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## Fate of SWVA Governor's School remains undecided

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

A November 3rd article published in the Patriot revealed that Pulaski County Public Schools will no longer provide a location for the Southwest Virginia Governor's School nor will PCPS serve as Fiscal Manager for the SWVA Gov School.

According to the PCPS administration, the primary reason for divesting in the SWVA Governor's School was financial, as Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers was unable to convince other school systems sending students to the school to help pay for a roof repair at the old Northwood Elementary School where the school is housed, costing \$150,000. Siers also listed the time and effort associated with acting as the SWVA Gov School Fiscal Agent, as a reason to divest.

Since then, both alumni and others associated with Gov School have voiced their concern about this course of action, which was done without any formal announcement and with no public discussion.



**Southwest Virginia  
Governor's School**

Adam Farris, owner of Iron Heart Winery, graduated from the SWVA Gov School in 2003, when it was still located at Pulaski County High School.

"I had a fantastic experience with the Southwest Virginia Governor's School," said Farris. "I think that promoting accelerated education for our bright children is a priority ... or should be a priority in the county. There's an opportunity for Pulaski County to shine in that regard to say, 'Look, not only are we paying for this, but we're happy to pay for this.'"

The SWVA Governor's School admits intellectually advanced students who attend high school in Pulaski, Montgomery, Wythe, Smythe, Floyd, Carroll and Giles Counties as well as Radford and Galax cities. Students attend the

Gov School in the morning and then commute to their local high schools for afternoon classes. SWVA Gov School curriculum is weighted toward courses in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The courses are highly advanced and the homework load is more than substantial, which reflects the complexity of their studies.

According to Giles County Superintendent Terry Arbogast, who acts as the Superintendent-In-Charge at the Governor's School, no decision has yet been reached as to where the SWVA Gov School campus will be in the fall of 2023.

"We've had conversations with all three ... We met at RU,

See SCHOOL, page A8

## Pulaski Free Clinic accepting new patients with Medicaid

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

There is good news for those with Medicaid in Pulaski County!

The Pulaski Free Clinic is now accepting new patients with Medicaid at its facility in downtown Pulaski.

According to Linda Frank, Executive Director of the clinic, it took some 18 months for Pulaski Free Clinic to work through all the government requirements, paperwork and credentialing necessary to serve Medicaid patients.

For those individuals in Pulaski County with Medicaid, the fact



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The Free Clinic provides the

same services as any regular doctor's office.

"The same services that we've always provided," Frank stressed. "Which is essentially anything that's going to happen in a normal private practice doctor's office including lab tests, referrals, wound care – just everything that a normal doctor's office takes care of."

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# Clinic

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Frank said the clinic, located at 25 4th Street, N.W. in Pulaski has the capacity to serve between 500 and 600 patients.

She added the Free Clinic is in a unique position regarding continuity of care.

“What we can do that no other clinic or doctor’s office can do is, say you’re working and have Medicaid. We’ll see you. Then you get a raise and no longer qualify for Medicaid. We’ll still see you and continue to keep you healthy,” Frank said.

“Pulaski is trying to revitalize itself and the health care of our citizens, I think, should be at the top” of the list of priorities, Frank continued, especially for those who are below a certain income level.

“We’ve got a 38-year track record of people loving us and wanting to be here [as patients]. It’s a win-win for everybody.”

Frank says, looking into the future of the clinic, “the same way we’ve undertaken to fill the gap in Pulaski right now with Medicaid, we also want to look at what are the other gaps?”

“Obviously mental health, obviously routine dental, maybe women’s health. We don’t know exactly yet what we are looking forward to doing. But as we possibly can, we want to be the hub of healthcare in Pulaski. We want to fill whatever gaps are remaining,” Frank said.

She and Board President Jim Kelly noted the clinic – an independent non-profit organization – has enjoyed wonderful support from both the Town of Pulaski and Pulaski County, as well as from the Virginia General Assembly, a variety of foundations and from donors since it began in 1984.

All of them, Frank said, are supportive of the clinic’s addition of service to those county residents with Medicaid.

## About the Pulaski Free Clinic

It’s mission is “to provide quality healthcare to uninsured adults and those with Medicaid in Pulaski County, Virginia.”

The Pulaski Free Clinic was founded in 1986 by community leaders who believed that everyone has the right to health care.

Today, the clinic provides primary medical care to low-income adult residents of Pulaski County who do not receive health insurance benefits in the workplace, who cannot afford private insurance, as well as those covered by Medicaid.

The Pulaski Free Clinic is a nonprofit 501c3 charitable organization.

### The Pulaski Free Clinic Provides:

- Primary medical care (regular medical office visits)
- Referral to specialists for additional testing or treatment if needed

- Lab work and diagnostics
- Diabetes management and education
- Medication Assistance Program is available for eligible patients to receive needed medicine and supplies

### How to become a patient at the Pulaski Free Clinic:

Ready to become a patient? The Pulaski Free Clinic accepts anyone who has Medicaid. We will accept anyone for FREE medical services who:

- Is a resident of Pulaski County, and
- Is over 18 and under 65 years old, and
- Is not insured and
- Is considered “Low-Income” as defined by the state of Virginia, meaning that your entire household income falls at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guideline.

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\$74,580 for 3 people  
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### How do you become a patient?

Call the clinic at (540) 980-0922

to schedule an intake screening. You will need to bring all of the following things to your intake appointment:

- Identification card or driver’s license

- Proof of Pulaski County residency (water bill, letter from government agency, etc.)

- Proof of income for the entire household

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- Last 30 days of pay stubs if employed (or)
- Income records if self-employed
- Most recent Federal income tax return if you or anyone in your home filed taxes last year
- Letter showing unemployment benefits, disability benefits and/or social security benefits for everyone in your home
- Medicaid denial letter if you have received one (very important!)

Contact the clinic at 540-980-0922.

# UPDATE: Sheriff, prosecutor give details on incident

On Monday, Jan. 30 there was an incident in the 6000 block of Baptist Hollow Road involving two males.

One male is deceased and another received care at the hospital for wounds sustained during the incident.

SEE PAGE B5 FOR MORE DETAILS!

# Lawmakers asked to amend spending to address education

BY MADISON HIRNEISEN

(The Center Square) – Virginia lawmakers are being asked to amend their proposed spending plans to address an error with a state calculation tool, that will result in schools across the state receiving millions less in state aid than they initially expected.

The Virginia Department of Education confirmed this week a calculation tool estimating the amount of state funding each school division will receive had an error. The tool did not account for funding changes after the state cut the grocery sales tax on Jan. 1, according to Charles Pyle, director of communications for the Virginia Department of Education.

This error, which the department discovered last week, overstated the amount of state aid school districts could expect to receive by roughly \$201 million, as first reported by the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The Virginia Department of Education expects to release an updated and corrected calculation tool next Thursday, Pyle told The Center Square.

“School divisions have used the estimates for local decision making, for local decisions about spending as we move through the current fiscal year,” Pyle said. “They’ve used these estimates in developing their local budgets for presentations to school boards for the upcoming fiscal year, so it’s certainly had an impact at the local level.”

“They based their budgeting on these flawed estimates,” Pyle later added.

The error has provoked concern from lawmakers, particularly as the House and Senate are set to unveil proposed amendments to the state budget Sunday afternoon. Wednesday, Gov. Glenn Youngkin sent a letter to the chairs of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees asking them to include the “necessary resources” in their proposed budget amendments to

address the error.

“This situation is frustrating for us all and even more so that it came to light after I submitted my proposed budget,” Youngkin wrote in a letter obtained by The Center Square. “I am requesting that as you finalize your budget amendments this week that you include the necessary resources to address this error.”

Once the House and Senate introduce their proposed budget amendments, negotiators will meet to iron out modifications to the budget, which will now likely include conversations about how to best address the state calculation error related to school funding.

Gianni Snidle, a spokesperson for the Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus, told The Center Square Thursday “Democrats are going to ensure we fix this error caused by the Youngkin administration and ensure our public schools are fully funded.”

Snidle said he expects lawmakers to debate Youngkin’s proposed \$1 billion in tax cuts alongside school funding. Republican lawmakers have pointed to the state’s \$3.6 billion budget surplus as an indication Virginians are over-taxed, while Democrats have said they don’t view it as a budget surplus since schools have been underfunded since the Great Recession.

As lawmakers meet to negotiate budget modifications, Snidle said he expects to “see a big battle between corporate tax cuts and fully funding our schools, teacher pay raises and cutting taxes for the wealthiest Virginians.”

“That’s where I think the real battle is and where these funds [for schools] are going to come from at the end of the day,” Snidle said.

Del. Barry Knight, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, testified on the floor Wednesday that the amended budget intro-

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Mar 11	Highland Maple Festival	\$90	Sept 2	North Carolina Zoo/ Asheboro, NC	\$90
Mar 18	Highland Maple Festival	\$90	Sept 3 – 5	Wind Creek Casino/ Bethlehem, PA	\$540
Mar 18	Asheville Outlets/ Spring Shopping	\$85	Sept 6 – 9	Creation Museum/ Ark Encounter	\$865
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 Tatoo/ 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
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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
Jun 15 – 21	Mackinac Island / Michigan	\$2,030	Nov 11	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
Jun 18 – 24	Best of the Ozarks/ Branson/ Eureka Springs	\$1,690	Nov 11	Concord Mills / Bass Pro Shop/ Charlotte, NC	\$85
Jun 18 – 24	Niagara Falls/ Montreal/ Toronto/ Quebec	\$1,755	Nov 12 – 18	Florida Keys/ Sunset Celebration	\$3,235
Jun 19	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Nov 13	Bristol Casino / Bristol , VA	\$50
Jun 25- July 13	Hitching a Ride on Route 66	\$4,905	Nov 22 – 25	Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade/ New York	\$1,580
Jun 26 – 29	Gilded Age of New York	\$2,035	Nov 26 – 29	Wind Creek/ Bethlehem/ New York	\$90
Jun 29 – July 2	Grandkids of Country Music/ Clarksville, TN	\$1,105	Nov 29 – Dec 4	Currier & Ives Christmas/ Burlington, VT	\$1,910
July 1 – 8	Summer in New England/ Martha’s Vineyard	\$1,990	Dec 1 – 3	Christmas at Myrtle Beach	\$660
July 1 – 10	Hawaii Honolulu/ Waikiki / Aloha	\$5,050	Dec 1 – 3	Radio City Christmas / New York	\$1,365
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
Aug 8 – 12	Wind Creek/ Encore / Maryland Live Casino	\$1,015	Dec 10 – 16	Joyeux Noel/ Louisiana	\$1,870
Aug 13 – 17	Elvis	\$1,375	Dec 16	Biltmore House & Gardens Christmas	\$230
Aug 13 – 16	Resorts Casino & Hotel/ Atlantic City, NJ	\$765	Dec 26 – 31	Christmas Disneyworld/ Universal Sea World	\$1,900
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**CECIL FRANKLIN KEITH, SR.**

Cecil Franklin Keith, Sr., age 86 of Dublin passed away Saturday, January 28, 2023. Born December 31, 1936 in Floyd, Virginia he was the son of the late James H. Keith & Lila Mae Wilson Keith. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Patsy Stone Keith, daughter Susie Mae Cook, stepsons, Daniel M. Lee, John T. Pross, brothers and sisters, Russell T. Keith, James H. Keith, Jr., Ronnie Keith, Coy A. Keith, Fred Quinton Keith, Dorothy L. Bowles, Susie Mae Keith, Mary Sue Terry.

