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PCPS to seek 'significant increase' in local funds

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board says it will need a "significant increase" in local school funding to keep the county from falling behind its neighboring school divisions in employee salaries.

The school board has held two budget work sessions on its Fiscal Year 2024 budget during the past two weeks, with an almost total focus on employee salaries.

School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers told the board the school system is in the same position it was last year.

In Fiscal Year 2023 – the current school year – the state provided a compensation supplement of over a million dollars toward the cost of providing employees with a 5 percent pay raise.

The same is being offered again for the next school year – Fiscal



Year 2024.

However, like 2023, to qualify for the million dollars in state compensation supplement money, Pulaski County would have to pay in the neighborhood of \$800,000 in local match money.

The state is also offering funding to partially fund a one-time 1 percent retention bonus for employees. The state will provide \$157,289 of the \$317,099 total cost of the bonus, with the school

system required to match with \$159,810.

"We used every state dollar to give raises (in 2023). There is no way we can do that this year, there is no extra state money," Siers told the school board.

"So if it's not funded locally, we won't be able to do it."

Chris Stafford, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations, told the school board this year's situation was predicted.

"We said last year, that this was setting us up for a bad situation the following year," Stafford reminded.

Siers told the board that last year some neighboring school divisions actually exceeded the 5 percent in pay raises for their employees – with one giving 10 percent.

"If we cannot give it (5 percent),

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SW VA Governor's School to move to NRCC in fall

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

This past Wednesday, the Southwest Virginia Governor's School Board met at New River Community College's Godbey Hall to determine where classes would be held for the upcoming fall semester.

The room selected for the meeting was filled to capacity as Gov school teachers, alumni and current students at the SWVA Governor's School came to have their say regarding the fate of the school.

Pulaski County Public Schools has provided a home for the Southwest Virginia Governor's School since its inception 33 years ago, but this changed in October 2022, as Gov school staff

were notified that they were to vacate the building as of June 30 this year.

Since then, the SWVA Governor's School Board has been touring the campuses of Radford University, New River Community College and Wytheville Community College to determine where the classes were to be held in the fall semester.

Board members were also given the option of having a split campus, in which classes could be held at two of the campuses on different days of the week. This option would include a "distance learning" aspect, with students taking some of their classes online.

Several members of the SWVA Governor's School staff were present at the meeting and Megan

Arnold, the SWVA Gov School counselor, read a statement on behalf of the teachers at the school.

"It's our belief that moving the SWVA Gov School to Radford University would be the best choice for the long term, but just as with the split model, it would take more time than we currently have to be able to figure that out," said Arnold. "We believe that moving the program to NRCC would require the smallest change in the program. New River Community College has been extremely welcoming and enthusiastic to these potential changes and our current relationship with New River would allow us to keep our program intact. The travel difference would be negligible for all of our students."

See MOVE, page A5

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Schools

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assuming the others around us do, we'll be much further behind than what we are now," he said.
Board member Bill Benson asked, "Any idea what the county (Board of Supervisors) will do?"

"The county hasn't begun its budget process yet," responded Stafford, who is in the unique position of not only being employed by the school system, but also serves as the Cloyd District representative on the Board of Supervisors.
"At some point we're going to fall behind and now we're here,"

Siers stated. "If we can't a significant increase in local school funding, we are going to fall behind our neighboring school divisions."
Siers said the school system will not remain competitive for new hires if it falls behind on salaries.
"We have difficulty attracting

teachers into Pulaski County right now. If we go a year without giving the same raise everyone else around us gives, we won't attract any teacher in the county," Siers said.
"We're the second largest employer in the county. It's important we maintain a competitive advantage to recruit and retain our employees," said board chairman Beckie Cox.
Cox asked what would one of the county's larger employers face if they couldn't give raises?
"It's very important we retain our advantage as the employer we are and be able to keep our employees here," she added.
Siers noted the school system may actually be the largest employer in terms of employees who live in Pulaski County. "700-some," he said.
"In order to give raises, we'll have to have an infusion of \$1 million," Siers said.
Dr. Paige Cash, Robinson District representative, said with all costs for the school system being higher this year, it is unrealistic to receive the same budget as last year.
Complicating the school system's budget picture is a decline in enrollment.
State funding for the current Fiscal Year 2023 budget is based on an Average Daily Membership of 3,831 students.
For next year - Fiscal Year 2024 - state funding is based on an ADM of only 3,688 - a drop of 143 students.
Stafford reported the drop in ADM in past years had been "manageable," while the decline for next year is "very significant."
In a multi-year sample, ADM figures have declined by 37 students from FY 2020 to FY 21; by 44 students from FY 21 to FY 22, and by 23 students from FY 22 to

FY 23.
The 143 drop in students reduces state revenues to the county for next year by \$771,211.
In response to questions from board members about the enrollment decline, Siers wasn't sure.
"I thought it might be a case where we had a large graduating class and a small kindergarten class, but this year's graduating class is around 300 kids. It's not one of our larger ones," Siers said.
"It's something we'll have to explore," Siers said.
He noted that the number of students being home-schooled has gone up.
"When we did a study pre-COVID, Pulaski County and Radford were the lowest in our whole region. We were about even with Radford on the percentage of our students who were being home-schooled. And that number has probably close to doubled since then. But I still think we're at the low end in our region."
It was noted the number of home-schooled students is at 222. Siers said the county was at about 120 pre-COVID.
The 222, it was noted, includes the number of students in private school because it is not yet accredited.
Siers said that number does not include students who have received religious exemption.
"We don't track them because they don't have to report to us. We do have quite a few who have done religious exemption," he added.
All the budget figures discussed in the two work sessions are not final, and won't be until the General Assembly completes its budget work in the coming weeks.



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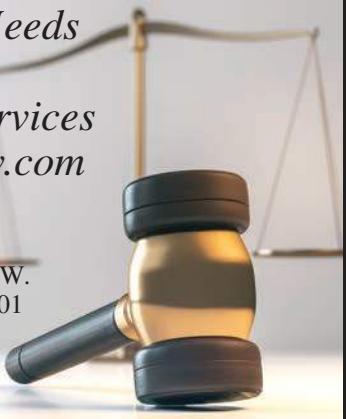
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Mar 18	“Ain’t To Proud” / Stephen Tanger Center	\$195	Sept 7 – 10	Myrtle Beach, SC	\$1,070
Mar 20	Bristol Casino	\$50	Sept 8 -10	Washington , D.C / Mount Vernon	\$625
Mar 20 – 26	Spring Training/ Florida	\$1,965	Sept 8 – 13	Las Vegas & Grand Canyon Fly / Land	\$2,805
Mar 25	Vintage Market Days/ Charlotte, NC	\$80	Sept 9 -16	Trains of New England	\$2,905
Apr 2 – 4	Wind Creek Casino/ Bethlehem , PA	\$540	Sept 10 – 16	Best of Ozarks/ Branson/ Eurerka Springs	\$1,690
Apr 7 – 13	Charleston/ Savannah/ Jekyll Island	\$2,430	Sept 11 – 23	Nova Scotia / New England in the Fall	\$3,065
Apr 7 – 8	“Moses”/ PA Dutch/ Lancaster, PA	\$490	Sept 14 – 16	“Moses” / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735
Apr 8	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 15 – 16	Gandy Dancer/ Tygart Flyer	\$480
Apr 8	“Aladdin” / Belk Theatre / Charlotte, N.C	\$200	Sept 16 – 22	New England in the Fall	\$1,685
Apr 13 – 29	Great Southwest California	\$4,045	Sept 16 - 27	America’s Southwest Land / Fly	\$4,350
Apr 14 – 16	Washington, D.C/ Cherry Blossom Festival	\$640	Sept 18	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50
Apr 15	“Hamilton” / Altria Theatre/ Richmond, VA	\$255	Sept 19 – 23	Vermont in The Fall/ Stoweflake Lodge	\$1,910
Apr 17	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Sept 19 – 25	Mystery Tour...	\$1,830
Apr 22	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 23	Andy Griffith’s “Mayberry Days”	\$85
Apr 23- 26	VA Military Tattoo/ Mermaid Bash	\$1,315	Sept 23 – 24	Washington Nationals Baseball	\$585
Apr 24 – May 3	Texas “Lone Star State”	\$2,435	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Neptune Festival/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$685
May 6	Billy Graham Library/ Stowe Bontanical Gardens	\$90	Oct 1 – 5	Niagara Falls / Toronto	\$1,365
May 6 – 16	Tennessee Music Pathways	\$4,840	Oct 2 – 8	New England in the Fall	\$1,685
May 9 – 12	Tulip Festival/ Holland, MI	\$940	Oct 3 – 6	Rockin’ the Boardwalk/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$1,190
May 10	Andy Griffith “Mayberry” Mt. Airy , NC	\$85	Oct 5	Cass Railroad / Cass, WV	\$195
May 10 – 13	Creation Museum / Ark Encounter	\$865	Oct 6 – 7	“Moses” / PA Dutch/ Lancaster , PA	\$490
May 11 – 13	“Moses” / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735	Oct 6 – 8	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005
May 12 – 14	New York Springtime	\$1,200	Oct 7	Billy Graham Library / Stowe Botanical Gardens	\$90
May 13	North Carolina Zoo/ Asheboro, NC	\$90	Oct 7	Bushy Mountain Harvest Festival	\$75
May 15	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Oct 9	Cass Railroad / Cass, WV	\$195
May 20 – 21	Tangier Island	\$470	Oct 10 – 14	Haunted Halloween/ Boston & Salem	\$1,370
May 21 – 26	Oklahoma Oil/ Osage Nation/ Pawhuska, OK	\$1,405	Oct 11 – 17	Pioneer Women/ Magnolia Market	\$1,930
May 26 – 28	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Oct 14	New River Gorge Bridge Day/ Fayetteville, WV	\$100
May 27	Mitchie Tavern / Swannanoa Mansion	\$95	Oct 14	Carolina Balloon Festival / Statesville, NC	\$85
Jun 4 – 7	Resorts Casino & Hotel / Atlantic City, NJ	\$765	Oct 17 – 20	Oktoberfest in Helen, GA	\$1,290
Jun 5 – 8	I Love Lucy/ Pennsylvania Grand Canyon	\$1,165	Oct 23	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50
Jun 6 – 10	Two Stadiums/ Philadelphia/ Baltimore	\$1,480	Nov 3 – 5	Sunshine Tours/ Family Reunion	\$900
Jun 9 – 11	Washington D.C / Mount Vernon	\$625	Nov 9	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
Jun 9 – 19	Nova Scotia/ Atlantic Provinces of Canada	\$2,650	Nov 9 – 12	Biltmore House / Smoky Mountain Christmas	\$1,435
Jun 15 – 20	White Mountians/ Purple Moose	\$1,825	Nov 10	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
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July 2 – 6	Niagara Falls USA / Erie Canal	\$1,470	Dec 1 – 3	Christmas Opryland Hotel	\$1,215
July 2 – 16	Canyonlands / Scenic Tour	\$3,655	Dec 2	Christmastown USA / McAdenville , NC	\$75
July 2 – 30	Alaska/ Canada’s Yukon/ Motorcoach	\$7,700	Dec 2	Premium Outlets / Charlotte, NC	\$85
July 7 – 10	Atlanta Motor Speedway	\$1,020	Dec 2	Grove Park/ Gingerbread House	\$165
July 10 – 26	Yellowstone T.V Series Tour	\$6,425	Dec 3 -7	Bavarian Holidays / Frankenmuth	\$1,090
July 16 – 19	Wind Creek/ Bethlehem/ New York City	\$900	Dec 4 – 8	Christmas Mystery Adventure	\$1,345
July 17 – 20	Red Neckin’ Toe Tappin/ Pigeon Forge, TN	\$1,490	Dec 5	Tanglewood Park/ Christmas Lights	\$85
July 21 - 23	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Dec 5 – 7	Blue Christmas at Graceland	\$1,460
July 24	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Dec 6 – 10	Boston’s Gingerbread Christmas	\$1,295
July 24 – 27	New York Baseball/ Yankees vs. Mets	\$1,160	Dec 7 – 8	“Miracles of Christmas” / Lancaster, PA	\$490
Aug 1 – 20	San Fransisco/ California / Pacific NW	\$5,050	Dec 8 – 10	Radio City Christmas/ New York	\$1,365
Aug 3 – 5	“Moses” / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735	Dec 8 – 10	Christmas Opryland Hotel	\$1,215
Aug 5 – 6	Tangier Island	\$470	Dec 9	Biltmore House & Gardens Christmas	\$230
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**SHIRLEY MAGDALENE
RICKEY WARF**

