 2022, in a Richmond Hospital. A jack of trades, a farmer, and a cowboy at heart.

Born on October 12, 1946, to Victor R Frazier, Sr. and Sadie McKinney Frazier who preceded him in death in addition to his two sisters, Judy Frazier Taylor, and Rose Frazier Coffey.

Left to cherish Victor's memory is his wife, Julia and their two sons, David, and Matthew.

Being on a Farm, Victor had a love for all animals, especially cats, leaving behind several. He had a special friendship with an



ANN WORRELL UMBERGER

Ann Worrell Umberger, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Monday, January 2, 2023 at her home. Born October 12, 1948 in Newbern, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Columbus Floyd Worrell & Lillie Kate Martin Worrell. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Thomas Umberger and companion of many years, Jim Waddle.

She retired with over 40 years of service from the Pulaski Community Hospital.

Ann is survived by her Children
Thomas (Christy) Umberger – Dublin
Kathryn (Ken) Warden – Pulaski

Grandchildren
Dustin (Katie) Wilson, Brittney (Cody) Dalton, Wesley Warden, Cassandra Phillips, Katee (Thomas) Johnson, T.J. Umberger, Jeremiah (Kayla) Branscome, Jordon (Alicia) Umberger, Chance, Bran & Coty Sadler

Numerous Great Grandchildren
Sisters – Mary (Herman) Sarver – Pulaski, Kellie (Tim) Kennedy – Pulaski
Funeral services were held Thursday, January 5, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Herman Sarver officiating. Interment followed at the Newbern Cemetery.

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

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

orange tabby named Rusty.

Funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home with Bobby Osborne officiating.

Committal followed at the CC Webb Family Cemetery in Hillsville.

Norris Stevens Funeral Services are caring for the family. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com Floral gifts can be sent by visiting www.pulaskiflowers.com



RANDALL DEAN SEXTON

Randall Dean Sexton, age 60, of Pulaski, died Sunday, January 1st, 2023, at his home. He was born October 6, 1962, and was the son of the late James Sexton, and stepson of the late Gerald Taylor.

Randy never met a stranger and loved life. Most people knew him for his love of flea marketing and yard saling.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, David Sexton; David's mother Debbie Sexton; mother, Zenith Taylor; sister, Lisa Perdue; Brother, Brian (Leslie) Sexton; sister, Regina (Ross) Clark; Niece, Kristen (Daniel) Caldwell; Nephews, Mason Clark, Ryan "Bubba" Clark. Close Friends: Robert, Richard, and Todd. As well as a special little friend that brought joy to Randy's heart, Kylie Rae.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home, with burial following in Thornsprng Cemetery.

The Family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

CAROLYN MARIE COFFEY CROWDER

Carolyn Marie Coffey Crowder, age 60 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022 at her home. Born November 13, 1962 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Clyde Everett Coffey & Shirley Ann Eads Coffey. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Timothy Everett Coffey, Joseph Brian Coffey and sister, Elizabeth Coffey.

Carolyn is survived by her Husband – Donald Lee Crowder – Pulaski

Children – Everett Wayne Coffey – Pulaski, Joshua Lee Crowder – Pulaski County

Granddaughter – Sierra Nichole Coffey

Brother – Anthony Leon Coffey – Pulaski

Special Friend – Sandy Morris – Pulaski

Services will be held at a later



KATHY ANN GALLIMORE WALLER

Kathy Ann Gallimore Waller, age 59 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, January 1, 2023 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center. Born July 20, 1963 in Pulaski she was the daughter of Ruby Mae Edwards Gallimore and the late Fred William Gallimore. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Elmer Waller, Jr., daughter, Michaela Waller and sister, Alice Faye Gallimore Lawson.

Kathy is survived by her Daughter – Alisha Faith Waller – Pulaski

Mother – Ruby Mae Edwards Gallimore – Pulaski

Brothers & Sisters

Mary Viola Oliver – Pulaski

Patricia D. Duncan – Pulaski

Phyllis K. Gallimore – Allisonia

Rex W. Gallimore – Pulaski

Tony B. Gallimore – Pulaski

Debbie J. Gallimore – Radford

Tammy R. Ayers – Pulaski

The family will be holding memorial services at a later date.

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

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



date and announced once scheduled.

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

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



DOT PHILLIPS LANCASTER

Dot Phillips Lancaster, 87, passed away at her home in Dublin on Saturday, December 31, 2022. She retired from Kollmorgen. Dot was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Elizabeth Phillips; sisters, Barbara Phillips, Ann Baker, and Helen Monroe; brother, Davis Phillips; and her first husband, John H. Midkiff, Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell L. Lancaster; daughters, Jonna Midkiff McGraw (Gary Joyce), and Cindy Midkiff Hartmann; stepdaughter, Elizabeth B. Lancaster; stepson, Jonathan P. Lancaster (Janet); grandchildren, Jonathan McGraw (Olivia) and Aaron Hartmann (Steph); three great grandchildren and one on the way; brother, John R. Phillips, PhD; dear friend, Diane Lovern; and many other relatives and friends.

Dot was a hard worker all her life. She could fix anything that was broken and was a creative problem solver. She was an excellent seamstress and cook. She enjoyed going on cruises, dancing, sitting on the beach, gardening, farmers' markets and being with her family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Dennis Kinnan and Jim Holt officiating. Interment followed in West View Cemetery in Radford.

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

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Stevens among award winners for chorus

Wilderness Road Chorus, a women's barbershop-style singing organization in the New River Valley since 1986, presented its annual Singer of the Year award to two leaders this year, Lavelva Stevens, director, and Jean Shock, assistant director.

"The chorus was able to rehearse and continue singing and follow the pandemic health recommendations because of the work of these leaders," said Gail Gulbenkian, president of the chorus.

"They worked to use what was possible—Zoom technology, outdoor rehearsals, masking," she said, "and the singers were able to thrive. And this year do some performances."

Stevens, who lives in Pulaski, is music director at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wytheville. She joined Wilderness Road in 1991 and sang with several quartets. She became director in fall 2005.

Shock teaches at the Tall Oaks Montessori School and sings in other area choruses. She joined

wilderness Road Chorus in 1995 and has been assistant director for several years.

Barbershop harmony is, along with jazz, one of only two styles of music developed in the United States. The four-part a cappella harmony chords are specific and produce a sound barber-shoppers call "ringing the chord."

Wilderness Road Chorus takes its name from the road that goes through the communities in which the members live. It welcomes women, 16 years of age and older to learn and perform the style.

More information is on the chorus website www.wilderness-roadchorus.org.

Submitted by
Mary Ann Johnson



GARY JACK BUCKNER

Gary Jack Buckner, 69, of Radford, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023. He was preceded in death by his father, Cleven Jack Buckner; and a special brother-in-law, Gary "Billy" Roop.

Survivors include his mother, Edna Buckner; brothers and sister-in-law, Audie and Sandy Buckner, and Larry Buckner and his fiancé Tina; sisters and brother-in-law, Catherine Roop, and Jeanine and Chris Turman; special friends, Caddell and Yonna Burton; and many other family members, neighbors, and friends that showed up in his time of need.

Gary enjoyed fishing and hunting and was employed by Kollmorgen for over 40 years.

Per Gary's request, no services will be held at this time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Snowville Baptist Church, 3238 Gum Log Road Hiwassee, VA 24347, or to Valley Harvest Ministries, P.O. Box 458, Dublin, VA 24084

The Buckner family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



WENDY BLANKENSHIP COX

We are saddened to announce that Wendy Blankenship Cox, age 46 of Pulaski, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 27, 2022. She was a caring mother, daughter, sister, and friend. Wendy was a graduate of the Pulaski County High School class of 1994, and had a long career in sales at Xaloy. She was fun-loving with an enormous heart. There were many occasions when Wendy would go without to help complete strangers. She loved her motorcycles and driving fast down a deserted road. Wendy had a special place in her heart for her family, and her dogs Walter and Nugget, whom she loved dearly. Our lives will not be the same with the loss of our dear mother, daughter, sister and friend.