Cecil was retired from the United States Navy, having served 22 years for his country.

He is survived by his

Children  
Robin L. Griffin – Dublin  
Janice L. Dalton – Dublin  
Patty A. Barnes – Dublin  
Cecil F. Keith, Jr. – Dublin  
Stepchildren

Vera F. (Steven) Groves – Chesapeake, VA

Paul P. Pross – Beckley, WV  
Many grandchildren, great grandchildren, step grandchildren and step great grandchildren

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Chaplain Bobby Ward officiating. Interment will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the funeral home.

To sign Cecil's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**HELEN O'DELL TOLLIVER**

Helen O'Dell Tolliver, age 85 of Shiloh, Virginia was peacefully carried home to Heaven in the arms of Jesus on January 28, 2023. Helen was born April 17, 1937 in Hiwassee, Virginia and is preceded in death by her father and mother, Edgar & Lula O'Dell; brothers Oren O'Dell and Hubert O'Dell; sisters Alma Hall, Ruth Foutz, Norma Myers and Sylvia Tiller; a great granddaughter Liyah Nicole.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 66 years, Garland R. Tolliver and her three daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Bill Hurst of Shiloh, Laverne Webb of Dublin, Valerie and Chuck Hayes of Radford.

Also surviving are her grandchildren, who she loved so proudly, Stephanie Webb Cressell of Dublin, Bryan and Ashlee Hayes of Radford, Kimberly and Sam Chrisley of Pulaski, Kevin and Mary Hayes of Manor, TX. Great Grandchildren Emily Hayes of TX, Conner Cressell of Dublin; sister Hazel and Duane Kesling of Pulaski and many nieces and nephews.

Helen was baptized July 21, 1962 into the full fellowship of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Hiwassee. Sister Helen was a devoted member and will be sadly missed. We shall meet again some sweet day.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Elder Ronald Bowman officiating. She was laid to rest at the Page-Dishon Family Cemetery, Snowville.

Flowers will be appreciated, or donations may be made to the Page-Dishon Cemetery c/o Belva Dalton, 3780 Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee, Virginia 24347.

To sign Helen's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**JAMIE LYNN FRAZIER**

Jamie Lynn Frazier, 25, has gained her wings and is now flying high with her daddy, granny, and pawpaw.

Jamie was a beautiful young lady who was talented as an artist and enjoyed living life with those that she loved dearly. Jamie was a talented tattoo artist and had a special love for dogs.

Preceding her in death is her father Donald Lee Frazier, maternal grandparents, Fannie & James Atkinson and paternal grandfather, Bud Frazier.

Left to cherish her memories will be her young daughter, Azaleigha Rose Wright (known as Zellie), her mother, Donna Kaye Frazier. Sister, Christina Shipman (Philip) of Virginia Beach and a brother, Brian Agee of Radford. Jamie also had an adorable nephew, Duncan Shipman of Virginia Beach.

She is also survived by a paternal grandmother, Gayle Frazier of Dublin. Aunts and Uncles, Debbie Atkinson of Radford, and Chris & Crystal Barker of Stuarts Draft. Best friends, Taylor Graham of Pulaski, and Tiea Montgomery of Parrott.

A celebration of Jamie's life will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023, in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral home located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Services will begin at 3:00 officiated by Jeff Martin. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The family is being cared for by the staff of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)

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**REBECCA LYNN COLBIRD**

Rebecca Lynn Colbird, 37 of Pulaski, suddenly passed away on Jan 16, 2023. She was born in Radford on February 13, 1984.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her mother, Minnie Darlene Jones and her father Eugene Weeks.

She is survived by her children, Elijah Stephen Kolbyr Parker (Rachel) of Pulaski VA, Darius Conner, Daidrean Conner, Isaiah Conner and Gabriel (Gabe) Conner of Pulaski Va. A brother Phillip Colbird of Pulaski. Sisters are Melissa Colbird Manns (Bradly) of Pulaski. Violet Hill (Tommy Cain) of Pulaski. Nephews Devin Colbird and Payton Hayes of Pulaski. Nieces are Nyasha Hill, Zaley Manns and Layla Manns of Pulaski. A very special cousin Rachel Talbert of Pulaski.

Rebecca had a heart of gold, and smile so infectious. When she loved, she loved very hard, and loved her children and family whole heartedly. The weight of the world was heavy, but she believed in the Lord. As she gained her wings in heaven, she will be forever missed here on earth.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home, with Pastor Charlie Barbettini officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the funeral home for Rebecca's final expenses. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

**MARSHA BERNICE DAVIS**

Marsha Bernice Davis, most knew her by Bernie, age 50 passed away Thursday-January 19, 2023 at ORMC Hospital in Orlando, Florida. She was born on April 22, 1972 in Washington, D.C. to the late Martha S. Chrisley and Clifford H. Davis.

She is Survived by her Daughter, Hunter Ditoto; Fiancé, Jon Ditoto; four Sisters: Maria Ann Quesenberry (Mickey), Linda Gay Crowder, Brenda Lee Cox (Mandy), and Ella Mae Bevil (Jody); Brother Jack Davis along with Many deeply loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bernie was a kind woman known by many as "Momma, Aunt Bernie and Dookie"

The services for Bernie were held at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 31st with Rev. Dale Akers and Rev. Charles Peak officiating. Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery.



**MARIA LUISE FLYNN**

Maria Luise Flynn, 74, passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Frida Rysell; husband, Muriel Carlile Flynn; and sister, Astrid O'Connor.

Survivors include her son, Antoine Flynn (Erin Powell) and Chris Flynn; grandchildren, Rachel Flynn Shanklin (Derek), Raven Snidow, Helena Flynn and Mahogany Flynn; best friend, Vera Carter; nephews, Mark and Evan O'Connor; and many other relatives and friends.

Maria will be interred with her husband in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

A private service for close friends and family will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at her place of business.

The Flynn family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).



**LINDA JANE DAVIS FRENCH**

Linda Jane Davis French, age 76 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, January 28, 2023 at her home. Born May 27, 1946 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Estel Victor Davis & Arcy Davis. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Dairol French, brother, Daniel Davis and sister, Zelda Davis Cox.

She is survived by her Partner – Steve Chandler – Pulaski

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 2, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mary Morris and Pastor Andrew Dean officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Linda's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

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**FRED HENSLEY ROOPE**

Fred Hensley Roope, age 94 of Pulaski, died Thursday evening, January 26, 2023 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. Fred was born in Salem, Virginia on March 17, 1928, and was the son of the late Bertie Hamblin Roope and the late John Campbell Roope. He was a long-time auto mechanic at the former Pulaski Motor Company, and at the Pulaski County Bus Shop.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded by brothers, James Darnell Roope, Ralph E. Roope, Emory Roope, Guy Roope, Roy Roope, Carl Roope, and Ray Roope. He is survived by his lovely wife of 67 years, Edith Virgie Banes Roope. Three sons: Clarence (Susan) Daniel Roope of Garden Grove, CA, Wade (Melissa) Hensley Roope of Pulaski, and Paul (Bonnie) Anthony Roope of Christiansburg: his daughter; Shelby Jean Roope of Pulaski: Fred is proudly the grandfather of nine grandchildren, and the great-grandfather of six great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Goshen Cemetery on Spur Branch Road in Bland County, with Pastor Frank Peters officiating. Flowers are appreciated, but those who wish, may make memorials to the Goshen Cemetery Association of Walkers Little Creek Fund 1490 Spur Branch Road Dublin, Va. 24084.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

# Funding

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duced by Youngkin may offset the calculation error. The governor’s amendments include an additional \$204.6 million in sales tax for education in fiscal year 2023 and \$175.3 million in fiscal year 2024, according to Knight.

Knight also noted “all monthly payments issued since the fiscal year began last July have been accurate,” adding “no overpayments occurred, nor has any school division expressed concern that they were receiving too little money.”

“No school division will have to reduce expenditures in the current fiscal year,” Knight said Wednesday. “Let me repeat, there will be no cuts this year.”

Pyle, told The Center Square the calculation error has “caused a lot of consternation and discomfort,” particularly among rural school divisions who more heavily rely on state aid. The shortfalls range based on size of the school district, amounting to nearly \$18 million in Fairfax County to \$2.6 million in Hanover County..

Pyle said the department is “committed” to publishing a corrected tool next week for schools to utilize that will account for the hold harmless payments related to the suspension of the state’s grocery tax.



**KAREN HAZEL MONICA FOWLER WILSON**

Karen Hazel Monica Fowler Wilson, 71, of Pulaski, passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Vernon and Katherine Vargo Fowler; husband, Edwards Arnold Wilson; daughter, Carhi Huges; brothers, Rick Fowler, Raymond Fowler, William Fowler, and Russell Williams.

Survivors include her daughters, Dana Guynn and Roni Trull; grandchildren, Ashley and Lee Alley, John Hughes, Ryan Melton, Kelsey Currin, and Autumn Melton; sister, Peggy O’Neil; cousin, Frank Kluges; and many other family members and friends.

Per her request, no services will be held at this time.

The Wilson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

**OPHELIA BELK SMITH**

Ophelia Belk Smith, of Dublin, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on the morning of Monday, January 30, 2023, at the age of 102. She was born on July 19, 1920, in Union County, NC.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Winnie Starnes Belk; two sisters and five brothers; her husband, Durward B. (Dusty) Smith; and her son, Douglas Howard Smith.

She is survived by her son, Durward Alvin Smith (Jane) of Radford; and daughter-in-law, Rhonda Q. Smith of Dublin. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Dawn S. Edson (Steve) of Colville, WA; Molly S. Entrekin (Kevin) of Radford; Christopher G. Smith (Toni) of Dublin; Adeena S. Spencer (Brian) of Dublin, as well as ten great-grandchildren.