Shirley Magdalene Rickey Warf, age 74 of Dublin passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born April 19, 1948 in Max Meadows, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Boyd Dickerson Rickey, Sr. & Sally Elizabeth Jackson Rickey. She was also preceded in death by her daughters, Scarlett Lynn Warf, Sundry Joy Warf, brothers Bascome Jackson, Dr. Cecil Collins, Ray Rickey, Bruce Collins, sisters Charlotte Callis, (twins) Ellen & Helen Collins, Elizabeth Cooley and Agnes Watson.

Shirley was known for her comforting spirit and giving heart. She cared for everyone she met and helped families through their roughest times. She loved her family and friends unconditionally. Her fondest memories were made around her kitchen table with a glass of sweet tea.

She is survived by her Husband of 52 years – Robert “Bobby” Arley Warf – Dublin Children

Robyn Warf (Dale) Taylor – Bedford, Angel Warf Patterson – Radford, Ryan Christopher (Shauna) Warf – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Ethan Dale (Madi) Taylor, Hunter Evan (Shelby) Taylor, Skyler Erica Noel Patterson, Noah Josiah Patterson

Great Grandchildren – Ryleigh Marie Warf, Ava Reign Edmonds, Joyce Christine Taylor

Sisters – Bernice Neikirk – Salem, Barbara (Jim) Harpe – Roanoke

Brother – Boyd “Dickey” (Beverly) Rickey – Barren Springs

Sister-in-laws – Patsy Hall – Pulaski, Helen Warf – SC

Multiple nieces and nephews whom she loved

Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM – Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Randall Lawrence officiating. Interment will be 2:00 PM – Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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

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



**ROGER DOUGLAS “DOUG”
HUGHES**

Roger Douglas “Doug” Hughes, age 81 of Pulaski, died Saturday evening, February 11, 2023 at his residence. Doug, was born in Pulaski on February 7, 1942, and was the son of the late Belva Bessie Nester Hughes and the late Charlie D. Hughes. He was a longtime employee of Jefferson Mills for over 47 years in the Human Resource Department. Doug was a veteran, and Sergeant of the United States Army Reserve, was a Baptist by faith, loved to take pictures, enjoyed loved working, and was a natural artist. Especially when he was giving the artwork to someone he loved.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother: Guy Dyre Hughes, who died in 2008. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years: Eula Mae Meredith Hughes of Pulaski: a special nephew; James Edward “Eddie” Hughes and his wife Tammy of Pulaski: a special God Daughter; Amy M. Hopkins of Pulaski.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Dwight Haynes officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens.

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

Police chase in Giles Co. ends in death of man

From Virginia State Police

At 2:33 a.m. on Saturday (Feb. 11), Virginia State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on Route 460 a half-mile west of Route 61.

A 1998 Chevrolet Prizm was traveling west on Route 460 at a high rate of speed when it ran off the right side of the road, struck a ditch and overturned. Due to the impact of the crash, the vehicle then ran off the left side of the road, struck the guardrail and proceeded down the hillside. The vehicle came to rest on the shoulder of the eastbound lanes of Route 460.

The driver, Rebel R. Hodges, 35, of Rocky Mount, Va., died at the scene. He was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle.

A passenger, Shaddai B. Boyer, 33, of Martinsville, Va., was



**JOYCE ANN VIRES
ALTIZER**

Joyce Ann Vires Altizer, age 65 of Dublin, Virginia passed away Sunday, February 12, 2023 after a battle with illness at Pulaski Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Martinsville, Virginia June 27, 1957 to the late William Gilmer and Judith Lovern Vires. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 45 years, Ellis Reed Altizer and her younger brother, William Gilmer Vires, Jr.

Joyce spent her life caring for others as a CNA for 28 years until her health took a downward turn.

She is survived by her children, Tina Maria Cox (Mike Blevins), Christopher Reed Altizer and Amanda Gail Altizer; grandchildren, Kristaen Nicole (Josh) Cooper, Tyler Cox (Maddy Hoover), Ayden Duncan, Dustin Colby Hooper, Darian (CJ) Saunders, Codie Blevins and Adam Newman; great grandchildren, Luna Cooper, Aubrey Huddle, A.J. Huddle, Emma Saunders, Coltin Saunders and Emersyn Cox on the way.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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



transported for treatment of serious injuries. She was wearing a seatbelt.

Prior to the crash, the vehicle was being pursued by the Giles County Sheriff’s Office. No law enforcement vehicle made contact with the Chevrolet.

The crash remains under investigation.

For questions related to the pursuit, please contact the Giles County Sheriff’s Office.



**PATTYE JEAN SANFORD
LANDIS**

Pattye Jean Sanford Landis died peacefully at the Bellaire at Stone Port memory care facility in Harrisonburg, Va., on February 10, 2023. She was born on March 18, 1927 in Holden, West Virginia, and graduated from Beckley High School. She went on to attend King College in Bristol, TN, where she met future husband, Dennis D. (DD or Denny) Landis, Sr, who was the love of her life.

Pattye was a woman of strong faith and a deep love for children. She taught Weekday Religious Education at Dublin Elementary in Pulaski County while raising her own family. She went back to college, graduating from Radford University in 1970 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Pattye taught kindergarten and elementary school in Pulaski at Calfee and Northwood schools for more than twenty years until her retirement. After her husband’s stroke in 1991, Pattye and her granddaughter Gwenn cared for him in their home until his death. Pattye then served as a devoted CASA volunteer and was honored by her peers as Volunteer Of The Year during that time.

Pattye was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Ethel Sanford, her husband, Dennis D. Landis, Sr. and her siblings, David L. Sanford, and Alma C. Sanford, and two great grandchildren, Breanna Nichole and Lyric Troy. Left to cherish her memory are her children: Dennis D. Landis, Jr. and his wife Colleen of Harrisonburg, daughters Kathy Landis Raykes of Charlotte, Jeanne Landis Cooner and husband Jerry of Georgia, and Sandi Landis Aschenbeck, and husband Chip of Maine. Pattye was also blessed with eight grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and many wonderful nieces and nephews, including Jim Tabor of Newbern, who she loved and trusted as a son.

Services will be held in Pulaski and at a later date.

Those wishing may share a memory or an online condolence by visiting www.kygers.com

Arrangements in Harrisonburg are entrusted to the Kyger Funeral Home. 540.434.1359

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CARL RUDY RASH

Carl Rudy Rash, age 67 of Moneta, and formerly of Pulaski, died Friday, February 10, 2023 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



ROY ARTHUR HAWKINS

Roy Arthur Hawkins, age 82 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, February 12, 2023 at the Pulaski Healthcare Center. Born September 21, 1940 in Pulaski Roy was the son of the late Arthur Sylvester Hawkins & Annie Patrey Worrell Hawkins. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Martha Welch and nephews, Gary and Phillip Stafford.

Before retiring from the United States Postal Service after 35 years as a postal carrier, Roy was an officer with the Town of Pulaski Police Department and served 6 years with the United States Army National Guard.

He is survived by his Wife – Phyllis Deloris Robinson Hawkins – Pulaski

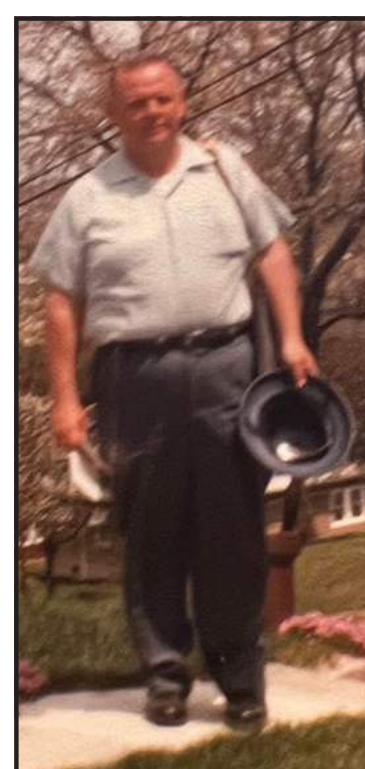
Daughter – Rhonda Hawkins-Quesenberry & husband, Danny – Snowville

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, February 17, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Chaplain Robbie Vance officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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Move

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SWVA Gov School chemistry teacher Jared Brown noted that incorporating a split campus would result in significantly less lab time for students. SWVA Gov School Math teacher Greg Riffe agreed, saying that neither a split campus nor online learning would serve the students well.

Many current Gov School students from several surrounding counties took the opportunity to speak at Wednesday’s meeting.

“Throughout my entire education, I have never been surrounded by teachers as dedicated to their jobs as the governor school teachers,” said Jordan Lucas, an 11th grader from Giles County. “Teachers are genuinely excited and interested in the questions of their students. These are teachers who will email us back at 10:30 at night to help us with our science fair project. The only way to maintain this community is by keeping the teachers and students all together in one facility.”

Other students spoke about how they wouldn’t have the opportunity to take such high level courses if it weren’t for the Governor’s School. Another student spoke about being bullied at her school and how she found her peer group at the Gov School.

Some of the speakers referred to a student survey that they’d taken earlier in the week. More than 70 percent of those students who took the survey said they would not attend Gov School if it were to be made virtual, with similar numbers expressing their preference for in-person learning. The survey also made clear that students preferred a single location for the Gov School campus.

Several SWVA Gov School alumni, as well as those who had children who attended Gov School, also spoke at the meeting. All expressed a great appreciation for the advanced educational opportunities offered by the gov school with some remarking that dual enrollment classes, while useful, were nowhere near the equivalent of Gov School course work.

More than two dozen individuals spoke at Wednesday’s meeting, and – except for Grayson County School Superintendent Kelly Woolwine – all voiced their opposition to both a split campus and distance learning.

“We haven’t had a student attend the governor school in at least 20 years,” said Woolwine. “If you put yourself in our shoes and with our students, we’d like

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SW VA Governor’s School photo

Future of the current home of the governor’s school is undecided at this time.

to have the same opportunity. Please look at the possibility of making a split in the future.”

Notably, though several individuals from Wythe County spoke at the meeting, none suggested moving the campus to Wytheville Community College.

Many of the alumni in attendance came at the prompting of Adam Farris, owner of Iron Heart Winery and SWVA Gov School graduate. Farris, who has been a strong advocate for keeping the SWVA Gov School in a single location, expressed his dismay regarding the lack of planning involved in this move.