Wendy was preceded in death by her grandparents, James Kelly "Bud" Blankenship, Jr. and Stella "Irene" Blankenship, Rebecca Normandin, David Normandin, step father, Richard Fleming and a very special uncle, John "Greg" Blankenship.

Wendy is survived by her children: Megan Cox of Dublin, and Mason Cox of Dublin: her parents; James "Kelly" Blankenship, III of Pulaski, Teresa Anne Normandin Fleming of Bristol, VA: her siblings; Robin (Derek) Stoots of Pulaski, Casey Blankenship of Bristol, VA, James (Kelly) Blankenship of Pulaski, Terri (Randall) Ingram of Columbia, TN, and her significant other, Gabriel Vest of Floyd. She also leaves behind many special uncle, aunts, cousins, nephews, and a niece.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 2, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to City of Refuge 249 Dora Highway Pulaski, VA 24301, or at their web page: www.jblankenship@cityofrefugepc.org.

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



DONALD "DON" DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

Donald "Don" Douglas Williams, 95, from Hiwassee, Virginia, died December 24, 2022, at Commonwealth Senior Living in Fairlawn, Virginia. Don was born in Wythe County, Virginia on February 3, 1927. His parents were Alfred Earl Williams and Beulah Grubb Williams.

He had four sisters: Edna Williams Kegley (deceased), Audrey Williams Creger (deceased), Collette Williams Slusher, 98, and Fonda Williams Winfrey, 90. Don had one brother, Bentley Braxton Williams (deceased).

Don married Dontha Webb Williams in Newbern, Virginia on August 16, 1952. The couple was married for 70+ years.

Don was a graduate of Pulaski High School class of 1945. He served in the Army Air Corps from June 1945 to February 1947. He worked for C & P Telephone Company, later acquired by AT&T for 40+ years of service. He served in the Dublin Lions Club and served as a past president for the organization. He enjoyed woodworking, building structures and repairing machinery.

Don is survived by his spouse, Dontha Webb Williams of Hiwassee, Virginia. He also is survived by his sons: Kirk D. Williams (spouse-Mary Fitro Williams, deceased) of Lynchburg, Virginia, Myron L. Williams (spouse-Cheryl Peterson Williams) of Hiwassee, Virginia, and Reggie A. Williams (spouse-Shirley Collins Williams) of Newbern, Virginia. Don had five grandchildren: Joshua L. Williams (spouse-Hollyn Loftin Williams) of Newbern, Virginia, Lauren Allen Williams (spouse-Carla Porterfield Williams) of Pilot Mountain State Park, Michelle A. Williams of Newbern, Virginia, Jennifer D. Williams and Jeremy D. Williams (spouse Ashley Lourdes Williams) of Lynchburg, Virginia, six dogs, too many cats, bunny and deceased rat, Tilley.

A Memorial Service officiated by Jeff Martin was held Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Services. Interment followed at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin with full military honors.

All arrangements are being managed by Norris-Stevens Funeral Services, located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Online condolences can be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneral-homepulaski.com

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Generosity Isn't Just for Christmas

No matter what your holiday plans look like, one thing most people can agree on is that giving is a huge part of the Christmas season. And it's fun to think about our own wish lists, of course. But somehow, it's even more fun to give and be extra generous during this special time. But here's the thing: Generosity shouldn't just be a priority at Christmas. What if we committed to being generous so often that it actually became a habit—something we naturally do all the time?

Growing up as Dave Ramsey's daughter, my parents

**Guest
Column**

By Rachel Cruze
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taught me the importance of giving from a very early age. In fact, one of my favorite memories from my middle school years (and

trust me, there were many—I'm a 90s kid) is the time my dad gave me a unique opportunity to participate in outrageous generosity. My sister, Denise, and I were watching TV one Saturday morning when my dad came in and said, "All right, girls! You're going to do something a little different today."

He then handed each of us a massive envelope full of cash and said Denise and I were going to take two teenage girls shopping. He explained that he'd already made a phone call to a local outreach program and set it up. I wish I could say we were instantly on board and ready to serve, but that was not the case. I mean, we were teenagers after all, and we didn't even know these girls! Honestly, it sounded kind of awkward.

We jumped in the car anyway and headed to pick up our shopping buddies for the day. Once we got to the mall, we pulled fun pieces for them to try on, swapped out sizes while they were in the fitting rooms, and had so much fun. It felt like we were in our own episode of an early 2000s makeover show.

Eventually, we made it to the cash register. As we handed the employee our wads of cash to pay for their items, one of the girls started crying. I'll never forget that moment. She looked at us through tears and said, "I just can't believe this is my life right now. I don't know how I'll ever thank you."

Looking back, that experience was super formational for me as a 13-year-old kid. At the time, I remember feeling pretty out of my comfort zone, but I'm thankful my parents gently pushed me to do something new because it ultimately laid the foundation for a lifelong love of giving. And today, I can honestly say that giving is one of the main reasons I choose to live a debt-free lifestyle. Generosity motivates me to be smart with my money so that I have more to bless others with.

And you know what else? This act of generosity helped us grow closer as a family because it was a team effort! My parents gave up something they had (money), and Denise and I gave up something we had (time). Not only did I get to share quality time with my older sister and our new friends, but I also got to practice being a good steward of resources that were never mine to begin with. And isn't that what generosity is really about? Not just during the holidays, but all the time.

I hope this little memory inspires you this holiday season. But what I really want is for you to take the spirit of giving into the new year and beyond.

And don't forget, money isn't the only thing you have to offer! You can give your time, talents, possessions and so much more to make someone's load a little lighter. Here are three steps to help you make generosity a habit all year.

- Make a commitment. Decide that you're ready to get serious about making some sacrifices and invite people in your life to partner with you.
- Do some brainstorming. Make a list of non-money "gifts" you can be generous with, like a professional skill that can serve someone else or a knack for hosting and hospitality.
- Balance your budget. Create realistic margin in your monthly budget so you have the funds to fuel your giving habits.

The practice of giving takes intentional thought and preparation, so start with these simple steps today. And hear my heart on this: You don't have to immediately start giving away huge envelopes of money like my dad did, but I hope you choose to believe that generosity is possible at any income level.

Happy giving!

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Tremble for Your Country

Thomas Jefferson stated, "Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that His justice cannot sleep for ever..."

People often use the first few days of the New Year as a time of reflection – making resolutions for things they want to improve in the next twelve months; and amending the things they wish they had done better in the previous year.

If nothing else, 2023 is sure to give all of us something to think about, so let's reflect on the number one issue most of us consider important.

A Gallup poll was conducted from October 3 – 20, 2022, just prior to the mid-term elections. Here is what they determined that Americans were thinking about as their top issues. It is interesting to look at these and wonder whether these were your issues...or what the mainstream media said should be your issues.

The Economy (49 percent said extremely important; 13 percent said not important)

Abortion (42 percent said extremely important; 18 percent said not important)

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Crime (40 percent said extremely important; 20 percent said not important)

Gun Policy (38 percent said extremely important; 21 percent said not important)

Immigration (37 percent said extremely important; 25 percent said not important)

Climate Change (26 percent said extremely important; 32 percent said not important)

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/404243/economy-top-election-issue-abortion-crime-next.aspx>

Notice, this administration is pushing the climate change/green agenda but the American public is saying

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Beware Aggrieved Empires

China sent 71 aircraft and seven ships toward Taiwan in a 24-hour period, while Russia shelled the Kherson region more than 70 times.

These acts of aggression -- occurring 5,000 miles apart, one in a grinding war of attrition, the other as part of an ongoing political and diplomatic struggle that may well result in open hostilities -- are related.

