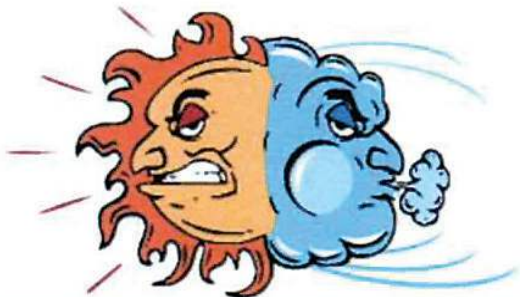




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Council hears about traffic, downtown water line project

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

A Pulaski resident addressed Pulaski Town Council on Tuesday with concerns over the town's two big local issues of late – the change downtown from traffic lights to stop signs and about the West Main Street water line project.

Allen Palmore expressed to council his concern over the intersection of Washington Avenue and Third Street, saying motorists on Third must drive into the crosswalk to see if there is any oncoming traffic on Washington.

"That's dangerous and I don't think you're supposed to be blocking a crosswalk when stopped, but you cannot see if anyone is coming without pulling out that far," Palmore said.

"I've already been nearly hit there one time and I'm assuming that others have probably been nearly hit there too," he told council, adding that "the stop signs are



not going to work there."

On the West Main Street project, Palmore said he had read in The Patriot that the project was to be completed by April 5.

"It does not look like it is going to be anywhere close to that," he told council. He continued that he had learned from a television news report that the project would last from 150 to 180 days.

He questioned why the change, and also earlier comments about work on the project sometimes be-

ing conducted seven days a week.

"That definitely hasn't happened," Palmore said, noting some days when he's downtown there is nothing going on.

"As a person who runs a business, I'm sitting there thinking 'what are those businesses [on Main Street] dealing with on a day-to-day basis?' I saw where they could get a \$3,000 grant, which I thought was a slap in the face. How much does it cost to run a business? That's probably not covering the rent for one month," Palmore stated.

He also said a streetlight outside his house is not working and has been covered by tape. He wondered if the light is being eliminated.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham advised town residents that, any time there is a street light out, they should make note of the pole number and call that number in to Appalachian Power.

"That is the quickest way to get

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Groundbreaking for town's new Food City set for April 5

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Ground will be broken on Wednesday, April 5 for the new Food City store at the corner of East Main Street and Bob White Boulevard in the Town of Pulaski.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham announced during a meeting of Town Council on Tuesday that a groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. that day at the site – the former Lee Jeans plant.

She said that, in advance of that event, the owners of the building have agreed to allow the facility to be used as a fire training facility.

"Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they (firefighters) will be in that building conducting training exercises as well as all day on Saturday," Burcham explained.



She said the training is being sponsored by the Pulaski Fire Department, but volunteer departments from throughout the region have been invited to participate.

"It's a very unusual opportunity for them to have a building they can go in and break windows and tear down doors and do things that would be part of their firefighting activity in the event of a serious fire," she continued.

-Also during Tuesday's meeting, Burcham told council Appalachian Power will soon begin an LED lighting project on Route 11 in the town, in which they will be replacing the old street lights bulbs with LED bulbs.

-Council approved a resolution appointing Tim Hale as the town's new building official. Hale has been working parttime, but will begin fulltime employment April 1. He has one year to acquire all the necessary certifications to fill the position, which is one of the few

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that issue resolved,” Burcham said.

In regard to Palmore’s concerns about the West Main project, she said the contractor does have until April 5.

“My understanding is they think they are going to make that date,” Burcham said.

She added the contractor is at the point in which they are installing vaults for different businesses and property owners who have

asked for additional water meters, and that requires that vaults be installed.

She said work has progressed to the point there are only a couple businesses that aren’t yet connected to the new water line.

She noted that the contractor will face a penalty if they do not complete the project by the April 5 date.

“I can assure you that the water-line will be complete if not by April 5th then as soon as possible,” Burcham said.

“The contractor is well aware of the deadline. Unfortunately, when you sign a contract with any con-

tractor, they have a specific number of days to accomplish the work. We have no control on when in that period of time they are going to work. Obviously, this contractor and others have other work, and they are moving their crews around in order to accomplish multiple contracts. When we first signed the contract, we offered and agreed that they could work up to seven days a week. They didn’t necessarily agree that they were going to do that, but we did say we would make provision for that, which is outside our normal contract with people.

“There is nobody who is more concerned than myself about getting that project accomplished because we know it is creating challenges not only for the people who live and work there, but the rest of the community that uses that area,” Burcham continued.

About the vaults and additional meters, Burcham said a large vault is going in to serve the 53, 67 and 69 West Main Street addresses where the owners are planning multiple retail businesses and anywhere from six to eight apartments on the second floor.

Another resident, Tim Bishop, questioned why the water line project was granted so much time.

“Was there lower time frame bids that were submitted,” he asked.

“No,” responded Vice Mayor Brooks Dawson, who conducted the meeting in place of Mayor Shannon Collins.

A third resident, William Kidd, said he believes it is a “big mistake” to remove “basically every stop-light in town.”

“It makes it feel like you just got to stop, go – stop, go – stop, go. It’s very jarring and I feel like there’s

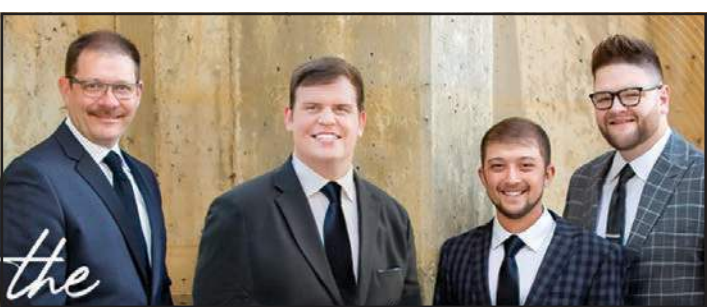
not sufficient visibility at all the intersections to see what’s coming really good and confidently to pull out at them without a light. He advised town officials to further consult with VDOT to get more opinions on that.

Finally, Gary Cox addressed council on garbage pickup issues between Fourth Street NW and Eighth Street NW bordering on Randolph Avenue.

Cox said council had not done its job in serving the residents of those houses in regard to garbage pickup.

He told of one woman and her son who have to “wrestle” their 96 gallon GFL garbage can down 20 concrete steps to place it where GFL had instructed.

He asked council to visit the area and consider a solution to such problems.



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By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Plans for a new large item drop site on the former Red Carpet Inn property outside the Town of Pulaski prompted a county businessman to speak out Tuesday night at a meeting of Pulaski Town Council.

Dublin attorney Mike Barbour addressed council on the planned Public Service Authority drop site near Exit 94 off I-81 and just outside the town limits.

“I found it extremely odd, frankly to consider locating a drop site on land adjacent to an interstate interchange,” Barbour began.

Barbour said he is well aware of all the communities, including

Pulaski, that were effectively bypassed by the interstate and “how critical these exit interchanges are.”

“All of the towns and communities along the 325-mile length of I-81 think the land around interchanges is extremely valuable – as a gateway to the town in this instance – while other communities see it as very valuable as primary economic development area,” Barbour told council.

“I was very surprised that there was a plan to locate a drop site at Exit 94,” he noted.

Barbour said a letter he had sent earlier to the Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board expressed his three concerns about the plan.

One, he said, was location.

“Not just at the interchange, but my location concern has to do with the current zoning there, has to do

with the residential zoning directly across Old Route 100 from the proposed site and other matters as well,” he said.

Barbour said he also has a concern about the need for the drop site.

Saying he was aware of the recent change in garbage service in the town, Barbour said he found it odd the PSA would want to add another drop site within a mile or two of a customer base it no longer has.

Lastly, he said, is his concern over the cost.

“I haven’t seen any plans for the proposed drop site, any estimates of cost including for environmental abatement, taking the building down, paving, fencing, a significant potential issue with storm-

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that council is charged in filling.

-Council approved a special exception for the property at 2460 Lee Highway, the former medical offices next to LewisGale Hospital Pulaski.

The special exception excludes several uses for the property including hospitals, nursing homes, continuing care facilities, alcohol, substance abuse and drug treatment centers, sanitariums, hospices, fa-

cilities for the residence or care for the elderly, handicapped or chronically ill, residential facilities for nurses and physicians.

Shah Development, owners of the property, had requested approval of the special exception after plans for Mainspring Recovery Center to establish a residential treatment center for substance abuse disorders at the facility were withdrawn.

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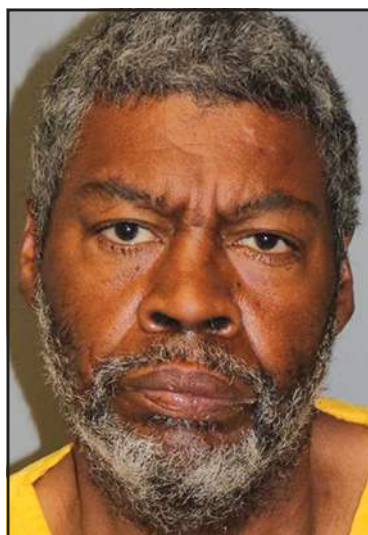
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Melissa Dawn Trainer



Thomas Anthony Morris

Two arrested in missing teens case

From Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office began working on information concerning the potential whereabouts of two runaway juveniles from Franklin County.

Information was shared by multiple agencies which lead investigators to the Snowville area of Pulaski County, where the biological mother of one of the juveniles was staying with a male acquaintance.

Information obtained at that location lead investigators to a resi-

dence on Thaxton Road in Pulaski where the juveniles were located.

During the investigation, it was learned that the juveniles, once arriving at the Thaxton Road address, were not free to leave due to the actions of Thomas Anthony Morris, who resided at that location.

Based on the circumstances surrounding the runaway juveniles, Melissa Dawn Trainer, age 47 of Pulaski, was charged and arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and obstruction of justice.

Thomas Anthony Morris, age

57 of Pulaski, was charged and arrested for two counts of abduction.

Both Trainer and Morris are being held at the New River Valley Regional Jail without bond.

This incident is still under investigation and additional charges are forthcoming pending the outcome of the investigation.

Sheriff's Office Note: The information on the Virginia DMV files show this individual's last name as Morris. However, his criminal history does show multiple aliases to include the last name of Hunter.