“My background is in business and when I asked folks if there was a complete business case built on the move, or the adjustments to this school, the answer was a resounding ‘no,’” said Farris. “There were no time studies done on transportation from site A to site B. The differences between split models or what the financial implications might be or what the student’s educational environment might be in terms of the differences. So, I wasn’t able to gather an all-encompassing overview of what the potential benefit or drawbacks might be.”

After all who wanted to speak had their say, SWVA Gov School Chairwoman Jenny Riffe asked if anyone on the board had questions. Linwood Hudson, who represents Montgomery County, asked about the costs of moving to a new campus. While no actual figures were discussed, representatives from Radford University, Wytheville Community College and NRCC all stated that the costs would be minimal and that major expense would involve equipping

their respective labs for the next semester.

Hudson then made the motion to move the SWVA Governor’s School to the New River Community College campus. Brett Sexton of Galax City seconded the motion. The board then passed the motion by a vote of 7-2 with Paul Grinstead of Smyth County and Jennifer Sowers of Carroll County voting against.

Next came the question of which locality would act as the Fiscal Agent for the SWVA Governor’s School, as Pulaski County Public Schools would no longer take on this responsibility.

“Radford City Public Schools appreciates the opportunity to be able to be considered as the fiscal agent,” said Radford City School Superintendent Robert Graham. “We have a parttime finance coordinator who works 22 and a half hours and we’d like to move her up to 32 and a half hours with the support of the SWVA Gov Schools. We’re very, very small.”

When asked how much “support” Radford City Schools would need to take over the task of Financial Manager for the SWVA Gov School, Graham said about \$12,000. With that, the board voted to transfer SWVA Gov School Fiscal Management duties from PCPS to Radford City Schools. Paul Grinstead of Smyth County was the only vote against this move.

“Even though we only have a few students who attend here, our dedication is to all 100 plus students in our region who come here,” said Graham. “We see the benefit of supporting everybody, so that all of our gifted students have this opportunity to have some of the best education possible.”

When asked why it was important to relinquish responsibility of acting as Fiscal Manager for the SWVA Gov School, Pulaski County Public School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers said, “Mr. (Chris) Stafford has been Fiscal

Agent for the Gov School for 15 years. He is retiring and it just seemed like a good time for another division to step in and assist with providing that service.”

“At no cost,” added Stafford. “Pulaski County has been doing it for 30 years at no additional cost to the Governor’s School and it is very time consuming,” Siers continued. “There are a number of state reports that have to be done. All the invoices to the Governor’s School have to be processed.”

PCPS board member Timmy Hurst asked, “Is it fair to the taxpayers of Pulaski County for 30 years to pay for the cost of the Governor’s School?”

These cost savings to the taxpayer will presumably be made clear the next time the school board presents its budget to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

When asked about the fate of the Northwood Elementary School building, the current home of the SWVA Governor’s School, Hurst responded, “We haven’t made a decision about that.”

After the meeting, Chairwoman of the SWVA Governor’s School Board Jenny Riffe expressed her optimism about the new location.

“I think it’s an exciting opportunity for our students. We’ve

had a 30-year history with New River Community College, and we will be able to continue that relationship. Picking up our program and moving it as is, maintains the program’s consistency. So, we’re not losing everything that we’ve grown in the past 30 years.”

Peter Anderson, NRCC’s Vice President for instruction and student services had this to say, “We’re excited to continue and strengthen our partnerships with the Governor’s School. So, as many people have said, it’s all about the students.”

Rebecca Phillips, SWVA Governor’s School Director notified the board of an upcoming schedule change related to the move.

“In anticipation of our move and the fact that we have over 30 years’ worth of items that we need to find a new home for, I am proposing that we modify our plans here so that we would shift our exams to May 5th, 8th and 9th instead of the 15th through the 17th of May. Also, we will have our award ceremony on May 10, instead of May 18, as planned. This is just to allow us a little additional time when our team of employees pack up their labs and all their materials.”

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E&C Oversight panel tackles COVID-19

Three years on, our nation continues to reel from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. More than one million Americans have died as a result of the pandemic. Among those were over 23,000 Virginians, including State Senator Ben Chafin of Lebanon, Virginia, and my friend and former Emory and Henry roommate Wally Nelson. We have all lost friends, loved ones, and acquaintances. Congress must do all it can to understand this outbreak and better prepare for similar events in the future.

Last year, I made a promise that if named Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Energy and Commerce, it would be a priority of mine to investigate all aspects of COVID-19. That's exactly what I've done. Since the

start of this Congress, we've already held two Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearings on COVID-19.

Our first Oversight Subcommittee hearing explored the importance of investigating the origins of potential pandemics pathogens so we can be better prepared moving forward.

Questions surrounding COVID's origins remain. The initial explanation given for the COVID-19 outbreak was a spillover infection, with the virus transferring from bats to humans in the Wuhan region of China.

I believe there has since been substantial circumstantial evidence that favors COVID-19 emerging due to a lab-related incident.

Not knowing its true origins hinders our ability to prepare for similar pandemics in the future. Getting answers to the root cause should allow us to develop countermeasures.

In June 2021, I and the other Republican members of the Energy & Commerce Committee requested the Government Accountability Office (GAO) analyze what is needed to better respond to the origins of future potential pandemic pathogens.

One of the big takeaways of the hearing, was the need for investigators to have better access to samples from early cases in order to be effective in determining the pandemic's origin. No matter the origin of COVID-19, it started in China, and they hid from the world for months that they had a serious problem. That delay cost lives.

During our second hearing we reviewed federal actions – and inactions – in responding to the pandemic, specifically by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC).

I, along with now-Chairs Rodgers and Guthrie, have sent the NIH 14 letters requesting information, ranging in date from March 18, 2021, to November 30, 2022, and most have gone completely unanswered. These letters requested answers from the NIH regarding their lack of compliance and oversight into grant awards to EcoHealth Alliance, an organization which aims to prevent pandemics through studying emerging infectious diseases, including coronavirus.

The NIH has been reluctant to answer our inquiries on issues such as EcoHealth withholding data, potentially double billing the federal government, and missing laboratory notebooks and electronic files that were supposed to be delivered to NIH by EcoHealth.

Additionally, NIH has not been forthcoming with information regarding EcoHealth's sub-award grantee, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and issues arising from EcoHealth's multiple compliance shortcomings with the Institute.

But wait, it gets worse. The NIH suspended EcoHealth's grants in July 2020 over grant noncompliance concerns and later found EcoHealth did not fulfill certain grant terms. In essence, they found EcoHealth in breach of their contract.

Astoundingly, the NIH still gave a subsequent grant to EcoHealth in September 2022. This is outrageous!

During my questioning, I asked Dr. Tabak of the NIH why they would give more of our American taxpayer dollars to an entity that breached their contract and failed to get required information from China. It appears there are years of missing documentation.

He was unable to explain.

His answers did not convince me that COVID-19 did not emerge because of a lab-related incident.

To this day, the NIH has not properly responded to our inquiries. It is not acceptable to "Stonewall" any Member of Congress, whether Democrat or Republican, with oversight authority. The Subcommittee will continue to press the NIH on their lack of oversight of EcoHealth and ensure moving forward that the NIH's grantmaking policies and procedures guarantee safe, appropriate, and efficient use of federal taxpayer dollars.

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.

February is a busy month

The month of February can feel dreary. The excitement of the Christmas and New Year holidays are behind us and several long, cold months of winter remain. People tend to stay inside and watch sitcom reruns while waiting for clear skies, green grass and leaves on the trees, assuring us that warmer days are ahead.

But for many in our country's early history, February was not a month of stagnation but rather a month of great accomplishment.

For instance, on February 13, 2635, the first tax-payer supported (public) school, Boston Latin School, was established in Boston, MA

Many years later, on February 6, 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the newly created United States Constitution. The vote was 187 to 168.

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Another important event took place on February 7, 1795 when the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. This Amendment limited the powers of the of the Federal Judiciary by prohibiting Federal lawsuits against individual states. ConstitutionCenter.org explains why this Amendment was important. "During the debates over whether to ratify the Constitution, con-

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Looking Up, Looking Down

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

While the military is focused on foreign objects flying over American and Canadian territory, a more disturbing threat to our national security is occurring on the ground. Federal, state and local governments are behind in their response to the acquisition of American land by people and companies associated with the Chinese government.

The Department of Agriculture is supposed to oversee foreign ownership of U.S. farmland and all such purchases are required by law to be reported to the USDA. It is unclear how much reporting has been done because the USDA's Farm Service Agency mostly relies on volunteer reporting. That must change.

Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA) is among a growing number of Members of Congress who want more monitoring of farmland sold to foreigners.

The Quad City Times reported on research by Investigate Midwest (which self-describes as "an independent, non-profit newsroom...(serving) the public interest by exposing dangerous and costly practices of influential agricultural corporations and institutions through in-depth and data-driven investigative journalism"). It found "significant gaps in the USDA database (and discovered) 3.1 million acres without an owner listed."

Constitutional attorney John Whitehead of The Rutherford Institute notes, "As of 2021, foreign persons and entities owned 40.8 million acres of U.S. agricultural land, 47% of which was forestland, 29% in cropland, and 22% in pastureland. Foreign land holdings have increased by an average of 2.2 million acres per year since 2015. Foreign countries also own over \$7.4 trillion worth of U.S. debt, with Japan and China ranked as (the) two largest foreign holders of our debt."

A simple web search shows China owns and controls almost 192,000 acres of farmland in the United States. That's not a large percentage of total farm acreage, but it's steadily growing.

Some of the land purchases have been near U.S. military bases. What does that tell you? It said enough to the City Council in Grand Forks, North Dakota, which recently voted unanimously to block the purchase by a Chinese company of a corn mill after national security concerns were raised by the U.S. Air Force because of its proximity to a military base.

Additionally, Customs and Border Protection (CPB) reports a 700 percent increase over a year ago in Chinese migrants arriving at the Southern border. The number of Chinese migrants encountered by the CBP has been steadily increasing every month since February 2021, reports the New York Post, citing federal data.

Lawmakers in Texas, Florida, Arkansas and Congress have proposed laws banning citizens of China from purchasing land, homes and other buildings in the United States. If people want an issue that ought to be bipartisan, this one is it.

If balloons traversing the U.S. and Canada are not enough for us to get serious about China's worldwide effort to replace the United States as a world power, conducting espionage at many levels and what looks like preparations to invade Taiwan as Beijing tests U.S. resolve, then what will get our attention to take stronger countermeasures?

The Chinese Communist Party oppresses its people, controls the press, discriminates against religious believers whose primary faith is not in the regime, refuses to hold fair elections, and jails and kills opponents. In this they are not unlike Soviet Russia. They are today's "evil empire." Beijing's aggressive agenda must be opposed, or the threat will spread to the point we might not be able to deter them. Backing measures to keep China from buying up American land is a good place to start, even while monitoring the skies for more balloons.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at caeditors@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" (Harper-Collins/Zondervan).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Trump's futile attack on DeSantis

Donald Trump hasn't been impressing anyone with his political acuity lately, but at least he is fully aware of one of his own vulnerabilities.

His early attacks on the COVID-19 record of Ron DeSantis show that he knows the Florida governor has outflanked him on the populist right -- indeed, outflanked him in general -- regarding one of the most central issues of the last couple of years.