It's no accident that the two most dangerous powers in the world, China and Russia, are aggrieved empires seeking to right what they consider the wrongs that resulted in their humiliation and diminishment in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Whereas in the 2000s the most pressing problem of the international system seemed to be malicious sub-national groups operating in ungoverned spaces, now it is malicious would-be supranational entities seeking to take over spaces governed by others.

In his masterly book, "Diplomacy," Henry Kissinger observed, "Empires have no interest in operating within an international system; they aspire to be the international system."

The fall of the Roman Empire was a social and economic catastrophe for the West, but it's been a blessing that no such over-awing behemoth ever rose in its place.

Russia and China, in contrast, never lost their imperial DNA, and have chips on their shoulders.

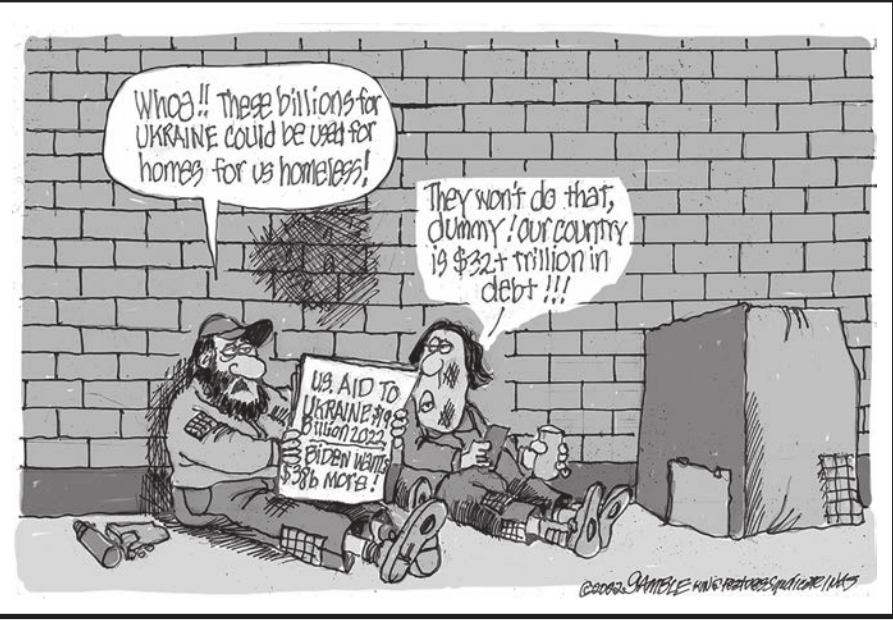
Russia achieved some success in its long-running ambition to be considered a major European power through top-down reforms and military conquest. It gobbled up an estimated 50 square miles a day across a couple of centuries. But it lost the Crimean War in the mid-19th century, suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Japan in 1905, and then experienced utter cataclysm in World War I.

Marxism-Leninism was supposed to provide a way for backward Russia to leapfrog the West. That didn't happen, but Moscow established a new Communist empire of considerable extent. Of course, this came a cropper with defeat in the Cold War, an event that Vladimir Putin, notably, considers "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century."

The man who has statues of Peter and Catherine the Great, accomplished Russian imperialists, on display in the Kremlin considers an independent Ukraine merely a tool of hostile Western forces and a wayward part of Greater Russia. Such ideas -- and a deep feeling of shame at Russia's fall -- justify the brutish attempted occupation and dismemberment of Ukraine, a cynical and crude operation even by Russian standards.

If Russia sought to be a respected member of the European club, China believed it needn't bother. It was the Middle Kingdom, the only civilization in a world of barbarians who owed it tribute and

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A New Year, But Nothing New

By CAL THOMAS,
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People speak of a new year as turning the page, or starting out fresh, or forgetting the past.

At the start of a new year, I like to look back a century ago to see what has changed and what hasn't.

In 1923, America had finally recovered from the Spanish flu, which killed 675,000 in the U.S. and an estimated 50 million worldwide. If we learned anything from that plague, it wasn't enough to have protected the 1.08 million Americans who have died from COVID-19 (through November according to the CDC).

The biggest political event of 1923 was the death of Warren Harding, which elevated Calvin Coolidge to the presidency. The centenary of his inauguration will be observed in several ways this year, but it is worth noting that virtually every economic principle held by Coolidge (smaller government, reduced spending -- he left office with a budget surplus and a smaller budget than when he entered) has been thrown over to our national detriment and disgrace. Among my favorite Coolidge quotes is this one about government: "If we give the best that is in us to our private affairs we shall have little need of government aid." If only that attitude prevailed today.

In the early 1920s, Rowell's Directory calculated that there were more than 20,000 newspapers published in the United States, including dailies, weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies. As of 2018, there were 1,279 daily newspapers in the United States. One-third of large U.S. newspapers experienced layoffs in 2020, more than in 2019. More than eight in 10 Americans now get their "news" from digital devices, including social media. If we get the leadership we deserve, the decline in good journalism might have something to do with it.

One hundred years ago, the USSR was born. By the time of its collapse, an estimated 61 million people had been murdered with Josef Stalin said to be responsible for 43 million.

The last American troops left Germany following the end of World War I, but they would return 19 years later. Fascism was already on the rise in Germany and Italy in 1923.

Here's a personal favorite: It became legal in 1923 for American women to wear trousers. Admit it, you never knew it had been illegal.

Harry Houdini freed himself from a straight jacket while hanging upside down. There must be a modern political analogy involving our upside-down economy and politics.

The Disney brothers launched their cartoon studio. It turned out that Washington was not the only Mickey Mouse operation.

The Senate issued its first report on the scandal known as Teapot Dome. More scandals would follow as they inevitably do when too many politicians hold too much power for too long. Term limits anyone?

In December 1923, President Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast speech and at the end of the month the first transatlantic radio broadcast took place.

There were conflicts, labor strikes and other problems we still experience today in one way or another. Air travel became easier and more available although safety was still a major concern in 1923.

Looking back 100 years at least two things are clear: While leaders and events may change, human nature never changes. As King Solomon wisely observed thousands of years ago, "There is nothing new under the sun." A French saying echoes his observation: "plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose." The familiar English translation: The more things change, the more they remain the same.

Happy New Year!

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it’s not that important. In fact, climate change didn’t even make it into the top five issues, yet the administration is pouring trillions of dollars into their agenda.

The economy is still the number one issue because inflation is affecting almost every American. The Consumer Price Index inflation calculator shows that the inflation rate in 2018 was 2.49 percent. The current inflation rate is now 7.11 percent. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI, one dollar today only buys 84.3 percent of what it could buy back in 2018.

While most Americans are struggling to pay for basics such as housing, food and medication for their families, Nancy Pelosi gave the House staffers in DC a mega-raise; the third one in a year. A few weeks before leaving as Speaker of the House, she announced this: “It is my privilege as Speaker to announce that the House will raise the maximum annual rate of pay for staff to \$212,100.” Previous maximum House staff salaries were \$199,300.

During the past 12 months, for most of the American workforce, their inflation-adjusted wages dropped 8.5 percent – the most severe erosion in wages in the past 25 years.

Let’s also think about how secure our economy is when hardworking American citizens see their tax dollars used for programs for which they can’t participate.

Understandbly, there are instances when people need help to survive and as a compassionate nation, we need to provide a safety net. But with the Means-tested Welfare System, a helping hand seems to go far beyone a safety net. We are not talking about the “Welfare” program. The Heritage Foundation explains the difference between Welfare and the Means-tested Welfare System in their report. www.Heritage.org/welfare/report

“The Means-tested Welfare System is in reality quite large and is comprised of 89 federal and state programs that provide cash, food, housing, medical care, and social services exclusively for poor and lower-income persons. The average poor family is defined as two adults with two children.

Total government spending on the average poor family rose to more than \$76,400 in 2022. When limited private earnings (earnings by recipient) are added to this massive government spending, combined total re-

sources will reach nearly \$94,600 per year for the average poor family.