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Apr 7 – 8	“Moses”/ PA Dutch/ Lancaster, PA	\$490	Sept 6 – 9	Creation Museum/ Ark Encounter	\$865
Apr 8	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 7 – 10	Myrtle Beach, SC	\$1,070
Apr 8	“Aladdin” / Belk Theatre / Charlotte, N.C	\$200	Sept 8 -10	Washington , D.C / Mount Vernon	\$625
Apr 13 – 29	Great Southwest California	\$4,045	Sept 8 – 13	Las Vegas & Grand Canyon Fly / Land	\$2,805
Apr 14 – 16	Washington, D.C/ Cherry Blossom Festival	\$640	Sept 9 -16	Trains of New England	\$2,905
Apr 15	“Hamilton” / Altria Theatre/ Richmond, VA	\$255	Sept 10 – 16	Best of Ozarks/ Branson/ Eureka Springs	\$1,690
Apr 17	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Sept 11 – 23	Nova Scotia / New England in the Fall	\$3,065
Apr 22	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 14 – 16	“Moses” / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735
Apr 23- 26	VA Military Tattoo/ Mermaid Bash	\$1,315	Sept 15 – 16	Gandy Dancer/ Tygart Flyer	\$480
Apr 24 – May 3	Texas “Lone Star State”	\$2,435	Sept 16 – 22	New England in the Fall	\$1,685
May 6	Billy Graham Library/ Stowe Bontanical Gardens	\$90	Sept 16 - 27	America's Southwest Land / Fly	\$4,350
May 6 – 16	Tennessee Music Pathways	\$4,840	Sept 18	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50
May 9 – 12	Tulip Festival/ Holland, MI	\$940	Sept 19 – 23	Vermont in The Fall/ Stoweflake Lodge	\$1,910
May 10	Andy Griffith “Mayberry” Mt. Airy , NC	\$85	Sept 19 – 25	Mystery Tour...	\$1,830
May 10 – 13	Creation Museum / Ark Encounter	\$865	Sept 23	Andy Griffith's “Mayberry Days”	\$85
May 11 – 13	“Moses” / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735	Sept 23 – 24	Washington Nationals Baseball	\$585
May 12 – 14	New York Springtime	\$1,200	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Neptune Festival/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$685
May 13	North Carolina Zoo/ Asheboro, NC	\$90	Oct 1 – 5	Niagara Falls / Toronto	\$1,365
May 15	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Oct 2 – 8	New England in the Fall	\$1,685
May 20 – 21	Tangier Island	\$470	Oct 3 – 6	Rockin' the Boardwalk/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$1,190
May 21 – 26	Oklahoma Oil/ Osage Nation/ Pawhuska, OK	\$1,405	Oct 5	Cass Railroad / Cass, WV	\$195
May 26 – 28	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Oct 6 – 7	“Moses” / PA Dutch/ Lancaster , PA	\$490
May 27	Mitchie Tavern / Swannanoa Mansion	\$95	Oct 6 – 8	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005
Jun 4 – 7	Resorts Casino & Hotel / Atlantic City, NJ	\$765	Oct 7	Billy Graham Library / Stowe Botanical Gardens	\$90
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Jun 9 – 11	Washington D.C / Mount Vernon	\$625	Oct 10 – 14	Haunted Halloween/ Boston & Salem	\$1,370
Jun 9 – 19	Nova Scotia/ Atlantic Provinces of Canada	\$2,650	Oct 11 – 17	Pioneer Women/ Magnolia Market	\$1,930
Jun 15 – 20	White Mountains/ Purple Moose	\$1,825	Oct 14	New River Gorge Bridge Day/ Fayetteville, WV	\$100
Jun 15 – 21	Mackinac Island / Michigan	\$2,030	Oct 14	Carolina Balloon Festival / Statesville, NC	\$85
Jun 18 – 24	Best of the Ozarks/ Branson/ Eureka Springs	\$1,690	Oct 17 – 20	Oktoberfest in Helen, GA	\$1,290
Jun 18 – 24	Niagara Falls/ Montreal/ Toronto/ Quebec	\$1,755	Oct 23	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50
Jun 19	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Nov 3 – 5	Sunshine Tours/ Family Reunion	\$900
Jun 25- July 13	Hitching a Ride on Route 66	\$4,905	Nov 9	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
Jun 26 – 29	Gilded Age of New York	\$2,035	Nov 9 – 12	Biltmore House / Smoky Mountain Christmas	\$1,435
Jun 29 – July 2	Grandkids of Country Music/ Clarksville, TN	\$1,105	Nov 10	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
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July 2 – 6	Niagara Falls USA / Erie Canal	\$1,470	Nov 12 – 18	Florida Keys/ Sunset Celebration	\$3,235
July 2 – 16	Canyonlands / Scenic Tour	\$3,655	Nov 13	Bristol Casino / Bristol , VA	\$50
July 2 – 30	Alaska/ Canada's Yukon/ Motorcoach	\$7,700	Nov 22 – 25	Macy's Thanksgiving Parade/ New York	\$1,580
July 7 – 10	Atlanta Motor Speedway	\$1,020	Nov 26 – 29	Wind Creek/ Bethlehem/ New York	\$900
July 10 – 26	Yellowstone T.V Series Tour	\$6,425	Nov 29 – Dec 4	Currier & Ives Christmas/ Burlington, VT	\$1,910
July 16 – 19	Wind Creek/ Bethlehem/ New York City	\$900	Dec 1 – 3	Christmas at Myrtle Beach	\$660
July 17 – 20	Red Neckin' Toe Tappin/ Pigeon Forge, TN	\$1,490	Dec 1 – 3	Radio City Christmas / New York	\$1,365
July 21 - 23	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Dec 1 – 3	Christmas Opryland Hotel	\$1,215
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Aug 19 – 20	Great Smoky Mountains Railway	\$575	Dec 8 – 10	Christmas Opryland Hotel	\$1,215
Aug 21	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Dec 9	Biltmore House & Gardens Christmas	\$230
Aug 24 -26	Strasburg Railroad/ Red Caboose Hotel	\$985	Dec 10 – 16	Joyeux Noel/ Louisiana	\$1,870
Aug 26	Mitchie Tavern/ Swannonoa Mansion	\$95	Dec 16	Biltmore House & Gardens Christmas	\$230
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CHARLES RAY SHANNON, SR.

Charles Ray Shannon, Sr., age 74 of Dublin, VA, left this world at the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

Wilburn was the son of the late Ellis and Hazel Stewart of Dublin, VA. He was born in Baileysville, WV and attended school in Pineville, WV. He married Virginia Hoffman and they had two daughters, Diana (Everett) Phillips of Ashland, KY and Debbie Tabor (the late Sydney Tabor) of Crystal Lake, IL.

He was a wonderful papaw to four grandsons: Bradley Phillips of Cross Lanes, WVa.; Andrew Phillips (Nikki) of Catlettsburg, KY; Travis Tabor (Taylor) of Kansas and Jarred Tabor of Chicago, IL. He is also the great-grandpa to Taylor, 12, Lucas, 6, and Ellie, 2 all of Catlettsburg, KY.

Wilburn was an Army Veteran serving from 1960-1965. When he returned home from the military he started his career as a coal miner, working at Itman, WV most of his career. He loved automobiles and guns and had an extensive collection of both.

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He has many nieces and nephews.

Wilburn will have a service at New Life Nazarene Church conducted by Pastor Julie Armbrister on Saturday, March 25, 2023 Viewing will be at 1 p.m. with funeral following at 2 p.m. In keeping with his wishes he will be cremated.

Due to his love of all animals and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make a donation in his name to the Pulaski County Animal Shelter in Dublin, Va.

To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM – Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Lee Sarver officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home. To sign Charles' online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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Youth Art Month exhibit continues to March 31

Youth Art Month Exhibit throughout March at the Pulaski County Innovation Center's East Entrance foyer and adjacent hallways.

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WILBURN RAY STEWART

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SANDRA 'SANDY' ARNOLD INGRAM

Sandra 'Sandy' Arnold Ingram – Carencro, LA – passed peacefully away on March 3rd, 2023 after fighting to overcome a stroke and brain bleed.

Sandy was born July 13, 1959, in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late James R. & Mary C. Arnold. She graduated class of 1977 from Fort Chiswell High School, Max Meadows, VA. She continued her education by attending and graduating from Wytheville Community College with a degree in Phlebotomy. She was employed by Pulaski Community Hospital. Continuing her education, she graduated with her Masters of Business Management and Administration through Old Dominion University in 1994. Sandy moved to Lafayette, Louisiana in 1999 continuing her employment with HCA hospitals, which was employed for 39 years. Her recent place of employment was at Lady of our Lourdes Women's and Children's hospital of Lafayette, LA.

Sandy is survived by Millie the Chihuahua and Finn the Great Pyrenees (being taken care of by family).

Mother, Mary C. Arnold, Wytheville, VA

Brother, Ricky W. & Lynn Arnold, Wytheville, VA

Brother, James S. & Alicia Arnold, Leesburg, GA

Sister, Julie A. & Wayne Armbrister, Pulaski, VA

Brother, Daniel S. Arnold, Wytheville, VA

Nieces & Nephews:

Emily C. Arnold, Rebecca L. Arnold, Katelyn B & Sam Hester, Ethan Armbrister, Jacob Armbrister.

Great Nephew Ethan and Great Niece Kristin.

Special gratitude and love are extended to her Louisiana Family. We are eternally gratefully for their love and friendship of. Her work family meant the world to her. We knew them because she always shared about them because she loved them so much especially Sammy Urbina and Jerald Auzenne. Her neighbors were her extended family. An expression of gratitude goes to Angie and Clyde Blanchard and family, Ann and Linus Cortez, as well as her Cajun Buddy, Kevin and Sherry Douga. Special appreciation and love goes to Tommy and Gina Dickens of Houston, Texas. They assisted the family during Sandy's stay at TIRR's Brain Injury rehab. Tommy and Gina attended high school with Sandy and were life-long friends.

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MYRA LUCILLE ATKINSON FLOYD

Myra Lucille Atkinson Floyd, age 65 of Pulaski passed away Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born May 6, 1957 in Radford, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Rev. Hampton "HT" Atkinson & Rev. Betty Manuel Atkinson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Floyd and sister, Christal Atkinson.

Myra is survived by her Daughter – Paula Floyd – Austin – TX

Sisters – Pam (Dale) Sayers – Grahams Forge, VA, Rebecca (Scott) Freeman – Pulaski, Teresa (Tim) Aker – Grahams Forge, VA

Memorial services will be held at 7:00 PM Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church, (5662 East Lee Highway-Max Meadows, VA) with Rev. Mike Ingo & Rev. Steve Willis officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until service time Tuesday evening at the Church.

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

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



4 p.m. burn law in effect until April 30

Virginia's spring fire season is here; with it, the 4 p.m. burning law takes effect. Between Feb. 15 and April 30, open-air burning is restricted until 4 p.m. each day.

If you choose to burn after 4 p.m., take the proper precautions.



JAMES LACY SMITH JR.

James Lacy Smith Jr., 90, of Dublin, passed away on Sunday, March 19, at Lewis-Gale Montgomery Medical Center. He was born on July 9, 1932, to the late James Lacy Smith Sr. and Clara Church Smith. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Rosie L. Smith. He is also preceded in death by two daughters: Dreama Reynolds and Brenda Underwood; brothers: Richard Smith and Sherman Smith.

Mr. Smith was a family man, and one who had many interests. He enjoyed spending time wood-working, could be found outdoors, usually fishing, but most importantly you could find him in a pew on Sundays attending church with his family at New Hope Church.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Sandi Bryant (Rick), Connie Jennings (Lloyd), Tammy Nichols (Ron), Garry King (Donna), Odessa King, and Gayle Akers; special friends: JoAnne Hypes and Bill Newman; along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved him dearly.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home with Randall Lawrence officiating. Interment followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

The family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Services, an online guestbook is available at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

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AGNES DISHON SMITH
 Agnes Dishon Smith, age 74 of Dublin went home to be with the Lord on Sunday evening March 19, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Salem. Born October 28, 1948 in Snowville she was the daughter of the late William Alvis Dishon & Hassie Holliday Dishon. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Lisa Worrell Dunagan.

Agnes a registered nurse, was an active member of Dublin Christian Church where she dedicated her time to serving others. When she wasn't helping others, she could be found painting, quilting and gardening.

Agnes is survived by her Husband – Eugene Charles Smith – Dublin

Children – Kenneth (Terry) Smith – Pulaski, Cheryl (Jack) Farris – Pulaski, Mike (Ruth) Smith – Pulaski, David (Amy) McBride – Snowville, Michael (Wendy) Worrell – Dublin

16 Grandchildren- 12 Great Grandchildren

Sisters – Belva Dalton – Snowville, Gracie (Ernest) Worrell – Snowville

Brothers – Gary (Reba) Dishon – Snowville, Ricky (Debbie) Dishon – Snowville, Jeff (Margaret) Dishon

Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the Dublin Christian Church (5605 Dunlap Road-Dublin, VA 24084) with Ministers Gregg “Scooter” Breisch & Richie Goad officiating. Interment followed at the Dishon Family Cemetery, Snowville.

To sign Agnes’ online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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A special memorial was already given in Sandy's memory in Lafayette, LA. A private service will be held in Pulaski, VA at a later date. If you would like to celebrate Sandy's life and her memory, please give a donation to an animal rescue. Sandy was a huge proponent and passionate for dog rescue over the years.

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RICHARD LEE “TINK” EVERSOLE

Richard Lee “Tink” Eversole passed away on March 9, 2023 at his home with family by his side in Wytheville, Va.

Born May 26, 1928 in Pulaski, Va., he was the son of the late Robert T. Eversole and Elma Bertha Jonas Eversole.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mae Thomas and sisters, Helen Etter, Wytheville, and Carolyn Alberta Arnold, Pulaski, and brother, James D. Eversole of Rural Retreat, Va.

Richard has three daughters and spouses, Lora (Leo) Grubb, Speedwell, Va., Tammy (Jacky) Scott, Whtheville, Teresa (Maxie) Aker, Wytheville; grandchildren, Britney (Brad) Litton, Nathan (April) Aker and Jerry (Michelle) Fishger; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; sisters, Patsy Safewright, Wytheville and Margie Folden, Pulaski; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held March 13, 2023 at Barnett Funeral Home in Wytheville with burial March 14, 2023 at West End Cemetery in Wytheville with military rites by American Legion Post 9.

Richard served in the U.S. Army for two years and was a mechanic and farmer.

Barnett Funeral Home in Wytheville was in charge of services.



BETTY LOU SMITH RUPE

Betty Lou Smith Rupe, age 88 of Draper, died peacefully at her home in Draper on Friday, March 17, 2023. She was born in Pulaski on March 24, 1934, and was the daughter of the late Thelma Marie Sharitz Smith and the late Weston Whitfield Smith. Betty was a Christian by faith and attended Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pulaski.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Ellwood Rupe, a brother; Larry Gene Smith, and a special nephew, Timmy Simmons. Betty is survived by her loving daughter, Lisa (Jay) Turner of Pulaski: two brothers; Jimmy Smith of Pulaski, Dean Smith of Laurel, MD: sister; Mary Ann Simmons of Laurel MD.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Terri Sternberg officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Healing Hearts Canine Rescue 3430 Lee Highway Draper, VA 24324. Special thanks to Pam Taylor Sanford. Also, thanks to Brandi, Abbey, and Donna and

Tammy of Valley Ridge Home Health and Good Samaritan Hospice.