In typical style, Trump isn't tiptoeing around the issue, but driving right at the governor in an attempt to take away one of his foremost strengths.

The "free state of Florida"? No, despite what you might recall, it was really the "shut down Sunshine state."

"Florida was actually closed, for a great, long period of time," Trump told reporters during his first campaign swing. "Remember, he closed the beaches and everything else? They're trying to rewrite history."

This is brazen even by Trump's standards. It will take all of his powers as a political sloganeer, marketer and wrecking-ball to counter the DeSantis brand on the coronavirus, which has the advantage of being grounded in reality.

For Republicans, the DeSantis approach of getting out of shutdowns as soon as possible and resisting mandates and restrictions has been vindicated and has appeal to nearly all factions.

For populists, he resisted the elites and self-appointed experts. For limited-government conservatives, he (although this is complicated) lightened the heavy hand of government. For everyone right of center, he forged his own path in the face of conventional wisdom and got attacked for it in the media and the left -- demonstrating the paramount GOP virtues of having courage and the right enemies.

DeSantis would have much to brag about in his record in Florida absent COVID-19, but it is his response to the pandemic that sets him apart and makes him, for the moment, a near-legend for many Republicans.

Trump is correct that DeSantis issued shutdown orders like nearly everyone else at the outset of the pandemic. In March 2020, the governor issued statewide restrictions and then more far-reaching measures in Palm Beach and Broward counties. Beaches, as Trump said, were shut down.

The trouble Trump has is that DeSantis was initially acting in keeping with the guidance of the federal government that Trump led.

Despite some grouching, Trump had at his right hip during the entire pandemic the man that has come to represent for Republicans all that was wrong with the pandemic response --Dr. Anthony Fauci.

It tends to be forgotten, but Georgia went first in reopening in late April 2020 and Trump hit Brian Kemp for it.

At his coronavirus briefing, See LOWRY, page A7



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trovery arose over one provision of Article III that allowed federal courts to hear disputes ‘between’ a state and citizens of another state, or citizens or subjects of a foreign state. Anti-Federalists (who generally opposed the Constitution) feared that this provision would allow individuals to sue states in federal court.

On February 3, 1870 the 15th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified. This Amendment guaranteed the right to vote regardless of race, color or previous conditions of servitude.

The 15th Amendment was written to “protect the voting rights of Black men after the Civil War” and was adopted into the Constitution in 1870. At one point during the discussions, the ratification count stood at 17 Republican states approving the amendment and four Democratic states rejecting it. The original title was: Right to Vote Not Denied by Race.

Some background regarding the passage of the 15th Amendment: Civil War General and Congressman James A. Garfield argued in 1865 that “each man has a right to be heard on all matters relating to himself . . . Let us not commit ourselves to the absurd and senseless dogma that the color of the skin shall be the basis of suffrage (right to vote). Let suffrage be extended to all men of proper age, regardless of color.”

President Ulysses S. Grant sent a message to the joint Congress expressing his views of the ratification of the 15th Amendment. Here is an excerpt: “I repeat that the adoption of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution completes the greatest civil change and constitutes the most important event that has occurred since the nation came into life.”

Present day opinions aren’t very favorable regarding the purpose of the 16th Amendment which was ratified on February 3, 1913 – granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

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Trump said, “I told the governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp, that I disagree strongly with his decision to open certain facilities.”

When DeSantis, too, moved to reopen, Fauci attacked the state for moving too quickly.

By May 2020, Florida had a clearly distinguishable approach to the pandemic. DeSantis was already skeptical of shutdowns and focused on protecting the most vulnerable rather than population-wide measures. Crucially, the state was absolutely insistent that schools return to in-person instruction.

Over time, DeSantis shifted from simply lifting restrictions to using the power of his office and the state to block further COVID-19 restrictions by localities, school boards and private businesses. He kept localities

from obstructing businesses from opening or fining people for violating mask ordinances. He forbid vaccine passports. He prevented schools from forcing parents to mask their children.

DeSantis’ response to the coronavirus isn’t going to be decisive in a prospective 2024 primary battle with Trump. It is, however, what has put him in the game. It also is a large part of the reason that Republicans feel vested in and defensive of the governor, making it harder for Trump to mock and belittle him -- not that he isn’t going to try.

Trump accuses DeSantis of disloyalty and, if developing an issue that is going to be almost impossible for Trump to counteract counts, he’s guilty as charged.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The law codifies all federal tax laws with sections that include income taxes, estate and gift taxes, employment taxes, miscellaneous excise taxes, alcohol, tobacco, and certain other excise taxes.

The background for this Amendment is almost as confusing as the current tax code, which according to the U.S. Tax Code encompasses 6,871 pages. However, when you include the federal tax regulations and the official tax guidance, the number of pages raises to approximately 75,000.

The U.S. Tax Code, also known as the Internal Revenue Code, is the official body of law guiding all federal tax laws, enacted in Title 26 of the United States Code by the U.S. Congress. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the body responsible for implementing the tax laws through their Treasury regulations and revenue rulings.

The 20th Amendment was adopted on Februaury 6, 1933 and set forth the 20th day of January for the Presidential Inauguration.; and January 3rd as the official opening date of Congress.

For the first 144 years, the Presidential Inauguration was held on March 4th, a date chosen by the Congress of the Confederation in 1789. There were several reasons for allowing an extensive length of time between elections in November and the inaugurations in March. One was the weather. Most travel was on horseback or by coach. Roads were often difficult or impassible in winter. Also, votes needed to be counted and recorded by hand.

There were logical reasons for the change of the inauguration date. Most importantly, the lengthy “lame duck” period could cause delays in urgent governmental actions and legislation. While an outgoing President may not take action on legislation that was passed, an incoming President was powerless to act.

This came to a head after President Abraham Lincoln’s election in 1860. Seven disgruntled states left the Union during the

long interval; and President-elect Lincoln had no power to stop their secession. Outgoing President James Buchanan took no action, leaving the issue for Lincoln to deal with it.

The 22nd Amendment was ratified on February 27, 1951, limiting the President to two terms or a maximum of 10-years in office. The Constitution did not stipulate any limit on presidential terms. George Washington set the standard of two terms in office establishing an informal “law” that was respected by the country’s first 31 presidents until Franklin D. Roosevelt won a third term in 1940, and a fourth term in 1944.

A little over two years ago, there was talk about involking the 25th Amendment which was ratified on February 10, 1967. This Amendment clarifies the procedures for Presidential succession in the event of a disability or removal of a sitting President.

Section 1 states that In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President. If the President is removed from Office on charges of Impeachment or for and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors, the Vice President assumes the duties of the President.

The Founders debated the procedures for the possibility of an unfortunate act of disability or removal. In the closing days of the Constitutional Convention, John Dickinson of Delaware asked this question: “What is the extent of the term ‘disability’ and who is to be the judge of it? No one replied.”

Several past Presidents had been “incapacitated” without clear resolution of the transfer of power. A crucial decision was made to correct the error after President Lyndon B. Johnson underwent planned surgery in 1965, and was unable to transfer temporary power to Vice President Hubert Humphrey because ratification was incomplete.

It wasn’t until the 25th Amendment was ratified that there was a clear answer. The 25th amendment clarifies the crucial clause that provides for succession to the Presidency and for filling a Vice Presidential vacancy.

And while we Americans were happily enjoying the freedoms given to us by God and enumerated in our Constution, other sinister actors were at work, augmenting an evil system that would enslave generations of people as it spread across continents.

On February 26, 1848, young socialists Karl Marx and Friedrich

Engels published their pamphlet, “The Communist Manifesto” advocating the abolition of all private property and establishing a socialist system where workers own all means of production, land, factories and machinery. Socialism/Communism has never succeeded in any country where it has been forced on the people. Instead of giving freedom to the people,

it has regelated them to poverty of mind and property – and kept them in servatitute to “the state.”

America was blessed by wise and generous men and women who established this nation on the basis of Biblical truth. It is only by adhering to those Biblical values that this nation will survive and thrive. May God continue to guide and bless America!

February Meetings for Pulaski County

- Monday, February 20, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023, in observance of Presidents Day. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.
- Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.
- Monday, February 27, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

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

- Tuesday, February 28, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926).

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Pulaski County property transfers for November

Property transfers in Pulaski County for November 2022 as recorded by the Circuit Court Clerk's Office:

Paul Thomas Orkiszewski to Benjamin A. Nelson, property at 128 6th Street, NW, Pulaski, \$250,200.

Teresa D. Van Patten to Michalene Costello, property at 3713 Morehead Lane, Pulaski, \$162,000.

Ernest R. Woods to Natvarlal B. Patel, property at parcel Rt 100, 553 acres, near Dublin, \$200,000.

Rebecca C. Kirby to Route 1, Draper LLC, property at 3332 Old Baltimore Road, 1 acre, near Draper, \$15,000.

Robert P. Whitman, Jr. to William Mark Hall, property at 4071 Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski, \$88,000.

Pamela S. Muse Trust to Stephen I. Marshall, property at 5463 Riggs Street, Dublin, \$267,000.

H & L Properties Section C, LLC, to Haleigh Raeann Myers, property at 413 Draper Avenue, Pulaski, \$120,000.

Karen Lynn Heidt Vandergrift to Christopher Thomas Heidt, property at 5474 Riggs Street, Lot 16, Dublin, \$100,000.

Jamie Lynn Gallimore to Logan Ryan Perkins, property at 5608 Rolling Hills Drive, Dublin, \$195,000.

Melody C. Richards to Volha Stallone, property at 6009 Blue Springs Road, Hiwassee, \$167,330.

Richard J. Obiso, Jr. to Robert Nathan Strominger, property at 6229 Clapboard Lane, Hiwassee,

\$820,000.

Catherine Sue Cintron to Tanya Lee Mas, property at MacAdam Road, new lot, Dublin, \$40,000.

Andrew L. Thomas to Rocky Wayne Baker, property at 3764 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, \$171,000.

David T. Hale to Benjamin Hale, property at 657 Bank Street, Pulaski, \$200,000.

Robert G. Huff to Cantley J. Krafft, property at 6245 SkyView Circle, Dublin, \$250,000.

Brad Leonard Roop to Lee Doughty, property at 5770 Dalton Drive, Dublin, \$185,000.

Turner Real Estate Holdings, LLC to Robert Gary Thompson, property at Parcel A, near Lowmans Ferry Bridge, Pulaski County, \$115,000.

Presbyterian Children's Home to Rocky L. Akers, property at 2009 Lee Highway, Pulaski, \$118,000.

Skyline National Bank to Aces Realty, LLC, property at 1000 E Main Street, Pulaski, \$260,000.

David Ray Forbes to Harrison & Harrison Investing, property at 6308 Church Street, New River, \$50,000.

Gary Scott Lawson to Taylor Reilly, property at 1408 Lake View Drive, Pulaski, \$400,000.

Alan Wayne Carter to Riley E. Harvey, property at N. side Rt. 745, Parcel I, Dublin, \$60,000.

Michael P. Reis, Special Commissioner, to Thomas D. Underwood, property at 5408 Empire Street, Lot 31, Lilly Valley Truck Farm, Pulaski, \$35,000.

Wayne A. Hall to Paul Eric Davis, property at 5498 Lead Pipe Road, Hiwassee, \$207,500.

Matthew Cox to Joseph E. Ratcliff, III, property at 228 W. Main Street, Dublin, \$137,000.

M&T Bank to Aline Elizabeth Saunders, property at 225 Altoona Street, Pulaski, \$29,201.