The Build Back Better plan also eliminated the work requirements from one of the government’s largest Means-tested Cash programs. The plan creates a completely new system of unconditional cash grants for families who choose not to work during the year. Taxpayers would be required to pay larger sums to support Welfare recipients, but recipients would have no reciprocal obligation.”

This concept is foreign to Biblical teachings. The Apostle Paul proclaims in the Bible that if you don’t work, you don’t eat. John Smith, president of the Jamestown Colony, ordered and reinforced that law in 1609, stating:

“Countrymen, the long experience of our late miseries I hope is sufficient to persuade everyone to a present correction of himself, And think not that either my pains nor the adventurers’ purses will ever maintain you in idleness and sloth...the greater part must be more industrious, or starve...You must obey this now for a law, that he that will not work shall not eat (except by sickness he be disabled). For the labors of thirty or forty honest and industrious men shall not be consumed to maintain a hundred and fifty idle loiterers.”

Biblical justice reflects God’s character and is defined as “always doing what is morally right and fair.” Modern “social justice” reflects a fallen human philosophy of political activism and seeks “justice” through the redistribution of wealth, opportunities and privileges.

If justice (in Thomas Jefferson’s era) is understood as “always doing what is morally right and fair,” then how are the actions of our current administration morally right and fair? Is it morally right and fair that our government is burdening its citizens with \$32.59 trillions of dollars of debt that can never be repaid? Is exposing its citizens to potential peril by allowing an invasion of 2.7 million of unvetted illegal immigrants (in 2022) coming from countries around the world, to crash our sovereign borders, morally right and fair? Is trying to codify abortion on demand and make it the law of the land, morally right and fair? Is dissing the First and Second Amendments of our Constitution, morally right and fair?

Indeed, like Thomas Jefferson, I tremble for my country when I reflect at the beginning of this new year, that justice is a misunderstood concept by our nation’s leaders. We the People will be bearing the consequences of their immoral and unfair decisions until our leaders return to upholding Biblical justice.

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deference. Its sense of superiority was punctured by the Opium Wars in the middle of the 19th century and, as with Russia, a shocking defeat in a conflict with Japan.

Eventually, China, too, turned to Marxism-Leninism. After yet more humiliation and failure, the CCP now is fired with audacious visions of a return to imperial grandeur.

President Xi Jinping is more or less explicit about it. He has said that “since the Opium War of the 1840s the Chinese people have long cherished a dream of realizing a great national rejuvenation.” Now, it is on the cusp of providing “a new option for other countries,” and “a Chinese approach to solving the problems facing mankind.” In short, “it will be an era that sees China moving closer to

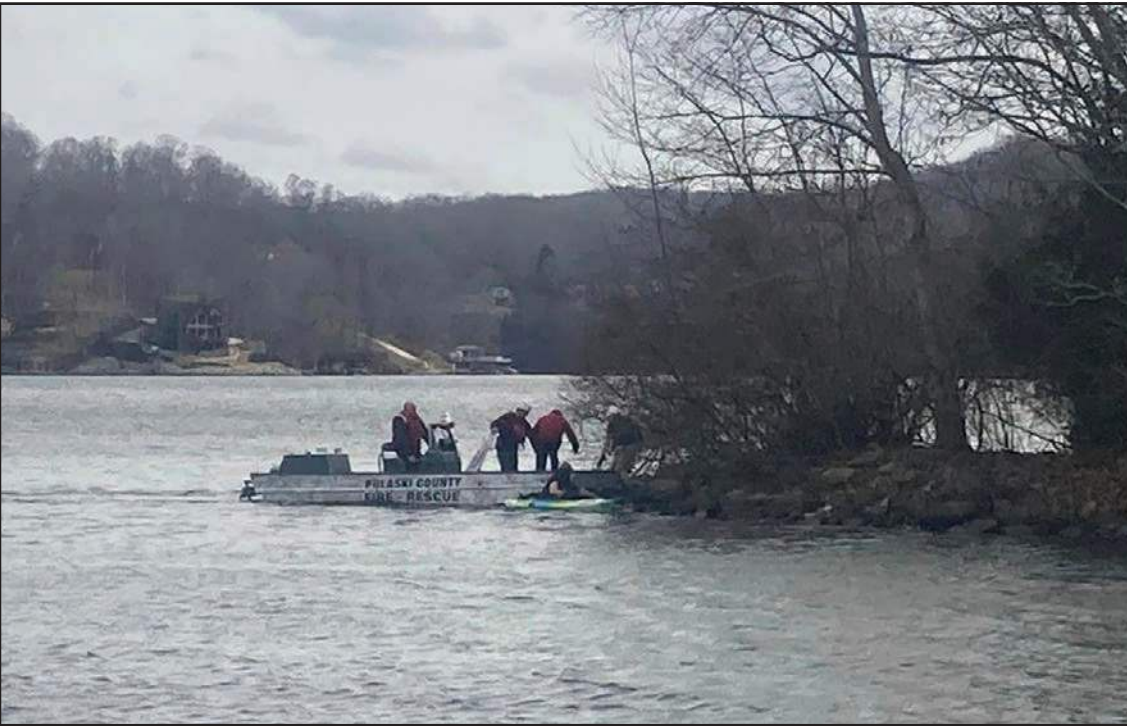
center stage.”

This is a vision of Middle Kingdom redux, although couched in bloodless phrasing.

Xi views Taiwan much the same way as Putin views Ukraine -- it rightfully belongs to China, and re-taking it will help salve the geo-political and psychological wounds of imperial China’s spectacular descent into disaster and powerlessness. “We cannot lose even one inch of the territory left behind by our ancestors,” Xi told a U.S. official in 2018.

The war in Ukraine shows that when an autocrat ruling a once-great empire speaks in such terms, it is time to arm the targeted state to the teeth and dispense with all illusions.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



Photos from Pulaski County Special Operations Team Facebook Page

Kayaker Rescued

At 1:13 pm Tuesday, Pulaski County Special Operations Team members were dispatched to Claytor Lake State Park for a kayaker that capsized and was still in the water. A near by kayaker was able to reach the subject in the water and assist him to an island where our boat team was able to safely bring the subject on board and transport to EMS on the boat ramp. This was the team’s first call out of 2023, only four days since the last call out of 2022.



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School Board Recognizes ‘Stuff the Bus’ Effort

Special thanks to the Pulaski County Public Schools Transportation department, para professionals and office staff members for their help with “Stuff the Bus.” This is an annual event held to help support local families during the Thanksgiving season. With the help of our schools and local businesses, we were able to help 200 families have a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Recognized were: Director of Transportation: Troy Barkley; Organizers for this event: Gracie Nipper and Tina O’Dell; Assistants: Vickie Jarrells, Jenny Anderson, Milly McPeak, Andy Haga, Brenda Helvey, Judy Edwards, Mark Surber, David Brown, Andy Thornton, Karen Davis, Lisa Barker, Danielle Shook, Sheryl Jarrells, Tammy Reeder, Whitney Saul, John Earles, Muncy Swecker, Dorothy Kreeger and Mary Nester.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

A heads up at the grocery store

The time has come to study the labels of foods you buy, even if you’ve used those same products for a long time. Not only are manufacturers changing the size of the containers, they’re changing the ingredients. At this point we need to take a very close look at what we’re actually eating.

Changes to the ingredients in products we’ve always trusted might well be blamed on supply chain problems. If a manufacturer can’t easily get one ingredient, they might substitute something else.

But it means that what you assumed you were getting might no longer be true.

If, for example, you have to keep an eye on your sodium levels, you might discover that the amount of salt in a particular food has increased. You might have to adjust how much you eat or look for a different product.

We can no longer grab a dozen eggs and assume all will be well. If you’re baking, too-small eggs won’t work in your baked goods recipes. You need to open the carton and look at them. If you’re watching your cholesterol, you need to squint and read the fine print on the nutrition panel.