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



PERRY FRANKLIN WHITE

Perry Franklin White, age 82 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023 at his home. Born March 14, 1941 in Pulaski County he was the son of the late Newton Whitman White & Fannie Juanita Phillips White. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Donald, Jerry and Jimmy White.

Perry retired from Pulaski Furniture / Ethan Allen after 43 years of service.

He is survived by his

Wife – Melba Faye White – Pulaski

Children – Vicky Lynn White & H. Dwain Thornsberry – Dublin, Keith Franklin (Karen) White – Dublin

Grandchildren – Mara (Jared)

Ward, Luke Collins, Elly White

Brother – Eddie (Patty) White – Dublin

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Thornspring United Methodist Church, Dublin with Pastor Teresa Tolbert officiating. Interment will follow at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery.

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

To sign Perry’s online guestbook, visit www.bowefuneralhome.com

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

GAIL HALL FRAZIER

Gail Hall Frazier, 67 of Dublin passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 12, 2023, while spending the morning at home. Gail was loved by all who knew her, and she kept a special place in her heart for everyone she had ever met.

Preceded in death by her parents, Robert David Hall, and Delma Gregory Hall. Also meeting her in heaven will be her beloved husband, Seargent Donald Lee Frazier, Sr., and her son, Donald Lee

Frazier, Jr. Also preceding her in death is a granddaughter, Jamie Lee Frazier and a grandson, James Hunter Barker.

Left to cherish her memory will be her companion, Ronald Blevins. Daughters, Delorise Irene Frazier of Pulaski, and Crystal Frazier Barker (Chris) of Stewarts Draft. Brother, Wesley Thomas Wharf of Madison Heights and a Half Sister, Debbie Street (Thurman) of Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Also surviving are a grandson, Wyatt Thomas Wharf (Savannah) and great grandchildren, Azalia Rose Wright, and Shawn Barker.

Gail was an active lady with a heart full of public service. She donated much of her time and energies to Moose Lodges in Dublin and Pulaski as well as the Pulaski Ruritan, Pulaski VFW, and the Pulaski American Legion. Affectionately known as Mrs. Santa in local Christmas Parades and other holiday functions in the New River Valley.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 24, 2023, beginning at 2:00 at the Dublin Christian Church located at 5605 Dunlap Road in Dublin with Pastor Terry Hodge officiating. Inurnment will be private at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery at another date and time.

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Committee on House Administration

Thanks to the new Republican majority, this Congress my committee responsibilities have expanded. Along with serving on the Energy and Commerce Committee, in January I was selected by Speaker Kevin McCarthy as one of eight Republicans to serve on the Committee on House Administration.

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

Part of our job is focusing on Capitol Hill, overseeing the daily operations of the House of Representatives.

Since the beginning of this Congress, our biggest priority has been to restore regular order to the House, which



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

the Committee hasn't done since 2017.

This includes bringing greater transparency and accountability to House operations.

We've had hearings to review each committee's budget requests for the Congress, to ensure efficient use of House resources. We've also given individual Members the opportunity to testify on issues under our jurisdiction and provide feedback on how we can make the People's House more effective.

The Committee is also striving to make the House more open and accessible to the American people by completely reopening the Capitol complex. With the pandemic largely behind us, it's time for Americans to once again have the chance to engage with their Representatives in person.

House Administration is also tasked with overseeing Capitol security, including lapses in security on Jan. 6, 2021. In fact, we recently announced that the Oversight subcommittee, of which I am a member, is launching an investigation into the January 6th Committee, created by House Democrats last Congress. We will be reviewing not only security failures on that day, but also whether pertinent information about the riot was omitted in the Committee's examination.

The Committee also has broad jurisdiction over our federal elections. While our role is limited, we do provide oversight over the Federal Elections Commission and Election Assistance Commission.

The Committee also has two joint Committee under its jurisdiction, which is a committee that consists of both Senate and House members. I am a member of the Joint Committee on Printing, which oversees the operations of the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO). It serves, by law, as the principal printing organization for Federal agencies.

Recently, the Republican members of the Committee gathered in the Capitol for a retreat, where we spent two days discussing each of our responsibilities as Members of the Committee and our goals for the next two years.

One of my favorite activities during the retreat was visiting the Library of Congress, which is under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Founded in 1800, the Library of Congress is one of the largest libraries in the world, containing approximately 173 million items.

While there, we toured the Preservation Directorate and Conservation Division of the Library, responsible for the conservation of the library's paper-based special collections.

We were shown fascinating pieces from our country's founding, including George Washington's Commission as General of the Continental Army and Thomas Jefferson's original rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, written from June 12-27, 1776. Also, Francis Scott Key's original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner.

We had a chance to view a couple items belonging to Abraham Lincoln, including his second Life Mask (made two months before his death, plaster was placed on Lincoln's face to preserve his likeness) and notes for his Second Inaugural Address. We were also shown the contents of Lincoln's pockets from when he was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in April 1865.

This opportunity was particularly special for me as I have spent many years collecting antique paper and at one point was a dealer of antique paper. A few years ago, I reached out to the Library of Congress to inquire about a book I inherited from my grandmother. Though the library had one copy, they requested to come to my office to see the book in person.

A favorite piece in my collection was an 18th century printing of recent Acts of the Assembly and a discussion on the Alien and Sedition Acts. I have since donated this piece to the Library of Virginia (Virginia's version of the Library of Congress).

Now that it is open again, I encourage anyone coming to D.C. to visit the Library of Congress where you can see incredible mementos from our country's founding and throughout our history.

You likely will also stop at one of the Smithsonian Institution museums, which also falls under House Administration Committee jurisdiction.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

Courageous First Lady Martha Washington

Most people have a favorite relative. Besides my parents, my favorites were Uncle George and Aunt Martha. Much like our country's First Family, they were influential during their lifetimes – but also like George and Martha Washington, they were kind, considerate and generous. Both George Washington and my Uncle George married into wealth; but later in life used their God-given talents and abilities to create additional wealth on their own.

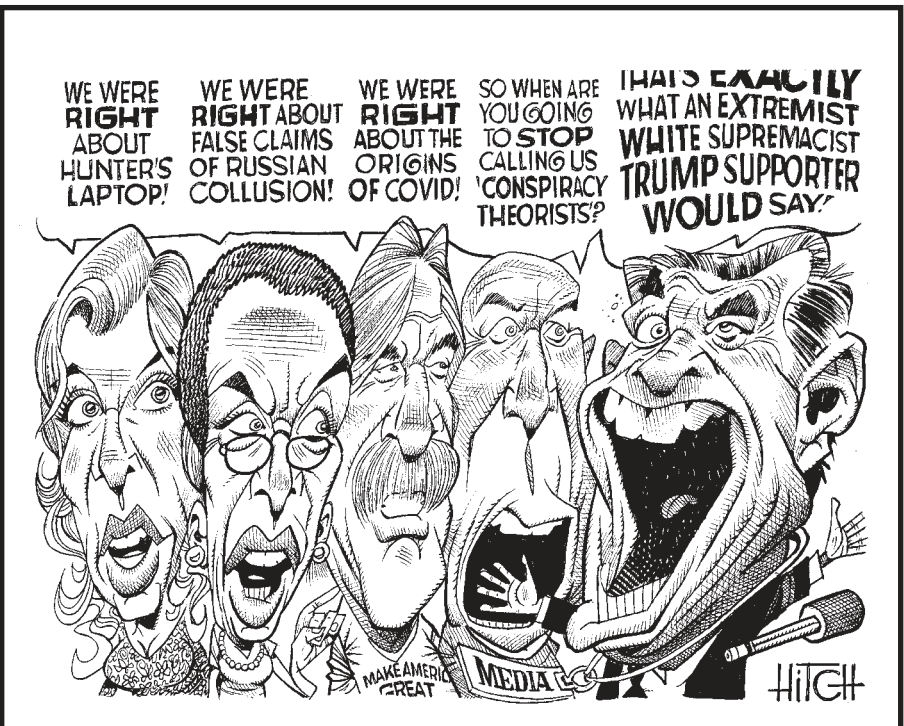
The other similar aspect of these two couples is that both had a strong work ethic, determination and love for each other that transpired into serving the other partner as well as their country. Both couples adopted and raised children who were not their own; and imparted a Christian ethic that would sustain these children during difficult times.

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

When I read about Martha Washington's life, I was surprised to discover that she was so devoted to her husband that she spent several month each year at his winter army encampment during the six years of the Revolutionary War. These included winter camps at Cambridge, Massachusettes during the winter of 1775; New York in the spring of 1776; Morristown, New Jersey during the spring of 1777; the terrible winter of

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California demons

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

The state of California, once a place where people moved to find beauty, prosperity, and great weather (earthquakes and fires aside), is rapidly becoming a failed state.

People are leaving in droves. Between July 2021 and July 2022, California lost roughly 211,000 people according to data from the state's Department of Finance. Half of those — 113,048, were from Los Angeles County, the state's largest county. Around 160,000 Angelenos left in the last 12 months with most moving to other states. Teachers and employees in the nation's second-largest school district have gone on strike, closing schools. Aren't students far enough behind after Covid-19 closings?

Meanwhile, the homeless population is growing, reparations for Blacks are debated in San Francisco, school names are being changed because politicians discovered some of the previously honored may have owned slaves and gas prices and taxes remain high. Does Gov. Gavin Newsom seriously think he could run for president on such a record of failure should President Biden decide not to run?

In a delicious irony, San Francisco Supervisor Hillary Ronen (D) has demanded the hiring of more police officers to fight rampant crime in her district. This after joining the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020 in its demand to "defund the police."

The TV pictures of the homeless in Los Angeles and San Francisco do not look like California as recently as a decade ago. "As of 2022, 30% of all people in the United States experiencing homelessness resided in California, including half of all unsheltered people (115,491 in California; 233,832 in the US," according to the Public Policy Institute of California. Like most Democrats, Gov. Newsom thinks throwing more money at the problem will solve it.

If money were the solution, the problem would have been solved by now, but Democrats have more experience with taxing and spending than they do solving problems. California spends billions of dollars annually on the homeless. Legislators want to reform the way the state distributes its money, saying the current system is in-

effective and in need of more predictability. Who knew?

Gov. Newsom is presiding over a budget deficit of \$22.5 billion and is only now asking for more accountability from those communities receiving the state's largesse. The real problem is with California voters — and voters in other states with similar problems. If they keep electing Democrats with the same worldview and policies, they should expect the same results.

Democrats have controlled the state legislature since 1970, except for a brief period in 1995 and 1996. The last Republican governor of California was Arnold Schwarzenegger, who left office in 2011 and was considered by some a nontraditional Republican. He appointed Democrats and Independents to office and aside from a more conservative approach when it came to taxes and spending, Schwarzenegger followed the Democratic line on such issues as abortion, gay rights, gun control and the environment.

Why don't politicians and voters see the light when it comes to policies that aren't working? Largely, I think, it's because we have become a nation fixated on tribalism. We seek information from cable TV networks, certain publications and the internet that support what we already think. Too many Americans are not open to ideas and policies that challenge their own. How does that attitude work in any other area of life? In business, if a sales plan isn't working, most owners would try another plan. Only in politics and government is failure not a sufficient reason to try something else.

When you must navigate around homeless tents, trash, needles, human waste and crime you are not living in a safe and free state. California could clean up its act if it wanted to, but that would require adopting some Republican and conservative principles and changing leadership. Unfortunately, it appears California politicians and too many voters are content with letting the "stink" continue.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

In defense of Reagan

Presumably, Donald Trump will never produce the dark secrets promised about Ron DeSantis' past. But his team thinks it already has one -- the Florida governor once was a Reagan Republican.

"There's a pre-Trump Ron and there's a post-Trump Ron," someone in the Trump camp told Axios. "He used to be a Reagan Republican. That's where he comes from. He's now awkwardly trying to square his views up with the populist nationalist feeling of that party."

In his CPAC speech doubling down on "MAGA," Trump said, "We are never going back to the party of Paul Ryan, Karl Rove and Jeb Bush." He didn't mention Reagan, but the inclusion of the Gipper in the hall of shame was heavily implied.

This way of thinking in a Republican primary is something new. Once, pretty much every Republican wanted to be a Reagan Republican. If the Trump camp gets its way, Reaganism will have gone from passé in 2016 to an affirmative vulnerability in 2024.

There are layers to this intra-Republican debate. It is certainly true that conservatives became overly obsessed with identifying themselves with Ronald Reagan and when something becomes an -ism, it is likely to be simplified and ossified.

Then, there's the sheer passage of time. Reagan left office 34 years ago. As of 2020, more than half of Americans were under age 40, meaning they have no real memory of Reagan.

Neither the pro- nor anti-Reagan side tends to do justice to the real, historical political figure.

Reagan was a free marketeer but wasn't doctrinaire. He accepted the fact of the New Deal.