Joe L. Strickler to Shah Development, LLC, property at New Lot A, Parcel 4, Heron's Landing, Pulaski County, \$75,000.

Matt Morrell to Shah Development, LLC, property at New Lot B, Parcel 4, Heron's Landing, Pulaski County, \$60,000.

Linda D. White to Erica Seagle, property at 3708 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$75,000.

Robyn A. Simpkins to Jonna Burnette, property at 5725 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski, \$143,500.

Nicole Radford to Kameron Boerstler, property at 4997 Thornspring Road, Pulaski, \$135,000.

NRV Triple J, LLC to Shelli Gerhart, property at 108 Giles Avenue, Pulaski, \$98,526.17.

Cynthia V. Anderson to Bryan E. Aust, property at 5437 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski, \$30,000.

Misty D. Graybeal to Amiah Stables, property at 5456 Lovell Drive, Dublin, \$160,000.

Renuit, LLC to Steven Benjamin Jarrells, property at 6510 Aaron Lane, Dubin, \$365,000.

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James Montgomery to Robert James Montgomery, property at 6044 Springer Avenue, Dublin, \$208,000.

James R. White to Rick Brown, property at 6651 Izaak Walton League Road, Hiwassee, \$165,000.

Rene Fonseca to Limon Properties, LLC, property at 5362 Howery Road, Dublin, \$121,000.

Loren Neal Thompson to Rebecca Brown, property at 308 Trinkle Avenue, Dublin, \$193,000.

Alan W. Bowles to Jordan E. King, property at 3152 Horn Court, Draper, \$30,000.

Adriana S. China Pena to Loren Neal Thompson, property at 5624 Howell Drive, Dublin, \$312,000.

Cole Companies LLC to Kenneth Lee Peckinpaugh, property at 424 Magazine Street, Pulaski, \$85,000.

Back 40 Realty LLC to Mark Lacaria, property at 2868 Atwoods Drive, Draper, \$58,000.

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Brittney Wymer Wojcik to Sherrie Anderson, property at 2073 Twin Oaks Avenue, Pulaski, \$249,000.

Jessica Nicole Duncan to Bradley Nathan Maxfield, property at 5992 Edgewood Drive, Dublin, \$195,000.

KennethN. Kimbleton, Jr. to Trail Holdings, LLC, property at 4747 State Park Road, Dublin, \$425,000.

Nathan A. Cote, Jr. to Cinthia Chrisley, property at 6964 Beach Drive, Snowville, \$315,000.

Garrett L. Weddle to Stephen D. Childress, property at 7747 Walker Farms Drive, Snowville, \$41,000.

Jeffrey M. Thompson to Jeffrey Riddle, property at 6548 Hylton Road, Fairlawn, \$176,900.

Stateson Homes, LLC to Ayanna C. Savage, property at 6546 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Fairlawn, \$703,755.

LakeView Loan Servicing, LLC to Ethan W. Shores, property at 6504 Annie Akers Road, Fairlawn, \$87,500.

Terry L. Nix to Boyd ClementMcCoy, property at 4917 Clement Lane, Snowville, \$625,750.

Caleb M. Duncan to Martha R. Johnson, property at 7636 Little River Dam Road, Snowville, \$295,000.

County girl wins VFW essay contest

By Donald Trausneck
Special to The Patriot

After receiving the Wayne Henderson Scholarship for the second year in a row and placing high in bluegrass fiddling at the prestigious Galax Old Fiddlers Convention also for the second year in a row, what could Hollace Oakes do for an encore?

The 12-year-old seventh grader from Snowville answered that question with a flourish. All she did was win a scholarship essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States – not just once but nearly three times.

Entering the "Patriot's Pen" contest sponsored by VFW Post 1184 of Pulaski, Hollace submitted an inspired essay and was named the winner on the local level. Her essay was entered for further judging on the district level, covering several counties in Southwest Virginia, and

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VFW Photo by Scott Lasorso

Hollace Oakes of Snowville is recognized at the Veterans of Foreign Wars district meeting and receives her awards from the district Patriot's Pen chairman, Donald Trausneck. The Snowville girl placed first on the local level, first on the district level, and second statewide.

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How to View Your Investments in 2023

Investors came off a difficult year in 2022 – stocks fell into a bear market (defined as a decline of 20%+ from peak highs) and the bond market lost significant ground, as well. The stunning jump in inflation after years of very low interest rates made matters worse. Watching your investments and the value of the dollar depreciate simultaneously wasn't easy – and the prospect of more volatility ahead has many investors nervous. As a financial advisor, I've fielded many of the below questions from my clients that you may also be contemplating. Keep in mind that while there is no single solution that applies to all investors, there are some general guidelines, based on where the markets stand today, and the historical record, that may be helpful.

Q: How should I cope with market fluctuations that are affecting my retirement savings?

A: If you're within five years of your retirement date or already retired, be aware that you have less time to make up for losses in your portfolio. You may want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance, projected income needs, and investment strategies. It may make sense to pursue multiple strategies, seeking to grow a portion of your nest egg while protecting dollars you will need to tap more immediately (in the next 3-5 years).

If you are more than five years from retirement, focus on mitigating risk in your portfolio with high-quality investments and income-producing securities. If you have available cash to invest, do so using a systematic approach, investing a portion monthly over 6-12 months. By dollar-cost averaging in this way, you may be able to offset some of market's inherent unpredictability.

If retirement is ten or more years away, work on growing your nest egg. Time is still on your side. View the market's recent downturn as an opportunity to position your money in quality assets that are available at more attractive prices. Although markets will experience downturns from time to time, keep in mind that over rolling ten-year periods, the broad stock market (as measured by the S&P 500, an unmanaged index of stocks) has always moved higher.

Q: What should I do if I have not yet invested or am fairly new to it?

A: If you're new to investing, chances are you have a long time horizon before retirement and can ride out the short-term bumps in the stock market before you'll need to start withdrawing assets. Start by finding ways to save even small sums on a regular basis. This includes contribut-



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ing to your workplace retirement plan such as 401(k) or 403(b) accounts and putting money to work monthly in a traditional or Roth IRA. The sooner you start investing, the better your opportunities to accumulate wealth.

Q: I'm very uncomfortable with the markets and volatility these days. How can I overcome that?

A: While you may wonder whether you should invest in or continue to "ride out" the challenging market, it's important to stay invested. You want to be positioned for a recovery, which typically occurs without warning. Keep in mind that in the first year after the low point of the last nine bear markets, the S&P 500 returned an average of nearly 50%.

A good place to start is to speak with a financial advisor who may be able to help you steady the boat. Your advisor can help make sure that your portfolio is positioned to meet your key financial goals and is consistent with your risk tolerance level.

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Dollar cost averaging is a method of investing that helps reduce the risks of market timing by investing a fixed amount at regular intervals. When prices are low, your investment purchases more shares. When prices rise, you purchase fewer shares. Over time, the average cost of your shares will usually be lower than the average price of those shares. It does not assure a profit or protect against losses in a declining market. However, over longer periods of time it can be an effective means of accumulating shares. Investors should consider their ability to continue investing through periods of low market prices.

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Oakes

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was declared the district winner from among 11 other talented students. A few weeks ago at the VFW Winter Conference meeting in Portsmouth, she received yet another award – second place in the state.

Hollace was recognized for her writing not only at the state gathering but also on January 28 during the district meeting at Hillsville VFW Post 1115 where she received her awards for the district honor.

Honoring Veterans prior to the meeting, she was asked to perform the National Anthem on her fiddle, which was received enthusiastically by all in attendance.

"As the next generation of Americans, we must ensure that the sacrifices Veterans made were not in vain," she wrote in her winning Patriot's Pen entry with a theme of "My Pledge to Veterans."

She continued, "As the Constitution says, we are attempting to form 'a more perfect union' not a perfect union. America will never be flawless, but we can work to create a nation that Veterans would be proud of."

Hollace was one of 1,221 students in Virginia and 58,630 students nationwide that entered the Patriot's Pen contest for the VFW this year and they earned a total of \$673,907 in scholarship money awards.

The daughter of Ed and Missy Oakes, she is a well-rounded student at Pulaski Middle School (virtual) who participates in competitive gymnastics, currently takes lessons in fiddle and piano (both of which she plays very well), takes tap classes weekly, and participates in her church's children's choir.



Photo by Donald Trausneck


Hollace Oakes fiddles her way to placing among the top five youth contestants in last year's Old Fiddlers' Convention in Galax.

She loves art, often drawing and painting, and she loves coding with hopes of becoming a SpaceX programmer or a NASA coder.

Last spring, she was awarded the Wayne Henderson Scholarship, a high honor in music, and in August she placed fourth in bluegrass fiddle at the Galax fiddlers' convention after placing third the prior year.

When she was only eight, Hollace attended Space Camp at the

U.S. Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, and adding pleasure to business, she has taken surfing lessons in Hawaii.



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Daytona 500 kicks off NASCAR's 75th season

From NASCAR

Fire up the engines, queue the confetti machines and pop the champagne, it is time to celebrate the 75th Diamond Anniversary of NASCAR and no better place to ring in such a special time than the 'World Center of Racing' – Daytona International Speedway – with the biggest event of the season, the DAYTONA 500 on Sunday, February 19 at 2:30 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Two weekends ago, NASCAR jump started the 2023 season with a return to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum quarter-mile for a spectacular Busch Light Clash at the Coliseum, that not only saw Martin Truex Jr. grabbing the checkered flag in a wild short track showdown, but also performances by Cypress Hill, Wiz Khalifa, Cheat Codes and Dixie D'Amelio. Now the NASCAR Cup Series is headed to the sunny beaches of Central Florida to officially kick-off the 36-race

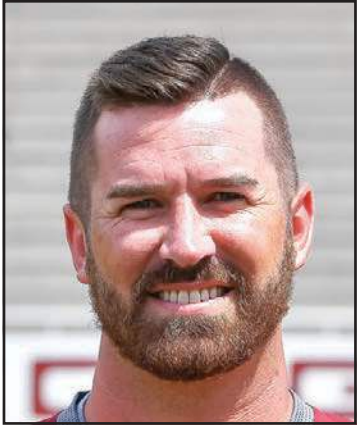


points-paying championship season and will do it in style as multi-platinum recording artist Dierks Bentley will take the stage ahead of the 65th running

of the DAYTONA 500. The 14-time Grammy-nominated entertainer will perform a setlist of hit songs just before drivers take the green flag. "I'm ready to get back to Daytona with all the biggest NASCAR fans," Bentley said. "The energy there is unmatched, and I know we will have a blast getting them ready for the race." And once that green flag waves it will be quite the race in Daytona. Last season's DAYTONA 500 was action-packed with 104 green flag passes for

the lead, and over 6,400 total green flag passes, but it was Team Penske's Austin Cindric who crossed the finish line first, just 0.36-second ahead of runner-up Bubba Wallace driving for 23XI Racing – the third closest finish of the DAYTONA 500 since advent of electronic scoring in 1993. **Cup Garage Spotlight: Fresh faces in new places** Much like the shuffling of a deck of cards, several drivers

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Quesenberry takes over at The Fort

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

The Fort Chiswell Pioneers have named Zane Quesenberry as their new head football coach. "I'm very excited for the opportunity and challenges," Quesenberry said today. "Back when I started coaching at Blount Middle School (Tenn.), the coach there said, 'You will be a head coach one day.'" "It's been a dream of mine to become a head coach and I'm ready to get started," he added. Quesenberry is a former Pulaski County football player under former Cougar coach Jack Turner. He graduated from Pulaski County in 2009. He then went on to play football at Maryville (TN) College as a defensive back. Quesenberry started his coaching career at William Blount Middle School and then moved

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Secrist new all-time leading scorer



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Keslyn Secrist is now the all-time leading scorer in Lady Cougar basketball history with 1315 points. Pictured above is Keslyn and her father and assistant coach, Rick Secrist.