However, a warning: At the beginning of the pandemic, the Food and Drug Administration issued a temporary respite to food manufacturers. To help them keep producing food, the FDA said manufacturers didn’t have to put certain new information on labels when “minor formulation changes” were made to food. The policy, started in January 2020, was intended to remain in effect only for the duration of the Covid pandemic and has been renewed every 90 days. It was to expire January 2023. Since they have to give 60 days notice to end the designation, it’s not likely that it will end until April, if that.

Free Street Photography series offered by Radford Photo Club

The Radford Photo Club will offer programs on Street Photography at the January 19, February 15, and March 16 meetings, to include a presentation, conversation, assignment, contest, and critique. “The series will be interactive, not technical,” said Professional Photographer Adi Ben Senior, who will lead the program.

The programs are at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library.

In January, Ben Senior will talk about what Street Photography is, the techniques and approach. At the February meeting, there will be a review of equipment, what to bring, wear, and do, and what not to bring, wear, and do. There will be conversation and an assignment. In March, those who did the assignment will each share three of their photos on the projector and talk about the experience.

“In January we will look at some of the earliest Street Photography photos,” he said. “In February, we will look at newer photos. You will see that people notice, and sometimes they yell. It’s not a studio.”

“The rules are simple: ‘be ready’ and ‘get close,’” he said.

Ben Senior of Christiansburg has been photographing since 1987. He studied photography in the Tel-Aviv Arts Museum on a full scholarship, graduated the ISR Navy as a type II international naval photographer specialist, worked for nature Journals, and traveled from Lapland to Patagonia, from Congo to California. He has been awarded multiple intentional prizes over the years and had multiple publications and exhibitions in museums, International Art Centers, and private galleries. Learn more about Ben Senior at <https://www.facebook.com/adi.photo.spot>

Learn more about the club by searching for “Radford Photo Club” on Facebook. Email can be directed to mborgarelli@gmail.com or Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com

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*We love being outside planting, walking and just enjoying the Therapy Garden (the NRV Master Gardeners come to teach us about plants and provide Garden Club), playing games building on language and math skills, cooking together, and music. We have a Certified Music Therapist who taps into memories through music and has a gift for reaching those who have difficulty expressing themselves.

*Many of our people have raised a family through hard times and served our country and helped build this community. So, they deserve our best and it is an honor to know and serve them and their families.

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And with direct deposit, you'll get your money faster. It suddenly just appears in your account, on time, every time, not making its way through the postal system.

Through the banking program, there are 43 banking institutions that have signed up to provide low or no-cost checking and savings accounts. You



by Freddy Groves

can find those banks here: veteransbenefitsbanking.org/financial-institutions. (Don't miss the FAQ. A lot of questions are answered.) Scroll down to the list of banks. (I'm a fan of USAA.) If you already have a bank account (or credit union) and you like them, you can set up a direct deposit right into your account. Call the VA at 800-827-1000 and find more information at www.va.gov/change-direct-deposit.

It can take a little while to think about this kind of change if you've never had direct deposit. But it can be rather disconcerting to have a neighbor from a block away show up at your door with a check that was mistakenly delivered to them.

You can eliminate a big source of worry and potential problems if you consider signing up for direct deposit for your benefit payment.



Submitted by Mike Sheets

Five Generations Of The Sheets Family

Five generations alive at once is rare. Mary and Clarence Sheets of Hiwassee recently welcomed great-great-grandson Joseph Wickline to the family. Here he is with the Sheets, The baby's parents Lydia Morris and Jeremiah Wickline and the great-grandfather Mike Sheets. At left is Mike's daughter Tara Rupe.



Raising Healthy Eaters in the New Year

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

Proper nutrition is important at all stages of life. It is essential to teach kids the importance of food, nutrition, and proper eating skills to enjoy meals with family and friends. As a parent,

grandparent, or caregiver, it is crucial to raise healthy eaters by doing your best to:

- Serve regular, balanced meals with snacks with a variety of nutrient-dense foods.
- Provide pleasant meal times where everyone can talk together.
- Remove distractions, such as cell phones, tablets, and television.

- Make food safety, such as washing hands, a part of every eating occasion.
- Teach basic skills for making positive food choices when away from home.
- Explore new foods and flavors.
- Allow children to use their in-

ternal signals to decide how much and what they want to eat at each meal.

Family meal times can foster family unity, prevent behavior problems, and promote healthy weight for kids. Whether it be in the kitchen, grocery store, or garden, there are many opportu-

nities to get children involved in nutrition. Identifying food groups, helping pick out menu items, and choosing new foods are great ways to create positive exposure of foods for children.

More information can be found online at www.eatright.org.

Scout Me In Troop 249 to host special recruitment night Jan. 19

Scouting is family, fun, friends, and a lifetime of adventure! In the outdoor classroom young people will learn and grow to become their very best future citizens and leaders.

Boy Scout Troop 249 will be hosting a special recruitment night on Thursday January 19th. The event will take place in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church on 4th street and Jefferson Ave. in Pulaski. The special event begins at 7:30 PM and runs to 9:00 PM.

All boys as young as ten and in the 5th grade are welcome to become Boy Scouts. Parents are encouraged to come with their sons and learn about what the Scouts has to offer. Scouts learn many skills that can come in handy later in life including first aid, cooking, camping, swimming, map and compass and wilderness survival.

Scouts learn about the value of being a good member of the

community by taking part in activities that improve our community including food collection and road clean up.

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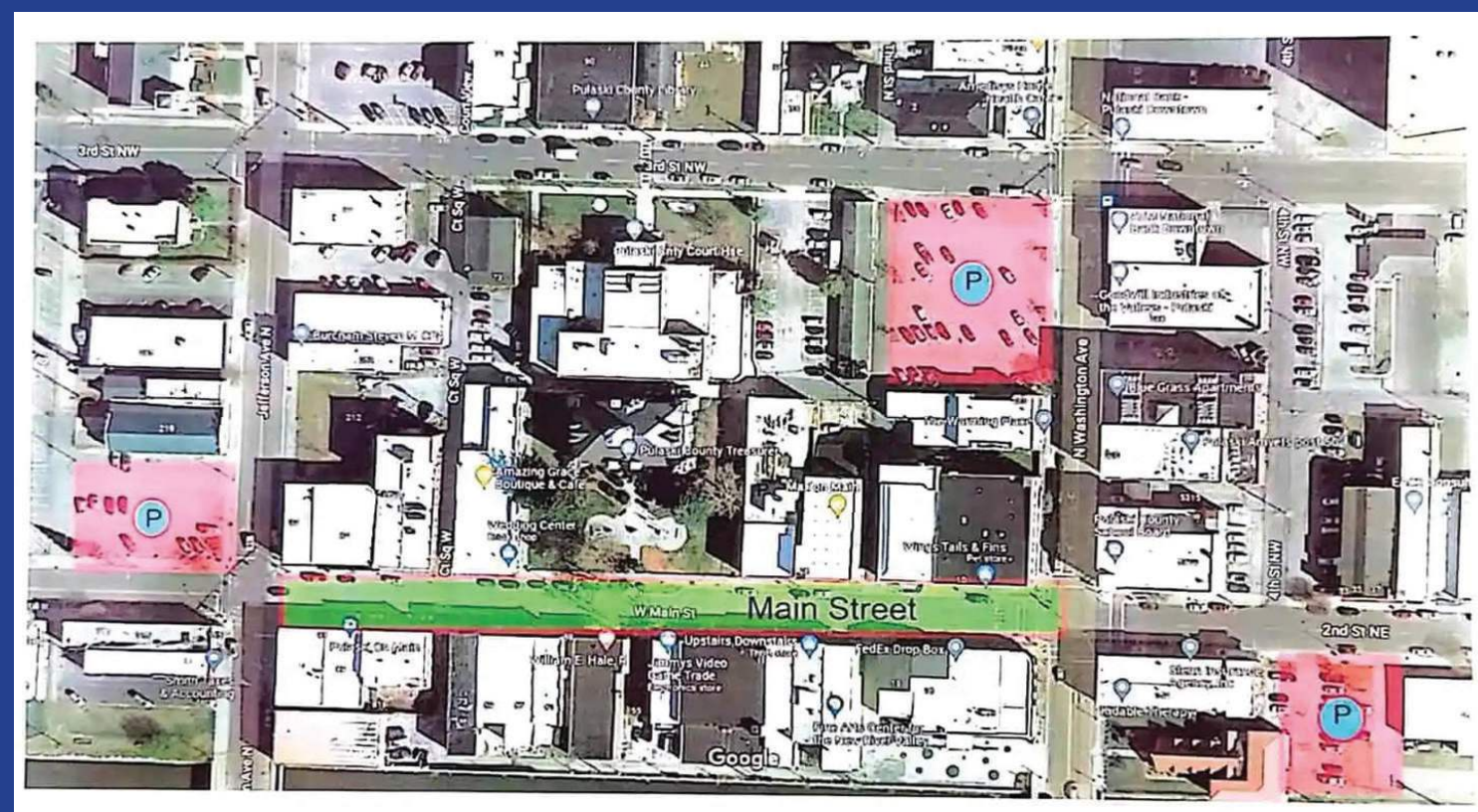
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Pulaski County junior Lane Nester goes high in the lane to put up a short jumper Wednesday night against Graham. The Cougars suffered their ninth loss of the season, falling 63-39.