She also leaves behind her caring and loving friends at Dublin United Methodist Church.

A private graveside service will be held at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, on February 3, with Pastor Don Shelor officiating.

Norris Stevens Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel will oversee the arrangements.



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**BARBARA HILTON LAYMAN, 1942-2023**

Barbara Hilton “Tinky” Layman, 80, of Pulaski, Va., passed away at Commonwealth Senior Living in Fairlawn, Va. on the morning of January 31, 2023. Tinky was born in Beckley, West Virginia on November 30, 1942 to the late James and Wilma Shanklin Hilton. She lived in Beckley to the age of nine, when her family moved to Pulaski. She graduated from Pulaski High School in 1960 and from Radford College in 1964. After college, Tinky married local attorney T. Rodman “Rod” Layman in December 1964 and was married to him for nearly 54 years until his passing in 2018. She taught English and Science at Dublin High School until the birth of the couple’s first son in 1968. Tinky and Rod moved to Richmond, Va. in 1970 when Rod was appointed to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and later to the Governor’s Cabinet. While in Richmond, Tinky was active in the Bon Air Christian Church, the Virginia Republican Party, the Jaycettes, and a variety of other civic organizations. She gave birth to the Layman’s second son in 1974.

After the Laymans returned to Pulaski in 1982, Tinky pursued a Master’s degree in education at Radford University, which she earned in 1984. With her Master’s degree in hand, Tinky returned to teaching at Pulaski County High School, where she taught Science (primarily Biology) from 1984 to 2005, serving as Science Department chair for several years over that time. Tinky retired from teaching in 2005 with 25 years of service in the Pulaski County public schools.

Tinky led an active retirement, serving in and leading a variety of church, civic, and political groups. She was chair of the Kitchen Committee of First United Methodist Church in Pulaski. She served as president of the Pulaski County Retired Teachers Association as well as the Pulaski County chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women educators. Tinky also served as the secretary of the Pulaski County Republican Party.

Tinky was a voracious reader and collector of any and all things related to penguins. She would always claim to dislike sports, but could be found at nearly every PCHS football game (special-

ly when her son Matt was on the team) and most home football and basketball games at Virginia Tech with her diehard-Hokie husband Rod.

In addition to her parents, Tinky was preceded in death by her husband Rod and her brothers Roger and Robert Hilton. She is survived by her two sons Geoff and Matt Layman, her two daughters-in-law Amy and Heather Layman, her grandson Chris Layman, and her four granddaughters Caroline, Grace, Kate, and Shannon Layman.

The family will greet friends at Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski on Friday, February 3, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Memorial services for Tinky will be held at First United Methodist Church in Pulaski on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. She will be laid to rest alongside her husband Rod at the Virginia Tech Columbarium in Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pulaski County Public Schools Education Foundation, 202 North Washington Avenue, Pulaski, VA 24301 or to First United Methodist Church Pulaski at 135 4th St. NW, Pulaski VA 24301.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

**Veterans needed to serve on military honor guard**

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Information concerning this position can be obtained by contacting Mr. Emil Moldovan at (540) 674-0684 or email at [emilmol@gmail.com](mailto:emilmol@gmail.com).

# Start young for tasting experiences

**Andrea K. Wann, MPH**  
**Virginia Cooperative Extension**

The first three years of a child’s life will shape and pave the foundation for many different life behaviors. Those first three years determines a child’s attachment style, emotional intelligence, food preferences and interest in literacy and learning.

These factors also can come full circle to either positively or negatively impact our health over a lifetime. According to research, children who have early exposures to fruits, vegetables, whole grains and varying proteins (i.e. beef, chicken, nut, beans, tuna) tend to choose and follow healthier eating patterns throughout adulthood.

Typically, complementary foods are introduced around six months of age, and this is a prime time to introduce nutrient-dense foods including leafy greens, sweet potatoes, avocados, bananas, pureed and cooked lean meats, mashed beans, and many more! These nutrient-dense foods are not only loaded with vitamins and minerals, supporting brain development and physical development; but they also help set up a path for taste buds early in life. Babies and toddlers who are regularly given fruits and vegetables are positively influencing their taste bud preferences, therefore leading to more adventurous eaters in childhood and beyond.

Some great pieces of advice that have come from parents and nutrition experts combined include the following:

First, never force a food, only encourage – this establishes a child’s trust with the parents and takes the fear out of trying new foods. Encourage new foods but never force.

Second, always try to have a fruit or vegetable on the plate at each meal time. Even if they don’t eat it, it becomes a familiar food over time by just being on the plate; and familiar foods feel less scary to our little ones. Third, use fun, descriptive words to talk about the foods at meal or snack time such as “crunchy carrots”, “pillowy potatoes”, “cheery cherries” and so on.

Lastly, remember that toddlers, children and even adolescents are watching how adults view certain foods.

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# Committees: Schiff, Swalwell and Griffith

The 118th Congress is underway, and committee assignments for the term are just about finalized. A process that is usually pretty routine, committee assignments have gotten some attention over the past couple of years and especially in the past few days. For some, it's as it was before. For others, not so straightforward.

While I'm thrilled to share the welcome news of retaining my committee and subcommittee memberships and receiving additional responsibilities for this Congress, not everyone received such good news.

Some members, like Adam Schiff and Eric Swalwell, saw their committee responsibilities diminished.



**Speaker**  
Kevin McCarthy decided that he would remove the two members from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, or "Intel" Committee, for the 118th Congress.

Speaker McCarthy spoke with reporters recently explaining his decision to remove Schiff, the former Chairman of the Intel Committee, after Schiff falsely claimed for years that he had proof of Russia colluding with former President Trump. "What Adam Schiff did was use his power as the Chairman and lie to the American public, even the Inspector General said it... when we had a laptop, he used it before an election to play politics and said that it was false. He said it was the Russians when he knew differently. He knew the intel."

McCarthy also spoke with reporters about his decision to remove Swalwell, who engaged in a relationship with a Chinese spy, one that gave the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) pause. "The FBI was concerned about putting a member of Congress on the Intel Committee that has the right to see things others don't because of his knowledge and relationship with a Chinese spy," McCarthy said. Saying further, "Swalwell can't get a security clearance in the private sector. I'm not going to give him a government security clearance."

The Intel Committee provides oversight of the United States Intelligence Community, a critical component of our country's national security. Members on the Committee are given access to very sensitive, classified information that other Members of Congress don't have access to.

Both Schiff and Swalwell's situations are concerning. When it comes to the national security of our nation, there is no playing politics.

Unlike, Nancy Pelosi's decision to break precedent by rejecting the proposed slate of Republicans for the January 6 "Select Committee" and hand-picking Republicans that would not disagree with her position, McCarthy's decision to not seat Schiff or Swalwell was not political.

Americans must and should have confidence that all Members of the Intel Committee can pass the high scrutiny needed to be privy to the most classified, sensitive information in the nation.

In my opinion, our nation is now safer because of Speaker McCarthy's decision to remove them from the Committee.

Meanwhile, I was again chosen to serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which I have served on since first joining Congress.

This term, I have been asked to chair Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. It is an exciting opportunity because I will be leading efforts to conduct crucial oversight of federal agencies that fall within the Committee's jurisdiction while ensuring that Congressional intent is followed. This Subcommittee has the authority to place witnesses under oath and when necessary, exercises its subpoena power.

As a senior member of the Subcommittee on Energy, I will continue to promote an all-of-the-above energy policy. During the last two years, we've seen the effects of a lopsided approach to energy and now leaders in Washington must alleviate the current high costs of energy and food through an all-of-the-above approach that prioritizes both our abundant national resources and American's pocketbooks.

While serving as a member of the Subcommittee on Health, I will focus on improving health care for Virginians. Republican Members will continue to promote telehealth, combat our opioid and mental health crises, and work to lower overall health care costs while increasing access to care.

In addition to Energy and Commerce, I was one of six Republican members to be appointed to the Committee on House Administration by Speaker McCarthy.

The House Administration Committee plays a unique role here in Congress due to its dual focus. Part of our job will be focused on Capitol Hill, overseeing the daily operations of the House of Representatives and Capitol security, including lapses in security on Jan. 6, 2021.

Another job of this Committee is providing oversight of federal elections.

While not well known, the House Administration Committee has a large and significant portfolio.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call 540-381-5671.

# Richmond Matters

The modern saying, "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," does not always apply. In other words, what happens in Richmond doesn't stay in Richmond, but rather affects us all in substantial ways here in Pulaski County and throughout the Commonwealth.

As our General Assembly closely approaches Crossover (February 7th), the important work being done by our legislators is potentially very impactful to all Virginians.

We recently traveled to the Capitol where we were able to spend time with our state representatives and several members of Governor Youngkin's cabinet.

Senator Travis Hackworth joined the Pulaski County delegation of local elected and appointed officials, business leaders, non-profit partners and county executives in meeting with the Secretary of Labor, The Honorable Bryan Slater, to discuss an array of the State's workforce challenges and opportunities.

We spent productive time with our two State Delegates, Delegate Jason Ballard and Delegate Jeff Campbell, discussing many important legislative matters and the long-term needs of Pulaski County, our citizens and our business community.

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# The Trump-Biden embrace

America may not want a Trump-Biden rematch, but Donald Trump and Joe Biden sure do.

A CNN poll late last year showed that 6 in 10 Republicans and Republican-leaning independents want a different GOP nominee in 2024, and a roughly similar proportion of Democrats hope for a nominee other than Biden.

Not that either man is inclined to pay any attention.

Trump wants revenge against a president who humiliated him in 2020 and who, with an approval rating in the mid-40s, would seem ripe for the picking.

Biden wants to run against a persistently unpopular, controversy-plagued former president whom he beat once before and used to great effect as a foil in the 2022 midterms.

Trump's best argument is that his policies were better than Biden's.

Biden's best argument is that he's not Trump.

It's the weirdest, and most dispiriting, symbiotic relationship in politics. It's the career politician soaked in conventional politics versus the upstart developer with zero respect for rules. The establishmentarian versus the populist. Boring versus erratic. And ... unpopular versus unpopular, as well as, now that you mention it, old versus old.

If Biden stepped aside, Trump might feel a little less driven to run, whereas if Trump declined to run, Democrats would have to be much more nervous about how Biden would match up against a younger, less toxic opponent.

As it is, the weakness of each is a motivator and prop for the other.