Lady Cougars beat PH to win their third straight district title

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars captured the River Ridge District Championship Tuesday, beating Patrick Henry, 58-46. The win gave the Lady Cougars a 20-2 record heading into this Friday's regional battle against E.C. Glass in the Cougar Den. The game begins at 7 p.m. Keslyn Secrist led the way for the Lady Cougars with 22 points and became the Pulaski County program's all-time leading scorer. Secrist's 22 points gives her 1,315 heading into Friday's regional playoff game. Secrist broke the previous record of 1,309 held by PCHS grad Ally Fleenor. "It feels good," Secrist said after the game. Becoming the all-time leading scorer for Lady Cougar basketball, "Means a lot to me," she added. Close behind Secrist in scoring was Hannah Keefer with 19 points. Paige Huff added 8. Tori Vest collected 7 and Kenzlee Jones added 2. It was the third straight RRD championship for the Lady Cougars of head coach Scott Ratcliff. The Lady Cougars won the district in 1995, 1996, 1999, 2011, 2020, 2021 and now 2022. Now Pulaski County heads to region play where they have won region titles five times – in 1991, 1997, 2019, 2020 and 2021. In the first round of the district tournament, Pulaski County hammered Salem, 64-33. Secrist also led the Lady Cougars in scoring in that game on Tuesday with 14 points. Jones added 12, Keefer chipped in 11 and Huff tallied 10 points. Andi Ratcliff added 6 points, while Tori Vest had 5, Jaden Lawson added 4 and Morgan Vest had 2.

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Cougar boys' season comes to end

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

Roanoke – The Pulaski County Cougar boys' basketball team saw their season come to end Tuesday as they visited the Pat-

rick Henry Patriots. The Patriots (20-2) and ranked as one of the top teams in Class 5 in Virginia placed four players in double figures to defeat the visiting Cougars, 84-55. The Cougars, playing on con-

secutive nights, slowed down in the second half as they got outscored, 51-34. The hustle and play hard attitude was still there, but they were outmanned and lost to a superior Patriot team in this River Ridge District Tournament semi-final.

Patrick Henry got 18 points from point guard Leron Pipford and 14 from Brooks Derry. Abu Yarmah tossed in 13 and Tay Stanley came off the bench for 12 points in the victory. Pulaski County got a game-high 20 points from junior Lane Nester. Seniors Kyle O'Neal and Khalib Horton saw their high school careers come to an end, tallying 14 and 12 points respectively.

After the game, Cougar head coach Tyler Cannoy said, "This team has faced a lot of adversity this season. Injuries, defections, etc. I'm proud of how this team has grown and become more of a team. We don't have the talent of a Patrick Henry, but we can and did hustle, showed energy, and play hard. We did play hard here tonight. We will miss the three seniors on this squad."

The Cougars got five points from sophomore Will O'Neill, three from sophomore Chandler Hollins and Jeremiah Turner hit one of two foul shots. Two other sophomores that were called up from the junior varsity team, Johnny Anderson and Chase Lawrence got to see action in the game.

Patrick Henry also got scoring from Joety Beasley with eight points. Sidney Webb had seven and Moosi Calloway chipped in with six. With the loss, the Cougars end

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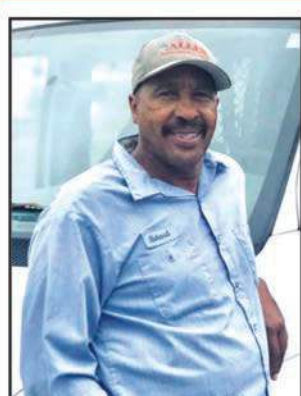
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For additional information please call 540-994-8651 M-F 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Town of Pulaski reserves the right to accept/reject any and/or all bids or portions thereof be it deemed in the best interest of the town.

Radford wins close one vs. Pulaski Co.

Patriot Staff Report

Radford came away with a six-point victory over Pulaski County last Thursday, 54-48.

Playing a makeup game that had been postponed earlier in the season, the two teams battled to a 20-20 draw at halftime.

Radford won the first quarter, 12-3, before Pulaski County rallied in the second, outscoring the Bobcats 17-8 to draw even.

Radford took a two-point, 35-33 lead after three quarters and held off Pulaski County 19-15 in the final quarter to take the close win.

Elijah Kelly led the Bobcats with 18 points and 8 rebounds. Gavin Cormany added 15, while Luke Woodard chipped in 14. Mas Kanipe added 5 points and 6 rebounds.

Lane Nester led the Cougars with 17 points. Kyle O'Neal added 12, Tootie O'Dell added 7 and Khalib Horton had 6.



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Planning Commission Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 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 Shah Development for a Special Exception for property located at 2460 Lee Highway [tax parcel(s) 063-25-25A] in the R-1, Single Family Residential District, for "Hospital or Health Center".

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, March 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.

Cougars

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their season at 6-17 overall.

In the River Ridge District tournament, Patrick Henry went on to beat Cave Spring, 71-62 to claim the RRD championship.

PH - Calloway 6, Lipford 18, Yarmah 13, Derey 14, Stanley 12, Tasco 4, Webb 7, Beasley 8 Edwards 2

PC - Nester 20, K. O’Neal 14, Horton 11, W. O’Neal 5, Hollins 3, O’Dell 1, Turner 1

3-PT. Goals - PC - 10 (K. O’Neal 4, Nester 2, Horton 2, Hollins, W. O’Neal), PH - 6 (Lipford 2, Yarmah, Derey, Webb, Stanley)

Total FG’s - PC - 19 , PH - 32

FT’s - PC - 7-13, PH - 14-19

Total Fouls - PC - 14, PH - 13

Fouled Out - PC - O’Dell

Technicals - PC - O’Dell



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Junior Lane Nester led the Cougars with 20 points against PH.

Hokies struggle from deep in road loss

Hokiesports.com

ATLANTA, Ga. – Grant Basile scored 21 points, but the Virginia Tech men’s basketball team fell to Georgia Tech 77-70 on the road Wednesday.

Basile added seven rebounds and two blocks to his 21 point game to lead the Hokies. Justyn Mutts helped out with a double double of 17 points and 11 rebounds and Sean Pedulla chipped in with 11 points, four assists and five steals.

Virginia Tech shared the ball well in Wednesday’s game, racking up 19 assists on 30 made field goals. Mutts’ nine assists paced the Hokies.



of the gate, falling behind 41-31 heading into halftime.

Georgia Tech kept widening its lead after intermission, constructing a 52-36 advantage before Virginia Tech went on a 9-0 run, finished off by Basile’s layup, to shrink the deficit to 52-45 with 10:36 to go in the contest. The Hokies were unable to cut further into the deficit by the end of the game, losing 77-70. Virginia Tech took care of business in the paint, recording 20 of its 39 points in the lane.

» Justyn Mutts came just short of a triple-double for the second game in a row, nothing 17 points, 11 boards and nine assists.

» The Hokies put on a passing clinic, recording an assist on 63 percent of made baskets.

» Virginia Tech cleaned up on the offensive glass, collecting 15 offensive boards in the game.

» Grant Basile led the Hokies with 21 points.

» Virginia Tech got a game-high 11 rebounds from Justyn Mutts.

Up Next

Virginia Tech will host Pitt this Saturday beginning at 5 p.m.

Fort

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on to Bearden (TN) High School. While at Bearden he coached tight ends and defensive backs.

Then in 2016, Quesenberry moved back to Pulaski County and became an assistant coach at the middle school and later at Pulaski County High School, and was a teacher at Critzer Elementary School.

Quesenberry then became the defensive coordinator at Auburn High School under now Cougar head coach Cam Akers.

In 2020 he came back to Pulaski County to be an assistant under



Brayden Grubb, Riverlawn School is State Hoop Shoot Champion

At the beginning the school years in the City of Radford and Pulaski County School System, Boy and Girl students of age group of 8-9, 10-11, and 12 -13 were invite to participate in The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elk National Hoop Shoot Competition. Winners of the age and gender school groups were invited to a lodge competition “Shootoff”. Winners of the Pulaski Lodge shoot off in December 2022 produced five area students from the school groups were awarded an invitation to the Southwest District (a 7 Lodge group) Elks Shoot off in Bedford VA . Brayden Grubb and a school mate Victoria Gonzalez advanced by out scoring their competition in Bedford winning an invitation for State Champion competition.

The Elks State shoot off, was this past Sunday12 February at Fishburn Military Academy with a full slate of School /District Hoop Shoot Champions of Virginia. Victoria Gonzalez finished as a 2nd place alternate in the girls age 10 to 11 Group. Brayden Grubb won his third Elks championship star and will advance to the next competition group, regional Shoot Off. Regional is comprised of Middle Atlantic and Southern States hosting Elks Lodges.

Please follow our county champion at WWelks.org for details. Mike Sink Exhaled Ruler of the Pulaski Lodge invites all citizens to learn about the rich 116 year history of the Lodge and its involvement in our community. Please contact the lodge at elks1067@gmail.com.

Above are (L to R): Jamy Crawford, Southwest Virginia Elks Hoop shoot coordinator, Brayden Grubb, State of Virginia Hoop Shoot Champion, and Elks Grand Exhaled Ruler District Deputy Allen Baker.



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new head coach at that time, Mark Dixon. There he coached quarterbacks and defensive backs for two years.

After Akers took over at PCHS, Quesenberry served as special teams, running back and defensive backs coach.

He replaces Robert “Spider” Thompson as the Pioneer new coach.

The Pioneers were just 2-18 the last two years. They play in a tough district - the Mountain Empire, with the likes of George Wythe, Galax and up and coming Grayson County. Grayson is coached by former Fort Chiswell and Pulaski County coach Stephen James.

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NASCAR

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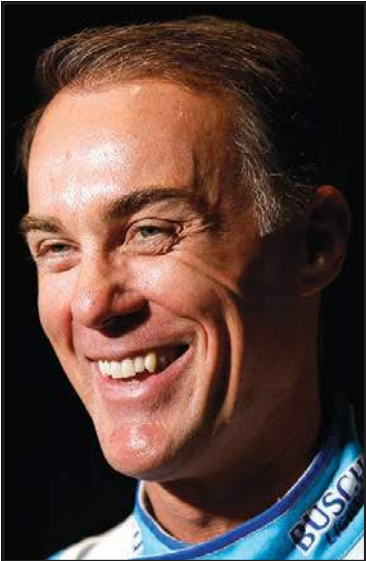
in the offseason made moves to different organizations, here is a quick look at some of the changes that took place and who to look for this season in the NASCAR Cup Series.

23XI Racing tapped Tyler Reddick to pilot the No. 45 Toyota, alongside his teammate Bubba Wallace in the No. 23 Toyota this season. The organization will also be expanding to a third car on a part-time basis beginning with this weekend at Daytona International Speedway with driver Travis Pastrana behind the wheel of the No. 67 Toyota. Pastrana will be looking to make his NASCAR Cup Series and DAYTONA 500 career debut, and as a new team, Pastrana will have to either qualify or race his way into the Great American Race.