He was a free trader, yet acted to protect American automakers and Harley-Davidson from Japanese imports.

If he was hawkish on foreign policy, he was always prudent. He was cautious about deploying U.S. troops overseas and contemplated eliminating nuclear weapons at a summit with Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik.

Although Reagan eventually came to define conventional Republicanism, he took on his party's liberal establishment and brought a populist voice to issues like the Panama Canal and crime.

At the end of the day, Reagan's achievements are momentous and should be acknowledged as such by all Republican factions. He set the predicate for winning the Cold War. He slayed inflation. He ended the energy crisis. He forced a turn to the center by the Democratic Party under Bill Clinton. He changed the mood of the country.

The thoughtless version of Reaganism doesn't take sufficient account of how circumstances in the country have changed in the last 30 years. Take taxes. The burden of federal income taxes isn't nearly as heavy on middle-class families as it was in the 1970s and 1980s, when inflation pushed them into ever-higher tax brackets. And Republicans have cut taxes so many times, any positive economic effect of further reduc-

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1778 at Valley Forge; and other location until 1783.

The journeys to the winter camps were arduous, traveling by coach through muddy, pot-hole filled roads, snow storms and cold, windy weather. The average speed of a horse-drawn carriage is around 4-miles per hour, so it would have taken over 50-hours or approximately eight days to cover the distance from her home at Mount Vernon to General Washington’s encampment at Valley forge, which was 161 miles away. Besides the discomfort of travel, she also had to be aware of the possibility of being kidnapped by the enemy or being physically harmed from an artillery barrage.

Martha was not the type of person to sit idly by, eating bon bons and drinking tea. Because she was the wife of the Commander-in-Chief, she took on many responsibilities formerly assumed by military personnel. Unlike most women of her era, she had learned to read and write which made her invaluable to her husband. She acted as Washington’s secretary, copying letters and handling other correspondence, acted as an intermediary between the General and individuals requesting his assistance, and even represented him at official functions.

She hosted innumerable guests including political leaders, foreign dignitaries, Native-American chiefs, military officers’ wives and other visitors to camp.

In addition, she tirelessly served the camp by cooking for the officers, mending uniforms for the enlisted men, nursing the sick, hosting dinners and religious services, organizing theatrical and singing performances which helped cheer and build the morale of the soldiers at camp. It has been said that she “mothered the army,” helping to nurse and encourage them through small pox, typhus, influenza and dysentery; and earned the beloved title of Lady Washington.

One particular visitor to Valley Forge in 1778, Mrs. Westlake, wrote: “I never in my life knew a woman so busy from early morning until latest as was Lady Washington. Martha oversaw social events, nursed sick soldiers, acted as a liaison between her husband and other officials, and cheered troops whose prospects of victory looked increasingly bleak.

Every day, excepting Sundays, the wives of officers of the camp

and sometimes other women were invited to Mr. Potts home to assist her in knitting socks, patching garments, making shirts for the poor soldiers, when materials could be provided. (The Isaac Potts home was rented by General Washington for 100.00-pounds during the winter of 1778.)

Every fair day she might be seen with basket in hand, going among the huts seeking the keenest and most needy sufferers and giving all the comforts to them in her power.

On one occasion she went to the hut of a dying sargeant whose young wife was with him. His case seemed to particulary touch the heart of the good lady and after she had given him some food she had prepared with her own hands, she knelt down by his staw pallet and prayed earnestly for him and his wife with her sweet and solemn voice. I shall never forget the scene.”

Others who encountered Martha Washington were amazed at her lack of aristocratic mannerisms, noting that she dressed in plain clothes, wore a white bonnet and no jewelry; and was able to endear herself to nearly everyone she met.

Tobias Lear, a close family friend of the Washingtons, described Martha in the following way: “She is one of those superior beings who are sent down to bless good men. She is everything that is benevolent and good. I honor her as a second mother...”

I felt the same way about my Aunt Martha, and you also may have a family member who is like her. I have witnessed her going out of her way to help someone financially, provide food to a family in need, or encouragement to the sick. And like Martha Washington, my Aunt Martha dressed modestly and didn’t indulge in trying to impress people with an extravagant lifestyle. Instead, these ladies used their God-given resources to be a blessing to others.

Later in life, this revered lady, Martha Washington, described herself as “an old-fashioned Virginia house-keeper, steady as a clock, busy as a bee, and cheerful as a cricket.”

Martha Washington was definitely a courageous First Lady and one who played an integral part in guiding and establishing the fledgling nation.

Resources: Affairs of State – George and Martha Washington by Robert Watson; History.com – Martha Washington

Drop Site

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water management at that site. It is elevated above the residential properties across Old Route 100. I don’t see where any of that has been calculated or even considered.

“But that’s really not your all’s problem actually,” Barbour stated.

He then read the final paragraph of his letter to the PSA board, which he said was actually a suggestion.

“Would it not be possible for your board to reach out to the Pulaski Town Council to explore the possibility that county PSA customers can use the town’s new drop site,” Barbour asked.

Praising the town’s drop site behind the sheriff’s office as “very nice, very attractive,” Barbour said there is precedent for such an arrangement. Dublin residents, he noted, are not PSA customers, but have permission to use PSA drop sites.

Such an arrangement in Pulaski, he said, would “certainly entail far less expense than the PSA operating its own drop site at Exit 94.”

He said that arrangement would also save the town money by sharing expenses with the PSA, and further would serve as “a positive example of cooperation among government entities in Pulaski County.”

Barbour encouraged council to reach out to the PSA on the issue, noting he had also in his letter en-

couraged the PSA to do the same.

Members of council did not comment on Barbour’s presentation.

It’s not likely either side will reach out to the other on the drop site issue, considering the way the two sides parted company late last year.

The town notified the PSA early in 2022 that it planned to stop collecting PSA garbage payments from town citizens as it had since 2002.

The town blamed the move on town staff fielding questions “all the time” from the PSA’s town customers about garbage service, holiday collection, etc.

Burcham, last February, stated citizens “have grown increasingly vocal about not getting responses from the PSA and they call us because they pay us for garbage.

“It’s created a workload for the staff in addition to billing – answering and responding to those questions. We think we need to be held responsible for what we are responsible for, and garbage is not one of those decisions. We just think it is a better situation if they are responsible for the bill collection,” Burcham added.

She added then that the 5 percent (\$42,000) rebate the town earned from the collection agreement with the PSA “does not begin to cover the number of hours that staff take

trying to respond to questions regarding trash collection, the PSA holiday schedule, complaints over no return calls, in addition to being blamed for increases over which we have no control.”

Both PSA Director Jared Linkous and Nancy Burchett, Vice Chairman of the PSA Board of Directors, addressed council and asked it to reconsider the decision to terminate the agreement between the town and PSA.

Burchett told council that when the PSA board received word of the town’s decision to cancel the agreement, the board and staff were not aware of any issues mentioned in the town’s letter.

“So, we would like to have an opportunity to address those and hopefully resolve those issues,” Burchett said.

Linkous warned of negative impacts for the town and PSA if the agreement was terminated.

“At the end of the day, it is going to be negative impacts to PSA, to town customers, through rate increases and reduced service and we fill like there will be negative impacts for town staff receiving complaints from folks who aren’t getting trash picked up for non-payment. The town won’t get \$42,000 for billing service. It really feels like a lose-lose for everyone involved,” he said.

Body of teen found in burned house

From Wythe County Sheriff’s Office

On March 19, 2023, shortly after 9:00 a.m., first responders received a call about a house fire located at 379 Brower Lane in Wythe County.

When first responders arrived on the scene they found 3 people that had vacated the burning structure. They were informed that a 16-year-old male was still inside the burning residence.

Once the fire was contained they located a body believed to be the 16-year-old male. Virgin-

ia State Police was called to the scene to investigate the fire.

The body is believed to be Daniel Busha age 16 from Wytheville, Virginia. The body was taken to the Medical Examiners’ Office in Roanoke, Virginia for identification. First Responders from the Max Meadows Fire Department, Barren Springs Fire Department, Ivanhoe Fire Department, Lead

Mines Rescue Squad, Virginia State Police, Wythe County Emergency Management, and Wythe County Sheriff’s Office responded to this incident.

A 17-year-old female was treated for lacerations from a glass window while escaping the burning structure. An adult is being treated for smoke inhalation.

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or mail to: Anna Smythers-Stitt, Glenwood Lay Leader
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tions is limited.

TITLE: Nonetheless, for the longest time, the standard Republican approach to domestic policy, with some differences in emphasis, was to cut taxes and reduce the debt, with everything else fading to the background. As it happens, Trump also ran on these two priorities in 2016, but also plowed new ground -- as other Republicans should -- on a host of issues.

The example of Reagan, like that of all accomplished statesmen, offers broad lessons that can be continually drawn on -- about how to balance prudence and principle, how to affect a large-

scale political vision, how to deplore what ails the country without giving in to despair, and how to build coalitions.

The last may be most useful to DeSantis once he enters the nomination battle. To win, he is going to need to get a segment of Trump populists at the same time he locks down Republican voters who like Reagan more than Trump.

The Trump forces are going to try to make DeSantis’ roots in the party of Reagan disqualifying. Instead, played correctly, it can be a strength.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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Family asks that in lieu of flowers that financial contributions be made to the Taking It to the Streets Ministries located at 235 North Jefferson Street in Pulaski or visit www.streets4god.com

The family is in the care of Norris Stevens Funeral Services in Pulaski. To send online condolences, please visit www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com

Harrell retiring as Daily Bread leader

Pulaski Daily Bread's director , Debra Harrell, is retiring after 19 years leading the organization.

"After 19 years of service to the community, I have made the very difficult decision to retire due to health issues," she said in a statement to **The Patriot**.

"I have truly loved being the Director of the Pulaski Daily Bread and being a service to those in need. It has always been my desire to live in the background and let my volunteers, my hero's to be in the forefront of this organization.

"Please remember the Daily Bread is always looking for new volunteers and donations to make sure this program continues to feed those in need.

"Michael Boothe and Angie Crandall are Board members that will do a wonderful job as co-directors of this program since both have been affiliated for many years.

"I wish to take a moment to thank all those in the community that I have had the pleasure of working with all these blessed years."

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LAINA RENEE STOUT MITCHELL

Laina Renee Stout Mitchell, age 60 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, March 16, 2023 at her home. Born March 14, 1963 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Harold Douglas & Shirley Gray Stout. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Tim Stout.

Laina spent her days as a stay-at-home grandmother, filling her home with love and laughter.

She was a member of the Pulaski Church of God and a member of the choir for many years.

Laina is survived by her Husband of 40 years – Darrell Wayne Mitchell – Pulaski
Sons – Travis (Rena) Mitchell – Pulaski, Trevor (Jacey) Mitchell – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Ariana Mitchell, Braelyn Mitchell, Camree Mitchell, Addy Mitchell, Kayson Wojcik and Aubrey Mitchell

Nieces – Tanya (Jeffery) Crouse, Anna Stout

Nephew – Andrew (Randi) Stout

Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law – Otey & Sherry Mitchell

Sister-in-laws – Susie Jarrells, Charlene Stout

Special Friend – Sandy Turpin
Funeral services were held Thursday, March 23, 2023 at the River of Life Church, Dublin with Rev. Shaun Burchett & Pastor Donald Jones officiating. Interment followed at the Thornsprng UMC Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Laina's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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



CLARA KATHLEEN SMITH

Clara Kathleen Smith, age 93 pf Pulaski and formerly Hiwassee passed away Thursday, March 16, 2023. Born March 20, 1929 in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of the late John McKinley Elkins and Gladys Hagee Elkins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her Husband, Robert Norville Smith and one brother, Rudolph Elkins.

She is survived by
Son – John Michael Smith – Snowville, VA

Daughters
Elizabeth Yvonne (Charles) Brannen-Wytheville, VA

Wanda Smith (Jamie) Puckett-Durham, NC

Five Grandchildren and One Great Grandchildren

Special Friend – Sandra Offutt-Pulaski, VA

Funeral services were held Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Cecil's Chapel UMC Cemetery, Hiwassee.

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

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



THOMAS SHANE MABRY

Thomas Shane Mabry, age 35 of Dublin went home to be with his grandparents and God on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Born June 1, 1987 in Radford, Virginia he was the son of Thomas Eugene Mabry & Cynthia Ann Bratton Mabry. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank & Stella Bratton, Dave & Irene Mabry and Godparents, Billy "Big Daddy" & Shirley "Nana" Smith and uncle, Bobby Bratton.

He was a graduate of the NADC Technical School in Nashville and an employee at Volvo Trucks.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left....