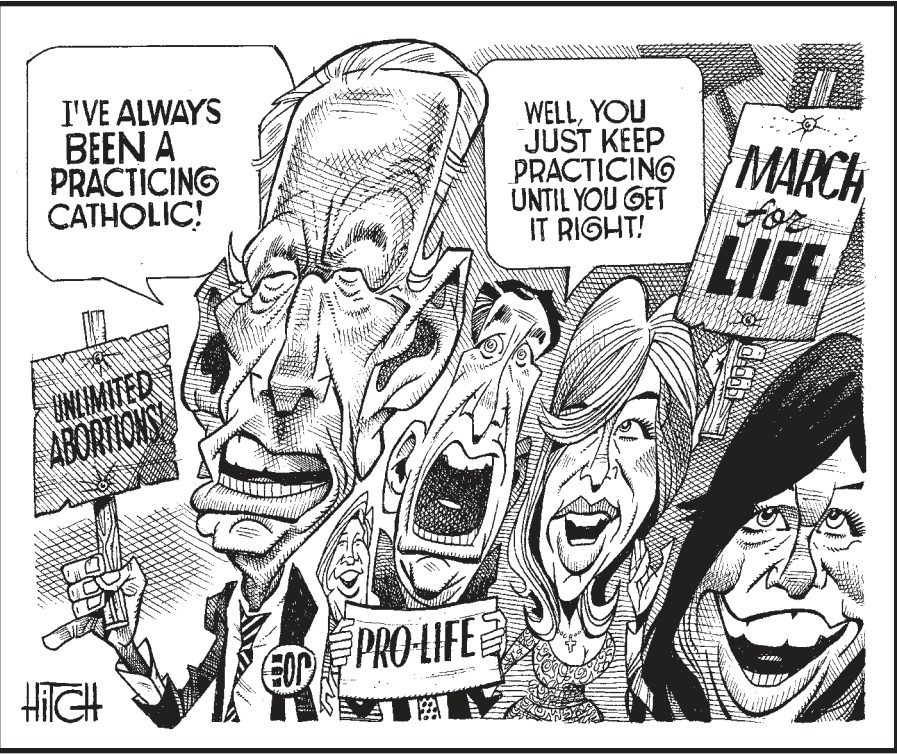
Just consider: It's probably a good rule of thumb not to run a presidential candidate who's under federal investigation for mishandling classified documents. But does that rule hold when your candidate could well be running against another candidate also under federal investigation for mishandling classified documents?

Such are the imponderables that a potential Biden-Trump rematch presents. Both can point at the other and try to argue, in effect, "Hey, your special counsel investigation is much worse than my special counsel investigation."

Trump tucked into this debate in his characteristic fashion. In a Truth Social post, he mocked Biden for having classified documents "on the damp floor" of his "flimsy, unlocked, and unsecured" garage, whereas Mar-a-Lago is "a highly secured facility." (Of course, Biden famously insisted that his garage was locked -- he has a classic Corvette to protect, after all).

Biden's team and allies have made the opposite case that, in contrast to Trump, his mistakes were inadvertent and immediately reported to authorities. Regardless of the merits, there's no doubt that Biden's possession of classified documents materially assists Trump in his case; it might save him from indictment.

By the same token, Trump's



# Misplaced faith in big government

BY CAL THOMAS  
Tribune Content Agency

While most of the public and media attention the past two years has been focused on high prices and inflation, these issues take second place over the public's top concern, which is big government, according to a new Gallup poll. Concern over the uncontrolled southern border is in third position.

Gallup reports "the government ranks as the top problem for both Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (24 percent) and Democrats and Democrat-leaning independents (18 percent)." That last figure may come as a surprise to some as Democrats are often regarded, at least by Republicans, as the party of government.

We have heard much of this before. People claim to hate big government, its intrusiveness, the entire tax system, over-regulation of businesses and further loss of confidence in it by many following the displays of ineptitude during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are more reasons to dislike big government, but these are some of the most prominent ones.

Some Democrats often reply to statements about people who claim to dislike big government by saying "You may say you hate it, but when you need it, it's there." It's a clever rejoinder, but it misses the point. Government is no longer limited, as the Founders intended. It is everywhere, including and increasingly in decisions we used to make for ourselves. If you are old enough to remember drinking out of garden hoses and riding bikes without helmets you know what I mean.

Cutting even the rate of spending increases, much less reducing actual spending, gets you slammed as uncaring about children and the poor. That has been a fraud perpetrated by some politicians to help preserve their careers in government, something else the Founders never intended.

One suggestion for reducing the size and rising cost of government comes from Andrew Biggs, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. Writing in the Wall Street Journal, Biggs says this about Social Security, the largest federal spending program after Medicare: "Social Security is expensive because it's more than a safety net. The average new retiree in 2021 received an annual benefit of nearly \$21,000, 1.5 times the poverty threshold without counting their own savings." The benefit will keep rising to \$59,234 by 2050. People with the highest incomes receive a monthly check, which is ridiculous. One no longer needs to be retired, as once was the case, to receive a government check.

Biggs writes that capping Social Security based on a person's savings and income would help reduce the national debt, though comprehensive reform is most needed.

The real problem is that too many Americans have come to rely on the government for what it was never created to do and less on themselves. Part of this is an outgrowth of the "entitlement mentality" that has turned government from a last resort to a first resource.

No modern president better addressed the dangers to personal and economic freedom than Ronald Reagan, who was part of a generation that endured the Great Depression and World War II. Some of his most famous quips were: "We who live in free market societies believe that growth, prosperity and ultimately human fulfillment, are created from the bottom up, not the government down." And "Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them." And "I hope we once again have reminded people that man is not free unless government is limited. There's a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: As government expands, liberty contracts."

That last one is the main point and it is largely ignored by those who wish to keep on growing government, even as our liberties shrink.

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





# American education founded on Christian principles

A short time ago, a Fulbright scholar was asked by his Harvard Professor Clay Christian about what surprised him during his studies in America. The student commented about the influence of Christianity on American society and stated, “If you take away religion, you cannot hire enough police.”

Recently when we turn on the national or local news, we hear about increasing crime – much of it violent – and wonder if this is the result of the dwindling influence of the Christian religion on our education system.

In the early years of our Republic, children learned to read and write at home using scriptures and wisdom from the Bible. As communities increased in size, schools were established to ensure that the next generation would be able to read, write and understand the laws of the land.

Textbooks were based on Biblical verses and themes. Alphabets used rhymes to help the children learn their A to Z’s. Verses such as “In Adam’s fall we sinned all; and Zacheus he Did climb the Tree His Lord to see” pointed the reader to Bible truths.

Other texts presented passages such as in The Dutiful Child’s Promises: “I will fear GOD and honour the KING. I will honour my Father & Mother. I will Obey my Superiours. I will Submit to my Elders. I will Love my Friends. I will hate no Man. I will forgive my enemies and pray to God for them. I will as much as in me keep all GOD’s Holy Commandments.”

The Puritan religion taught that it was necessary to be in a covenant relationship with God and with the people in their communities; and the children learned these foundational principles at home and in school.

The oldest existing school

in the U.S. is the Boston Latin School, established in 1635 as a public grammar school and open to all boys regardless of social class. Although it wasn’t sponsored by a specific church, it was founded by Puritan Christians and tax-supported by the town of Boston, beginning public education. Students from this school were expected to go on to colleges like Harvard (founded in 1636 by Puritans).

“Establishment of the Boston Latin School was due in great measure to the influence of the Puritan Reverend John Cotton, who sought to create in the New World a school like the Free Grammar School of Boston, England, in which Latin and Greek were taught.”

Puritan leader Philemon Pormort was designated as the first Headmaster of the Boston Latin

## Virginia Senate panel defeats abortion bans

By Madison Hirneisen

(The Center Square) – A panel of Virginia Senate lawmakers voted down Republican-backed bills seeking to enact bans on abortion in the commonwealth last Thursday, including a 15-week ban backed by Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

The Senate Education and Health Committee voted to defeat a bill making it unlawful for physicians to perform an abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy unless the life of the mother is at risk, or the pregnancy is as a result of rape or incest.

The committee also voted down a bill banning abortion unless the life of the mother is at risk, or if the gestational age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or less, and the cause of pregnancy is rape or incest with an “official police report” filed.

Another bill defeated by the

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

School and held the classes in his home.

An entry in the historic documents of Boston read, “On the 13th of the second month, 1635... At a Generall meeting upon publique notice...it was...generally agreed upon that our brother Philemon Pormort shall be intreated to become scholemaster for the teaching and nourtering of children with us. — Town Records”

Another influential Head Master was the celebrated Puritan Ezekiel Cheever who was invited to become Head Master on December 29, 1670. It is said that

“He was a strict disciplinarian but was loved by the several generations of young men whom he taught, and he made the Boston Latin School into a highly regarded classical academy.”

Cheever was well known throughout the colonies, for he had written the famous Accidence, which was the accepted Latin grammar. (Accidence is the changes in the forms of words to express such grammatical meanings as case, number, and tense). He also was known for three essays: Scripture Prophecies Explained. In Three Short Essays. I. On the Restitution of all Things. II. On St. John’s First Resurrection. III. On the Personal Coming of Jesus Christ.

With the knowledge that America’s public grammar schools and many colleges were founded by dedicated Christians, don’t you

wonder what would America be like today if public education had continued to be established on Biblical principles?

Instead of teaching woke culture, hatred for our country, disdain for authority figures, and attitudes of entitlement, wouldn’t we be a stronger more unified nation if we taught those primary Biblical principles such as “Love your neighbor as yourself,” and “Do not steal, or kill, or destroy other peoples’ property, reputation or lives”?

America did just fine when we honored God, and placed Him in the foundation of our educational system. Our first university, Harvard, had this as their mission statement in 1642: “Everyone shall consider as the main end of his life and studies, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life.”

committee would have limited abortions to the second trimester and sought to abolish lawful abortion during the third trimester, unless the life of the mother is at risk. Under existing Virginia law, the state allows abortion through the second trimester, and only allows third trimester abortions when three physicians agree a continuation of the pregnancy is likely to result in the death of the pregnant individual or “substantially and irretrievably” harm their mental health.

Republican lawmakers and Youngkin voiced support for restrictions on abortions after 15-weeks with certain exceptions, contending the bill would cut off abortion at the point “when a baby can feel pain.” According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, “science conclusively establishes that a human fetus does not have the

capacity to experience pain until after at least 24–25 weeks.”

Democrats in the General Assembly have vowed repeatedly to block attempts to restrict abortion in the commonwealth. A win in a special election earlier this month flipped a Virginia Beach state Senate seat, bolstering the Democratic majority in the Senate.

“Despite Gov. Youngkin and his allies’ relentless efforts to undermine our health and rights,

today we reaffirmed that there is no place for abortion bans in Virginia,” Jamie Lockhart, executive director of Planned Parenthood Virginia, said in a statement. “All three of the dangerous anti-abortion proposals before this committee represented grave threats to Virginians’ health and rights, and we are thrilled to now celebrate their defeat.”