Richard Childress Racing swung for the fences and landed the hottest free agent on the market last season, two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch. This season, Busch will pilot the No. 8 Chevrolet collaborating with crew chief Randal Burnett, as the pair competes alongside teammate Austin Dillon in the famous No. 3 Chevrolet. Dillon is the most recent winner at Daytona International Speedway grabbing the checkered flag back in August to earn his spot in the 2022 Playoffs.

The recently introduced Legacy Motor Club is all brand new for 2023 and has stacked quite the lineup this season. Veteran Erik Jones will return to the historic No. 43 Chevrolet and will have two new teammates to work with as Noah Gragson has moved up from the NASCAR Xfinity Series to drive the No. 42 Chevrolet fulltime with crew chief Luke Lambert, and seven-time series champion Jimmie Johnson has returned to the series as an owner/driver and will compete on a part-time basis starting with the DAYTONA 500. Johnson will have former series champion crew chief Todd Gordon calling the shots on top the pit box.

Speaking of moving up from the NASCAR Xfinity Series, Joe Gibbs Racing has graduated Ty Gibbs to the NASCAR Cup Series after his impressive championship winning 2022



NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick speaks with the media during the NASCAR Cup Series Playoff Media Day at Charlotte Convention Center on September 01, 2022 in Charlotte, North Carolina. This will be his last season of full time racing. (Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

NASCAR Xfinity Series run. Gibbs will pilot the No. 54 Toyota with crew chief Chris Gayle on the pit box this season, alongside a stable of veterans – Denny Hamlin (No. 11), Christopher Bell (No. 20) and last weekend’s 2023 Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum winner Martin Truex Jr. (No. 19).

Kaulig Racing has also called up A.J. Allmendinger to run fulltime this season in the NASCAR Cup Series in the No. 16 Chevrolet, joining his teammate Justin Haley, who will continue to drive the No. 31 Chevrolet.

Joining Corey Lajoie over at Spire Motorsports this season will be Ty Dillon, who will jump behind the wheel of the No. 77 Chevrolet with crew chief Kevin Bellicourt. Lajoie will continue to be in the No. 7 with crew chief Ryan Sparks.

Stewart-Haas Racing has also called upon Ryan Preece to take over the driving duties of the No. 41 Ford this season with crew chief Chad Johnston. He will be joined by SHR teammates Chase Briscoe in the No. 14, Aric Almirola in the No. 10 and veteran Kevin Harvick in the No. 4 Ford. This will be Harvick’s final season in the NASCAR Cup Series. The California native has announced his retirement at the end of the 2023 season, upon where he will join the FOX Sports TV booth as a NASCAR analyst alongside Mike Joy and Clint Bowyer.

Hokies among four ACC baseball title favorites

Hokiesports.com

GREENSBORO, N.C. – Departing soon in defense of its 2022 ACC Coastal Division championship, the Virginia Tech baseball team is one of four favorites that have been identified by the league’s head coaches to win the 2023 ACC postseason title, according to Thursday’s reveal of the 2023 ACC Baseball Coaches Preseason Poll.

Having paced the ACC field last season with its 19-9 league record (clinchng the conference tournament’s top seed), Virginia Tech received one preseason championship vote in Thursday’s poll alongside Clemson, Louisville and Wake Forest. According to D1Baseball’s preseason top 25 rankings, the No. 14 Hokies head into the 2023 season ranked second among the class of four ACC championship favorites, trailing No. 6 Wake Forest while leading No. 16 Louisville and unranked Clemson.

Among the head coaches’ 14 championship votes, Louisville and Wake Forest scooped up six picks apiece while Tech split the remaining two votes with Clemson.

Within the divisional polls, Virginia Tech placed fourth in the Coastal Division, receiving 64 points and one first-place vote. The Hokies trailed first-place Miami (93 points), second-place Virginia (75) and third-place North Carolina (72) while leading fifth-place Georgia Tech (45), sixth-place Duke (26) and seventh-place Pitt (17).

Of the Coastal Division’s 14 first-place votes, 10 were allocated to first-place (No. 22) Miami, two to second-place (No. 19) Virginia and one each to third-place (No. 12) North Carolina and fourth-place (No. 14) Virginia Tech.

Across the league, Louisville (89 points) won a narrow race for the Atlantic Division crown, defeating second-place Wake Forest (84) despite the two programs hauling in six first-place votes apiece. NC State (58) and Florida State (58) shared third place with the Wolfpack receiving one first-place vote, Clemson (47) collected one first-place vote in fifth place, Notre Dame (38) finished sixth and Boston College (18) placed seventh.

On its 2023 regular season schedule, Virginia Tech will avoid Atlantic Division matchups against first-place Louisville, third-place NC State and sixth-place Notre Dame. The Hokies will contest road series at second-place Wake Forest and at third-place Florida State.

2023 Virginia Tech Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	At	Opponent	Location
Feb 17 (Fri)	4 PM	Away	College of Charleston	Mount Pleasant, S.C.
Feb 18 (Sat)	2 PM	Away	College of Charleston	Mount Pleasant, S.C.
Feb 19 (Sun)	1 PM	Away	College of Charleston	Mount Pleasant, S.C.
Feb 21 (Tue)	1:30 PM	Home	ETSU	Blacksburg, Va.
Feb 24 (Fri)	1 PM	Home	Bryant	Blacksburg, Va.
Feb 25 (Sat)	1 PM	Home	Bryant	Blacksburg, Va.
Feb 26 (Sun)	1 PM	Home	Bryant	Blacksburg, Va.
Feb 28 (Tue)	1 PM	Home	Radford	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 3 (Fri)	2 PM	Home	Charlotte	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 4 (Sat)	2 PM	Home	Charlotte	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 5 (Sun)	1 PM	Home	Charlotte	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 7 (Tue)	2 PM	Home	UMass Lowell	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 8 (Wed)	1 PM	Home	UMass Lowell	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 10 (Fri)	2 PM	Home	Boston College	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 11 (Sat)	2 PM	Home	Boston College	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 12 (Sun)	1 PM	Home	Boston College	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 14 (Tue)	5 PM	Away	ETSU	Johnson City, Ten.
Mar 17 (Fri)	8 PM	Away	Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.
Mar 18 (Sat)	7 PM	Away	Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.
Mar 19 (Sun)	1 PM	Away	Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.
Mar 22 (Wed)	4 PM	Home	VMI	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar 24 (Fri)	3 PM	Away	Pitt	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mar 25 (Sat)	3 PM	Away	Pitt	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mar 26 (Sun)	1 PM	Away	Pitt	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mar 28 (Tue)	6 PM	Away	VMI	Lexington, Va.
Mar 31 (Fri)	8 PM	Home	Virginia	Blacksburg, Va.
Apr 1 (Sat)	7 PM	Home	Virginia	Blacksburg, Va.
Apr 2 (Sun)	1 PM	Home	Virginia	Blacksburg, Va.
Apr 7 (Fri)	8 PM	Away	Duke	Durham, N.C.
Apr 8 (Sat)	7 PM	Away	Duke	Durham, N.C.
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May 2 (Tue)	6 PM	Away	Marshall	Charleston, W.Va.
May 3 (Wed)	7 PM	Home	Marshall	Blacksburg, Va.
May 6 (Sat)	3 PM	Home	Bowling Green	Blacksburg, Va.
May 6 (Sat)	7 PM	Home	Bowling Green	Blacksburg, Va.
May 7 (Sun)	1 PM	Home	Bowling Green	Blacksburg, Va.
May 10 (Wed)	6 PM	Away	Liberty	Lynchburg, Va.
May 12 (Fri)	7 PM	Home	Clemson	Blacksburg, Va.
May 13 (Sat)	7 PM	Home	Clemson	Blacksburg, Va.
May 14 (Sun)	3 PM	Home	Clemson	Blacksburg, Va.
May 16 (Tue)	6 PM	Away	James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.
May 18 (Thu)	6 PM	Away	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.
May 19 (Fri)	6 PM	Away	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.
May 20 (Sat)	2 PM	Away	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.
May 23 (Tue)	TBA	Neutral	ACC Championship	Durham, N.C.



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Healing of the lame man at the gate Beautiful

It was a mighty miracle wrought by faith in the power of the Name of Jesus.

Acts 3:1. “Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood and walked, and entered with them into the Temple, walking and leaping, and praising God.”

It was at 3PM in the afternoon when Peter and John were entering into the Temple at the time of prayer. The Temple was a tremendously large Edifice with many gates or doorways for people to enter into it. Peter and John chose to enter in by the gate called Beautiful. This gate was a magnificent portico of a Porch, and most likely had decorative columns. Some have referred to it as the golden gate, however, we don’t know for sure if it was engraved with gold. But I imagine it was as beautiful, as its name implies.

A lame man was carried to the Temple every day and placed at this popular gate to beg for alms from the large number of people who were coming to the Temple. It was the perfect place for him to come and beg, because God’s people are giving people. God’s people have hearts that are touched with compassion when they look upon someone who is infirmed. One might say we are an easy touch. Very often we have people coming to the Church I attend asking for money. Most of these are folks I don’t know and have never seen before. I have noticed that once they succeed in getting a hand-out, they vanish and are never heard of again.

I don’t mind giving people a hand up, but I’m not real comfortable about giving anybody a hand out. Because I know that there are a lot of folks who have found out that they can live off of what someone else makes and not have to work for it. While it is sad, it is also true. Some come to the Church expecting the Church to help them because they have the Church pegged as an “easy mark.” An easy mark is someone who can easily be persuaded or deceived into giving, usually money, to those who are daring enough to ask for it.

There’s a name for those who deceive in order to gain money. They are called pan handlers. Some panhandlers make over \$ 80,000 a year doing this. Fox News had an expose on it not long ago. They followed panhandlers from their station on the streets to their homes and found many of them living in nice homes, driving nice cars, and in need of nothing. One lady was on crutches on her way home, but after being in her home for a few minutes, she came back out walking unaided, as well as anyone. She had exchanged her raggedy clothes for a tailored suit. She got into an expensive car, drove away a distance and went shopping in an uptown store.

I believe in making charitable donations to help those who are truly needy, but many who ask for money aren’t really needy.

We shouldn’t give God’s money to someone who is working the system and who are just as able to work as we are. Mostly likely they’ll buy drugs and alcohol with it, if they are rip off

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Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

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

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

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

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC
Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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

Valley Harvest Ministries
1 Harvest Place
Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter,
Walter Gueste, Derick Burton
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
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Dublin Baptist Church
Pastor Allen Mahan, II
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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1560 Julia Simpkins Road
Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study and
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Delton Church of God of Prophecy
4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
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Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services
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Wednesday evenings- To be announced at
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Pastor Mike Pierce
Service Times:
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
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7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
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Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord’s Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA)
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Draper, VA 24324
Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
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& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
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Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist
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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Ages 5-12
Men’s & Women’s Ministry Wed. 6:30

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children’s Church: 11 a.m.
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Hiwassee, VA 24347
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www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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

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

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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
220 Magazine Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-3336
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday’s Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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Service Times
10 a.m. Sunday School
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Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
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Worship: 11 am

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Dublin, VA 24084
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Phone: 540-674-6147
www.newdublin.org

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

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
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Dublin, VA 24084
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
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Pastor:
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 24:5-6

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vindication from God their Savior. Such is the
generation of those who seek him, who seek your
face, God of Jacob.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
down and diagonally.