Cougars beat Hidden Valley for first RRD win

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougar boys basketball team scored the last six points of the game to pull out a 70-64 victory Tuesday over the Hidden Valley Titans. It was the Cougars' first River Ridge District win of the season.

This was also the Cougars' first home game since December 10 and only their second home game at the mid-point of the season.

Tied at 64 all with 1:45 remaining in the game, Jele Green hit one of two foul shots and Lane Nester hit a huge jumper to put the Cougars up, 67-64 with a minute to go.

Chandler Hollins hit one of two foul shots and then Tootie O'Dell hit two freebies with five seconds left to pull out the win.

Those were the only two points scored by O'Dell, but he ran and helped control the game from his point guard position.

Nester scored a game-high 19 points, Kyle O'Neal had 18 and Jele Green chipped in with a double-double scoring 15 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Hidden Valley guard Gavin Lott had 17 points and fellow guard Tyus Johnson added 16 in the loss. Both of them seemed to score at will and got any shot they wanted

for most of the game.

The Cougars jumped out to a 19-13 first quarter lead and had a 32-27 advantage going into intermission.

The Titans would then outscore the Cougars 25-21 in the high scoring third period and they would be down by only one, 53-52 going into the last stanza.

The two teams would exchange the lead five times in the fourth quarter and Hidden Valley would be up 62-61 when Cougar senior guard Khalib Horton hit a big three-pointer from the top of the key with 3:15 left in the game.

"We have gotten better with our full roster," said Cougar head coach Cannoy. "We played well at times tonight and not so well at other times. (Jele) Green had a double-double and our other big, Marcus Redd scored two points and grabbed four boards. That's what ... 17 points and 15 rebounds from the two big guys. When they score and rebound it takes pressure off of our guards. Our defense has got to get better though."

Eight of the 10 players dressed for the Cougars got into the scoring column. The two players that had been hurt – Nester and Hor-

See COUGARS, page B3

PCHS Weekend Sports Schedule

Friday 01/06/23

Girls Basketball: Pulaski Co. @ Blacksburg JV @ 5:30, Varsity to Follow

Saturday 01/07/23

Boys Basketball: James River vs Pulaski Co. 9 am **@ Floyd Co. HS**

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Members of the Radford Bobcats varsity boys basketball team pose with the tournament championship trophy and bracket from last week's First Community Bank holiday tournament played at Fort Chiswell High School.

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Radford claims tourney title

Patriot Staff Report

Radford romped to victory last Friday in the final of the First Community Bank holiday tournament at Fort Chiswell High School.

The Bobcats won the tourney finale on Friday morning by routing a good George Wythe Maroons squad, 56-42. It was GW's first loss of the season.

The game was pushed back to Friday morning from Thursday evening due to condensation on the gym floor.

Elijah Kelly led Radford with 25 points.

George Wythe actually led at halftime, 26-20, but Radford clamped down defensively in the third quarter – outscoring the Maroons, 16-3.

On Tuesday, after trailing by one at the half, the Radford Bobcats exploded in the third quarter

See RADFORD, page B5

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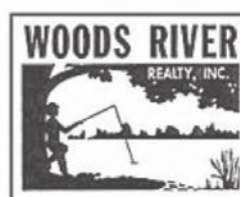
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Cougars

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ton – scored 28 points tonight as they are back to around 90 percent playing shape.

The game saw 31 fouls and 46 foul shots.

PC - 19 - 13 - 21 - 17 = 70
HV - 13 -14 - 25 - 12 = 64
Scoring - PC - Nester 19, Green 15, O'Neal 18, Horton 9, Hollins

1, O'Dell 2, Reed 2, Burchett 4, HV - Johnson 16, Iott 17, Bartlett 9, Philips 8, Torrence 5, Nichols 6, Harman 3

3-PT. Goals - PC - 8 (O'Neal 4, Nester 3, Horton) , HV - 9 (Bartlett 3, Philips 2, Iott 2, Nichols, Torrence)

Total FG's - PC - 22 , HV - 20

FT's - PC - 18-26, HV - 15-20

Fouls- PC - 14 , HV - 17

Fouled Out - HV - Bartlett

Technicals - None

Cougar boys routed by Graham, 63-39

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's boys basketball team saw its season record drop to 2-8 Wednesday night as the Cougars fell hard to Graham, 63-39.

The G-Men jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead to start the game and finished it off with another 14-0 run to start the fourth

as they routed the Cougars.

Tootie O'Dell led the Cougars with 8 points.

The Cougars hit the road for their next contest, Saturday against James River at Floyd County High School as part of the Chance Harmon Classic.



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Town Council Public Hearing



The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

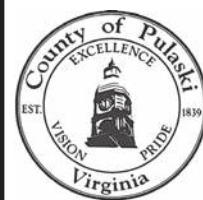
1. A request from Savida Health for a Special Exception at property located at 1042 E. Main Street, [tax parcel(s) 072-140-109G] in the B-2, General Business District, for hospital or health centers, which includes, "alcohol, substance abuse and drug treatment centers". The application indicates that the facility is an outpatient appointment based medical and counseling practice that treats opioid and alcohol addiction.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals



Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the Appeals to the UDO Administrator as listed below:

- Petition by Amanda & James Stuart, 6412 Spring Ave Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 039-008-0008-0008. Appeal of the UDO Administrator. Objection to Zoning Administrator's Violation of Article 4.1 Land Use of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance.
- Petition by Sarah Ping Leffke, 7451 Brandon Road Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 029-004-0013-0024. Appeal of the UDO Administrator. Objection to Zoning Administrator's Violation of Article 4.1 Land Use of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance.
- Petition by Sally & James Dennis, 7543 Brandon Road Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 029-004-0004-0008. Appeal of the UDO Administrator. Objection to Zoning Administrator's Violation of Article 4.1 Land Use of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Regarding Budget Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate the following funds:

RE-APPROPRIATIONS OF GRANT ACCOUNTS Effective July 1, 2022

Balance to be carried as of July 1, 2022

EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT - CONSULTANTS	\$	118,705.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 13,610,757.17

CARRY FORWARD OF CHECKING ACCOUNTS

CEMETERY ACCOUNT	\$	209,516.41
UDAG ACCOUNT	\$	147,887.94
CDBG KERSEY HOUSING	\$	60,496.39

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 417,900.74

CARRY FORWARDS

FIRE INSURANCE PROGRAM	\$	13,104.03
SENIOR CENTER DONATIONS	\$	800.00

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 13,904.03

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed budget amendment should appear at the Town Council Meeting or to submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