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Trade, The Honorable Caren Merrick, spent quality time meeting with our business leaders and county officials in a productive problem-solving and strategic opportunity session.

The Board of Supervisors, County Executives and I attended a variety of functions to include the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) legislative briefings and Rural Caucus. We also toured the General Assembly Buildings and met with several

state agencies.

And it would not be a successful trip to Richmond if we didn’t meet with our good friend and Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Honorable Joseph Guthrie.

Although it is true that the most important and impactful government-to-citizen interaction is with your local government(s), it still remains very important that we help carry the concerns, needs and

opportunities of Pulaski County to Richmond.

It is incumbent upon our local officials to support our legislators who are working hard to advance health, safety, opportunity and quality of life for all of us who call Pulaski County home.

I want to sincerely thank the Members of the Board of Supervisors, Senator Hackworth, Delegate Ballard and Delegate Campbell, for their commitment, service and leadership in representing the citizens of Pulaski County.

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## Lowery

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possession of classified documents materially assists Biden in his case; the discovery of the documents in Biden’s various unsecure locations may be a fiasco, but not one as drawn out and legally fraught as the Mar-a-Lago drama.

It’s a little like both parties running candidates in the 1972 campaign who had authorized break-ins, or in a 1980 campaign who had presided over double-digit inflation.

Now, it’s entirely possible that the second season of Trump versus Biden never makes it to production. Despite all signs indicating that he wants to run again, Biden might pull up short because he doesn’t feel up for it. For his part, Trump has a significant chance of winning the Re-

publican nomination, yet it isn’t a gimme, and it shouldn’t help him that Biden and the Democrats so obviously want to run against him, just as they wanted to run against so many of his acolytes last November.

If the prospect of returning to 2020 is unappealing, look on the bright side: We never really left.

Trump has never let us forget that he lost to Biden (although he prefers to refer to it as getting the election stolen from him), while Biden has never let us forget that Trump is waiting in the wings.

Despite their enmity, both men want and need each other politically, whether that’s what the country is interested in or deserves, or not.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**

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# School

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Wytheville Community College and New River Community College and we invited board members and superintendents to these sites to see what classrooms and labs look like.”

Though not widely known, the decision to evict the SWVA Gov School from Northwood Elementary School building came several months ago, well before securing a new location for the Gov school.

Bill Hickam, who served on the SWVA Gov School Foundation board, only learned about PCPS divesting from the SWVA Governor’s School through his contacts at Radford University, where he taught chemistry for 35 years.

“The plan was to use the Chemistry Department at RU as part of the Governor’s School for the other counties,” said Hickam, who lives within sight of the Northwood Elementary School building. “When I talked to people about putting it in Radford, the people involved with it have no idea what they’re talking about. They said they haven’t told us beans so what are we supposed to do about scheduling?”

Years ago, Hickam and others suggested the SWVA Gov School be moved to Northwood Elementary School, which had fallen into disuse due to consolidation. In 2006, the SWVA Gov School moved from PCHS to Northwood. Bill and Lydia Hickam’s daughter, Georgie, attended the SWVA Gov School.

“It is a jewel for Pulaski and why they’re just throwing this away, I have no idea,” said Lydia.

“What makes me so unhappy about this is they’ve done this in secret. We went over to talk to



SWVA Governor’s School photo

The SW VA Governor’s School is housed in the former Northwood Elementary School building in Pulaski.

the (Gov School) teachers about it and it was a surprise to them as well.”

According to Rebecca Phillips, SWVA Gov. School Director, she received notification on Oct. 4 2022, that the building must be vacated by June 30, 2023.

It was Lydia Hickam who first called Mike Williams of **The Patriot** to notify him of the move, as no official announcement had been made, nor has any official announcement come since.

The PCPS divestment from the SWVA Governor’s School came as a surprise to county officials as well.

“Neither the County Board of Supervisors nor the County Administrator were advised or consulted about the decision,” said County Administrator Jonathan Sweet. “We were just as surprised to hear of the decision as the general public and although

we have absolutely nothing to do with those types of school board decisions, the general public has reached out to administration and the Board of Supervisors sharing their concern and frustration. We were able to tout that we were the Governor’s School for the region. It was a symbol of pride and excellence and it was part of our marketing to showcase Pulaski County.”

No member of the Pulaski County School Board has replied to emails inquiring about the future of the SWVA Governor’s school with Superintendent Siers referring all inquiries to the newly formed Public Relations Department, headed by David Gravely.

When asked if making necessary repairs to the Gov School building constitute an excessive financial burden on the finances of PCPS, the Public Relations Department simply replied, “yes.”

Pulaski County Public Schools uses money from various sources for ‘Capital Improvements,’ which include building repairs. PCPS recently received \$16 million in COVID relief money from the Federal Government, 80% of which went to capital improvements.

In addition, a recently enacted tobacco tax puts upwards of \$600,000 in PCPS coffers for capital improvements each year. Millions of Federal dollars have been used to repair school buildings throughout the county but none of this money was allocated to fix the roof at Northwood Elementary School.

In the meantime, the school board has decided to spend \$30,000 to create a Health Clinic within the high school. Additionally, Pulaski County Public Schools is currently building a \$1.6 million maintenance facility on the PCHS campus.

Gravely also mentioned that less than 10 students from Pulaski County High School currently attend SWVA Governor’s School,

adding that “interest in the Governor’s school has been declining for years and not just in Pulaski County.”

Each locality that participates in the SWVA Gov School program chooses how many students to send. In recent years Pulaski County High School has sent fewer and fewer students, whereas Giles County High School, which has about half the number of students as PCHS, sends 20 students to Gov School annually ... and more would like to attend. In 2017-2018 school year, Pulaski County sent 27 students to SWVA Gov. School. According to Phillips, nine PCHS students attended last year and only seven currently are enrolled.

Pulaski Town Councilman Tyler Clontz graduated from the SWVA Governor’s School in 2008.

“I’m pretty sure Pulaski County was capped at 25 but more kids had applied for it,” said Clontz. “I just read that there are only 9 Pulaski County kids in Gov School and that’s crazy.”

“The response shouldn’t be ‘there’s only 9,’ the response should be that the students capable of attending know about it and are attending,” said Adam Farris. “When I was in school, the Governor’s School was on the Pulaski County High School campus and every seat that was allotted was always full and they were coming to the high school and promoting the Governor’s School and soliciting applications. Kids were put on long waiting lists to get into Governor’s school. There’s been a number of high school parents that contacted me and said they didn’t even know there was a Governor’s School. It seems like the recruiting process is a little bit broken.”

As mentioned, the new location of the Southwest Virginia Governor’s School has yet to be determined. Early on, Radford University seemed to be the favored location but SWVA Gov School board members from southwestern localities objected because Gov School at RU would result in longer commute times.

Another possibility involves splitting the SWVA Governor’s School into two campuses. In this scenario Gov School students would take classes at both NRCC and Wytheville Community College. This arrangement may include a virtual learning element for Gov School students.

Wythe County’s wishes are

not to be discounted, as Wythe County sends more students to Governor’s School than any other locality. Giles sends the second most with Montgomery County a close third. The Southwest Virginia Governor’s School Board will decide on what form the Gov School will take at their next meeting on Wednesday, February 15.

As such, which courses and teachers will be available for classes next fall is yet to be determined.

“I can’t guarantee who’s going to be there,” said Gov School Superintendent-In-Charge, Terry Arbogast. “It’s going to be up to the teachers. If they split the sites then it’s going to be whether they’re up to traveling. The course load will depend on what teachers are available.”

While attendance at SWVA Governor’s School has declined in recent years, attendance at Dual Enrollment classes remains high. Since both can count for college courses, they are often considered to be equivalent but admissions requirements tell a different story.

A high school student who wishes to attend Gov School must score in the 90th percentile on PSAT/SAT, 500 or greater on SOL tests, as well as maintaining a very high grade point average, in math and sciences courses in particular. They must also collect recommendations from both teachers and counselors to attend.

In the past, students wishing to enroll for dual enrollment classes had to score high on Virginia Placement Tests for English and Math before qualifying. These tests took 2 to 3 hours to complete but as of last year, these requirements were dropped and now a student merely needs to maintain a 2.5 grade point average in high school to take Dual Enrollment classes.

“I do think Governor’s school is on a whole other level than Dual Enrollment classes,” said Tyler Clontz. “At Gov School you have science fair projects to complete aside from your normal schoolwork and that’s a multi-week experiment that you have to conduct yourself with papers to go along with it. One of my math professors went on to head the math department at Virginia Tech. Gov School is definitely a different experience and based on my knowledge, I’d say there’s

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# School

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nothing equivalent to it.”

Another unanswered question relating to Pulaski County Public Schools divestment from the SWVA Gov School, is what will become of the Northwood Elementary School building. According to the PCPS Public Relations department the fate of the building will be “decided at a later time.”

When Pulaski and Dublin Middle Schools became obsolete thanks to the construction of Pulaski County Middle School, PCPS donated these buildings to the county. The same might hold true for the Northwood Elementary School building but in that case, the county would have to either pay for a new roof or pay for the demolition of the building.

Another possibility is that after PCPS evicts the Governor’s School, they may decide to move the school board offices from the bank building downtown to the Northwood Elementary School building. This could be justified by declaring that money saved on rent could then be used to repair the roof.

“It’s about time for somebody to find out what’s going on,” said Hickam. “I’m uncomfortable with rats over there because somebody’s got to fix the roof!”

Though many view divesting from the SWVA Gov School as being a major change in priorities, no official action, nor official announcement is forthcoming.

“The school board will not be voting on this issue,” the PCPS Public Relations Department stated. “There never was a memorandum of understanding or

contract approved that would establish the terms and conditions of use for this facility.”

Whether the SWVA Gov School will secure a more ironclad contract with its new host is yet to be determined but if the agreement resembles the one maintained by PCPS and the Gov School, the future of this singular secondary learning institution is seemingly uncertain. Will the SWVA Gov School be forced to change locations again going forward and more importantly, will there even be a Gov School 5 years in the future?

“I can’t guarantee where we’re gonna be five minutes from now,” said Superintendent Arbogast. “I can’t guarantee anything.”

If the SWVA Gov School is moved to New River Community College, some, including Adam Farris, believe that it could turn out to be a positive for Gov School students. However, splitting the Gov School campus in two between Wytheville Community College and NRCC will necessitate longer commutes and the likely introduction of virtual learning classes, which are not generally well regarded in the teaching community.