Shane is survived by his
Wife – Rachel Webb Mabry – Dublin

Parents – Thomas Eugene & Cynthia Ann Bratton Mabry – Pulaski

Uncle – Michael Bratton – South Dakota

Numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends

Special Family Members – Philip Sturgill, Stevie Lawson

Special Pets – Bama and Hank

The family will have a private burial at the Thornsprng UMC Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Shane's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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



JAMES FLOYD FERGUSON

James Floyd Ferguson, age 72 of Pulaski passed away peacefully Friday, March 17, 2023 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born in Beckley, WV to the late John Ferguson and Helen Faye Albert Ferguson. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a sister, Peggy Meadows.

James was an ordained minister of United Christian Ministerial Association since the 1970's. He was previously a business owner of Interior Improvements but was actively the CEO of Remnant Restoration Outreach Ministry.

He is survived by
His wife-

Norma Jean (Jeannie) Ferguson-Pulaski

Children-

Alicia Wills- Hawaii, Anthony Trent (Shelly Sampson)-WV, Jeremiah Ferguson (Rachel Ferguson)-WV, Jamie Yates (Jason Bird Yates)- WV, Chad Trent (LeeAnn Trent)- VA. and Matt Wills-KS

Brothers and Sisters

John Ferguson, Jr (Grace Ferguson)-VA, Shirley Genburg-WV, Dora Davis(Haven Davis) WV, Betty Bennett (Tom Bennett) WV , Calvin Ferguson (Kathy Ferguson)-VA, Mary Lou Sharitz-N.C., Joe Ferguson (Ronna Ferguson)-N.C., Sherri Rykiel-WV

Grandchildren-Keith (Morgan), Seth (Chole) Olivia, Landon, Bailey Abigail, Casey, Ethan, Drake, Nicholas, and Yaira.

Great Grandchildren– Hannah, Harper, Hudson, Saphira and Holden

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Knotresha Stewart and the Intrepid Healthcare Hospice workers.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Bobby Reed officiating.

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POTW Sludge from \$22.00 per ton to \$24.00 per ton
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Non-Friable Asbestos	\$54.00 per ton
Unsecured Loads	\$25.00 each
Minimum Ticket Fee	\$ 5.00 each
Admin (Copy) Fee	\$ 0.25 each
Clean Wood	\$25.00 per ton
Appliances	\$34.00 per ton
Recycling	\$60.00 per ton

A public hearing on the rates set forth above will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Noon, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the administrative conference room of NRR at 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road, Dublin, Virginia.

Interested persons may appear at the aforementioned time and place to present their views or may submit written comments prior to the hearing. Accommodations for disabled persons can be made with the Office Manager by calling (540) 674-1677 at least five (5) days prior to the hearing date.

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Dublin Council receives reports on budget, grants

By **DAVID QUESENBERRY**
The Patriot

The Dublin Town Council at its March 16th meeting received reports about the status of the Town’s budget and applications for grant funding.

Town Manager Ty Kirkner said for the month of February, the Town Budget’s General Fund Revenues were 10 percent below estimates, while expenditures were 14 percent below estimates. The Town’s Enterprise Fund showed revenues running 10 percent above estimates while expenditures were 5 percent below estimates.

Kirkner added that revenue streams were holding very well and that two end of year budget forecasts continued to look strong, but there would be more costs coming near the end of the budget year for street and utility work.

In a related item, Kirkner said that the Town’s auditors had recommended the Town perform end of year budget adjustments. To that end, proposed adjustments to this year’s budget included transferring \$73,440 from municipal building debt service to Cash Flow Reserves for a total balance of \$103,440. Debt service on equipment in the amount of \$20,560 would be transferred to Total Unrestricted Reserves for a total balance of \$90,560.

Both amounts Kirkner explained, were originally appropriated for debt service. Since both debts had been retired, the funds would be used to build up reserves. This would not result in a change in the total budget because the adjustments were transfers within the approved budget. Since the amounts in question did not cause a substantial change to the budget as set by the State Code, the adjustments could be made administratively without notice or a public hearing.

Mayor Benny Skeens suggested that a voice vote on the budget adjustments be taken for future reference. A motion by Councilwoman Debbie Lyons to approve

the budget adjustments was seconded by Councilman Steve Crigger and approved by unanimous vote of the Council

Council next received reports on grant applications by the Town.

Kirkner told Council that the Town would be submitting a new brownfield grant for the industrial park. He noted that Camrett Logistics had been working in Richmond publicizing the industrial park’s renovation in hopes of raising awareness of the project at the state level.

Kirkner had met with CHA, the engineering firm working on the grant application, and said that they were confident that the grant would be submitted in July or August at the latest. Under the brownfield grant, the Town could receive up to two installments of \$50,000 for engineering studies with the grant amount totaling \$500,000.

In addition the Town had learned of potential federal funding and was pursuing an additional \$1 million to \$1.5 million in grant funds that might assist the Town with the development and improvement of the industrial park.

Kirkner reported that the Town was on a list for a \$300,000 state grant for sewer line replacement. Although Dublin’s submission of \$300,000 was not as highly ranked as other localities, the Town has the possibility of getting those state funds if other communities declined their funding.

This grant would allow the Town to eliminate a pump station and approximately 2,000 feet of aged sewer lines allowing the new lines to join the Pepper’s Ferry Authority main.

Under a Police Department grant, Kirkner said the Town had been allotted \$213,000 which would be applied to two police vehicles and other purchases.

Efforts were also underway to secure grant funding for a regulation requiring communities to know the location of lead and copper in the utility lines. CHA was working with the Town on securing possible grant funds for that mandate.

Camrett Logistics had ap-

proached the Town concerning the condition of their garage. Kirkner said that Camrett had wanted to service their own vehicles and that there might be an opportunity for a renovation project or building a new facility in the Industrial Park. He was currently reviewing that proposal.

Kirkner briefed Council on several projects in the Town Industrial Park. The Town was looking into changing 20 dock doors along with replacement of edge of dock levelers and dock bumpers. Kirkner said Camrett would be working with the Town on these improvements.

Pipes were being removed

from another structure to allow freight to be stacked higher in that facility. In addition, cutting and replacement of concrete was planned for seven locations in the Park to facilitate future use.

In other action, Mayor Skeens and Kirkner presented Steve Willis with a resolution and a plaque commending his service and friendship to the Town of Dublin as an employee of Camrett Logistics.

Town employees Bryson Hagee and Matt Nester were recognized by the Council for their work as equipment operators for the Town.

Council learned from Chief Dennis Lambert that the Police

Department would be conducting a Drug Take Back Day on April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CVS in Dublin.

Following discussion, Town Council decided to take a tour of the Town Shops at 5 p.m. on April 20th.

Mayor Skeens urged citizens to help with the Memorial Day Observance at the SWVA Veteran’s Cemetery which would be held on Monday, May 29th from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The next meeting of the Dublin Town Council will be on Thursday, April 20th at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dublin Town Center.



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Women Veterans Week observed in Va.

(ARLINGTON, VA.) Virginia Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears and First Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin kicked off Virginia Women Veterans Week 2023 with a special ceremony on Monday, March 20 at the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington.

The Honorable Craig Crenshaw, Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs; Daniel Gade, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services; the Honorable Kathleen Murphy; Virginia House of Delegates; Phyllis Wilson, President of the Military Women's Memorial, and other government and military officials gathered at the Memorial to honor and recognize women military veterans from throughout the Commonwealth and present them with "Virginia Women Veterans Lead the Way" lapel pins.

March 19-25, 2023 is officially Virginia Women Veterans Week. This is the sixth consecutive year the Commonwealth has honored and recognized the more than 107,000 women veterans that call Virginia home and all women who have served our state and nation from the Revolutionary War to today. The week is part of Virginia's month-long celebration of March as Women's History Month. Women veterans are the fastest-growing segment of our Nation's and Virginia's veteran community, and Virginia is home to the largest percentage of women veterans per population of any state.

"As a proud Marine veteran myself, it is a privilege to be here to recognize the sacrifices and accomplishments of my sister Virginia veterans today," said Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears at the ceremony. "Each of you knew the risks of enlisting in the armed forces where you might even be called upon to give up your own life, yet you bravely decided to serve your nation. Today, we salute you and say thank you."

"Virginia's women veterans have not only served proudly in uniform but continue to serve our Commonwealth as civilians

in business, education, medicine, government, in raising families and more," said Virginia's First Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin. "They play a vital role in making sure Virginia is the best state for all to live, work and thrive. It is my honor to be part of this ceremony highlighting their contributions to the Commonwealth and this great nation."

"We are pleased to host today's event on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia here at the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington," said Phyllis J. Wilson, president of the Memorial "The Memorial is a tribute to America's Servicewomen, past and present. One of our most important missions is to collect, preserve and share the stories of these servicewomen. We encourage every woman who has or is serving today to take her rightful and visible place in history by registering her service with the Memorial."

Additional special events commemorating Virginia Women's Veterans Week 2023 are planned throughout the state. For more information, please visit www.dvs.virginia.gov.

About the Virginia Department of Veterans Services

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is a state government agency with more than 40 locations across the Commonwealth of Virginia. DVS traces its history to 1928 and the establishment of the Virginia War Service



Va. Dept. of Veterans Services photo
First Lady Suzanne Youngkin and Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears present a special lapel pin to a woman veteran during the Virginia Women Veterans Week Kick-Off Ceremony held March 20 in Arlington.

Bureau to assist Virginia's World War I veterans. Today, DVS assists veterans and their families in filing claims for federal veterans benefits; provides veterans and family members with linkages to services including behavioral healthcare, housing, employment, education, and other programs. The agency operates two long-term care facilities offering in-patient skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's/memory care, and short-term rehabilitation for veterans; and provides an honored final resting place for veterans and their families at three state veterans cemeteries. For more information, please visit www.dvs.virginia.gov.



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Lady Hokies face Tennessee in Sweet 16

NASCAR moves on to COTA road course

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BLACKSBURG — Behind four Hokies in double figures, Virginia Tech defeated South Dakota State 72-60 in the second round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament inside Cassell Coliseum Sunday evening.

With the win, the Hokies (29-4) advance to the Sweet 16 for the second time in program history (1999) and earn their program-record 29th victory of the season. South Dakota State, the Summit League champion, had its 22-game winning streak snapped, which was the second-longest active streak in the country.

Tech will await the winner between No. 4 seed Tennessee on Saturday, March 25 in Seattle, Wash.

Georgia Amoore drained a career-high seven treys on her way to a game-high 21 points – her 12th game of 20 or more points on the season. Amoore was joined in double-figure scoring by Elizabeth Kitley, who notched her 21st double-double with 21 points and a game-high 14 rebounds. The two-time ACC player of the year also registered a game-high five blocks to set the program record for career blocks at 261.

Taylor Soule and Kayana Traylor chalked up 13 and 11 points, respectively, while Cayla King drilled three treys for nine points.

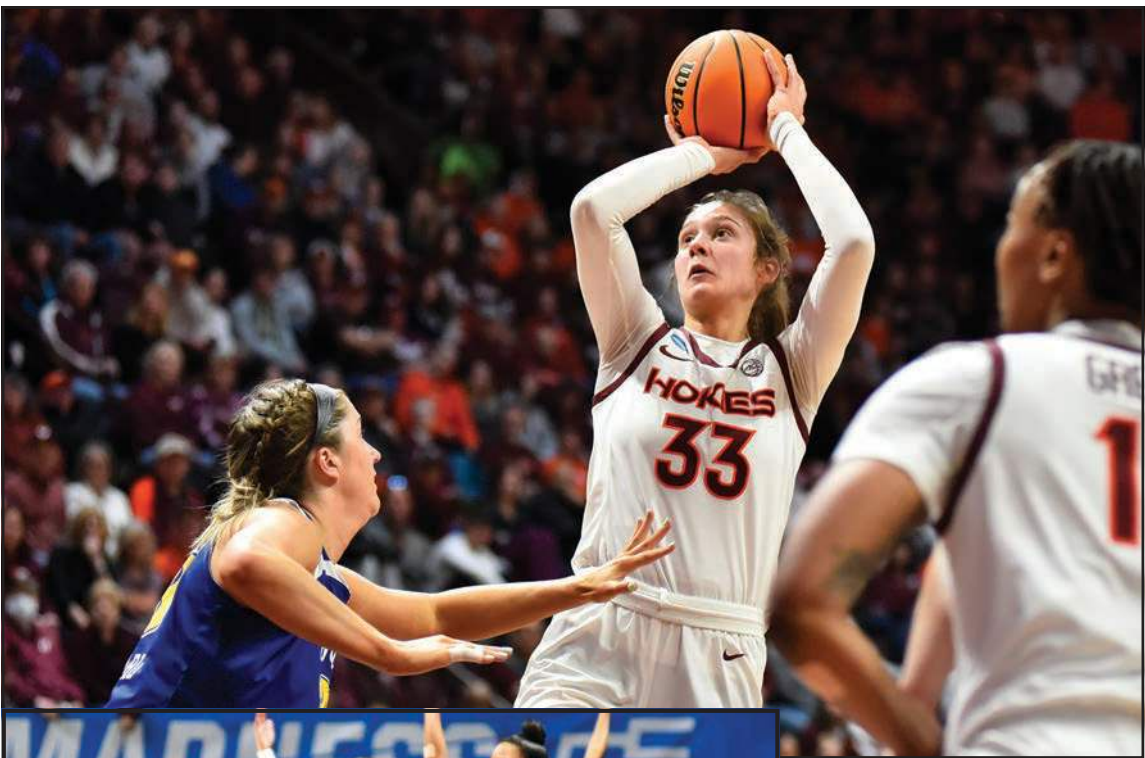
The Hokies came out clicking on all cylinders, shooting 52.8% in the first half. They finished at 41.8% shooting for the game, while holding the Jackrabbits to 37.3%. Tech out-rebounded South Dakota State, 43-36.