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Commonwealth v. Wanda Gamer CL00.196- IN RE: 1989 Ford Escort VIN:1FAPP9598KT151052

Commonwealth v. Richard Gravley CL10.534- IN RE: \$313.00 U.S. Currency

Commonwealth v. Jerry Gregory, Jr. CL04.99- IN RE: \$43.00 U.S. Currency

Commonwealth v. Gilbert Hadden CL06.95- IN RE: \$1217.00 U.S. Currency

Commonwealth v. Pete Petty CL03.248- IN RE: \$1,180.00 U.S. Currency

Commonwealth v. Shannon Patrick CL4.171 IN RE: \$312.00 U.S. Currency

Commonwealth v. Dustyn Presgraves CLI 1.697 IN RE: \$202.00 U.S. Currency

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Commonwealth v. Rex Douglas Shelton, Jr. CL09.626 IN RE: \$600 U.S. Currency, CL09792 IN RE: \$540.00 U.S. Currency

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Commonwealth v. James Stone CL07.523 IN RE: \$147.00 U.S. Currency

Commonwealth v. Cobey Webb CL04.245 IN RE \$1,240.00 U.S. Currency

Commonwealth v. Louie James West CL01.178 IN RE: 1988 Ford Econo Van VIN: 1FDEE14N-3JHC00694



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Tori Vest drives to the hoop to score for Pulaski County against Hidden Valley. Vest finished the game with 5 points for the Lady Cougars.

Lady Cougars rout HV, 66-25

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars raised their season record to 9-3 Tuesday night in Roanoke, routing the Lady Titans of Hidden Valley, 66-25. Keslyn Secrist led the Lady Cougars with 16 points, followed by Hannah Keefer with 10. Andi Ratcliffe had 9 and Morgan Vest added 8. Other

scorers for Pulaski County were Paige Huff, Jaden Lawson and Kenzlee Jones with 6 each and Tori Vest with 5.

Pulaski County hits the hardwoods again Friday night on the road at Blacksburg. Junior Varsity action begins at 5:30 and the varsity gets started at 7 p.m.

Cougars fall a third time to Carroll County

By **RODNEY YOUNG**
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougar boys played the Carroll County Cavaliers for fifth place in the First Community Bank Tournament at Fort Chiswell High School, and the Cougars lost 63-48.

The game got a little wild late in the fourth quarter.

Pulaski County found themselves down four with just over four minutes to go in the game. They had the ball and there was a referee’s whistle and the Cougars were called for a violation. The violation involved one of the Cougars being forced out of bounds.

Carroll County would then score a bucket and foul shot and their lead was up to seven.

Pulaski County then was called for another turnover and Carroll County would be fouled. The Cavs converted the shots and the lead was now nine points.

While the Cavalier was sent to the line, the Cougar bench was called for a technical. The Cavaliers’ lead grew to 11 points and they had the ball.

Carroll would then score again to go up by 13 with less than a couple minutes to play.

A Pulaski County player would then be called for a technical after a foul was called on them. The officials sent the wrong player to the foul line and he hit both shots. Then the same player was going to shoot the technical, but the Cougar coaching staff told the official they had sent the wrong player to the free throw line. After a meeting of the three officials, it was determined the Cougar head coach was correct and the points were taken off and the right player was sent to the line.

By the time all the free throws were hit, the Cavaliers lead had ballooned to 17, 61-44.

So, the Cougars had been down 47-44 with 2:50 left, to being down 61-44 with 1:15 to go.

The game saw the Cavaliers shoot 28 free throws to the Cougars’ eight. The Cougars had 21 fouls called on them to the Cavaliers’ 10. The last 12 points for Carroll County (7-1) all came from the free throw line.

They got 25 points from 6-4 senior center Elijah Cox. He was 11 of 16 from the charity stripe. Bryce Smoot had 14 points and Davis Reitzel chipped in with 10. Sixteen of Carroll County’s 38

second half points were from the free throw line.

The Cougars (1-8) got 15 points from Lane Nester, and 11 from Kyle O’Neal. Jele Green contributed eight points.

“I think we got better the last three days here in this tournament,” said Coach Tyler Cannoy. “This what 15 point loss, doesn’t tell the story of how close this game was. My guys played hard and I’m proud of them. I haven’t heard of this violation and my staff and scorekeeper hadn’t heard of this either. Four-point game and all of a sudden you look up and its a 15-17 point game!”

In good news the Cougar Junior Varsity won the JV championship 66-38 over Carroll County. It’s the Cougars’ back-to-back JV championship in the First Community Bank Tournament.

Justus Hash scored a game-high 20 points, as he hit four three’s all in the second half.

The Cougars were up 32-27 at intermission, but would outscore the Cavaliers 34-9 in the second half.

Jalere Harlow scored 13, while Braxton Merchant scored six. Johnny Anderson had six points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Aden Drummond chipped in with five points.

Carroll got 13 points from Isaiah Easter and eight from Jay Burnette.

The Cougar JV now has a record of 7-2.

PC - 17 - 6 - 11 - 14 = 48
CC - 9 - 16 - 17 -21 = 63

Scoring - PC - O’Dell 4, Green 8, Horton 4, O’Neal 11, Nester 15, Reed 6, CC - Reitzel 10, Cox 25, Richardson 9, Talley 3, Bra. Smoot 2, Bry. Smoot 14

Total FG’s - PC - 18, CC - 19

3-PT. Goals - PC - 6 (O’Neal 3, Nester 3), CC - 5 (Cox 2, Bry. Smoot, Richardson, Talley)

FT’s - PC - 6 of 8, CC - 20-28

Total Fouls - PC - 21, CC - 10

Fouled Out - None

Technical - PC - Coach Cannoy, Horton

Tech takes Clemson down to wire in loss

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BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech struggled to overcome its worst shooting performance of the season on Wednesday night in a narrow 68-65 loss to Clemson.

The Hokies had four players score in double figures, led by Grant Basile, who had 17 points and seven rebounds. Sean Pedulla added 14 points and four assists and Justyn Mutts chipped in as well with 11 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Led by Lynn Kidd’s four offensive rebounds, Virginia Tech did a great job crashing the offensive glass, pulling down 12 boards that resulted in nine second chance points. Overall, the Hokies won the rebounding battle with a 42-36 advantage.

Virginia Tech forced 14 Clemson turnovers while committing 11 themselves in Wednesday’s

game. The Hokies turned those takeaways into 11 points on the offensive end of the floor. Darius Maddox led the way individually with two steals.

The loss marks Virginia Tech’s first defeat inside Cassell Coliseum this season, while it pushes Clemson to 4-0 in ACC play.

How It Happened

After falling behind 29-23, Virginia Tech went on a 9-0 run with 4:28 left in the first half, culminating in a bucket from Maddox, to take a 32-29 lead, a score that would hold until halftime. Virginia Tech capitalized on 10 Clemson turnovers in the period, turning them into 11 points on the other end of the floor.

Clemson proceeded to take

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DEAR RICARDO: A good trainer can look at the most obedient dog in the world and find behaviors to work on. That’s because no dog is perfect, and neither are we.

It sounds like you’re doing a great job with Star, and you want to continue to level up his behavior training. This is a caring and responsible thing to do.

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they’re away at work. Others send their dogs to intensive one- to two-week programs.

You’ll want to check out a potential trainer or training school carefully before committing. Dog training can take a chunk out of your budget, so you’ll want to be sure that Star is getting the training he needs. Meet with a trainer in person, with Star beside you, to chat with them about what you’d like to achieve in training and get a feel for how well the trainer works with Star.

Best of luck! I know that Star will do great.

Share your tips on professional dog training at ask@pawscorner.com.