“Gifted children need to be stimulated and pushed so that they can flourish and become everything that they’re capable of becoming and if you do not offer them that opportunity, then frequently they become bored and maybe even problematic,” stated Adam Farris. “Everyone that I kept in contact with who attended Governor’s School are all making waves in society. They’re en-

gineers, architects, physicians, lawyers, vice presidents of international companies ... you name it.”

“It was definitely a benefit,” declared Tyler Clontz. “I went into college with 43 credits, most of which were from the Governor’s School. I would have regretted it if I had the chance to do it and didn’t do it.”

“The kids do not attend Governor’s School simply because they

want college credits,” said Farris. “There’s a whole culture and there’s a vibe at the school that is preparing them as a transitional stage before going into college. I hope my kids can attend Gov School. It was the highlight of my high school career.”

According to Superintendent Arbogast, the SWVA Gov School board must come to a decision at the Feb. 15 meeting, so that the chosen college can prepare for the transition.

One thing is for sure, wherever the new location of the SWVA Governor’s School will be, much effort will be necessary to make ready for the fall semester. What isn’t clear is the logistics and costs involved, neither is it clear who will be teaching and what courses will be offered.

All of these uncertainties have now come to the fore, because PCPS could not find a way to pay for a new roof at Northwood School.



Pulaski County Schools photo

## Reading Teacher of the Year

Pulaski County Public Schools is pleased to announce the 2022 Virginia State Literacy Association, New River Valley Chapter, Reading Teacher of the Year, Ms. Angela Price. A colleague shared, “Angela is one of the best and we need more people like her in our field. She deserves recognition for all her hard work and dedication to teaching. Angela brings positivity to any environment that she is in and makes that a better place to be. That positivity carries over to her teaching style and students love being in her classes. She is a master teacher in her school and many people look to her for advice. She will always find a way to help anyone that asks.” In addition to her role as a reading specialist, Ms. Price volunteers a lot of her time to outside community activities and always represents the best of Riverlawn Elementary School and Pulaski County Public Schools.

Thank you, Angela, for all you do to support literacy. We are honored to recognize you as our New River Valley Chapter 2022 Reading Teacher of the Year.

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Senator Stephen Newman, R-Bedford, the chief patron for the 15-week abortion ban bill on the Senate side, told The Center Square after Thursday’s committee he was “obviously disappointed” the bill was defeated.

“We were hoping that a pain-capable bill would be a compromise bill that would get through,” Newman said.

Several bills addressing abortion have been filed in the Virginia House of Delegates, including an identical 15-week abortion ban bill and another that would prohibit the use of public funds for abortion. The bills, however,

have not been docketed for a committee hearing.

Democratic lawmakers have also proposed a constitutional amendment to enshrine abortion protections in the state constitution, though it would need bipartisan support to pass the General Assembly.

Republican House Speaker Todd Gilbert told reporters earlier this month that, given the composition of the politically-divided General Assembly, he doesn’t expect “much of anything” relating to abortion policy getting passed this session.

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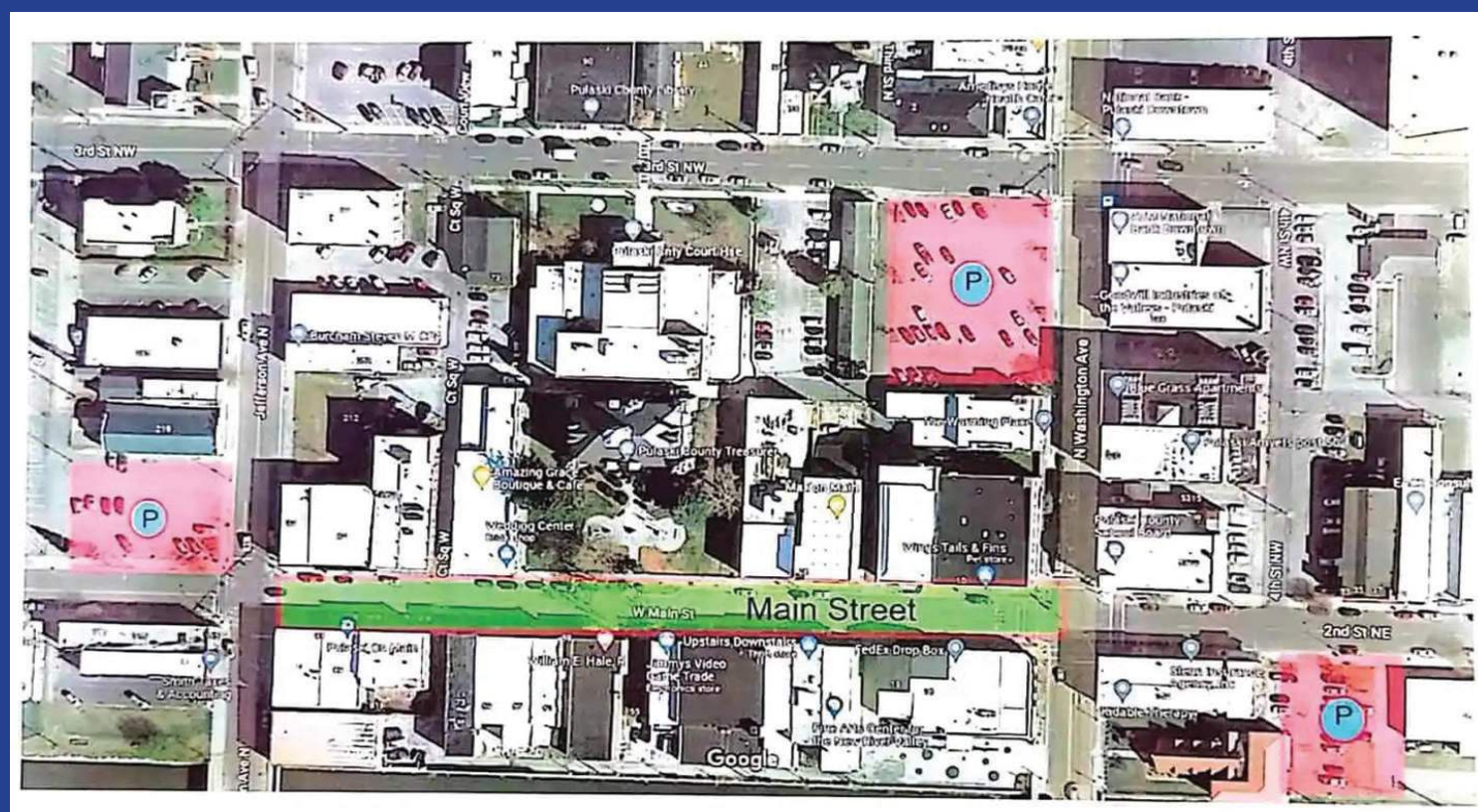
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# ACC announces 2023 football schedules

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced its 2023 football schedule – the first under a new scheduling model – Monday night during a two-hour special The Huddle: 2023 Football Schedule Reveal, exclusively on ACC Network.

The 71st season of ACC Football is the first under a 3-5-5 scheduling model announced last June that covers the 2023-26 seasons. Each team will play

three primary opponents annually and face the other 10 league teams twice during the four-year cycle, once at home and once on the road. The schedule allows for each team to face all 13 conference opponents home and away at least once over the four-year period. The new model eliminates divisions with the top two teams based on winning percentage playing in the ACC Football Championship Game on the first Saturday in December.

“As a conference, we’re ex-

tremely excited to begin the new scheduling model that provides significant enhancements – the most important being the opportunity for our student-athletes to play every school both home and away over a four-year period,” said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. “The new model is also in the best interest of our schools, fans and the conference as a whole. Beyond the incredibly competitive league schedule, our teams will once again play arguably the toughest collection

of non-conference opponents. There’s always great anticipation surrounding the annual release of the ACC Football schedule, and 2023 is no exception.”

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## Lady Cougars now at 17-3

### Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars won their ninth straight on Tuesday, romping past the Blacksburg Lady Bruins, 71-34.

The win gives Pulaski County a 17-3 record on the season.

Paige Huff led the Lady Cougars with 23 points on the night.

Other scoring included Keslyn Secrist with 18; Hannah Keefe, 14; Jayden Lawson and Andi Ratcliff, 5 each; Tori Vest, 4 and Kenzlee Jones, 2.

Only two games remain in the regular season for Pulaski County.

Friday night, the Lady Cougars finish their home slate as they host Cave Spring. Next Tuesday, the regular season finale will be at Salem.

### Pulaski County 69, Hidden Valley 10

Paige Huff led the Lady Cougars past Hidden Valley last Friday with 17 points.

Keslyn Secrist added 15 and Hannah Keefer chipped in 10 for the Lady Cougars.

Others scoring were Tori Vest, 9; Kenzlee Jones, 7; Andi Ratcliff, 6; Jayden Lawson, 3 and Destinee Duncan, 2.

### Pulaski County 52, Princeton 27

The Lady Cougars won their 15th game of the 2022-23 season last Thursday, beating Princeton, 52-27.

Pulaski County was led by Paige Huff’s 13 points. Keslyn Secrist and Tori Vest scored 9 each.

Also scoring for the Lady Cougars was Jayden Lawson, 8; Andi Ratcliff, Hannah Keefer and Morgan Vest with 4 each, and Destinee Duncan, 1.



Paige Huff heads to the basket this week against Blacksburg. Huff led the Lady Cougars in scoring in their last three games.

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## Bad half dooms Cougars vs. BBurg

By RODNEY YOUNG  
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougars, playing and looking for a region berth, came out in the first half and played terrible at Blacksburg. The half proved to be the Cougars’ downfall as they were beaten by the Bruins, 71-61.

How bad was the opening of the game? The Bruins found themselves up 13-0 before the Cougars could get on the scoreboard.

Tootie O’Dell hit a runner in the lane for their first bucket at the 2:51 mark of the opening quarter.

Blacksburg led 17-6 at the end of the quarter as the Cougars played hot potato with the ball. They committed eight turnovers and scored only six points.

The second quarter wasn’t much better as the Bruins went into halftime with a 34-18 advantage over the visiting Cougars – 18 points and 15 turnovers with a region berth on the line.

It was a bad showing and Coach Tyler Cannoy used his entire roster trying to find someone that would handle, rebound, and defend the basketball.

The halftime message must have gotten to the players, however, as they would at least battle in the second half, but were still down, 52-35 after the third period.

The Cougars would cut the Bruins lead to seven, 58-51 with 3:28 left in the game. That was as close as they would get, though as the Bruins would hit 10 of 12 free throws in the last three minutes to salt the game away and all but eliminate the Cougars from post-season play.