Myah Selland paced three Jackrabbits in double-figure scoring with 17 points. Paige Meyer and Haleigh Timmer chipped in 12 points apiece.

How it Happened

- » Amoore hit her 100th triple of the season to open the game, one of five triples by the Hokies in the opening stanza
- » Tech was dialed from downtown in the first quarter, converting 5 of 9 (55.6%) from beyond the arc to build a 19-7 advantage; Amoore was 3 for 6 from deep in the period
- » Once down by 20, South Dakota State trimmed its deficit to 13 (33-20) with 3:03 left following a 9-2 surge by the Summit League

See HOKIES, page B3



Elizabeth Kitley puts up a shot during Sunday's win over South Dakota State. Kitley and the Lady Hokies advance to Saturday's showdown with Tennessee. The Lady Hokies beat the Vols earlier in the season, 59-56. At left, VT head coach Kenny Brooks encourages his team in front of a big crowd in Cassell Coliseum.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot



NASCAR moves on to COTA road course

From NASCAR

Crank up the lights and focus-in the cameras, because the stage is set for the NASCAR Cup Series to return to one of the country's premiere tracks, the Circuit of The Americas (COTA), for the Echo Park Automotive Grand Prix this Sunday, March 26 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

This week the NASCAR Cup Series teams are preparing for the first of six road & street courses on the 2023 schedule – Circuit of The Americas (Mar. 26), Sonoma Raceway (June 11), Chicago Street Course (July 2), Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis (Aug. 13), Watkins Glen International (Aug. 20) and the Charlotte Motor Speedway, Roval (Oct. 8).

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The sprawling Circuit of The Americas

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Lady Cougars fall to C'burg

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars softball team fell hard Tuesday at home to Christiansburg, 10-3.

The Lady Cougars took a 2-1 lead into the second inning after scoring two runs on wild pitches.

In the top of the second, however, things fell apart for Pulaski County as Christiansburg scored two runs to take back the lead. The Lady Blue Demons would score at least one run in each inning the rest of the way to take the win.

Laken Greever took the loss for Pulaski County, going all six innings while giving up 11 hits and 10 runs – 6 earned – with six strikeouts and five walks.

The Lady Cougars were held to just two hits – one each by Cassidy Price and Sydney Phibbs.

The loss drops Pulaski County to 1-2 on the season.

The Lady Cougars were back in action Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Hillsville to take on the Carroll County Lady Cavaliers.

Next Tuesday, the Lady Cougars host Radford and then on Thursday they travel to Roanoke to face Patrick Henry. Both contests are slated to begin at 5 p.m.

PCHS hammers Radford in baseball

Pulaski County's baseball team won 12-1 in 5 innings Thursday vs Radford.

Gabriel Huff had 4 RBIs, CJ Butner had 2 RBIs, and Blaine Reedy, Cole Albert, and Jack Allen each had 1 RBI.

Blaine and Cole each scored 3 runs.

Nick Golden gave up 3 hits and 1 run, striking out 7.

Johnny Anderson gave up 0 hits and struck out 2 in relief.

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Tech baseball to continue ACC road swing at Pitt Hokies

BLACKSBURG – Riding the high of Wednesday’s shutout victory, the Virginia Tech baseball team (13-7, 1-5 ACC) will look to carry its winning spirit into the weekend when it visits Pitt (9-9, 1-3 ACC) for a three-game ACC series at Charles L. Cost Field in Pittsburgh (March 24-26).

Friday through Sunday’s games between the Hokies and the Panthers will air live on ACC Network Extra with coverage beginning at 3 p.m., 3 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively. Fans may also listen to all three games as called on the Virginia Tech Sports Network.

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Virginia Tech’s streak of placing in DIBaseball’s top 25 rankings has ended after 14 consecutive poll cycles, stretching back to April 11, 2022. The Hokies’ latest run, encompassing their run to the 2022 NCAA Blacksburg Super Regional, ranks as the program’s longest uninterrupted stay in DIBaseball’s

top 25 poll since the outlet’s rankings debut in 2015.

Despite dropping from the nation’s leading polls this week, Tech’s five most recent defeats have been earned against surging programs. On Monday, Boston College (14-3, 4-2 ACC) jumped to No. 16 per DIBaseball’s rankings while Miami (14-6, 5-1 ACC) leaped to No. 17.

Entering this week, Virginia Tech ranked No. 44 nationally in strength of schedule, placing fifth among ACC programs.

Tech began the week ranked sixth among NCAA Division I programs in fielding percentage (.986), trailing only fourth-place Virginia among ACC sides. The Hokies have committed three errors during their last 10 games and only one during their five midweek games.

Virginia Tech is equipped with the nation’s eighth best slugging offense (.575) and the second best within the ACC, trailing only NC State. Junior outfielder Eddie Eisert (.677 slugging percentage) leads the team with six home runs and is one of four Hokies who are slugging north of .600 alongside Chris Cannizzaro (.700), Clay Grady (.667) and Garrett Michel (.714).

Fourth-year junior outfielder Carson Jones rides a hot streak into Friday’s series opener at Pitt. Since opening ACC play on March 10, Jones has gone 7-for-21 (.333 batting average) with two doubles and three home runs, leading or co-leading the Hokies in runs (eight) and RBIs (eight).

Redshirt-sophomore reliever Brady Kirtner has opened the 2023 season by logging nine consecutive scoreless, hitless outings on the mound. Kirtner tied his season high in strikeouts (three) for the third time during Friday’s series opener at Miami.

Hokies 11, VMI 0

BLACKSBURG – Tying its season low for hits allowed (four) – all singles – on Wednesday afternoon, the Virginia Tech baseball team coupled its masterful pitching with steady offense as the Hokies shut out VMI, 11-0, at English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park.

Right-hand starter Kiernan Higgins retired six consecutive batters after issuing a leadoff walk, setting the standard for Tech’s midweek hurlers to uphold the rest of the way. Freshman right-hander Andrew Sentlinger followed and matched Higgins in length, doubling the vet’s strikeout tally from two to four to set a rookie season high in the zone.

Virginia Tech (13-7) scored a pair of runs during the first and third innings while rallying for seven more runs in the fifth inning.

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The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to review (2) Applications in April. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host two public hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on **TUESDAY, April 11, 2023** in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to receive comments about the applications as listed below;

1. Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Text amendments relate to Article 4, 5, 8 and 11.
2. Rezone Application submitted by David Laws to rezone Tax Map 039-001-0000-0003 from Commercial (CM) to High Density Residential (HR) located at 6011 Belspring Road Radford, VA 24141, Cloyd District.

The public can request information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process, by using any one of the following methods; E-mail: Send information request or public comment to Markie Saunders at msaunders@pulaskicounty.org. Phone: Contact Markie Saunders at 540-980-7710 or 540-440-0025 to learn more, or to have your comment transcribed for the public hearing. Regular Mail: Send your request for information or your comment to; Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. In Person: By attending the meeting at the location listed. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County upon request will make reasonable accommodations available. Contact the County’s ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

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champion

» The Hokies ended the second quarter on a 10-0 run highlighted by back-to-back triples from Taylor Geiman and Cayla King for a 46-23 halftime lead – the most first-half points by Tech since scoring 47 vs. NC State on Feb. 19

» VT shot 75% in the second stanza, connecting on 12 of 16 field goals

» The Jacks answered out of intermission with a 10-2 spurt to get within 15 (48-33) with 5:44 remaining in the third quarter

» South Dakota State went 10 for 13 (76.9%) from the free-throw line in the third quarter as the Jacks out-scored Tech, 20-13, in the frame

» With the Hokies’ lead cut to 10, Amooore sank her fifth three of the game off a baseline out of bounds play to push Tech’s lead to 69-56 with 1:50 remaining

Game Notes

» VT moved to 1-0 against South Dakota State and improved to 11-11 in NCAA Tournament games (12 appearances)

» Tech advances to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the second time in program history (1999)

» The Hokies won their 13th consecutive game – their longest win streak since VT won 15 straight to open the Kenny Brooks era

» Tech earned its 29th victory of the season, setting a program re-

cord

» VT recorded its 16th win inside Cassell this season, setting a program record

» Tech is a No. 1 seed for the first time in program history and hosted an NCAA Tournament second-round game for the first time since March 23, 2004 vs. Penn State

» Georgia Amooore topped the 20-point plateau for the 12th time this season, finishing with a game-high 21 points

» Elizabeth Kitley notched her 21st double-double of the season behind 14 points and 14 rebounds

» Kitley (261) broke the program’s career blocks record previously held by Ieva Kublina (256)

» The two-time ACC player of the year is seven points shy of 2,000 for her career


» The Hokies held their sixth straight opponent to below 40% shooting

» With the loss, South Dakota State’s 22-game winning streak came to an end; it was the second-longest active streak in the country, only trailing South Carolina’s 33



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Tremaine Edmunds eager to join Bears linebacker legacy

By LARRY MAYER
Bears Senior Writer
(Via Hokiesports.com)

Even before seeing the Hall of Fame plaques of Bears greats Bill George, Dick Butkus, Mike Singletary and Brian Urlacher in the Halas Hall lobby, Tremaine Edmunds already knew all about the team’s storied history at linebacker.

During his introductory press conference Thursday, Edmunds cited that lineage as a key factor in his decision to sign a four-year contract with the Bears.

“It’s just the great tradition,” Edmunds said. “I mean, why wouldn’t you want to come to a place like this? They’ve had a lot of great guys come through here. I’m a big believer that you’ve got to pay respect to those guys who came before because that’s who we’re striving to be like; not exactly imitate their game but take a little bit from everybody and put it into your own game.

“The Chicago Bears are known for their linebackers, and I want to be able to write my story and be that next great linebacker here.”

Edmunds certainly appears primed to do so. Selected by the

Bills with the 18th pick in the first round of the 2018 draft out of Virginia Tech, he was voted to two Pro Bowls and recorded at least 100 tackles in all five of his seasons in Buffalo. The 6-5, 250-pounder started all 74 games he played with the Bills, compiling 565 tackles, 32 tackles-for-loss, 6.5 sacks, five interceptions and two forced fumbles. As Edmunds switches teams, he’s concentrating on making the same type of impact in Chicago.

“Buffalo has been my home for the last five years,” Edmunds said. “I can’t thank them enough for just giving me my first opportunity just to display my talents in the NFL. [But if] you look too far back, you’re going to trip going forward. I’m focused on what’s in front of me and leading this football team to get to the level that the city and we want to be at as a team.”

Despite having already played five NFL seasons, Edmunds won’t turn 25 years old until May 2. He became the second youngest prospect selected in the draft at 19 and the youngest player in NFL history to record an interception at 20.

Although Edmunds is a seasoned pro, he’s still just beginning to enter his prime.



Joey Logano, driver of the #22 Autotrader Ford, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Ambetter Health 400 at Atlanta Motor Speedway on March 19, 2023 in Hampton, Georgia. (Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

NASCAR

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Americas road course has hosted two NASCAR Cup Series races (2021, 2022). The inaugural event was held on May 23, 2021, but was shortened from its scheduled 68 laps to 54 due to inclement weather. The race produced 11 lead changes among 10 different leaders, but it was Hendrick Motorsports driver and 2020 NASCAR Cup Series champion Chase Elliott who won the inaugural event under caution.

The series returned to 3.41-mile track in 2022 and this time ran the full scheduled length (68 laps) producing 13 lead changes among nine different leaders. The final lead change of the NASCAR Cup Series March 27, 2022 race took place with two laps to go – Trackhouse Racing’s Ross Chastain passed Tyler Reddick for the lead – and went on to win his first career Cup Series race.

Last season’s race was also the premiere of the Next Gen car on a road course, and it didn’t disappoint. Circuit of The Americas produced a NASCAR Cup Series record for green flag passes for the lead on road course tracks with 30 green flag passes for the lead. The previous record was held by Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course with 22 green flag passes for the lead in 2021.

This weekend’s on-track activity for the NASCAR Cup Series begins with practice on Friday, March 24 at 2 p.m. ET followed by Busch Light Pole Qualifying on Saturday,

March 25 at 12:30 p.m. ET. Both events will be televised on FS1.