TRIVIA TEST

1. HISTORY: What is the name of the ancient trade route that connected the East and West?

2. LITERATURE: What was playwright Anton Chekhov’s other profession?

3. TELEVISION: Who are the next-door neighbors in TV’s sitcom “Laverne & Shirley”?

4. GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has the most countries?

5. MUSIC: What does the shortened term K-pop stand for?

6. FOOD & DRINK: What is another name for a kiwi?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: From which Roman god did the month of January get its name?

8. MEDICAL TERMS: If you suffer from medial tibial stress syndrome, what is the condition commonly called?

9. PSYCHOLOGY: What ir-



rational fear is represented in the condition called ablutophobia?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby turkey called?

Answers

1. The Silk Road.
2. Physician.
3. Lenny and Squiggy.
4. Africa.
5. Korean popular music.
6. Chinese gooseberry.
7. Janus, the god of beginnings and endings.
8. Shin splints.
9. Fear of bathing.
10. A poult.

Tech

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a 57-49 lead before Virginia Tech went on a 9-0 run to seize a 58-57 lead with 5:44 to go in the contest. Clemson re-asserted control, outscoring the Hokies 11-7 the rest of the way to hand Virginia Tech the 68-65 loss. Virginia Tech shot well from 3-point range in the half, hitting five shots from deep to score 15 of its 33 points.

Game Notes

» Virginia Tech lost despite a 42-36 rebounding advantage.

» The Virginia Tech defense forced 14 turnovers, which is the highest tally in ACC play for the Hokies this season.

» Virginia Tech cleaned up on the offensive glass, collecting 12 offensive boards in the game.

» Grant Basile led the Hokies with a game-high 17 points, marking his fourth time leading the Hokies in scoring this season.

» Darius Maddox’s 11 points are the most by the junior since he scored 12 against Dayton on Dec. 7.

» Justyn Mutts got to the free-throw line for the first time since Tech’s Dec. 17 game against Grambling State.

» Tech is in its first three-game losing streak since falling to North Carolina, Boston College and Miami between Jan. 22-26, 2022.

Next up for the Hokies will be N.C. State on Saturday, Jan. 7 at Cassell Coliseum. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Radford

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for 24 points and went on to wallop Alleghany, 59-43.

Elijah Kelly led the way for Radford with 28 points. Gavin Cormany added 23 and Luke Woodard chipped in 5.

Xzavier Hayslett led Alleghany with 13 points with Eli Entsminger adding 11.

The win gives the Bobcats a 6-1 record on the season.

Radford travels to Hillsville on Thursday to battle the Carroll County Cavaliers.

Radford 7 13 24 15 = 59

Alleghany 7 14 13 9 = 43

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Gathering to sing Christmas carols at Highland Ridge Rehab Center, in Dublin, Virginia, Thursday, December 15, were Nu President Christy Dishon, Ruth Ann Whitener, Mary Beth Glenn, Treasurer Cheryl Williams, Delores Smith, and Melody Hedge.

Not only did we sing through our required masks but we also enjoyed gathering toiletry items for each resident and presenting individual gifts for some people chosen by the Activities Director.



Ruth Ann Sloop Whitener photos

Following the Caroling we joined together at Dublin’s El Ranchero Restaurant for dinner and a Cookie Exchange.

(Pictured L-R) Our Nu, Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarship recipient from Radford University, Hannah Carr, Ruth Ann Whitener, Mary Beth Glenn, Dianne Wallace, Treasurer Cheryl Williams, and President Christy Dishon.

Joining us there for dinner was our Nu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma International scholarship recipient from Radford University, Hannah Carr. We were so happy to meet her. In the spring she will be substitute teaching in Christiansburg Primary School. She did her student teaching in Pulaski County Schools.

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Jesus Heals
a Man
with Palsy

Luke 5:17. “And it came to pass on a certain day, as Jesus was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”

At the time when word of the healings and miracles that Jesus did was noised abroad, many came to Him to be healed. And there also came the doubters and the skeptics; Luke 5:17. “And it came to pass on a certain day, as Jesus was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”

At the time when word of the healings and miracles that Jesus did was noised abroad, that many came to Him to be healed. And also there came the doubters, the skeptics. Among the doubters and the skeptics were two religious groups. The Scribes and the Pharisees.

Their skepticism came partly because Jesus came from Nazareth, a place where no prophet before Him had come from. Also they thought that Jesus could not be the Messiah because He was not the military Messiah that they were expecting to come and free them from Gentile domination. He didn’t fit into the mold they had make for Him. They did not believe that He was of the lineage of King David. Although his mother Mary was a descendant of David’s and so was his legal father Joseph. They viewed Jesus as being a false prophet. And they were dead wrong on all of their assumptions.

Jesus not only had the power to heal the people of physical sickness but He also had the power to deliver those who were in bondage by Satan, and to save their souls.

There is no need that Jesus cannot meet. He can heal the physical afflicted and He can also heal the spiritually afflicted.

Verses 18, 19. “And, behold, men brought in a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, for to lay him before Jesus. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitudes, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.”

Four faithful friends of this poor crippled up man, full of faith and compassion, came to the house where Jesus was, teaching and healing and they tried their best to find a way into the presence of Jesus the healer. But the crowd was so large that the entrance to the house was blocked and no ordinary means of entrance was possible.

The houses at this time in that country had flat roofs with tiles upon them and these tiles could be loosened or removed creating a hole in the ceiling. So they removed some of the tiles, and let down the man lying on a cot, into the presence of Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the afflicted man, man, “Thy sins are forgiven thee.” And the Scribes and the Pharisees began to reason saying, who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?

And they were right that only God can forgive sins, but what they failed to realize was that Jesus was God. He was God Incarnate, the second person of the Triune Godhead.

The man needed physical healing but Jesus looked down into his heart and saw that he needed

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I'll be nice, but I'll tell you the truth

Dear Dave,
I'm 32 and a teacher. My house is my only debt, and there's \$55,000 left on my mortgage. My parents always taught my brother and I about saving and being smart with money. The other day, mom and dad offered to pay off the rest of my mortgage by loaning me the money with a very small interest rate. I know you don't like the idea of mixing money and family, but considering I have a great relationship with my parents, what do you think about this offer?

Lacy

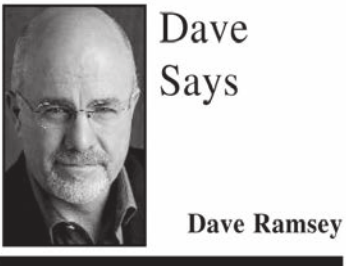
Dear Lacy,
I'm going to make a suggestion before saying don't do this. See what I did there? But seriously, I'd recommend they just make the money a gift and reduce your portion of any later inheritance by that amount. By doing this, you could help reduce the possibility of your brother feeling slighted in any way.

I would never loan my kids money. And here's why: One hundred percent of the time, the Bible says the borrower is slave to the lender. That doesn't exempt parents and their kids. No matter how nice your masters are, you're still a slave in this kind of situation—and you'll feel it. Family dinners and get-togethers are different when you're sitting down to eat with your masters—your creditors—instead of just good ol' Mom and Dad.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting you should act ungrateful that they offered a loan instead of a gift. It's a generous thing either way. But if they don't want to go the gift route, that's fine. You have a good job, a nice home, and you'll be okay. The thing is, I just wouldn't want to take a chance on straining a great relationship—or even ruining it—because of money.

Lacy, you're 32, a teacher and a homeowner. In my mind that says a lot about you, your maturity and your work ethic. That being the case, I get how this could be a weird thing for you to do. So, I'm going to give you an out: Blame me. Just tell them you talked to me, and I said don't do the loan idea. Tell them I gave you the make-it-a-gift-tied-to-the-inheritance idea.

If your mom or dad wants to talk to me about things, that's fine. I'll be kind to them. But I'll tell the truth like I always do.

— Dave

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

Jan. 10

Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 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. UDC member Cindy Akers will speak on the "Union Prison at Rock Island, Illinois". If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On going:

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

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

Lifestyles Changes
Our Lifestyles Changes 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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