“We didn’t handle the ball, we didn’t play defense and we didn’t rebound the ball in the first half,” said a disappointed and frustrated Cougar head coach. “We had almost as many turnovers as points for the first half. We are not talented enough to play like that and win games. We have to play hard all the time to compete and this team sometimes seems to not understand that.”

When asked about the playoffs, Cannoy remarked, “Hey we have three games left in the regular season and once again we just need to play hard and see what happens.”

Blacksburg placed four players into double figures. Chandler Montgomery and Wade Bland both contributed 16 points apiece. Spencer Campbell finished with 15 and Xavier Bland chipped in with 14. So, Montgomery and Xavier Bland combined for 30 points coming off the bench for the Bruins.

Pulaski County got a game-high 22 points from Lane Nester, with 16 of those coming after intermission. Kyle O’Neal knocked down 16 points with 12 of those coming in the second half.

The Cougars (5-14) scored 43 second half points and turned the ball over just six times in the second half. If only that Cougar team in the second half would have played in the first half.

The Cougars traveled to Salem on Thursday night and close out

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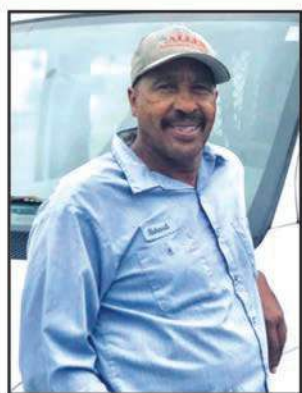
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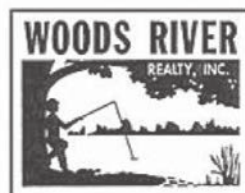
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# Virginia Tech outlasted by No. 23 Miami, 92-83

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CORAL GABLES, FL. – Virginia Tech and No. 23 Miami provided onlookers another entertaining matchup on Tuesday night, as the Hurricanes used a late spark from Nijel Pack to down the Hokies, 92-83.

Sean Pedulla and Hunter Cattoor led Tech in what could be considered one of team’s better offensive outings of the season. Both members of the backcourt pair accounted for 20 points apiece on 6-10 shooting. Grant Basile had his fifth straight game of double-digit scoring and seven-or-more rebounds 17 points and seven boards. Justyn Mutts added in 10 points with all coming in the second half.

Unfortunately for Tech, its explosive night on offense was matched by Miami. The Hurri-

canes’ 58.3-percent shooting was their second best total of the season, while Miami’s 42.1-percent outing from deep was noticeably above its season average entering the game (35.6-percent).

With the game tied at 76, Pack single-handedly led the ‘Canes on an 8-0 run, including a pair of dagger 3-pointers, starting with 3:37 remaining. Tech brought the margin within four points through consistent free throw shooting, but never grabbed the lead back.

### How It Happened

After falling behind 6-5, Virginia Tech went on an 8-0 run with 16:56 left in the first half, culminating in a three from Pedulla, to take a 13-6 lead. With the score at 16-8, Miami hit a 15-2 run to gain control of the game. Tech clawed its way back in and trailed only 45-44 at the half.

The two sides kept it close throughout the second half, but Miami constructed a 76-71 advantage before Virginia Tech went on a 5-0 run to even the score at 76 all with 4:16 to go in the contest. The Hokies could not turn their rally into a victory, as the Hurricanes outscored them 16-7 the rest of the way to hand Virginia Tech the 92-83 loss.

### Game Notes

» The Hokies had their second-best field-goal percentage of the season (56.9%) and its best in a loss since shooting 58.2% in a 93-86 loss to Kentucky on Dec. 16, 2017.

» Tech’s 14 turnovers are tied for third most in a game this season.

» Hunter Cattoor had his second 20-point game in a row for the first time in his career.

» Virginia Tech got a team-high seven rebounds from Grant Basile.

### UP NEXT

## Cougars

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the regular season at home on Tuesday against Salem.

An opportunity to bounce back in a big way awaits the Hokies, as they welcome No. 6 Virginia into Cassell Coliseum.

**Pulaski County 84, Hidden Valley 74**

The Cougar junior varsity saw their record improve to 13-5 as Jalere Harlow scored 24 points and Justus Hash poured in 21 in the Cougar win, defeating the Bruin JV, 61-43.

B-burg - 17- 17 - 18 - 19 = 71  
Pul. Co. - 6 - 12 - 17- 26 = 61

Scoring - PC - Nester 22, O’Neal 16, O’Dell 7, Turner 6, Horton 6, Burchett 4, B-burg - W. Bland 16, X. Bland 14, Montgomery 16, Campbell 15, Creasy 7, Saville 2, Howard 1

3-Pt. Goals - PC - 6 ( O’Neal 3, Nester 2, O’Dell), B-burg - 6 ( Campbell 2, X. Bland 2, Creasy , W. Bland)

Total FGs - PC - 20, B-burg - 25  
FTs - PC - 15-18, B-burg - 15-19

Total Fouls - PC - 16, B-burg - 15  
Fouled Out- PC - Horton  
Technicals - None

Last Friday, the Pulaski County Cougars traveled up I-81 and beat Hidden Valley in Roanoke, 84-74.

The Cougars took charge of the game late in the first half, going on a 19-0 run that lasted from the 1:30 mark before half-time all the way to the 5:15 mark in the third.

Lane Nester led the Cougars with 22 points on the night. Khalib Horton added 17 and Tootie O’Dell and Kyle O’Neal chipped in 16 points each.

Other scorers for the Cougars were Chandler Hollins, 8; Jeremiah Turner, 3 and Joel Burchett, 2.

Tyus Johnson took high scorer honors for the game as the Titan racked up 34 points on the night.

PC – 23 – 20 – 23 – 18 = 84  
HV – 23 – 14 – 17 – 20 = 74  
FGs – PC 30, HV 26  
FTs – PC 18-31, HV 18 -21  
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Case No. CL22000540-00  
Pulaski County Circuit Court  
45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

STEVEN RICHARD AYDELOTTE v. SHALANE NICOLE AYDELOTTE

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# Sheriff, prosecutor provide details on fatal Baptist Hollow incident on Monday

Updated joint press release from Sheriff Mike Worrell and Commonwealth Attorney Justin Griffith, of the Baptist Hollow Road incident from Jan. 30, 2023.

On Jan. 20, 2023, an employee from New River Valley Community Services was conducting a home visit to a client at a residence in the 6000 block of Baptist Hollow Road in the Hiwassee area of Pulaski County.

Shortly before 11:00 a.m., Pulaski County Joint Communications Center received the first of two 911 calls from the employee. The employee stated that he had been attacked by being stabbed multiple times by the client and proceeded to name the client.

Service was lost and the first call was disconnected.

The employee was able to call 911 a second time, and again stated that he needed help.

Deputies from Pulaski County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene during the course of the second call, and immediately evacuated the employee to safety and secured a perimeter around the residence.

After attempting several times to get anyone inside the residence to come out, entry was made into the residence, and the client was found deceased from wounds sustained in the altercation with the employee.

During the investigation, it was determined that the employee was aggressively attacked and stabbed multiple times.

The employee defended himself by fighting back and stabbed the client multiple times before being able to get off the front porch of the residence and to his vehicle.

When deputies arrived on scene, the employee was going in and out of consciousness due to blood loss from his wounds, and so they made the decision to use a Sheriff's Office vehicle to transport the employee to a nearby ambulance.

From there, the employee was transported to a hospital in Roanoke due to the severity of his wounds.

It was felt that this was an isolated incident and there was no danger to the community at large, but out of an abundance of caution, the School Resource Officer at Snowville Elementary School was notified and extra patrols were conducted throughout the community during the course of the incident.

Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith has said that due to the employee exercising his right to self-defense, it was a justifiable homicide, and no charges would be filed against him.

Sheriff Worrell would like to express his sincere thanks to Virginia State Police, Radford City Police Department, and Pulaski County Public Safety for their assistance over the course of this incident.

No further information will be released at this time.

## NRCC offering free health screenings Feb. 15 and 17

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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Lessons of Life From Solomon

Proverbs is one of the three wisdom books of the Bible. Solomon was one of the wisest men who ever lived, and in this chapter he gives us bits of wisdom concerning finances and various other things.

Finances are addressed in the bible in many places. Finances are an important part of our lives. The bible teaches us how to live our lives in the most beneficial way possible.

Proverbs 6:6-12. “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.”

A sluggard is a lazy person. A slothful person. A slacker. A loafer. A shirker. A freeloader. So this scripture, first of all, is warning those who are too lazy to work that they will experience difficult times in finances.

Please indulge me as I refer to an old story about the ant and the grasshopper from Aesop’s Fables. Although the story is only a fable, it teaches the virtues of hard work and planning for the future. I promise not to try to make this fable a part of the word of God, because it is not and never can be. I use it in this chapter because it does make a good point about the value of work.

The ant worked hard storing up food for a time when food wouldn’t be growing. The grasshopper fiddled around, doing nothing to lay back food for times of a lean season. The grasshopper watched the ant at work, and laughed at the ant which was working. All the while he was singing his song, dancing, and fiddling his life away. When a season came around when food wasn’t readily available, the grasshopper became very hungry and was about to starve to death. He begged the ant to give him some of the food the ant had stored away. The ant rebuked him for his idleness and basically told him, you sang and danced all summer long, so dance through the winter. The moral of the story is idleness brings want. If we will not work today, we are sure to hunger later.

The bible teaches us not to be slothful in business. Paul told some loafers in 2 Thes. 3: 11, 12, “For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such, we command and exhort by the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work and eat their own bread.”

Proverbs 20:4 says “The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.”

The ant knew that if it didn’t work during the summer, it would have no food in the winter. It had no boss. It had no one to make it work. But what it did have was an instinct for survival that motivated it to work. The work ethic of the ant is an excellent one for us to follow.

“Consider the ways of the ant.” An ant will climb precipitous walls, will venture into hazardous places, search barns, caves and gardens, often at their own peril, to lay up stores for themselves to draw from when the season of plenty expires.

Here’s a good point. If we’ll work hard, God will prosper the work of our hands and we’ll have food in our pantries and not have to depend on someone else’s la-

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Psalm 24:1-2

The **earth** is the **LORD's**, and **everything** in it, the **world**, and **all who live** in it; **for** he **founded** it on the **seas** and established it on **the waters**.

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bor to get us through tough times.

I fully realize that some are not able to work due to health problems or other issues beyond their control, and this message is not referring to them. This message refers to those who are too lazy or too trifling to work and earn their own living.

We are to work to earn our own living, if we are able to work, and not allow ourselves to become a burden on others. If we lay around sleeping our lives away, while we should be out earning a living for ourselves and our families, we're going to end up in poverty.