Standings leader Joey Logano dominated Atlanta, looks to keep success rolling at COTA

After a prevailing performance at Atlanta Motor Speedway last weekend, that saw Team Penske’s Joey Logano lead 130 of the 260 laps and pass RFK Racing driver Brad Keselowski to win, has leaped to the NASCAR Cup Series driver standings lead by one point over Joe Gibbs Racing’s Christopher Bell in second place.

Holding the points standings lead for the second-time already this season, Logano’s win has also etched his name on the list of 2023 Playoff drivers to secure their spot; joining Ricky Stenhouse Jr., William Byron and Kyle Busch. He has also earned his spot in this year’s NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race which will be held at the newly renovated North Wilkesboro Speedway (May 21). Now, the 32-year-old will look to extend his points lead and get his first series career win at Circuit of the Americas this weekend.

Logano is already an established road course racer in the series, taking the win at Watkins Glen International in 2015. In his two series starts at Circuit of The Americas he has put up one top-five finish (third) and an average finish of 17.0. Last season at COTA, he started sixth and ran well but was caught in a late race incident that relegated him to a 31st-place finish.

two road course wins last season driving for Richard Childress Racing at Road America and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course.

“When I look back at our first win, I think of all of the people who helped me get here,” said Chastain. “My family, sponsors, team owners, all of the men and women who have spent time trying to help me put everything together so I could race. It would’ve been so easy for me to give up and go back and work at the farm. Instead, I kept working at it, and kept trying and so many people were there to help me.”

Of the three (Chastain, Suarez and Reddick) the pre-race loop data stats are pointing to Ross Chastain as the one to watch for this weekend at COTA. In his two starts at 3.42-mile course, he has posted one win and two top fives. He leads the series in average finish with a 2.5, average running position with a 6.785, driver rating with a 125.8, fastest laps run (20) and laps in the top 15 (112 laps, 91.1%).

With current active Cup Series road course wins leader, Chase Elliott (with seven road course wins), sidelined with a broken leg, which leaves three drivers assuming the role this weekend at the Circuit of The Americas – Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Larson - each with four road course victories in their careers and none have come at COTA.

But of the active road course wins leaders – Busch, Truex and Larson – the pre-race loop data stats are pointing to Kyle Busch as having the most success this weekend at Circuit of The Americas. He ranks in the top five in nearly every category: average running position (9.065), second-best; driver rating (92.4), ninth-best; fastest laps run (9), third-best; laps in the top 15 (102 laps, 82.9%), second-most; and quality passes (80), second-most.

Probably, the hungriest to revisit Victory Lane of the three active road course wins leaders is Joe Gibbs Racing’s Martin Truex Jr., who hasn’t won a points-paying NASCAR Cup Series race since Richmond on Sept. 11, 2021 - 49 races ago. Three of Truex’s four road course wins have come at Sonoma Raceway (2013, 2018, 2019) and he earned his fourth at Watkins Glen (2017).



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Eating better on a budget

By LAURA REASOR
Associate Family and Consumer Science Agent, Pulaski/Giles

Being money conscious can be easy or difficult, depending on what you are looking to purchase. Shopping for groceries can either be an experience we look forward to, or dread. Here are some tips for eating better on a budget:

- Plan! Know what meals you want to prepare the week you go shopping. Work to “stretch” your dollars and portions. Evaluate what food items you already have and make a list for what you need.
- Get the best price. Check your newspapers, look online, and locate sales and coupons. Utilize loyalty cards for extra savings.
- Compare. Locate the item’s “unit price” on the shelf directly below the product. Use that value to compare brands and different sizes of the same brand to determine which one is more economical.

- Buy in bulk. It is usually cheaper to purchase foods in bulk. Check if you have enough freezer and refrigerator space before purchasing.
- Buy in season. Buying fruits and veggies in season can lower the cost and increase freshness! If you do not plan to use them immediately, buy some that need some time to ripen.
- Basic and whole foods win! Convenience foods (frozen meals, pre-cut veggies, and instant items) will cost more than if you make them yourself from scratch. Take your time to prepare them yourself and save!

- Easy on the wallet. Many foods are low-cost all year long. For example, dried beans are an excellent source of protein and are cheap! Fruits and vegetables that stay cheap include carrots, greens, potatoes, apples, and bananas.
- Meal prep! Prepare double or triple your recipe and either freeze or eat on them throughout the week so you will save money on take-out.

- Get creative! Spice up your usual meals! Try stir-frying meals or making yourself a salad using your favorite protein.
- Eating out. When eating out becomes inevitable, try catching the early bird specials, or make it out for lunch when meals are cheaper. Look for “2 for 1” deals that can save your money as well. Also, stick to water instead of soda pop or iced teas. That adds quite a bit to the bill!

All and more information can be found at choosemyplate.gov. Balancing your budget can be difficult but utilizing information can help both your wallet and your health!



Mike Williams/The Patriot

New Environmental Health Office Opens

Pulaski County staff and Board of Supervisors members, health department personnel and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce celebrated the new Environmental Health Department’s headquarters in the County Administration Building with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday. The bright new office was constructed by county maintenance and grounds staff members. Pulaski County Environmental Health folks: Rebecca Brown, Environmental Health Specialist; Cheryl Morris, Office Services Specialist; and Jonathan Hanks, Environmental Health Specialist Senior, are excited to be in their new space at the County Administration Building! You can find them on the basement level by taking a left off of the elevator. Morris is shown above cutting the ribbon officially opening the office.

Addison Collins, others ride well in area rodeos

By DONALD TRAUSNECK
Special to The Patriot

March has been a quite productive month for a few young area riders who competed well in several events.

Addison Collins, an 11-year-old cowgirl from Wytheville, earned her first buckle by winning 4D barrels in the Salty Sisters Rodeo Series. She took a cutting horse and trained it herself to compete in barrels. Now, after two years in the event, she has won the NBHA Youth 4D championship and Youth 5D reserve championship. She qualified for Youth World in Perry, Georgia, last summer and qualified for Open World in October.

In a barrels event March 18 at Lone Hickory Arena, Kylie Billings followed up her excellent showing at an IBRA competition the prior week by continuing to excel. She took first place and second place on two different horses in teen 1D, also first place in 3D open, and first place in 4D open. Sabrina Smith took second in 3D open, Mattie Legg captured two second-place finishes, and Kylie Lara placed fifth in teen 4D.

Dylan Arnold of Max Meadows was one of several riders that competed in a Junior Southern Rodeo Association event March 19 at Lone Hickory. He took first place with one teammate and sixth place with another in team roping.

Brady Lowe of Galax placed second in bull riding.

Aspyn Crockett of Hillsville

placed third in senior girls’ barrels and fourth in senior girls’ poles.

Madalyn Cook of Max Meadows placed third in senior girls’ goat tying while Bryce Ward of Galax had two thirds and one fourth.

Also riding well at the JSRA event were Benton Gough, Brody Robinson and Bryson Robinson, all of Galax, and Harper Delp, Jolley Moore and Brelyn Moore, all of Rural Retreat.

Braylen Sprouse brought home a first-place award from Cross Creek Arena, winning in peewee barrels, while his mother, Nicole Sprouse, placed second in poles.

Upcoming Equine Events
April 1 – DC Productions Barrel Bash, Abingdon.

April 15 – Loping Ridge Spring Fun Show, Rural Retreat Fairgrounds.

April 15 – Rich Valley Horse Show, Saltville.

April 21-22 – Billingsway Arena monthly rodeo series, Crockett.

(Anyone sponsoring or hosting an equine event in Pulaski County or the surrounding area may submit their information to dtfullerhorses@yahoo.com and it will be included in this schedule. We’d like news about Pulaski County riders, as well.)



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Addison Collins of Wytheville, competing in a barrels event on her horse Baby, has earned her first buckle for successful competition in area rodeos and is now an NBHA Youth Champion.

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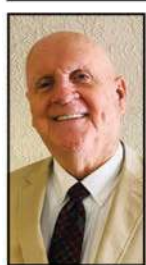
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Romans 12: 1, 2. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”

Firstly Paul asked for the attention of those reading the epistle. I beseech thee. Listen up. I’m about to share with you something that is extremely important.

Then he used the word “therefore.” When we see that word in the bible, we need to look and see what it is there for. What was just written so the context will be clear. In the latter part of Chapter 11, Paul says, “Oh the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who hast known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to Him? For of Him and through Him and to Him, are all things, to Whom be glory forever. Amen.”

“To Him be glory forever.” We own God our highest praises for all of His amazing works. We are saved because of Him. Our salvation is all of Him and none of us. It is by His grace and mercy that we are not consumed. We could not save ourselves. It is for His pleasure that we are created and we owe Him a tremendous debt of gratitude, for He has done great things for us.

Our worship of God and our praises to Him ought to be uninhibited and not held back. Our worship and our praise ought to glorify Him. When we fully understand the magnitude of the greatness of God, we WILL worship Him passionately.

“By the mercies of God” is opposite to the wrath of God. This speaks to us of God’s tender mercies, that He has so abundantly shown to us.

Nothing has a greater influence of a believer that will cause him or her to live lives of Holiness than the mercies of God. “His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.” Lamentations 3: 22, 23.

I love the old gospel song entitled “Mercy rewrote my Life. “For years I’ve traveled the road all wrong, oh my heart had lost it’s joy and it’s song; then grace placed me right where I belonged, when Mercy rewrote my Life.” “Mercy rewrote my life, mercy rewrote me life; I could have fallen, my soul cast down, but mercy rewrote my life.” Jimmy Swaggart. If it had not been for the mercies of God, where oh where would you and I be today?

Through God’s mercy and grace He has provided a marvelous way for our sins to be forgiven through our acceptance of Jesus as our Savior, even though we didn’t deserve it. God shows us His tender mercies because He loves us too much to let us be lost.

Now, just what is a living sacrifice? It is offering up our whole lives and our whole selves completely unto God. Heart, Soul, Mind and Body. A living sacrifice requires total surrender;

See MCCRAW, page B7

Church Directory

Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
Primary Services:
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,
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Pastor Jason Crandall
Worship Service starts a 9 a.m.
Sunday School is 10 a.m.
www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

Valley Harvest Ministries

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Dublin, VA 24084
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Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
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100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

1560 Julia Simpkins Road
Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)
Pastor’s Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
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Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
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Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Community Christian Church

5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Memorial Baptist Church

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11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
(540) 980-4731
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
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Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services
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Pastor Mike Pierce
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Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
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www.trinitypulaski.org

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Men’s & Women’s Ministry Wed. 6:30

Faith Bible Church

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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
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Dublin Christian Church

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www.dublinchristianchurch.com
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Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and
Children’s Classes 7:00 p.m.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

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Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Sunday Services
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

Pulaski Church of God

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www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church

1607 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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New Hope Chapel
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Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080
Service Times
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Grace Episcopal Church

210 4th Street, Radford, 24141
639-3494
Rev. Deacon William Yagel
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
Email: office@graceradford.org
http://www.graceradford.org
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer services at 8:00am and
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McCraw

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surrender of all of ourselves, holding back nothing. All of the members of our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God and not to Evil.

Our bodies should be used for service unto God. Our feet should take us and the gospel out to others so they too can learn about the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ. Our hands should be used as points of contact so we can lay them on the sick so they will recover. We can lay our hands also upon Ministers and ordain them so they can go forward to do God's work. Our tongues and lips and voices should be ever witnessing for Christ; teaching and preaching and singing out the word of God so that others may hear and be saved and blessed.

Under the New Covenant, the Covenant of Grace, we no longer are required to offer up animal sacrifices as they did under the Old Covenant. For Jesus died on the cross to become the one and only true sacrifice that was acceptable unto God for the full payment of sin. The animal sacrifices were a fore shadow of the "once for all" sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Now the only sacrifice we are required to make to God is ourselves. All of ourselves. Our prayers to the one true living God should be as the old gospel song states. "Jesus use me, and O Lord don't refuse me, for surely there's a work that I can do; and even if it's humble, help my will to crumble, and though the costs be great, I'll work for you." Whiteyowwhite.

Under the old Covenant animals were slain and became dead sacrifices. Since Jesus came, shed His blood and died on the cross for our sins, now the only acceptable sacrifice we are to make to God is to offer up ourselves completely to God as living sacrifices.

"Holy unto God" means without spot or blemish or any such thing. We are to live our lives in the beauty of Holiness before both God and man.

"Which is our reasonable service" means it is our duty to God. It's only reasonable that we put our love for God first and foremost, and far ahead of our love for ourselves and our bodies.