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McCraw

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artists.

If someone needs food, then why not go to the grocery store and buy them some food? Then at least we’d know what we gave wasn’t used to support alcoholism or drug usage.

So I’m just going to say, that we need to be very careful about who we give to, and make sure that we’re not just getting ripped off or contributing to their delinquency.

This lame man in our story was not a phony panhandler. He had a real, honest to goodness, problem. He couldn’t walk. He had to be carried from place to place.

And Peter looked at the lame man and said to him, “Look at us.” His words filled the beggar with confidence that he was going to receive money from them.

Peter and John had no money to give to him. However, they had something much better. The power of God resided in them. And when the power of God is present, miracles frequently happen. This lame man needed a miracle. Little did he know that there was a miracle in the making, and it was headed his way.

And Peter commanded him, in the Name of Jesus Christ, to rise up from his bed of affliction and to walk. Peter had the utmost confidence in the power that’s in the name of Jesus Christ.

The name of Jesus signifies the authority and power of Jesus, and when used by Spirit filled servants of God, can heal the sick.

All things are possible through the name of Jesus. God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. There is power to overcome every negative thing that comes our way, in the name of Jesus. “There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Jesus said “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask anything in My Name, I will do it.” (John 14:14, 15) “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.” (John 16:16)

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From 1 John 3:18, “Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ...” Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth
 3. In Proverbs 10:12, “Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all ...” Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies
 4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon
 5. Where does one find the phrase “God is love”? Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John
 6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honourable in all? Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Truth, 3) Sins, 4) Song of Solomon, 5) 1 John (4:8, 16), 6) Marriage**

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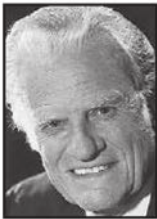
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I’ve had a lot of sorrow in my life and it seems my friends are weary of my troubles. I suppose others have problems equal to mine but for me it can’t get worse. My family tells me that I shouldn’t share my troubles because it drives people away. How does one go about as though nothing is wrong? Isn’t that dishonest? - N.F.

A: There are anguishing scenarios of human suffering. All one has to do to hear the cries of the hurting is to listen to the news

for just a few minutes, as most of it will not be good news. In just one broadcast, these stories were reported: three high school athletes were hit and killed by a drunk driver; a beautiful teenager was reported missing and her distraught parents found her on the streets of San Francisco, living as a prostitute; a minister’s child was diagnosed with incurable cancer.

It’s natural to center upon ourselves when trouble comes. Personal pain tears us apart. Philip Yancey, who has written on this subject, shared this thought: “God does not, in the comfortable



My
Answer

Billy Graham

surroundings of Heaven, turn a deaf ear to the sounds of suffering on this groaning planet.” We must also remember that God did not exclude Himself from human suffering.

Jesus suffered more than any

other person in history did. He came to save people from their sins only to be humiliated and His life threatened. Though innocent, He was denounced as the enemy of God and man. Then He was crucified. The Bible says He was “acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3). When we are in trouble, we need a friend. Jesus is that friend, and He understands our sorrow and grief. We must look to Him for our strength and assurance, and then one of the greatest things we can do in our own times of discouragement is to encourage others in theirs.

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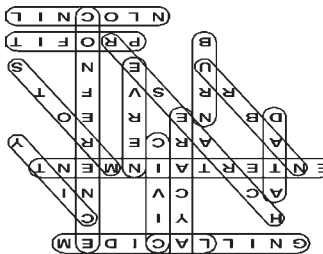
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raining, if you keep on
smiling the sun will soon
show its face and smile
back at you. — Anna Lee



Cryptoquote answer

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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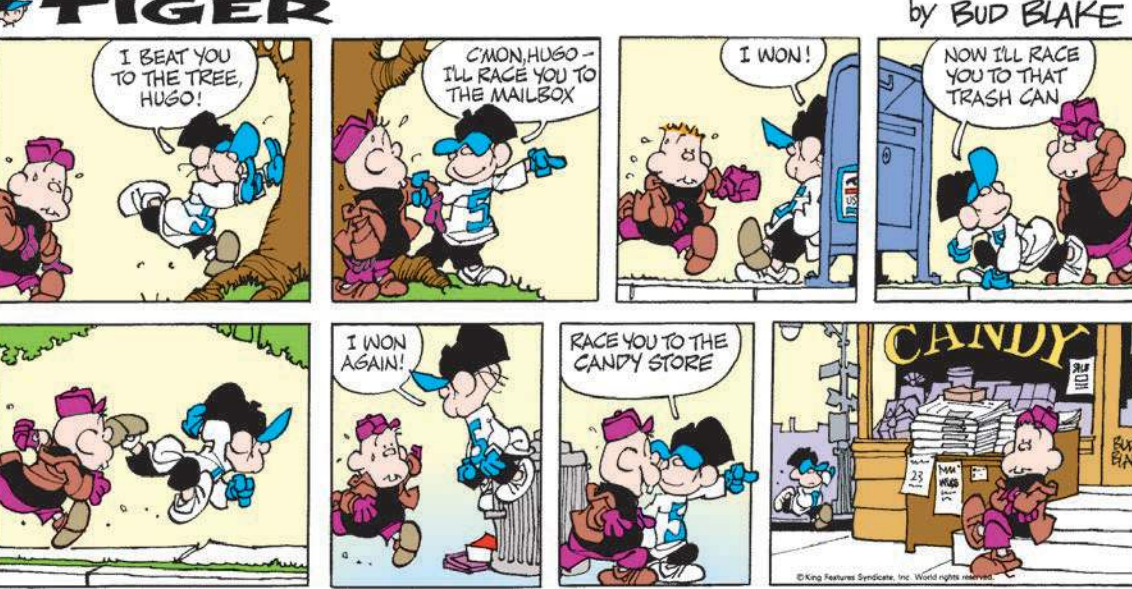
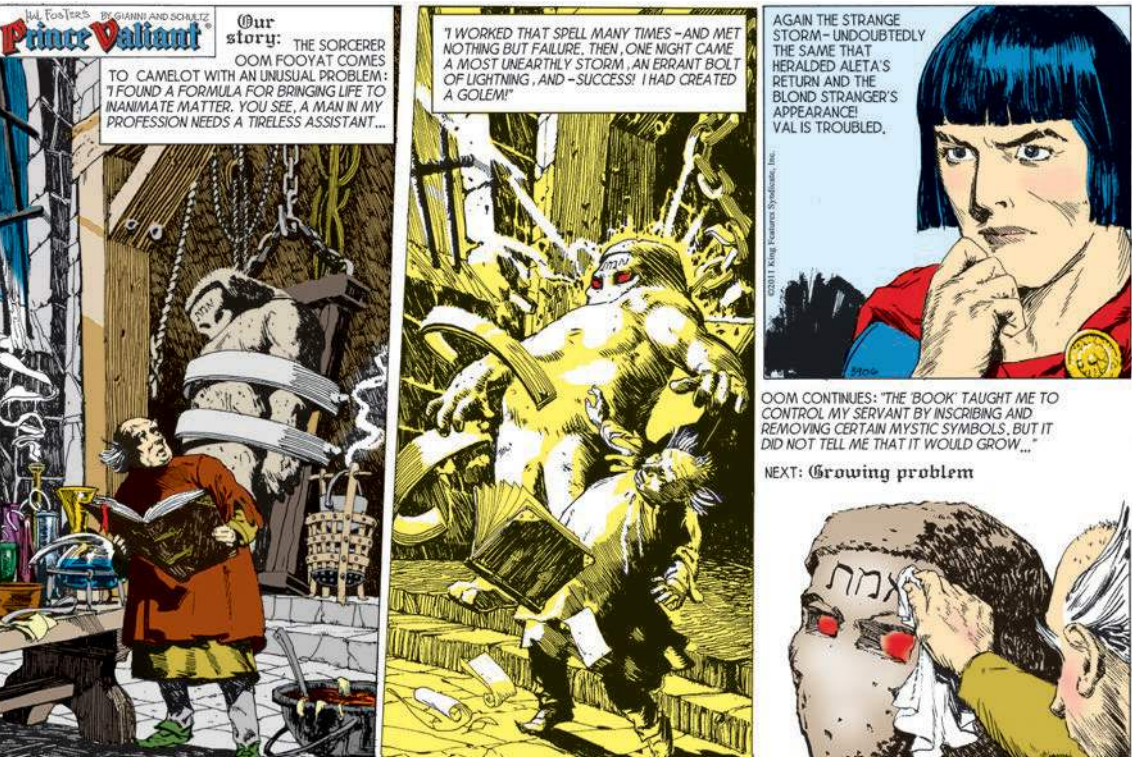
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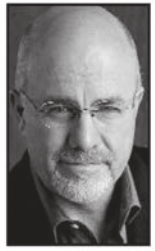
Dear Dave,
The other day, my wife and I discovered a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) we'd forgotten about for over 10 years from my time in the Army. There's a little over \$3,200 in there. We're both in our thirties, and we're trying to save up our starter emergency fund in Baby Step 1 of your plan. We were wondering if we should withdraw the money and use it toward Baby Steps 1 and 2, or just leave it in there.

Dear Todd,
The best thing to do is roll the money over into an IRA. Otherwise you're going to be hit with a 10% penalty—plus your tax rate—and end up paying 30% to 40% of it to the government. That's kind of like asking, "Would it be a good idea to borrow \$3,200 at 30% interest to pay off debt?" Of course not! That would be a really dumb idea. And in a sense, that's what you'd be doing by just taking the money out of the TSP.
It's not a ton of money, but conceptually, I hate the idea of giving the government 30% to 40% of my money just to get my money out. So yeah, do some research, find a good investment professional near you—one with the heart of a teacher—and roll it into an IRA.
Congratulations to you and your wife for deciding to take control of your money. And thank you for your service to our country, Todd. I hope this helped.

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —

Answer

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

— 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.**

Feb. 22

Ash Wednesday Service and Community Lunch
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1946 Medallion Drive, Pulaski is holding an Ash Wednesday Service and Free Community Lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at noon. Lunch begins at 12:25 p.m. Lunch menu include sausage and homemade pancakes of several varieties.

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
The Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member that is buried in this cemetery and would like to make a donation you may mail your contribution to Peggy Cregger PO Box 164, Hiwassee, VA 24347.

Lifestyles Changes
If you are currently trying to lose

weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

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.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food
Heritage Cares Food Pantry at Heritage Church is still distributing food on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located a half-mile past the New River Valley Airport on Route 100 North of Dublin.

Food Lion donates \$1,000 to Heritage Cares



Left to Right: Cindy Thorntor, Food Lion cashier, Harriet Berry Heritage Cares Food Pantry, Chester Calfee, assistant store manager of Food Lion in Pulaski, Deena Spencer, customer service manager of Food Lion in Pulaski.

Heritage Cares Food Pantry is a non-profit volunteer organization that operates as a ministry of Heritage Church, Dublin. The ministry feeds local residents and the gift from Food Lion will be used to purchase food from Feeding America Southwest Virginia, and other sources. The pantry operates an on-site drive-through food pantry distributing food to those in need within the local community and surrounding areas without reservation. The food pantry is open on Thursdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Food Lion, based in Salisbury, NC. Established in 2001, the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to eliminating hunger and has provided more than \$16-million in grant funding for communities in the 10-Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states in which Food Lion operates.
For more information, visit: www.foodlion.com/in-our-community and <https://www.heritagechurch.net/heritage-cares-food-pantry>

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