Many make lame excuses for not working, such as the ones in Proverbs 26:13. "The slothful man says, there is a lion in the way: a lion in the streets. As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful person upon his bed. The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason."

We can convince ourselves of almost anything if we have a mind to do so. To me, there is no good excuse for being too lazy to work for a living.

Here's a flimsy excuse, "There's a lion in the streets." This example is of a man who is too lazy to go to work and his excuse is, there's a lion in the streets and if I go out there, he'll devour me. Lions live in the jungle, not in the streets or among civilized society. A weak excuse such as this to prevent one from working to earn a living, will lead to poverty.

Paul looked at a person who is too lazy to work as not being worthy of receiving food from others. "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat." ( 2 Thes: 3:10 ) Someone once said, "Some excuse is better than none." But I disagree. A lame excuse shows the senselessness of the person using it. He is even too lazy to think up a believable excuse. He is too feeble minded to know that others will not accept a lame excuse as a valid excuse.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Ruth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel, who commanded the rebel army when Absalom rebelled against David? Arioch, Abner, Abishai, Amasa
3. In the Old Testament, who said, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth"? Noah, Isaiah, Samuel, Adam
4. Who wrote most of the Proverbs? David, Solomon, Paul, Isaiah
5. What's the Sea of Galilee called in John 6? Tiberias, Dead, Jordan, Geneva
6. Who was the mate of Ziporah? Hosea, Amos, Moses, Malachi

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Amasa, 3) Samuel (1 Samuel 3:9), 4) Solomon, 5) Tiberias, 6) Moses

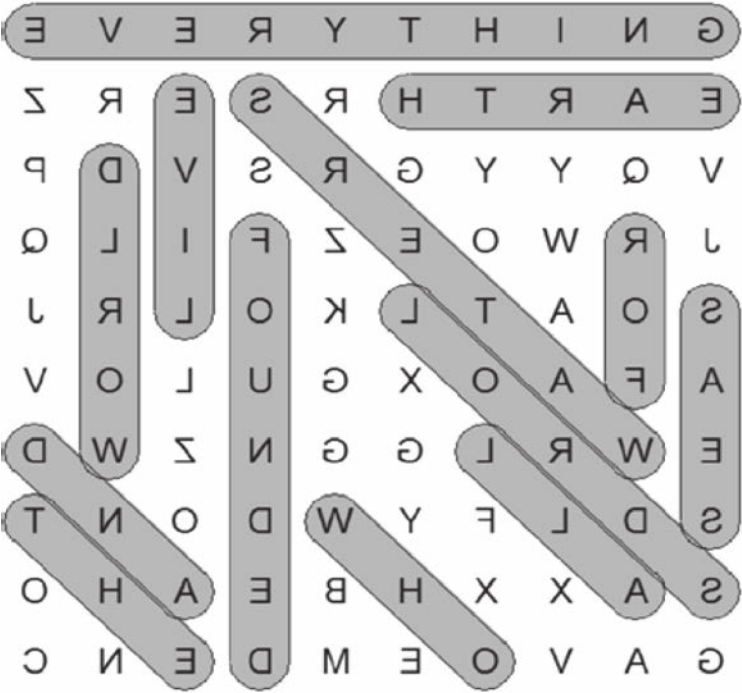
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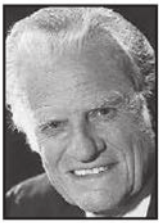
**Q: I'm a rather timid person and it has led me to experiment with drugs and the occult. While I don't recommend it for everyone, it does help in some cases, yet it is scary to think of where it can lead. I have found some comfort in hearing that the Bible is silent on these subjects. - D.O.**

A: The Bible condemns the use of any substance that alters or distorts our thinking (including alcohol, which was the most

common drug in ancient times). Many people do not realize that the Greek word used in the New Testament to designate a sorcerer or a person who practices occult magic is pharmakeus, meaning one who mixed drugs and used them to induce spells.

One of the characteristics of some drugs (such as cocaine) is that they make a person feel strong and alert, when in fact the opposite is the case. Don't be deceived. This is a dead-end road, in spite of what others may say.

The Bible says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adver-



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Billy Graham

sary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him" (1 Peter 5:8-9). The Lord strengthens His people to flee from these things. Turning to Jesus and repenting of sin and receiving Him as Lord and Master of life is the wisest

choice anyone will ever make on Earth. Belonging to Him brings His Holy Spirit power to help escape everything that is against living a life in obedience to Him. If our minds and hearts are not filled with God's truth, something else will take His place: false religions and philosophies, cynicism, occultism, drugs -- the list is endless. But when we bathe our minds in Scripture and cover our hearts in prayer, He is near to all who call on Him.

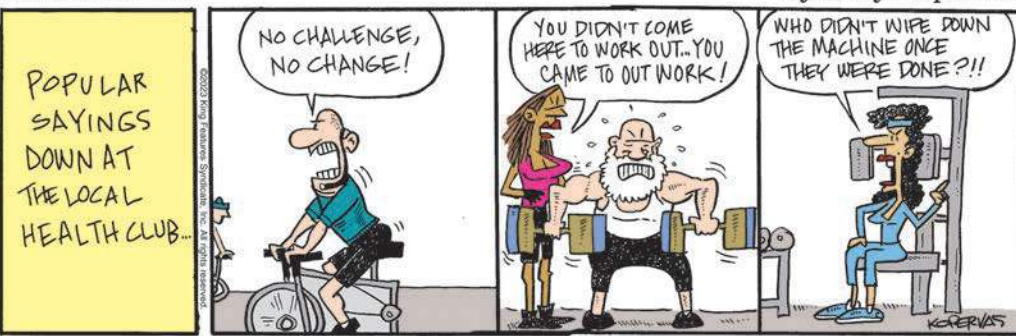
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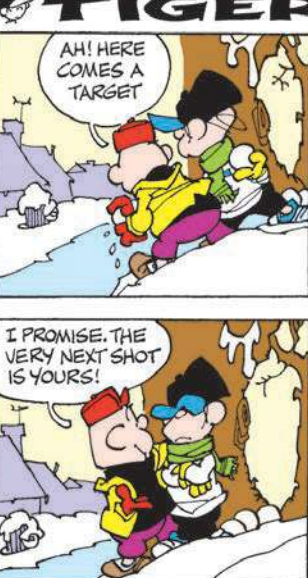
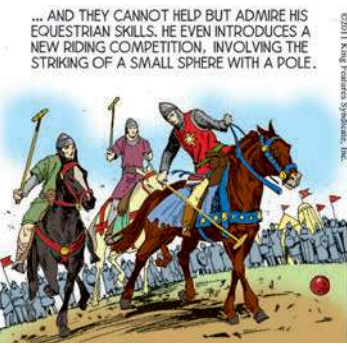


After 30 years of delivering comic strips full of humor and charming insight into rural America, Mike Marland has decided to retire "R.F.D." We wish Mike well in retirement and thank him for his many years of service. This will be his Final strip.

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W U A D G E I A S U A Q O L R  
N L N J W A L M B T O H F L A  
D A V Y C A L C S N I K E E W  
H Y I E G D E L S W O V E B N  
T S L Q P N L K I U I R H E Y  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **Device to Blow Air Into a Fire**

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Brawny	Iron bands	Smithy	Week in
Chestnut-tree	Muscles	Sparks	Week out
Forge	Sinewy	Sweat	

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**CryptoQuote**

**AXYDLBAAXR** is **LONGFELLOW**

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

UOXAX QD P MYQRX QSDQGX YE  
ZYH, UOPU TOQDJXAD PVV GPZ  
VYSW, Q EXXV UOQD QD AQWOU  
EYA CX, Q BSYT UOPU UOQD QD  
TAYSW. — DOXV DQVMXADUXQS

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There is a voice inside of you, that whispers all day long, I feel this is right for me, I know that this is wrong. — Shel Silverstein

**CryptoQuote**

answer

LONGFELLOW'S "THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue**

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Dear Dave,  
I'm single, and I make \$35,000 a year. Next year, my salary and bonuses should be around \$50,000. I have a little over \$30,000 in debt right now, including student loans, and I'm not sure how I'll be able to keep up with bills and everything else right now if I have to save \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund like you recommend. Can I get by with a starter emergency fund of \$500?

Dear Jonas,  
I really think you're making this whole thing sound a lot harder than it really is. They key is making and living on a budget, and that's not rocket science. It's a simple, written planning process where you give a name and a job to every dollar you make before the month begins.  
Food, shelter, clothing, transportation and utilities are necessities, so they come first. After that, make sure you're current on your debts. Once all that is out of the way, put every spare dollar you can into your emergency fund. If you do this with a sense of urgency, and limit spending to necessities, you'll be surprised by how fast it will happen. And you'll love the newfound sense of security.

The truth is you really need a starter emergency fund of \$1,000 if you're at a point in life where student loans and other debts are in the picture. That may seem like an im-

— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

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



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

possible goal right now, but it should be your first priority. And a written, monthly budget will go a long way toward helping you achieve that goal.  
You can do this, Jonas!

— Dave

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

## Shepherd gains degree from James Madison

Pulaski resident graduates from James Madison University HARRISONBURG -- Linda Shepherd of Pulaski graduated with a degree(s) in Nursing Practice from James Madison University during commencement exercises in December 2022.

Shepherd was among almost 900 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. JMU is one of the nation's leading lights in higher education.

Feb. 4

### Children's Valentine Activity Day

From 12-2 p.m. is Children's Valentine Activity Day. We will have a station to make Valentine Cards, a station to make a craft, a station to decorate a sugar and a snack station. This is open to all of the children in the community. Come and have some fun making Valentine's.

Feb. 9

**Virginia Tenant Rights and Responsibilities FREE WEBINAR**  
Hosted by SW VA Legal Aid Society. Access to housing is an essential right of all people. The ability to maintain those rights requires both tenants and landlords to follow the law, but sometimes tenants require protection from unjust evictions. This session will address Virginia and Federal laws that assist landlords, tenants, and homeowners with issues surrounding housing access in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

February 9, 10 a.m. Must register at [www.svlas.org/virginiatenants.com](http://www.svlas.org/virginiatenants.com) or go to our website, [www.svlas.org](http://www.svlas.org), and navigate to News & Events.

If you need assistance in registering or have any questions, please contact Gary Cody, [gcody@svlas.org](mailto:gcody@svlas.org), 276-783-8300, ext. 2011.

Feb. 14

### Sons of Confederate Veterans

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

**On going:**  
**Alcohol Anonymous**

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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

Our Lifestyles Changes weight loss group meets every Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the Free Memorial Li-

brary on Giles Avenue in Dublin. For more information, call Bill at 813-1605.

### Celebrate Recovery

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

### 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.



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