Paul goes on to explain how if we have truly offered up and ourselves totally unto God then we will not allow ourselves to be conformed to a wicked and lost sinful world.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Colossians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who hid 100 prophets in a cave when Jezebel was trying to kill them? Obadiah, Achan, Rachel, Joseph
3. In Revelation 21:1's vision, what will not exist in the world to come? Sky, Mountain, Sea, Darkness
4. What's the only animal/creature in the Bible that tells a lie? Serpent, Camel, Donkey, Dove
5. In which book is the phrase "The nations are as a drop of a bucket"? TITLE: None, Genesis, Isaiah, Romans
6. Which city was famous for its fallen walls? Derbe, Jericho, Corinth, Capernaum

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Obadiah, 3) Sea, 4) Serpent, 5) Isaiah 40:15, 6) Jericho

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Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
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Men's Sunday School: 10 am
Worship: 11 am

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 25:5-6

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Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for
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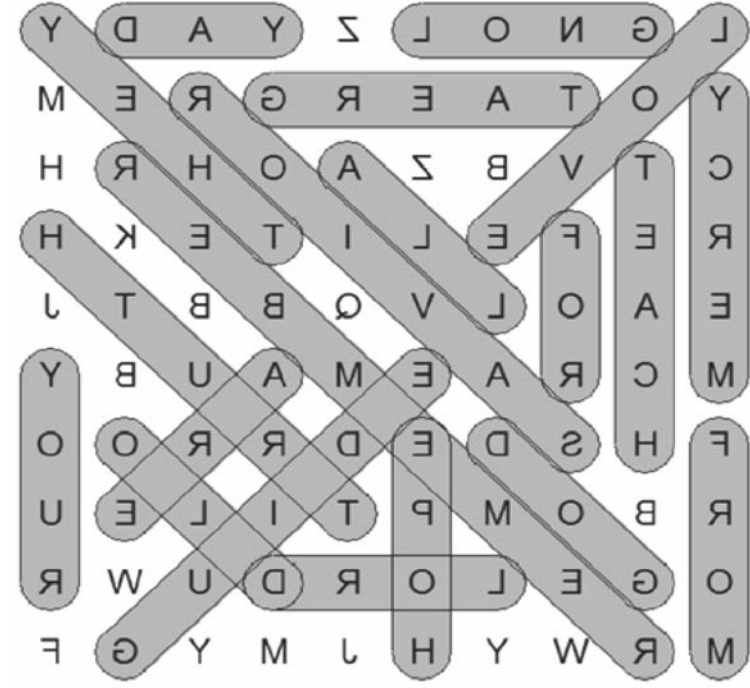
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M	R	W	Y	H	J	M	Y	G	F

Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
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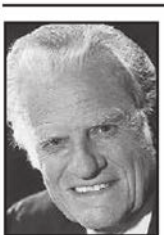
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: A friend has hurt me deeply and told lies about me and while I know I should forgive them, I simply cannot; in fact, I want to retaliate. Why shouldn't I defend myself? – F.A.

A: Many people are accused of wrongdoing when there's no truth to it whatsoever; some eventually experience the relief of having the accusations proven false. But often suspicion still lingers in some minds because of the thoughts de-

posited in the mind. It can damage someone's reputation regardless. Such an experience demonstrates the dangerous power of a lying tongue. When it happens to us, the temptation is to strike back and hurt the person who hurt us, perhaps by telling lies about them. Doing so only damages a person's credibility and makes people even more suspicious.

Anger and bitterness end up hurting us. Whenever a situation causes anger to rise up, the Bible tells us to turn it over to Christ. He will teach us to set aside our own sin and will enable us to have



My Answer

Billy Graham

the spirit of forgiveness toward the one who has hurt us. It isn't easy because we still operate in the flesh, but the Spirit of God is operational in those who belong to Him and He will empower us to do what only the Spirit of God can do in our lives if we submit our

will to Him.

The flesh wants to retaliate. We can reason within ourselves to justify our feelings, but we must remember that Jesus was falsely accused of sin. We know that He was, and is, a Man without sin, but willingly died for the sin of the world. Rather than strike back at His accusers, He demonstrated forgiveness. The Bible tells us that we should strive to be more like Christ.

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

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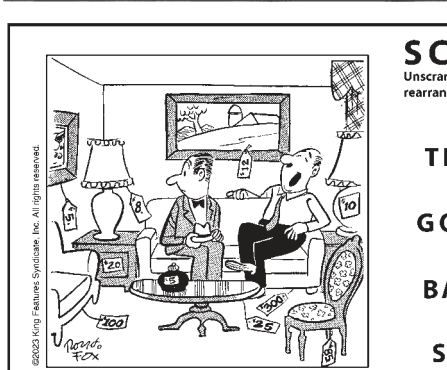
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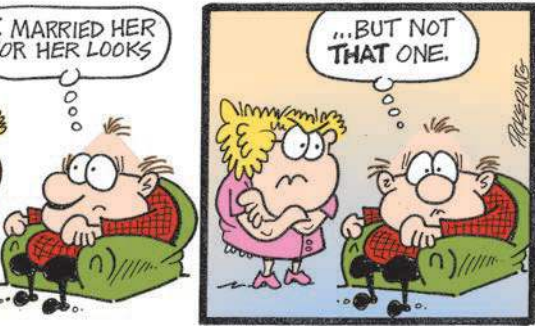
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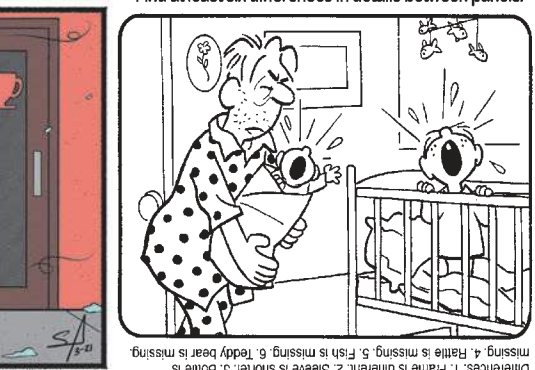
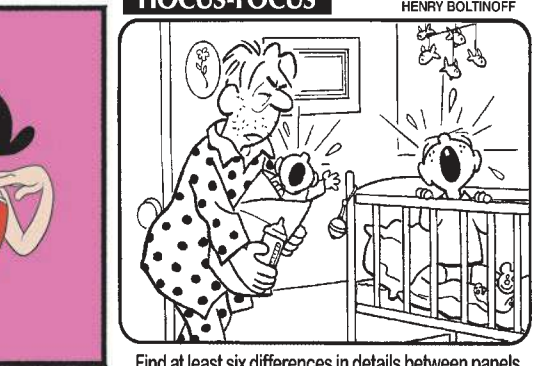
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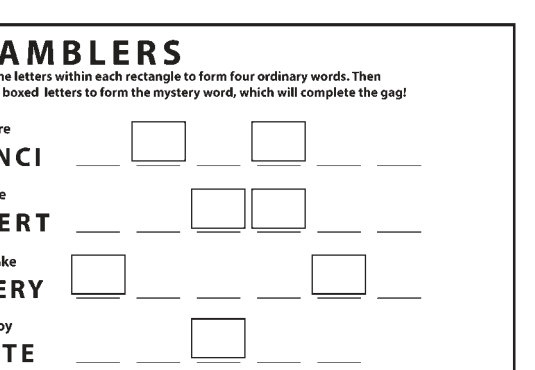
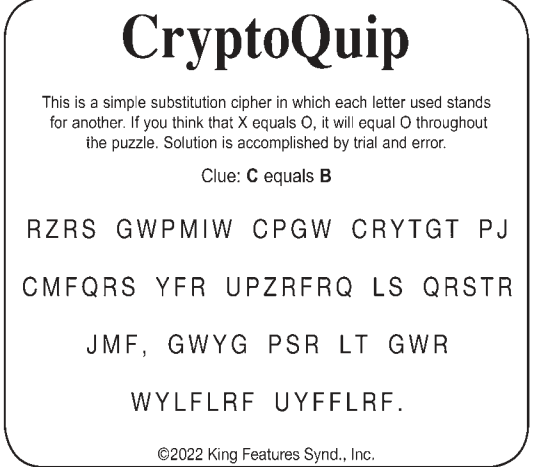
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ACROSS

1 Blunder

5 Sir's partner

9 Witty one

12 Massage target

13 Lamb alias

14 "Evil Woman" gp.

15 Dairy aisle purchase

17 Zodiac feline

18 Indiana city

19 TV's DeGeneres

21 Rejection

22 — buddy

24 Bears' hands

27 Candy-heart word

28 Ashen

31 "— Believer"

32 Epoch

33 Actress Ruby

34 Attire

36 The whole enchilada

37 Barking mammal

38 Dark and gloomy

40 "I see"

41 "Shrek" princess

43 Scents

47 Adj. modifier

48 Canning jar feature

51 King, in Cannes

52 Tale teller

53 "Woe —!"

54 World Cup cheer

55 China (Pref.)

56 Legendary loch

DOWN

1 Stare stupidly

2 Twice cuatro

3 "Hmm, I guess so"

4 Criminals

5 Office note

6 "The Greatest"

7 Be sick

8 "This — no sense!"

9 Built to last

10 Downwind

11 Thug

16 Punk-rock subgenre

20 Prune

22 Strapping

23 Track shape

24 Pot-bellied pet

25 Docs' bloc

26 "Dunkirk" or "Platoon," e.g.

27 Faucet problem

29 Meadow

30 Snaky fish

35 Chignon

37 Sure winner

39 "Lady Love" singer Lou

40 Branch

41 Gambling game

42 Pedestal

43 occupant

43 Sleek, in car lingo

44 Inspiration

45 \$ dispensers

46 Females

49 Sundial numeral

50 Author Brown

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9. Monterrey, Mexico

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Can you go from COINS to SPIES in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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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: MR. POTATO —

- Beetle
Blight
Bread
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- Famine
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Masher
Pancakes
- Peeler
Peels
Plant
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- Skins
Soup
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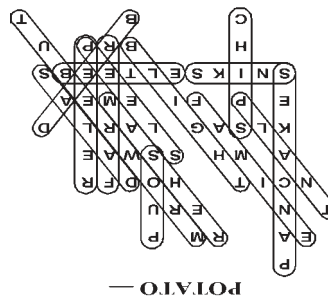
One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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SH DVC QIKKIC KB PCVN NLVK
BUI UBN BUMW HIIH SU BUI'H
XIXBCW. — IPYVC PIYVH

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memory. — Edgar Degas
one now only sees in one's
is far better to draw what
copy what one sees, but it
it is all very well to
answer

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

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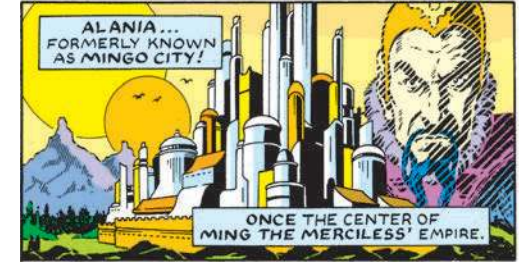
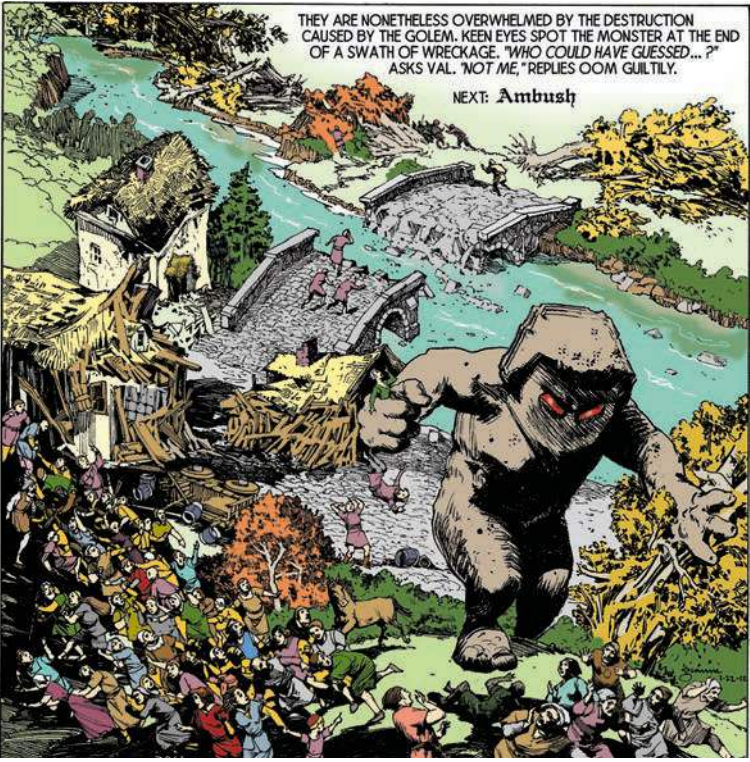
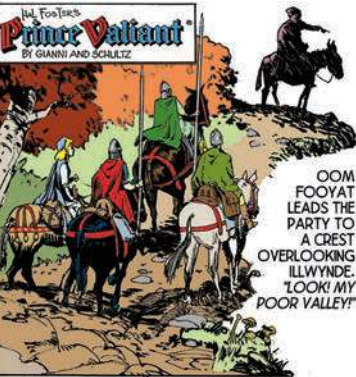
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